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Post ISD trustees squeeze \$1 million reduction in budget

by Sheri Lewis

Post Independent School District officials plan to curtail spending in the new school year following last week's adoption of a budget that is almost \$1 million smaller than the spending plan implemented a year ago.

On Aug. 9, trustees adopted a 14-month budget of \$11,655,045. (The budget reflects the district's plan to shift its fiscal year from July 1 to Sept. 1 to better coincide with related schedules.) But Superintendent Marlin Marcum said the 12-month portion of the approved budget "decreased considerably" from last year's spending plan.

Expenditures for the 2004-2005 school year were set at \$9.7 million, while the new school year's expenditures are set at \$8.9 million.

A breakdown of the general operating portion of the new budget includes (all figures are rounded):

- Instruction/regular program - 46.11 percent of the budget
- Library - 2.5 percent of the budget
- Curriculum/student development - 2.1 percent
- Instructional leadership/mid-management - 0.5 percent
- Scholastic leadership/administrative middle-management - 5.8 percent
- Guidance services - 2.1 percent
- Health services - 0.6 percent
- Student transportation - 1.7 percent
- Extracurricular - 4.7 percent
- General administration/operating expenses/Central Office - 5.3 percent
- Plant maintenance & operation - 10.9 percent
- Campus security - 0.6 percent
- Data processing - 0.8 percent
- Community service - 0.2 percent
- Facilities acquisition/construction (includes the new cafeteria project) - 12.4 percent
- Interlocal agreement with other agencies - 3.1 percent

Trustees also reviewed the tax rate, which will be considered at a special noon meeting set for Aug. 22 in the Administration Building. Marcum said plans call for the adoption of a \$1.36 per \$100 valuation tax rate, an actual reduction from the \$1.41 tax rate adopted a year ago.

The planned tax rate decrease is being made possible by an increase of almost \$100 million in values within the district, the superintendent said.

In other business, trustees accepted a single bid from Gandy's for the supply of milk for the new school year and approved the bid from Walker-Sims of Lubbock of \$1.86 per gallon for gasoline and diesel for the district. The district received two bids on gasoline and diesel fuel.

The board also approved the transfer of 15 students into the school district and OKed the student and faculty handbooks for the new school

year. Online versions of those handbooks may be viewed online at www.post.k12.tx.us.

School board members also reviewed the district's accountability summary. All campuses were defined as academically acceptable, and the district earned a financial integrity rating of "superior achievement," Marcum reported. The district's federal Annual Yearly Progress rating also was positive, with the Post ISD meeting all AYP standards.

Post Notes

Open house at Post Elementary

On August 23rd everyone is invited to attend an open house at Post Elementary. We will begin with a general meeting and introduction of staff in the auditorium at 7 p.m. From the auditorium we will dismiss to tour the school and meet with your son/daughter's home room teacher.

Round-up for Christ

The Church of God of Prophecy is inviting all children from ages 3-15 years old for a Round-up time for Christ. The event will be held August 18-20 from 6-9 p.m. at 602 W. 14th street. There will be snacks, crafts, singing and bible classes. See ya'll there!

Booster Club to meet Aug. 22

The Post Antelope Booster Club's next meeting will be Monday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the film room at the field house. (Northwest door - girls' old locker room).

Master of Memory - Lesson 6

In the sixth and final lesson of the "Master of Memory" series, scheduled for Thursday, August 25 at 10:15 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, you will learn how exercise benefits your body and mind. For those who have attended the previous sessions, a graduation ceremony will be held so that you may receive your "Master of Memory."

State Goat & Lamb Tags

Any youth planning to exhibit goats or lambs at major livestock shows, need to contact your advisor to order tags. Cost of tags is \$7.50 each and deadline to order is Friday, August 19, 4-H'ers may call 495-4400 to order the number of tags needed.

Book of Acts Bible Study

Pastor Bill Smith from Trinity Baptist Church is having a weekly bible study in the book of Acts. They are held every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Caprock Apartments' Community Room and then at 3 p.m. at the Post Manor Apartments' Community Room. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Southland class reunion

The Southland Class of 1995 10 Year Reunion will be Saturday, August 27, with lunch being served at 12 p.m. at the Southland cafeteria. We will be taking a tour of the school after lunch. At 7 p.m., we will have dinner in Lubbock at Logan's Roadhouse.

Dyslexia program held in Lubbock

Come to the Lubbock Area Coalition for Literacy's Adult Dyslexia Program given by Dallas Scottish Rite educator Lois McCook on Saturday, August 27 at Mahon Library from 9 a.m. until noon. Those interested in becoming tutors or small classroom facilitators may remain for the training session from 1-3 p.m. Tutor training will also be held Saturday, Sept. 10 at Mahon Library. For more information please call 775-3636.

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.

Class seeking publication info

The Reunion Committee for the Post High School Class of 1964-65 is looking for any Post Dispatch papers or pages for display at our class reunion which will be held September 9-10. Papers will be returned. We promise to take good care of them. Call 495-0722.

Class reunion set for homecoming

The Class of 1985 will have their 20 year class reunion at the homecoming game on Friday, September 9. For information contact Marta Holly Williams at 495-3855.

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.

Post's first longhorn show

Attention longhorn fans! The first International Texas Longhorn Show for Post is scheduled for September 17 & 18 in the Garza Co. Showbarn. West Texas Longhorn Assn. will be hosting the show, breeders from all over will be exhibiting their registered longhorn cows, bulls, and steers. The opening ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on both days. The peewee, youth and unaltered show will be on Saturday, September 17. The schedule for Sunday will begin with a devotional service at 9 a.m. All participants in the grand entry will be riding longhorn steers. Everyone is invited. There is no entry fee.

Closed campus at Post Elementary

Post Elementary will have closed campus for lunch beginning in the 05-06 school year. Students can leave campus for lunch with a parent or guardian. We feel that the safety and welfare of our young students are of the utmost importance. Students going off campus for lunch will need to be signed out through the office by a parent or guardian.

Post Antelope football promotion

Reservations for the 2005 Post Antelope Football weekly promotion are now being accepted by The Post Dispatch. In cooperation with Post City Radio and Post City Television, the promotion includes newspaper, radio and television coverage of the Post Antelopes throughout the football season. Sponsors will be featured in the weekly newspaper promotion, promoted by Post City Radio during its live play-by-play report of each game and on the DVD recording aired on Post City Television (Cebidge Connections Channel 12). Call 495-2816 for more details.

Family Harvest Church plans expansion on Broadway

The long-term plans of one local church could have a significant impact on the physical appearance of Post's downtown area.

The Family Harvest Church, located in the 100 block of Avenue I, purchased the former Terry's Tires property about three months ago, pastor Joey Hamlin said. The vacant building is located in the 100 block of Broadway adjacent to the church's present location.

The church also is negotiating the purchase of a property behind the old tire store, the pastor said. That property, which fronts Avenue I and is adjacent to the Family Harvest building, includes a house that Post's founder, C.W. Post, is said to have built and resided in.

Although the house does not bear any official historic sanction, Hamlin said he plans to donate the structure to the city in the hope that the house can be relocated and restored. Hamlin has already contacted Don Collier, a professor at Texas Tech who has experience in restoring historic sites, about assisting with the restoration project.

The purchase of two neighboring properties in what Hamlin described as the "best location in town" will enable the non-denominational church to expand its existing facilities, although no immediate plans are in the works.

"We are planning to use it to build in the future... for when the time comes to build," Hamlin said. "We haven't reached full capacity on a consistent basis, but it's coming soon. The church is growing."

The 8-year-old church, which began in the Post Community Center as an outreach effort of Lubbock's Family Harvest Church (formerly Church on the Go), has a membership of about 100, Hamlin said.

"Our plan is to be long-term here," he said. "We believe God is going to do awesome things for this city and county.... We're seeing things happen. We're just walking it out step by step."

High traffic collections enrich County & State by \$27,449.10 in July

by Tim Burnett

Garza County Justice of the Peace Courts collected \$27,449.10 during the month of July largely from highway travel and traffic fines issued, according to official reports. The fund raising program, operated by Garza County in coordination with the State of Texas, took advantage of travelers who were accused of violating State Transportation Codes.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 collected \$12,354.25 which included 121 misdemeanor cases, while JP Court Precinct 2 reported \$15,094.85 involving 108 misdemeanor cases.

State and county code enforcement officers are "just doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, but what was sold to the public in the 1920s for "safe" roads, is now a huge money making scheme for corporate governments.

The State of Texas gradually shifted the public perception of the Code's underlying scope so that all travelers appear required to register their automobiles with the State of Texas. A study into the underlying scope of the Texas Transportation Code has revealed exactly who is required to register their automobiles with the State.

The exact scope of the Texas Transportation Code was discovered by allowing it to narrowly interpret itself according to its strict construction. The scope of the Transportation Code is "Transportation."

The term "Transportation" is not defined in the Texas Code. According to the United States Transportation Code and Black's Law Dictionary, the term "Transportation" is defined as transportation by a carrier for hire.

Use of the roads and highways for the purpose of "transportation for hire by carriers" was what fell under the scope of the Code. Even to this day, the Code protects the traveling

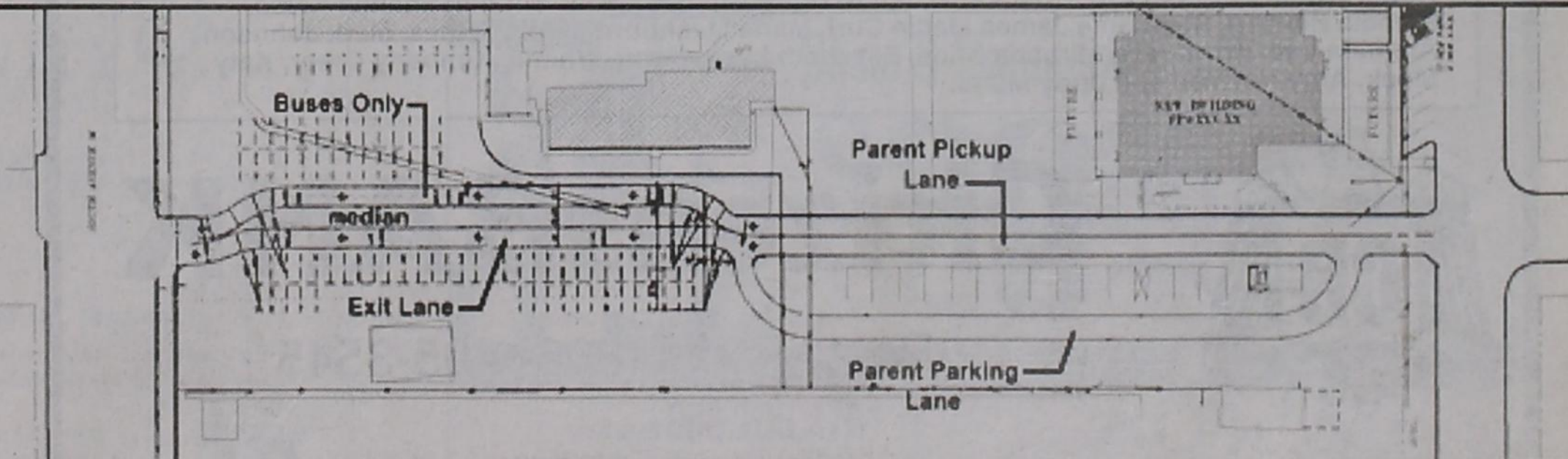
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Parents meet their children in wet weather after the first day of school at the Post Elementary School last Monday, August 15. (Staff photo by Jackie Miner)



Staff and families from the Garza County Health Clinic wave to on-lookers during last weekend's Post Stampede Rodeo Parade. The Clinic's float won first place in the parade contest. (Staff photo by Jackie Miner)



New Unloading, Loading at Post Elementary School

A new unloading and loading system for Post Elementary students was introduced this week with the opening of the school year. Post ISD implemented the new plan to provide improved security for students and reduce the hazards related to parking on U.S. Hwy 380 in front of the school.

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Highway collections...
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public by regulating vehicles using the roads for the purpose of "Transportation."
The registration requirement falls within the limited scope of the Transportation Code. The only automobiles that are mandated by statute to be registered with the State are those owned and operated by Carriers that use the roads for the purpose of transporting for hire; for example, busses, cabs, freight carriers, etc.
The registration renewal receipt proves the above point. The receipt cites "carrying capacity", "tonnage" and "travel trailer length" to be at "0".
Most travelers know that the "carrying capacity" of their automobiles is not "0".



Cowboy Review and Cathy Whitten entertained delighted visitors to Old Mill Trade Days earlier this month. The band belted out a couple of hours of top quality country and favorite tunes.

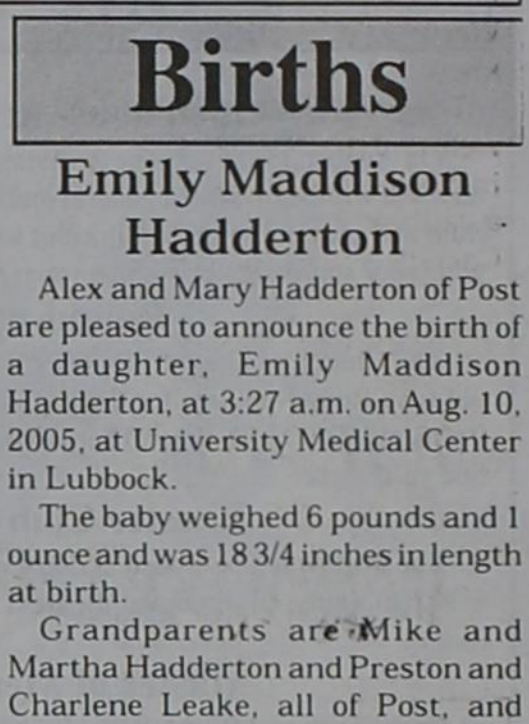
Judy's Jabber'in

Hello for another week. This Jabberin has a sad start this week. What a loss our town has suffered with the death of Larry Mills. Monday was a day of shock as everyone began to hear the news, followed by disbelief and great sadness.
The one thing I have heard over and over is what a good man Larry was. Those with animals who counted on him or people who had the pleasure of being his friend will grieve all the same.

A wonderful family survives Larry. Kim, his wife who has devoted her adult years to our kids in school and three children Macee, Meagan and Mitchell.
Everyone please hold the family in your prayers and be there for them now and in the future, when we seem to get wrapped up in our own lives and forget the ones that need us. To all of Larry's family my deepest sympathies and my prayers are with you.
GET WELL
Special get well to Susan Warren who has been in Covenant Hospital for over a week now. Hope you feel better soon Susan.
RAIN, RAIN, RAIN
Well everyone should be smiling about all of this rain! All of the lawns are so green and the caprock is beautiful.
Not sure Snyder feels the same. Did you see those pictures of flooding in Snyder? Don't think I remember ever seeing that much water there.
SCHOOL TRAFFIC
The new pick-up and drop-off zone went into effect with the first day of school. I hear that it was some what confusing yesterday with quite a few jam ups, but give it a chance folks, it will get better and the best thing will be getting our children off of 380. I think that has been an accident waiting to happen for years. I'm happy our school officials made a move to change that.
OLDER KIDS TEST
ANSWERS:
01. The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
02. The Ed Sullivan Show
03. On Route 66
04. To protect the innocent.
05. The Lion sleeps tonight
06. The limbo
07. Chocolate
08. Louis Armstrong
09. The Timex watch
10. Freddy, The Freeloader, and "Good Night, and may God Bless."
11. Draft cards (Bras were also burned.)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly

Births

Emily Maddison Hadderton
Alex and Mary Hadderton of Post are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Maddison Hadderton, at 3:27 a.m. on Aug. 10, 2005, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.
The baby weighed 6 pounds and 1 ounce and was 18 3/4 inches in length at birth.
Grandparents are Mike and Martha Hadderton and Preston and Charlene Leake, all of Post, and Barry and Marla Leary of New Mexico. Great-grandparents are Frank Hadderton and Ed and Anne Sims of Post and Pete and Pauline Nash of Lubbock.
TILL NEXT WEEK
Hope all of you have a wonderful weekend. May God bless each of you. See you next week.



Emily Maddison Hadderton

White River Lake Weekly Report
Aug. 15, 2005

Gaugereading: 2350.70 Feet below spillway; 21'8" Rise - 0" Rainfall (past week); .65" Rain to-date: 12.30"
Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager

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American Profile Magazine



Performing at this month's Old Mill Trade Day's are "Caprock 2000" members (left to right), Jan Olson and Aaron Rathbun. The show included favorite classics.

Welcome Post ISD New Teachers!



New Teachers at Post ISD - (back row, left to right) Charles "Rod" Whitfill, Shanda Kelso, Pamela Herring, Stephanie James, Janie Curl, Marie Mashburn, Kevin James, Mark Johnson, Amanda Lee, (front row) Miranda Stice, Elizabeth Lusk, Kathy Whitfill, Kimberly Greer, Katy Mock, Amy Norman and Judy Miers.

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C.W. Post - a legend and American icon

Charles William Post
Founder of Post City, Texas
 (Editor's note: The following is part six of a series of articles compiled by Linda Puckett from the archives of the Garza County Historical Museum and the book "C.W. Post: The Hour and the Man" by Nettie Leitch Major.)

In the fall of 1886, C.W. Post and his brother, Carroll, traveled to Texas in search of business opportunities and a milder, healthier climate for C.W.

The brothers decided on Fort Worth since the area afforded many new fields of opportunity. An offer was made to them by a Fort Worth real estate man in September of 1886 for the development of east Fort Worth, or the Sylvania Addition now known as Riverside.

They returned to Springfield with well-laid plans. C.W. would remain in Springfield as he and Ella were awaiting the birth of Marjorie, and Carroll would take the rest of the

family to Texas at once. Rollin and Carrie, Carroll and Mollie, Aurrie, Uncle Herbert Post and Cousin Willis Post were the advance guard.

The family settled on a ranch of about 200 acres on the outskirts of Fort Worth. C.W. stayed in Springfield until Marjorie was nine months old, at which time he felt that his wife and baby could stand the move and his health was better.

They left Springfield in November of 1887 and spent the winter at Santa Ana, Calif., where the climate seemed to put the finishes touches on Charlie's recuperation. By February of 1888, they were settled at the New Ellis Hotel, where they remained until joining the family at the ranch. By this time, Post & Co. had been organized and its offices established.

As was characteristic of C.W. Post, he threw himself into work as soon as he arrived in Fort Worth. He and Carroll set up a subdivision on their land site; homes were built, streets laid out, landscaping put in, water,

masonry and electricity, all were included. A woolen mill was built for the manufacture of blankets, and a paper mill was erected, manufacturing paper made from the hulls of cottonseed. The latter two businesses were incorporated, with the family holding all the stock. And then there was the ranch, where C.W. endeavored to build a fine herd of cattle, giving attention to many improvements and landscaping.

In the subdivision, such details as masonry, electricity, water supply and planning all came from his individual ideas. He had a firm knowledge of electricity. He and his Springfield friend, A.L. Ide, were apparently in a joint business of building engines for use in electric companies. As he stated in his personal papers, "We are today furnishing more engines to electric companies than any two builders in America."

Even his patents on farm implements required a watchful eye. An excerpt from one of his personal letters implies a serious problem: "There are three firms manufacturing cultivators that are plain infringements of my own patents. Two of them acknowledge it."

Regardless of his work load at hand, Post was still inventing a product or steadily improving one, such as the player piano. Somewhere in his travels, he had apparently seen a player piano, but, dissatisfied with the mechanics of it, he designed his

own.

About the same time (1880-1881) he set out to make a bicycle with both wheels the same size. Post's new bicycle created considerable comment in the streets of Springfield. He retained the drawings and the working model until the Columbia Bicycle Co. introduced its model, at which time he bundled up all the plans and drawings and dispatched them off to the manufacturer with his compliments. The "Scientific Suspender" was born in Fort Worth, with Post receiving a patent in 1893.

As usual, C.W. would undertake too much work, a constant pull on his strength and energy, leaving very little time for rest or relaxation. His involvements were so complex that it seems a man of robust health could not possibly endure the strain. In the spring of 1889, the pace began to take its toll, and the family felt it was time for him to stop and relax. At the insistence of the family, he traveled to the eastern seaboard, spending several months in the east, mostly in the Boston area.

The Fort Worth days were shortly to close for C.W. Post, though it remained the home of his parents and brother, Aurrie, for the balance of their lives. But one dream spawned during those Texas days—the dream of a model community of ideal homes set into perfect landscaping. The dream did come to fruition—first with his model homes for workers in

Battle Creek, Mich., and finally with the building of Post City, Texas.

A look ahead: Part VII. C.W. Post collapses in Fort Worth and is carried

to Battle Creek where he became a patient of the highly publicized sanitarium of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg in February of 1891.

Extension Extras

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

4-H Trap Shoot

Garza County 4-H Shotgun Sports Trap Shoot will be held Saturday, August 20, 2005, at Monk Palmers' Gun Club nine miles West of Post on Highway 380 (behind Mason's Farm and Ranch Supply). Good luck to our 4-H shooters.

State Goat & Lamb Tags

Any youth planning to exhibit goats or lambs at major livestock shows, need to contact your advisor to order tags. Cost of tags is \$7.50 each and deadline to order is Friday, August 19. 4-H'ers may call 495-4400 to order the number of tags needed.

Senior 4-H'ers.....

.....interested in applying for the Gold Star or other awards need to contact the Extension office at (806) 495-4400. Deadline is August 19, 2005.

Stocker Cattle Gathering.....

.....will be Tuesday, August 23, 2005, at Dunn, Texas. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. with Noon meal sponsored by Ft. Dodge and ARMtech. Program will run until 3:00 p.m. with three CEU's offered for Continuing Education hours. Call the Extension office at 495-4400 for more information. To reserve your meal plate call by Noon, Monday, August 22.

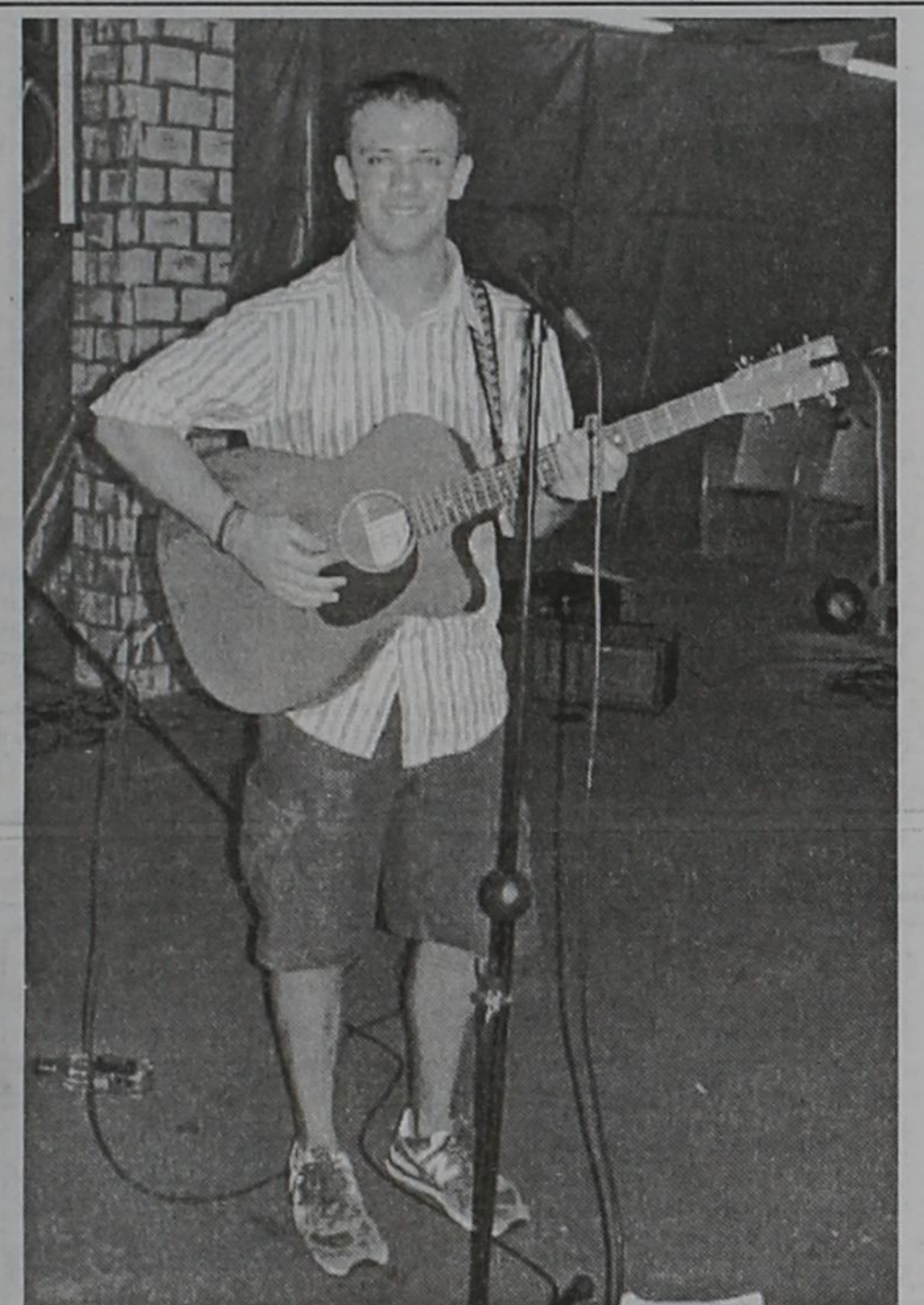
4-H Achievement Banquet

All 2004-05 4-H participants, families, leaders and supporters are invited to attend the Achievement Banquet Tuesday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Post Community Center. 4-H families are asked to bring a side dish and a dessert, meat will be furnished. Please call 495-4400 by Noon, Monday, August 29 if you plan to attend.

Banquet Program

Practice & Decorating Program participants and anyone who wants to help decorate will meet at 4:00 p.m., Monday, August 29 at the Post Community Center.

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PHS senior Jonathan McGregor entertained visitors during this month's Old Mill Trade Days.



JoAnn Foreman entertained Old Mill Trade Days visitors August 6 with a range of Christian favorites.



Charles William Post, ca. 1912

Get ready for LIVE Post Antelope Football with Post City Radio Starting Friday, August 26 from Seminole
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Garza County Commissioners Court is considering the following increases for elected officials for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2005:

Position	CURRENT			PROPOSED		
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Clerk	29,120	0	0	30,576	0	0
JP #1	25,181	1,440	0	26,440	1,500	0
JP #2	25,181	1,260	0	26,440	1,320	0
Attorney	28,487	480	16,950	29,912	540	*16,950
Treasurer	32,124	780	0	33,730	840	0
Tax A/C	29,487	900	0	30,962	960	0
Constable #1	30,976	420	0	32,525	480	0
Constable #2	26,000	180	0	27,300	240	0
Sheriff	34,569	840	0	36,298	900	0
Commissioner #1	23,936	0	0	25,133	0	0
Commissioner #2	23,936	540	0	25,133	600	0
Commissioner #3	23,936	900	0	25,133	960	0
Commissioner #4	23,936	300	0	25,133	360	0

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Thursday, August 25, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
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Texas Tech University, West Stadium Complex of Jones SBC Stadium

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Alien Invasion

by Bill O'Reilly

With housing prices soaring and property taxes punishing in many states, owning your own home has become a life-defining situation. Millions of Americans struggle to make mortgage payments in order to raise their kids in a safe environment, free from danger and chaos.

In the New York town of Farmingville, on Long Island, Woodmont Place was once considered a nice street, full of working-class Americans enjoying a slice of suburbia. But that was before a woman named Rosalina Dias bought a house on the block.

Dias is a slumlord, and soon, 33 Woodmont Place was packed with illegal immigrants. Up to 64 of them lived in a 900-square-foot house with two bathrooms. These men slept on mattresses scattered around the floors and, neighbors say, often used the backyard to relieve themselves.

Predictably, the folks living in the neighborhood complained to authorities. Predictably, the authorities did little. In fact, it took more than five years before Rosalina Dias was arrested for refusing to comply with a court order to close the house. When police raided the structure, they found electrical wires hanging from holes in the ceiling, a propane gas tank next to exposed wires and garbage all over the place. The house was condemned.

Just imagine you and your family living on Woodmont Place. Your kids see scores of strange men come and go around the clock. Each time you pass the dilapidated house you are reminded that the value of your property has drastically declined. Who would want to live near that situation?

Rosalina Dias was charging the illegal aliens around \$200 apiece to live in squalor. That means this vile woman was taking in about \$12,000 a month for a house that cost her about \$86,000. Dias was able to do this for more than 60 months.

The only reason Dias was shut down was because a politician named Steve Levy, the Suffolk County executive, demanded it. And what did Levy get for his trouble? Well, he was roundly criticized by The New York Times and Newsday, and viciously attacked by ideologues. One of them, Reverend Allan Ramirez, told Newsday Levy was guilty of "ethnic cleansing."

That was music to Newsday's ears. One of its headlines tipped the newspaper's hand: "Dozens of Men Now Left with Nowhere to Go."

How about going home to their respective countries and obeying the law, Newsday?

But The New York Times was even worse. In an editorial the paper stated: "Mr. Levy sang the law-enforcement tune... bemoaning the dread danger posed by Latino flophouses and charging that TV stations and newspapers... had been wrong to point out the problems with Mr. Levy's callous assault on slumlords."

Callous assault on slumlords? Is the New York Times kidding? In my opinion, this Dias woman is a parasite who ruined an entire neighborhood and exploited destitute individuals for money. And Levy's insistence that the law be enforced is a "callous assault" on her?

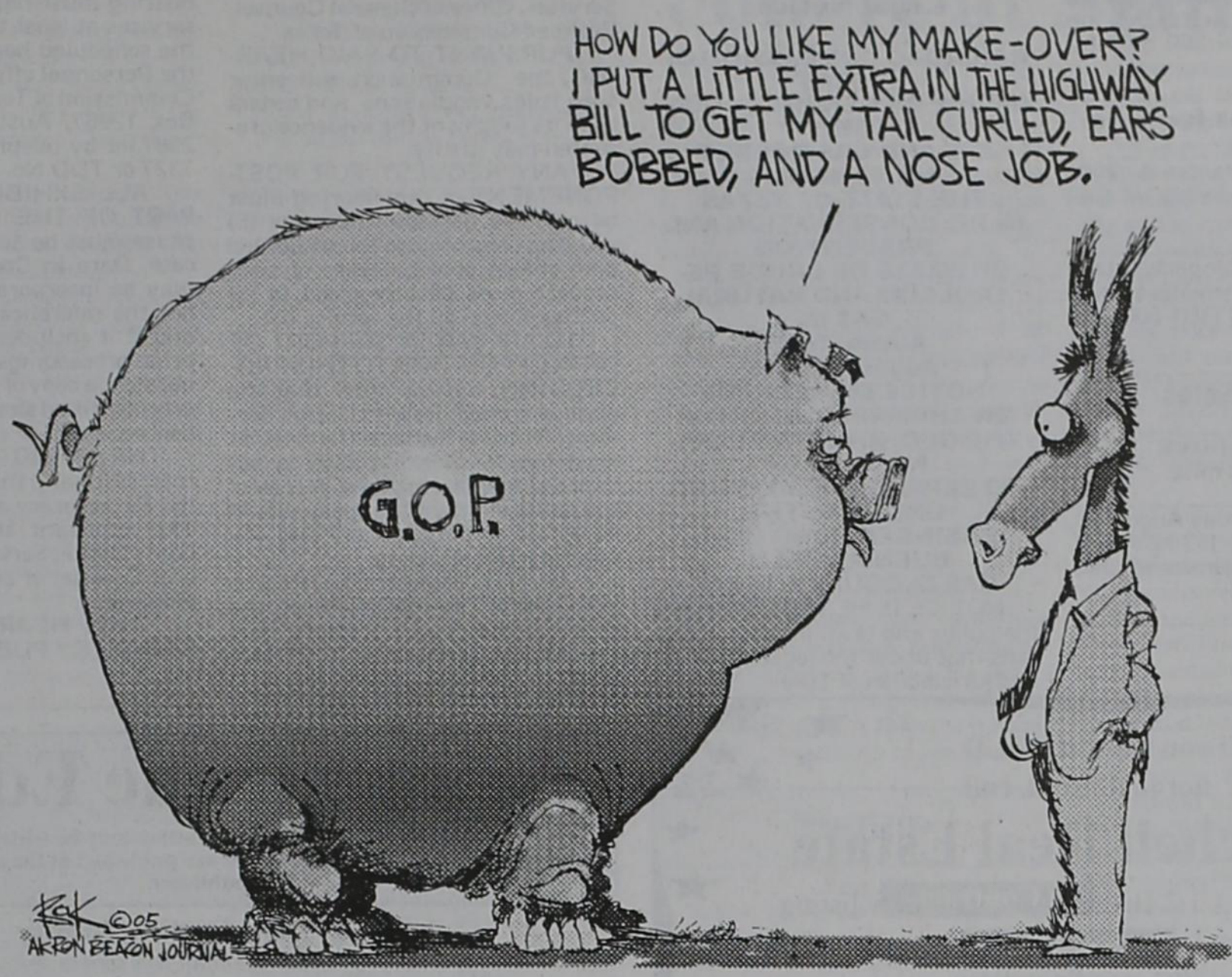
This is what we have come to in America. Despicable behavior is now justified by media people so steeped in bone-headed ideology they literally can't think straight.

The folks living on Woodmont Place are finally rid of a dangerous situation that should have never been allowed to exist. Illegal aliens have no right to live on your block; they are not supposed to be in this country. Soulless slumlords have no right to violate building codes and destroy neighborhoods. Irresponsible media have no right to attack a public servant who is enforcing the law and looking out for the folks.

Woodmont Place has been liberated. But there are many other battles to be fought.

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Human rights vs property rights

by Walter E. Williams

In the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent 5-4 ruling in *Kelo v. New London*, statements have been made about property rights that are demonstrative of the paucity of understanding among some within the legal profession. Carolyn Lochhead's July 1st San Francisco Chronicle article, "Foes Unite in Defense of Property," reports on the coalition building in Congress to deny federal funds to cities that use laws of eminent domain to take private property for the benefit of another private party.

But it's the article's report on a statement made by a representative of People for the American Way, lead opponents to constitutionalists being appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, that I'd like to address. According to Ms. Lochhead's article, "Elliot Mincberg, the group's legal director, said the case [*Kelo v. New London*] had been brought by the Institute for Justice as part of an effort by conservatives to elevate property rights to the same level of civil rights such as freedom of speech and religion, in effect taking the nation back to the pre-New Deal days when the courts ruled child labor laws unconstitutional." To posit a distinction between civil or human rights on the one hand and property rights on the other reflects little understanding. Let's look at it.

My computer is my property. Does it have any rights — like the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? Are there any constitutional guarantees held by my computer? Anyone, except maybe a lawyer, would agree that to think of property as possessing rights is unadulterated nonsense.

So where do property rights come in? Property rights are human rights to use economic goods and services. Private property rights contain your right to use, transfer, trade and exclude others from use of property deemed yours. The supposition that there's a conflict or difference between human rights to use property and civil rights is bogus and misguided.

Let's go back to my computer example. Suppose someone steals my computer.

Hasn't he violated my rights to my property and hence, my human or civil rights? Or, alternatively, if I throw my computer through your window, it's not my computer that's violated your human rights; it's I. Why? Because I've used my computer in a fashion that infringes on your human rights to your property.

That it's bogus to make a distinction between human, civil and property rights can be seen in another way. In a free society, each person is his own private property; I own myself and you own yourself. That's why it's immoral to rape or murder. It violates a person's property rights. The fact of self-ownership also helps explain why theft is immoral. In order for self-ownership to be meaningful, a person must have ownership rights to what he produces or earns. A good working description of slavery is that it is a condition where a person does not own what he produces. What he produces belongs to someone else. Therefore, if someone steals my computer, he's violated my ownership rights to my computer, which I earned through my labor, and therefore my human or civil rights to keep what I produce.

Creating false distinctions between human rights and property rights plays into the hands of Democrat and Republican party socialists who seek to control our lives. If we buy into the notion that somehow property rights are less important, or are in conflict with, human or civil rights, we give the socialists a freer hand to attack our property.

As President John Adams (1797-1801) put it, "Property is surely a right of mankind as real as liberty." Adding, "The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence."

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Zen and the art of Iraqi Regime Change

by Sheldon Richman

What does it mean to overemphasize the presence of what is absent? That Zen-like question arises from an interview the Associated Press recently published with Douglas Feith, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's departing chief policy advisor. Feith told the AP the Bush administration "overemphasized" the matter of weapons of mass destruction as the rationale for invading Iraq and overthrowing the government of Saddam Hussein.

That has to be the understatement not only of the young century, but of the last several centuries.

Reality to Mr. Feith: There were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Feith seems to have a clue to the problem: "Anything we said at all about stockpiles was overemphasis, given that we didn't find them." Yes, at the risk of sound Zen-like again, any emphasis would have been overemphasis.

He added, "Our intelligence community made, apparently, an error, as to the stockpiles." Considering that we taxpayers pay a good bit of change for that intelligence "community," the mind boggles at the idea that it could have made such an "error" innocently. Isn't it more likely that it was accommodating the higher-ups who were spoiling for war even before 9/11? This suspicion is hardly undercut by the fact that other countries' intelligence agencies and even the Clinton administration thought Saddam had WMDs.

In his interview with the AP, Feith said, "It would have been better had we done a better job of communicating in all of its breadth the strategic rationale for the war." Which was what? According to the AP summary, "The broader rationale, Feith said, included the danger posed by Iraq's potential to resume building chemical, biological and possibly nuclear weapons - know-how that the Iraqi regime developed before the 1991 Gulf War."

It is doubtful the American people would have supported an invasion of Iraq on the grounds that Saddam might some day try to develop weapons. Why should he use them against the United States? Without provocation he'd have no reason to commit personal and national suicide.

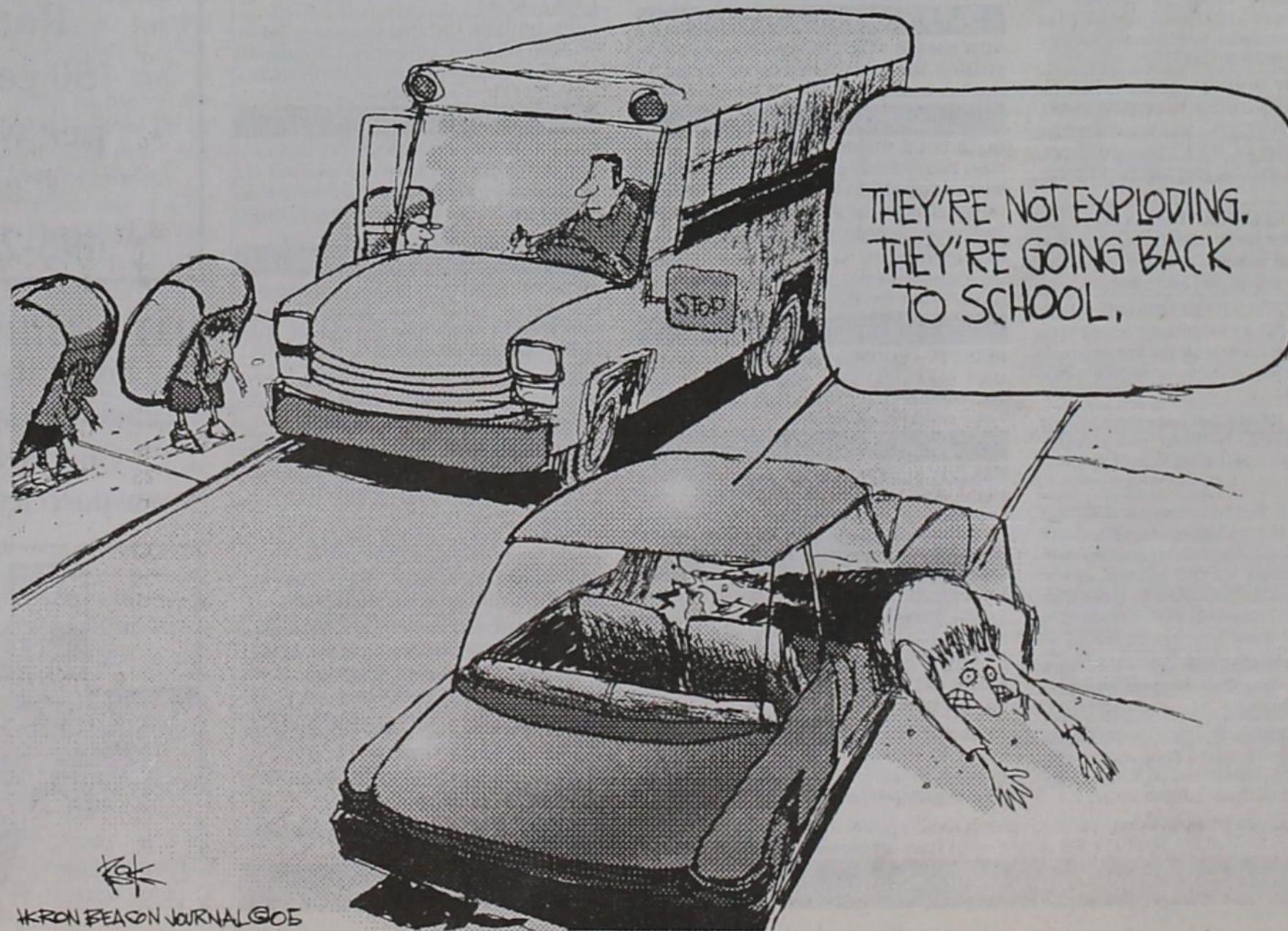
The administration realized that people had to be panicked into supporting the war. That's why, as former defense official Paul Wolfowitz conceded, the various parts of the administration agreed to build its case on the alleged WMDs rather than other issues. That case was spiced up with hints that Saddam had something to do with 9/11, though he did not. Feith approved this strategy: "Had Saddam Hussein not been a supporter of terrorism and a guy who developed and used WMD, I don't think that simply saying he's a tyrant and we have a chance to replace a tyrant would have motivated the war."

But Saddam had no record of supporting terrorism against the United States. His efforts were confined to helping Palestinians who are under occupation. (Not that this excuses his encouraging the murder of innocents.) As for Saddam's development and use of WMDs (i.e., poison gas), that occurred during Iraq's war with Iran, when he was a U.S. ally. Memories are fleeting: the Reagan administration supplied Saddam with WMD materials back then. Rumsfeld was a special envoy in the effort.

Feith told the AP he is annoyed that people think the lack of weapons means there was no reason to go to war. According to the AP, such people "ignore the broader reasoning, he said, which included the dangers posed by Saddam's record of aggression against Kuwait, hostility toward the United States, a 'rhetorical and financial support' for terrorism and a weakening of the world's resolve to contain his ambitions."

But how could these have been good reasons for the American people to be forced into a war of conquest, which, as predicted, has spawned violence not only in Iraq but in Spain and England, with the United States perhaps next? America cannot be a prosperous and peaceful place if its government insists on policing the world. Empire is expensive. Protecting far-flung "interests" costs money and, inevitably, lives. Do you want to know the price of empire? It's random searches of subway passengers in New York City. And that's just the beginning.

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'Lopes look impressive in first scrimmage

by Wes Burnett

The Post Antelope varsity scored twice during last Saturday's scrimmage here against Floydada, while the defensive unit held the visiting team to one score. "We're really proud of your players," coach Tim James emphasized, "the offense executed very well, especially this early in the season. We had a few mistakes, but they are all easily corrected."

Coach James praised the defense for its pounding on the football throughout the scrimmage. "They are a really motivated bunch, and really get to the ball quick," he said.

"These scrimmages are designed to help us evaluate and give us a good idea of what we need to do and how well players execute their assignments," coach James added.

The team will travel to Stanton Thursday (8/18/05) for a 5 p.m. junior varsity scrimmage, followed by the varsity at 6:30 p.m.

Miles Gray, who suffered a broken collar bone in practice last week, is expected to be out for several weeks. Blake Nichols, who had a strained rotator cuff injury, is expected to return to action this week.

The Antelopes open their 2005 season at Seminole Friday, August 26 for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. Post City Radio

will broadcast the games live each week on Cebridge Connections Channel 12 and on the Internet at www.postcityradio.com.

Post City Television will broadcast

the DVD recorded games on Saturdays and Sundays (see programming schedule in The Post Dispatch). Sponsorships for the broadcasts are available by calling 495-2816.



Entertaining visitors at this month's Old Mill Trade Days with folk music are (left to right), Linda and Justin Marquez of Snyder.

FREE & REDUCED PRICED MEALS FOR POST ISD STUDENTS

Post Independent School District announces its policy for providing free and reduced price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program. Each school and/or the central administration office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Foster children that are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court are also eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUALLY		MONTHLY		TWICE PER MONTH		EVERY TWO WEEKS		WEEKLY	
	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED	FREE	REDUCED
1	\$12,441	\$17,769	\$1,037	\$1,476	\$519	\$738	\$479	\$681	\$240	\$341
2	\$16,679	\$23,734	\$1,390	\$1,978	\$693	\$989	\$642	\$913	\$321	\$457
3	\$20,917	\$29,767	\$1,744	\$2,481	\$872	\$1,241	\$825	\$1,145	\$403	\$573
4	\$25,155	\$35,799	\$2,097	\$2,984	\$1,049	\$1,492	\$968	\$1,377	\$484	\$689
5	\$29,393	\$41,829	\$2,450	\$3,486	\$1,233	\$1,743	\$1,131	\$1,609	\$566	\$805
6	\$33,631	\$47,860	\$2,803	\$3,969	\$1,402	\$1,995	\$1,294	\$1,841	\$647	\$921
7	\$37,869	\$53,891	\$3,156	\$4,401	\$1,578	\$2,246	\$1,457	\$2,073	\$729	\$1,037
8	\$42,107	\$59,922	\$3,509	\$4,994	\$1,755	\$2,497	\$1,620	\$2,305	\$810	\$1,153
9	\$46,345	\$65,953	\$3,863	\$5,407	\$1,932	\$2,749	\$1,783	\$2,517	\$892	\$1,269
10	\$50,583	\$71,984	\$4,217	\$6,000	\$2,109	\$3,001	\$1,946	\$2,769	\$974	\$1,385
11	\$54,821	\$78,015	\$4,571	\$6,503	\$2,286	\$3,253	\$2,109	\$3,001	\$1,056	\$1,501
12	\$59,059	\$84,046	\$4,925	\$7,006	\$2,463	\$3,505	\$2,272	\$3,253	\$1,138	\$1,617
For each additional family member add:										
	\$4,238	\$6,031	\$354	\$503	\$177	\$252	\$163	\$232	\$82	\$116

Application forms are being distributed to households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name, food stamp or TANF case number and an adult household member must sign the application. Households who do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member who signs the application. If neither household member has a social security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal policy, principals will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision and may make a request either orally or in writing to the principal.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receive these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above.

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Members of the 2005 Junior League baseball team are (back row left to right), Joey Stone, Jesse Vera, Clint Windham, Giles Dalby, Jarrett Blevins, Mitchell James and Flynn Chapman (front row), Shiloh Short, Travis Bergin, Allan Duran, Reece Belongia, Cesar Ceja and Chris Belongia (coaching for Jerry Crenshaw). Not pictured are Patrick Martinez and Trent Babb. The team played 33 games and capped the season with a double-header sweep of the Idalou Green 24-12 in the first game and 8-2 in the second, winning the championship. The Post team won 12 of its last 14 games. The team expresses its thanks to the Little League board, parents and coach Jerry Crenshaw.

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SPC offers final orientation for incoming freshmen

South Plains College will offer a final orientation session Aug. 23-24 for incoming freshmen planning to enroll for the fall 2005 semester.

Orientation will include information geared for college success and advisement and registration for fall classes.

To attend orientation, students need to have submitted a completed application for admission and taken a college placement test, such as Accuplacer, unless exempt. To pre-register online for orientation, go to www.southplainscollege.edu/counseling.

Orientation is scheduled 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 23 in the Sundown Room of the Student Center. Students will be assigned a time to meet with their advisor and pre-register for fall classes Aug. 24th in the Technology Center.

An Accuplacer test will be given Aug. 22, 24, 25, 29-31 at SPC Levelland and Aug. 22, 24-26 and 29-31 at the SPC Reese Center campus in Lubbock.

Pre-registration is required for all tests. A \$30 money order as well as a picture ID and some form of identification containing the student's social security number are also needed.

Applications for admission can be found at www.southplainscollege.edu under Quicklinks.

For more information, contact the SPC Office of Guidance and Counseling at 894-9611, ext. 2366 or 2368.

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