

Commissioners approve budget, tax rate increase

by Wes Burnett

Garza County Commissioners' Court Monday morning approved a bid of \$4,950 from an independent contractor to inventory county owned property. The inventory is in preparation for the new accounting system required by state law.

The court also approved sheriff fees for county and district court, but tabled other district court fee matters.

Rodney Tidwell informed the court that the local EMS has entered into an agreement with Hudman Funeral Home to transport deceased individuals requiring autopsies to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Tidwell explained that the \$90 per run fee is offset by the need to have ambulances available here for emergencies. He cited recent situations where an ambulance on a non-emergency run left the county without ambulance support when the other ambulance was called out on an emergency.

Tidwell also pointed out that the extra fees are paid from EMS funding and there will be no cost to the county.

At 9:30 a.m. the court approved the budget for 2004 and adopted the tax rate of \$.50 per \$100 valuation. Judge Giles W. Dalby explained some of the reasons for the tax increase from \$.379. He cited recent state legislature reduction in support for several social programs and decreased mineral valuations as examples of the pressure put on county government.

"We did the best we could with what we've got," the Judge emphasized.

In response to questions raised at the September 15 public hearing, Dalby called for a "Town Hall Meeting" on Tuesday, September 30 in order to explain in more detail the reasons for the tax increase. He said that among other things, the meeting would provide important information about development at Lake Alan Henry and answer questions about various social programs funded by the county.

The town hall meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Post Community Center on Tuesday, September 30.

The court also received audits prepared by Joe Hays.

Blood Drive set October 1

In an effort to help stock area hospital shelves with blood, a community blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, at the Church of the Nazarene.

The blood drive is being sponsored by the 2003 Garza County Health Fair.

By giving blood, a donor helps replenish a community resource used by a neighbor, relative or friend. Only when a significant number of people donate on a regular basis can a community maintain adequate blood supplies.

"If everyone waited for an emergency before donating, lives could be jeopardized," said Connie Hollinshead of United Blood Services. "Waiting to donate in an emergency only creates emergencies. Blood must be available at all times in sufficient amounts to meet the needs of the community."

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weight at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Individuals interested in making an appointment to donate should call Julie Neitsch at 495-4400.

All donors who participate in this drive will receive a T-shirt.

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Garza Hospital District sets higher tax rate

A new tax rate will be used to figure tax bills for property owners in the Garza County Hospital District (also known as Health Care District) after action taken last week by the district's board of directors.

At the board's Sept. 18 meeting, health care district directors approved a tax rate of 0.11481 per \$100 valuation, an increase over the existing 0.10258 rate. The new rate earned the approval of all board members present, and no members of the public were on hand to provide input on the rate prior to the vote.

According to a handout provided by district officials, a piece of property valued at \$20,000 will see a monthly tax hike of 20 cents thanks to the tax increase, bumping the annual tax bill from \$20.52 to \$22.96. On a property valued at \$40,000, the increase will require an additional 41-cent monthly contribution from the taxpayer, whose annual bill will climb from \$41.03 to 45.92.

The taxpayer who owns a home valued at \$70,000 will see a monthly increase of 71 cents, which will increase the annual taxes from \$71.81 to \$80.37. On a \$90,000 property, the added monthly expense will translate into an additional 92 cents, with the tax bill rising from \$92.32 to \$103.33.

In other business, the district's board of directors:

- Tabled action on the administrator's employment agreement.
- Signaled interest in accepting additional bids on tax property located at Lot 9, Block 39 (401 N. Ave. F). A bid previously submitted for consideration was not accepted by the board.
- Adopted a policy concerning delinquent accounts similar to that of PNS. Under the new policy, delinquent accounts will not be handled by the district's board; instead, all bad debts, regardless of the holder, will be turned over to a collection agency, said Tanya Boucher, interim administrator.
- Received the Garza County Health Clinic Report. Total number of visits in August was 543, down from 691 in July. A total of \$40,958 was charged, compared to \$53,649 in the previous month. Collections were \$29,585, up from \$23,970 in July. Boucher said the number of visits and total charges were down primarily because of the summer months, a change in the physician on duty at the clinic and physician schedule fluctuations.
- Approved the lone bid from Citizens Bank for depository services. The district entered into a two-year agreement with the bank for the services offered.
- Conducted an executive session to consider salary scales for five district employees - Chuck Ratliff, plant maintenance supervisor; Ronnie Parrish, plant maintenance staff; Shirley Taylor, business office manager; Brandy Fannon, pharmacy assistance program and indigent program coordinator; and Boucher, administrator. During the closed-door meeting, the board also met with a Lubbock physician regarding possible employment as the physician for the Garza County Health Care Clinic.

• During the open meeting that followed the executive session, the board of directors voted to provide pay increases ranging from 3 percent to 6 percent for all five of the employees listed above.

• The board took no action following their visit with the physician. "We are actively looking," Boucher said. To date, the district has accrued no out-of-pocket expenses in its search for a new doctor.

• Received the indigent care report. Sixteen were enrolled at the beginning of August, and 15 at the close of the month. Expenditures for the month totaled \$15,782. As of Aug. 31, the district has spent a total of \$66,490 on indigent care in the fiscal year, leaving a balance of almost \$84,000 in that portion of the budget, Boucher said.

Post ISD earns highest Fiscal Accountability Rating

Post Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' new Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system.

The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Post ISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the first year of Schools FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999.

The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant.

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Post Notes

Town Hall Meeting Sept. 30

The Garza County Commissioners' Court has announced a Town Hall Meeting Tuesday, September 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Post Community Center. The purpose of the meeting is to provide details about various projects being funded by the county and reasons for the property tax increase.

Post Elementary parent conference day

Post Elementary School will schedule parent conferences for all students for September 30. Each teacher will contact parents to arrange for a time for the parent conferences. Teachers and parents will meet to review the first six weeks grades and other items needed in planning for student improvement.

Informational meeting at Post Elementary

An informational meeting will be held Tuesday, September 30 at 6 p.m. in the Elementary Library to share information with parents. There will be time to learn more about the many different programs at the school. There will also be time for reviewing and discussing different types of assessments that will take place during the school year. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions concerning any of the programs or assessments. Parents are encouraged to participate in this opportunity.

Blood drive, health and fitness fair

October 1 is the date for the 2003 Health and Fitness Fair at the Post Community Center, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free to the public and people are encouraged to take advantage of the free services being offered. A blood drive will also be held in conjunction with the health fair. United Blood Services will accept donations from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church Bible Clubs

The Calvary Baptist Church of Post announces Vacation Bible School Back-Yard Bible Clubs on Saturday, September 27 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at 507 South Avenue R and 802 W. 12th. Call 495-2342 or 495-3342 for more information.

Reception honors Bob Collier Sept. 28

A reception in honor of Bob Collier and his retirement will be held Sunday, September 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church. All are invited, no gifts please, your presence and well-wishes will be gift enough.

Starving Artist Sale Sept 26 & 27

The Post Art Guild is hosting a "Starving Artist Sale" September 26 and 27 with original paintings on sale from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The sale also includes books and food. There will also be sidewalk painting. Donations are accepted, all proceeds go to assist with upkeep of the Algeria Arts Center.

Health and Fitness Fair

A Health and Fitness Fair will be held Wednesday, October 1 at the Post Community Center beginning at 11 a.m., continuing through 4 p.m. The event is free to the community, residents are encouraged to take advantage of the free services that will be offered.

Community reception for Bob Collier

The Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau, The Post Rotary Club and the PC&TB Women's Division, are hosting a special reception for Bob Collier on Friday, September 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Garza County Historical Museum, 119 North Avenue N. Refreshments will be served. Collier is retiring and Collier Drug, after almost 100 years of service to the residents of Garza County, will close this month.

PHS Class of '46 reunion Sept. 27

The PHS Class of 1946 is planning its reunion Saturday, September 27 at Chapa's Family Restaurant beginning at 5 p.m. Friends are invited to join the classmates.

GED Classes offered at PHS

GED classes are being offered again this fall at Post High School. Class times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Classes begin Tuesday, September 23.

Sewing Club seeks members

Share your knowledge or learn something new is the theme of the Sewing Club's offering for members. The club features needlecraft, serging. Call Mary Jane at 928-2943 for more information.

Boy Scouts host bake sale

The post Boy Scouts are hosting a bake sale fundraiser at the Santa Fe Depot building on Saturday, October 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Benefit car wash, BBQ October 4

A benefit car wash and barbecue event is scheduled for Saturday, October 4 at United Supermarket. The purpose is to assist with medical expenses for Gilbert Reyna.

First Baptist Church revival Oct. 5-8

The First Baptist Church of Post will hold its "Pressing Toward the Mark" revival October 5-8. Dr. C.B. Hogue, revival preacher of Brownwood and revival musician Terry Ewing of Brownwood will lead the services. Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. with weekday services (Monday-Wednesday) at noon and 7 p.m.

GCJLA Raffle & Fundraiser

The Garza County Junior Livestock Show Association is holding a "Fundraiser" Friday, October 3 at the Post Community Center. The event includes a barbecue supper, entertainment by "The Guthries" and an auction of various items. A limited number of raffle tickets are available from GCJLA members or at the extension office. The raffle offers cash prizes of \$5,000, \$1,000, two for \$500 and two for \$250. Winners do not have to be present to claim the prize.

Post ISD offers activity passes

Post ISD is offering all former Post ISD board of trustee members an activity pass to home games and other events. Those who have served as Post ISD board members and are interested in an activity pass should visit the Post ISD administrative offices at 501 S. Avenue K, ask for Shelle Odom.

Borden Co. EMS offers EMT classes

The Borden County EMS is holding Basic EMT classes beginning October 7. Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 6-10 p.m. at the Borden County School in Gail. Cost for the class will be \$375 with books included. Contact Chuck Kimmell at 806-759-5166 or Carrie Hart at 806-756-4469 for more information.

"Charley's Aunt" at Garza Theatre

The next performance at the Garza Theatre will be "Charley's Aunt" opening September 19. The play continues September 20, 26, 27 and October 3, 4 and 5. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

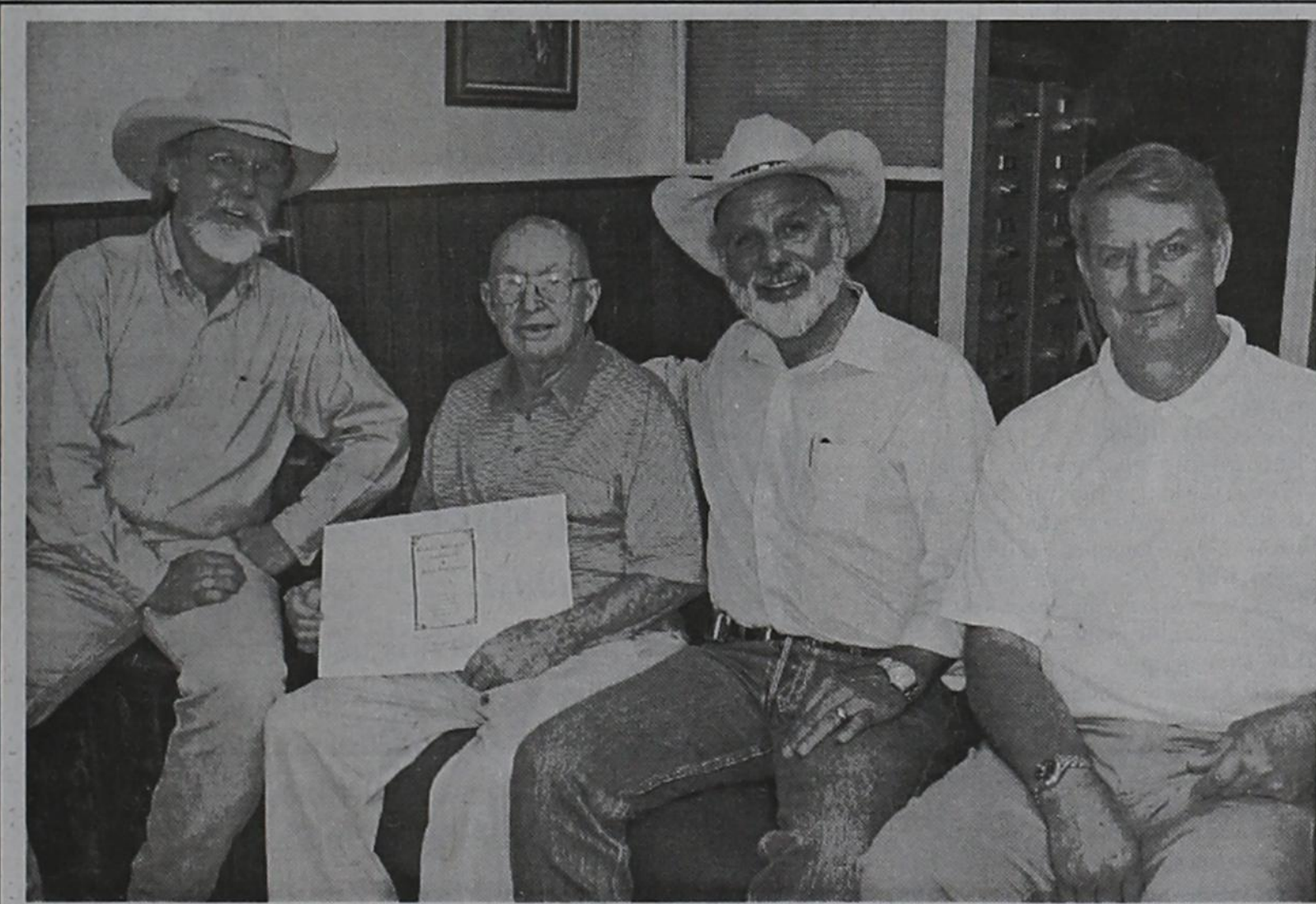
United Way volleyball tourney

The Garza County United Way has set its 2nd Annual Volleyball Tournament for Saturday, October 18. Fees are \$10 per person, maximum of seven people per team. For more information call Anna at 495-0733.

Booster Club seeks help with painting

Post ISD is purchasing a new equipment trailer with the Antelope Booster Club providing lettering for the trailer. The club is seeking spon-

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The first step in developing "Ragtown" began last week with the historic transfer of ownership of the Caprock Golf Course property just under the caprock northwest of Post. Chip Polk (left to right), Durwood Bartlett, Glenn Polk and Tom Crites share a moment following the closing of the property sale from Bartlett to the "Ragtown" developers. When completed, the entertainment project will include an amphitheater and indoor year round entertainment center.

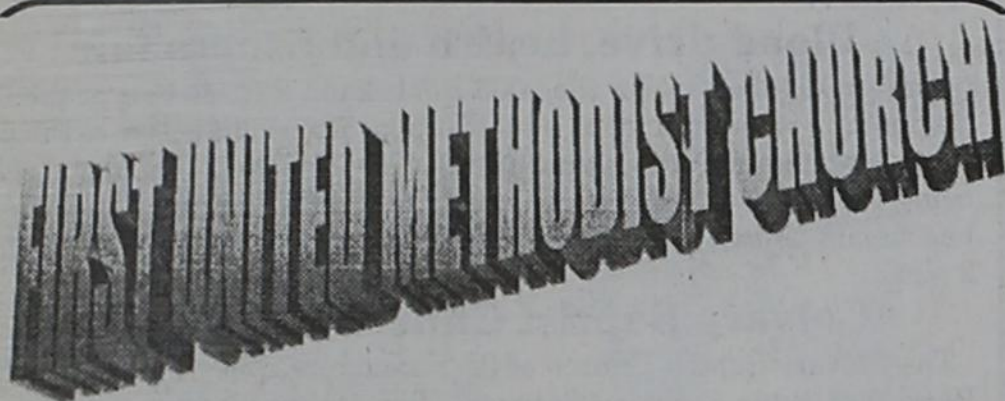


Entertaining audiences at the Garza Theatre are "Charley's Aunt" cast members (back row, left to right) Stan Tucker, Phillip Rudy, Chris Davis, Charles Grair, Michael Vorauer, Mike Gonzales, (seated) Andrea McDaniel, Kristin Thomas, Michelle Tucker and Laura Bryan. The play continues this weekend and through October 5. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

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Danny and Kim Lee of Midland have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Colby Charles, to Allison Kristin Mangold, daughter of Dr. Gary and Brenda Mangold of Lockney. A Nov. 1, 2003, wedding is planned in the Baker Building in Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Lena and Reed Smith and the late C.R. Burselson of O'Donnell and Charlie and Judy Lee of Post. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late W.J. and Martha Mangold of Lockney and Wilma Dudley and the late Melson Dudley of Floydada.

The bride-elect, a graduate of Lockney High School and Abilene Christian University, is employed by CEV Multimedia of Lubbock. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Midland Christian High School and Texas Tech University. He is employed by Cox Communications of Lubbock.

Following a honeymoon in Florida, the couple will reside in Lubbock.



Allison Mangold and Colby Lee

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush



Hey everyone, Sorry about last week. After spending all day in Lubbock Tuesday, I just did not have enough time to get Jabberin done. Some weeks it is really difficult with no news to talk about, so if you have a happening to share please give me a call.

GET WELL WISHES
 I want to send get well wishes to two of my favorite ladies. To Bill Hedrick and Pansy Smith, hope both of you are feeling better real soon.

FROM FERG
 Dear friend, "The other day I went to a local Christian bookstore and saw a "Honk if you love Jesus" bumper sticker and I was feeling particularly sassy that day because I had just come from a thrilling choir performance followed by a thunderous prayer meeting, so I bought the sticker and put it on my bumper."

"Boy, am I glad I did. What an uplifting experience followed. I was stopped by a red light at a busy intersection, just lost in thoughts about the Lord and how good he is... and I didn't notice that the light had changed. It was a good thing that someone else loved Jesus because if he hadn't honked, I'd never have noticed. I found out that LOTS of people love Jesus."

"While I was sitting there, the guy behind started honking like crazy, and then he leaned out his window and screamed "For the love of God! go! Jesus Christ, GO! "What an exuberant cheerleader he was for Jesus! Everyone started honking! I just leaned out my window and started waving and smiling at all these loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in the love!"

"There must have been a man from Florida back there because I heard him yelling something about "sunny beach"... I saw another guy waving in a funny way with only his middle finger stuck up in the air. I ask my teenage grandson in the back seat what that meant; he said that it was probably a Hawaiian good luck sign or something. Well, I had never met anyone from Hawaii, so I leaned out of my window and gave him the good

luck sign back. My grandson burst out laughing... he was enjoying this religious experience too."

"A couple of people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, but this is when I noticed the light had changed. So, I waved to all my sisters and brothers grinning and drove on through the intersection. I noticed I was the only car that got through the intersection before the light changed again and I felt kind of sad that I had to leave them after all of the love we had shared, so I slowed the car down, leaned out the window and gave them all the Hawaiian good luck one last time as I drove away."

"Praise the Lord for such wonderful folks!!!"

WEEKEND GUEST
 Tommy and Rosemary Cole had a houseful this past week end. Part of their kids were here to share some time with their brother Bill Cole, wife Andra and son Tyler who are visiting from Alaska where Bill is stationed. In for the week end was daughter Rhonda and husband Robert and daughter Raenel, husband Derrick and their girls Alexia and Anette. **SPEAKING OF...**

Speaking of Tommy and Rosemary, they had Rick and I over (along with everyone else) Friday night for a fish fry. The food was wonderful and we had such a good time visiting with everyone. Then, the Coles being gluttons for punishment, invited everyone again Saturday night when we celebrated mine and Rick's granddaughter, Kenley Dean, and Rosemary and Tommy's granddaughter, Annette Sneed, birthdays. They both turned 3 years old. **W** had a houseful plus.

Those attending were: Rick and I, Fannie Ballentine, Krishna and Zach Bush, Kerri and Robby Dean and girls, Kaylyn, Kylee and Kenley, Rhonda and Robert Boone, of Round Rock, Derrick and Reanell Sneed, of McClendon Chism, with girls Alexia and Annette, Nonnie Bright, Kevin and Devron Crispin with daughter Lexi, Bill and Andra Cole from Alaska, with son Tyler, and Ray and Margaret Crispin of Wilson.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS
 I want to wish two folks a very happy birthday. Tiffany Graves, who by the way just got out of the hospital, celebrates her birthday Thursday the 25th. Hope you are feeling better Tiffany. **AND!** Happy birthday to Chuck Ratliff, who will turn 70 (I can not believe that) on Wednesday the 23rd. Happy birthday you two!

GREAT THOUGHTS
 Birthdays are good for you, the more you have the longer you live. How long a minute is depends of what side of the bathroom door you're on. If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy.

If WalMart is lowering prices everyday, how come nothing in the store is free yet? Don't cry because it is over; smile because it happened. Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person. and my favorite....

We could all learn a lot from a box of crayons; some are sharp, some are dull, some are pretty, some have weird names, and all are different colors... but they all have to learn to live in the same box.

TILL NEXT WEEK
 Well, guess that is it for this week. May the good Lord bless each of you and have a great weekend. See you next week. Judy

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sorships for the work. Businesses and individuals may have their names placed on the trailer gate for a donation of \$100. The trailer should arrive in four or five weeks and will be on display at that time. Anyone interested in sponsoring should contact Jeff Lott at 495-2989.

United Way Autumn Jubilee

A Garza County United Way Autumn Jubilee dance will be held Saturday, October 25 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Post Community Center. There will be door prizes every hour starting at 9 p.m., you must be present to win. The jubilee is a family event with \$10 a person admission, \$15 per couple or \$20 per family. All proceeds benefit and assist member organizations of the local United Way.

United Way raffle tickets for rifle

Raffle tickets are now on sale at \$1 each to win a Ruger Model 77R MarkII rifle from Mason Farm & Ranch Supply. The rifle includes American walnut stock, hand checked three position safety, fixed ejector, receiver with integral dovetail bases and Ruger rings. Winner picks the caliber. The drawing will be held at the United Way chili cook-off at 7 p.m., November 1 at the Algerita Park. Participants need not be present to win. To buy a raffle ticket, call Jeff McAuley at 495-0733 or Mo Heridge at 806-756-4487.

Supper to offer UIL info

A free hot dog supper will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 30 in the high school commons. The event will be open to parents and PHS students interested in learning about the UIL academic contests conducted each year. Contests focus on many areas, including writing, speaking, computing, knowledge gathering and performing skills. Benefits of participation include SAT prep and scholarships. Contest sponsors will be on hand to answer questions, sign up students and work out practice times. Also to be discussed is the possible formation of an Academic Booster Club. For more information, call Sterline Marcum, PHS UIL academic coordinator, at 495-1561.

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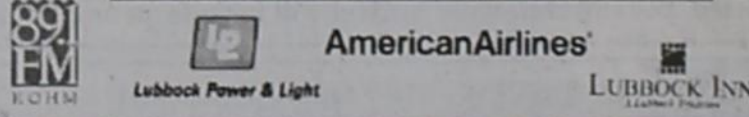
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cant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"We are very pleased with Post ISD's Schools FIRST rating," said Post ISD Superintendent, Marlin Marcum, "as it shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars. This rating shows that Post's schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

The Schools First accountability rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being "Superior Achievement," followed by "Above-Standard Achievement," "Standard Achievement" and "Substandard achievement."

Districts with serious data quality problems may receive the additional rating of "Suspended - Data Quality." Districts that receive the "Substandard Achievement" or "Suspended - Data Quality" ratings under Schools FIRST must file a corrective action plan with the Texas Education Agency.

Post ISD will conduct a public hearing on October 14 to review and discuss its ratings and its AEIS Report (Academic Excellence Indicator System).

Post's Financial and Academic status is excellent. Copies of both reports are now available in the Superintendent's office.

Brownfield native Kevin Willis recently took over the postmaster duties at the local post office.

Willis, who is no relation to Postmaster Roy Willis who retired earlier this year, began his postal career in Brownfield in March of 1994. He became supervisor of customer service in September 2000.

Willis graduated from Brownfield High in 1983 and attended South Plains College and Texas Tech University.

While in Brownfield, he was a member of the Optimist Club, serving the organization as past president. He was past president of the Terry County Young Farmers, past state vice-president of the State Association of Young Farmers of Texas, pastmaster of the Brownfield Masonic Lodge #903, past member of the Brownfield Chamber of Commerce board of directors, a member of the supervisory board of the Brownfield Federal Credit Union and a past member of the Terry County Recreational Committee.

An active member of the Terry County Little Dribblers Assoc. and the Terry County Little League, he was a director of the First Baptist Church of Brownfield Youth Sunday School Department and director of the Challenger Division of the Royal Ambassadors.

Willis and his wife of 17 years, Penny, have two children - Alexis Faith, 8, and Kylan Dale, 3.

Births

Elizabeth Anne Payton

Daegan and Jessica Payton are proud to announce the birth of their sister, Elizabeth Anne, born at 11:50 p.m. Sept. 18, 2003.

The infant weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 18 1/2 inches in length at birth.

Her parents are Tom and Terry Payton. Grandparents are J.W. and Breena Payton of Post and Joe and Linda Allard of Arlington. Myriam Allard of Louisiana is the baby's great-grandmother.

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Chris Davis and Kristin Thomas on stage at the Garza Theatre in "Charley's Aunt" (see details on Page 1)

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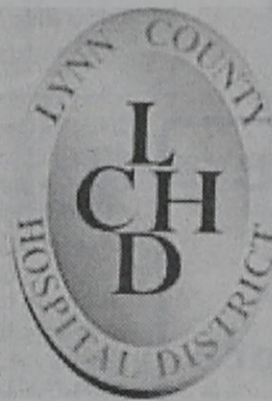
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Obituaries

Margie Nell Russell Carpenter

Services for Margie Nell Russell Carpenter, 78, were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003, in the Franklin Bartley Chapel with the Rev. Paul Jantzen and her son, the Rev. Charles Carpenter, officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery in Post. She died Sept. 20, 2003.

Born Dec. 22, '24, in Roaring Springs to Walter M. and Emma Buchanan Russell, she was raised on a farm in the Dry Lake community of Dickens County and spent summers on her aunt Beulah K. Bird's ranches in Post and St. Johns, Ariz. A graduate of Spur High School, she attended Texas Tech and the University of Texas. She married W.C. "Bo" Carpenter Dec. 16, 1948, at St. John's United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

She was employed with the United States Special Services in Corpus Christi, taught high school business classes in Crosbyton, was a bank employee in Tahoka and worked as an insurance and oil investment salesperson. A former member of the Lubbock Garden and Art Center, she was an active member of the International Cultural Center. She was an award-winning artist and a member of Trinity Church.

Survivors include her husband of Lubbock; two sons, Steve Carpenter and wife, Pam, of Lubbock and the Rev. Charles Carpenter and wife, Delores, of North Richland Hills; grandchildren Caleb, Jordan, Dustin Lee, Derek, Daniel, Cynthia, Angela and Taylor Carpenter; great-grandchildren Devan, Tavis, Jasmine, Brenda Faith and Joshua; three sisters, Walterena Russell Clack of Lanham, Maryland, and Wanda Ruth Steele and Linda Beth Limer, both of Lubbock; and two brothers, Charles M. Russell of Dallas and Royal D. Russell of Fort Worth.

Her parents and a brother, Stanley Allen Russell, preceded her in death. A daughter, Brenda Beth, preceded her in death Sept. 14, 1982.

The family has suggested memorials be made to Hospice of Lubbock, 1102 Slide Rd., Lubbock, TX 79416, or to Trinity Church or a favorite charity. Those who wish to offer their condolences or to sign the family's online guest book may visit www.franklin-bartley.com.

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Troy Earl Lewis

Services for Troy Earl Lewis, 57, of Killeen were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003, in the First Baptist Church in Post. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Friday, Sept. 19, 2003, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born Oct. 5, 1945, in Garza County to Richard and Maxine Tucker Lewis, he grew up in the Pleasant Valley community and graduated from Southland High School in 1964. He attended Texas Tech prior to enlisting in the U.S. Army. He served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1969, receiving the Bronze Star with a V for valor and the Gold Cluster. An employee of the Texas Department of Public Safety for several years, he was working with the U.S. Postal Service at the time of his death.

Survivors include his mother, Maxine Lewis of Lubbock; two daughters, Brandi Woods and husband Aaron of Slaton and Kerri Lewis of Lubbock; one son, Brandon Lewis and wife Talissa of Lubbock; two sisters, Theresa Woodfin and husband Charlie of Lubbock and Clea Thomas and husband Ward of Corpus Christi; one brother, Edwin Lewis and wife Linda of Slaton; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and one daughter, Denise Michelle.

The family has suggested memorials be made to United Cerebral Palsy of Texas, 5555 N. Lamar, Suite L139, Austin, TX 78751.

Norman William Washburn

Memorial services for Norman William Washburn, 66, of Auburn, Wash., will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, 2003, in the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 3:30 a.m. in the Lynn County Hospital.

Born Oct. 27, 1936, in Georgia County to Ted and Ruth Williams Washburn, he married Sharon Baele Nov. 30, 1957, in Bothell, Wash. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1955 until 1959. He was an electrician.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon, of Auburn; two sons, Kelly Washburn and Kent Washburn, both of Auburn; three sisters, Molly O'Brien and Lavina Palmer, both of Post, and Cedaia Williams of Tahoka; two brothers, Glendon Washburn of Denver, Colo., and Robert McAfee of Lubbock; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mike Washburn, in July of 1988 and by a sister, Jolena Blair.

Lathen Withers

Services for Lathen Withers, 87, of Guthrie were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, in the Guthrie Community Center Complex with the Rev. Joe Leathers officiating, assisted by the Rev. Cody Cochran. Burial followed in the Guthrie Cemetery under the direction of the McCoy Funeral Home of Aspermont.

He died at his home the morning of Thursday, Sept. 18.

Born in Jack County, Texas, he worked for the 6666 Ranch in Guthrie for 48 years. He was a longtime supporter of the King County 4-H and FFA programs in Guthrie.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene Withers of Guthrie; one son, Bubba Withers of Guthrie; three daughters, Maria Corp of Comanche, Okla., Mandi Brown of Munday and Tonya Bounds-Baugh of Stephenville; two sisters, Marine Boyett of Atrisa, N.M., and Joy Bear of Odessa; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Carolyn Johnson.

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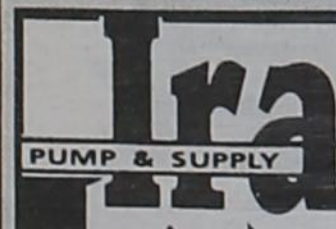
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Believing unto righteousness...Romans 10:9-10

Throughout the Bible, we find wonderful examples of people believing God onto getting the results He promised. Hebrews chapter 11 gives a number of examples that are followed by the following verses,

"And all these having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise. God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." (Hebrews 11:39-40).

In the name of Jesus Christ anybody can be made perfect, filled with holy spirit. The instructions God gave us for how to be made righteous can be found in Romans 10:9-10.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

God makes a clear distinction between two conditions that lead to one result...salvation. This article will address the condition that is unto righteousness. I will address the matter of confessing with the mouth the Lord Jesus in a later article.

God made it so easy for anybody to be made a righteous saint. Simply believe with the heart that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

It is easy as 1-2-3. We know how to count because we've been taught and practiced it many years. Likewise anybody who spends time in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, will eventually believe it unto righteousness.

Let's look at the first record of people being filled with holy spirit in Acts 2:4,
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost..."

They were filled with the power of holy spirit that was from God.

In Acts 1:22-23 we can see that they were already believing that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

After Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, one of his disciples killed himself. Another disciple had to be named among the twelve. He had to be among them from the time of John's baptism of water, to the day Jesus Christ was taken up into heaven.

These men believed that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. So when the day of Pentecost arrived and holy spirit was poured out in the temple, they were immediately filled with holy spirit.

The righteousness from God is still available for all who believe.

As it is written, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16).

On God's Word is designed to teach the rightly divided word of God as it interprets itself. Tim Burnett invites you to visit his personal website at <http://www.geocities.com/christinyou7love.html>.

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Opinions



We need a job saving law

by Walter E. Williams



Recent advocacy of free trade in this column has caused considerable reader apoplexy and anxiety, not to mention accusations of unconcern with worker plight. Readers have protested loss of good paying jobs to low-wage countries such as India, China and other Asian countries. I'd like to propose a way to completely eliminate this angst, and I'm wondering just how many of my fellow Americans would support it.

Let's call it the Level Playing Field Act, where Congress decrees that: Neither a corporation nor an individual shall be permitted to employ a cheaper method of producing a good or service.

The Level Playing Field Act would be a blessing for all those highly paid workers in the high-tech, auto, steel and other industries who see their jobs going to overseas workers earning far less than half their wages. To produce the most successful outcome, Congress would have to complement this law with a similar decree on the consumer side of things, namely: Neither a corporation nor an individual shall be permitted to purchase a cheaper good or service.

This job-saving measure wouldn't only apply to jobs lost to low-wage countries, but it would also apply to automation caused by job-destroying machines. England's 19th century Luddites understood this very well, but they took matters into their own hands and went about destroying job-destroying machinery.

I can sympathize with the Luddites. After all, it's no less painful to a worker who loses his job because the corporation has moved his job overseas than to a worker who loses his job to a cost-saving machine. Either way, he's out of a job.

Being 67 years old, I've witnessed a lot of job destruction. As a young man, I enjoyed watching road construction. At that time, road construction required enormous teams of men doing everything from using jackhammers and pickaxes to dig up cracked pavement to using long two-by-fours to even out and finish the concrete. We just

don't see much of this now. These good-paying jobs have been destroyed by huge machines operated by a few men who do the work that took hundreds of men to do yesterday. Had the Level Playing Field Act been on the books, we'd still have those jobs.

Job-destroying machines haven't spared women. Yesteryear, thousands of women had good-paying jobs as telephone switchboard operators. Switching machines and later computers destroyed those jobs. Five and dime stores had one or two ladies behind every counter to help customers. Checkout stands and packaging have destroyed all of those jobs. The Level Playing Field Act would have saved those jobs.

Then there's the consumer side of things. Years ago, there were loads of corner grocery and hardware stores. Because of selfish consumers, motivated only by getting something cheap and not caring about what happens to small businessmen and their employees, these stores are mostly gone. They've been replaced by huge, impersonal supermarket chains and super hardware stores like Home Depot and Loews. Had my proposed law been on the books, small grocery and hardware stores would not have gone the way of the dinosaur.

Some people might argue that what I'm proposing is too extreme. They might say, "We're just talking about saving all of our high-tech and manufacturing jobs going overseas." Such a position seems selfish and self-serving in the least. After all, one of the overriding values of a free society is equality before the law. That means if Congress takes a measure to save the job of one American, it's obliged to save the jobs of all Americans. No worker is more deserving than another. That means there can't be job-saving discrimination.

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Federal spending threatens our security

by Jacob G. Hornberger

As is widely known, the federal spigots in foreign affairs, as in domestic affairs, are now wide open: hundreds of billions of dollars will be spent in Iraq, not to mention the billions of dollars in foreign aid that will be sent to dozens of foreign governments, all under the purported rationale of improving life in those countries.

Setting aside the fact that historically foreign aid has failed to improve the economic well-being of people in the recipient nations, what all too many Americans are blocking out of their minds, unfortunately, is the threat that the U.S. government's uncontrolled spending binge poses to our own economic security.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, the current fiscal year, which ends this month, will end up with a \$401 billion deficit. The original projection for next year was that federal spending would exceed income by \$480 billion; the anticipated spending in Iraq has raised that projection to at least \$540 billion.

Like it or not, federal spending must ultimately be paid for by the American people, either now - in the form of income taxation - or by adding to the federal government's ever-growing mountain of national debt (\$6.8 trillion and growing), to be paid later either through income taxation or the more likely means of central-bank debasement of the currency (i.e., inflation).

Given the unlikelihood that the Bush administration will raise taxes prior to the 2004 elections, it is a virtual certainty that most of the new spending will be financed by new debt, to be paid off later, most likely through inflation.

Those who think that passing the debt to later generations poses no economic cost to current generations ignore the adverse impact of diverting such large amounts of private capital into unproductive government spending. Rising levels of private capital are the key to increased productivity, which in turn forms the basis for real (i.e., noninflationary) increases in wages. Thus, massive government spending, whether financed through taxation or debt, ultimately means a lower standard of living for society.

What Americans might also find disconcerting is the amount of U.S. debt that is held by foreigners - \$1.347 trillion, more than one-third of the total. According to an article entitled "U.S. Debt to Asia Swelling," published in the September 12 issue of the Washington Post, Japan now owns \$440 billion in U.S. securities, equal to more than one-tenth of all outstanding issues. China, the second-largest buyer of U.S. securities, now owns more than \$122 billion, while five other Asian countries - Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, and Thailand - own more than \$166 billion.

As Joan Zheng, formerly of the central bank of China (i.e., China's Federal Reserve System) and now an economist at J.P. Morgan in

Hong Kong, put it, "The U.S. dollar is now at the mercy of Asian governments." She might have added, "Thanks to the profligate spending habits of U.S. officials."

Americans had better hope that foreigners never decide to dump all that debt onto the market at once, because it would undoubtedly produce an extremely ugly financial and economic crisis whose magnitude is impossible to predict. Given the propensity of Washington officials to make enemies overseas, the threat of such a crisis now hangs over our nation like a sword of Damocles.

The American people might well come to rue the day they embraced the "Don't worry. Be happy. Trust us" mantra of their elected and appointed federal officials, who undoubtedly would view a severe economic emergency as just another opportunity to further expand their powers over the American people. We could easily imagine them repeating the mantra that federal officials employed after monetary manipulation by the Federal Reserve caused the 1929 stock-market crash and the Great Depression: "America's free-enterprise system has failed. Entrust us with more power so we can get you out of the crisis."

It would behoove the American people to reject the notion of blind trust in government, at least with respect to economic matters, long before such a crisis can befall us. Americans would do well to finally take to heart the admonition of our Founding Fathers: that the greatest threat both to our liberty and security lies not with some foreign enemy but rather with our own government, which is precisely why the Framers designed the Constitution with the aim of protecting us from it.

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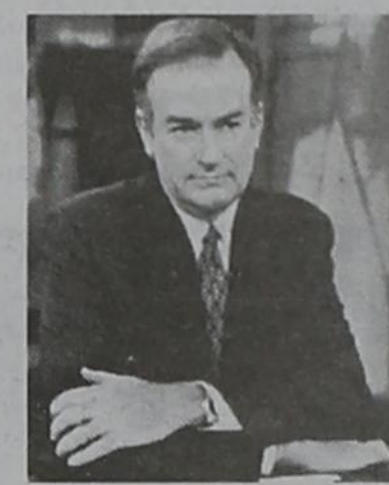
"The great rule of conduct for us in regard to foreign nations is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible. So far as we have already formed engagements, let them be fulfilled with perfect good faith. Here let us stop. Europe has a set of primary interests which to us have none; or a very remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence, therefore, it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves by artificial ties in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics, or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships or enmities." — George Washington

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Kids and Sex

by Bill O'Reilly



So what does Madonna do for an encore after smooching up Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera on national television? She puts out a children's book. That's certainly in context, isn't it? What's next: new Hardy Boys series written by Larry Flynt?

Madonna's book is harmless, some talk about English flowers with lessons for little girls. Somehow Madonna has become British, and I don't quite understand how that happened.

Anyway, most children's books are positive things, but Madonna has a karma debt to kids that this book is not going to wipe out. Over the years she has flounced around flaunting her sexuality, which is fine if you're an adult, but a bit confusing if you're a kid sitting there watching her locking lips with two pop stars whom you idolize. I'm sure millions of American parents were thrilled they had to answer questions about THAT.

And then Madonna tells the press that she doesn't want her young daughter to get caught up in all the sex stuff. I love this tactic. It's great for me to sex up a program I know kids will be watching, but I don't want my daughter to see it. Great.

The point is that many American children cannot escape being sexualized at a young age. The education reporter for the Washington Post, Linda Perlstein, spent a year with a bunch of adolescents in suburban Maryland and writes that sex is topic No. 1 in Midwestern schools these days. Ten-year-olds know all about oral sex and other stuff that no child that young could possibly put into context or deal with emotionally.

The responsibility for the sexualization of the American child lies on two doorsteps. First, many parents are not nearly pro-active enough in protecting their kids from inappropriate sexual displays. No child should have a TV or computer in his or her bedroom. Communications equipment should be in the common areas of the house so parents can know what their kids are seeing. I mean this is insane. Any kind of perversion can be punched up on a computer and seen on cable television. And you let your kid access those things unattended? And if you are leaving a 10-year-old home unsupervised, shame on you.

Second, the media is simply a disgrace. MTV should be stoned, and I'm talking rocks, not drugs. These people consistently market lewd and lascivious behavior to children in order to make a buck. Another bad karma situation.

I'm not coming at this from a prudish point-of-view. I take a libertarian approach to private sexual behavior by adults. If you want to swing on a trapeze in private, it's nobody's business but your own, as long as you aren't breaking the law or hurting anyone in your sexual pursuits. But no good comes from sexualizing children. They cannot possibly make responsible decisions in this area and deserve to have a childhood free of sex. Remember Jon Benet Ramsey? Did it make you sick seeing that little girl all tarted up by her mother in the pursuit of child beauty pageant ribbons? There is something very wrong about imposing any kind of sexuality on a child.

We are not taking this topic seriously enough in America. Madonna can write all the children's books she wants, but until she stops being part of the problem, I will consider her insincere and hypocritical. Sex is for grownups. Period.

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Badgers overpower 'Lopes 40-0

by Wes Burnett

It didn't take the Merkel Badgers very long to establish dominance over the Post Antelopes last Friday night, scoring on their second possession, then shutting down the Antelope offense.

In the end, the 40-0 final score told the story.

The 'Lope defense held the Badgers on their opening possession following the kickoff, but the fourth down punt put the 'Lopes at their own seven yard line. They could not get the first down, and a short punt set up the first of four first half Badger touchdowns.

On first down Badger quarterback Chris Cobb threw the ball over the hands of safety Mark Norman to R.D. Perry, who raced the final 10 yards to the end zone. The point after attempt failed.

The 'Lopes were forced to punt again after three downs, setting up the Badgers at the Post Merkel 39. Two plays later Cobb handed the ball to Riley Lambert, who broke through would-be tacklers to the end zone. With 4:34 left in the first quarter, the 'Lopes trailed 14-0 after Cobb threw a pass in the end zone to Russ Biggerstaff for the two point conversion.

One more time the 'Lopes attempted to break out the running game, but failed to get the first down, punting on fourth from their own 28 yard line. The Badgers set up their third touchdown drive at their own 31 following the punt.

It took seven plays, highlighted by Brady Rutledge's run down the right sideline on an option pitchout from Cobb, finally being hauled down by the 11 by David Lee Rivera. On fourth down at the two yard line, Cobb handed the ball to Christopher Hart who rammed his way into the end zone. Cobb's point after kick was no good, the Badgers led 20-0 with 10:46 left in the second quarter.

On their next possession, the 'Lopes recorded their first of nine first downs, with Mitchell Mills and Jett Lott sharing the running chores. Quarterback Sterling Smith lead the offense, picking up two first downs before Norman punted the ball to the Merkel 21. The drive was highlighted by a fourth down and inches plunge by Mills to keep the drive alive at the Post 44 yard line.

The Post defense held the Badgers on their next possession, forcing a punt, which Rivera ran back to the Post 43. Then disaster struck the offense as Smith, throwing from the

shotgun formation, had a pass to intercepted at the Merkel 27 yard line.

Three plays later the Badgers led 26-0, leaving 2:45 on the first half clock. A halfback pass from Lambert to Jerrad Knight put six more points on the board. Norman broke up a two point pass attempt in the end zone.

The 'Lopes put up a stiff effort to score following the kickoff, but simply ran out of time after picking up three first downs and penetrating to the Merkel 37.

The second half opened with another problem for the 'Lopes, as the ball was stripped from Mills at the Post 41 yard line. The 'Lope defense sagged, but held firmly, forcing a fake field goal attempt, with Cobb's pass going to the ground. The 'Lope offense got another shot at their own 27 with 9:09 left in the third quarter.

The drive stalled at the 35, and Norman punted the ball, which set up the Badgers at the 50 yard line. Once again the 'Lope defense did its job, with Lott getting an interception of a pass at the five yard line.

The 'Lope offense drove to the their own 44 yard line before running out of steam. Smith, Mills and Lott got the yardage, but Lott was trapped

behind the line of scrimmage for a four yard loss to the 40, then was stopped for no gain and a third down pass from Smith to Jonathan McGregor went incomplete, setting up a fourth down punt.

The Badgers partially blocked the punt, which set them up for another scoring drive at their own 47 yard line. It took seven plays to score. When the 'Lope offense shut down the run, Cobb threw passes, then turned the ball over to Hart for the final five yards. With 8:05 left in the game, the Badgers took a commanding 32-0 lead.

Another Antelope attempt to break out failed, but provided fans a thrill as Smith threw a pass to Russell Merritt, who then pitched the ball to Lott trailing the play, and he was finally forced out of bounds at the Merkel 40 yard line. Two passes and a running play failed to gain the first down, and Lott punted the ball, which rolled dead at the Merkel three yard line.

With 6:43 remaining in the game, the Badgers mounted a nine play drive, featuring Zack Maxey and Lambert. Hart got the final 10 yards, breaking through defenders to the end zone. Cobb's extra point closed out the scoring at 40-0.

The ending for Post came on the next kickoff as Rivera lost the football at the Post 28 yard line. Three plays later time ran out.

The 'Lopes travel Saturday to Perryton for a 3 p.m. kickoff. Those unable to attend the game can catch all the live play-by-play action on KPOS Radio (97.7 FM and Classic Cable Channel 12).



Omar Medina (right) pulls a Badger running back to the ground during the contest at Merkel last Friday night. (Photo by Gena Lott)

'Lopes set for Saturday clash at Perryton

by Wes Burnett

"Of course, we are disappointed about the loss at Merkel," Antelope head coach Tim James said about last week's game, "but we are proud of our players, they never gave up, they hung in there and gave it all they had. We just went up against one of the best teams in West Texas."

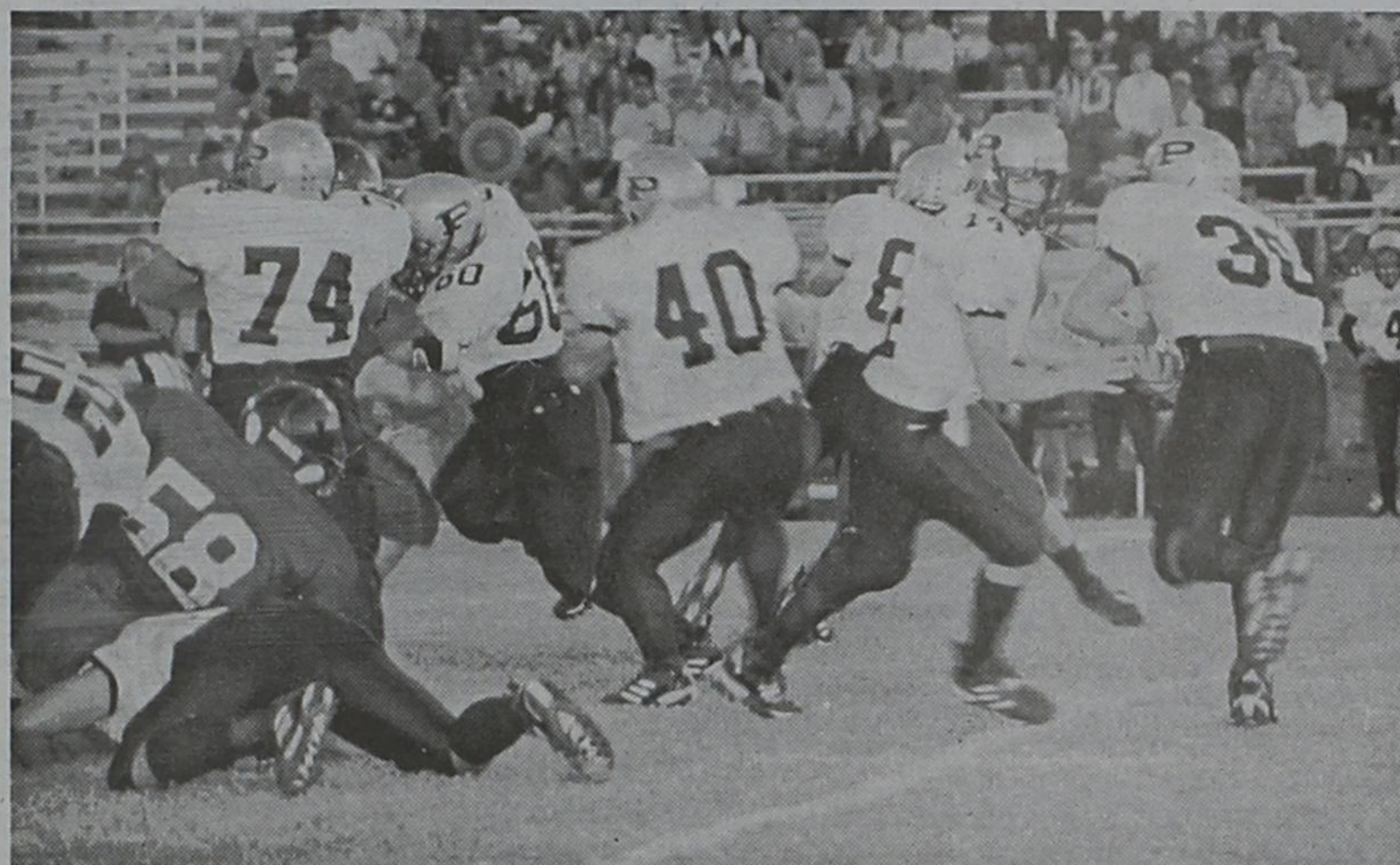
The Antelopes came out of the Merkel game with no injuries and a determination to work on execution and cutting down mistakes.

The team leaves Saturday at 7 a.m. for the long trip to Perryton (approximately 270 miles) for a 3 p.m. kickoff with the Perryton Rangers.

"They have a lot of winning tradition in Perryton," coach James added, "and it's going to be another tough game ... and you can expect them to be gunning for us after their loss here last year."

The Rangers have lost to Pampa and Dumas and outscored Canadian and Guymon, Okla. "They have a good quarterback with speed and knows how to run the Wing T offense," James said, "On defense they use the 4-3 alignment, with aggressive linebackers and defensive ends."

"We just got to execute better and hold on to the football, and our defense has got to get to the ball and hold on," the coach concluded.

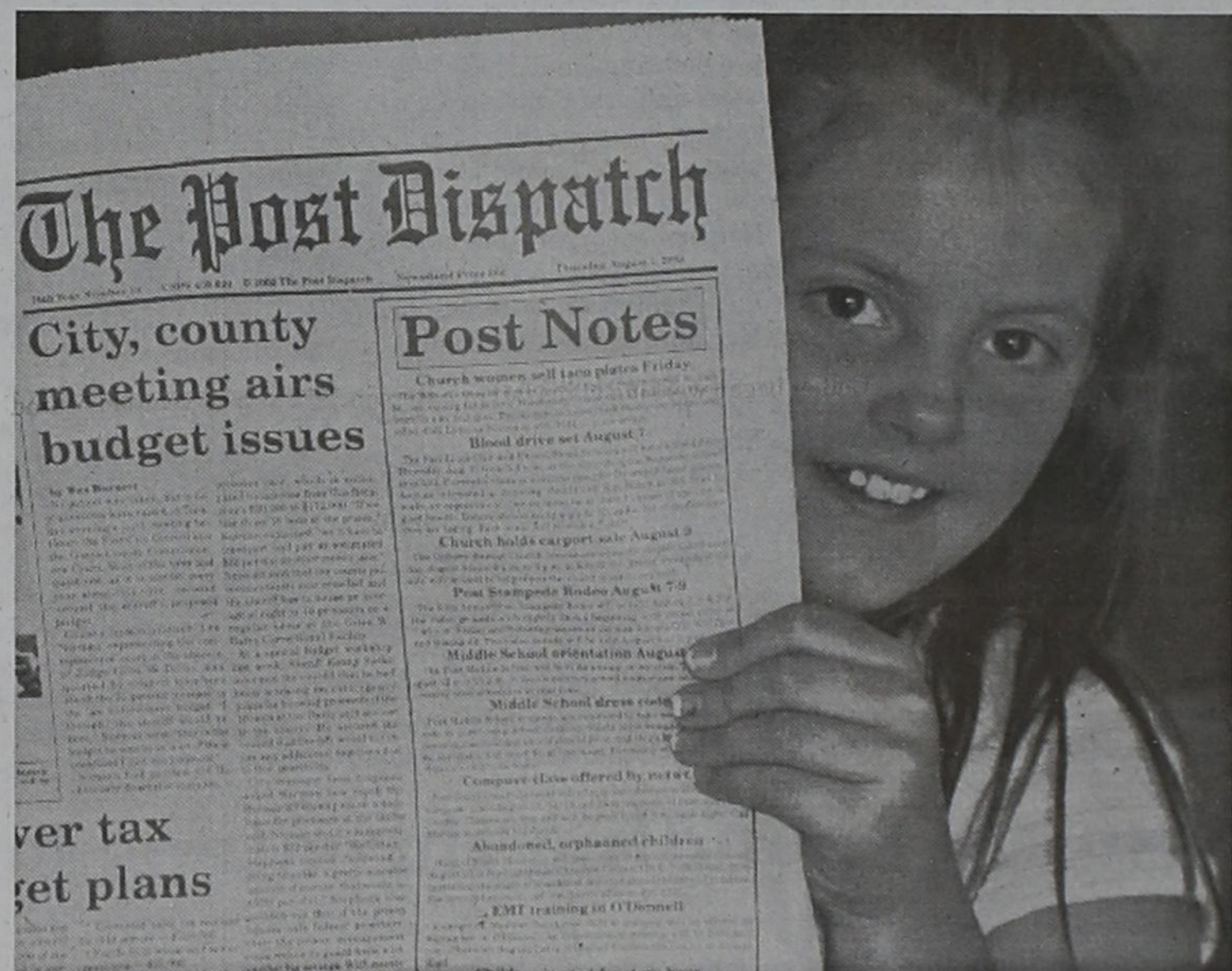


Post offensive action at Merkel includes Jace Pollard (52), Chessauf Garcia (74), Omar Medina (60), Mitchell Mills (40), Jonathan McGregor (80), Sterling Smith (14) and Jett Lott (30). (Photo by Gena Lott)



Antelope defensive action last Friday at Merkel included this action by jace Pollard (52), Ryan Babb (22), Theo Ruiz (25) and Mitchell Mills (40). (Photo by Gena Lott)

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Post High School varsity cheerleaders (left to right) Steffi Norman, Jenée Lott, Courtney Copeland, Xane Mason, Hayley Massey, Kayla Morris, Claire Kirkpatrick, Gentry Creech, Kaci Capps and Courtney Short pose with Jimmy and Delores Redman (front) and photographer Skip Crawford (back) in celebration of the PHS cheerleaders' achievements at the NCA Cheer Camp in San Angelo. The PHS cheerleaders earned the top team cheer award out of 14 teams, which qualifies them for the national competition in Dallas. Norman, Creech, Kirkpatrick and Lott earned All-American Cheerleading awards. Only 12 cheerleaders at the camp were recognized as All-American cheerleaders. Lott was awarded top cheerleader at the camp.



PHS band members (left to right) Mario Torres, David Pequeno, Byron Scruggs and Steven Polanco performing at Merkel last Friday night. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Amity Study Club: 'We remember Post'

by Louella Bilberry

The Amity Study Club met Tuesday night, Sept. 16, at the First Christian Church to begin our new year. Our hostesses were Sandra Alexander, Jo Ann Miller, Janie Middleton and Naomi Matsler, who stepped in for Juanelle Etheredge who was ill. After a short business meeting, Jo Ann Miller gave us our Post IQ test paper. There were some "I didn't know that's", "Are you sure?", "Oh, no! I think that was..."

One question was who was born in Garza County? Seven of us.

Some of us remembered Edgar Bergan, Charlie McCarthy and Danny Thomas (saying "I used to be blond until I came here!"). We had a terrible sandstorm the day of the dedication of the courthouse.

It was a fun night—a great start for our new year.

Members attending were Sandra Alexander, Barbara Babb, Patsy Bilbo, Margaret Bull, Ginger Carlisle, Jane Davis, Joy Dickson, Suzanne Hudman, Naomi Matsler, Edna Owen, Joy Pool, Kathie Rankin, Carolyn Sawyer, Anne Sims and Louella Bilberry.

Jo Ann Miller gave us a list of questions on the history of Post that she and Leon made. We had lots of fun with them and I thought you Dispatch readers might too! (Thank you, Millers. Thank you, Mr. Burnett.)

Question 1: What year was Post founded?

Question 2: What did Marjorie Post say as she unveiled the statue?

Question 3: What well-known radio personality and his two sidekicks entertained at the program on the football field?

Question 4: What was another sport performed at the football field?

Question 5: What was the restaurant named for a pair of trousers?

Question 6: Performers that attended the dedication for the hospital included...?

Question 7: Who was Dr. Suman's nurse?

Question 8: What company originally occupied the OS Ranch store?

Question 9: What was the Catholic Church building originally?

Question 10: Who started the tradition in Garza County of forecasting crops by the direction of the wind on a certain day in March?

Question 11: Who was the lawyer whose name was the opposite of his profession?

Question 12: What was the name of Post's first Chevrolet dealership?

Question 13: What lake was the site of a famous Fourth of July picnic?

Question 14: When was the Garza County courthouse built?

Question 15: What was originally

in the location of Terry Tire Company?

Question 16: What was the name of the apartments that are now a museum?

Question 17: The Greaber House was first used for what?

Question 18: What was the building where Radio Shack is located?

Question 19: Who played the role of C.W. Post in the Golden Jubilee Pageant?

Answers to these questions may be found on Page 9 of this week's edition of The Post Dispatch.

Enjoy this blast from the past.

Christmas lights downtown...

The color of Christmas along Main Street will be changing this year.

The Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau has announced that the color of this year's Christmas lights will change from red to clear. The change is in response to a request from the Main Street Visionary Committee to use clear bulbs instead of the previously used red ones.

The change is expected to brighten Main Street and give it a fresher look for the 2003 holiday season, bureau officials said.

Bureau president Thressa Harp

said she would like to encourage all Main Street property owners and merchants to plan ahead for the change. The clear light bulbs will be made available at local retail outlets. MAD DADS will again be offering a light-hanging service. For information, contact Rodney Tidwell

at 495-1244 or 620-0960.

Rounding out the local holiday celebration will be the annual lighted Christmas parade. This year's event is set for Saturday, Dec. 6.

To enter a float, call the bureau office at 495-3461. Cash prizes will be awarded to the best floats.

Mayor declares 'Bob Collier Day'

Friday will be Bob Collier Day in Post following a proclamation made by Mayor Archie Gill earlier this week.

On Monday, Gill signed the declaration recognizing Collier, a longtime pharmacist in the community.

"Whereas, Collier Drug Store was established in the City of Post in 1908, and... the history of Collier Drug Store and the history of the City of Post have been mutually and beneficially intertwined," the proclamation reads. "Whereas, Collier Drug has provided high quality health care to Post citizens for almost 100 years, and... Bob Collier assumed ownership of Collier Drug from his dad in 1948, continuing the tradition of service to the citizens of Post... Bob Collier has made (an) extraordinary effort throughout his 55 years of ownership of Collier Drug Store to provide meaningful comfort and care to the citizens of Post.

"Now, therefore, be it proclaimed... that Sept. 26, 2003, be designated as 'Bob Collier Day' in the City of Post, Texas," the proclamation reads.

Collier closed the drug store he and his father operated for almost a century in downtown Post last week. What has been known as Bob Collier Drug since 1948 opened in 1908 as R.H. Collier Drug. Bob Collier's father opened the store after purchasing the drug rights from community founder C.W. Post in 1907.

Collier began working at his father's store in 1938 as a 14-year-old behind the soda fountain.

Thousands of prescriptions were filled in the store. Some local families had trusted their prescriptions with a Collier pharmacist for as many as five generations.

Merkel edges 7th graders

The seventh grade Lopes lost to Merkel last week by a score of 16-12.

The Post Middle School squad was down 16-0 at the half but erupted in the second half. Angle Duran ran the second half kickoff back 80 yards down the right sideline to make it a 16-6 game. Post capped a 54-yard drive with Timothy Gonzalez running up the middle for a 24-yard touchdown run with 1:36 remaining in the third period.

The Antelopes gave a valiant effort, but 16-12 was as close as they could get. A late fumble sealed the win for the Badgers.

"I was real proud of how well the team responded in the second half," said Coach Price. "If they could have woke up a little earlier, they would have had a good chance of winning the game."

8th graders shut out Merkel 22-0

The eighth grade Antelopes shut out Merkel 22-0 in a road game played last week.

Bradley Reed opened the game with a 5-yard touchdown run and followed it up with a two-point conversion. Roosevelt Brown increased the lead with a 40-yard scoring run in the second quarter.

In the third quarter, quarterback Pat Reiter snuck into the end zone. Tyler Odom added the two-point conversion to finish out scoring in the game.

"This was a great game," said Coach Jason Holdman. "Our kids played really hard against a bigger 3A team. They showed a lot of determination that will hopefully carry us into next week against Brownfield."

JV Lopes roll over Roscoe 42-14

The Post High School junior varsity squad dropped one game and won another convincingly during the past few weeks.

The team fell 20-14 to Friona on a game played Sept. 11.

Game highlights included a fumble recovery by the 'Lopes' Tony Garay with 1:07 left in the first quarter. With 9:11 left in the second, the team scored on a 7-yard touchdown run by Brody Conner. Stace Norman added a successful two-point conversion.

Garay snapped up another fumble recovery with 6:32 left in the second quarter, paving the way for a 27-yard touchdown pass from Conner to Bryce Feagin.

With 2:11 left in the half, Conner sacked by quarterback for a 10-yard loss. Another fumble recovery, this one by Eric Reyna, came just minutes into the third period. The fumble was forced by Jared Smith.

Friona scored on a 6-yard touchdown pass late in the third and a 5-yard run with 5:33 left in the game.

On Sept. 4, the squad rolled over Roscoe for a 42-14 win.

"The Antelopes played an excellent game on offense, defense and special teams," the coach said. "The offense got two scores each from quarterback Brody Conner and running backs Stace Norman and Quinton Odom.

"I thought the offensive line did a great job for us. They opened up some big holes for us to run through. Our running backs and quarterback did a great job at making some big plays for us... The defense, on the other hand, was very stingy. They created four different turnovers. Jason Smith and Blake Nichols both had a punt block. Brody Conner and Jared Smith each recovered one fumble while Aaron Fox was able to recover two. The defense also came up big on fourth down twice, causing the Plowboys to turn the ball over on downs.

"I was real pleased with the way the defense came together. We did a great job on special teams as well. This was our best team effort so far. We are looking forward to more good things."

Constitutional election vote totals

Garza County Canvass Report 2003 Constitutional Amendment Election Sept. 13, 2003 (Source: Garza County Clerk)

Proposition 1 (funding veterans' housing) – 166 in favor, 65 opposed

Proposition 2 (mineral interests property redemption) – 119 in favor, 113 opposed

Proposition 3 (exemption for religious groups) – 107 in favor, 127 opposed

Proposition 4 (districts can provide parks) – 67 in favor, 162 opposed

Proposition 5 (exemption for certain trailers) – 112 in favor, 121 opposed

Proposition 6 (permits reverse mortgaging) – 133 in favor, 97 opposed

Proposition 7 (allows six-person jury) – 172 in favor, 61 opposed

Proposition 8 (taking office without election) – 157 in favor, 78 opposed

Proposition 9 (permanent school fund) – 113 in favor, 111 opposed

Proposition 10 (volunteer fire departments) – 204 in favor, 28 opposed

Proposition 11 (dispensing of Texas wine) – 115 in favor, 115 opposed

Proposition 12 (suits against doctors and providers) – 170 in favor, 69 opposed

Proposition 13 (tax freeze on certain homes) – 189 in favor, 45 opposed

Proposition 14 (transportation agencies funding) – 100 in favor, 130 opposed

Proposition 15 (retirement savings benefits) – 121 in favor, 108 opposed

Proposition 16 (home equity loans and credits) – 120 in favor, 108 opposed

Proposition 17 (tax freeze on homes of disabled) – 174 in favor, 58 opposed

Proposition 18 (assuming office without election) – 139 in favor, 93 opposed

Proposition 19 (eliminating rural fire districts) – 88 in favor, 136 opposed

Proposition 20 (assisting defense-related communities) – 68 in favor, 155 opposed

Proposition 21 (compensation for government service) – 79 in favor, 153 opposed

Proposition 22 (election official on military duty) – 178 in favor, 56 opposed

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Atmos Energy hereby gives notice of its intent to implement new gas rates for Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days. The Cities may suspend the proposed effective date for an additional 90 days. The company may implement a different rate design than proposed provided the increase to revenue does not exceed that specified herein. It is anticipated the new rates will increase the revenues of the company by approximately \$ 7.7 million or 7.32 percent and therefore constitutes a "major change".

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Copies of the filing are available at the Atmos Energy Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, TX 79408-1121 or a local Atmos Energy Office nearest you. Affected persons whose gas rates are subject to the original jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes with the Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, within 30 days following the proposed effective date.

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Borden County High School Cheerleaders, (left to right) Lindsey Stamper, Christina Soto (mascot), Shayla Gass, LaShae Johnson (top), Cassidy Rinehart (bottom), Menda James and Ashley James. (Photo courtesy Borden County High School).

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (CCN) TO PROVIDE WATER/SEWER UTILITY

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

The proposed utility service area is located approximately 25 miles south east of downtown Post, Texas, and is generally bounded on the north by Lake Alan Henry Road; on the east by the Garza/Kent County Line; on the south by Lake Alan Henry; and on the west by County Road 355. The total area being requested includes approximately 460.33 acres and 0 current customers.

A copy of the proposed service area map is available at 1120 West Lubbock Street, Slaton, Texas 79364 (806)789-9400.

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO AMEND FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Pure Resources, L.P., 500 West Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for an Amendment to our Permit to Inject Fluid into a Formation, which is Productive of Oil and Gas.

The applicant seeks to amend Injection Pressures into the San Andres & Glorieta formations and Injection Interval in the San Andres formation in the K. Stoker, Et Ux "C" lease, well number 18. The injection well is located approximately 10 miles Southeast of Post, Texas in the Rocker A Field, in Garza County, Texas. Fluid is currently permitted to be injected into the strata of the San Andres and Glorieta in the subsurface depth interval of 2300 feet to 2650 feet and 2950 feet to 3100 feet respectively at a pressure of 1100 PSI and a volume of 500 BWPD for each zone. We seek to amend the San Andres Permit to allow Pure to inject into the interval of 2450 feet to 2650 feet with a maximum pressure of 1225 pounds per square inch. We seek to amend the Glorieta permit to allow Pure to inject into the interval of 2950 feet to 3100 feet with a maximum pressure of 1225 pounds per square inch.

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.

Requests 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 Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

Building Strong Families November 6

The eighth annual Building Strong Families: Tools for Success Conference is set for Nov. 6 at the First Church of the Nazarene, 6110 Chicago Ave., in Lubbock.

This parenting conference targets parents and professionals in the 20-county area surrounding Lubbock. Typical attendance ranges from 700 to 1,200.

Concurrent sessions on a variety of family issue topics will run throughout the day from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring local, area and state presenters. Educational exhibits from Lubbock-area sponsors showcase resources for parents and families.

Spanish and English sessions are scheduled throughout the day for each time period.

Registration costs \$5 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Deadline for registration is Oct. 27.

Registration forms are available by calling 792-5468, ext. 831. An Adobe Acrobat version may be downloaded at <http://lubbock.tx.tamu.edu/publications/BSFBroA1103.pdf>.

Founded by the Lubbock County Partners for Parenting Coalition, the Building Strong Families conference sponsors include the Lubbock ISD, the Region 17 Education Service Center, the National Center for Parenthood Enrichment, the Texas Cooperative Learning Extension-Lubbock County, Texas Department of Health-Region 1, City of Lubbock, Lubbock Lions Club, Family Outreach Services of Lubbock, Catholic Family Services, TTUHSC School of Nursing, TTUHSC, the LISD Council PTA, Junior League of Lubbock and Managed Care Center for Addictive/Other Disorders Inc.

Lord's Acre event set Oct. 19

The First United Methodist Church and Family Harvest Church will host a Lord's Acre celebration Sunday, Oct. 19, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Community Center. A silent auction of donated items will precede the dinner. Contributions for the auction will be welcomed. (Contact Tonya Kirkpatrick at 629-4054; Carolyn Black at 495-2184; or the church office at 495-2942 to make arrangements for the collection of items.

Also, the same phone numbers may be used to RSVP; reservations should be made by Wednesday, Oct. 15.) The event is designed to generate funds for local organizations and projects, with all money raised benefiting local groups. Last year's Lord's Acre event generated \$2,900.

Sheriff reports two arrests

Two arrests were recorded in the Garza County Jail log during the past week, according to records provided by the sheriff's department. A 23-year-old was arrested for DWLS on Sept. 19, while on Sept. 21, a 25-year-old was picked up on Department of Public Safety warrants out of Terry County.

Girl Scout Council sets leader training October 3-5

The Girl Scout of Caprock Council will host their Weekend in the Canyon Leader Training Oct. 3-5. The event will include new troop leader orientation and age level training for Daisies, Brownies and Junior Girl Scout troop leaders.

Also included will be several other seminars designed to help current and future troop leaders direct activities. Courses to be offered include crafts, photography, hiking, scrapbooking, cardio-kickboxing and CPR/first aid certification.

The event will be conducted at the council's Camp Rio Blanco in Crosbyton beginning Friday evening, Oct. 3, and finishing Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5.

Cost to attend is \$30 for adults and \$35 for those interested in taking the CPR/first aid courses. The fee includes all workshops, Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast, and lodging. Participants also will receive a free Weekend in the Canyon T-shirt.

Final registration day is Sept. 25.

Participants are encouraged to bring plenty of clothing, a sleeping bag and pillow, toiletries and towels, rain gear, insect repellent, sunscreen and camping supplies.

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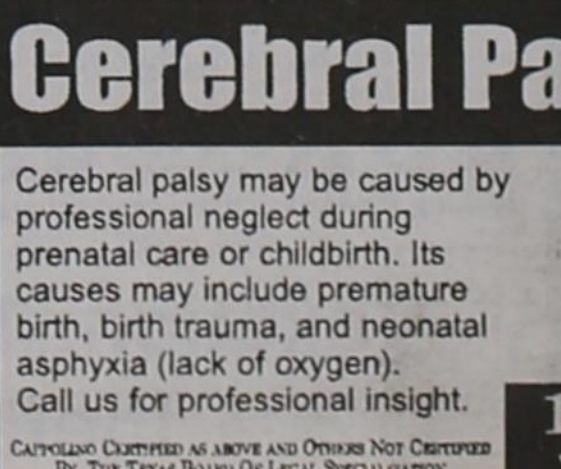
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Blood Drive & Health & Fitness Fair

October 1st. is the date for the 2003 Health and Fitness Fair to be held at the Post Community Center starting at 11:00 a.m. and running through 4:00 p.m. It is free to the community and residents are encouraged to come and take advantage of free services that will be offered. A blood drive will be held in conjunction with the health fair. United Blood Services will be available from 11:00 to 2:00 to take donations. Come out and give the gift of life.

GCJLA Raffle & "Funraiser".....

.....is scheduled for Friday, October 3 at the Post Community Center. The fundraiser will include a barbecue supper, entertainment by "The Guthries", and an auction of various items. A limited number of raffle tickets are available from GCJLA members or at the Extension office for \$5,000, \$1,000, two \$500 and two \$250 cash prizes. Watch for more details later.

GCJLA Horse Show

The annual Garza County Jr. Livestock Association horse show is scheduled for Sunday, October 12, at 3:00 p.m. at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena. This show will consist of Halter Classes and Showmanship Classes for Mares and Geldings. Classes will be divided by age of horse. Pee-Wees (for kids 8 and under) may enter also. Entries and fees are due and payable in the Extension office by October 7.

4-H Bears

2003 4-H Bears are finally here and needing a home. Pick yours up today at the Extension office for only \$10 each.

Judge Schildknecht attends 76th annual judicial conference

More than 550 Texas judges, including the Hon. Carter T. Schildknecht, judge of the 106th Judicial District Court, attended the Judicial Section's 76th Annual Conference in Corpus Christi Sept. 14-17.

The four-day conference, the only statewide gathering of Texas appellate, district and county court-at-law judges, encompassed an education program that focused on administrative and legal questions confronting the judiciary. The Texas Center for the Judiciary, an Austin-based non-profit judicial education group, developed the education program for the conference.

The conference featured general sessions on judicial leadership and accountability, "200th Anniversary of Marbury v Madison: Why We Should Still Care," "The Eyes of Texas are Upon You," case law updates from the Texas Supreme Court and Court of Criminal Appeals, and legislative updates on criminal, civil and family/juvenile law. Specialty topic tracks included appellate opinion writing, family and sexual violence, business valuation, bankruptcy, sentencing options for misdemeanors, trying an attorney discipline case, courtroom technology, criminal specialty courts, guardian ad litem and more.

A diverse faculty of Texas and other state court judges, attorneys and professors taught the classes.

"We put together a curriculum that allows judges to select the courses that best meet their needs," said Mari Kay Bickett, executive director of the Texas Center for the Judiciary. "By offering a variety of classes from which to choose, we provide information that is both useful and interesting to all judges."

A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul. — George Bernard Shaw
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Yesteryears

10 Years Ago
September 15, 1993

Pat Cruse was honored last Monday, September 6 with a party honoring her on her retirement as Service Unit Chairman of the Post Girl Scouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bush will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Saturday, September 25th at the Post Community Center.

Hillary Marie Wyatt, daughter of former Post residents Chris and Nancy Wyatt, recently won the title of Little Miss West Coke County. Wyatt's grandparents are Marshall and Ruth Reno.

Among the many activities that will be available during the upcoming Founder's Day celebration here in Post is a gun, bit and spur show at the Post Community Center.

Post Elementary School will celebrate the nation's 206th anniversary of signing of the U. S. Constitution during a ceremony this week that will include the presentation of a certificate of appreciation by a representative of U. S. Sen. Phil Gramm's office.

20 Years Ago
September 18, 1983

Tim Tannehill intercepted a pass and returned it 49 yards for a touchdown to help Kilgore College take a victory over Texas A&M's junior varsity in the Rangers season opener. Tim is a Post graduate and the son of Lane and Marge Tannehill.

Over one hundred and seventy-five original pieces of Western Art and sculptures will be on display at the 1983 OS Ranch Saddle Bronc Riding & Art Exhibit. The show will benefit the Texas Boys Ranch.

Leading the cheers for the JV football boys on Thursday nights are Alicia Pettijohn, Laura Crenshaw, Kerry Hart and Tyra Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 25 in the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. Children of the couple are hosting the event and include Mr. and Mrs. Ward Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Woodfin, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Lewis.

Students making the honor roll at Texas Tech University are Darla Jackson, Susan Sawyers, Amy Thuett, Michael Wade and Kenda Windham.

30 Years Ago
September 20, 1973

The Southland school district voters decided Saturday not to abolish their school by a 35-vote margin, 128 to 93, in a contest "school fight" that brought a record turnout of 96 per cent of the estimated 230 eligible voters.

High School Highlights: If you happen to see either Karla Josey or Jill Cash around town, it would be wise to BEWARE! These two have started to take instruction in the mysterious art of Karate. They plan

Menus

Post ISD

September 29- Breakfast-Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch-Popcorn chicken, french fries, salad, pears, milk
September 30- Breakfast- Waffles, butter & syrup, sausage, fruit, milk
Lunch-Smoked sausage, salad, pork-n-beans, Reece's cup, milk
October 1- Breakfast-Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk
Lunch-Chicken fried steak, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, juice bar, milk
October 2- Breakfast-Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk
Lunch-BBQ on bun, pinto beans, salad, ice cream, milk

Southland ISD

September 29- Breakfast-Oatmeal, toast, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch-Lasagna, garlic bread, tossed salad, corn, fruit cup, milk
September 30- Breakfast-Breakfast pockets, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken tetrazzini, butter carrots, green beans, toast, fruit w/ marshmallows, milk
October 1- Breakfast-Muffins, juice, milk
Lunch-Carna Guisada, refried beans, flour tortillas, green salad, orange quarters, milk
October 2- Breakfast-Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch-Corn dogs, french fries, baked beans, orange, cookie, milk
October 3- Breakfast-Biscuit & gravy, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken pattie burgers, salad fixing, potato rounds, fruit cup, milk

PHS Class of '53 celebrates 50th reunion

The Post High School Class of 1953 observed its 50th reunion Sept. 12-13 with activities beginning Friday afternoon in the Wells Fargo Community Room.

Several class members attended the game between Post and Friona, and three of the members of the 1953 Antelope football squad - Bernie Welch, one of the team's co-captains, David Pennington and Pete Hayes, voted Most Valuable Player of the team - participated in the opening ceremonies.

At halftime, the 1953 Football Sweetheart, Mary Jo Williams Evans, was introduced and presented with a bouquet of roses.
On Saturday morning, the group gathered for coffee, muffins and fruit and spent time visiting. At noon, the group had lunch, followed by a reunion photo at the old high school.

Post Middle School principal Brian Brownlow provided a tour of the building, and no one could believe it was the same building that had housed his or her high school years. Everyone agreed the building is completely different - Mrs. Smith's room was not at all like it was 50 years ago. Interested class members also toured the new Antelope Arena and the local museums.

Saturday evening, the group shared a meal at the Garza Hotel Bed & Breakfast. Several class members were recognized, including Nita Ray McClellan Aimo of Melbourne, Florida, who traveled the greatest distance to attend the event. David Pennington of Escondido, Calif., came in a close second.

Joyce Short Vardeman was voted Most Changed (she used to be so quiet; or is it because she is so quiet now?). Pete Hays was voted Least Changed, and Harold Massey was recognized as having the most grandchildren. Virgie Ammons Jenkins received the "best idea for the reunion" gift.

Those in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ainsworth of Colorado City; Virgie Ammons Jenkins of Brownfield; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bird of Willard, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. James Boren of Justiceburg; John Boren, Justiceburg; Marie Claborn Anderson of Roswell, N.M.; Pearl Craig Herman of Lubbock; Jim Ferguson of Memphis, Tenn.; W.O. Fluit of Post; Mr and Mrs Pete Hays of Post; Mr. and Mrs. Norman (Joy Howell) Lane of Alamogordo, N.M.; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Johnson of Slaton and Dot Jones Custer of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Also, LaRue Jones of Levelland; Judy King McAlister of Post; Mr. and Mrs. Bryan (Janice Lobban) Morgan of Grandview; Mr. and Mrs. Ed K. (Anne Mathis) Sims, Post; Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Nita Ray McClellan) Aimo of Melbourne, Florida; Pat Mason Kelley of Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wayne Massey of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Morrow of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. David Pennington of Escondido, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Reed of Midland; Joyce Short Vardeman of Granbury; Lenona Stone Eblen of Slaton; Danny Tillman, St. George, Utah; Bernie Welch of Kiowa, Colo.; Mr. and Mrs. Carl (Buena Welch) Adcock of Keller; Wilma Welch Carey of Covington, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Williams of Post; Mary Jo Williams Evans of Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winkler of Austin.

Two members of the group were forced to leave the reunion earlier than planned. Mary Jo became a grandmother Friday and left early Saturday morning to see her new grandson in Grapevine. Joy and Norman Lane also left early Saturday morning for Alamogordo for the arrival of their first great-grandchild.

The group would like to extend its thanks to the schools for allowing its participation in Friday night's activities and for providing a special section for seating. Also, thanks go out to Brian Brownlow for his assistance and to Tim Burnett of The Post Dispatch for his photography work.

Class members voted to organize another reunion in five years and to purchase a brick for the walk at Antelope Arena.

Well owners urged to take care on plugging

Individuals planning to plug an abandoned well should contact the Garza County Underground and Fresh Water Conservation District before doing so, according to a report from district officials.

"As a landowner, you may plug an abandoned well on your property, but it is recommended that you hire a licensed water well driller or pump installer to seal and plug an abandoned well," the office representative said. "A licensed operator has the equipment and an understanding of soil conditions that affect how the well should be properly plugged."

Water is one of the state's most precious resources, and groundwater derived from many aquifers supplies more than half of the water used throughout Texas. Protecting the quality of this water is the responsibility of all Texans.

For many years, groundwater has been pumped through water wells. Over the years, many wells around homes, farms, industrial sites and urban areas have been abandoned without being properly plugged. Not only are these wells potential groundwater-contamination avenues, but also many are a safety hazard to children and animals. Although plugging an abandoned well takes time and money,

these wells are a threat that cannot be ignored.

Texas law makes the landowner responsible for plugging abandoned wells and, therefore, liable for any water contamination or injury.

The Garza County Underground and Fresh Water Conservation District office is located in the Garza County courthouse.

Amity Study Club Answers

- (from Page 3)
Answers to the Amity Study Club's "blast from the past" questions:
Question 1: 1907
Question 2: "Here's Dad!"
Question 3: Danny Thomas, Edgar Bergen, Charlie McCarthy and Mortimer Sneed
Question 4: Rodeo
Question 5: Lorie's
Question 6: Margaret Bull
Question 7: Bryant Link
Question 8: John Deere tractor house
Question 9: Noah Stone
Question 10: Outlaw
Question 11: Connell
Question 12: Two Draw
Question 13: Colonial
Question 14: Home for the nurses
Question 15: Tom Power Ford
Question 16: Willard Kirkpatrick

Local code enforcers collect \$28,437 in August

by Wes Burnett
Garza County and the State of Texas traffic code enforcers collected \$28,437 in August for highway travel fines issued here, according to reports of the two Justices of the Peace courts. The fund raising program, operated by county and state agents, takes advantage of travel victims who violate state commercial transportation codes.

JP Court 1 reported \$17,208.50 in August from 128 cases. JP Court 2 reported \$11,228.50 for August from 58 cases.

State and county code enforcement officers are "just doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, although that code is limited to regulating commercial transportation. What was sold to the public in the 1920s for "safe" roads, is now a huge money-making machine for corporate governments.

But the question about the lawful nature of the transportation code needs a bit of exploring. The following research is offered for the reader's consideration: by Timothy W. Burnett

People can learn the exact jurisdictional limits (scope) of the Texas Transportation Code by allowing it to interpret itself according to its strict construction.

The scope of the Code can be known by its title, "Transportation." Since this term is not defined in the Code, then it must be defined according to the United States Transportation Code and Black's Law Dictionary. These sources reveal that the term "Transportation" means transportation by a carrier for hire.

Use of the roads and highways for purposes of "transportation for hire by carriers" is what falls under the scope of the Code. The Code protects the traveling public by regulating the vehicles using the roads for the purpose of "Transportation."

So why do we see Department of Public Safety Officers (DPS), county and city officers enforcing the Code upon the traveling public who show no appearances of using the roads for "transportation" purposes?

The answer rests upon the registration of vehicles with the State of Texas. The scope of the registration requirement falls under "Transportation."

So all motor vehicles using the roads for purposes of "transportation" are required to be registered with the State. But guess what?

Any automobile, registered with the State, falls within the scope of the Code. The registration sticker and the license plate are the identifiers by which the DPS can determine whether or not a vehicle falls within their jurisdictional limits.

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18 TX Lois Chiles 007 film
21 TX Orbison's "Pretty Woman"
22 brief informal letter
23 TX energy co. (abbr.)
24 "killer bees" attack in _____
30 TX Sam Bass did train
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37 in Ellis Co. on 77
39 TXism: "I'm _____ eyes!" (threat)
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44 TX Navratilova
45 this Clint was a TX Ranger in "A Perfect World" (init.)
46 pickup rubber
47 TXism: "_____ hungry calf"

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1 in Austin: J.J. _____ Federal Building
2 TXism: "small fish _____ pond"
3 in McLennan Co. on Hwy. 84
4 TXism: "active as a fox in _____ house"
9 TX Charley Pride's "Then Who _____?"
10 person or thing without an equal
11 TXism: "It's Katy bar the _____"
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13 TX King Vidor autobiography "A _____ A Tree"
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53 Rangers league (abbr.)
54 TXism: "going toe _____" (fist fight)
55 age of Eliza Allen when Sam Houston married her
58 "_____ deal"
59 "_____ and pop" operation
60 high mountain
61 Cass County-born singer Stuckey

15 _____ Railroad created Denison
17 TXism: "_____ ant's _____ eyebrow"
19 TXism: "blaze a new trail"
20 Texas _____ Grapefruit
24 TX-born actor Forrest (init.)
25 TXism: "if he was a dog he wouldn't _____ his own tail" (lazy)
26 unit of matter
27 TX voted for this Reagan in '84
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41 TXism: "plain as the ears _____ mule"
42 try again
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Sept. 4	JV	@ Roscoe	6:30
Sept. 5	Varsity	Roscoe	7:30
Sept. 11	7-8th	Friona	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	@ Friona	6:30
Sept. 12**	Varsity	Homecoming Friona	7:30
Sept. 18	7-8th	@ Merkel	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	Merkel	5 & 6:30
Sept. 19	Varsity	@ Merkel	7:30
Sept. 25	7-8th	@ Brownfield	5 & 6:30
	9th	Floydada	6
	JV	@ Snyder	7:30
Sept 27 (Sat)	Varsity	@ Perryton	3
Oct. 2	7-8th	Crosbyton	5
	9th	Colorado City	TBA
Oct. 3	Varsity	OPEN	OPEN
Oct. 9	7-8th	New Deal	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	@ New Deal	5
Oct. 10*	Varsity	New Deal	7:30
Oct. 16	7-8th	Shallowater	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	@ Shallowater	5 & 6:30
Oct. 17*	Varsity	Shallowater	7:30
Oct. 23	7-8th	@ Idalou	5 & 6:30
	9th & JV	Idalou	5 & 6:30
Oct. 24*	Varsity	@ Idalou	7:30
Oct. 30*	7-8th	Tahoka	5 & 6:30
	9th	at Floydada	TBA
	JV	@ Tahoka	6
Oct. 31*	Varsity	Tahoka	7:30
Nov. 6*	7-8th	@ Roosevelt	5 & 6:30
	9th	OPEN	OPEN
	JV	Roosevelt	6
Nov. 7*	Varsity	@ Roosevelt	7:30

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