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Post Notes

Post's first longhorn show

Attention longhorn fans! The first International Texas Longhorn Show for Post is scheduled Sept. 17 & 18 in the Garza Co. Showbarn. The opening ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on both days. The peewee, youth and unaltered show will be on Saturday, Sept. 17. Sunday will begin with a devotional service at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited. There is no entry fee.

Gordita-chili relleno plates to be sold

Holy Cross Catholic church will be selling gordita-chili relleno plates on Saturday, September 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$5 per plate. You may place an order before Saturday by calling Gina Rodriguez at 495-0049.

Platos de gorditas y chili relleno

La Iglesia Catolica esta veniendo platos de gorditas y chili relleno el dia 17 de Septiembre, de las 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Platos se vende a \$5 el plato para ordenar antes del Sabado llamen al Gina at 495-0049.

Class of 1965 reunion

Southland High School class of 1965 reunion will be held Friday, September 16th. The homecoming game begins at 7:30 p.m. We would like to see a lot of our old friends. Come and visit with us.

Free GED classes

GED classes are free to the public and set to begin September 20th. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 5-8 p.m. at the high school in room 18 (enter through the southwest entrance). If you have any questions or need more information call 495-2770.

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. 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 (Cebridge Connections Channel 12). Call 495-2816 for more details.

The Salvation Army seeks donations

The Salvation Army, Lubbock, TX is getting ready to set up housing and assistance for 150 people that is on their way here from New Orleans. We are going to be in need of cots, sheets, pillows, pillowcases, towels, wash cloths, bath soap, shampoo, tooth paste, tooth brushes, diapers of all sizes, baby food, and baby formula. For further information please contact The Salvation Army at 765-9434.

Daycare accepting applications

My Special Place Daycare is now accepting applications for child enrollment. The only licensed daycare in town is accepting children ages ranging from 6 weeks to 13 years. Financial assistance is also available to qualifying households. Call today!

Booster club to meet in library

Post Antelope Booster Club will meet each Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in the High School library. Please use the West side entrance. All parents and community supporters of the Post Athletics are urged to attend. The business meeting will be held first followed by the review of the football film with the coaches.

Washington D.C./NYC trip

Attention 6th thru 10th graders!!! Be a part of a trip of a lifetime - go to Washington D. C. and New York City this summer. The trip is May 30-June 3, 2006. Interested, contact Dedra Adams at 495-3013.

Addiction assistance available

Many individuals struggle with drug or alcohol addictions, someone you love may be included. Honor that person by calling the Narconon Arrowhead hotline to help start that person's recovery today. Call for free addiction counseling, assessments and referrals to rehabilitation centers nationwide. Call 1-800-468-6933 or log onto www.stopaddiction.com.

Opposition expressed on curfew suggestion

Local youths may be subject to a curfew in the future, but not before the Post City Council does some in-depth research on the subject.

Council members agreed across the board that extensive study should be given to Sheriff Cliff Law's recent request that the municipality impose a curfew on local teens.

"If they're old enough to be out there, I don't know if the city has the right to say they can't be out there," said Councilman Harold Craig. "Teenagers (ages) 15, 16—if their parents approve and they're not doing anything...nine out of 10 are probably not doing anything wrong. I think we're infringing on the rights of the vast majority to try to curtail the few that do things.... If they're bent on doing it, the curfew I don't think can stop them."

Councilwoman Kenda Bartlett agreed, saying the city needs to do some exhaustive research on the subject before making any decisions. She said she'd like to see some information on what authority local law enforcement officials have currently without a curfew in place, what parental responsibilities are in place and what types of ordinances are in place in other cities.

The sheriff recently requested the implementation of a curfew in Post to help curtail gang activity, eliminate graffiti and keep youths off of the streets during late hours, according to reports.

In other business, the council:

- Approved on second reading an ordinance amending the Main Street Sign Ordinance to allow A-framed signs and other portable signs on

sidewalks. The amended ordinance will require permits of individuals who want to place such signs on the sidewalk. To obtain an ordinance, the permit seeker will be required to provide proof of public liability insurance covering the premises on which the sign is to be situated.

- Tabled action on the 2005-2006 budget and tax rate adoptions.
 - Postponed until the council's next regular meeting a resolution honoring local residents who served in Iraq.
 - Received an overview of the South Plains Association of Governments \$45,000 planning grant the city has received. The funds are designed to help cities plan future activities while identifying long- and short-term needs.
 - Received a report from Wanda Mitchell on the Post Main Street program.
 - Received a request from Marie Neff and Linda Puckett on \$500 in funding for the Texas Plains Tourism Trail effort. No action was taken on the request.
 - Tabled action on the state maintenance agreement.
 - Received a report from the interim city manager on the budget summary.
 - Received a three-month review of work being handled by the code administrator.
- The council is scheduled to meet again today, Sept. 15, to consider the budget and tax rate.

Private funding for skateboard facility sought

The Post City Council could entertain plans for a skateboard park following a discussion at the Sept. 6 council meeting.

Three local youths - Kevin Griffin, Steven Polonco and Eric Soto - appeared before the council to address the topic, as well as the skateboard and bicycle ordinance included on the meeting's agenda.

Griffin pointed out that Post skateboarders have no place to practice their sport, and the proposed skateboard and bicycle ordinance will be even more constricting. Utilizing the concrete area at the park "gets boring," he said, suggesting instead that the city consider constructing a skateboard park similar to the one in Lubbock.

Griffin provided the mayor with an overview of what he and his friends would like to see erected.

Council members, who seemed impressed by the youths' request, asked the trio if they would be willing to help raise funds for such a project. They agreed they could and promised to return at a future meeting to continue

discussion of the project.

The council briefly discussed the possibility of seeking a Texas Parks & Wildlife-funded grant to help fund a skateboard park.

Council members did, on first reading, unanimously approve an ordinance prohibiting the riding of bicycles, skateboards "and other similar devices" on sidewalks in commercially zoned areas of the city.

Violation of the ordinance will be a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.

The ordinance does not prohibit skateboarding in the streets, the city attorney pointed out.

The ordinance resulted from ongoing problems in the community - "near misses" involving individuals who almost have been struck by bicyclists or skateboarders, and destruction, like that seen recently at the museum, caused by careless skateboarders.

County looks at .445 tax rate

by Wes Burnett

The Garza County Commissioners' Court agreed to a tentative budget at its regular meeting Monday morning, planning to finalize the budget and tax rate on September 22. The proposed tax rate is \$.445, a slight decrease from last year.

Judge Giles W. Dalby explained that the budget includes a five percent pay increase for all county employees. The sheriff's request for additional staffing was rejected.

The court also approved a recommendation by Clerk Jim Plummer to purchase new electronic voting equipment for elections in 2006. The seven units have been certified by the state and federal government and will provide paper ballots as well as electronic voting.

The \$54,000 cost comes from federal and state funds.

New fees for county constables were approved following an explanation by Constable Daniel Yarbro. Increases were approved for subpoenas from \$75 to \$100; summons from \$50 to \$100; garnishment from \$60 to \$100; possession from \$65 to \$100; forcible detainer from \$50 to \$100; restitution from \$65 to \$100, small claims citations from \$45 to \$50 and justice court citations from \$45 to \$50.

Commissioners approved an indigent application from a local family in the amount of \$280 for rent and utilities.

Following the regular meeting, the court met in joint session with Garza County Public Facility Corporation (GCPFC) board members to approved refinancing of bonds for the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

The action provides for approximately \$1 million savings over the life of the bonds through lower interest rates. Board members Bob Macy, Janie Lopez and Victor Ashley approved the resolutions for the GCPFC.

County approves new judicial software deal

by Sheri Lewis

The electronic recordkeeping of several Garza County offices will undergo changes in coming weeks after commissioners voted in a Sept. 7 emergency session to spend \$43,500 to incorporate new software and support services.

Labeling the situation as a potential "public calamity," the county waived competitive bidding requirements and contracted with the Ki Corp. of Lubbock to install a new operating system - software, technical support and five years' worth of upgrades - at a cost of \$43,500, which will cover all affected offices.

The offices of the county/district clerk, the county attorney and the Precincts 1 and 2 justices of the peace will be impacted by the changeover, which was ordered after county officials learned that the current software provider, Optical Drive Systems, was subject to recent court action. Cost to the county/district clerk's office will be \$19,500, while each of the remaining offices will absorb \$12,000 of the total cost.

In a U.S. District Court ruling handed down July 19 in Michigan, Digital Filing Systems was authorized to "impound and destroy" all copies of operating software reportedly authored by Akhilesh Agarwal, owner of Optical Drive Systems. The court also ordered Agarwal's copyright registration on the software was invalid, according to records.

Because of ongoing legal action against Optical Drive Systems, the county is unable to obtain technical support on current records managed under the operating system.

Digital Filing Systems, the company that filed the legal action, stated that all Optical Drive Systems customers determine whether they would continue using the software and technical support by Sept. 2. To continue use of the software, Digital Filing Systems requested a fee of \$23,500 from Garza County, according to records.

Because Garza County purchased the software and operating system, "there is therefore a question as to the validity of Digital Filing Systems' claims for compensation for the use of said software and operating systems," states the emergency order signed by the court last week.

No Garza County office was previously notified of the lawsuit or its pending applications, according to the order. Additionally, legal counsel for the county has advised that the orders resulting from the lawsuit are "not enforceable" against Garza County, the software copyright is valid and the court order is on appeal.

However, commissioners noted that by denying Digital Filing Systems' request for payment the county could see the "impoundment and destruction" of the software in several Garza County offices. That, in turn, could create a "potential loss to the county's public and business records," resulting in a "catastrophic hardship" on the county and its residents.

County/district clerk Jim Plummer said his office is responsible for maintaining all records dealing with land, oil and gas properties; vital

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Voted the 2005 Post High School Homecoming Football Sweetheart is Courtney Copeland, escorted by her father Lanny Copeland at last Friday's Homecoming Ceremony. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Voted the 2005 Post High School Homecoming Band Sweetheart is Monica Lopez, escorted by last Friday's Homecoming ceremony by her father Sergio Lopez. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy Ballentine Bush

Hello,
You could have gone anywhere in Post this past weekend and you would have probably run into a class reunion.
I will share what info I have on

them.
CLASS OF 1955
Those attending were:
Glenda Askins Gilstrap, Arleta Gary, Don El Dale and wife, Moody Graham and wife, Mary Low

Hedgepath Ivers, Darrell Ray Norman and wife, Wyvonne Morris Kennedy and husband, Naomi Nichols Mastler, Jimmy Hutton and wife, Bowen Stephens, Katie Lou McClellan O'Neal and husband, Jeanie Peel Bird, Rheba Hays Propst, Franklin Maxey and wife, Norma Ritchie Sanders and husband, Jane Ballentine Terry and Mack Terry, Mildred Wells Wilson and husband, Anna Castro Vaca and husband and Jake Mason.

CLASS OF 1960
Those attending were:
Leon and Dorothy Kuykendall Braddock of Lubbock, Don Richardson of Big Spring, Larry Welch of Luling, Pat (Wheatley) and Stewart Webb of Plainview, Joy (Nichols) Greer of Dublin, Graddon and Peggy (Butler) Howell of Huntsville, Kenneth Bullard, Melanie (Thompson) Windham, Allane (Norris) Ammons and Sandy Cross all of Post.

CLASS OF 1965
This one I know the most about. This was my graduating class and it was such fun to see everyone. We had such a good time Saturday night. Our entertainment was provided by Donnie Allison of Catus Theatre fame. He sent all of us down memory lane with a medley of Buddy Holly and Elvis music. It was such fun!! We were also entertained with dinner music by Margie Maestas. Later we all joined in for a sing along of songs popular in "our" high school days. Linda Lewis, who put this all together, outdid herself.

Those attending were:
Neal and Linda Barns, Larry Osmond, G.T. Mason, Vivian McQuirt Miller, Dan Johnson and sister Edie, Dicky and Cheryl Vardiman, Ronnie (Fuddy) and

Geneice Cook, Linda Stephens Craig, Anita Partlow Powell and husband, Barbara Bush Graham and husband, Tommy and Cindy Eckols, Susan Cornish Shaffer and husband Paul and daughter Amanda, Wañza Windham Basinger and Bruce, Jan White Blakenship, Mary Jon Brooks Webster and Wayne (and 2 grandchildren), Brenda Bilberry Bradshaw and sister Diane, Lynn Edwards Jones and Bud, Vera Jones Wartes and Delbert, Shirley Doggett and grandson, Linda Gist Lewis and Edwin, Yvonne Moreland Hill and Tommy, Benny and Sherry Owens and yours truly with hubby Ricky. There were also reunions for the class of 1985 and 1995. I simply don't have any information on them.

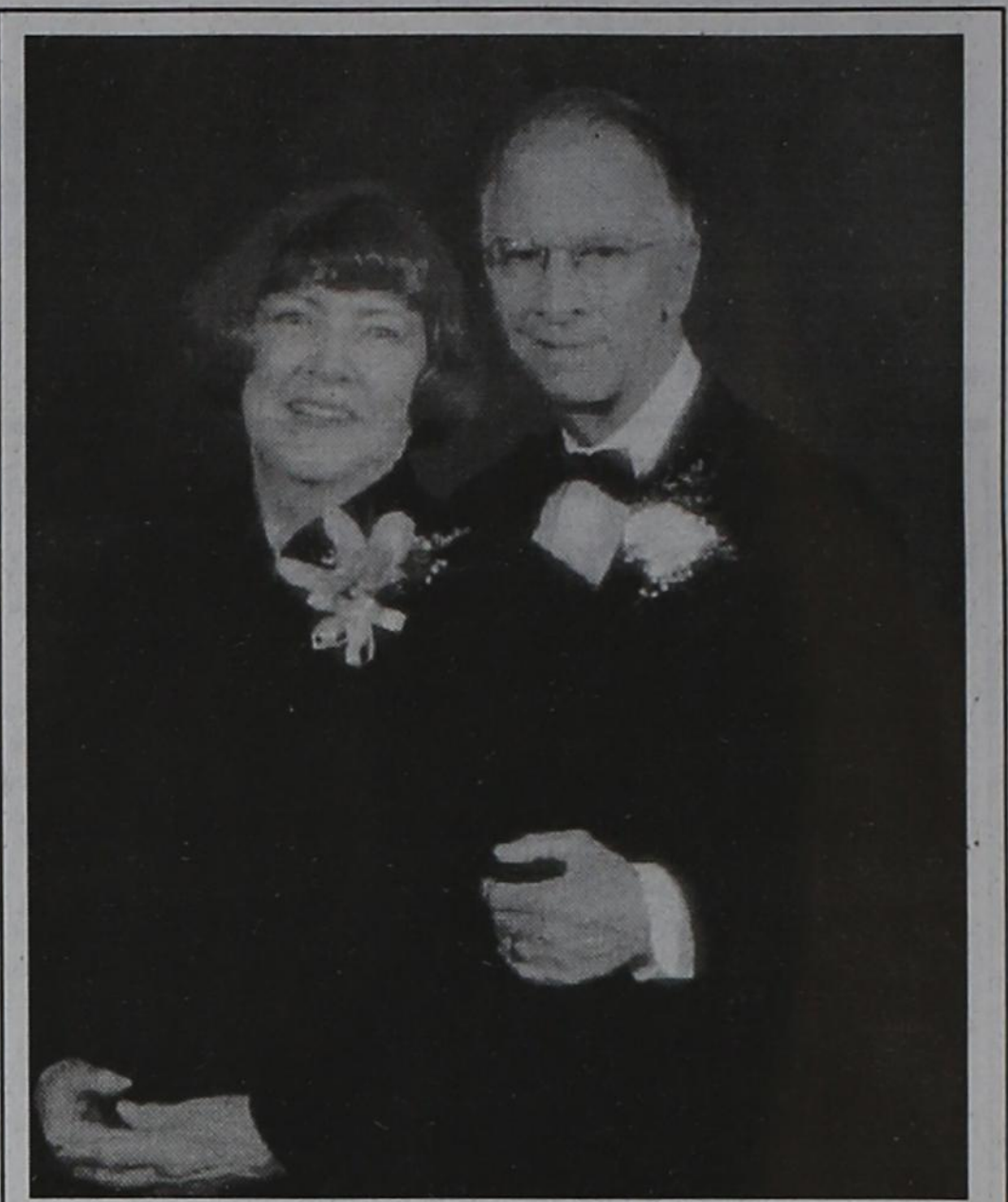
LABOR DAY GUESTS
Guests in the home of Joyce and Jewell Steel over the Labor Day weekend was their daughter Marilyn of Tulsa, Okla. Also their granddaughter Lisa and Charlie Konemann and great grandson Will of Stillwater, Okla.

GET WELL MESSAGE
To my good friend, Sue Williams, who had surgery this week. Hope you are up and mowing, washing cars tending to the neighbors and all that other stuff you do for folks real soon. Love ya girl.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING TIP:
Always keep several get well cards on the mantel.....If unexpected guests arrive they will see them and think you've been too sick to clean!!!
TILL NEXT WEEK
Hope all of you have a great week. Please call in your news and share with us all. May God bless each of you and see you next week.

White River Lake Weekly Report Sept. 12, 2005

Gauge reading: 2350.00 Feet below spillway: 22'6" Rise - 0" Rainfall (past week): 0" Rain to-date: 13.11"
Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager



James and Mary Shults Allison

James and Mary Shults Allison celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

James C. and Mary Shults Allison of Cedar Park recently returned from a trip to Vancouver, B.C., celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple wed in 1955 in the Friendship Baptist Church in the Close City community of Garza County.

He served as director of medical transportation for the State of Texas, while she taught school in the Round Rock school district in Williamson County for many years. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shults, who resided in Close City.

The Allisons have two children - Kathy Allison Hubbard of Lubbock and Jerry C. Allison of Austin - and four grandchildren.



Graduating with honors from the University of Texas in Houston is (center), Radley Nichols, the son of Syan Thomas and Karen & David Nichols. Also participating in the ceremony are Dr. Frank C. Arnett, MD (left) and Octavio C. Pinell (right).

Radley Nichols earns honors at University of Texas in Houston

Radley Nichols, son of Syan Thomas and Karen and David Nichols of Post, recently graduated with honors from the University of Texas in Houston.

Nichols will complete his 3-year residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham where he will specialize in cardiology or rheumatology.

Nichols' research paper focused on rheumatology. He has been invited to present the paper at a medical conference in San Diego in November.

A 1994 graduate of Post High School, Nichols earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in 2001.

He is the grandson of Wayne and Jo Thomas of Post and the late Martin and Dale Nichols.

Births



Piper Brooks Daugherty
July 7, 2005 6 lbs. 11 Oz.
Piper Brooks Daugherty

Roger and Deann Daugherty of Southland are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Piper Brooks Daugherty.

She was born at University Medical Center on July 7, 2005 at 1:56 p.m. Piper weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches in length.

Her proud grandparents are Brooks and Belinda Ellison of Crosbyton, Steve and Linda Daugherty of Fluvanna and Ila Workman of Lubbock.

Her great grandparents are Jan and Wade Collier of Crosbyton and Syble Workman of Lubbock.

New court software...

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statistics, such as births and deaths; and civil and criminal court records at both the county and district level. An interruption of the availability of such records could have far-reaching effects.

"The commissioners court finds that this potential outcome... has created an urgent public necessity for immediate action... because of the reasonably unforeseeable situation resulting from the Michigan federal court litigation," reads the emergency order. "The commissioners court further finds and declares that the threat to the county's business and public records constitutes a case of public calamity pursuant to Local Government Code 262.024."

The move to the new software is expected to take place sometime during the next month, Plummer said. Representatives of the Ki Corp. will handle the logistics of the changeover.

As of Monday, county officials had not discussed the possibility of pursuing civil action against Agarwal, Plummer said.

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Post High School Homecoming 2005 Band and Football Sweetheart candidates (back row, left to right) Ashley Crane, Monica Lopez, Cassie Parrish, (front) Courtney Copeland, Jeneé Lott and Laurel Tatum.

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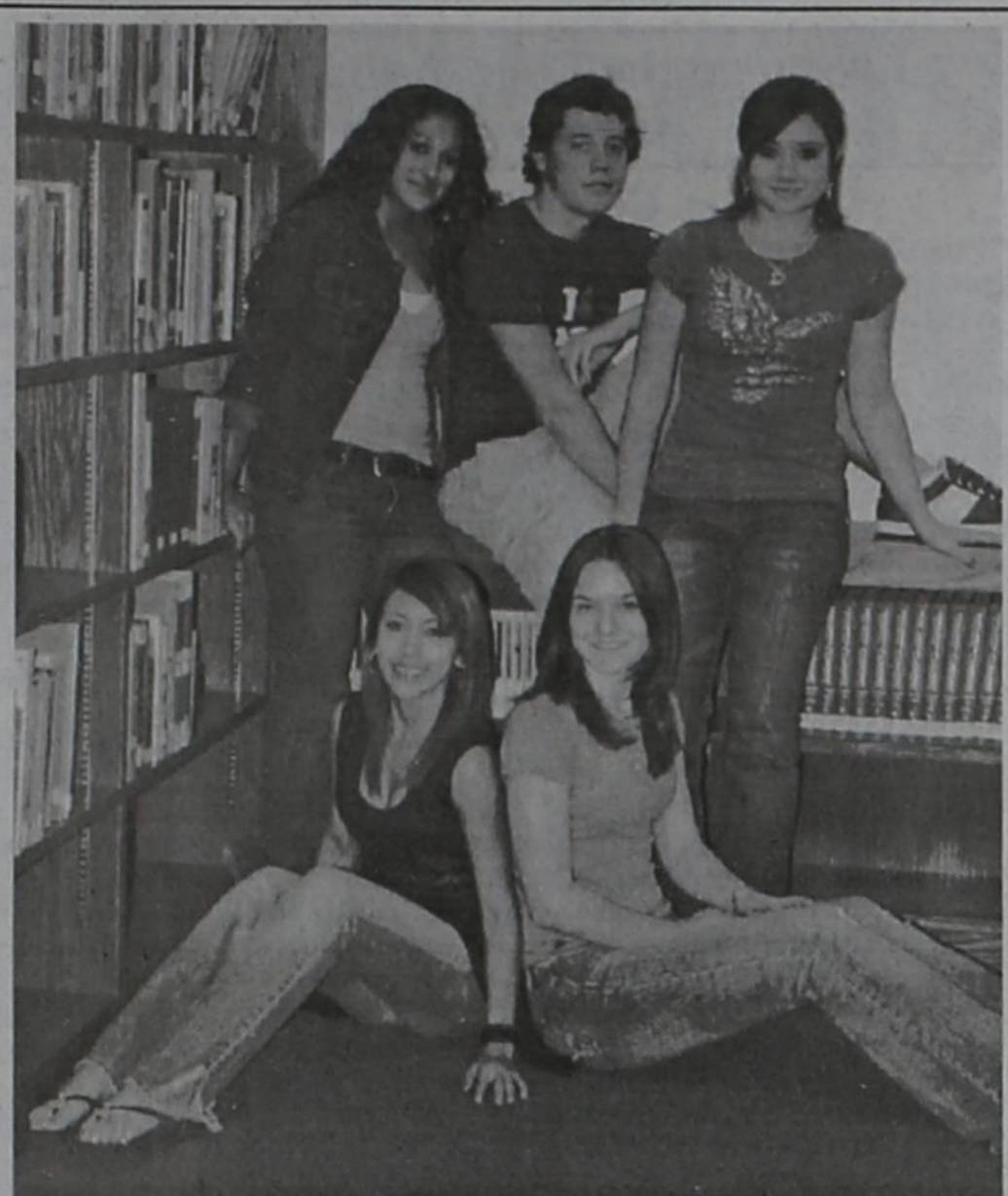


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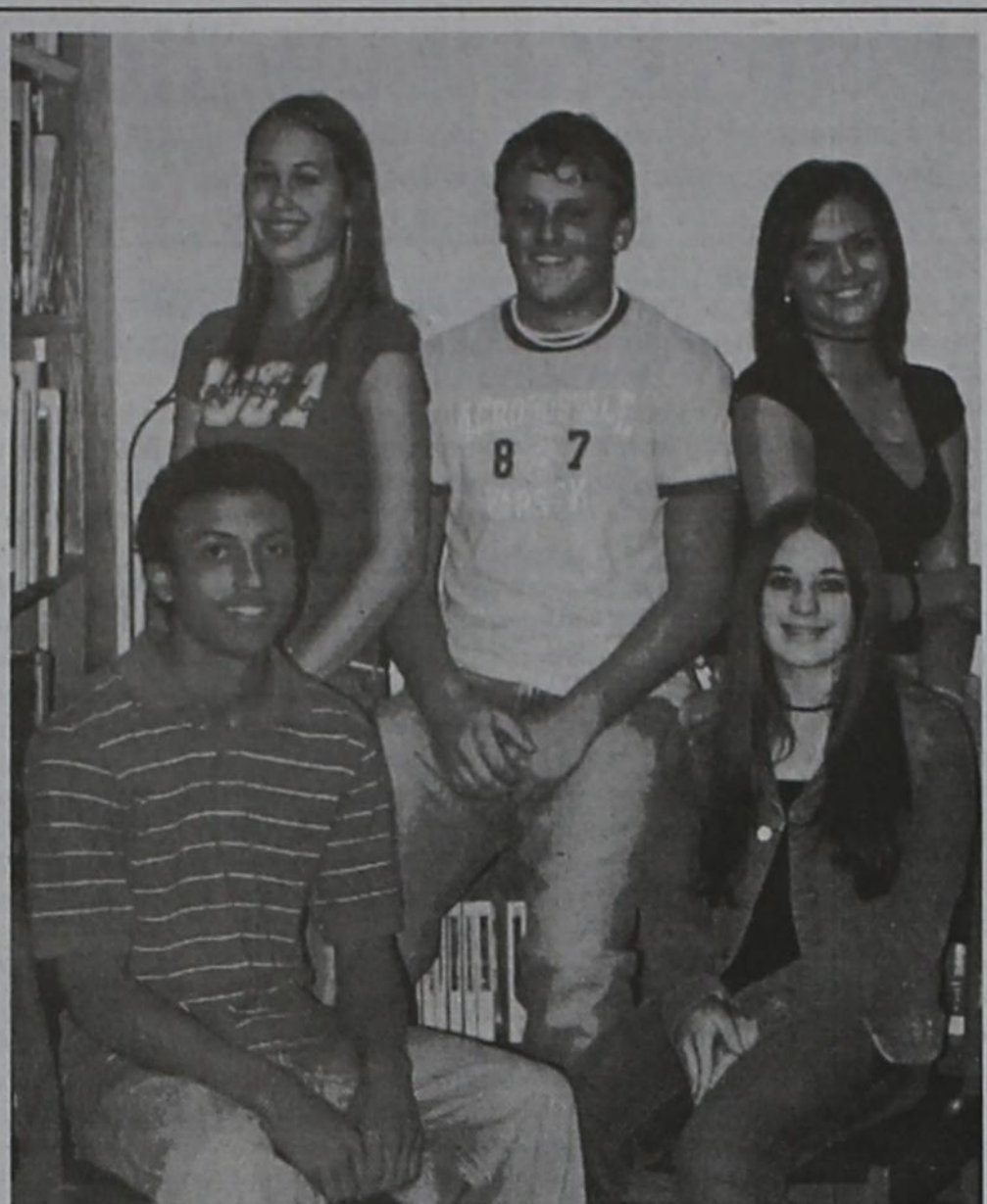
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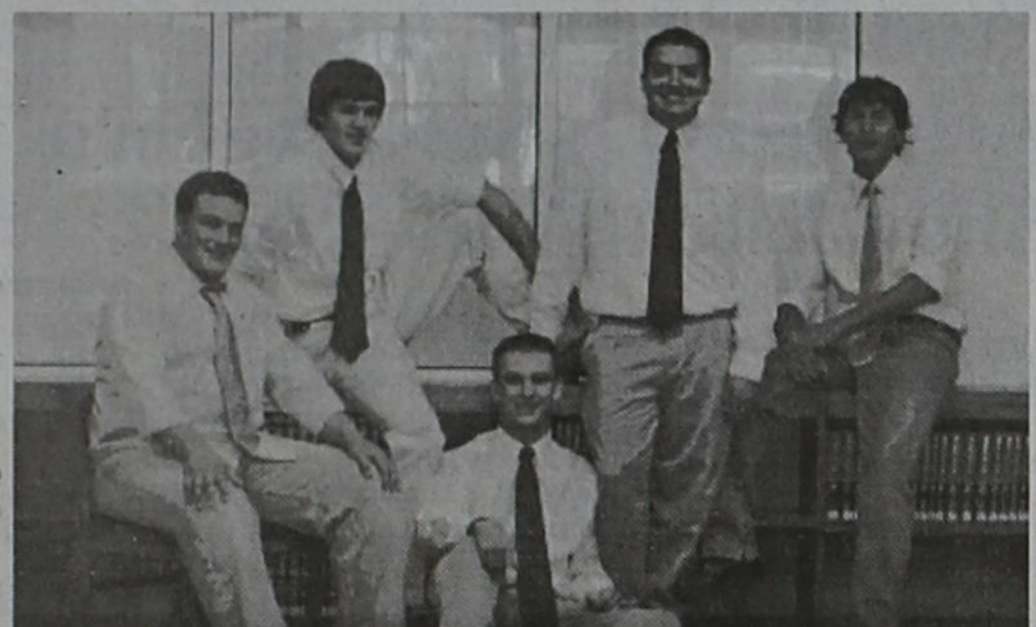
2005 Post High School Freshman class officers are (back row left to right), Clouidia Hernandez (Secretary/Treasurer), Chad Miller (President), Gaby Gomez (Student Council Representative) (front row), Alex Hart (Vice President) and Jackie Slaugh (Student Council Representative).



2005 Post High School Sophomore class officers are (back row left to right), Samantha Hoover (Student Council Representative), Jeremy Short (Secretary/ Treasurer) and Lori Jones (Student Council Representative) (front row), James Griffin (President) and Marlee Plummer (Vice President).



2005 Post High School Junior class officers are (back row left to right), Steffi Norman (Secretary/Treasurer) and K'Neil Dalby (President) (front row), Colter Creech (Vice President), and Student Council Representatives Wilson Cash and D.J. Baiza.



2005 Post High School Senior class officers are (back row left to right), Sterling Smith (Vice President), Vincent Robles (Secretary/Treasurer) and Kenny Garay (Student Council Representative) (front row), Jace Pollard (Student Council Representative) and Jonathan McGregor (President).



2005 Post High School National Honor Society officers are (left to right), Jonathan McGregor (Vice President), Vincent Robles (President), Laurel Tatum (Secretary/Treasurer) and Kylie Easterling (Student Council Representative).

PHS debaters and UIL academic students attend Super Conference

by Sterline Marcum
Six Post High School CX debaters attended The National Debate Clinic at Coronado High School on Thursday, September 8th, to prepare for this year's CX debate season. Debaters attending were Haley Lester, Jackie Slaugh, Suhani Bhakta, Timothy Wilson, Jonathan McGregor, and Vince Robles. Other CX students are Alex Hart and Call Windham.

The CX topic for this year is: Resolved - The United States federal government should substantially decrease its authority either to detain without charge or to search without probable cause.

The LD topic for fall tournaments is: Resolved - Continued space exploration is vital for the advancement of civilization.

The clinician for the CX training was Dr. William B. English, communications professor at Baylor University. Dr. English spent the first two hours of the workshop explaining various affirmative perspectives and case plans about why and how the government should limit its authority to detain without charge or to search without probable cause. He established significant harms concerning the government's infringement on privacy and the need to limit government encroachment on civil liberties.

After a break, Dr. English took the negative viewpoint and attacked every idea and case plan presented in the first session, focusing on the government's need to phone tap, read e-mails, and detain suspected terror-

ists in order to protect U.S. citizens. This balanced approach of viewing an issue prepares debaters for looking at a problem from more than one paradigm.

Also, on Saturday, September 10th, twenty high school students and six sponsors attended a UIL Super Conference at Texas Tech, which trains students for all academic contests. Currently, seventy-six students at Post High School are preparing for UIL academic competition in at least one event. Many of them compete in two, three, and four events.

Students attending were: Keeley

Bramblett, Brandon Hernandez, Emily Marcum, Shannon Rasbeary, Vince Robles, Jared Smith, Ashley Wilson, Claire Kirkpatrick, Chelsey Reed, Becca Striblin, Josie Whisenhunt, Suhani Bhakta, Allen Heckaman, Meagan Howard, Eric Washington, Shawnda Wiley, Timothy Wilson, Call Windham, Stacy Bocko, and Jackie Slaugh.

Sponsors attending were Kyle Duren, Melissa Howard, Meg Kattwinkel, Sterline Marcum, Kim Mills, and Leslie Tatum.



Post High School students Shawnda Wiley and Eric Washington demonstrate how to choke someone without inflicting any pain, an acting skill taught at the UIL Super Conference last Saturday at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

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Obituaries

Mary Louise Bairrington

Services for Mary Louise Bairrington, 68, of O'Donnell were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005, in the White Memorial Chapel in Tahoka with Chaplain Phil Demetro officiating, assisted by the Rev. Toni Bayley. Burial followed in Nevels Memorial Cemetery in Tahoka under the direction of the White Funeral Home.

She died Friday, Sept. 9. Born May 18, 1937, in Pineridge, Ark., to Warren Mary and Lillie Viola Brewer Morgan, she attended Cherry Hill and Mena, Ark., schools and received her GED at O'Donnell. She married Billy Jack Bairrington on Aug. 14, 1952, in Carlsbad, N.M., and moved to O'Donnell from New Mexico in 1954. She was a homemaker, a retired cafeteria worker and a member of the Draw United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Jack Bairrington of O'Donnell; three daughters, Charlotte Ann Wiseman of Tahoka and Debra Louise Line and husband, Ivan, and Billie Marie Williams and husband, Milton, all of Post; two sisters, Ethel Pierce of Sudan and Jean Robinson of Mena, Ark.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents. The family has suggested memorials be made to the Vistacare Family Hospice, 1010 Slide Rd., Lubbock, TX 79416.

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At the time of Caden's accident on Sunday, August 28th, our fine EMS people responded to our home. The attention given to him and to our family will never be forgotten.

To Rodney Tidwell, Kelly Baker, Trudy Basquez, Ronnie Metsgar, Betty Posey, Hope Garza and Jackie Gonzales a special thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

A special thank you also to Barry Morris and Chuck Morris for all of their help that terrible afternoon.

Also thank you to the fireman who responded.
From the family of Caden Nowlain

Letters to the Editor

Letters must be signed by the writer. Editor reserves right to edit for brevity, grammar, libel and accuracy. Letters are published at the sole discretion of the editor.

God only knows why

Many times along the road of life have I asked God why does he have to take away our friends, neighbors and relatives that seem to me like has a very necessary spot here in our community and across the land.

So far, God has never given me an answer. I suppose that part of his business must be very classified. I wonder if God might be expanding his facilities up there in heaven, or maybe he is changing out some of the old faces with some new ones. He has taken so many of our favorites in the last 12 or so months that to me seems quite puzzling. I can't see what's going on.

I will never forget 23 some odd years ago that my 2 1/2-year-old son did drown in a cesspool. I immediately turned against God, I cursed him, I hated him, I done everything imaginable to spite God. I did not turn atheist, I turned against God himself. But eight months later, I learned God was not going to tolerate attitude and foolishness problems I had inside me toward him (God). I ended up in a hospital for alcoholics just a few steps from death. A Catholic priest and counselor managed to screw my head back on straight. Now I am on God's side, but I still don't understand why he must take away our favorite folks.

Surely God must have enough cowboys up there to take care of the herd. Why did he have to take a good Speedy cowboy away from us, or a wonderful retired rancher and professional bullrider. Maybe he took 'em up there to train the less experienced. I sure hope God don't take any Moore soon.

I wonder if God didn't have any Johnnies up there is why he took him too? I can't picture an oil rig in heaven, but I guess he (God) needed two of our good roughneck friends up there also. And I can't believe still that God needed one of our good oilwell drillers and arrowhead hunters up there. He (God) must have been backed up to a Wall in this case.

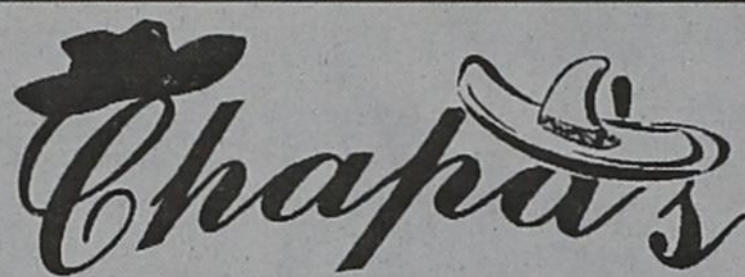
Oilwells in heaven? I wouldn't think so, but I guess there must be, 'cause he had to have a chemical man to treat the wells up there. I thought God took care of his own animals, but instead he took one of the best veterinarians in this part of the country up there to handle that job I suppose. And then the little 17-year-old fella from Gail that very much wanted to be farmer of the future had to leave here and go up to heaven and take care of the crops there. And I reckon God needed a commissioner up there to look after the gold cobblestone roads, as he (God) recently sent an angel down and picked up one of my favorite cousins for that job.

I learned the hard way not to question, doubt or tamper with God's will back in the early '80s, but I don't think he (God) would care if we asked him if he could cut us some slack for just a little while. I wish God could see that he is picking too many flowers of our garden at a too fast a pace.

Now don't too many passings so close together make us wonder if maybe we should all start upgrading our résumés so God will have something worth reading when we get to the pearly gates one of these days?

I don't know what I could do up there in heaven, but I'm sure I'll get the opportunity to find out one of these days....

God, be with the families that have lost loved ones in the past months. As I see it and my opinion only,
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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Garden Checklist for September

- Rejuvenate heat stressed geraniums and begonias for the fall season by lightly pruning, fertilizing, and watering.
 - Caladiums require plenty of water at this time of year if they are to remain lush and attractive until fall. Fertilize with ammonium sulfate at the rate of 1/3 to 1/2 pound per 100 square feet of bed area, and water thoroughly.
 - Don't allow plants with green fruit or berries to suffer from lack of moisture. Hollies will frequently drop their fruit under drought conditions.
 - Remove weak, unproductive growth from crape myrtles and roses to stimulate new growth for fall beauty.
 - Prune out dead or diseased wood from trees and shrubs. Hold off on major pruning until midwinter. Pruning now may stimulate tender growth prior to frost.
 - Sow seeds of snapdragons, pinks, pansies, and other winter flowers in flats for planting outside during mid to late fall.
 - Prepare the beds for spring flowering bulbs as soon as possible. It's important to cultivate the soil and add generous amounts of organic matter to improve the water drainage. Bulbs will rot without proper drainage.
 - Divide spring flowering perennials such as irises, shasta and oxeeye daisies, gailardias, canna lilies, daylilies, violets, liriope, and ajugas.
 - Fertilize and groom verbenas, perennial salvias and lantanas by lightly pruning and removing non-vigorous wood, to stimulate a long and productive fall season.
 - Christmas cacti can be made to flower by supplying 12 hours of uninterrupted darkness and cool nights (55 degrees F) for a month starting in mid-October.
 - Keep plants on the dry side for a month prior to the treatment.
 - As they begin to dry naturally on the plants, cut ornamental gourds and store in a well ventilated, dry place for several weeks prior to use.
- Source: Dr. William C. Welch, Extension Horticulturist, Texas Cooperative Extension
- Programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

West Texas Longhorn Association hosts Longhorn Show here this weekend

The Garza County Show Barn will be the site of a West Texas Longhorn Association-sponsored longhorn show Saturday and Sunday.

The show will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday with the grand entry. "If you have never seen a longhorn steer ridden, this is your chance each day at 10 a.m.," reads the press release for the show.

At 9 a.m. Sunday, Matt Ray of Round Pen Ministries of Hobbs, N.M., formerly of Tahoka, will conduct a church service. He uses his horse to demonstrate man's relationship with God.

The WTLA is an affiliate of the International Texas Longhorn Association. Exhibitors from across Texas are scheduled to participate.

Certified judges for the show will include Larry Loner, loose and open haltered, and Jimmie Jernigan, peewee and youth show.

The public is invited. Anyone interested in donating items to the live auction to be held should contact one of the following individuals: Lana Daniell, show chairman, 441-7914; Dean Daniell, show committee, 441-7934; Gary Daniell, show committee, 535-6520; Heather Daniell, show committee, 239-1771; or Debbie McCarty, show committee, 817-673-7027.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Did God forsake His beloved son?

According to the King James Bible, while the Lord Jesus Christ hung on the tree he cried out the following words, "Eli Eli lama sabachthani. That is to say, 'My God my God why have you forsaken me?'" This record is found in Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34.

The word "forsaken" comes from the Biblical Greek word egkateleipo. Don't get bogged down with trying to pronounce this word. In the bible-study portion of the website crosswalk.com, the above mentioned Greek word is defined to abandon or desert, leave in traits or to leave helpless, utterly forsaken, to leave behind among others, or to leave surviving.

A huge contradiction exists between the above scripture and the rest of the Gospels. The first clue of a serious problem occurs three days and three nights after Jesus was buried. God raised him from the dead. Aside from this, there are many accounts throughout the Gospel records that show a very close and personal relationship between God and His son. In Matthew 3:17 it says, "And lo, a voice from heaven saying, 'This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.'" Let's look at Jesus' fellowship with his Father, "I can of mine own self do nothing. As I hear, I judge. And my judgement is just because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which has sent me." (John 5:30). Jesus Christ fully understood that he could do nothing by his own power. Jesus' decisions were right because he did not seek his own will, but the will of his Father who gave him the ministry. This can be confirmed by studying all the stories related to his ministry. There should no doubt that Jesus did the will of his Father in heaven perfectly.

Alas, we have the following scripture in John 16:32, "Behold, the hour comes, yes, is now come, that you shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me." In this verse, Jesus told his followers that they would all abandon him, but that his Father would be with him. How is it that Jesus never complained or reviled anybody

during the most excruciatingly painful time of his life, yet while hanging on the stake he suddenly accused his Father of abandoning him?

To fully expose the contradiction we will use basic logic. God's word is mathematically exact and scientifically precise. This means that mathematic and scientific principles of logic can be applied in the study of His word. Applying basic logic, the following can be stated: If God truly forsake and utterly abandoned His beloved son, then there would be no record of Him resurrecting His son; And, if God truly raised Jesus from the dead, then He did not forsake and utterly abandon him.

A study of the Aramaic Eastern text will show that Jesus never believed he was forsaken by his Father. In Matthew 27:46 we find the Aramaic words, "Eli Eli lama sabachthani." These words were preserved because the editors of the Bible were not sure what they meant. In the book Gospel Light, author George M. Lamsa explained that the word lama was "lma." It was a declaration of "for this purpose" or "for this reason." The word sabachthani was "shbqthni." The root of this word was "shbq" which meant to spare, leave, reserve or keep.

When we apply a more accurate definition of the Aramaic words, and allow God's word to interpret itself in the context of the rest of the scripture, we learn that while Jesus hung on the stake, he cried out with a loud voice, "My God my God, for this purpose was I spared or reserved!"

What was the purpose? Jesus Christ humbly knew that he was God's perfect Passover Lamb. He knew what would result from his crucifixion. After all that he endured, Jesus Christ our Lord still had the frame of mind to declare a cry of victory! Next he said, "It is finished." Because Jesus finished his work, it is now available to walk in the victory that He accomplished.

Just as God did not forsake and abandon his beloved son, so also will He not abandon any of His beloved saints and children now. This is God's promise...and He guarantees it.

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We report the news...

by Wes Burnett

Last week I was asked, "How come you're pickin' on MTC?"

I assumed the question was the result of recent stories we have published regarding the prisoner conflict and shooting at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, which is managed for Garza County by Management & Training Corporation (MTC).

The answer is fairly well summed up in our mission statement, which is published weekly in the upper right hand corner of our Opinion Page:

"It is the mission of this newspaper to promote the rights of individuals, guided by the principles so eloquently described in the American Declaration of Independence. The right of life, liberty and ownership of property are the cornerstone for our freedom. Government's sole purpose is to enhance our liberty and freedom. Therefore, we hold every elected and appointed agent of government accountable to that standard."

In order to promote the rights of individuals, we believe those whom we serve must be well informed of actions by government (and its agents). The role of informing citizens is a fundamental purpose of a newspaper. To maintain our liberty and freedom, our citizenry must be well informed.

Tyranny always thrives on uninformed or misinformed citizens.

The Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility is owned by Garza County, its management and operation is under the supervision and control of the Garza County Public Facility Corporation, a creation of the Garza County Commissioners Court.

Management and Training Corporation operates the facility through a contract with the Garza County Commissioners Court. Members of that court are elected officials, serving the people of Garza County.

What happens at that government controlled facility is a matter of great importance to the citizens (and tax payers) of Garza County. After all, we, the citizens of Garza County, are in the end responsible, through our elected officials, for that multi-million dollar facility.

And when something goes wrong, the owners deserve to know about it.

We are not "picking" on MTC by reporting the good and the bad of how that facility is operated and managed. We are satisfying our obligation as a newspaper to inform the owners of that facility (Garza County citizens).

There is no doubt that MTC and its staff are also good citizens, contributing to this community in many valuable and important functions. Their financial and personal involvement in our community is greatly appreciated. They support our schools, civic organizations, churches and their leadership and participation in our community life makes a big difference.

Those valuable actions, however, do not obligate the newspaper to ignore news worthy events at the facility. A prisoner "disturbance" or riot and shooting is without doubt a news event.

When we got word of the "disturbance," our first call was to the MTC staff at the facility here. We expected to be treated in a professional manner as we simply sought to inform the citizenry as to what actually happened. Instead, we were treated to a terse statement which was of little news value.

Fortunately, MTC staff members concerned about getting the full story told, provided more detailed information.

Many times government officials, and their agents, mistake our quest for information as a sign of antagonism. We are often treated as "the enemy" when we strive to fulfill our obligation. We do not consider ourselves the "enemy" of government ... we are simply fulfilling our role to inform the public about the actions of its government.

It is essential for a free and liberated people to be well informed about the good and the bad actions of government (and its agents). Otherwise, those free and liberated people will be enslaved by those who claim to serve them. When our government closes the door of scrutiny, it rejects the very principles upon which this great nation was founded.

Remember, freedom and liberty start right here in our county. If we fail to maintain our liberty and freedom in Garza County, we too reject those same principles. Slavery to the state is the consequence of that failure.

Editor's Note: We refer the reader to the original American Declaration of Independence, and to the writings of such notables as Thomas Jefferson, James Madison and John Adams. They clearly understood the need for an aggressive and unrestrained news media.



The real cost of gas...

by Walter E. Williams

Nationally, the average per gallon price for regular gasoline is \$2.80.

Are gasoline prices high? That's not the best way to ask that question. It's akin to asking, "Is Williams tall?" The average height of U.S. women is 5'4", and for men, it's 5'10". Being 6'4", I'd be tall relative to the general U.S. population. But put me on a basketball court, next to the average NBA basketball player, and I wouldn't be tall; I'd be short. So when we ask whether a price is high or low, we have to ask relative to what.

In 1950, a gallon of regular gasoline sold for about 30 cents; today, it's \$2.50. Are today's gasoline prices high compared to 1950? Before answering that question, we have to take into account inflation that has occurred since 1950. Using my trusty inflation calculator (www.westegg.com/inflation), what cost 30 cents in 1950 costs \$2.33 in 2005. In real terms, that means gasoline prices today are only slightly higher, about 8 percent, than they were in 1950. Up until the recent spike, gasoline prices have been considerably lower than 1950 prices.

Some Americans are demanding that the government do something about gasoline prices. Let's think back to 1979 when the government did do something. The Carter administration instituted price controls. What did we see? We saw long gasoline lines, and that's if the gas station hadn't run out of gas. It's estimated that Americans used about 150,000 barrels of oil per day idling their cars while waiting in line. In an effort to deal with long lines, the Carter administration introduced the harebrained scheme of odd and even days, whereby a motorist whose license tag started with an odd number could fill up on odd-numbered days, and those with an even number on even-numbered days.

With the recent spike in gas prices, the government has chosen not to pursue stupid policies of the past. As a result, we haven't seen shortages. We haven't seen long lines. We haven't seen gasoline station fights and riots. Why? Because price has

been allowed to perform its valuable function — that of equating demand with supply.

Our true supply problem is of our own doing. Large quantities of oil lie below the 20 million acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). The amount of land proposed for oil drilling is less than 2,000 acres, less than one-half of one percent of ANWR. The U.S. Geological Survey estimates there are about 10 billion barrels of recoverable oil in ANWR. But environmentalists' hold on Congress has prevented us from drilling for it. They've also had success in restricting drilling in the Gulf of Mexico and off the shore of California. Another part of our energy problem has to do with refining capacity. Again, because of environmentalists' successful efforts, it's been 30 years since we've built a new oil refinery.

Few people realize that the U.S. is also a major oil-producing country. After Saudi Arabia, producing 10.4 million barrels a day, then Russia with 9.4 million barrels, the U.S. with 8.7 million barrels a day is the third-largest producer of oil. But we could produce more. Why aren't we? Producers have a variety of techniques to win monopoly power and higher profits that come with that power. What's a way for OPEC to gain more power? I have a hypothesis, for which I have no evidence, but it ought to be tested. If I were an OPEC big cheese, I'd easily conclude that I could restrict output and charge higher oil prices if somehow U.S. oil drilling were restricted. I'd see U.S. environmental groups as allies, and I would make "charitable" contributions to assist their efforts to reduce U.S. output. Again, I have no evidence, but it's a hypothesis worth examination.

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The Chutzpah of Wal-Mart's critics

by Sheldon Richman

When critics attack a big, successful corporation no matter what it does, maybe it's the critics who have the problem. Wal-Mart pleases tens of millions of customers every day and provides desirable jobs to thousands of workers. The company is a blessing particularly to the "working families" whom the politicians and social activists love to champion with words. Yet these same politicians and activists have a bottomless bag of charges against Wal-Mart. In their eyes nothing the corporation does is right.

Consider this: Wal-Mart is the biggest corporate donor in the country. The Foundation Center says the Wal-Mart Foundation is second to none in contributing money to charitable causes, with annual donations totaling \$120 million. If for no other reason, you'd think this would win some plaudits from Wal-Mart's critics — and you'd be wrong.

According to the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy (NCRP), Wal-Mart's efforts hardly qualify as charity at all. "Unfortunately, their philanthropy is more about corporate advertising than it is about helping nonprofits or communities." That's how NCRP deputy director Jeffrey Krehely sees it. Anyone surprised?

It seems that Wal-Mart's giving is too locally oriented. Store managers pick the beneficiaries. Now this is a funny sort of criticism, since Wal-Mart is routinely accused of destroying communities. Yet Wal-Mart gives lots of small donations to the Little League, Girl Scouts, United Way, literacy programs, teacher recognition, police and fire departments, and the Children's Miracle Network, an alliance of children's hospitals. How cynical! says the NCRP. It's all geared to make the company look good! Why isn't it contributing to international causes?

Whatever happened to "think globally, act locally"? Smell some hypocrisy here? Wal-Mart has also been criticized for giving money to 261 women's clinics, some of which don't approve of abortion, and for giving money to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which, while condemning racism, supports use of the Confederate Battle Flag.

But this issue is not about whom Wal-Mart gives money to or how much. One can make a case that corporations shouldn't engage in philanthropy at all. A corporation is owned by its shareholders, who buy stock to increase their wealth. Corporate money given away is money that cannot be paid in dividends or used to improve the company, which in turn would raise the stock price. Thus, donated money is diverted from shareholders, employees, and customers, who are perfectly capable of giving to charity if they choose.

On the other hand, charity can create goodwill, which is good for shareholders and employees. At any rate, if shareholders think the company diverts too much money from the business, they can sell their stock and invest elsewhere. Obviously that isn't happening.

The real issue here is the chutzpah of Wal-Mart's critics. The NCRP supports the estate tax, opposes income-tax cuts, and favors government intervention in private economic affairs. Thus, ironically, if the NCRP and its ilk had their way, Wal-Mart would have far less money to contribute. As Ayn Rand wrote in *The Fountainhead*, "Men have been taught that the highest virtue is not to achieve, but to give. Yet one cannot give that which has not been created. Creation comes before distribution — or there will be nothing to distribute. The need of the creator comes before the need of any possible beneficiary. Yet we are taught to admire the second-hand who dispenses gifts he has not produced above the man who made the gifts possible. We praise an act of charity. We shrug at an act of achievement."

The criticism of Wal-Mart amounts to people's telling other people who satisfy countless consumers every day what to do with their money.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org), author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine.

City-County: It's time for a friendly divorce

by Wes Burnett

We applaud the Post City Council for its firm stand on holding down the cost of law enforcement by refusing demands by the Garza County Commissioners Court during recent budget considerations.

For several years we have advocated the termination of the "joint agreement" between the city and county for operation of law enforcement, parks, library, community center and landfill. The unwieldy arrangement has consistently resulted in poor management of public funds.

Anyone who operates a business, or has responsibility for business operations, understands the importance of a chain of command and keeping functions (and finances) cleanly separated for more efficient management.

By splitting up the responsibility, local government has been led down a path of mismanagement and waste of valuable resources.

The City of Post owns the Post Community Center, the parks (including the swimming pool), library and landfill. Those are functions and operations that are the responsibility of the city. They are not functions or responsibilities of the county.

Law enforcement is the responsibility of the county, not the city. Garza County and its sheriff were created by the State of Texas Constitution. The sheriff is charged with law enforcement for all of the county (including those parts of the county inside the city limits of Post).

The city is a creation of the legislature. It is a statutory creature, a municipal corporation with limited powers and authorities. In Texas, municipal corporations do not have the authority to enforce state law, that authority rests with county government, assigned by the constitution.

The city may enforce its codes and ordinances. In Post, a municipal court was created to administer the enforcement of city codes and ordinances. That enforcement is not the responsibility of the sheriff, he has his hands full with enforcement of the law.

You see, codes and ordinances are not the law. They are "guidelines" established by the municipal corporation to keep its "corporate citizens" in line.

Last week County Judge Giles W. Dalby informed the city council that the county would no longer fund approximately \$72,000 for its "share" of the agreement. The city had offered to pay the county \$350,000 to help subsidize the sheriff's budget.

The sheriff's budget is the responsibility of the county. The city has no business subsidizing county government. As city council member Dick Odum pointed out, 80 percent of county tax payers live in Post... they are already paying county taxes for law enforcement.

The city would be better served to take the \$278,000 difference and invest it in improvements to city owned property ... such as installing weight scales at the landfill and staff the facility so that all who use it are paying a fair share.

Or, install new playground equipment at the park (maybe even enough to create a much needed skateboarding facility).

Or pave currently unpaved streets.

Or ... well, you name your favorite project.

It's time for the city and county to proceed with a friendly divorce, and concentrate their limited resources on their individual responsibilities.





Kenneth Garay gets ready for action as Post Antelope Coach Tim James and coach Max Katwinkle study the options during last Friday's big win here over Lockney. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Two undefeated teams face challenge Friday at Roscoe

by Wes Burnett

When the Post Antelopes line up at Roscoe Friday night, they'll be facing a Plowboy team which ripped Hamlin 62-0 last week and stands undefeated at 3-0.

"They have a very good team," Antelope head coach Tim James says, "and it's their homecoming game."

The Plowboys are a top rated Class A team which operates out of the spread formation, putting a lot of pressure on defenses with a running and passing attack. Two quarterbacks rotate series by series.

"We've got to contain them and not give up the big play," coach James adds. "Our goal is to improve each week, and this game is our last tune-up before district begins."

The Antelopes came out of the Lockney game with no injuries. The team was cited by the Associated Press state poll as the number five team in Class AA, up one notch from last week.

Kickoff Friday night at Roscoe is at 7:30 p.m. Those unable to attend the game have the opportunity to follow all the action live on Post City Radio (www.postcityradio.com or Cebridge Connections Channel 12).

Congratulations Post

'Lopes dominate Lockney in 39-7 romp

by Wes Burnett

The Post Antelopes gave the big homecoming crowd at Antelope Stadium Friday lot to cheer about in their 39-7 romp over the visiting Lockney Longhorns. There was never much doubt as to the outcome, with the 'Lopes taking a comfortable 17-7 lead into halftime.

Led by quarterback Sterling Smith, the 'Lopes racked up 17 first downs, 309 yards rushing, 72 yards passing for a total of 381 yards on offense. The defense stuffed the Longhorns on all of its offensive attempts.

The lone score for the visitors came on a high snap over Smith's head late in the third quarter, and Longhorn linebacker Jonathan Silva scooped up the ball, racing to the end zone.

Lockney could muster only six first downs, 39 yards rushing and 26 yards passing.

As at Seminole, the 'Lopes suffered key penalties, two of which nullified touchdowns.

First Half Action

The defense set the stage following the opening kickoff to the 'Horns. The three play series featured tough defense by Preston Ortiz, Eric Reyna, Jace Pollard and Jonathan McGregor, capped on third down with a Zack Sanchez pass interception at the Lockney 40 yard line.

Six plays later the 'Lopes settled for a field goal, with Sanchez putting the ball through the uprights on a fourth down effort. With 7:21 the 'Lopes took the lead 3-0.

The defense took charge once again, forcing a punt following Lockney's second possession. Kenneth Garay, Sanchez and Steven Hair contributed in the series. With 5:50 on the first quarter clock, the 'Lopes took the punt at the Lockney 45 yard line.

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Sept. 16	Varsity	Roscoe	Roscoe	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	7th/8th	Denver City	Post	5/6:30 p.m.
	JV	Denver City	Denver City	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Varsity	Denver City*	Post	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	7th/8th	Abernathy	Abernathy	5/6:30 p.m.
	JV	Abernathy	Post	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Varsity	Abernathy	Abernathy	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	7th/8th	Shallowater	Post	5/6:30 p.m.
	JV	Shallowater*	Shallowater	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Varsity	Shallowater	Post	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	7th/8th	Idalou	Post	5/6:30 p.m.
	JV	Idalou	Idalou	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Varsity	Idalou*	Post	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	7th/8th	Tahoka	Tahoka	5/6:30 p.m.
	JV	Tahoka	Post	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Varsity	Tahoka*	Tahoka	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	7th/8th	Slaton	Post	5/6:30 p.m.
	JV	Slaton	Slaton	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Varsity	Slaton	Post	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	7th/8th	Roosevelt	R'velt	5/6:30 p.m.
	JV	Roosevelt	Post	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Varsity	Roosevelt*	R'velt	7:30 p.m.
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Smith faked a handoff inside, then dropped back and threw the ball to D.J. Baiza, who made an incredible catch and raced to the end zone from the eight yard line. The first of two nullifying penalties took away the score, but did not deter the 'Lopes.

Nine plays later Smith threw a pass to Garay in the end zone to put the 'Lopes out front 9-0, then Sanchez took the two-pointer over right guard to the end zone and the 'Lopes led 11-0 with time running out in the first quarter.

The drive featured great blocking by linemen Reyna, Pollard, Blake Nichols, Zach Witcher, Israel Beggs and Jonathan McGregor. They opened running lanes for Roosevelt Brown and Wilson Cash. Baiza also caught a third down pass to the 23 which kept the drive alive.

The Longhorns mounted their best effort in the first half, getting inside the Post 40 yard line. The drive was snuffed out when Cash jumped in front of a Lockney receiver, grabbed the interception and returned it to the Lockney 43.

It took 10 plays and ate up a big chunk of the clock before the 'Lopes scored on third down with another pass-catch combination between Smith and Garay. The drive featured three Post penalties, one of which nullified a touchdown run by Smith. The nifty quarterback shared running chores with Brown, Hair and Cash.

With 3:58 on the halftime clock, the 'Lopes took a 17-0 lead, failing to pick up the two point conversion attempt.

The 'Lope defense took charge once again, forcing a punt from the Lockney 40 yard line on fourth down.

The 'Lopes took the ball at the Post 46 yard line with 2:12 remaining in the first half. Hair picked up a first down to the Lockney 40, then on first down the high snap sailed over Smith's head... he raced back, tried to pick it up, couldn't get a handle on it and Silva took advantage of the loose ball and raced into the end zone for the Longhorns.

Following the kickoff, the 'Lopes ran out the clock with the score at 17-7. Homecoming activities at halftime included the introduction of Band and Football Sweetheart candidates and the naming of Monica Lopez as Band Sweetheart and Courtney Copeland as Football Sweetheart.

Second Half Action

Fans could tell right away that the 'Lopes were not going to let up the pressure. They took the second half kickoff and marched smartly to the end zone in seven plays, eating up four minutes off the clock.

The offensive line over powered the 'Horn defense, as Brown cut through the secondary on six of the seven plays. He shared running with Hair. The touchdown came on third down at the 15 with Brown ripping around his right end, avoiding tacklers to the end zone.

With 8:04 left in the third quarter, the 'Lopes led 24-7 after Sanchez' extra point kick. Lockney's John Sherman was trapped at the five yard line by Sanchez following the kickoff by Aaron Fox. The defense wasted no time establishing its dominance, forcing a punt from the Longhorn 14 yard line. The ball rolled dead at the Post 45.

Taking the ball with 5:54 on the third quarter clock, Smith blasted to the 48, suffered another holding penalty to the 34, then found Garay again for a pass completion to the 47. Brown took the ball to the 49 and on third down, following clearing blocks by Beggs and Hair, Smith scampered to the Lockney 34 for another "Post Antelope First Down."

Smith pulled a keeper around high right side to the 26, then on second down Brown took the ball over right guard, breaking through tacklers to the end zone. With 2:26 left in the third quarter, the 'Lopes took a commanding 30-7 lead. Smith rolled to his right, faked a pass, then raced into the end zone for the two point conversion.

The third quarter ended after five Longhorn plays, but the 32-7 lead wasn't enough for the 'Lopes.

The Post defense continued its control of the field, with big plays by Edgar Garay, Nichols and Kenneth Garay.

Opening up the fourth quarter, the 'Lopes ate up the clock with a six play drive, as Nichols punted the ball on fourth down from the Post four yard line.

Lockney got the ball at the Post 49 and mounted a four play drive, punting on fourth down with less than five minutes left in the game.

Kenneth Garay called for a fair catch and drew an interference call against the Longhorns, setting up the final 'Lope touchdown drive at the Lockney 35 yard line.

Cash took over at quarterback, sharing running with Hair, Sanchez and D.J. Rivera. The seven play drive was capped on fourth down from the Lockney 34 with Cash pulling off a fake inside hand off to Sanchez, the tucked the ball in and raced around his right end to the end zone. With 1:02 left in the game, the 'Lopes took a 39-7 final score after Sanchez booted the ball through the uprights.

The clock ran out on the Longhorns after the kickoff, sealing the second win for the undefeated Antelopes.



Zach Witcher (62), Kenneth Garay (84) and Zack Sanchez (2) tie down a Longhorn runner in the Homecoming game last Friday. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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Roosevelt Brown gets great blocking on another big gainer for the Post Antelopes on the way to a 39-7 Homecoming win. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Antelope quarterback Sterling Smith (14) breaks from a tackle for more yards during last Friday's homecoming game against Lockney. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Antelope kicker Zack Sanchez (20) puts the ball through the up-rights for an extra point early in the first half, during last Friday's homecoming game against Lockney. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Antelope J.V. defensive lineman Mark Ayala (52) wrestles down a Lockney ball carrier during last Thursday's game at Lockney. Also in on the play are Bryce Webster (44) and Heath Fellhauer (10). (Photo by Kim Rieter)

J.V. 'Lopes shut down Lockney 48-0

Post's junior varsity squad pounded Lockney Sept. 9 with a 48-0 win on the road.

Game highlights in the first quarter included a 33-yard touchdown run by Bryce Webster, with a two-point run by Pat Reiter, making it an 8-0 game. Following a fumble recovery by Chris Munoz on the kickoff, Reiter threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to Heath Fellhauer. John Vasquez added two more points to bump the score to 16-0.

In the second period, Webster logged an 18-yard touchdown run, followed by a successful extra point attempt. Another fumble recovery, this one by Mark Ayala, gave Reiter another successful TD pass, only this time the receiver was Andre Boyd connecting on a 55-yard effort. The extra point was good, and the 'Lopes went into halftime with a 28-0 lead.

John Vasquez scored on a 3-yard touchdown trot in the third, capping a 7-play, 45-yard drive. James Griffin added the successful 2-point conversion, and Post led 36-0.

In the fourth, Griffin scored on a 26-yard run, and Tyler Odom scored on a 6-yard touchdown run for the final score of the game.

Post netted 377 yards of offense. Reiter was 3 for 4 in passing for 101 yards. Griffin had 8 carries for 87 yards and a touchdown, Vasquez had 16 carries for 82 yards and a touchdown and Webster had 5 carries for 78 yards and two TDs. Call Windham had one catch for 19 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Antelope defense blanked Lockney while allowing the Longhorns only 129 yards in rushing and 48 yards passing. Vasquez and Ayala had a sack each, while Fellhauer and Boyd each recovered a fumble. Munez, Ayala and Windham also recovered fumbles.

The team is 2-0 on the season and will face Roscoe tonight at 6:30 p.m. at home.

8th grade team hammers 'Horns 44-6

Post Middle School's eighth grade football squad squashed the Lockney Longhorns last week by a score of 44-6.

The team scored within the first two minutes of the game, according to the coaches, and "never looked back."

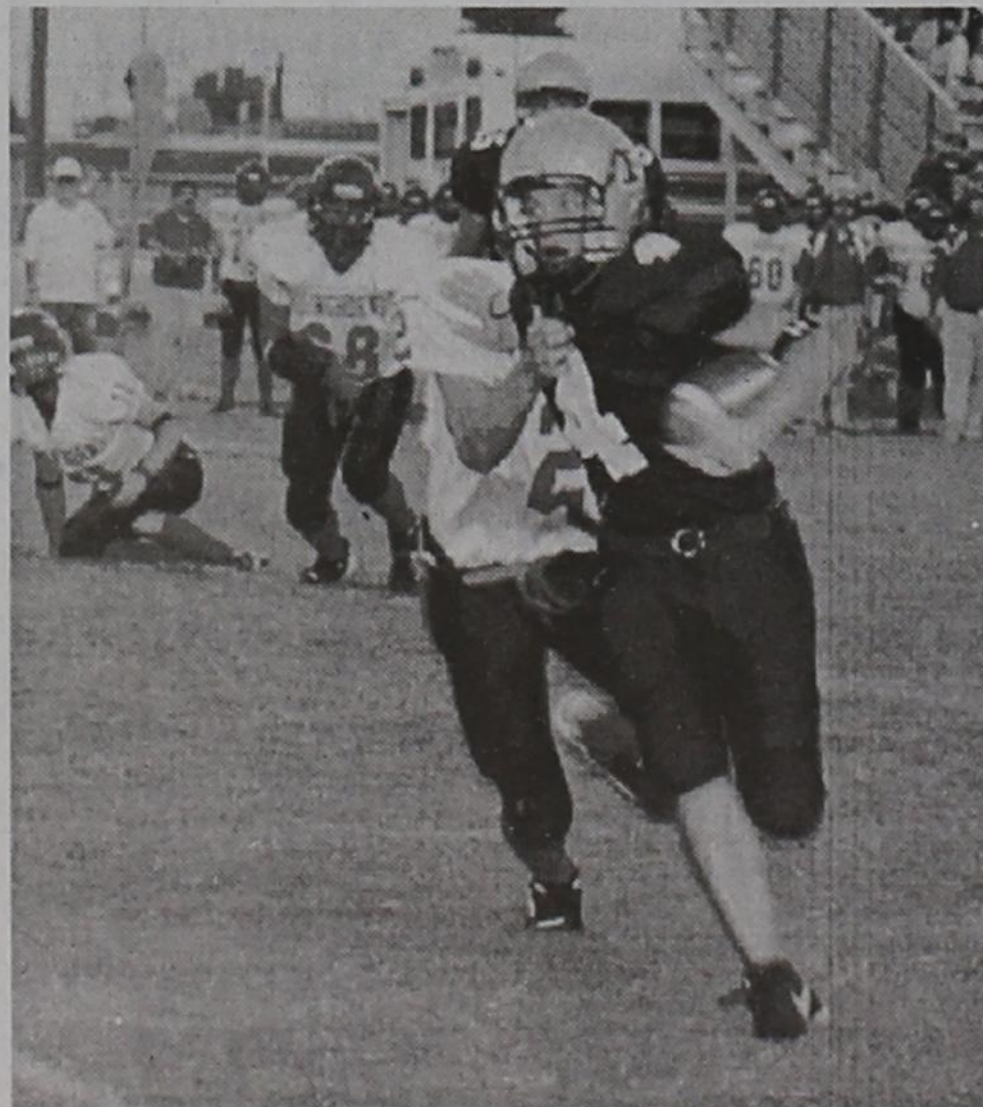
Lockney struggled to get some offense going and its defense could not contain the running attack of Giles Dalby and Trent Babb. Dalby scored four touchdowns in the first half, and Babb scored a pair in the second half, including a punt return of 60 yards for a touchdown. Clint Windham ran in two 2-point conversions and threw a 2-point conversion to Babb. Dalby also ran in a 2-point play.

7th grade 'Lopes edge Lockney 8-6

Post Middle School's seventh grade team began its season with an 8-6 victory over the Lockney Longhorns.

The night began with a scrimmage that ended in a 0-0 deadlock.

Chase Greathouse, who scored the Lopes' touchdown, and Harry Apolinar were two of the standouts that helped the team land the win. Other standouts, according to the coaches, were Kyle Copeland and Christian Vasquez.



Wilson Cash romps through Lockney defenders during the 39-7 win over the Longhorns at Post Antelope Stadium last Friday. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Post Antelope 8th grade running back Trent Babb (25) carries the ball for more yards with the help of Clint Windham (7) during last Thursday's game against Lockney. (Photo by Kim Reiter)


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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago
September 14, 1995

Talina Bird, who has been competing in rodeo events since she was eight years old, was named American Junior Rodeo Association All-Around champion at the finals in Sweetwater.

J. C. Stelzer exhibited the Reserve Champion Crossbred lamb at the West Texas Fair this past weekend.

This year's Founders' Day celebration will include a display of historic flags, on loan from the Army National Guard unit in Snyder. The flags are exact replicas of originals on display at the Smithsonian in Washington, D. C.

Players featured in this week's Post Dispatch are Josh Grisham, B. J. Hart, David Perez, Saul Martinez, David Quintana and Alvin Reed.

There is a new business in town - Cowboy Cutouts, located by Two Draw Welding. The business will offer yard signs, ranch signs, swings, benches and many household items.

Sara Ault, instructor for a ceramic project at the senior citizen center presented Best of Show to Alma Williams.

20 Years Ago
September 18, 1985

Plans for the 1985 O. S. Art Exhibit and Sale include the displaying of art works by 42 well-known artists, including Gene Dieckhoner of Sedona, AZ.

A successful rally was held in Post last weekend as the Lubbock Red Raider Roadrider motorcycle club hosted approximately 400 motorcycle enthusiasts for the two-day event.

Jennifer Morgan, daughter of James and Melinda Morgan, was honored on her third birthday in their home in Justiceburg. A "Rainbow Brite" theme was used for the party.

Children of the late Mattie and Jim Hays met Aug 31 for a family reunion. Ten of the twelve children attended.

The Gamma Mu Sorority met in the home of Sherry McNeely. The hostess served refreshments to members: Jana McCallister, Sara Briley, Debbie Mason, Irene Fry, Karla Schooler and Michelle Mason.

Ben Kirkpatrick surprised the Idalou defense with a first quarter 65 yard dash for a touchdown. Other top players in the game include Benny Hair, Bruce Crenshaw and Greg Storie.

30 Years Ago
September 17, 1975

Squaredancers from the local group "Caprock Squares" received diplomas at graduation festivities in the Catholic Hall. Members receiving diplomas were Ray and Earlene Bagby, Jerry and Molly Conoly, John and Joann Kocurek, Don and Nelva Lawrence, Connie and Ramona Martin, Christy Morris, Becky Moss, and Rhonda Rogers.

Freshman cheerleaders trying to generate class spirit behind the freshman football team are Dana Bird, Nita Jo Gunn and Dana Babb.

Steve White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noel White, and Rodney Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gray were awarded the two highest local awards presented each year by the FFA chapter. Steve earned the "Chapter Farmer Degree" and Rodney earned the "Greenhand Degree."

Shooting the Breeze: If you were riding around high school at dinner Friday afternoon you may have heard a sound like a dying buffalo. It was Dale Odom trying to play Mike Hair's cornet. Maybe after a little practice he will improve, but right now he is no Doc Severinson.

40 Years Ago
September 16, 1965

The First National Bank introduces Fred Myers, an assistant vice president of the bank. Fred has been associated with us since completing his college work at Sul Ross State College in June, 1961. He is also a Southland High School graduate of 1957 and has lived in Garza County for 20 years.

Nolan Williams is producer of this year's first bale of 1965 Garza County cotton, ginned at Planters Gin.

Post shoppers will be offered a bargain promotion this weekend - a "Cash-In Sale". Shoppers are offered bargain prices for cash payment. Participating in the promotion are Lavelle's, Maxine's, Martin's, Herring's, Bob Collier Druggist, and Wacker's.

The press box at Antelope Stadium has a couple of new "regulars" this season, John W. Martinez, a new member of the high school faculty, has replaced Billy Hahn as assisting Jiggs King operate the scoreboard because of Hahn's coaching duties. High school teacher Norman Gee is the



The Post High School Homecoming Band and Football Sweethearts staning with their escorts, before a packed house during last Friday's halftime show at Antelope Stadium are (left to right), Cassie Parrish with her dad Ronnie Parrish, Monica Lopez with her dad Sergio Lopez, Ashley Crane with

Rodger Jaquess, Courtney Copeland with Lanny Copeland, Jenee Lott with her dad Jeff Lott and Laurel Tatum with her dad, Tim Tatum. The Sweethearts were introduced by senior Emily Marcum. In the background stands the "Pride of Post" marching band. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Antelopes' new movie cameraman. Junior High teacher Bud Davis is back at the PA system this season.

Post High School Senior class elected Charlie Wallace as president of the class. He will be assisted by the following people: Cerretha Jones, Tony Hutto, and Carol Camp.

50 Years Ago
September 15, 1955

Iven Clary, owner of the conoco service station bearing his name at 105 N. Broadway, recently received a plaque presented him by Continental Oil Co. for 20 years' service.

Sherry Taylor, Post High School senior student, has been elected pep squad president, Miss Jane Stephenson, sponsor, announces. Other new officers are Loyce Josey, Doris Ramsey, Orabeth Maxey and Barbara Stone.

Tex Ritter, "America's Most Beloved Cowboy," will stage two performances on the final day of the Panhandle South Plains Fair.

Wallace Simpson, owner of K&K Food Marts ask you to stop by his place for great deals: Phillipsbury Flour 10lb. bag . . . 13c; large box of Tide . . . 29c; Underwood's BBQ . . . 70c; U. S. Good, Chuck, Pound . . . 39c; 1lb. Bacon . . . 49c and much more.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. (Mack) Richey

of Grassland, who were married 50 years ago were honored at open house in the home of Mrs. Richey's niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gribble.

60 Years Ago
September 13, 1945

Don't forget Friday night's game: Post Antelopes vs. Lubbock Cowhands. Coaches J. L. "Lefty" Sollis and Superintendent Ranson announce that the game should be a thriller.

The Senior class of Post High school elected class officers. They were Wayne Hundley, president; Mary Etta Norman, vice-president; Billie Cowdrey, secretary/treasurer and David Buster, reporter. Representative of the class for the student council are Joy Shepherd and Joe Stokes.

D. B. Billings, husband of the former Miss Dixie Nell Stevens, and who recently returned to Post from the Army, announces the opening of a photographic studio in Post. The studio is being arranged in the

building formerly occupied by Miss Imogene Jewell for her dining room. The business will operate under the name of Billings Art Studio.

Giles Dalby was honored with a farewell party last Thursday night

when Mrs. Bryan Williams was hostess with a weiner roast. Those enjoying the occasion with Giles were Laruth Stevens, Anita Kennedy, Elwanda Davies, Dan Redman and Leon Miller.



A bus full of PHS students woke up early Saturday morning after Homecoming to learn more academic content during the UIL Super Conference at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Enjoying the trip are (in stage right seats), Emily Marcum, Josie Whisen hunt, Claire Kirkpatrick and Allen Heckaman (in stage left seats), Jared Smith and Brandon Hernandez. The UIL Super Conference trains students for all academic contests.

Post City Television

Daily Program Guide

• September 16 thru September 22

Friday, September 16

- 7 a.m. Post Elementary School Patriotic Assembly
- 10 a.m. This Week In Post City
- 2 p.m. Sixth Grade Apple iBook "Roll-Out"
- 5 p.m. This Week In Post City
- 7:15 p.m. Post City Radio's LIVE Antelope Football
- 11 p.m. This Week In Post City

Saturday, September 17

- 7 a.m. Post Elementary School Patriotic Assembly
- 10 a.m. This Week In Post City
- 2 p.m. Post Antelope Football vs Roscoe
- 5 p.m. This Week In Post City
- 8 p.m. Junior Varsity Football
- 10 p.m. Post Antelope Football vs Roscoe

Sunday, September 18

- 2 p.m. Post Antelope Football vs Roscoe
- 5 p.m. This Week In Post City
- 8 p.m. Post Antelope Football vs Roscoe
- 10 p.m. Post Elementary School Patriotic Assembly

Monday, September 19

- 7 a.m. Sixth Grade Apple iBook "Roll-Out"
- 10 a.m. This Week In Post City
- 1, 5 & 10 p.m. Post Church of Christ Sunday Services

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, September 20, 21 & 22

- 7 a.m. Sixth Grade Apple iBook "Roll-Out"
- 9 a.m. Garza County Commissioners' Court
- 11 a.m. Post ISD Board of Trustees
- 2 p.m. Garza County Hospital District
- 5 p.m. Post City Council
- 8 p.m. Post Junior Varsity Football
- 10 p.m. 8th Grade Football

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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "winder" (exciting)
- 5 in 1910, TX Johnson knocked out the "great white"
- 6 acronym for state library's archives division
- 7 TXism: "bunched up like ___ at a trough"
- 8 birth month for TX Don Meredith (abbr.)
- 9 with 36-across, cartoon created by "Tex" Henson
- 16 actress Patricia of TX-based "Hud"
- 18 SBC Center to the Spurs (2 wds.)
- 21 sch. exercise (abbr.)
- 22 drug addict
- 23 TX "alligator" or "spotted" fish
- 24 ground-huggin' cloud? (2 wds.)
- 30 boot repair (2 wds.)
- 34 "Et ___ Brute?"
- 35 gas at \$2 per gallon? (2 wds.)
- 36 last name in cartoon of 9-across
- 37 TX among other states?
- 39 TXism for "vulnerable" (3 wds.)
- 43 murders
- 44 San ___ TX
- 45 TX "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)
- 46 TXism: "mean as a bulldog on a gunpowder"

DOWN

- 1 this Happy made "Alamo Village"
- 2 TXism: "takes a big loop ___ him"
- 3 Springtown newspaper
- 4 "Don't ___ with Texas"
- 9 this Hilton started hotel chain in TX (init.)
- 10 TXism: "fat as a boarding ___"
- 11 TX B.J. sang "___ Lonesome I Could Cry"
- 12 orange skin
- 13 TXism: "up ___ without a paddle"
- 47 TXism: "___ bunkhouse chili"
- 49 "___ hat (or waitress)"
- 52 TX peak: "___ Capitan"
- 53 DFW guess
- 54 blister fluid
- 55 most slippery watermelon seed
- 58 showy flower
- 59 George W. or Jeb to TX George H.
- 60 Dallas' "West ___"

The Original

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- 14 TXism: "leave ___ stone unturned"
- 15 TXism: "he ___ his own grave"
- 17 woolly critters at the front? (2 wds.)
- 19 TX snake
- 20 most factual
- 24 ___ Porte, TX
- 25 female eggs
- 26 TXism: "if he ___ dog he wouldn't wag his own tail"
- 27 TX "Alibates" ___ quarries"
- 28 TX Willie's "Turn ___ lights, the party's over"
- 41 sneaker of choice for some TX youth
- 42 German Christmas market found in TX "___markt"
- 48 TXism: "___ some away" (save)
- 50 TX Shelley Duvall was "Bo ___" in Mother Goose film
- 51 terms of age (abbr.)
- 56 "___ to love her but it's all over now"
- 57 it cost \$31,000 to ___ famed TX longhorn "Starlight"



Volunteers responded recently to spurce up at the OS Ranch in preparation for this year's roping and art show.

Preparations continue for the 2005 OS Ranch Roping and Art Show

Extensive work has been done at the OS Ranch in preparation for this year's roping and art show.

Corporate sponsors of the Texas Boys Ranch in Lubbock donated the use of heavy construction equipment and manpower to facilitate an Aug. 27 workday. The efforts allowed Michael Prather and his father, Jim, to revitalize the roping arena and surrounding area. Though a complete renovation of the facilities is still years away, area residents will be glad to see a healthy representation of the ranch facilities as they once were.

The grove of trees that was a popular gathering place for those attending the OS event has been cleared of undergrowth, making an inviting location to enjoy the cookout sponsored by the Texas Boys Ranch and its supporters.

Fencing was repaired to accommodate the roping events, and the former site for spectator seating has been cleared and will serve as a good location for viewing the roping competition.

The ranch house will be ready to host the art show, and there will be live music and fellowship.

Our Father's House, a support community for women located in Lubbock, will use this event as an opportunity to introduce itself to the region.

Activities will begin Sept. 30. Quality ropers and artists are slated to participate in this year's events.

The OS Ranch Catalogue, so popular in the past, is in production. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Michael Prather is inviting everyone to join in this next generation of heritage celebration.

Hilarious comedy opens at Garza Theatre with "The Sunshine Boys"

Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys" is next up on the schedule at the Garza Theatre. Initial performances of this "delirious comedy" begin this week.

"Al Lewis and Willie Clark played vaudeville as a team for 43 years, but mutual dislike has kept them apart for the last 11 years," reads the flier. "Now CBS wants them to appear in a television special, and their reunion sparks delirious comedy. Neil Simon's sure-footed craftsmanship and one-liners are exquisitely apt."

Chapman earns Baylor scholarship

Cody Garrett Chapman of Post, a 2005 graduate of Borden High School, has been named a recipient of a Founders' Baylor Scholarship from Baylor University in Waco.

The Founders' Baylor Scholarship provides \$6,000 for eight semesters, according to a university press release. It is one of one of five merit scholarships awarded by Baylor.

Scholarships recipients also could be eligible for additional scholarship funds through the Achievement Baylor Scholarship program, which funds scholarships ranging from \$4,000 to \$12,000 for eight semesters. This scholarship program is based on SAT and ACT scores.

The play, directed by Christy Morris, stars Rob Holton, David Johnson, Kandace Black, Anna Wilson, Bill Woodward, Lauren Weyer and Marcie Hartman.

Performances are set for Sept. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 and Oct. 1 and 2. Curtain times will be 8 p.m. for Friday and Saturday performances and 2:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinee.

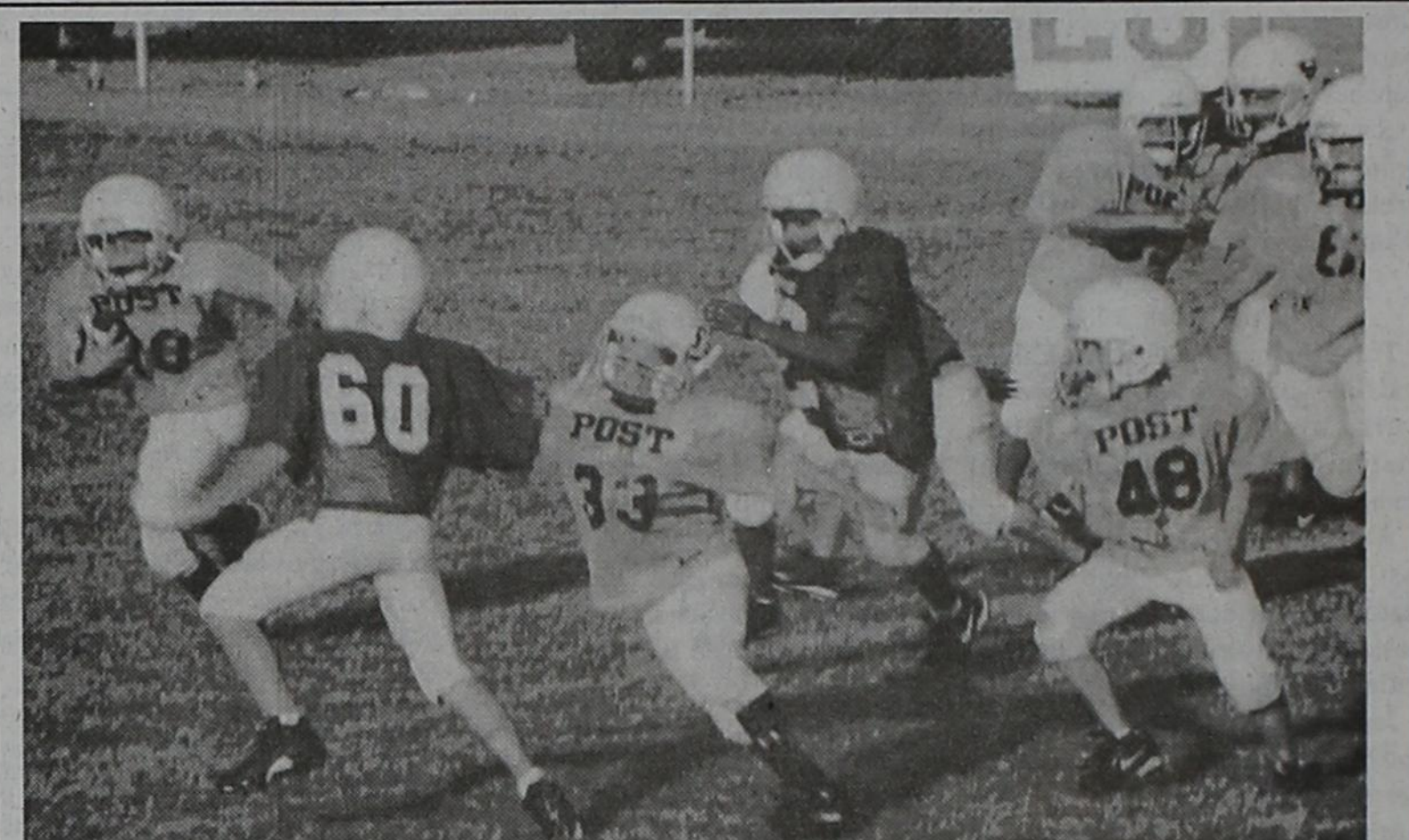
Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12 and may be purchased at the theatre box office.

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Post Antelope J.V. running back Chad Miller (30) shoots through a big hole in the line during ast Thursday's game at Lockney. In on the action are Heath Fellhauer (10) and John Vasquez (11). (Photo by Mark Short)



Running with the ball for the 5th - 6th Grade "Gold" against Snyder last Saturday in Post, is Tylor Kirkpatrick (20). Blocking for Kirkpatrick are Caden Dean (33), Dustin Robinson (48), Paul Martinez (85) and McLayne Hall (62). (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 8, 2005

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would create a Texas rail relocation and improvement fund in the state treasury and would authorize grants of state revenue and issuance of public debt to relocate, rehabilitate, and expand privately and publicly owned passenger and freight rail facilities and to construct railroad underpasses and overpasses.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment creating the Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 80)

HJR 80 would provide that local economic development program loans or grants (other than debts secured by a pledge of ad valorem taxes or financed by the issuance of any bonds or other obligations payable from ad valorem taxes) do not constitute or create debt. Any provision of state constitutional law that may prohibit or limit the authority of a political subdivision of the state to incur debt does not apply to those loans or grants.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment clarifying that certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 would authorize a district judge to deny reinstatement of bail or new bail to a person accused of a felony, if the person's bail had been revoked or forfeited as a result of the person's violation of a condition of release related to the safety of a victim of the alleged offense or to the safety of the community.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 21)

SJR 21 would authorize the Legislature to exempt commercial loans from state usury laws that set maximum interest rates. "Commercial loans" are loans made primarily for business, commercial, investment, agricultural, or similar purposes and not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing the legislature to define rates of interest for commercial loans."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 87)

HJR 87 would increase the size of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct from eleven to thirteen members by increasing from four to five the number of public members and by adding a constitutional county court judge. The additions would ensure that the commission has an odd number of members, which is required by another provision of the state constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to include one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct."

PROPOSITION 7 (SJR 7)

SJR 7 would authorize new options for reverse mortgage agreements for senior homeowners allowing them to draw advances at unscheduled intervals, if and when needed, and only in the

amounts needed, during the loan term. These are in addition to options that would allow a lump sum payment after settlement or regular periodic, predetermined equal amounts over a term of years or the lifetime of the homeowner. Additionally, SJR 7 would: (1) prohibit the agreement from requiring the use of a credit card, debit card or similar device to obtain an advance; (2) prohibit the charge or collection of a transaction fee solely in connection with any debt or advance, after the time the extension of credit is established; and (3) prohibit the lender or holder from unilaterally amending the extension of credit.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 8 (SJR 40)

SJR 40 would clear individual land titles by relinquishing and releasing all claims of state ownership interests, including mineral interests, in two local areas, namely, a roughly 4,600 acre area located roughly 14 miles southeast of Gilmer, Texas, and a separate 900 acre area located north of Tyler, Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 79)

HJR 79 would authorize the Legislature to provide staggered six year terms of office for board members serving on regional mobility authorities, with no more than one-third of the board positions being appointed every two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

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