

# The Post Dispatch

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## County Commissioners authorize lawsuit on status of Co. Road 378

by Wes Burnett

A lawsuit "to establish County Road 378" will be filed by Garza County Attorney Leslie Acker on behalf of the county following action by the Commissioners' Court at its regular meeting Monday morning (7/25/05).

The action specifies that the current roadway (Section 111, Block 5, H&GN Railroad County Survey, Garza County) be designated as a county road. Acker explained that

because the roadway known as the Fuller Road is not within the boundaries of the originally deeded property, the county needs to get a court decision as to its status.

Commissioners' approved the law-

suit proposal without objection.

In other matters, the court agreed in principle with a proposal by county Democratic Party chairman Lewis Earl to consolidate voting boxes (precincts) into six places, which will save the county money by eliminating three teams of election judges. The court is expected to formally approve the proposal at its next regular meeting August 8.

Earl presented statutory evidence from the Texas Election Code, explaining that no approval from state or federal government agencies is necessary for consolidating voting places. County Clerk Jim Plummer agreed that the proposal would help the county with future elections.

Earlier in the meeting Plummer outlined the latest information about electronic voting machines being mandated by state and federal governments.

Plummer said that he preferred a machine which provides an option for voters to use a paper ballot or the computerized system. "A voter could fill out the paper ballot," Plummer explained, "and then that ballot will be scanned and saved in the ballot box."

Plummer pointed out that the preferred machine has been certified by the federal government, but not by the state. "We're not sure when it's going to get certified," he said. Plummer also said that his office is arranging a demonstration here of two electronic voting machines. Representatives of the two vendors will set up the machines in Post in the near future. Plummer said the demonstration will be open to other local government officials.

"We expect that we'll be making this new system available for local elections," Plummer said. The new system must be in place by January 1, 2006, according to state and federal regulations.

In a previous meeting the court approved a plan to permanently reduce the number of polling places from nine to six. This matter is now in the pre-clearance stage with the U.S. Department of Justice.

The court heard a report from Carprock Cultural Association executive director JoAnn Mock regarding a recent trip she and Garza County Museum director Linda Puckett completed. The two visited Springfield, Ill.; Battle Creek, Michigan and Washington, D.C. "on the trail of C.W. Post."

Mock also outlined grant applications for improving the CCA's "Heritage House" for use in preserving local history. Her presentation included a budget request of \$31,000 for the next fiscal year.

Judge Giles W. Dalby informed the court that a recent inspection by the state jail standards staff returned a good report with no deficiencies. "Our jail is certified for another year," he said.

The court approved a recommendation by Dalby to add approximately \$3,000 to the budget for a new telephone system at the local MHMR facility.

(See the entire meeting on Post City Television, Cebridge Connections Channel 12 at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)



Performing the Garza Theatre's Harley Sadler Show play, "Taming the Wild, Wild West in a Dress (...or Let's Give the Villain the Slip)," are (back row left to right), Debra Avrey (as Heidi Gray), Chris Davis (Clarence Rawlins) and Richard Stockell (Roger Gaines) (front row), Patrice Fay (as Bobby Pinz) and Ashley Richardson (Nell Clipper). The scene is set on a train in which a team of actors are traveling to town where Clarence Rawlins (played by Chris Davis), expects to claim a "saloon" given to him by a deceased relative. The play continues July 29 & 30, August 5, 6 & 7, 2005. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

## Post ISD begins classes August 15

Even if state lawmakers fail to come up with a plan for restructuring the state's school funding system in the next few weeks, classes in the Post Independent School District will likely begin in mid-August as scheduled.

Late Tuesday, as state legislators were nearing the end of a 30-day special session called specifically to address educational funding, Post ISD board president Mark Kirkpatrick said that unless state officials dictate otherwise, classes in Post will begin as scheduled.

"I don't expect (any action by the Legislature) to change what we're doing much," Kirkpatrick said. "If they come out with a new finance

plan and get it passed into law, we'll certainly change some things."

If lawmakers fail to reach a decision on public school funding, the Post ISD, if necessary, can start out the 2005-2006 school year by drawing on its fund balance, Kirkpatrick said.

If that's what we have to do, we will," he said.

Texas lawmakers have not reached an agreement on school finance, according to reports this week.

Legislative rules require that bills undergo a mandatory 24-hour waiting period on new legislation, so in order to be completed within the special session, which was slated to

end Wednesday, a decision would have to have been handed down no later than Tuesday evening.

A second special session is now considering school funding as the legislature continues searching for an answer to court challenges to its method of funding public schools.

State officials are looking at replacing school property taxes with new consumer and business taxes, according to reports. An increased and expanded sales tax also may be a part of the new funding plan.

Last year, a state district judge ruled that Texas' school funding system was unconstitutional. The state has appealed the judge's ruling.

## County Attorney disagrees with newspaper publisher challenge

by Wes Burnett

County Attorney Leslie Acker presented a response Monday morning to a complaint filed earlier this month by The Post Dispatch regarding an executive meeting of the Garza County Commissioners' Court.

In his three page letter, Acker said he disagreed with the newspaper's complaint about the legality of the meeting, pointing out that the county's engineer was needed at the meeting in consideration of a proposal by rancher Will Senn for exchange of property or "contemplated litigation over Fuller Road ..."

Mr Acker also pointed out several Attorney General opinions which state that government units are authorized to include others in executive sessions "whose presence is necessary to effective communication with the attorney."

Mr Acker's letter did not address the newspaper's concern about other matters discussed in the executive meeting, which were not matters related to litigation or purchase or exchange of property. Those discussions, according to County Judge Giles W. Dalby, were about "personalities" and matters which would be "embarrassing to ourselves and others."

If the executive meeting discussions were limited to the stated purpose of the closed session, there apparently would be no violation of the Open Meetings Act. The primary issue challenged by The Post Dispatch is the use of the closed session to air what might be embarrassing to the commissioners' court or those about whom they were discussing.

The public can not be excluded from a government meeting simply because someone might be embar-

rassed by elected officials talking about them. Furthermore, it seems apparent that the court, although not taking action immediately following the closed meeting, was in fact swayed toward changing its position on the Fuller Road location, because at the June 27 meeting the court reversed its earlier vote to accept Mr Senn's offer of right of way for a new road.

There were no other recorded meetings on this issue between the June 21 closed meeting and the June 27 decisive meeting. It seems not

unreasonable to conclude that something was said at the closed meeting to affect the final vote. And, because the court discussed matters outside of what was officially posted, as Judge Dalby admitted publicly at the June 27 meeting, that action invalidates any decisions by the court regarding the road location.

As of presstime Tuesday, July 26, there has been no reply from the Texas Attorney General regarding The Post Dispatch challenge to the June 21 meeting.

Mr Acker's entire letter is published this week on Page 4.

## GHD board excited about arrival of new doctor for PNS clinic

Several items of business relating to the new physician and proposed upgrades at the clinic were discussed at the July 21 meeting of the Garza County Hospital District's board of directors.

The group discussed the strategic development plan for the clinic and reviewed information regarding a two-sided, lighted sign to be erected at the facility, district administrator Shirley Taylor said.

Also discussed were several equipment requests made by the new physician.

Dr. Benjamin Edwards was scheduled to move into his residence this week, Taylor said. He is slated to see his first patient on Monday.

In other business, board members:

- Tabled action regarding the appointment and swearing in of a director to represent Precinct 3 on the

hospital district's board of directors. Like last month, the action item was tabled until "a qualified candidate is found," Taylor said.

- Received the Garza County Health Clinic report for the month ending June 30. Slightly more than \$22,000 was collected. Expenses totaled almost \$35,000. The month's deficit was recorded at \$12,941. Total numbers of visits recorded was 430. Total procedures numbered 871.
- Approved an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate observed by the district. The rate was hiked from 31 cents per mile to 37.5 cents per mile. The change will go into effect Oct. 1.
- Reviewed the disaster plans for the hospital district and clinic. Since the two entities, which are housed in a single building, observed two separate plans, the plans were consoli-

dated and updated to make a single plan suitable for the entire facility.

- Reviewed the directors' liability insurance and voted to renew the policy.
- Received the indigent care report for the month of June. The program served 11 clients at a cost of \$7,485. Year-to-date expenditures stand at \$33,867, leaving a budget balance of \$66,132.
- Approved the minutes of the June 16 meeting.
- Reviewed and approved financial statements and payment of monthly bills.

Three board members - Fred Howell, Edna Owens and Ray Bagby - were present for the meeting.

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

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## Post Notes

### Enchilada plate sale set at church

The Church of God of Prophecy will be having an enchilada plate sale on Friday, July 29 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Plates will be \$500. To place an order call 495-3644. Have a nice day and God bless!

### Master of Memory - Lesson 5

In the fifth lesson of the "Master of Memory" series, you will learn about medical conditions that may affect your memory but are partially or completely reversible. This lesson will also discuss how grief, depression, stress, lack of sleep and other disorders may affect your ability to learn and remember things. Lesson five has been rescheduled and will be presented at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, July 28 at the Senior Citizens Center. If you want to participate call 495-4400.

### Booster Club to meet Aug. 2

The Antelope Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Aug. 2 in the high school commons. Officers for the upcoming school year will be elected, and the Aug. 13 home football scrimmage and the Aug. 15 Meet the Antelopes event will be discussed. The club will meet weekly each Monday at a time to be announced. All interested Antelope fans are invited to attend meetings and be involved with various projects undertaken during the school year.

### Graham all school reunion

Please join us in the Garden Room of Chapa's Family Restaurant just North of Post on Highway 84 on Saturday, July 30 at 11 a.m. We will order off the menu and go "dutch". Please invite any former classmates to attend. RSVP to Lucille Bush at (806) 495-3410 or Jason and Bonnie Justice at (806) 794-9282.

### SPAG orientation set Aug. 6

The South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging will conduct an orientation from 1-4 p.m., Saturday, August 6, at MHMR located at 1602 10th Street in Lubbock. For more information or to pre-register, call 687-0940 or 1-888-418-6564.

### 2005 county team roping

Garza County team roping has been set for Saturday, August 6 at 7 p.m. Steer stopping (entry fee - \$25) will begin at 7 p.m. Round robin (entry fee - \$100) will follow. To enter novice contact Bobby or Jeremy. Buckles will be awarded to the winners. To enter or for more information contact Bobby at 495-1492 after 4 p.m. or at 781-6748 or call Jeremy at 777-0541.

### Middle school orientation

The Post Middle School will be holding an orientation at the auditorium on Tuesday, August 9 at 7 p.m. Student schedules will be distributed, campus expectations, supply lists, and a Q and A time for parents will head the agenda for the evening. Once the presentation is completed the parents and students will go to the middle school building where they will visit the teachers and walk through their child's schedule. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the middle school office at (806) 495-2874.

### Story-hour at library begins next week

Post Public Library will present a story-hour for children K through 5th grade on Tuesday and Thursday mornings the first two weeks of August from 10-11 a.m. Story-time is set for Aug. 2, 4, 9, & 11.

### Antelope season tickets on sale

Reserved seating tickets for the 2005 Post Antelope Football season are now available for purchase. The price is \$20 per seat and they are good for all home football games. They may be purchased at Post ISD Central Administration Office, 501 S. Ave. K. Reserved seats will be sold until Aug. 16. After that date, general admission tickets will be available at the gate. Call Shellee Odom 495-3343 for more information.

### Rodeo Parade entries sought

The Post Stampede Annual Rodeo Parade will be held Saturday, August 13 at 3 p.m. Line up will be on the West side of the courthouse. Prizes for floats will be \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 for third place. A cash prize of \$100 will also go to the best riding club. Entries can be called in to the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau at 495-3461.

### Musicians needed to perform at OMTD

As part of its 11th Anniversary celebration, Old Mill Trade Days is providing an opportunity for local musicians to perform at the next event, August 5-7. "As a 'thank you' to the citizens of Post, we want to provide an opportunity for local musicians to perform," explained Rosa Latimer-Bell, General Manager of OMTD. "We have several indoor staging areas that will be ideal for acoustic performers as well as those with their own sound system." Those musicians who wish to participate, or need more information, should call the OMTD office, 495-3529 no later than noon, July 29.

### Elementary yearbooks have arrived

The Post Elementary School yearbooks are in! If you purchased a yearbook, please come by the office and pick yours up. Also, if you would like to register your child for the new school year, please make sure and bring a copy of their birth certificate, social security and shot record to the office between 8 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m. from Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, please call the office at 495-3414.

### Hogs for Hospice set Aug. 13

Hospice of Lubbock is inviting area motorcycle enthusiasts to join in the Saturday, Aug. 13, Hogs for Hospice Motorcycle Poker Run. Registration is \$25 per person and all money raised will benefit the patients and families served by Hospice of Lubbock. It will begin at Hospice of Lubbock, located at 1102 Slide Rd. in the Redbud Shopping Center. For more information regarding registration or to help sponsor the event, call 806-795-2751.

### Rodeo parade set Aug. 13 at 3 p.m.

The theme for the parade this year will be "Posting the Colors - Red, White and Blue". Entries from all riding clubs, civic groups, families, or individuals are welcome to participate. Come and be your own clown, decorate your tractor, classic car, 4 wheeler, etc. Businesses, this would be a great way to advertise your business and at the same time support your community. In addition to candy being thrown to the crowd...maybe we could add shelled peanuts, plastic badges, or red, white and blue necklaces. Prize money will go to float winners. To enter call the Post Commerce & Tourism at 495-3461 or Thessa Harp at 495-2467 after 6 p.m.

### Reunion set for Close City/Garlynn

All classmates are invited to attend the all school reunion for Close City/Garlynn. We will be having coffee and donuts beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 20 at Chapa's Family Restaurant's Garden Room. Lunch will be ordered off the menu with a dutch treat. Please RSVP to Oneita Gunn at 806/495-2009.

### Seeking info about T. R. Walters

In developing accurate records of early Post construction, Texas Tech Assistant Professor Don Collier is seeking information about T. R. Walters. Walters was in charge of construction for the Double U Company from 1907 until 1916. Collier is currently working on research for grants relating to improvements at the Garza County Historical Museum and the building on the adjacent lot known as the "old Graber place" or the "Little Apartments". Anyone with any knowledge about the history of T. R. Walters, or contacts with his family, should call the museum at 495-2207.

### Evening lessons at Church of Christ

The Post Church of Christ will host a series of special lessons on Wednesday evenings beginning August 3 through September 7. The theme of the series is "Faithfulness To God". Guest speakers from around the area will present different subjects. For more information call 495-2326 or 495-0887.

### Passes available for senior citizens

Post ISD offers complimentary passes for Post Senior Citizens, age 65 and older, to any Post School activity for which there is a charge. Come by Post ISD Central Administration Office, 501 S. Ave. K to receive your pass.



## Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy Ballentine Bush  
HERE I AM AGAIN!!

It's been awhile but we're gonna give this one more shot. If you have any news you would like to share please call me at 495-0277. I'm here most of the time and will welcome your calls.

I'm writing this on Tuesday and hopefully today we will receive some rain and give us a break in this heat. July has been so hot scares you to think about August.

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I always feel sorry for the school kids, starting back in all of this heat. Do you think the government will set the starting time back next year? In my own little poll that we have conducted at the store, I believe everyone would be agreeable to that. Start after Labor Day.

Don't know if I can say the same for Daylight Savings Time. Everyone I talk to has sure grumbled about them extending the time. Especially my husband!!

**RODEO TIME**  
Won't be long, August 11, 12 and 13 coming up soon. Post's own Shad Blair will be playing for the dance, and if you have not heard his CD, you are in for a treat. Shad has a great voice and I know everyone will enjoy the dance.

**POST MERCHANTS**  
Post has started something new. The Post City Merchants has been formed and will meet the third Tuesday of each month. Every merchant in town can be a member. The goal for the Post Merchants is for all of our business owners to fully benefit from our growing tourists trade.

They have many wonderful ideas for the coming months and don't forget, our Christmas season will be here soon. If you are interested, the next meeting will be August 16 in the Citizens Bank Room. Please come and join us.

### BIRTHDAY LIST

I will once again do the birthday and anniversary list. Just call and give me the dates and I will get them in for you. Happy birthday this week to my daughter Megan Everett and my niece Cindy Herridge who both celebrate on July 27.

Also, last week two of my favorite people Emory and Glenda Stevens

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to them!

**TILL NEXT WEEK**  
This is short, but hopefully will have more next week. Deadline for news and birthdays will need to be Tuesday at noon. Hope each of you have a wonderful week and may God bless each of you.

Judy

## Meagan Moreman and Michael Ray exchange wedding vows in Plainview

Meagan D'Lynn Moreman of Plainview, formerly of Post, and Michael Ray of Plainview exchanged wedding vows June 18, 2005, in the Garland Street Church of Christ in Plainview with Dr. Stephen Turner officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Larry Moreman of Lubbock and Debbie and Carl Bowles of Plainview. She is the granddaughter of Mack and Lola Mae Ledbetter of Post and the late Weaver and Pearl Moreman.

The groom is the son of Martha Isaacs of White Settlement and the grandson of Linda Newton of Pampa.

For her wedding the bride wore a white gown featuring a halter neckline on a fitted bodice with a dropped waistline, all encrusted with pearls, and a princess skirt and train. She carried a bouquet fashioned by her mother, featuring white, baby blue and sapphire blue roses accented with baby's breath.

Maid of honor was Leisa Hodges of Plainview. Bridesmaids were Chanda Solis of Lubbock, the bride's sister, and Desirae Charo of Lockney, the groom's sister. Each wore an A-line knee-length dress of baby blue and carried a single white rose accented with baby's breath.

Best man was Chris Olivera of Azle, the groom's brother-in-law. Groomsmen were Gene Solis of Lubbock, the bride's brother-in-law, and Johnny Charo of Lockney, the groom's brother-in-law.

Flower girls were Mackenzie Moreman, the bride's daughter, and Victoria Wheeler, the groom's niece, both of Plainview. Ring bearer was Marcus Ray of Plainview, the groom's son.

Ushers were Koby and Austin Solis of Lubbock, nephews of the bride, Zane and Shane Wheeler of Plainview, nephews of the groom, and Brandon Caviness of White Settlement, the groom's brother.

Music was provided by Chris Bowles of Plainview, the bride's brother. A reception followed in the Garland Street Church of Christ fellowship hall.

Members of the house party included Debbie Bowles, Carolyn Walter of Canton, and Lola Ledbetter, Debbie Ledbetter and LaRinda Ledbetter, all of Post.

Following a wedding trip to Lubbock, the couple is at home in Plainview. The bride, a 1998 graduate of Plainview High School, attends Wayland Baptist University.

The groom is employed by Cantu Welding & Construction at Hale Center. A bridal shower, hosted by Leisa Hodges, Chanda Solis, Desirae Charo and Debbie Bowles, was held at the Garland Street Church of Christ.

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Post Chamber of Commerce members welcoming the new Movie Gallery video store with ribbon cutting are (back row left to right), Carol Delgado, Melissa Hudson, Thressa Harp, Wynonne Kennedy, Martina Basquez, Tonya Cleveland (Slaton Store Manager) and Leo Longoria (Floydada Store Manager) (front row), Nae Washington, Melissa McCleskey, Dave Beaty (Post Store Manager), Laqua Powell (District Manager), Rhonda Sullivan (Canyon Store Manager), Wanda Mitchell, Donna Degan and Don Bond. (Staff photo by Jackie Miner)

## Hilarious comedy thrills Garza Theatre audiences with annual tribute to Harley Sadler Show

Performances of the Garza Theatre's annual Harley Sadler Show continue this weekend.

The show, "Taming the Wild, Wild West in a Dress (... or Let's Give the Villain the Slip)," is a western comedy set in 1895.

"When a young actor finds he has inherited a salon instead of a saloon from his distant aunt, Iva Fortune, and that the saloon owner is plotting to acquire the salon as part of a scheme to rob the bank next door, he and his acting troupe must use their acting expertise to find quick solu-

tions," reads the play's handbill. "Filled with hilarious characters and puns, you'll 'dye' laughing at this wild western tale."

Featured players include Matthew Gallagher as "Toby," as well as Tim McIntire, Chris Davis, Michelle Tucker, Cindy Anderson, Patrice Fay, Chris Beatty, Mickie Klafka, Rayanne Melot, Rick Fay and Mike Corley.

Rounding out the cast are Zoe Kirkpatrick, Richard Stockwell, Kat Kidder, Bob Capps, Dr. James Bell,

Kristen Davis, Charlie Holt, David Savage, Ashley Richardson, Debbie Burk, Dennis Gallagher and Debra Avery.

Performances are set for July 29 and 30 and Aug. 5, 6 and 7. Curtain times will be 8 p.m. for Friday and Saturday shows and 2:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinee performance.

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

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

## Post merchants organize association

The Post City Merchants met July 19 at the Citizens Bank Room. President Donna Degan called the meeting to order.

The mission statement for PCM was revised as follows: "Post City Merchants are committed to revitalizing and preserving the flavor of small town life and the unique heritage of our community and development of our businesses in Post."

Merchants represented at the meeting were McDonald's, Texas Treasures, Porter Hardware, Radio Shack, Higginbotham's, Plum Crazy, Cocora's, Cellular One, La Posta, The Post Dispatch and Wells Fargo Bank.

Shuttles will run only on the events when special activities are happening in the downtown area or elsewhere in the city.

The sign ordinance was discussed, and all merchants are behind it 100 percent.

The membership drive is now in progress, and all merchants are welcomed to join and support the organization's efforts.

A Christmas window display contest is planned. A cash award will be given.

Also discussed was a turkey drop

at the big Thanksgiving event in November.

The following officers were elected at the May meeting: Donna Degan, president; Les Acker, vice president; special events; Curtis Hudman, vice

president/membership; Rosa Latimer Bell, vice president/promotional and advertising; Janice Plummer, secretary/treasurer.

The group's next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 16.

## Texas Plains Trail Region board names Glenn Barnett as new coordinator

The Texas Plains Trail Region board named Glenn Barnett to the position of regional coordinator. The heritage region is part of the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Texas Heritage Trails Program, a regional tourism initiative that helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

Barnett will assist in the development and promotion of the 52 counties in the region: Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts,

Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler and Yoakum.

Barnett previously held the position of Interpretive park ranger for the National Park Service at Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument in Borger. He holds a Bachelor's degree in liberal arts from West Texas State University in Canyon. Barnett is a native Texan and grew up in Graham, Texas where his parents live on the family's cattle ranch.

"I know that I have found my place. I truly love sharing Texas heritage with both Texans and visitors to the state," said Barnett. "My true passion is the preservation of Texas history and educating others on the importance of conserving our rich heritage."

For additional information on the Texas Plains Trail Region, contact Glenn Barnett at 806/273-0920. For more information about the Texas

Heritage Trails Program, contact Janie Headrick, state coordinator of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program, at 512/463-5754.

For additional information on Texas travel events and vacation destinations, visit [www.TravelTex.com](http://www.TravelTex.com) or for a free Texas State Travel Guide call 1-800-8888-TEX.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

Merie Neff of Post serves as a director of the organization. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Texas Plans Trail.

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### Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

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Program applications are available through TDA, county judges and on TDA's Web site at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us). Applications are due by November 15. For more information, contact Family Land Heritage Coordinator Melissa Blair, Texas Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711, (512) 463-2631 or [melissa.b.air@agr.state.tx.us](mailto:melissa.b.air@agr.state.tx.us).

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Post Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m., August 9, 2005 in Board Room of Central Administration Office - 501 S. Ave K, Post, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

#### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.41	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.41	\$ 5496	\$ 2498
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.3016	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.3016	\$ 5808	\$ 2250
Proposed Rate	\$1.3616	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.3616	\$ 6069	\$ 2250

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

#### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 28,277	\$ 28,350
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 16,612	\$ 16,659
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.41	\$ 1.3616
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 234.22	\$ 226.83
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ - 7.39

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.3616. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.3616.

#### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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### Letters to the Editor

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### Defending county executive session

As you know, Garza County District Attorney Ricky Smith forwarded to me your July 11 complaint regarding the (June 21, 2005) meeting of the Garza County Commissioners Court during which the court convened into an executive session. In addition, I have read your report of the matter in the July 21 edition of The Post Dispatch and understand your complaint to be the fact that Rich Oller, the county-retained engineer, participated in the executive session held by the Garza County Commissioners Court on June 21, 2005.

Your assert that such made the executive session a violation of the Texas Open Meetings Act. I disagree for the following reasons:

First, the notice of the June 21 meeting was posted in accordance with law on June 16, 2005, stating: "Open meeting at 9 a.m. Convene into an executive session meeting to discuss contemplated litigation regarding Fuller Road with Rich Oller, county-retained engineer, and Leslie Acker, county attorney, under 551.071 and 551.072 of the Open Meetings Act."

As you know, the above cited Section 551.071 of the Open Meeting Act authorizes an executive session for a governmental body to consult with its attorney to seek advice about pending or contemplated litigation or about a settlement offer and Section 551.072 authorizes an executive session for a governmental body to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the governmental body's negotiations with a third person.

The reference to these two sections in the court's posted notice was intended to give notice that the court was going to discuss with Rich Oller and I various issues concerning the contemplated litigation over Fuller Road and issues concerning value of the alternative road route which had been proposed by Mr. Senn. As you know, Mr. Senn has proposed an exchange of real property which would involve Garza County abandoning its recorded ownership of a 60-foot wide right-of-way across his land in

exchange for his conveyance to Garza County of an alternative right-of-way. In my opinion, Mr. Oller's expertise as an engineer was necessary to determine whether such an exchange of real estate, which could have the effect of settling the contemplated litigation, was in the best interest of Garza County residents.

While I agree that the posted notice could have also stated that it was "to deliberate the exchange and value of real estate," the notice does clearly reference the sections of the Open Meetings Act which deal with deliberations about litigation and real estate.

Finally, your assertion that the Open Meetings Act requires the court to exclude everyone from an executive session when consulting with its attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation is wrong.

The Texas Attorney General's Office has addressed your assertion and, to date, has issued three official opinions stating that a governmental body, such as a commissioners court, may legally permit a third person to attend an executive session with its attorney when discussing pending or contemplated litigation.

Attorney General Opinion No. JM-238, issued in 1984, concluded that "governmental bodies may admit to executive sessions... those officers and employees who are their representatives or agents with respect to the particular litigation in question and whose presence is necessary to effective communication with the attorney."

This opinion arose out of a request by the Harris County Attorney because both the Harris County Commissioners Court and the Harris County sheriff were defendants in a lawsuit concerning conditions in the county jail and the court was represented by the Harris County attorney, while the sheriff was represented by the Harris County district attorney. Several executive sessions were held in the court attended by the court, its staff, various county officials including the sheriff, district attorney, county attorney and their assistants. A dispute arose over whether some of these individuals were authorized to attend these executive sessions and the opinion of the Texas Attorney General was requested.

In 2001, the Texas Attorney General concluded in Opinion No. JC-0375 that a contractual provision requiring a superintendent of schools to attend all executive sessions of such schools' board of trustees is valid under the Open Meetings Act. While recognizing that a school superintendent is not a member of the school board, the Attorney General stated that "a governmental body has discretion with regard to who may attend its executive sessions and it may include officers and employees of the governmental body whose participation is necessary to the matter under consideration."

Finally, in 2002, the Smith County criminal district attorney asked whether that county's auditor is permitted, under the Open Meetings Act, to attend a Smith County Commissioners Court meeting closed to consult with the county's attorney regarding pending litigation or settlement options. Attorney General Opinion No. JC-0506, citing Opinions No. JM-238 and JC-0375, concluded that "the court may include the county auditor in a closed meeting if the court determines that the auditor's interest are not adverse to the court's interest and that the auditor's participation is necessary to the matter that is considered." The court must evaluate the auditor's presence on a meeting-by-meeting basis depending upon the issue to be discussed in the closed meeting.

A copy of each of the above-cited attorney general opinions is enclosed with this letter.

In conclusion, I believe your complaint is based upon your mistaken belief that "the law allows the court to meet in closed session only for consultation with its attorney, and then only for the purpose of discussing litigation or purchasing property" as you stated in your newspaper report. As I have shown above, the court has legal discretion to allow other people to attend its executive sessions and in my opinion, Mr. Oller's interest, as the county's retained engineer, was not adverse to the court's interest and his participation was necessary to the deliberation of the Fuller Road matter.

Leslie C. Acker Garza County attorney

[www.thepostdispatch.com](http://www.thepostdispatch.com)

### An appeal to withdraw from U.N.

A major victory can be won by our country if the people will write to our congressmen and ask for his support of Bill HR 1146. This bill would change the whole world by the U.S. withdrawing from the U.N.

Since the WTO (World Trade Organization) was established in 1995, our trade deficit has gone from \$96 billion to \$617 billion last year. This means that last year we bought \$517 billion more goods from foreign countries than they bought from us. If we do not withdraw from the U.N., the WTO and the FTAA (Free Trade Area of the Americas), we will see more and more of our American dollars go to communist and socialist countries for their production.

The reason for the huge difference in what we bought from other nations as compared to what they bought from us is that "we have money to buy their products, but they don't have enough money to buy our products."

I believe that all Christians everywhere should pray that our nation withdraw our membership from the U.N.; that we should not import any manufactured products; and that the only imports that we should have from foreign nations is food and energy.

If we don't withdraw from the U.N., then we can expect more foreign goods to be brought into our country and our factory doors will continue closing.

Jim Hicks Clyde

## Hogs for Hospice set for August 13

Hospice of Lubbock is inviting area motorcycle enthusiasts to join in the Saturday, Aug. 13, Hogs for Hospice Motorcycle Poker Run.

Registration is \$25 per person, and all money raised will benefit the patients and families served by Hospice of Lubbock. The Hogs for Hospice event will be conducted rain or shine, beginning at Hospice of Lubbock, located at 1102 Slide Road in the Redbud Shopping Center.

First bike out at 10 a.m.; last bike out at noon. The approximate 100-mile run will end at Jake's Sports Cafe where an after-party will be held, complete with prizes and live entertainment by Dangerous Dan.

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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### Jesus Christ faces Pontius Pilate

Last week we examined the records of Peter's denials and showed that he denied knowing Jesus Christ at least six times. Peter loved Jesus very much. So much that he risked arrest and death in order to be nearby. His accusers quizzed him with direct yes and no questions. He was clearly identified as one of Jesus' disciples. Considering these very difficult conditions, Peter had to respond with lies or else he would be arrested and killed also. Remember that Jesus prayed that all his disciples would be kept alive.

Before we speak harshly of Peter, let's keep in mind that God looks in our hearts. He knew Peter's heart-felt love and understood his fears and need to protect himself. This is God's loving and compassionate style.

After facing two religious trials under Annas and Caiaphas, Jesus was bound and delivered to the governor Pontius Pilate. Because the Jewish leaders would not enter the judgement hall, Pilate came out and asked, "What accusation do you bring against this man?" (John 18:29). They began to lay false accusations against him by saying, "We found this man perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar and saying that he himself is Christ a King." (Luke 23:2-3). According to John 18:30 the religious leaders also said, "If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto you [Pilate]."

In the presence of the Jewish leaders Pilate turned to Jesus and asked, "Are you the King of the Jews? And he answered and said, 'You said it.'" (Mark 15:2; Luke 23:3 and Matthew 27:11). Pilate told the accusers that he found no evidence of guilt in Jesus. (Luke 23:4). Then the chief priests and rulers were more fierce and said, "He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place." (Mark 15:3 and Luke 23:5). When Pilate heard that the accused was from Galilee he sent him to Herod, who happened to be in

Jerusalem at the time. Herod was very happy to see Jesus because he had long desired to see him do a miracle. He questioned Jesus intensely, but he gave no answer as the chief priests and scribes stood by vehemently accusing him. Herod was not happy with Jesus' performance and arranged for his best soldiers treat him with great contempt. They dressed him in a magnificent looking robe and sent him back to Pilate. Before this time Pilate and Herod were enemies. After Jesus left, they became friends. (Luke 23:6-12).

It might have been during this time that Pilate said, "Take him and judge according to your law." "It is not lawful for us to put any man to death," responded the Jews. (John 18:31). Pilate again entered the judgement hall and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews? Jesus answered, 'Do you say this thing of yourself, or did others tell it to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you unto me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would fight that I should not be delivered to the Jews. But now is my kingdom not from here.' Pilate said, 'Are you then a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause I came into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Every one that is of the truth hears my voice.' Pilate said, 'What is truth?' (John 18:33-38).

An important bit of information can be learned from the above scripture. Jesus never claimed to be a worldly king, but a spiritual king. During the age of the grace of God, His born-again children can reign as royal children in the name of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:9-10). In the future God's 144,000 of Israel will reign for 1000 years with the Lord Jesus (Revelation 20:4-6).

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# Opinions



## Aid to Africa, is it wasted?

by Walter E. Williams

British Prime Minister Tony Blair is pressuring the rich nations of the world to give more foreign aid to Africa — to the tune of \$25 billion a year by 2010. The U.S. already gave \$3.2 billion last year. In the wake of this pressure, we might ask ourselves whether it's foreign aid that Africa needs most for economic development.

A standard myth is there's a "vicious cycle of poverty" that makes economic development virtually impossible for the world's poor nations. This myth holds that poor countries are poor because income is so low that savings cannot be generated to provide the kind of capital accumulation necessary for economic growth. Thus, it is alleged, the only way out of perpetual poverty is foreign aid.

Let's examine the "vicious cycle of poverty" myth and whether foreign aid is a necessary ingredient for economic development. The U.S., Britain, France, Canada and most other countries were once poor. Andrew Bernstein of the Ayn Rand Institute wrote in an article titled "Capitalism Is the Cure for Africa's Problems" that pre-industrial Europe was vastly poorer than contemporary Africa.

A relatively well-off country, like France, experienced several famines between the 15th and 18th centuries as well as plagues and diseases that sometimes killed hundreds of thousands. In France, life expectancy was 20 years, in Ireland it was 19 years, and in early 18th-century London, more than 74 percent of the children died before reaching age 5.

Beginning in the late 18th century, there was a dramatic economic turnabout in Europe. How in the world did these once poor and backward countries break the "vicious cycle of poverty" and become wealthy, without what today's development experts say is absolutely necessary for economic growth — foreign aid handouts, World Bank and International Monetary Fund loans, and billions of dollars of debt forgiveness?

The answer is simple: Capitalism started taking root in Europe. Capitalism is an economic system where there's peaceable, voluntary exchange. Government protects private property rights held in goods and services. There's rule of law and minimal government regulation and control of the economy.

Check out the Washington, D.C.-based Heritage Foundation's "Index of Economic Freedom." Heading its list of countries with the freest economic systems are: Hong Kong, Singapore, Luxembourg, Estonia, Ireland and New Zealand. Bringing up the rear as the countries with little or no economic liberty are: North Korea, Zimbabwe, Angola, Burundi and the Congo. It's not rocket science to conclude that economic liberty and the wealth of a nation and its peoples go together, not to mention greater human rights guarantees.

Some economic development "experts" attribute Africa's troubles to its history of colonialism. That's nonsense, because some of the world's richest countries are former colonies, such as the U.S., Canada, Hong Kong and Australia. In fact, many of Africa's sub-Saharan countries are poorer now than when they were colonies, and their people suffer greater human rights degradations, such as the mass genocide the continent has witnessed.

One unappreciated tragedy that attests to the wasted talents of its peoples is that Africans tend to do well all around the world except in Africa. This is seen by the large number of prosperous, professional and skilled African families throughout Europe and the United States. Back home, these same people would be hamstrung by their corrupt governments.

The worst thing that can be done is to give more foreign aid to African nations. Foreign aid goes from government to government. Foreign aid allows Africa's corrupt regimes to buy military equipment, pay off cronies and continue to oppress their people. It also provides resources for its leaders to set up "retirement" accounts in Swiss banks.

What Africa needs, foreign aid cannot deliver, and that's elimination of dictators and socialist regimes, establishment of political and economic freedom, rule of law and respect for individual rights. Until that happens, despite billions of dollars of foreign aid, Africa will remain a basket case.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## Terrorism comes with empire

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Question: Why didn't the terrorists strike Switzerland instead of England? After all, the two countries share the same "freedom and values," don't they?

Answer: The Swiss government didn't attack Iraq. It doesn't meddle in the Middle East. It didn't participate in the brutal sanctions against the Iraqi people. It doesn't maintain an empire of overseas bases. It doesn't go abroad in search of monsters to destroy. The Swiss government minds its own business.

That's why the terrorists did not strike Switzerland.

Of course, the same cannot be said of England, whose foreign policy in the Middle East can be summed up as follows: Whatever the U.S. government does, the British government supports and joins. Thus, the British government participated in President Bush's recent war on Iraq — a war against a sovereign and independent country that never attacked the United States or England or even threatened to do so. It is a war that has produced the deaths of tens of thousands of innocent people — not just American and British soldiers, but also Iraqi soldiers and civilians — none of whom had anything to do with the 9/11 terrorist strikes in the United States.

That's why the terrorists struck in London instead of Bern.

That's also why the terrorists struck in New York, both in 1993 and 2001, and at the Pentagon.

The terrorist retaliations are rooted in anger and hatred not for American and English "freedom and values," as President Bush and Prime Minister Blair maintain, but instead in anger and hatred for U.S. and British foreign policy.

Why would it be otherwise? Why should foreigners — especially radical, violent ones — react any differently to the killings and maiming of their family, friends, and countrymen than Westerners do when their family, friends, and countrymen are killed or maimed by foreigners?

Consider the torture, rape, sex abuse, and murder scandal at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Why wouldn't Middle Easterners react in much the same way that Americans would react if American men were treated in a similar manner in some foreign prison?

What will be the response of government officials to the terrorist strikes in London? You guessed it: more severe government crackdowns on civil liberties to protect us from the terrorists, which not surprisingly was the same position that they were taking before the terrorist strikes in London.

Americans must make a choice — a choice between freedom and peace, on the one hand, and the continuation of the U.S. military empire, on the other hand. They cannot have freedom and peace and the empire. They must choose which is more important to them.

If people choose to continue the empire — and the diplomatic and military glory that comes with being the world's sole remaining empire — then they must resign themselves to the fact that their lives and freedom will be under perpetual assault by both terrorists and government officials.

For those who want lives of freedom, normality, peace, prosperity, and harmony,

there is but one solution: Dismantle the empire; bring the troops home and discharge them into the private sector; stop meddling in the affairs of other nations; stop trying to dominate and control the world; stop going abroad in search of monsters to destroy; stop trying to be the world's policeman.

Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation ([www.fff.org](http://www.fff.org)).

## The Terrorists' Motivation: Islam

by Edwin A. Locke

The continued attacks by Islamic terrorists against the West — most recently, the horrific suicide bombings in London — have led many to ask, what is the motivation of the terrorists? Commentators are eager to offer a bevy of pseudo-explanations — poverty, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, etc. — while ignoring the motivation the terrorists themselves openly proclaim: Islam.

The near silence about the true role of Islam in motivating Islamic terrorists has two main causes: multiculturalism and religion. Multiculturalism asserts that all cultures are equal and therefore none may criticize another; intellectuals and politicians are therefore reluctant to declare the obvious superiority of Western culture to Islamic culture. And the strong commitment to religion of many Americans, especially conservatives, makes them reluctant to indict a religion as the cause of a massive evil. But if we are to identify the fundamental cause of the terrorists' actions, we must understand at least two fundamental premises of the religion they kill for.

First, Islam, like all religions, rejects reason as a means of gaining knowledge and guiding action; it holds that all important truths are grasped by faith in supernatural beings and sacred texts. The Koran explicitly states that knowledge comes from revelation, not thinking. (Christianity in pure form entails a similar rejection of reason, but it has been heavily diluted and secularized since the Renaissance.) Islam advocates the subordination of every sphere of life to religious dogma, including the legal system, politics, economics, and family life; the word "Islam" means literally: submission. The individual is not supposed to think independently but to selflessly subordinate himself to the dictates of his religion and its theocratic representatives. We have seen this before in the West — it was called the Dark Ages.

Second, as with any religion that seeks converts, a derivative tenet of Islam is that it should be imposed by force (you cannot persuade someone of the non-rational). The Koran is replete with calls to take up arms in its name: "fight and slay the Pagans wherever you find them . . . those who reject our signs we shall soon cast into the fire . . . those who disbelieve, garments of fire will be cut out for them; boiling fluid will be poured down on their heads . . . as to the deviators, they are the fuel of hell." These ideas easily lead to fanaticism and terrorism. In fact, what is often referred

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## The limits of dissent

by Bill O'Reilly

No country can win a conflict the way the USA is fighting the war on terror. Every move the Bush administration makes is scrutinized, criticized and roundly chastised by dissenters who firmly believe the president, himself, is responsible for much of the anti-American hatred around the world. The chorus is deafening. Bush "lied" about Iraq. Bush is violating civil liberties by supporting the Patriot Act. The president sanctions torture and is a major human rights violator. Every day there is another page one story telling Americans we are the bad guys.

The dissenters claim that what they're doing is patriotic, that they love America and just want to improve it. They claim that loyal dissent is one of the finest traditions of democracy.

But there is a difference between dissenting from a war and trying to undermine a war, which is clearly what some Americans are doing. Sen. Richard Durbin's recent comments comparing a few rough interrogations at Guantanamo Bay to what the Soviets and Nazis did was No. 1 with a bullet on Al Jazeera. That anti-American network couldn't get enough of Dick Durbin. For days his opinion echoed through the Arab world inflaming even more hatred toward the USA.

Like Jane Fonda, Durbin claimed he was just trying to stop an immoral policy. But that argument is hollow in the face of the facts. More than 68,000 interrogations have taken place since 9/11, and the alleged abuses number in the hundreds. The Pentagon says it is actively prosecuting valid cases of abuse, and, in a time of war, it might be wise to give the U.S. military the benefit of the doubt.

During World War II, widely considered the last "good" war, there was tight government control of information. No pictures of dead American soldiers were released to the public until 1943, two years after the conflict began. The Office of War Information made it quite clear to the press that any intentional undermining of the conflict would be punished. Even Hollywood scripts and newsreels were vetted. The U.S. government strictly censored what Americans saw and heard about the war even where atrocities were concerned.

After German SS troops massacred 86 American soldiers at Malmedy in Belgium on Dec. 17, 1944, some units like the U.S. 11th Armored Division took revenge on captured German soldiers. In the Pacific, relatively few Japanese prisoners were taken in the brutal island fights. But the folks back home never heard about those things or what techniques were used to interrogate prisoners who might know where the next ambush would be. The American military did what they had to do in order to win. As General Patton once said to his army: "I do not advocate standing Germans up against the wall and shooting them — so shoot the sons of b—— before you get them to the wall."

George Patton would not be allowed to serve in combat today. The New York Times would make sure of that. The International Red Cross would be all over Patton and his aggressive Third Army. Dick Durbin would be appalled. But it is Patton that we need right now to defeat the barbarians who would kill all of us in the name of Allah. The "human rights" people really have no clue. The war on terror is the ultimate war. If Al Qaeda gets nuclear weapons, those people will use them.

It is true that the United States must stand above the Huns. We must not stoop to torturing detainees or committing battlefield atrocities. But mistakes happen in all wars, and we are now fighting an invisible enemy. They wear no uniforms, they obey no rules of engagement.

It is time for Americans to decide exactly who is looking out for them. The government and military, both of which are trying to defeat vicious killers, or those who are on a jihad to undermine the war on terror in the name of patriotism? The battle lines are clearly drawn. Which side are you on?

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to as the "fanaticism" of many Muslims is explicitly endorsed by their religion. Consider the following characteristics of religious fanatics. The fanatic demands unquestioning obedience to religious dogma — so does Islam. The fanatic cannot be reasoned with, because he rejects reason — so does Islam. The fanatic eagerly embraces any call to impose his dogma by force on those who will not adopt it voluntarily — so does Islam.

The terrorists are not "un-Islamic" bandits who have "hijacked a great religion"; they are consistent and serious followers of their religion.

It is true that many Muslims who live in the West (like most Christians) reject religious fanaticism and are law-abiding and even loyal citizens, but this is because they have accepted some Western values, including respect for reason, a belief in individual rights, and the need for a separation between church and state. It is only to the extent that they depart from their religion — and from a society that imposes it — that they achieve prosperity, freedom, and peace.

In the last year, there has been more and more of a call for a "War of Ideas" — an intellectual campaign to win the "hearts and minds" of the Arab world that will discourage and discredit Islamic terrorism. Unfortunately, the centerpiece of this campaign so far has been to appeal to Muslims with claims that Islam is perfectly consistent with Western ideals, and inconsistent with terrorism. America has groveled to so-called "moderate" Muslim leaders to strongly repudiate terrorism, with little success. (Those leaders have focused little energy on damning Islamic fanaticism, and much on the alleged sins of the US government.) Such a campaign cannot work, since insofar as these "moderates" accept Islam, they cannot convincingly oppose violence in its name. A true "War of Ideas" would be one in which we proclaim loudly and with moral certainty the secular values we stand for: reason, rights, freedom, material prosperity, and personal happiness on this earth.

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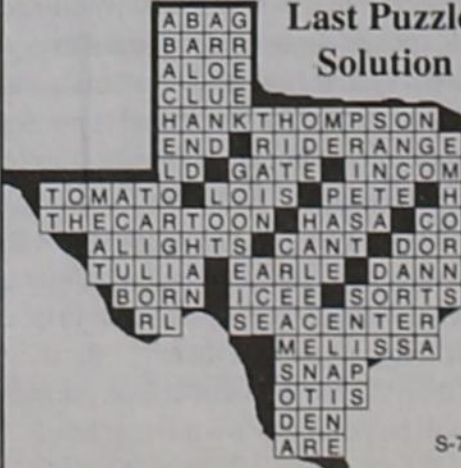
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# Yesteryears

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## 10 Years Ago July 27, 1995

Jimmy Redman enjoyed sharing his birthday with his grandchildren and grandchildren of his twin sister, Jennie Crowdry in a joint birthday celebration that included rides in Jimmy's "train".

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Davis, long time residents of Post celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last week. Mr. Davis and the former Ruby Nell Blacklock were married July 20, 1935 in Godley, Texas.

Christie Oden, a PHS 1995 graduate, has received a basketball scholarship to play for the Lady Plainsmen at Borger. While at PHS Christie competed on the track team, basketball and qualified for the state golf tournament.

The Regional Convention of the Church of God of Prophecy, held July 2, agreed to unite the churches at 510 N. Avenue G and 602 W. 14th Street. Bishop José A. Payono has been appointed a pastor.

Jane-Prince Jones, who has served as directing manager at the Garza Theatre since October 1991 following the death of former director Will McCrary, has submitted her resignation to the Garza Theatre board of directors.

## 20 Years Ago July 31, 1985

A special thanks to the members of the Post EMS Association: John Redman, Betty Posey, Bonnie Medlin, Becky Warren, Glen Barley, Marie Odom, Melodie Yarbrow, Jackie Gonzales, Ronny Ammons, Jim Wells, Cindy Johnson, Melvin Britton, LaVena Palmer, and Kay Hays.

"Sunshine Sally" and "Snapshot" will be featured in this year's Post Stampede Rodeo Parade.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has announced the selection of Mrs. Helyn Fields as chairman for this Fall's Bike-A-Thon in Post.

The Post High School graduating class of 1955 met July 6th for their 30th class reunion. Gifts were given to DeElva Martin who came the farthest, Milo Smith who has changed the least, Anna Vaca who had changed the most, Billy Meeks who was judged by popular vote to have been the baldest, Jimmy Hutton who has the most grandchildren, and a tie between Naomi Matsler and Wynonne Kennedy for the most children (six apiece).

## 30 Years Ago July 31, 1975

The U. S. Air Force has promoted Ritalynn B. Tudbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley L. Butler of Post to the rank of sergeant.

Gibson's Discount center here today launches what will be the biggest and most ambitious one-store promotion in local retail history. It's a Truckload and Parking Lot sale, with sale items such as: Cross Country Track Shoes - \$4.99; 8-Track Car Stereos - \$39.99; Dickies' Coveralls for men - \$7.77. Come and enjoy live music by Danny Guthrie and the Country Playboys, featuring Wesley Redman, Holby Wood, Steve Mason and Nan Hair.

Young Tim Tannehill won one first, a fourth and a sixth in the state TAAF track meet Friday at Dallas Baptist College in Grand Prairie. Tim is the son of Coach and Mrs. Lane Tannehill.

Garza Tire Company has announced that the new car wash is in operation at 300 N. Broadway.

"Butterflies Are Free" will be this Friday night's Teen Town movie, starring Goldie Hawn.

## 40 Years Ago July 29, 1965

Two drug store employees, Jimmy Jones of Bob Collier Drug and Mrs. Mary Eckols of the Post Pharmacy, won the \$25 savings bonds for the zaniest costumes in Saturday's Crazy Daze Sidewalk Sale. The event was sponsored by the Post Chamber of Commerce.

The Post school board hired N. R. "Jiggs" King as girls' basketball coach. King, who has been a member of the Post school faculty for 20 years, will be stepping back into his old job as girls' basketball coach. He coached the girl cagers here for some 12 years before resigning the duties in 1960.

Three members of the Post Volunteer Fire Department are participating in the 36th annual Texas Fireman's Training school at Texas A&M University. They are Fire Chief Lloyd Mock, Neal Clary and Bill Hall.

The Post Texas Teen-Age League baseball team will play their first round game of the District 6 Senior Tourney at Haskell this week. Team members are: Filemon Vargas, Luis Ayala, Rabbit Jackson, Duke Altman, Joe Hudman, Donny Windham, Davis Heaton, Doyle Nichols, Charles Landtroop, Larry Johnson, Paul Walker and Ronnie Pierce. The team is managed by Ben Howell.

## 50 Years Ago July 28, 1955

Four models from the Post area were featured in "Four Season Cottons," a style review presented by South Plains cotton producers in Lubbock. The models were Mrs. Harley Martin, and Tyra Jan Martin, Hackberry; Mrs. J. B. Greer, Grassland;

and Mrs. Gerald Norman, Graham.

Up and Down Mains Street: The 26-ounce "family size" Coca Cola bottle is making its Southern debut in central Texas this week and will no doubt be seen in Post stores before too long. The "family size" bottle is four times the size of its famous running mate and will be most convenient for the whole family.

Football drills for the Post Antelopes will get under way Aug. 22 according to the Coach Bing Bingham. Bingham said he expects about 35 boys out for this year's squad. Among them will be lettermen Ronnie Kennedy, Ted Tatum, Raymond Gary, Andy Schmidt, Tommy Murray, Dicky Beggs, Homer Cato, Leon Davis and Novis Pennell.

After a wedding trip to Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ralph Stevens will be at home here. The bride is the former Miss Glenda Lanell Oden.

## 60 Years Ago July 26, 1945

Rickey Clary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Iven Clary, and Beverly Ann Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Gilmore, were winners of the baby contest sponsored by the Lions Club.

An ice cream party in honor of Pvt. Harlan James Morris, Pvt. Merlon Morgan and Seaman Billy Johnson was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. W. Morris.

Technician, 5th grade, Jack Boren, of Route 2, Post, has returned to the states. He arrived in Miami, Florida. Boren is a member of the Armored Division and has had 38 months of duty in Italy and other Mediterranean countries. He wears five major battle stars.

Si Thaxton, who several months ago purchased a cleaning plant at Slaton, this week moved the plant to Post and is setting it up for operation in the building directly west of the First National Bank.

Wilf Scarborough, owner of The American Cafe announces the "Special Plate Lunch", includes: meat, vegetables, dessert and a drink for only 50c.

## Post Stampede Rodeo August 11, 12 & 13

## Menus

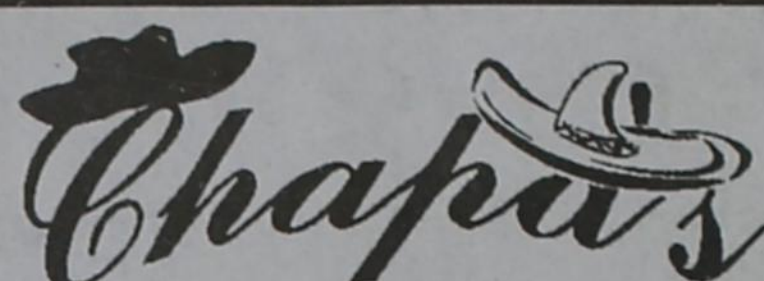
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- 1 TXism: "\_\_\_ of bones" (skinny)
- 5 former Fort Worth mayor Willard
- 6 Valley healing plant
- 7 TXism: "ain't got a \_\_\_" (puzzled)
- 8 TX singer of "Six Pack to Go"
- 17 TXism: "at the \_\_\_ of my rope"
- 18 TX Gene Autry film: "\_\_\_, Ride"
- 21 TX actress Darnell (init.)
- 22 TXism: "squeaks like a rusty \_\_\_"
- 23 wages
- 24 Jacksonville hosts "\_\_\_ Fest"
- 29 TX Phyllis Coates role on TV's "Superman"
- 30 this TX Gent wrote "North Dallas Forty"
- 31 TX Willis line: "Ah, take it away Leon"
- 32 TX Cindy Garner book: "Men! \_\_\_ Book"
- 34 TXism: "\_\_\_ grip like a snappin' turtle"
- 35 fish not found in TX
- 36 dismounts from a horse
- 37 TXism: "you \_\_\_ teach an old dog new tricks"
- 38 Aggie's \_\_\_ room is called the "hole"
- 39 Swisher Co. seat
- 40 this TX Steve sang "San Antonio Girl"
- 42 ex-Cowboy Noonan
- 43 TXism: "\_\_\_ under a honky tonk moon"
- 44 before 7-11's Slurpee
- 45 TXism: "out of \_\_\_" (irritable)
- 46 long time Houston mayor Lanier (init.)
- 47 Lake Jackson fish hatchery "\_\_\_ TX"
- 49 TX soldier Rathbun-Nealy who was only female POW in 1st Gulf War

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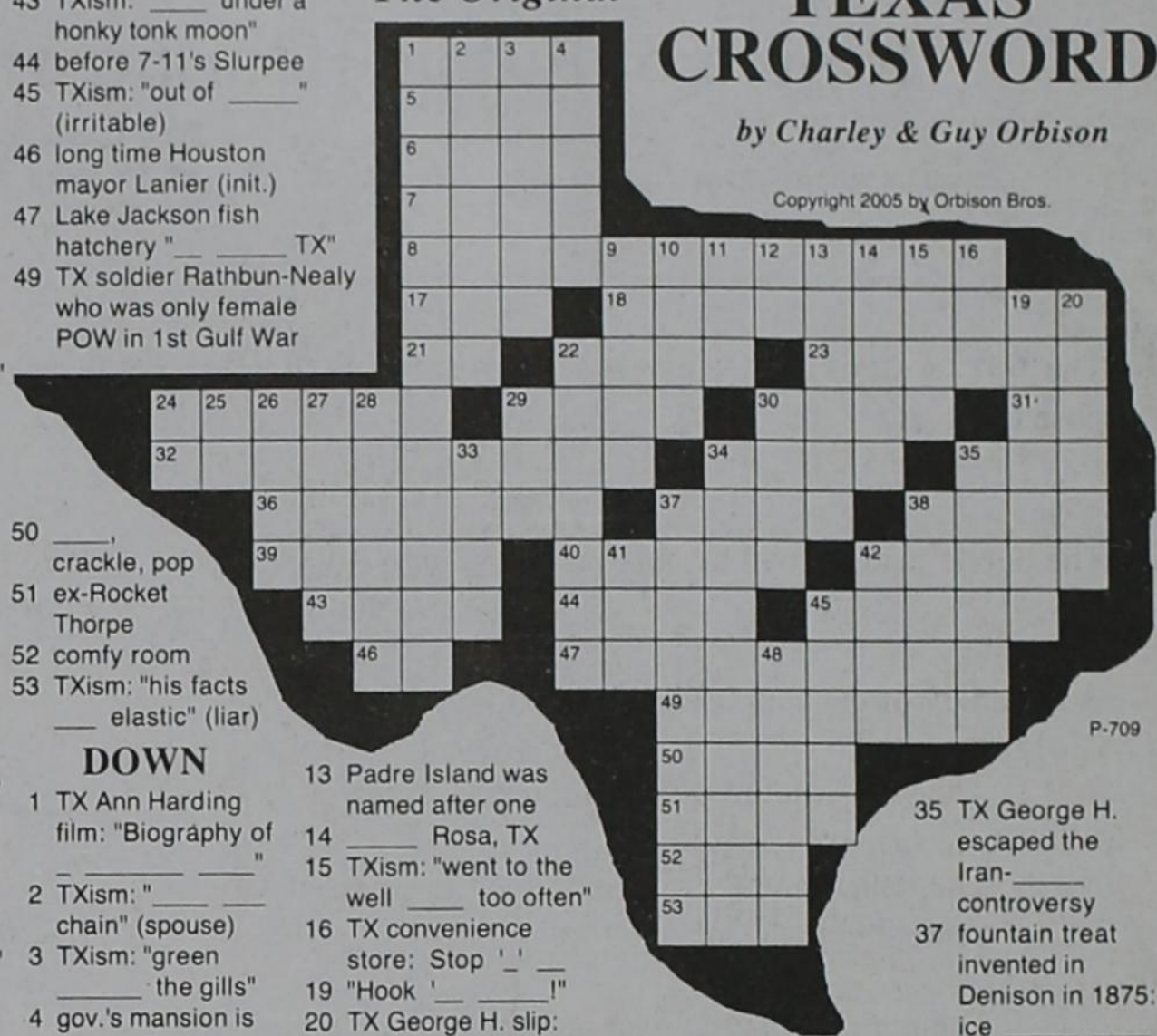
- 1 TX Ann Harding film: "Biography of \_\_\_"
- 2 TXism: "\_\_\_ chain" (spouse)
- 3 TXism: "green \_\_\_ the gills"
- 4 gov.'s mansion is Revival
- 9 TX Sam Bass was a \_\_\_ robber
- 10 TXism: "\_\_\_ the spot" (satisfying)
- 11 TX Benson film: "\_\_\_ to Billie Joe"
- 12 TX Kristofferson's "Why \_\_\_ Lord?"
- 13 Padre Island was named after one \_\_\_ Rosa, TX
- 15 TXism: "went to the well \_\_\_ too often"
- 16 TX convenience store: Stop '\_\_\_'"
- 19 "Hook \_\_\_"
- 20 TX George H. slip: "\_\_\_ lips, no new taxes"
- 22 TXism: "what's good for the \_\_\_ good for the gander"
- 24 TX choreographer Tune (init.)
- 25 TX Orbiison hit: "\_\_\_ Pretty Woman"
- 26 TX singer: \_\_\_ Loaf
- 27 honky tonk (2 wds.)
- 28 garment maker
- 29 TXism: "a heap of"
- 30 window unit
- 33 TXism: "lower \_\_\_ a snake's belly"
- 34 in Hale Co. off I-27
- 35 TX George H. escaped the Iran-\_\_\_ controversy
- 37 fountain treat invented in Denison in 1875: ice \_\_\_
- 38 challenges
- 41 TXism: "got an \_\_\_ in the hole"
- 42 they race at the Ballpark in Arlington
- 45 short cuts
- 48 John Steinbeck's TX wife

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Southland I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:30p.m. August 8, 2005 in Southland I.S.D. Administration Bldg. 8th & Georgia, Southland, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.50	\$ 3814	\$ 4887
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.47373	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.47373	\$ 3965	\$ 4736
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.50	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.50	\$ 4194	\$ 4736

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 22,060	\$ 17,520
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 5,869	\$ 5,015
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 88.04	\$ 75.18
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ - 12.86

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.5337. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.5337.

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 710,776.70
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ -0-

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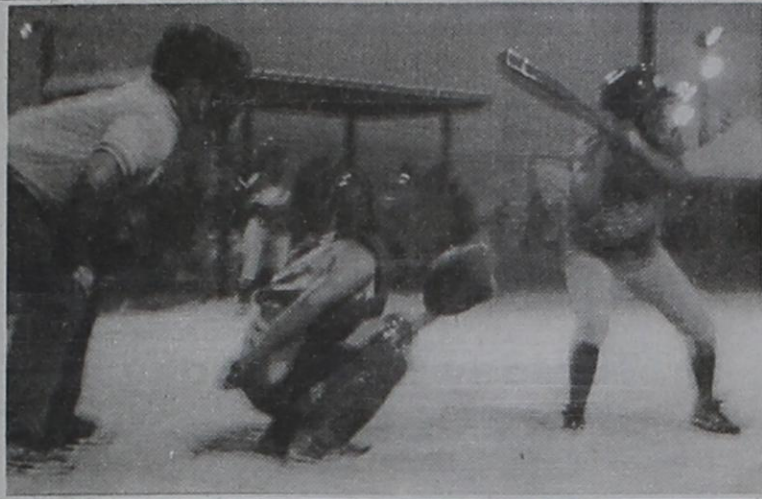
Friday & Saturday, July 29 & 30	
7 a.m.	Garza Theatre's Act I "Wild, Wild West"
10 a.m.	This Week In Post City
2 p.m.	Garza Theatre's Act I "Wild, Wild West"
5 p.m.	This Week In Post City
8 p.m.	Garza Theatre's Act I "Wild, Wild West"
11 p.m.	This Week In Post City
Sunday, July 31	
2 p.m.	This Week In Post City
5 p.m.	Garza Theatre's Act I "Wild, Wild West"
8 p.m.	This Week In Post City
11 p.m.	Garza Theatre's Act I "Wild, Wild West"
Monday, August 1	
7 a.m.	Garza Theatre's Act I "Wild, Wild West"
10 a.m.	This Week In Post City
1, 5 & 10 p.m.	Post Church of Christ Sunday Services
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, August 2, 3 & 4	
7 a.m.	Garza Theatre's Act I "Wild, Wild West"
10 a.m.	Garza County Commissioners' Court
2 p.m.	Post ISD Board of Trustees
5 p.m.	Garza County Hospital District
8 p.m.	Post City Council

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Kelsey Overton (catcher) playing for the SPGFP Lubbock All-Star "Red" Team against Fort Stockton. The Red Team won 11 - 1, and placed 4th in the San Angelo Tournament last weekend. Kelsey is the catcher for the Post "Sluggers" coached by Guin Miller and Barry Morris. (Photo by Ysabel Overton)



Selected for the 2005 Little League All-Star Team 11-12 are (back row left to right), Tony Soto (Coach), John David Fields (Manager) and Mike Macy (Coach) (middle row), Austin Tyler, Jacob Perez, Chase Greathouse, Dale Diaz, Grant James and Kyle Copeland (front row), Anthony Soto, Austin Fields, Aaron Macy, M.J. Wynne and Shawn Perez.



Selected for the 2005 roster on the "Knockouts" 8 & under team are (back row left to right), Shelby Poe, Rebecca Perez, Jacee Stone, Ashlee Gray, Katie Dunn, Taylor Gray and Courtney M'Kee (front row), Kaitlyn Overton, Destiny Cowley, Mackenzie Ward and Reagan Kimmons. The team is coached by Joey Cowley.



Selected for the 2005 Little League All-Star Team 9-10 are (back row left to right), Tommy Basquez (Manager), Zach Bush, Phillip Gonzales, T.J. Basquez, Dalton Holly, Jordan Duran, M'Layne Hall and Greg Jones (Coach) (front row), Nathan Guerra, Dustin Robinson, Pake Jones, Vance Blair, Blaine Osborn and Nolan Prather.

## Notice of Public Hearing on Budget

Garza Central Appraisal District

The Garza Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2006 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, August 8, at 124 East Main 2005, 1:30 p.m. Post, Texas

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ 261,462.78
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 898.50
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	3 (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	3 (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

Garza Central Appraisal District  
124 East Main - P.O. Drawer F  
Post, Texas 79356  
(806) 495-3518

### Utah volunteers assist in search for missing man

Volunteer personnel from Utah were scheduled to be in Post this week to assist in the search at Lake Alan Henry for a 45-year-old Brownfield man missing since late April.

Gene Ralston has agreed to use his side scan sonar equipment at the lake, Constable Daniel Yarbrow said late Tuesday. Ralston has a great deal of experience in underwater searches and is "quite knowledgeable."

The search was to have taken place Wednesday.

Ralston volunteered to assist in the search after talking with members of the San Marcos Area Rescue Team (SMART) who worked the lake earlier this month. Ralston assisted SMART in a search at Lake Travis in Central Texas.

About two weeks ago, SMART divers found "some items that need to be checked" in the lake, Yarbrow said. No new information regarding the SMART team findings had been released as of

Tuesday evening's press deadline. SMART personnel, comprised of law enforcement officers, EMTs and firefighters from the Central Texas area, also volunteered their time to use sonar-testing equipment to help search for the body.

Aaron Smith disappeared during the afternoon hours of April 23 when the boat in which he and a friend were traveling collided with another boat carrying three passengers. Smith's friend was injured and airlifted to a Lubbock hospital for treatment. One of the passengers in the other boat also was injured. Smith could not be accounted for after the collision.

The search for Smith has been on. The collision occurred in that area of the lake known as the mouth of Little Great Creek.



Playing for the SPGFP Lubbock "All-Star" Blue Team is (at right), Miranda Hair. The Blue Team placed 3rd at the San Angelo tournament. (Photo by Ysabel Overton)

## LCHD

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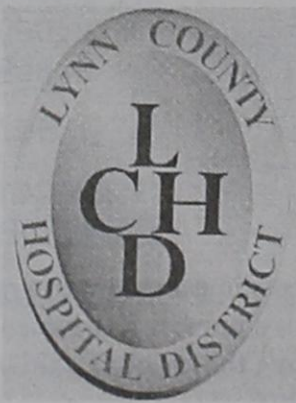
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