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Brogan Macy turns big rides at Ogden contest

Brogan Macy of Post led all three rounds of the 22nd annual Ogden 8-and-Under Barrel Races. The 8-year-old third grade student, daughter of Mike and Kellie Macy of Post, had a total of 48.735 seconds to average 16.245 seconds for the three runs. For her win, Macy received a trophy saddle and a logo jacket. This year's Ogden competition attracted 40 competitors, the

largest turnout in the history of the event. Competitors ranged in age from 4 to 8 years old. Macy recently was named reserve champion barrel racer at the 2006 High Plains Junior Rodeo Association in Clovis, N.M., where she had placed in the finals the last three years. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Debbie Macy of Post and Ted and Carolyn Kyle of Quanah and the great-granddaughter of Merle Monkres of Vernon.

County struggles with law enforcement budget increases

The Garza County Commissioners' wrestled with the proposed 2006-07 budget at its Monday morning meeting, devoting most of the budget review to increased law enforcement costs. Sheriff Cliff Laws explained that the department is understaffed and has requested two additional deputies and one additional jailer.

Judge Giles W. Dalby reported that the City of Post has set a \$400,000 ceiling on its subsidy for law enforcement, approximately \$58,000 lower than what the county had expected.

Dalby, Laws and one county commissioner were planning to attend Tuesday evening's City Council budget meeting to discuss additional funding for the county. Dalby told the court Monday that if the city couldn't increase its law enforcement portion, the county would have to offset the loss by discontinuing its funding for the city-owned landfill.

At Monday's meeting, EMS director Rodney Tidwell requested the county share one-fourth of the cost for an additional ambulance, not to exceed \$25,000. Tidwell said that the city, hospital district and EMS would split the cost equally.

In other business, commissioners:

- Received, reviewed and accepted the report on the recent audit of the Dalby Correctional Facility and the Inmate Trust Funds at the unit for the year ending Dec. 31. Independent auditor Joe Hayes highlighted the audit for commissioners, noting that the unit and trust funds received "clean opinions."
- Approved a \$6,400 budget amendment for the Probation Department. The increase was needed for placing juvenile defendants, according to officer Brandt Taylor.
- Approved four budget amendments and line item transfers as presented from various departments.
- Received a refund check of \$20,263 from the Texas Association of Counties (see related story in this edition). The refund was made available because of the "thrifty management of the TAC insurance pool," according to Lori Honeycutt of the TAC.
- Received a request from Mike Mitchell of Mitchell Real Estate. Mitchell requested an easement regarding property at Burnham. No action was taken.

- Received a proposal from Poka Lambro's David McEndsee on telephone and Internet services. No action was taken on this item.
- Formally ordered the 2006 General Election.
- Approved a resolution supporting the designation of Competitive Renewable Energy Zones in West Texas pursuant to Senate Bill 20



Southland High School Class of 1957 enjoying reunion are (front, left to right) Karen Gayle (Pennell) Callaway, Kay (Anderson) Kelly, Elsie (Allbright) Pearson, Carolyn Sue (Kaysinger) Hodge, (back row) Fred Myers and Harold Wayne Donahoo.

Reunion of community, school pulls crowd of 200 to Southland

Almost 200 individuals – those who attended school in Southland and/or lived in the community – met at the Southland school building Aug. 5 for a school and community reunion.

Ronnie Dunn, president, called the meeting to order. Vernon Scott of Lancaster, Class of 1954, gave the invocation, and Mickey Mason Cole, a member of the Class of 1967, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag and the singing of "God Bless America."

A standing-room-only potluck supper began at 6 p.m. Dunn thanked all who attended the event, recognizing the earliest graduates on hand: Ruby Basinger Ellis, Class of 1931; Pete Crawford of Grandfalls, Class of 1931; and Gloss Oats Davies, Class of 1933.

Mary Alice Martin Underwood of Petaluma, Calif., a member of the Class of 1938, was recognized for having traveled the longest distance to attend the reunion.

Dunn thanked everyone involved in planning the reunion. Fred Myers, who always has been so eager to help in so many ways, recognized Donetta Lines and Mary Jane Jackson for their work on the reunion each year. Each was presented with a clock in a mahogany wood case engraved with their name and a message of appreciation from the Southland Ex-Students. Others recognized for their role in assisting with the reunion included Max Jackson, Andra Dunn, Libby McGehee, Karen Greene and the lunchroom ladies, as well as several others.

E.L. Dunn, Class of 1956, served as speaker for the event. He gave a speech on the history of the community and school, presenting drawings of the early buildings.

According to Dunn's presentation, the earliest recorded schools in the area, later known as Southland and Garza County, were the result of private initiatives to educate a family's children.

The first known facility was the Davies School, which first appeared in records in 1904-05 within the boundaries of what would eventually become known as Garza County. This school stood near the Job Davies homestead and was described as a one-room, freestanding building. The Job Davies land was located one mile north and three miles east of present-day Southland. Students were the Davies children and the children of the V Ranch manager, M.F. Hancock.

Records of the schools of Garza County were lost for the years 1912 through 1916. It is not known when the first formal school building for

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Post Notes

Republican Party to host event for PISD

Garza County Republican Party invites all Post teachers, administrators, and staff on Wednesday, September 6 from 4-5:30 p.m. for an open house to meet the candidates and discuss your concerns. The event will be held at The Donut Shop (across from Middle School). Refreshments will be served.

Memorial brick project

Please join us in our efforts to complete this project by purchasing bricks for yourself, your family, your Garza County ancestors and Garza County Veterans. Bricks are \$55 each. Forms available in stores all over town. For information call 778-4469.

Trailblazers selling raffle tickets

Garza County Trailblazers are selling raffle tickets to help bring in more funds to support our center. 1st prize-\$100.00 grocery certificate from United in Post and 2nd prize-\$50 grocery certificate. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held at the center on Sept. 1st. For questions or to purchase tickets, call Betty Hill at 495-0237.

Retirement reception honoring Pullen

Please come help us celebrate the retirement of Gary Pullen, Administrator of Golden Plains Care Center. A come and go celebration is set for Thursday, August 31 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Golden Plains Care Center.

Boy Scout sign-ups set September 5

The Boy Scout Troop 316 of Post will hold an open house for all interested parents and boys from 6-11 grade on Tuesday evening Sept. 5 at 7:30 p.m. Those interested in attending prior to the open house are welcome. We meet every Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Post BNSF Train Depot.

Registration for Girl Scouts

Come be part of the fun! Registration for Girl Scouts will be held on Thursday, August 31, from 3:45-6 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut, 506 W. 7th street. Where girls grow strong.

School registration at Calvary Baptist Church

Calvary Baptist Church Christian School will begin on Tuesday, September 5. To register grades 1-4 you will need the following: Registration fee, social security card, immunization record, birth certificate, insurance card (required). Monthly fee will be due on 1st of each month. Classes will be Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Class sizes are limited. For information call Alicia Graves 495-1029 or Judi Martin 495-1018.

Class of 1956 to host 50th reunion

Post High School Class of 1956 will hold their 50th class reunion on Labor Day weekend. Activities include the Post vs. Seminole football game on Friday, September 1, visitation at the First United Methodist Church from 9-10:30 a.m. on Saturday and conclude with a dinner in the church hall at 6 p.m. Please call 495-0305 or 629-4266 for more information.

Church of God of Prophecy Annual Festival

The Church of God of Prophecy will host their 6th Annual Festival on Saturday, September 9, at the Post City Park from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Come enjoy music, food and games. Everyone is welcome.

Brisket dinner to benefit COTA for Reese

There will be a benefit dinner for Ashley Reese, a liver transplant recipient, on Saturday, September 9, 2006 from 5-8 p.m. at the Southland Hardware located on Hwy 84 at Southland. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. There will be a silent auction during the dinner. Ashley is the teenage daughter of Mike and ReNell Patterson of Lubbock, and the granddaughter of Robert Lee and Carylton Mock of Post, and Wyanza and Bruce Basinger of Slaton.

Graham center gearing up for opry

The quarterly Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, September 9 from 6:30-10 p.m. at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399. Brownies, popcorn and lemonade will be sold. There will be no charge for admission, but a hat will be passed for donations to help with repairs on the center. Everyone is invited. For more information call Noel White at 495-3261.

Free or reduced meals at Post ISD

Post ISD would like to remind parents that your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals according to your household income. Contact your child's office or the Post ISD Cafeteria 495-1398, or www.post.k12.tx.us for more information. All application information if confidential.

Book Club to meet September 16

The Post Book Club will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 16 at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The group will discuss this month's selection, "Where God Was Born" by Bruce Feiler. Anyone interested in reading is invited to join the group, there is no cost for membership. Each member is responsible for obtaining a copy of the club's reading selection. For more information, call 495-2665.

Free transportation to trailblazers

Transportation to the Trailblazers Center is provided by the Senior Citizen's Minivan by calling 495-4425. The center serves meals Monday-Friday. Everyone is welcome. A donation of \$3 is suggested for a meal for anyone 60 or over. For those under 60 the cost is \$5. A private room is available for a small fee for groups wanting to have meetings at the center. Also, the entire building can be rented on weekends for family reunions or other gatherings. For more information, call 495-2998. The center is located at 205 E. 10th Street.

Graham history deadline extended

Jane Mason is looking for updated family history and copies of pictures for a Graham Community History Book. The deadline has been extended until Oct. 1. Don't let your family be left out! Please help! Contact Jane Mason, Rt. 3-Box 14, Post, Texas 79356 for information or if you are interested in a book. Call 806-495-2980. Any Graham School memorabilia donated to Garza County Museum is greatly appreciated.

Booster Club next meeting September 4

Post Antelope Booster Club will meet on Monday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Post High School Library. Please use the West entrance. All PHS parents of athletes and boosters are encouraged to attend.

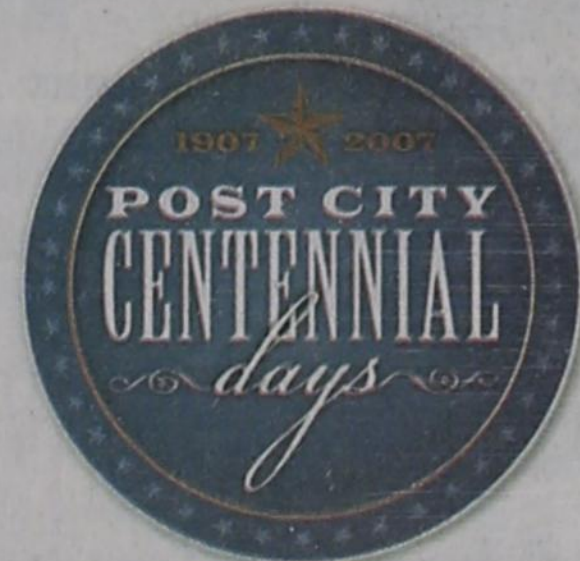
Ricky Russ to provide entertainment during Old Mill Trade Days

Ricky Russ, Abilene radio personality and vocalist, will return to the Rainmaker Stage at Old Mill Trade Days this weekend. Russ will bring several other performers to provide several hours of musical entertainment Saturday afternoon. "We're very happy to have Ricky return to Trade Days and bring some of his friends. We always receive positive comments about this group of entertainers," explained Rosa Latimer, General Manager of Old Mill Trade Days in Post. "This event will be a great part of the Labor Day weekend. With over 125 vendors selling the latest in home décor,

jewelry, and clothing as well as antiques, art and collectibles, plus all the great food – Trade Days will be a fun time for the entire family. The pony rides for the kids will return for this September 1-3 event."



Old Mill Trade Days is the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday of each month. Event hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission on Friday is \$1.00 for adults/free for Senior citizens and on Saturday and Sunday \$2.00 for adults. Children under 10 are always admitted free when accompanied by an adult and parking is free. Call 495-3529 for more information.



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Christopher Metsgar joins faculty of South Plains College EMS Programs

South Plains College EMS Programs is proud to announce the addition of Christopher Metsgar to their faculty as Clinical Coordinator of EMS Programs.

Christopher Metsgar is the son of Ronnie and Tricia Metsgar of Post. Christopher was a 2000 Graduate of Post High School and completed a Bachelor

Degree in Clinical Services Management for Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

He has been a part of SPC's EMS program since 2003 when it relocated to the Resse Technology Center. He has worked as a full time paramedic for the last three years in Lamesa and Lubbock and has volunteered

in the past with City County Ambulance of Post.

Christopher recently obtained his Critical Care Paramedic Certification from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County Emergency Health Services.

He plans to continue to work on call with UMC Lubbock EMS and stay active in the delivery of emergency medicine. He is also

an active member of the Lubbock EMS Honor Guard and Regional Critical Incident Stress Management Team. His duties within the program will be overseeing all clinical rotations for students of all levels both in the hospital and on the ambulance as well as coordination and instruction at the Intermediate Level.



Janica Mari Polk

Janica Polk graduates from Travis County fire academy

Janica Mari Polk recently graduated from the Travis County Fire Control Academy in Austin.

Polk, 24, is the daughter of Cindy Polk of Post and Jack and Elizabeth Polk of Austin. She is the granddaughter of Jan Cook of Post and Mary Beth McKibben of Tahoka and the niece of David and Tammy Quisenberry of Post and James "Quint" Polk of Ruidoso, N.M.

Polk graduated as valedictorian of her class, in which she was the only female.

While in training she excelled at high angle training, swift water rescue and confined space rescue. She also trained in HAZMAT (hazardous materials) and RIT training.

Polk obtained her EMT license through Austin Community College in 2001.

She volunteered for the academy while working full-time at the Austin Area Teachers Federal Credit Union, eventually deciding to join the academy full-time.

Through her training, Polk said she has realized her passion for helping others in need.

"Janica has always been this way, rescuing everything from humans to kittens to baby opossums on the side of the road," her mother said. "She has always shown wisdom, strength and compassion in everything she's ever done, and I am grateful for her competitive streak and her willingness to help others."

She currently works in Volente at the Volente Fire Department.

Polk's plans are to work as a firefighter/paramedic for the Austin/Travis County Fire Department.

She resides in Austin with her dog, Opal, and her cat, Jax.

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 4, 2006

We will close in observance of Labor Day

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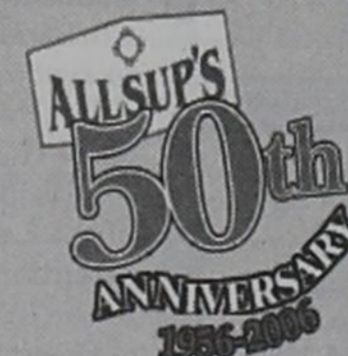
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Obituaries

Edgar Wayne Witt

Graveside services for Edgar Wayne Witt, 75, of Post were conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, in the Terrace Cemetery with the Rev. Joey Hamlin officiating. The Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Aug. 23 in Post.
Born Dec. 9, 1930, in Garza County to Charles and Eddythe Witt, he married Colleen Johnson Kirkland in 1976 in Ruidoso, N.M. He was a driller in the oilfield.
Survivors include his wife, Colleen, of Post; three daughters, Tami Egbert of Post, Trudy Ferguson of Seagoville and Linda Kirkland of London, England; three sons, Charles Kirkland and Johnny Kirkland, both of Wylie and William Kirkland of Dallas; two sisters, Mildred Scott of Durango, Colo., and Charlene Brasher of Idalou; 21 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by one son, Mickey Witt, on April 17, 2006.

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ACROSS

1 noted TX concert pianist Samanoff

5 Livingston is seat of this county

6 "On an ___ keel"

7 "kid" south of the border

8 Nolte film "___ Eight Hrs."

17 TX Lynda Day George was an ___ agent on TV's "Mission Impossible"

18 TXism: "keep your (be alert)"

21 TX TV "Tarzan" Ron (init.)

22 the hunted

23 Tech grad Lukas was president of this country

24 Athens, TX claims to be "home of ___ burger"

29 El Paso AM

30 TXism: "ram ___ (bosses)"

31 artist Matisse who sculpted "Banks" at TX Kimball Art Museum (init.)

32 last book of N.T.

34 TXism: "no hill for a stepper"

35 soak up gravy

36 TX Wills played at the "Longhorn ___" in Dallas

37 song "Texas When ___"

38 TX Jones "She Thinks I Sell ___"

DOWN

1 "El Parian" in San Antonio (3 wds.)

2 TX Waylon's "That's What You Get for ___"

3 Glen Rose was almost called "___ Roses"

4 TXism: "don't get your shorts in ___"

9 wading bird

10 TXism: "I'm gonna knock you cross-___ (threat)"

11 "king" south of the border

12 Frank of "Four for Texas" (init.)

13 TXism: "I won't sit still for that"

14 TXism: "primed and ___"

15 sawbucks

16 TX band "Little Joe"

19 "Hook ___"

20 most moist

22 publicizes

24 noted TX historian ___ Fehrenbach

25 large TX grocery

26 TX "Desperate Housewives" actress Longoria

27 TXism: "___ late to his own funeral"

28 friends by treaty

29 Orange, TX FM

30 perennial need in West TX

33 TXism: "stay on your ___"

34 this Adams was in film "Racquet" with 17-across actress

35 one who cuts wood

37 Galveston residents

38 TX actress Burnett

40 this Andre won Heisman at UH

41 TX House member Pete (85th Dist.)

44 stocks and ___

47 TXism: "its like a horse"

49 TXism: "trill faith healer to fix it"

God teaches His people to not steal except to give to others.
True or False?
Ephesians 4:28

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On God's Word

By Timothy W. Burnett

The church of God is not Israel...Part 6

A very large number of Christians have long embraced the belief that the Jewish sect are inherently a people of God during the age of the grace of God. The United States foreign policy is partly driven by the need to protect the nation state of Israel.

What is God's will for the people who are truly of Israel? The answer is summed up in Romans 10:1, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved." This is related to the same salvation that is available to anybody who believes that God raised Jesus from the dead unto being filled with holy spirit (Romans 10:9-10), and who spiritually calls upon the name of the Lord unto salvation (Acts 2:21, Romans 10:9-10 & 13).

It continues, "For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believes." (Romans 10:2-4). Paul was an Israelite with a great zeal to serve God. Out of ignorance he destroyed and imprisoned many who called upon the name of the Lord (Acts 9:14). But God grabbed his attention and he turned to serving in the name of the living Jesus Christ.

He started out teaching only the Israelites. But they rejected the truth and he turned to

the Gentiles. Peter had already learned that the promise was available to the Gentiles (see Acts chapter 10). The word Gentile referred to all people other than the Israelites.

The Israelites who believed became part of the body of Christ. They were part of the same assembly of believers which included believing Gentiles. This new assembly was known as the church of God. 1 Corinthians 12:13 shines more light, "For by one spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and all have been made to drink into one spirit. For the body is not one member, but many."

What a shock this must have been to the whole social structure of that time. By law, the Jews were not allowed to enter into Gentiles' homes. Yet God set up the church of God which involved fellowship between His saints who were both Jew and Gentile. Paul played a big role in serving God toward bringing the two groups together in fellowship.

In God's eyes there are three categories of people in the world. They are Jews, Gentiles and the church of God. Check out 1 Corinthians 10:32, "Give none offense, neither to the Jews nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God." People who become part of the church of God are no longer counted as Jew or Gentile, but as the church of God. Isn't that just fantastic!

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The Iraq situation

by Bill O'Reilly

War is a performance business. That is, if you get in it, you better win it. Stalemates are not acceptable, especially in America, where we worship victory and do not suffer defeat easily. Despite what revisionist historians say, the USA did not lose militarily in Vietnam, we simply did not defeat the communist enemy. And shortly after we withdrew, they violated the signed treaty and took over South Vietnam.

Today, we are facing a similar situation in Iraq. The latest Opinion Research poll says 61 percent of Americans now oppose the Iraq war, and just 35 percent support the action. But this is misleading. The opposition is not against the campaign to bring democracy to Iraq, the dissent is about our performance there. In other words, if the coalition were winning in Iraq, the folks would be behind the effort.

The far left is trying to make this a moral issue; it is spinning that somehow America is bad for deposing a murderous dictator and making free elections possible. If that's bad, then George Washington is Satan. That's how dopey the moral objection to Iraq is.

But the folks are correct when they say that unlimited sacrifice in Iraq is not good for the nation. So far, the USA has spent hundreds of billions and lost thousands of good people to death and grievous injury in that chaotic place. If victory is not assured, then we need to change direction.

There is no question that Iran, the world's most dangerous country, is behind much of the instability in Iraq. If the USA follows John Murtha's advice and pulls out quickly, Iran will partner up with the killer Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and dominate Iraq. That will heighten Iran's power in the Gulf region and give Hezbollah and other terrorist outfits, including al-Qaeda, far more opportunities to develop their homicidal plots.

So cutting and running is irresponsible and dangerous to America, and anyone who promotes that strategy should be aggressively challenged.

But the Bush administration does owe a new battle plan to the fallen American soldiers. If the sectarian violence cannot be brought under control by, say, the end of this year, then a partitioning of Iraq should occur.

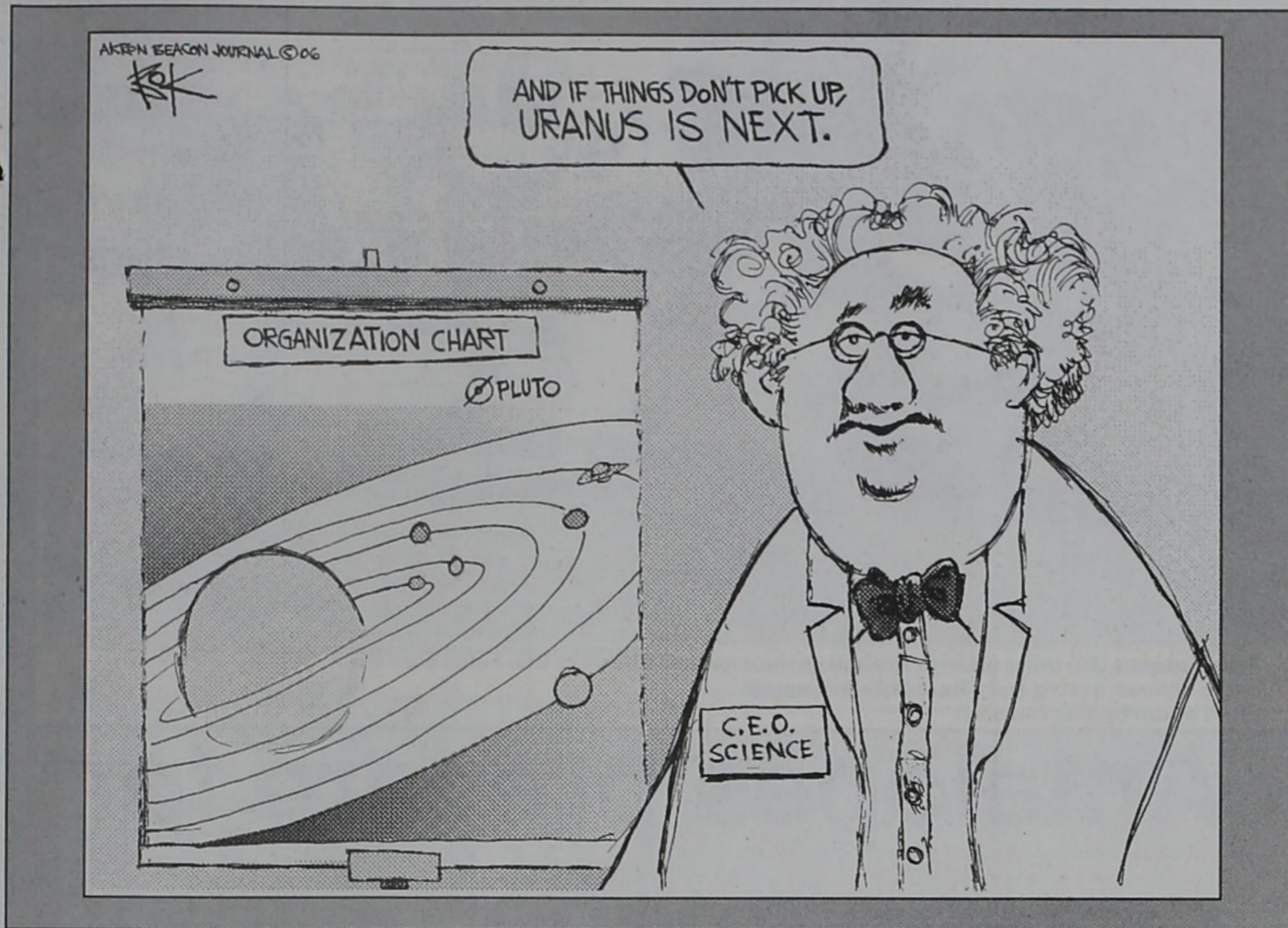
Already, the Kurds in the north have a state that pretty much does what it wants without Baghdad's approval. Similar states could be established in the Shia south and the Sunni triangle with Baghdad becoming an open city. There would be a centralized government in the capital, but all three states would largely be autonomous, sharing oil revenue based upon population.

Iran would influence the Shia, no question, but it would not be able to dominate the entire country if the United States kept a strong presence to make sure coups did not take place.

This might be the best solution to a bad situation. President Bush should realize his current Iraqi policy is not acceptable to most of the folks. If Mr. Bush continues to stay the course based simply upon hope, his party and his legacy will suffer dramatically.

So, once again, no good deed goes unpunished. The United States and Britain held a mass murderer, Saddam Hussein, accountable for his misdeeds and his repeated violations of the Gulf War ceasefire. They removed him and gave millions of Iraqis a chance at freedom. That was noble. But the action has gone unappreciated because the world is not a noble place.

Time to recognize that and impose a new, workable solution. Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Who's Looking Out For You?" To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com.
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Property rights attack continues

by Walter E. Williams

Last year, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its *Kelo v. New London* decision, ruled that the private property of one American could be taken and given to another American as long as it served a public purpose. The public purpose in that case was greater tax revenues for the fiscally strapped city of New London. The city figured that if it used its powers of eminent domain to force private homeowners out and then transferred their property to developers to build commercial property, there would be greater tax revenues.

Many Americans were angered by this violation of both the letter and spirit of the Fifth Amendment, which in part reads, "... nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." Public purpose is not the same as public use. Public use means property can be taken, with just compensation, to build a road, a highway, a fort or some other public project.

My response to the *Kelo* decision was, "See, I told you so." For decades, Americans have been willing to allow politicians to trample over private property rights, so why should we be surprised when politicians become more emboldened?

Here's a brief history. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers fined one landowner \$300,000 for "destroying" wetlands because he cleared a backed-up drainage ditch on his property.

The Fish & Wildlife Service told one landowner he couldn't use 1,000 acres of his property so the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker could have a place to dwell. Another owner was prevented from clearing dry brush near his home to make a firebreak because it would disturb the Stephens kangaroo rat. Building a deck on his house brought one owner a \$30,000 fine for casting a shadow on wetlands.

Smoking bans are another violation of private property rights supported by most Americans. If a person owns a restaurant, it is his right to decide whether or not he will permit smoking. If a restaurant owner wishes to permit smoking, he might put up a "Smoking Permitted" sign and let customers decide whether

they wish to enter. Similarly, if an owner didn't permit smoking, he might put up a "No Smoking" sign and let customers decide.

I'm guessing that a restaurant owner who didn't permit smoking would see it as a violation of his property rights if a coalition used the political arena to create legislation forcing him to permit smoking. It is no less of a property rights violation the other way around.

Tyranny breeds tyranny. Chicago's City Council recently enacted a ban on foie gras — a French delicacy made of duck and goose liver. The ostensible justification given for the ban is that foie gras represents cruelty to animals because it involves force-feeding ducks and geese in order to fatten up their livers.

Mayor Richard M. Daley has mocked the ban as the "silliest law" passed by the council. Pressured by animal rights activists, a Philadelphia councilman, following his Chicago brethren, has recently introduced legislation that would ban foie gras in Philadelphia restaurants. These bans are just more of the same — attacks on private property rights.

Animal rights wackos won't be satisfied with banning foie gras. Why not ban lobsters for the same reason as the ban on foie gras? After all, putting a live lobster in boiling water can be interpreted as cruelty to animals.

What about banning beef? Can't it be interpreted as cruel to leave a calf parentless by slaughtering his mother and father? John Adams warned, "The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the laws of God, and there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence."

Property must be sacred or liberty cannot exist."
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Conservatives and the courts

by Sheldon Richman

It is always amusing to watch conservatives react to court decisions they don't like. They were firmly in character last week when Federal District Judge Anna Diggs Taylor ruled that the Bush administration broke the law and violated the Constitution when it began wiretapping, without warrants, international phone calls between Americans and "suspected terrorists."

She's a Carter appointee, they said. She's a liberal. What did you expect? It doesn't take much to see that this is not a refutation of Judge Taylor's ruling. It is misdirection. Constitutional scholar Robert Levy of the libertarian Cato Institute also thinks the wiretapping is illegal. He points out that it is well-established law that the president's power is most circumscribed in areas where Congress has expressly spoken. Well, Congress has spoken on the matter of warrantless wiretaps. The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) declares them illegal, with only two exceptions: during the 15 days after a declaration of war and for 72 hours in an emergency. Over the years the special FISA court has been most accommodating of presidents' requests for warrants. President Bush had many opportunities after 9/11 to ask Congress to change the law, but he didn't. Now he claims that the authorization of force in Iraq contained an implied change. But no such congressional intent can be shown. Neither do any "inherent war powers" permit a president to defy an outright congressional ban. Congress too has war-related powers under the Constitution.

Levy can't be dismissed as a Carterite or a "liberal." So those labels do nothing to rebut Judge Taylor's ruling, weakly argued as it may be. Invalidation of the National Security Agency's intrusive program is well grounded in established legal principle. (Her ruling is being appealed.)
 Conservatives still don't get the constitutional game. (Not that so-called liberals are much better.) In that game you put your money down and you take your chances. You know going in you can lose. Judge Taylor did not break into a courthouse, steal a judge's robe, and begin issuing rulings. President Jimmy Carter didn't break into the White House and start appointing judges. (Some people still believe that George W. Bush essentially did that.) They got into office by constitutional means. Conservatives just don't like the results. They might like to take "their" Constitution and go home, except it's not their Constitution. As a political document, it's up for interpretation, and Judge Taylor has been constitutionally empowered to interpret it.
 Conservatives pride themselves on being "strict constructionists," the keepers of the one true interpretation of the Constitution. But this claim rests on a weak foundation. There is no one true interpretation. The historian Merrill Jensen noted that Alexander Hamilton, a staunch nationalist, and Thomas Jefferson, a staunch decentralist, looked at the same Constitution and saw two contradictory things. Each saw a plan of government consistent with his own predilections.
 These days conservatives oppose implied congressional powers while seeing implied presidential powers everywhere (as long as they like the president). I smell an agenda.

What are they to make of James Madison, one of the architects of the Constitution? He told the public that Congress's powers are "few and defined." But during debate over the Bill of Rights he told his fellow congressmen "it was impossible to confine a government to the exercise of express powers; there must necessarily be admitted powers by implication, unless the constitution descended

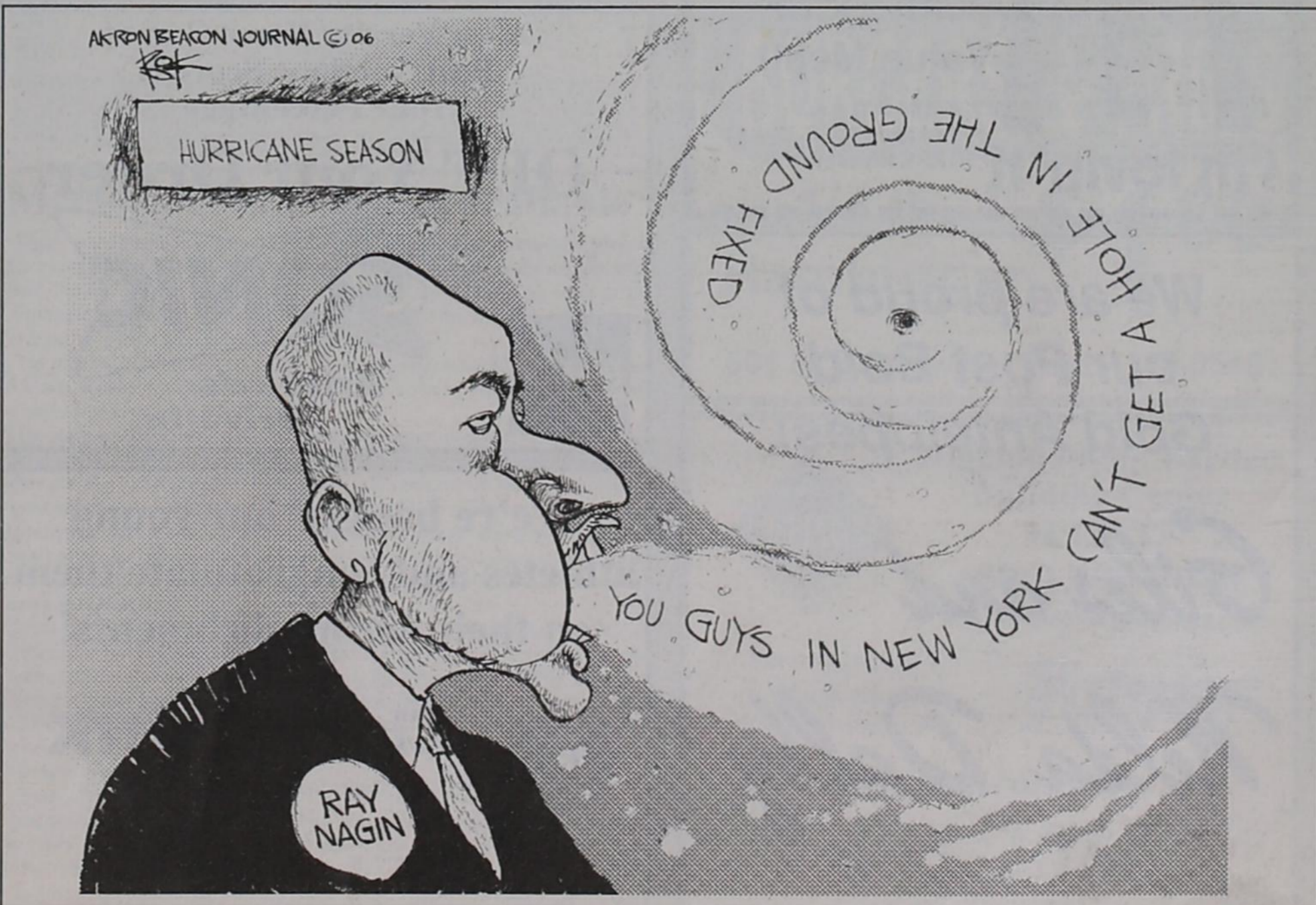
to recount every minutiae" (emphasis added).

He had a point. A Constitution can't list everything the government may do. But the alternative, as Madison acknowledged, is to look for implied powers. How do you contain that process?

The only way conservatives could hope to contain it to their exact liking would be to make Rush Limbaugh, Mark Levin, or Ann Coulter the absolute dictator. Heaven help us.

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John Vasquez (30) takes off with the ball as the Antelope offensive line holds back the Lamesa defense during last Thursday's scrimmage. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Antelopes prepare for season opener Friday

by Wes Burnett
 For the second time in four years of coaching at Post High School, Antelope head coach Tim James has turned to a freshman to quarterback the team this season. Clint Windham got his first taste of varsity action last Thursday at Lamesa, following a season-ending injury suffered by senior Nathan Quisenberry in the first scrimmage against Muleshoe.
 "Clint is going to be just fine," coach James emphasized. Windham led to the team in two scoring drives during the first offensive set. "We had some great offense and defense, and I'm particularly pleased with the offensive line," the coach added.

Coach James also praised the defense, which held Lamesa to only one first down during its 20-play offensive set.
 "We're looking to improve each week, and we accomplished that Thursday," coach James said.
 In preparation for Friday's opening game, coach James reported that the Seminole Indians are a "good football team, with an excellent quarterback who knows how to run the spread offense."
 Seminole's wide-open offense takes advantage of some great receivers, "We've just got to be careful and not give up the big play," coach James said. "Our plan is mount some long, sustained drives to keep the ball away from them."
 Good news for the Antelopes is the expected return of injured players Wilson Cash, Heath Fellhauer and Giles Dalby. Colter Creech is not expected to be able to suit out until later in September.
 The team has chosen its 2006 captains: Blake Nichols, Zack Sanchez, Zach Witcher, D.J. Baiza and Wilson Cash. "We are blessed with a great bunch of seniors who are really showing leadership," coach James emphasized. "We are excited and ready to open our 2006 season!"

Post Antelope Football Schedule

Date	Team	Time
Aug 31	JV @ Seminole	6:30 p.m.
Sept 1	Varsity vs Seminole	7:30 p.m.
Sept 7	Middle School vs Merkel JV @ Merkel	5 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Sept 8	Varsity vs Merkel	7:30 p.m.
Sept 14	Middle School @ Abernathy JV vs. Abernathy	5 p.m. 6 p.m.
Sept 15	Varsity @ Abernathy	7:30 p.m.
Sept 21	Middle School vs Floydada JV @ Floydada	5 p.m. 6 p.m.
Sept 22*	Varsity vs Floydada	7:30 p.m.
Sept 28	Middle School @ Littlefield JV vs Littlefield	5 p.m. 6 p.m.
Sept 29	Varsity @ Littlefield	7:30 p.m.
October 6	OPEN	
Oct 12	Middle School @ Denver City JV vs Denver City	5 p.m. 6 p.m.
Oct 13	Varsity @ Denver City	7:30 p.m.
Oct 19	Middle School vs Slaton JV @ Slaton	5 p.m. 6 p.m.
Oct 20	Varsity vs. Slaton	7:30 p.m.
Oct 26	Middle School @ Tahoka JV vs Tahoka	5 p.m. 6 p.m.
Oct 27	Varsity @ Tahoka	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Middle School @ Roosevelt JV vs Roosevelt	5 p.m. 6 p.m.
Nov. 3	Varsity @ Roosevelt	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	Middle School vs Idalou JV @ Idalou	5 p.m. 6 p.m.
Nov. 10	Varsity vs Idalou	7:30 p.m.

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Antelope defensive lineman Preston Ortiz (64) deflects a Lamesa pass during last Thursday's scrimmage in Lamesa. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Freshman quarterback Clint Windham (5) gets his first taste of varsity action last Thursday in Lamesa. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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In addition to expanding its stock to better serve the community's health needs, Hometown Pharmacy also prides itself on accepting all health plans, including the new Medicare Part D enrollment federal drug plan.

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"He helps them decipher all of that," Lisa Peters said.

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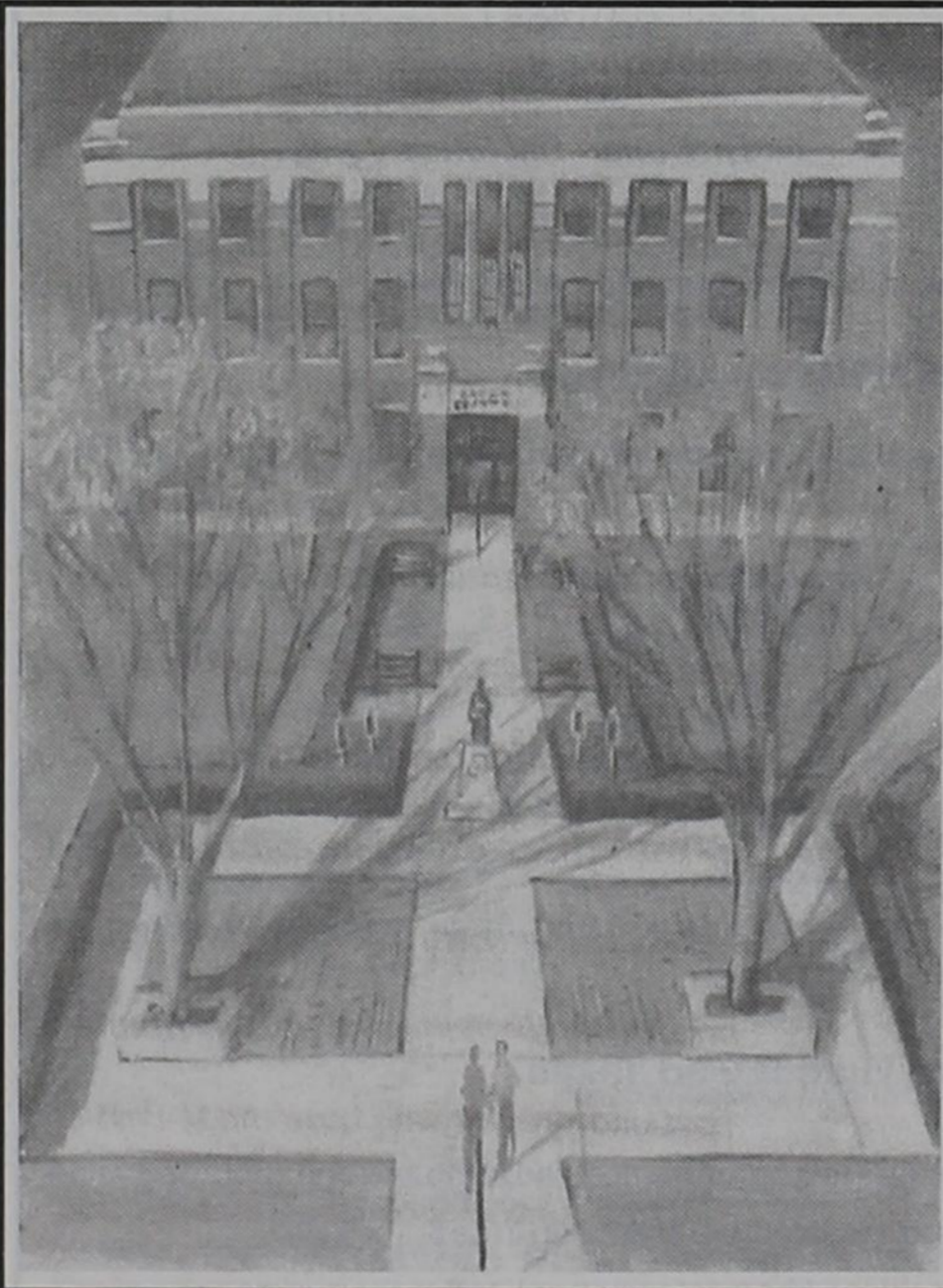
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Directing the project are members of the Garza County Memorial Plaza Project Committee: Bo Jackson, Lee Norman, Rex Cash, Thessa Harp and Wyvonne Kennedy. Contributors to the project include the City of Post and the Post City Council; County Judge Giles Dalby and the Commissioners Court; Linda Puckett and the Garza County Historical Museum; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6797, James C. Cole and The American Legion Post No. 270, and the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau.

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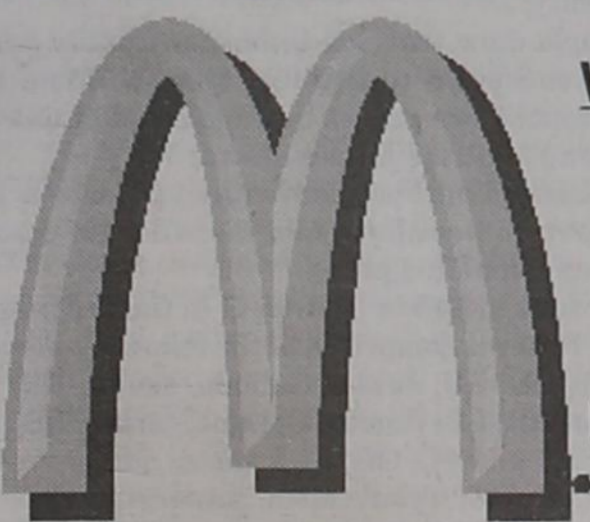
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10 Years Ago
August 29, 1996

Head Coach Richard Gorman reported the Antelopes executed well in the scrimmage against Tahoka. Josh Grisham, who played tailback, quarterback and receiver, "caught the ball, ran the ball and passed the ball real well."

The Fort Wood Gunfighters returned to Old Mill Trade Days for great western entertainment, including staged "shootouts." Leslie C. Acker, announced his Write-In Candidacy for election to the office of Garza County Attorney.

Laura Tobias, from Cadette Troop 47 in Post was accepted to attend "Great Lakes Aquatic Biology" at Traverse City, MI. The three day sailing trip taught ecology and geology of the area.

20 Years Ago
August 28, 1986

Tim and Leslie Tatum announced the birth of their son, Jordon Timothy, born at West Texas Hospital in Lubbock.

Rev. and Mrs. M. R. Smith, pastor and wife of the Church of the Nazarene, were presented the "Distinguished Service Award." Pastor and Mrs. Smith came to Post in September 1982.

Roy Stevens, formerly of Post, received spurs for being the earliest hand present at the annual Matador Cowboy Reunion and Roping held in Channing.

The Caprock Community Theatre presented the hilariously funny play, "Never Too Late", at the school auditorium. Some of the local stars included Will McCrary, Zoe Kirkpatrick, Wyvonne Kennedy, Jack Alexander and Ronnie Gradine.

The Post Antelope Marching Band for 1986-1987 was under the direction of Will Burks.

30 Years Ago
September 1, 1976

Tom Bouchier started his historical tale of Garza County back in its Indian days and carried it through two world wars in his speech at dedication ceremonies of the new Post Community Center.

Telling Garza county history like it was, with a lot of laughs during Garza County Centennial Celebration in the new center were the trio of Mrs. Evelyn Jones, Mrs Buena Bouchier and Mrs. Viva Davis.

A surprise reception honoring Mrs. Ruby S. Kirkpatrick was held at the First Christian Church. Inez Hartel gave the tribute for the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Kirkpatrick came to Post in 1927.

Mrs. Martha Pennell was presented a necklace by Wacker Manager Danny Shaw for her 15 years of service to the store.

40 Years Ago
August 25, 1966

Ready to swing into action at the 1966 football games were Post High School Cheerleaders, Linda Altman, Kay Altman, Nedra Childs, Marcia Newby and Vicki Martin.

Tennessee Ernie Ford Show was the biggest show featured at the South Plains Fair. The best seats cost \$3.50.

Sherry and David Woods, children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woods, returned from a two weeks' vacation in California. The children traveled with their grandparents by train.

The Postex Cotton Mills stopped operations for 10 days in four departments due to a shortage of cloth. Modernizing of plants and moving of machinery by Burlington in other plant units caused the cloth shortage.

A burned out power line conductor caused Post business district to be without power for a couple of hours. Supermarket cashiers had to hand crank their electric register to ring up sales and Judy's Cafe served patrons lunch by candlelight during the noon hour.

50 Years Ago
August 30, 1956

Floy Richardson, president of Post Stampede Cowboys accepted the first place trophy the riding group won in the parade opening the Fisher County Fair and Rodeo. The group also placed first at O'Donnell and Snyder.

Pat Cornell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cornell, placed second in his division at the 9th Annual West Texas Invitational Swimming Meet at Midland. Others attending the meet were Joe Cook, Jack Jones, Buddy Moreland, Charles Tubbs, Leslie Acker and Mike Cornell.

Mitchell Malouf Jr., former Post High School and Hardin-Simmons University griddier, was named to the Kermit High School coaching staff.

Sheriff Carl Rains was re-elected for a fourth term in the run-off race against Odean Cummings.

60 Years Ago
August 29, 1946

School bells rang for Garza county's school children Monday, September 2, at 9 o'clock, according to notices from County Superintendent Dean A. Robinson, and Superintendents G. R. Day of Post and Huron Hewlett of Southland.

Hudman Furniture Company re-opened after being closed several weeks for repairs after a devastating fire that destroyed the rear of the store and a big stock of brand new furniture.

E. J. Robinson, son of Mrs. Ida Robinson announced that he accepted and took oath of office for permanent appointment in the U. S. Marine Corps as a second lieutenant.

Mrs. Esma Cash announced the opening of her rental library. Rates on the newest books were 25c for 3 days.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McCrary returned home from a vacation in Los Angeles and San Diego, Calif., where they visited their sons, Erman and Efford McCrary, and families.

Two Garza county men, James Field and Auguston James Sparlin, received discharge papers.

Southland FCCLA Gears Up for a New School Year

by Jared Rackler

Guess what time of the year it is again. I'll give you a hint. You're children will be wearing their begging faces 24/7 now. Yes, that's right! It's that special time where every school organization from the Student Council to the National Honors Society begins selling items for the home, the office, the car and your sweet tooth. Our organization is no different.

Southland Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) will be conducting a car wash to raise money to fund various community service projects that we plan to orchestrate. We will also use the money raise dot go toward sending our members to leadership conferences. The car wash will be held at the United Supermarket in Slaton on Saturday, September 2, 2006. It will begin at 8 a.m. and end when the cars stop pulling up to get washed. So get in your car, come on down, get your car washed and help support an organization that trains tomorrow's leaders today.

Editors note: Jared Rackler is a member of Southland FCCLA.

Southland Eagles football team soars to new level

by Patrick Martinez

The Southland Eagles have risen to a new level this year with a new coaching staff comprised of head coach Bob Coers and defensive coordinator Micah Murphy, assisted by coach Dustin Wall.

The Eagles scrimmaged twice with impressive outcomes. On Aug. 19, the Eagles faced the Wellman-Union Wildcats, a team that in the pre-season was ranked No. 22 in Division I. The scrimmage ended in a tie, with two touchdowns apiece.

The Eagles stopped the Wildcat offense on three first-down attempts. The momentum continued for the Eagle defense, which caused two Wildcat turnovers.

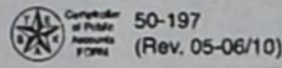
Junior tailback Roman DeLuna ran back a 50-yard touchdown. Junior quarterback Tyler Odom connected on a pass to junior Erik Guerrero, who ran it in for an Eagle touchdown that was called back because of a penalty.

On Aug. 25, the Eagle crew traveled to Motley County where they recorded a four-touchdown to two win over the Matadors. Odom completed two touchdown passes to Guerrero. DeLuna ran in a 60-yard touchdown to put the Eagles ahead, 3-0.

The Eagle defense pounded the Matadors with sacks, solo tackles and team shutouts. No room was allowed for the Wildcats' passing game, which logged one completed pass.

Motley County was ranked 24th in District II in the pre-season. Southland's varsity roster is comprised of the following players: Javier Galindo, senior, OG, LB; Junior Galindo, senior, RB, LB; Bryce Martinez, senior, RB, LB; Roman DeLuna, junior, RB, DE, LB, FS; Phillip Estrada, junior, C, OG; Nick Garza, junior, C, OG; Erik Guerrero, junior, E, DE; Tyler Odom, junior, QB, LB; Joe Vela, C, OG, DE; Patrick Martinez, sophomore, QB, FS; Alfredo Augero, freshman, RB, DE, LB; and Junior Garza, freshman, C, OG, E, DE.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Patrick Martinez is a student in Southland schools.)



Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Garza County Health Care District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.9838 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on 9-7-06 & 9-11-06 at 6:30pm at Citizens Bank Community Room
210 N. Broadway, Post, Texas

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: A11
AGAINST: None
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	<u>.13561</u> % (increase)	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt service	<u>N/A</u> % (increase)	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	<u>.13561</u> % (increase)	or	_____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ <u>581,333,140</u>	\$ <u>728,991,010</u>
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ <u>3,117,420</u>	\$ <u>872,810</u>
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ <u>476,514,060</u>	\$ <u>597,185,110</u>
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ <u>3,087,150</u>	\$ <u>554,210</u>

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ N/A

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$.10542 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year \$.09089 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year \$ (.01454) per \$100 in value

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year _____ % Increase
OR
_____ % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ <u>25,312</u>	\$ <u>29,150</u>
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ <u>25,312</u>	\$ <u>29,150</u>

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 26.68.

The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 26.49. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ _____ or a decrease of \$.19 in taxes.

Special Provisions if Applicable

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent \$ _____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____, _____, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The Garza Co. Health Dist. spent \$ 39,892.67 from 7-1-04 to 6-30-05 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$ 21,161.26.

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County saves \$20,000-plus with self-insurance program

Garza County saved its property taxpayers \$20,263 in liability insurance costs through a renewal credit program of the Texas Association of Counties risk management pool, according to a report delivered to County Commissioners Monday.

Lori Huneycutt, a field representative for the TAC, made the presentation.

The TAC's County Government Risk Management Pool is part of several self-insurance programs owned and operated by counties that save tax dollars by allowing Texas counties to band together to obtain better rates for insurance coverage. The risk management pool provides automobile, general liability, public officials errors and omissions and professional law enforcement coverage to Texas counties and county-related governmental entities.

In April, the board of directors of the risk management pool voted to return a total of \$6 million in the form of renewal credits to longtime county members that have participated in the pool for a full year and successfully controlled their claim losses. The program affects 173 counties and 84 other county-related entities that are pool members.

Garza County has received a total of \$20,263 in credit for renewing their automobile liability, general liability, public officials' liability and law enforcement liability with the pool.

"Garza County has worked hard to shield its taxpayers from escalating insurance costs," said Sam D. Teale, TAC executive director. "By being a member of the TAC pool and being pro-

active in controlling claims, county leaders have made sure that protecting their taxpayers' pocketbooks is a priority."

The TAC is a non-profit organization that provides custom-tailored services to Texas counties and county officials, much of which is not available anywhere else.



Garza County Commissioners Court receiving a credit in liability insurance are (left to right) Commissioners John Valdez, Mike Sanchez, County Judge Giles Dalby, Lori Huneycutt (TAC Representative), Commissioners Glenda McClellan and Gary McDaniel.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The GARZA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by .03210 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

9-7-2006 7:00 P.M. COUNTY COURT ROOM

The public hearing will be held on 9-11-2006 at 10:00 A.M. COMMISSIONERS COURT ROOM

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: ALL
 AGAINST: NONE
 PRESENT and not voting: NONE
 ABSENT: NONE

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	.07369	% (increase)	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	1.00	% (increase)	or		% (decrease)
Total expenditures	.02953	% (increase)	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$584,729,110	\$728,991,010
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$3,117,420	\$872,810
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$479,910,030	\$600,849,284
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$3,087,150	\$554,210

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 183,000

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$.44500	per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$.39000	per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ (.05500)	per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	.14102	% Increase OR % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 New property is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 Taxable value is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 25,312	\$ 29,150
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ N/A	\$ N/A
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 25,312	\$ 29,150

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 112.63

The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 113.68. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ 1.05 or a decrease of \$ _____ in taxes.

Special Provisions if Applicable

Criminal Justice Mandate (use for counties, if applicable):

The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent \$ _____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____, _____, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures (use if applicable):

The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is _____.

Waltz across Texas benefits Habitat for Humanity

Historic Accommodations of Texas (HAT), the state-wide organization of Texas' finest inspected and approved bed and breakfasts, country inns, hotels, guesthouses, and ranches, has arranged an event of historic proportions. On Sunday, September 17, 2006, member properties will open their doors to the public from 1-6 pm with the "Waltz Across the Great Stays of Texas" State-Wide Open House, offering a look into the treasures residing in your own back yard.

Membership in HAT is the public's assurance that the lodging is inspected and approved and that association members provide true Texas hospitality and meet all guidelines for excellence and safety. The "Waltz Across the Great Stays of Texas" is the perfect opportunity to step inside member properties in each of HAT's eight regions including Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast in Post and three properties in Lubbock. The list of participating properties can be found at www.hat.org.

Tickets are available for \$15 in advance at www.hat.org, or at the door of any participating property. Each ticket is also automatically entered into a drawing for \$100 in HAT Gift Certificates...with one drawing held in each of the eight regions.

A portion of the proceeds of this event will directly benefit the Texas affiliates of the Habitat For Humanity. Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the partner families.

For more information contact Herb Dickson, HAT Administrative Office at P.O. Box 301596, Austin, Texas 78703 or call toll free 800-HAT-0368. FAX's can be sent to 512-407-8058. Email to info@HAT.org.

Court Reports

The following are cases matters of public record; information was provided by the Garza County Sheriff's Department:

Garza County Court July 24

- Sandra Moss, charged with DWI/second, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 45 days in the county jail, a \$200 fine and \$360 in court costs.
- Jose Medina Jr., charged with DWI, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 60 days in the county jail and ordered to pay \$345 in court costs.
- Gilbert Soto, charged with DWI/second, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 30 days in the county jail, a \$100 fine and \$303 in court costs.

Garza County District Court July 20

- Janette Collazo, charged with forgery, a state jail felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to five years probation and fined \$1,000. Ordered to pay court costs of \$261, \$300 in attorney fees and restitution of \$255.

Garza County District Court Aug. 8

- Jorge Arredondo, charged with burglary of a habitation, a third-degree felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 10 years probation. Fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay court costs of \$261 and \$300 in restitution.
- Jorge Arredondo, charged with aggravated assault, a second-degree felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 10 years probation. Fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay court costs of \$261, \$300 in attorney fees and restitution of \$803.
- Jacob Lynn Egbert, charged with burglary of a building. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to five years probation. Fined \$2,000 and ordered to pay \$261 in court costs, \$300 in attorney fees and \$6,427 in restitution.
- John Robert Nickell, charged with possession of a controlled substance/cocaine, a state jail felony. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to three years probation and a \$1,000 fine. Ordered to pay court costs of \$261 and restitution of \$140.

Garza County District Court Aug. 10

- Jeremy Todd Packer, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to six months deferred adjudication and fined \$400. Ordered to pay \$245 in court costs, \$140 in restitution and a \$25 fee.
- Lemuel Curtis, charged with DWI, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to three days in the county jail. Fined \$300 and ordered to pay \$360 in court costs.
- Will M. Bevers, possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to no jail time; fined \$600. Ordered to pay \$245 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.
- Jose Javier Gonzales, charged with DWI, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 12 months probation and fined \$400. Ordered to pay court costs of \$360 and a \$25 fee.
- Callie Smith, charged with deadly conduct, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 24 months probation and fined \$600. Ordered to pay \$245 in court costs and a \$25 fee.
- Fidel Sanchez Gonzalez, charged with DWI, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 12 months probation and fined \$500. Ordered to pay \$360 in court costs and a \$25 fee.
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The Family of Rita Mason would like to thank our many friends and relatives for all of the kindness shown during our loss. Thank you to everyone who brought food, flowers,

sent cards, or just offered a hug and a shoulder to cry on.

We want to give a special thank you to Rodney and Marci Oden, Kirk and Traci Stevens, John and Susan Boren, Mack and Jane Terry, Deb and Gina Palmer and Scooter and Bunny Lynch for everything that you did for us. You are not only special, you are part of the family and "Thank You" doesn't even start to express our appreciation. Thank You to Rodney Tidwell and EMS crew for coming to our aid. You have to be outstanding people to do your jobs and the whole community is very fortunate to have you all. Thanks to the ladies of the Post and Graham Chapel Churches of Christ for the wonderful meal that you prepared for our family and to Travis Sweet, Sonny Bevers and John Knox for their comforting words and songs. Finally thanks to Curtis and Richard Hudman for all that you did for our family. We will always have an empty spot in our hearts for "Mammy", but the friendship shown by everyone sure helps to ease the pain.

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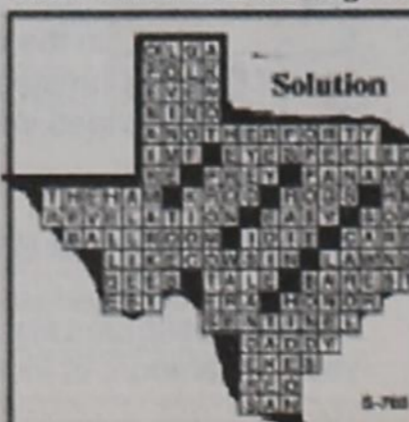
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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, Connell-B lease, RRC No. 19765, Well Number 22. The proposed injection well is located 5 miles in a SE direction from Post, Texas in the Rocker-A-, NW (San Andres) Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2655 to 2851 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Garza Co. Health Dist. adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.08417 per \$100 of value, taxes would Increase compared to 2005 taxes by \$ 1,922.07

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund & Money Market Fund	\$257,602.68

Schedule B - 2006 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to Be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
	\$	\$	\$	\$
(expand as needed)				
Total required for 2006 debt service		\$		
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A		\$		
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources		\$		
- Excess collections last year		\$		
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2006		\$		
Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only _____% of its taxes in 2006		\$		
= Total Debt Levy		\$		

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes)

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$ _____ in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The _____ County Auditor certifies that _____ County has spent \$ _____ in the previous 12 months beginning _____, _____, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. _____ County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on the _____. The _____ operates this function in all or a majority of the _____. [Second Year of Transfer: Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.]

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The Garza Co Health Dist spent \$ 39,892.67 from 7-1-04 to 6-30-05 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$ 21,161.26

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Garza County Health Care District Office 608 West 6th St. Post, Texas.
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