

Post Notes

Little League organizational meeting Sunday

Individuals interested in coaching or umpiring in the upcoming Little League season are invited to attend an organizational meeting at 3 p.m. Sunday at CitizensBank. Anyone who has coached previously who has uniforms or equipment is asked to bring those items to the meeting. Registration for baseball, softball and T-ball will be conducted Feb. 19 and Feb. 23 from 3:30-5 p.m. in the elementary school gym.

Homebuyer workshop in Brownfield

The South Plains Community Action Association Inc. (SPCAA) Community Services Division will host a "Homebuyers Workshop" from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, February 26 at the Terry County Coleman Park Party House in Brownfield, located on the Old Lamesa Highway. The assistance is used for closing costs and down payment up to \$5,000 per household. Garza County who qualify as first-time homebuyers interested in this program should call Billie Williams at Garza Community Action, 495-2329 for more information.

Writers Conference here Feb. 20, 21

Post, Texas Writers Conference has been set for February 20 and 21 at the Hotel Garza. Whether you write fiction, family history, children's stories or letters to your friends, this conference is a great opportunity to explore your opportunities. You'll have the chance to exchange ideas with other writers; become part of an on-line writer's group and learn practical steps to help fulfill your desire to write. The conference cost is \$50 per participant. For more information, call: 806-495-0140 or email rwlatimer@hotmail.com

'Never Too Late' at Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre production of "Never Too Late" continues February 13, 14, 20 and 21. The play is directed by Jay Young and features among its cast Zoe Kirkpatrick, Marcie Hartman-Johnson, Kelsey Wimmer, David Johnson, Chris Davis and Roy Willis. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

VFW plans visit to VA Hospital

Members of VFW Post 6797 and VFW Ladies Auxiliary are making plans for the annual visit to the Big Spring VA Hospital on February 26. The post is seeking donations of items for veterans at the hospital. To assist, call Jo Ann Stelzer at 495-3393, Ruth Walls 495-4185 or Janet Ratliff at 495-2026. Needed items include soap, shaving cream, tooth brushes, tooth paste, games, puzzles, writing materials, magazines (no books please), baked goods such as cookies, cakes and pies.

Post Commerce & Tourism banquet

Plans are being finalized for the annual Post Commerce & Tourism Banquet to be held at 7 p.m., February 28 at the Post Community Center. Call 495-3461 for more information on tickets.

Fastpitch softball seeks players

Registration deadline is March 1, 2004 for the 2004 Girls Fastpitch League in Lubbock's softball season. Age divisions are Machine pits 6-8 year olds, 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under and high school ages 15-18 (age as of January 1, 2004). Games are played at Mackenzie State Park. The season begins April 16 with opening ceremonies and a pre-season tournament. Call Jaquita Blevins at 495-2517 to register. Coaches are needed for Post teams.

EMS classes available in Tahoka

The Lynn County EMS is offering EMT Class beginning in April. Classes will be held in Tahoka two nights a week. Anyone interested in becoming an EMT to help our service in Post is encouraged to attend this EMT class. Call 269-0075 for more information.

Hallelujah Chorus at Graham Chapel

The acclaimed 60 member Hallelujah Chorus of Lubbock will sing at Graham Chapel Church of Christ at 5 p.m., Sunday, March 7. Everyone is invited.

Church of Nazarene Revival Feb. 11-15

The Church of the Nazarene will hold revival services February 11-15 at the church, 202 W. 10th. rev. Pat Burkhalter will lead the revival services which begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. For more information call 495-3044.

SPAG decision adds More funding woes for County

by Sheri Lewis

Garza County could lose funding for a program that has served local residents, particularly those affected by crime, since 1998.

County Judge Giles Dalby traveled to Lubbock Tuesday morning to battle for funds that help fuel the operation of the Victims Assistance Program in Garza County. It was a fight that produced few spoils.

"We didn't get anywhere," the judge said. Garza County's program has been placed eighth on a list of area programs that receive funding through grants administered by the South Plains Association of Governments. From what county officials have been told, the eighth place ranking on the list could leave Garza County short when it comes time to divvy up program funding.

Dalby said he's unsure as to what criteria was used to determine each program's placement on the funding list, but indicated that the program serving the Lubbock area received top placement.

"I think it was politics," he said Tuesday following his meeting. The program, which serves Garza and Dickens counties, handles a myriad of duties, according to county records. Some of the services provided include:

- Provision of emergency magistrate orders and protective orders for victims of domestic violence. (Prior to the creation of the local office, victims had to travel to Lamesa/Dawson County to complete and obtain protection orders.)
- An in-house clothes closet and food pantry that serves not only victims of violent crimes, but also victims of house fires and children served by Children's Protective Services.
- The Teddy bear program.
- School supply drive.
- Coat and sock drive.
- Thanksgiving and Christmas meals provided to all victims and their families.
- Christmas toys and food boxes provided to less-fortunate victims and their families.
- Provision of 9-1-1 cell phones to all victims of domestic violence and sexual assault (phones donated by local citizens).
- A Batterers Intervention & Prevention (BIPP) Program.
- A Victims Impact Panel organized in conjunction with MAD DADS.
- A Victims Room, made available through donations from within the community, which serves as a safe haven for victims during any court or trial proceedings.

All of the services provided through the program, with the exception of the provision of emergency magistrate orders and protective orders, have been included in the office's operations as a means of taking a "turn-key" approach to serving victims and their families, according to county officials. This broad service approach is designed to help the program's clients "focus on their recovery and regain control of their lives after the devastation of being a victim of a violent crime."

"There's a lot of great things in that program," Dalby said.

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Tax rollback rejected

by Sheri Lewis

For the second time in 10 years, Garza County voters have rejected a tax rollback proposal.

On Saturday, a total of 496 voters turned down the tax relief measure, which proposed the county's property tax rate drop to 0.42323 cents per \$100 valuation from 50 cents per \$100 valuation. The proposition received support from 405 voters.

County court sees 35 percent increase in case load

A total of 245 criminal cases were filed for prosecution in the Garza County Court last year, representing a 35 percent increase over the number filed in 2002, according to County Attorney Leslie Acker's annual report made Monday to County Commissioners.

Of the 245 cases filed, 77 were DWI (driving while intoxicated) cases, 70 involved drug offenses, 19 were assault complaints, 19 involved thefts and 60 were cases for "miscellaneous offenses."

The court completed 226 criminal cases during the calendar year, resulting in 188 convictions/deferred adjudications (83 percent) and 38 dismissals (17 percent). As of Jan. 1, 148 cases, many of which involve "unarrested defendants," were pending on the court's docket, according to the report.

Activity in the Garza County Juvenile Court showed 12 new petitions/motions were filed. The court conducted 14 detention hearings, five revocation/modification hearings and nine adjudication hearings.

For the third straight year there has been an increase in hot check collections. A total of 177 hot checks were handled during 2003, resulting in more than \$20,000 in restitution to merchants and vendors.

"This more than doubles the amount of restitution we distributed in 2001," Acker wrote.

In other business, commissioners conducted an executive session to discuss a real estate issue.

Following the closed-door session, the court voted in open session to write a letter to the developers with an interest in Fuller Road. The letter will ask that no road improvements be made to Fuller Road until engineering studies are completed, County Judge Giles Dalby said.

The Texas Department of Transportation will provide engineering services free of charge, the judge said. A bridge along Fuller Road needs to be evaluation to determine needed repairs.

Fuller Road is a public road that has not been maintained by the county in several years, the judge said. The Fuller Brothers deeded the easement to the county in 1935 to accommodate the building of the road.

Other items of business handled by the court Monday included:

- Approval of a resolution authorizing the publication of requirements for the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the management of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. The contract with the facility's current manager will soon expire, and the court will accept proposals until March 18. The management bid is expected to be awarded March 22, according to the documentation signed by the judge.
- Approval of the 2004 mileage certification - 247 miles.
- Presentation of the 2003 audit by Joe Hays.

Total ballots cast in the election numbered 901, representing less than 32 percent of the county's 2,853 registered voters. Early voters, according to figures provided by the county clerk's office, filed almost 40 percent of the ballots cast in the election.

Vote totals by ballot box were as follows:

• Early voting - 136 for, 216 against • Combined precincts - 246 for, 262 against • Precinct 2/Southland - 14 for, 8 against • Precinct 4/Justiceburg - 9 for, 10 against

Ballots cast in favor of the rollback represented 45 percent of the total vote, while ballots cast in opposition of the proposition were at 55 percent.

The rollback election was requested by petition after Garza County commissioners increased property tax rates by almost 32 percent last fall.

On Feb. 12, 1994, local voters said no thanks to a rollback effort that would have knocked the county tax rate from .285 per \$100 valuation to .248 per \$100 valuation, according to back issues of The Post Dispatch.

That election grew out of an effort that began in October 1993 when a "rollback committee" was formed to persuade the public to vote against the tax hike. An opposing group, Citizens for Responsible Government, also was formed. Both sides used letters, leaflets, newspaper advertisements and meetings in an effort to reach voters.

"The Commissioners Court and other opponents of the rollback argued that the reduced tax rate would force the county to cut valuable and needed services," stated the Dispatch's Feb. 16, 1994, banner story featuring the election results. "Proponents of the rollback countered that the county budget was bloated and cuts could easily be made."

If the rollback had passed, commissioners had planned \$177,000 worth of cuts in several areas, including general administration, court support, the law library, court-appointed attorney expenses and the county clerk's office.

Members of the Commissioners Court in 1994 included Herb Walls, John Valdez, Lee Norman and Albert Stone. County judge was Giles W. Dalby.

TxDot local hearing Feb. 23 on TTC plans

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing Feb. 23 to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor and to give the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes. The hearing is set for 2:30 p.m. in the Wells Fargo Bank conference room.

The Trans-Texas Corridor Plan was introduced several years ago to address the state's transportation problems. The corridor is a new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keeping hazardous material out of populated areas and improving air quality.

The Trans-Texas Corridor is an all-Texas transportation network of corridors up to 1,200-feet wide. The 4,000-mile corridor will include separate highway lanes for passenger vehicles and trucks, high-speed passenger rail, high-speed freight rail, commuter rail and a dedicated utility zone.

For more information on the project, contact Penny Mason at 748-4337 or e-mail her at pmason.dot.state.tx.us. Additional information also is available at www.dot.state.tx.us.



"Never Too Late" continues at the Garza

Garza Theatre director Jay Young has assembled the ideal cast for the current production, "Never Too Late." On stage in the romantic comedy are (back row, left to right) Michael Vorauer, Pat Price, Roy Willis, (front) Chris Davis, Kelsey Wimmer, Zoe Kirkpatrick, David Johnson and Marcie Hartman-Johnson. Vorauer also built the stunning set for the play. The play continues Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13, 14 and Feb. 20, 21. Call the box office at 495-4005 for tickets. (Staff Photo by Wes Burnett)

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by Julie Neitsch, Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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February- American Heart Month

February is American Heart Month. During this time we should all examine our own lifestyles and make changes where necessary. Below are facts, statistics, and warning signs of heart attack, stroke, and cardiac arrest.

Dial 9-1-1 Fast: Heart attack and stroke are life-and-death emergencies — every second counts. If you see or have any of the listed symptoms, immediately call 9-1-1. Not all these signs occur in every heart attack or stroke. Sometimes they go away and return. If some occur, get help fast! Today heart attack and stroke victims can benefit from new medications and treatments unavailable to patients in years past. But to be effective, these drugs must be given relatively quickly after heart attack or stroke symptoms first appear. So again, don't delay — get help right away!

Statistics: Coronary heart disease is America's No. 1 killer. Stroke is No. 3 and a leading cause of serious disability. That's why it's so important to reduce your risk factors, know the warning signs, and know how to respond quickly and properly if warning signs occur.

Heart Attack Warning Signs: Some heart attacks are sudden and intense — the "movie heart attack," where no one doubts what's happening. But most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

* Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.

* Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

* Shortness of breath. This feeling often comes along with chest discomfort. But it can occur before the chest discomfort.

* Other signs: These may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

If you or someone you're with has chest discomfort, especially with one or more of the other signs, don't wait longer than a few minutes (no more than 5) before calling for help. Call 9-1-1... Get to a hospital right away.

Calling 9-1-1: is almost always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment. Emergency medical services staff can begin treatment when they arrive — up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. The staff are also trained to revive someone whose heart has stopped. You'll get treated faster in the hospital if you come by ambulance, too.

If you can't access the emergency medical services (EMS), have someone drive you to the hospital right away. If you're the one having symptoms, don't drive yourself, unless you have absolutely no other option.

Stroke Warning Signs: The American Stroke Association says these

are the warning signs of stroke:

* Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding

* Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes

* Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination

* Sudden, severe headache with no known cause

If you or someone with you has one or more of these signs, don't delay! Immediately call 9-1-1 or the emergency medical services (EMS) number so an ambulance (ideally with advanced life support) can be sent for you. Also, check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared. It's very important to take

immediate action. If given within three hours of the start of symptoms, a clot-busting drug can reduce long-term disability for the most common type of stroke.

Cardiac arrest strikes immediately and without warning. Here are the signs:

* Sudden loss of responsiveness. No response to gentle shaking.

* No normal breathing. The victim does not take a normal breath when you check for several seconds.

* No signs of circulation. No movement or coughing.

If cardiac arrest occurs, call 9-1-1 and begin CPR immediately.

Source: "Heart Attack, Stroke & Cardiac Arrest Warning Signs" American Heart Association



Aimee Davis and Lee Allen Gossett

Aimee Davis, Lee Gossett set April 17 wedding date

Doris and Gayland Davis of Slaton have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Aimee, to Lee Allen Gossett, son of Barbara Gossett of Post and the late Sonny Gossett.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on April 17, 2004, at St Joseph Catholic Church.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Ada May and Travis Culpepper of Slaton and the late O.F. (Bud) Kitten, Dorothy Davis of Denver Colo., and the late Forrest Davis. She is a graduate of Slaton High School and attends Texas Tech University. She is employed by Lubbock Feeders.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Virginia Gentry of Slaton and the late Robert Mock and the late Vera Mae Gossett. A graduate of Post High School, he is employed by John C. Melcher Farms.

Births

Adisann M'Kae Soto

Anda Kae Criswell and Victor Abelardo Soto of Post are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Adisann M'Kae Soto, on Dec. 8, 2003, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

The infant weighed seven and a half pounds at birth and was 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Orlan

Criswell of Post and Marty and Patti Walker, also of Post. Maternal great-grandparents are Bill and Thelma Criswell of Post and Sandra Kirkland of Throckmorton.

Paternal grandparents are Soyla Reyna Soto of Post and the late Victor Soto Jr. Paternal great-grandparents are A.T. and Felicita Reyna, Victor and Helen Soto Sr. and Tillie Martinez, all of Post.

John Allen earns UW degree

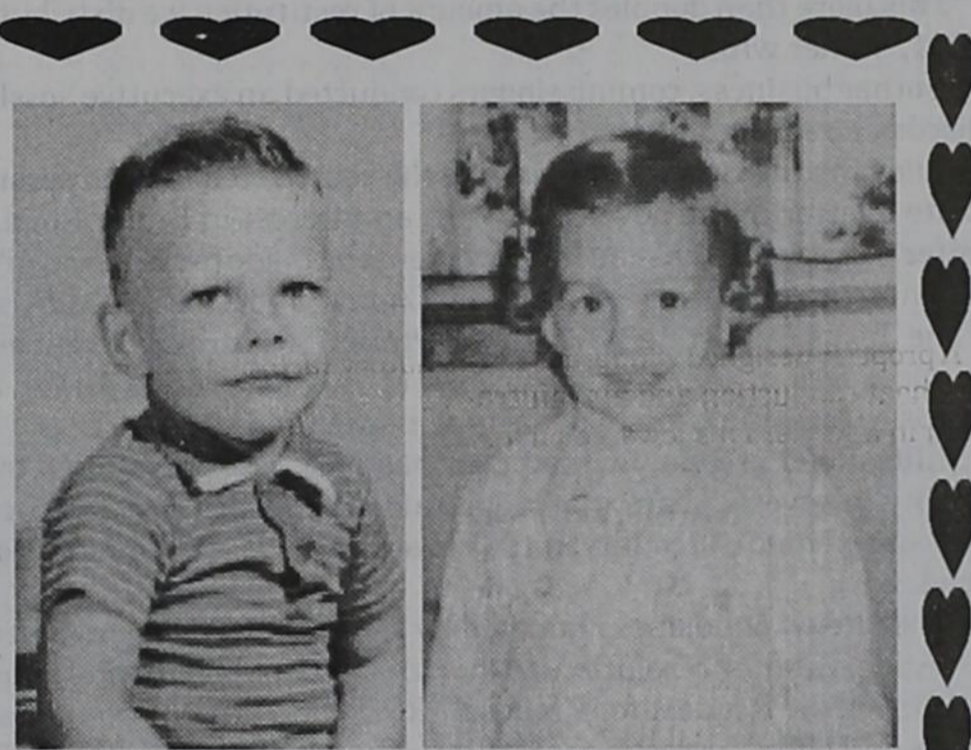
John Ethan Allen of Post was among the University of Wyoming fall semester graduates.

Allen earned a Bachelor of Science degree.

Of the total UW degrees conferred, 409 received bachelor's degrees, 84 received master's degrees, 12 received doctoral degrees and one received a certificate.



Adisann M'Kae Soto



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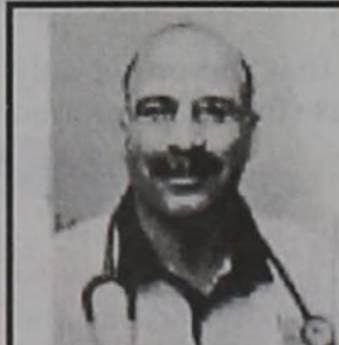
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Texas Department of Transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation will discuss the Trans-Texas Express project. Date: Monday, Feb. 16, 2004. Place: Wells Fargo Post, Texas 216 W. Main St. Time: 2:30 p.m. Purpose: To provide information on potential routes. Project Description: Includes roads, rail, goods faster and safer areas, and improved. For more information contact Penny Mason at 806-428-3671.

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Writer's Conference set Feb. 20-21 in Post

Writer's Conference set at Hotel Garza Feb. 20-21

Whether you write fiction, family history, children's stories or letters to friends, the Post Writer's Conference is a great opportunity to explore writing opportunities. The conference, set for February 20 and 21 at the Hotel Garza, will afford participants the chance to exchange ideas with other writers; become part of an on-line writer's group and learn practical steps to help fulfill your desire to write.

Conference leader is Rosa Walston Latimer, published writer and photographer. The conference cost is \$50. Registration is available by calling 806-495-0140 or email rwlatimer@hotmail.com, space is limited.

The conference opens Friday, Feb.

ruary 20 at 5:30 p.m. with a "Meet & Greet at Ruby Lane Books on Main Street," followed by dinner at the Hotel Garza at 6:30 p.m.

Conference participants will then take their seats at the Garza Theatre's current comedy production, "Never Too Late," which starts at 8 p.m.

A "Night Owl Discussion Group" follows at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday conference begins at 9 a.m. and continues to 6 p.m. with sessions on How to Get Published; Writing as a Part-Time Career; How to Effectively Tell Your Story; How Photography Can Sell Your Writing; Panel Discussion with Published Writers and Plenty of Time for Questions & Answers.

Conference Leader: Rosa Walston Latimer, Published Writer & Photographer. Conference leader Rosa Latimer holds an Associate of Arts Degree/South Plains College and is attending Texas Tech University.

A few of her more interesting experiences include six years in Dallas as Media Buyer for Wyatt & Williams Advertising; Bell Helicopter & Six Flags Over Texas were two of her accounts. "Working with the international media reps was very interesting," she says.

Her most fun job was Supervising Producer for a nationally syndicated children's television show for two years. Most challenging was her Free-lance writer/photographer career for seven years.

Rosa says her "Couldn't Wait to Go to Work Each Day" was as Editor of Dallas/Ft. Worth Living magazine for three years. Her Most Rewarding experience was her non-paying job of Executive Director of My Sister's Closet.

"I have been with the MED Group five years. My first job here was in the Managed Care Department; next I was a Member Services Manager before moving into the MED University department. For three years, I researched, wrote and edited courses for MED U and assisted in marketing efforts. Most recently, I have been designated a Product Support Specialist for the Rehab & Respiratory Networks.

"My greatest honor to date has been the experience of seeing my daughter develop into a successful, productive, caring young woman. My main goal in life is to make every day count and not squander time or opportunities."



Frank Florez (left) and Brent Justice worked through the day with other city employees installing a new drip irrigation system on the East Main Street median. With hopes to avoid water waste, the crew was tasked on Monday not only to install new lines, but to cut out the old sprinkler system. (Staff Photo by Tim Burnett)

Garza SWCD taking orders for windbreak trees

The Garza Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) offers the public the opportunity to purchase windbreak trees, along with a variety of hardwoods and wildlife packets. Barerooted hardwoods and containerized conifers are available.

The SWCD is currently taking tree and grass seed orders. Contact the SWCD to make your order today, varieties and quantities may be limited. The first tree pickup is scheduled for early March.

Effective Windbreaks can lower utility costs in homes, increase crop production and provide wildlife habitat. They also inhibit dust by reducing and redirecting wind. The height, density, the number of planted rows, the types of trees used, length and continuity are factors that determine the effectiveness of a windbreak.

A properly designed windbreak lowers heat conduction and air infiltration in a home. This lowered energy used can save homeowners on their utility bills. In addition, Windbreaks can provide an excellent home for wildlife by offering food, cover and nesting habitat, which enhances hunting opportunities. Windbreaks are a sound and wise investment

that increases the value of a property while saving money through crop and livestock protection and reduced energy.

The district has several sizes of trees available. They range from seedlings (approximately 12" in height) to five gallon-potted trees (approximately 3'-5' tall).

Evergreen seedlings are \$2.00 per tree; hardwood seedlings are \$1.00 per tree. 2 gallon-potted trees are \$10.00 per tree; 5 gallon-potted trees are \$18.00 per tree. Trees should be ordered as soon as possible to reserve an order. Orders will be taken until all trees are sold.

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Texas Department of Transportation

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Trans-Texas Corridor

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor.

Date: Monday, February 23
Place: Wells Fargo Bank Conference Room
Post, Texas
216 W. Main St.
Time: 2:30 p.m.

Purpose: To provide the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes of the Trans-Texas Corridor.

Project Description: A new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail, and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keep hazardous material out of populated areas, and improve air quality.

For more information on the public hearing contact:
Penny Mason at 806 748-4337.

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Tryouts will be March 6 at 3 p.m. Registration fees will be as follows: T-ball (5-6 years old as of July 31), \$20; softball (9-12), \$25; minor (7-12), \$25; Little League (9-12), \$25; Junior (13-14), \$35; and Senior (15-16), \$35.

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Obituaries

Jay Fluitt

Services for Jay Hinton Fluitt, 36 of Lubbock were held Wednesday, February 11, 2004 at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Dr. Charles McCook officiating and Abel Chapa assisting. Graveside rites will follow at Terrace Cemetery in Post at 11:30 a.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home, Lubbock.

Jay Hinton Fluitt was born October 30, 1967 in Levelland. He went to be with the Lord and his mom on February 8, 2004. Jay graduated from Post High School in 1986 and then received his financial planning degree from Texas Tech University in 1993. He married Abigail Lee on September 28, 2002. He worked for Wells Fargo as a Computer Technical Analyst, where he was loved and admired by many.

Jay was a Christian and loved his family and friends, which was reflected in the way he lived his life.

His mother, Joy, preceded Jay in death. He is survived by his wife, Abby; daughter, Gabby Lee of the Home; father, W.O. Fluitt of Post; sister Sherita and husband Mike Jordan of Bedford, and his brother, Lanny and his wife DeSanne Fluitt of Post; several extended family members and countless friends.

Joy Lee Schuster

Joy Lee Schuster, 55, of Farmington, NM, passed away Monday, February 9, 2004 in Farmington. She was born November 4, 1948 to R. M. & Dorothy Thomas in Lubbock, Tx.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Joy is survived by her husband, Frank Schuster of Farmington, sons, Eric Schuster and wife, Amanda of Farmington, Mitchell Baker of Austin, Tx, daughters, Nicole Lusk of Midland, Tx, Jennifer Seider and husband Mark, of Texas and Heather King and husband Steve of Farmington. Also surviving are brothers, John and Jim Thomas both of Texas, sisters, Jan Wood and Judy Hanes both of Texas and grandchildren, Brittney, Courtney, Luke and Cain Seider, Gunner and Savannah King and Teke Lusk.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 12 at 3 p.m. at the LaPlata Valley Baptist Church, 629 Hwy. 170, Farmington, NM with Pastor Vic Walker officiating. Visitation will be held at Englund's Funeral Service in Slaton on Friday, February 13 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, February 14 in Grassland Cemetery, Grassland, Texas under the direction of Englund's Funeral Service.



Honorary pallbearers will be Steve King, Eric Schuster, Jim Norht, Bill Pratt, Luke Seider, Cain Seider, Hal Winters, John Thomas, Jim Thomas, Teke Lusk and Gunner King.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Brewer, Lee & Larkin Funeral Home & Crematory, 103 E. Ute St, Farmington, NM, (505) 325 8688

Lawrence Eugene Claborn

Services for Lawrence Eugene "Gene" Claborn, 67, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Hancock officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, Feb. 5, at his home. Born Jan. 18, 1937, in Lynn County to Fay and Ruby Claborn, he married Mary Lee Laws Jan. 9, 1981, in Lubbock. Following service in the U.S. Navy, he worked for more than 39 years in the oilfield industry. He retired in 1999.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Renee Claborn, Lisa Elmendorf and Belinda Baker, all of Lubbock; one stepdaughter, Cindy Bernosky of Lubbock; one son, Lance Claborn of Lubbock; one stepson, Cliff Laws of Post; two sisters, Marie Anderson of Roswell, N.M., and Peggy Claborn of Springfield, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.



Miguel Soria

Services for Miguel Soria, 55, of Post were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Brennan Walsh officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home. Rosary was said at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church.

He died Friday, Feb. 6, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Sept. 29, 1948, in Mexico, he married Yolanda Lopez in Mexico in March 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Yolanda Soria of Post; two sons, Alfredo Soria of Shallowater and Jimmy Soria of Lubbock; three daughters, Minnie Soria and Bertha Ayala, both of Lubbock, and Elizabeth Soria of Post; three brothers, Gabriel Soria and Martin Soria, both of Mexico, and Rafael Soria of Post; three sisters, Luz Barriga, Trina Soria and Carmen Soria, all of Mexico; and three grandchildren.



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I have enjoyed my years at Garza County Trailblazers and all the clients are friends of mine. I only hope and wish the very best for this facility.

I don't know if the problem was the cancer, the age difference or personality, but it is not important. The last 14 months and the huge obstacles in my life have really made me realize what and who should be top priority and who are really my true friends.

I will still be serving and preparing lunch for the Rotary Club on Tuesdays and will be associated with Jim and Janice Plummer at the Garza Hotel. I hope for a long and productive relationship with them.

I want to thank all my friends and family for your support and for being there for me. With God's love and guidance, we can grow.

Mary Cade



Keeping audiences laughing in the current Garza Theatre comedy "Never Too Late" are cast members (back, left to right) David Johnson, Chris Davis, Kelsey Wimmer, (front) Zoe Kirkpatrick and Marcie Hartman-Johnson. (Staff Photo by Wes Burnett)

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

His Star...

In continuing with the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come to the subject of "his star." What was "his star?" What circumstances caused the Magi to pay close attention to this particular star? Were they taken by its brightness? Or its symbolism? As mentioned in last week's column, much of the material on this subject is borrowed from the work of Victor Paul Wierwille and Ernest L. Martin. In his book Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed, Wierwille more perfectly synthesized the celestial events during the time of Christ's birth, with God's word. He brought his readers back to God's rightly divided word. This is why we choose to borrow mostly from his book.

During the period of Jesus Christ's birth a large number of significant celestial events occurred in the heavens that can be precisely traced by modern day astronomers. In their respective books, Wierwille and Martin provided simple illustrations of star positions to show the various significant events that occurred within the constellations Leo and Virgo. Significant celestial events are those that occur in such unusual ways and with unique repetition that it attracts the attention of star gazers. When the related stars have spiritual symbolism, they grab the attention of those star trackers who understand God's word written in the stars. This is why the Magi knew without a doubt that a "King of the Jews" was born.

Due to limitations we cannot list all the celestial events that occurred during that period of time. They involved the following stars and constellations: Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, Mercury, Regulus, Leo and Virgo. The celestial events included conjunction, retrograde motion, triple conjunction and massing of planets. When two or more planets and stars line up so that a straight line can be drawn through them to the celestial north pole, a conjunction has occurred. A triple conjunction occurs when one of those stars pass three times into conjunction. Here, the related star first passes in the normal direction, then starts to reverse its motion passing back through the conjunction, and finally returning through in the normal direction. The reverse motion is known as retrograde motion.

Wierwille laid out six possible candidates for "his star." The first five consisted of two conjunctions between Jupiter and Venus occurring on August 12, 3 B.C. and June 17, 2 B.C., and three conjunctions between Jupiter and Regulus on September 14, 3 B.C., February 17, 2 B.C. and May 8, 2 B.C. Regulus is the brightest star in Leo. All the conjunctions occurred in the constellation Leo. A final sixth conjunction in Leo would have completely convinced the Magi that a King was born. This conjunction involved the massing of four planets, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury and Venus in the constellation Leo.

A review of all the significant celestial events will reveal one planet that stands out as the best candidate for "his star." Jupiter is historically and spiritually known as the kingly planet. It has royal symbolism and significance.

After watching the significant events involving Jupiter in the constellation Leo, the Magi became persuaded that a King (Jupiter) was born out of Judah (the lion or Leo). As it is written in Genesis 49:9-10, "Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up; he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."

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American culture exposed

by Bill O'Reilly



Paris Hilton and I hung out together at the Super Bowl. Well, that may be overstating things a bit. Twice I happened to find myself standing next to her at parties, but the woman had no idea who your humble correspondent was. Instead, her vacant look clearly signaled to the world the essence of her philosophical outlook: "Here I am."

The Super Bowl and Miss Hilton were perfect companions, as both are glitzy, hype and well financed. And the event itself accurately portrays what is good and what is bad about America. The actual game was magnificent; hard-working athletes performed heroically on both teams, and the competitor was breathtaking. American society was built by hard work, competition and self-reliance. All of that was reflected on the field.

But the excesses of the Super Bowl got just as much attention as its champions. Janet Jackson's sleazy halftime performance symbolizes the debasement that has befallen American culture. But far from being outraged, I'm glad Ms. Jackson and the Timberlake kid did what they did. Now there is nowhere for the purveyors of crude to hide.

Let's walk through this. As a regular guy, I have no problem with Janet Jackson's chest. Quite the contrary, if the diva were to offer me a private look, I'd charter a plane. However, Ms. Jackson's halftime exposition was inappropriate and disrespectful. If she is capable of one lucid moment, she had to know that millions of families were watching the performance and her sexual writhing and breast baring would offend many of them.

But like Madonna and Miss Spears, Janet simply did not care. She makes a ton of money acting lasciviously, and blank you if you don't like it.

I got a great kick out of MTV and the NFL honchos being shocked just shocked that something crude happened on stage. MTV produced the program, and for years that outfit has reveled in debauchery. It should be named DTV. I mean, come on, what did the mogul expect would happen when Kid Rock, Nelly and the rest took the stage? In the world of rock and hip-hop anything goes, the more provocative the better.

Perhaps now Americans will face the facts. Our popular culture has collapsed. For every Beyonce who shows a bit of class, there are dozens of performers who can't write lyrics about whores, glocks and drugs fast enough. The sex and violence available on the net, CDs and DVDs is numbing. Children are exposed to a constant media barrage of degenerate behavior, and if they want a break, commercial television now offers them a variety of "reality" programs where they can watch people eat bugs and demean women.

Of course the rich and powerful in this country couldn't care less about all this. Howard Dean, for example, doesn't know what all the fuss is about vis-à-vis Ms. Jackson. You won't be hearing much about the debasement of our culture in the upcoming presidential race because, more than likely, the candidates will be contributing to it with slanderous personal attacks on one another.

Here's why all this matters: Children who admire crude performers are likely to incorporate some of those attitudes into their own lives. Already you see millions of young Americans covered with tattoos unable to speak proper English, unwilling to read a book or a newspaper. How do you think these people are going to compete in our hypercompetitive economic marketplace? The answer is that millions of them will be unable to compete and will be doomed to a low wage existence. IBM will not hire you if you have a tattoo on your neck. And P. Diddy won't help you either.

So maybe this Super Bowl halftime controversy will finally wake some people up. American culture has collapsed, and big corporations are responsible. However, they, Janet Jackson and the MTV executives are laughing all the way to the bank. A bank millions of young Americans may never even need if they continue to buy into this garbage.

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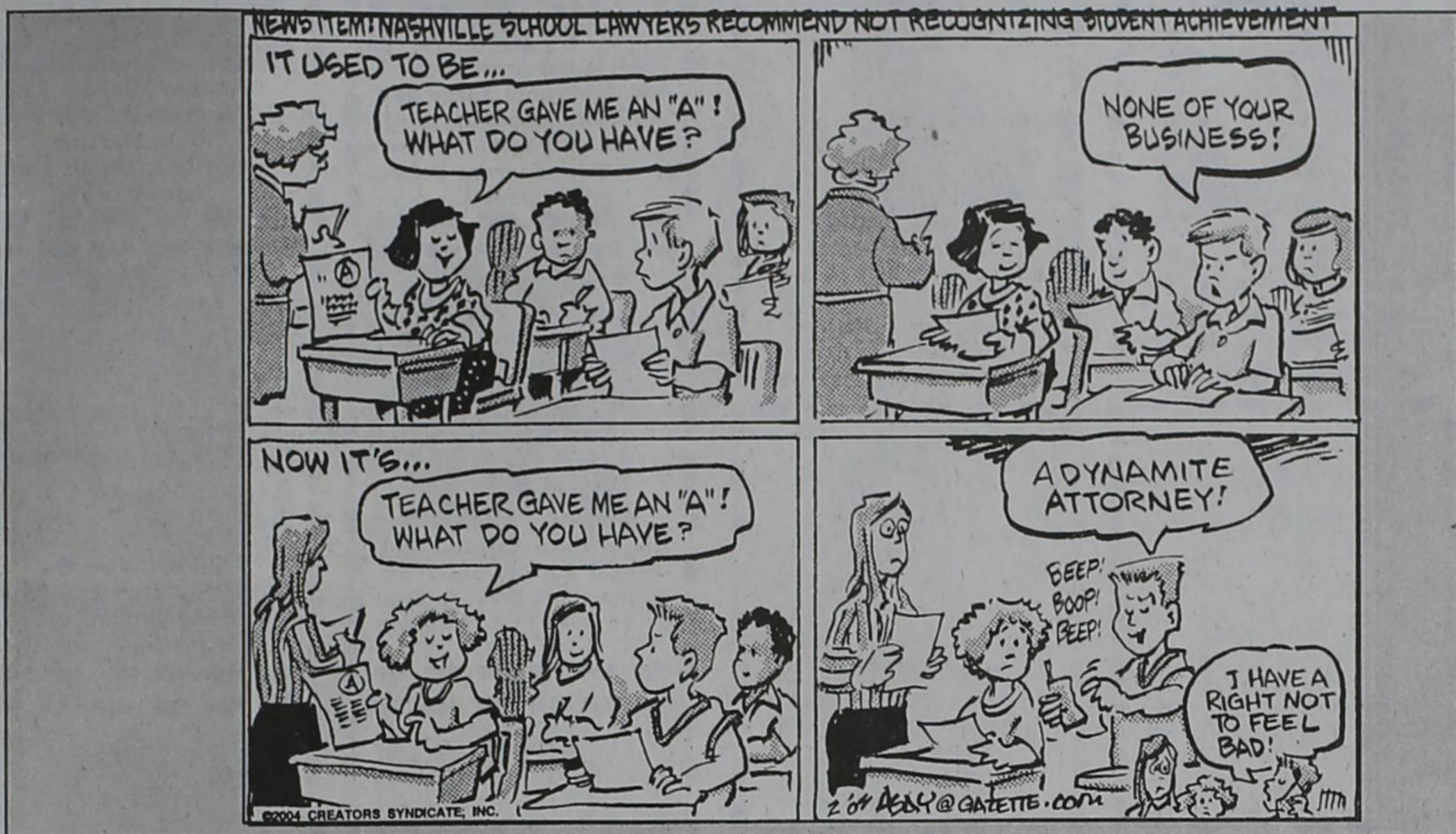
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Opinions



Anti-free trader's true enemy

by Walter E. Williams



There's the "Free Trade but Fair Trade" crowd, and the "Level Playing Field" crowd, and the "America First" crowd, all calling for tariffs and other international trade restrictions. Their supposed adversary is corporate America, seeking to boost profits by either importing goods made by cheaper foreign labor or relocating plants in foreign lands to directly take advantage of cheaper labor. They claim that this accounts for the loss of U.S. manufacturing jobs and other economic woes. Their argument has considerable emotional appeal, but they've misidentified the true villain in the piece. Let's look at it.

Suppose U-Needa Shirt Co. relocated its production facilities to India in order to take advantage of cheaper labor. This is America, the land of the free. There is absolutely nothing that prevents a group of Americans as investors and workers from setting up Made in America Shirt Co. to sell shirts to the American people. This same opportunity exists for just about anything once manufactured in America but now made overseas.

At this juncture, let's take a thinking pause and ask: Is what Williams said in the previous paragraph true or false?

Let's proceed. You might ask, "How in the world can Made in America Shirt Co. compete with U-Needa Shirt Co., who has much lower labor costs?" That's a different question, but it has nothing to do with the rights of American investors and workers to set up American-based manufacturing facilities. But let's answer the question anyway. American consumers are free to purchase from whomever they choose. Made in America Shirt Co. would survive and prosper if American consumers chose to purchase shirts from it, rather than U-Needa Shirt Company.

Let's take another thinking break and ask: Is what Williams said in the previous paragraph true or false?

Here's where the crunch comes. It's probable that U-Needa Shirt Co., because of its lower costs, will be able to undercut prices charged

by Made in America Shirt Co. Thus, we encounter that troubling consumer characteristic of preferring lower prices to higher prices.

So what to do? Made in America Shirt Co. might try to change American consumer preferences so that they're indifferent between high and low prices. I predict that's a strategy doomed to failure, except maybe for a few diehard customers. There're no two ways about it. The true enemy of Made in America Shirt Co. and its workers is not U-Needa Shirt Co. but the American consumer and his preference for lower prices coupled with his freedom to purchase from whomever he pleases.

What to do? One strategy for Made in America Shirt Co. and its workers is to get Washington to enact measures restricting consumer choices. But you have to be slick about it. You just can't ask President Bush and Congress to criminalize purchases from U-Needa Shirt Co. You must make a pretense of selflessness and speak of national defense concerns like, "What if there were war and we had no shirts for our soldiers?" You must talk of being for free trade but fair trade and level playing fields.

There's another strategy. Suppose Made in America Shirt Co. could cover all of its cost with a \$20 shirt price, while U-Needa Shirt could do so by charging \$15? Made in America Shirt might ask Congress to enact an Aid to Dependent American Shirt Manufacturers law, whereby it would receive a \$5 per shirt handout — then it could meet U-Needa Shirt Co.'s price.

That might not be politically viable because the handout is too visible. Congress might propose, "Rather than giving you a \$5 per shirt handout, how about if we impose a \$5 per shirt import tax on U-Needa Shirt Co.'s shirts? Then they'll have to charge \$20. That way, you get what you want — a level playing field — we get more tax dollars, and nobody's the wiser."

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Are we electing a military ruler or a president?

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Amidst all the hubbub among the Democratic Party candidates for president over who supported President Bush's invasion of Iraq and who didn't, have you noticed that not one of them has brought up the Constitution and, specifically, the constitutional requirement that the president secure a congressional declaration of war as a prerequisite to waging war?

No; while some of Democrats are supporting the president's judgment in attacking a sovereign and independent nation that had not attacked or threatened to attack the United States, and while others are questioning his judgment, none of them is questioning his claim of omnipotent power to send the entire nation into war solely on the basis of his own initiative.

After all, don't forget that even though the Congress enacted a resolution in which it delegated its power to declare war to the president (unconstitutionally, I might add), the president made it very clear that he didn't need such authorization. While he welcomed congressional support, he consistently said, the decision to declare war was his and his alone.

But isn't the omnipotent power to send a nation into war traditionally characteristic of societies suffering under dictatorial regimes?

Moreover, how many of the Democratic candidates are questioning the power claimed by the president to order U.S. military personnel to seize, incarcerate, and punish American citizens without according them due process of law, the right to an attorney, or a jury trial?

Aren't they all simply saying, "Elect me because I can be trusted to wield such power better than all the other candidates?"

But isn't the omnipotent power to jail and punish people traditionally characteristic of societies suffering under dictatorial regimes?

Some of the candidates seem to think that they're actually running more for U.S. military commander in chief than president of the United States. Suggesting that he would make a better commander in chief than President Bush, John Kerry continues to emphasize his combat experience in the Vietnam War more than 30 years ago.

That in turn caused Wesley Clark to remind people that he was much more qualified to be elected commander in chief because he is a general, while Kerry was simply a lowly lieutenant.

Clark then became embroiled in a controversy over the suggestion of one of his supporters that President Bush was an army deserter for having joined the National Guard as a way of getting out of being

sent to Vietnam and then having failed to attend the monthly meetings of his Guard unit.

But isn't the importance of military rank and combat experience traditionally characteristic of societies suffering under dictatorial regimes?

Since the assumption is that war is now perpetual for the American people, whether it's the war on terror, drugs, crime, or whatever, the election cry among the candidates can be reduced to "Elect me because I'm the best soldier to lead us in these wars."

But aren't perpetual wars and crises traditionally characteristic of societies suffering under dictatorial regimes?

Given the general direction in which our nation is now headed — a direction that more resembles the Soviet Union than the America of our ancestors — I suppose it's only natural for the political process to attract military-minded people to run for president. After all, if things keep going the way they are, we'll have troops not only in airports but also in bus and train stations and at highway checkpoints.

Heck, we might even witness the spectacle of troops sealing our borders to fingerprint and protect us from outsiders. Why, we might even get to see our newest tanks and armored personnel carriers in our Fourth of July freedom parades. All just as in the Soviet Union.

Despite all the customary political fanfare that comes every four years, the critical choice facing the American people is not whom to elect as their next commander in chief.

It's whether to replace the current paradigm of perpetual war, empire, militarism, and omnipotent government that holds our nation in its grip with a different paradigm based on liberty, peace, republic, and constitutionally limited government.

Once the new paradigm replaces the old, we'll be once again be voting for president rather than commander in chief.

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation.

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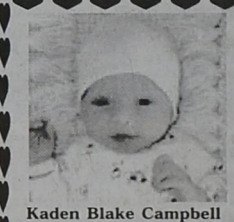
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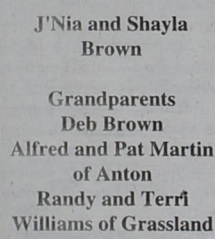
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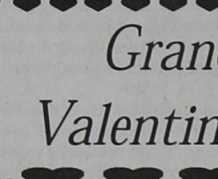
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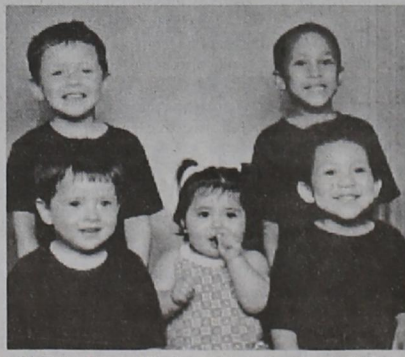


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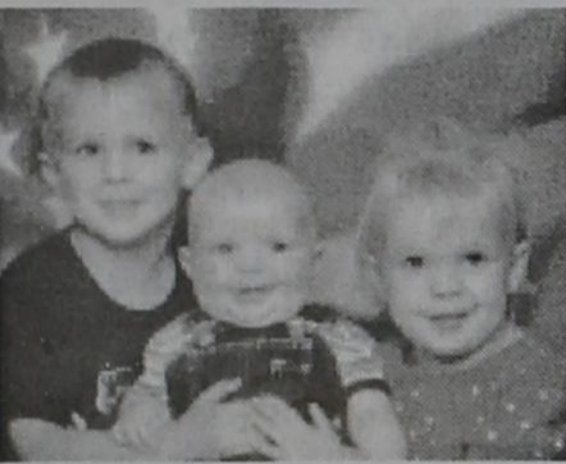
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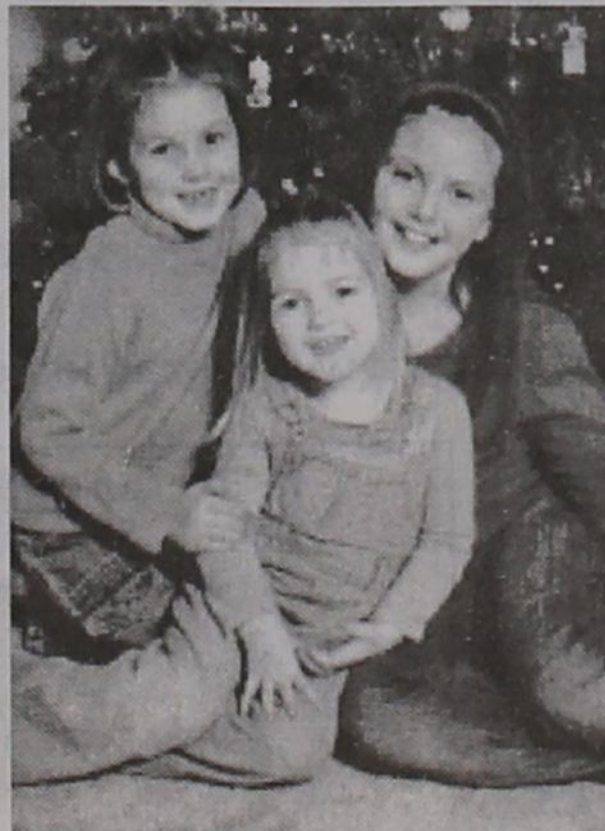
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PHS Powerlifters take 2nd at Roosevelt meet

The Post High School powerlifters captured second place at the Roosevelt Invitational meet.

After overcoming second meet jitters, the team placed second in the men's team total and third in the women's team total.

There were 16 A teams and eight B teams from top programs throughout the region. Individual results for Post included Mark McCallister, first place, 198-pound weight class; Alana Zubia, second place, women's division Martin Garcia, second place, 148-pound weight class; Kris Hernandez second place, 181-pound weight class; Israel Beggs, second, 242-pound weight class; Chess Garcia, third, 220-weight class; Gentry Creech, fourth women's division; and Kyle Gunn, fifth, 165-pound weight class.

Outstanding lifts included Hernandez, 450-pound dead lift at 178 pounds; Chess Garcia, 280-pound bench press at 218 pounds; and Beggs, 400-pound dead lift at 232 pounds.

Christina Zellmer completed her personal best lifts on all three events Xane Mason and Christin Collier competed well and are looking forward to the Floydada meet.

"We competed to the best of our ability at this time of the season," the coaches said, "but we have yet to turn in our best performance. The lifters hard work has been very impressive and continues to make them better."

The next meet is set for Feb. 21 at Snyder. The Floydada meet, final tune up before the girls' regionals, is scheduled for Feb. 28.

Lady Lopes split win, loss

The Lady Lopes split their games last week, picking up a win over Idalou and losing to Shallowater.

Post bested Idalou 49-35, with Courtney leading scoring with 14. Others adding to the point total included Kirkpatrick with 10, Starkey with six, Hoover, 5, and Hester, 3.

The team shot 11-30 in field goals, or 37 percent. Kirkpatrick was 67 percent, shooting 4-6. Starkey was 100 percent with 3-point shots, making 2-2. Two girls - Hoover and Kirkpatrick - posted 100 percent efforts at the free-throw line.

"We played really well in all phases of the game," the coach said. The shooting was not as strong in the Shallowater game, which contributed to Post's 45-27 loss. The Lady Lopes were 5-20 in field goals, or 25 percent, and 2-14, or 14 percent, in 3-point shots. Three players - Gregory, Dalby and Starkey - shot 100 percent from the free-throw line.

Leading scoring was Courtney with 14 points. Kirkpatrick had five points in the game, while Dalby had four. Lott, Gregory and Starkey each scored two.

"Defensively we played well," the coach said. "We just struggled putting the ball in the basket."

JV Lady Lopes finish season with 2nd in District

The Lady Lopes JV took their last road trip of the season to Tahoka and they dropped a close one 24-25.

Scoring by quarters: 6-4, 6-6, 7-9, 7-6. Scoring for the Lady Lopes were Rachel Gray 9, Larissa Halford 6, Jackie Hays 7, Kylie Easterling 2,

and Laurel Tatum 2.

In the Lady Lopes JV's last home game they played Roosevelt. A second place finish in the district was on the line for the Lady Lopes. The Lady Lopes pressing defense caused numerous Roosevelt turnovers which resulted in Lady Lopes points. The Lady Lopes jumped out to 17-0 first quarter lead.

The Lady Lopes scored 21 unanswered points before Roosevelt scored. The Lady Lopes went on to win 58-19 and a second place finish in the district. Scoring by quarters: 17-0, 10-5, 17-9, 14-5.

All Lady Lopes scored with Larissa Halford 12, Rachel Gray 10, Ashley Wilson 10, Laurel Tatum 7, Ashley Powell 6, Jackie Hays 3, Katie Vernon 4, Courtney Copeland 3, and Kylie Easterling 2.

The Lady Lopes JV finished the season with a record of 19-5, and a District record of 7-3. The final standings for District 4AA J.V. were:

1. Shallowater	10-0
2. Post	7-3
3. Tahoka	5-5
4. Idalou	4-5
5. New Deal	3-6
6. Roosevelt	0-10

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Donae Dalby drops in an easy two points as the Lady Lopes rallied toward a strong win against Idalou last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Cole Easterling (center) hustled for one of many rebounds during last week's game against Idalou. Joining in the action are Sterling Smith (left) and Jerrad Grisham (right). The Antelopes are bracing for a must-win Friday night here against the New Deal Lions (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NOTICE

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described in the RFI Document. This RFI Process is only to determine interest and does not address any intent to contract or procure services. From information provided by the responders to the RFI Document, a determination will be made regarding actual contracting through a procurement process.

Copies of the RFI Document may be obtained by written request to WTCMHMRATTN: CINDY SMITH, DIRECTOR OF NETWORK MANAGEMENT, 319 RUNNELS, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720 OR VIA INTERNET AT www.wtcmhmr.org INTERESTED PARTIES MUST RESPOND TO THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY 3:00 o'clock P.M. CST, April 30, 2004, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 1.4 OF THE RFI DOCUMENT.

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Having fun on stage with the current production of "Never Too Late" at the Garza Theatre are (left to right) cast members Pat Price, Zoe Kirkpatrick and Marcie Hartman-Johnson. The play continues the next two weekends, call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations. (Staff Photo by Wes Burnett)

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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago February 9, 1994

Post artist M.A. Stelzer's works will be one of the featured artists in an invitational exhibit at the American Bank of Commerce in Lubbock. This exhibit will also feature well noted artists, such as Bob Chennault. This honor follows closely on the heels of a request by the Judy Berson Gallery in Boston to present Mary Ann Stelzer's work.

Mark Tyler, son of David and Nellie Tyler of Post, graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Management Information Systems and Management.

Six local residents serve on the Post ISD board of education. They include Barbara Hardin, Mark Kirkpatrick, S. Rafe Foreman, Jeff Lott, Gary Workman and Royce Hart.

LaDonna Craig Buschmann graduated from Texas Tech University with a Master of Arts degree in Mass Communications on December 18, 1993. LaDonna is the daughter of Neil and Donna Craig and the granddaughter of Mary Hogue all of Post. Garza County Sheriff's deputies and investigators played an intricate role in the raid in southern Crosby County that netted law enforcement officials 100 pounds of marijuana and dozens of guns, including two fully automatic weapons.

20 Years Ago February 8, 1984

A 50th wedding anniversary reception honored Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gordon Saturday, in the bank community room. The reception was hosted by the couple's children, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gordon.

Five minutes before the filing deadline, two more candidates jumped into the already crowded Garza County Sheriff's contest for the May Democratic Primary. Democratic county chairman Dick Tanner reported that Sheriff Jim Pippen and V. L. Buster Shumard joined four other candidates in the race. Filing earlier for the sheriff's office were

Donney Walker, Tommy Duncan, Mike Harper and O. G. Junior Shepherd.

Bud Davis, principal of the Post Middle School, accepted the new sign in front of the building from last year's PMS student council. Members were Mike Wells, Kerri Hart, Tyra Alexander, Angela Graves, Teresa Shults, Rosa Gonzales, Sharla Riley, Kim Smith, Jay McCook, Keitha White, Trevor Thuett, Jayta Ticer, Tyge Payne, and Eric Reece. Clay and Tricia Pruitt are proud to announce the birth of their sister Jeri Leigh. Jeri was born January 21 in Lynn County Hospital. Parents are Ronnie and Cindy Pruitt. Maternal grandparents are Jerry Conoly of Post and Molly Borq of Detroit, Michigan. Paternal grandmother is Marietta Pruitt also of Post.

30 Years Ago February 7, 1974

Antelope Tracks: Nicknames sure come in handy around ole' PHS. Read the following nicknames and see how they match up with the personality of the person. Nancy Maddox - Pink Panther, Debbie Ledbetter - Panda Bear, Wayne Bell - Super Chicken, Jennifer Miller - Smiley, Ila Workman - Little Red, Coach Tannehill - Ears, Donnie Stelzer - Snake, Jay Pollard - Twinkletoes, Kim Hester - Pear, Jill Cash - Weiny and Joe Hays - Duck.

Jan Hall and Ricky Shepherd were elected Post Antelope and Post Doe basketball sweetheart. Both students are seniors.

At the conclusion of the Post Chapter No. 206, Order of the Eastern Star meeting in a surprise presentation, Mrs. Eula Stone was named as "Mrs. O. E. S." She was escorted around the hall by Mrs. Carolyn Halford and Dick Tanner, and was presented a bouquet of red carnations by Mrs. Anne Leake.

Four Post High School members who qualified at the regional contest in Lubbock to sing at the state contest in Austin are Dana Pool, Kelvin Thomas, Nancy Reno and Kent Kirkpatrick.

40 Years Ago February 6, 1964

Dick Kennedy's Spotted Poland China gilt was grand champion of its breed at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth last week. Dick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. (Jack) Kennedy, W. L. (Dick) Wood of 308 W. 13th St., who has retired after nearly 20 years as local manager of West Texas Gas Co., and later Pioneer Natural Gas Co., was honored last week at a retirement dinner at Levi's Restaurant.

Menus

Post ISD

February 16-Breakfast-Sausage on stick, fruit, milk
Lunch-Frito pie, ranch style beans broccoli, corn bread, cookie, milk
February 17- Breakfast-Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch-Chicken burger, lettuce & tomato, tater tots, peaches, cookie, milk
February 18- Breakfast-Bacon, eggs, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch-ham, macaroni & cheese, green beans, hot rolls, pineapple slices, milk

February 19- Breakfast-Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk
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February 20- Breakfast-Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
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February 16-Breakfast-Pancake on a stick, juice, milk
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February 17- Breakfast-Cinnamon toast, fruit, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken fajitas, rice pilaf, broccoli & cheese, bread sticks, fruit cup, milk
February 18- Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, toast, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, pineapples w/mandarin oranges, milk
February 19- Breakfast-Cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk
Lunch-Corn dogs, french fries, ranch style beans, orange, cookie, milk
February 20- Breakfast-Biscuits & gravy, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken patty burger, lettuce & tomatoes, pickles, chips, fruit cup, milk

Coach Charles Black's freshman basketball squad has a 12-1 record going into the McAdoo Tournament tonight. Cagers include Clint Johnson, Lewis Hise, Jimmy Bartlett, Jerry Sullivan, Donnie Windham, Ronnie Pierce, J. O. Smith, Steve Stone, Filemon Vargas, David Heaton and Larry Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams are announcing the birth of a son, Kenneth Greg, born Sunday, Feb. 2, in West Texas Hospital in Lubbock. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Williams.

50 Years Ago February 11, 1954

Preliminary construction work got under way this week on the new junior high school building and the new city swimming pool.

John F. Lott of Post and Wayne Brown formerly of Littlefield, have purchased Connell Chevrolet Co. The agency had been operated here as Connell Chevrolet Co. for the past 27 years, with Judy Manly as manager.

Announcing... We have taken over the agency for TNM&O Buses and

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expanded to the adjoining building on the west, adding more room for the convenience of our customers. This has enabled us to install an up-to-date fountain of which Mrs. Gertie Reno will be in charge. Mrs. Ida Stewart will be in charge of the sandwiches, hamburgers, salads, etc. Stop by and visit Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gooch at POST NEWS STAND AND BUS DEPOT.

Justiceburg News: First Baptist Church observed its first anniversary in the new building Sunday. Women of the church brought bas-

ket lunches and singing and a fellowship hour followed the regular services.

Good news from K & K Food Mart... You are invited to our grand opening. Jack Huddle, popular KDUB-TV, Channel 13, entertainer, will be in our store Saturday to entertain with his songs and guitar playing. As an added feature, everyone purchasing merchandise at our store will receive Double Frontier Stamps. Stop by 419 E. Main for coffee, doughnuts and ice cream. Your friends, Wallace Simpson and Elwood Wright.

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ACROSS

- TXism: "in this ___ of the woods"
- vera
- sexual assault in TX Penal Code
- meaning of a hollow sound from a watermelon thump
- riot, one Ranger
- book about noted TX flyer Edna Whyte: "Rising ___"
- TXism: "seein' eye to eye"
- hit by TX Gary Morris: "Wind ___ Wings"
- TXism: "bend ___ elbow" (drink)
- transgressions
- TXism: "he shoots seein' ___ bullets"
- TXism: "___ a panhandle prairie"
- New Braunfels water park: "___ bahn"
- baseball great Hank (init.)
- TXism: "want it ___ could spit"
- what raindrops fell on for TX B.J.
- this Warren starred with TX Quaid in "Tough Enough"
- TXism: "big enough ___ a while"
- AC outlet
- PCs are designed for ___ use"

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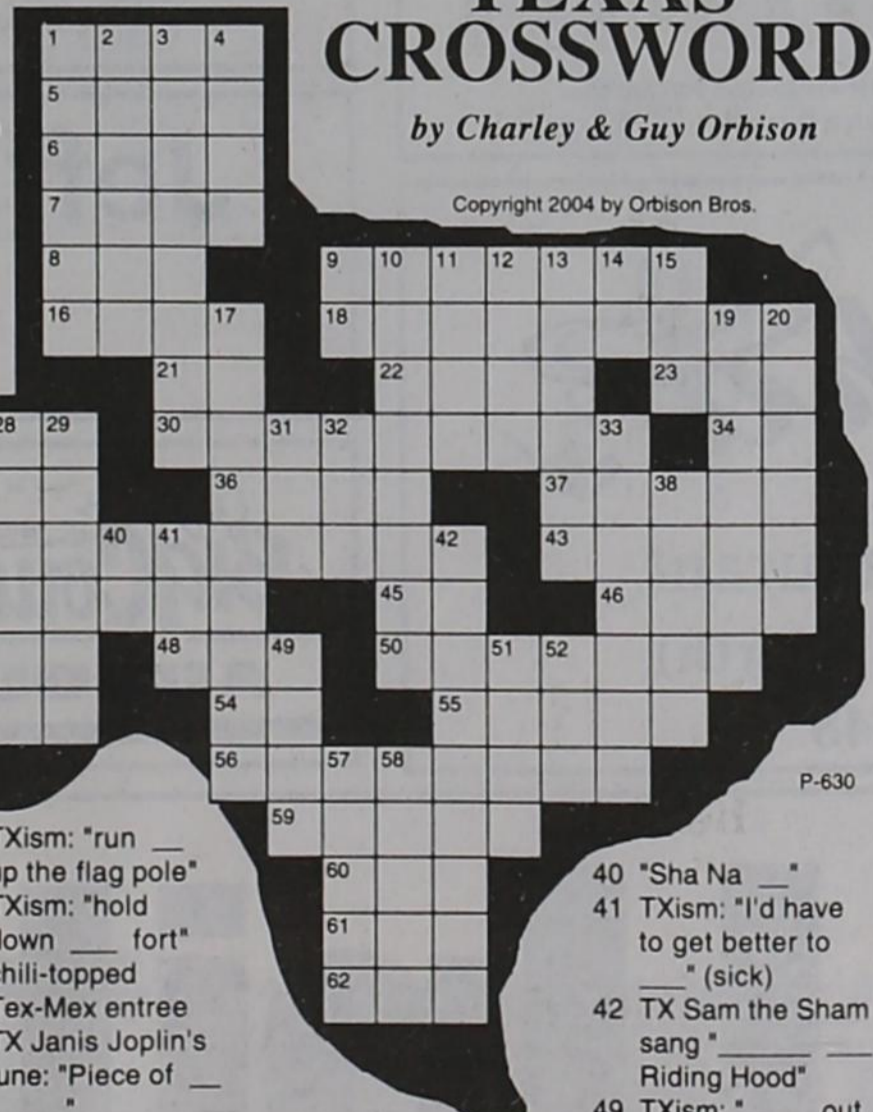
- TX Larry McMurtry novel: "In a ___ Grave"
- John Steinbeck's TX wife
- Cove, TX
- Nacogdoches AM
- this Blocker designed XIT brand
- TXism: "use your head for something ___ hat rack"
- TXism: "chew ___ a while"
- TXism: "chew ___ a while"
- AC outlet
- PCs are designed for ___ use"

The Original

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- TXism: "run ___ up the flag pole"
- TXism: "hold down ___ fort"
- chili-topped Tex-Mex entree
- TX Janis Joplin's tune: "Piece of ___"
- bread with too much rise?
- Frank in "Four for Texas" (init.)
- TXism: "beauacoup" snake or scarf (2 wds.)
- pool & ping pong
- TXism: "grown ups"
- "Sha Na ___"
- TXism: "I'd have to get better to ___ (sick)"
- TX Sam the Sham sang "___ Riding Hood"
- TXism: "___ out of here" (hurried)
- TXism: "cash on the barrel ___"
- TX Perot's 1st naval rank (abbr.)
- TXism: "___ it with kid gloves"
- TXism: "buryin' ___" (coffin)

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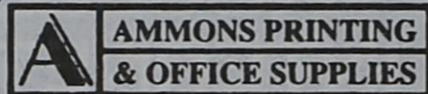
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Congratulations 8th Grade Girls



Post Antelope 8th Grade Girls Basketball team - (back row left to right) Lauren Gonzales, Erika Cravy, Brenna Postell, Samantha Hoover, Lori Jones, Ashleigh Harris and Kelsey Sanderson (front row), Amanda Rodriguez, Suhani Bhakta, Shelly Gearhart, Tamara Raymundo, Marlee Plummer and Madison Mason. Not in photo is Kelsey Paul. (Photo by Greg Henry)

Fred, Kay & Chess Postell



Bruce & Judy Sanderson

John & Renee Gearhart

Congratulations 7th Grade Girls



Post Antelope 7th Grade Girls Basketball team - (back row left to right) Valerie Moreno, Whitney Williams, Jakelin Delgadillo, Ashley Stenzel, Jaclyn Slauch, Kenzie Mason and Gabbi Bomez (front row), Alex Hart, Gabi Vergara, Mercedes Enriquez, Haley Lester and Sabrina Sanchez. Not in photo are Marry Brumley, Joanna Menjares, Shyra Perez and Destiny Price. (Photo by Greg Henry).

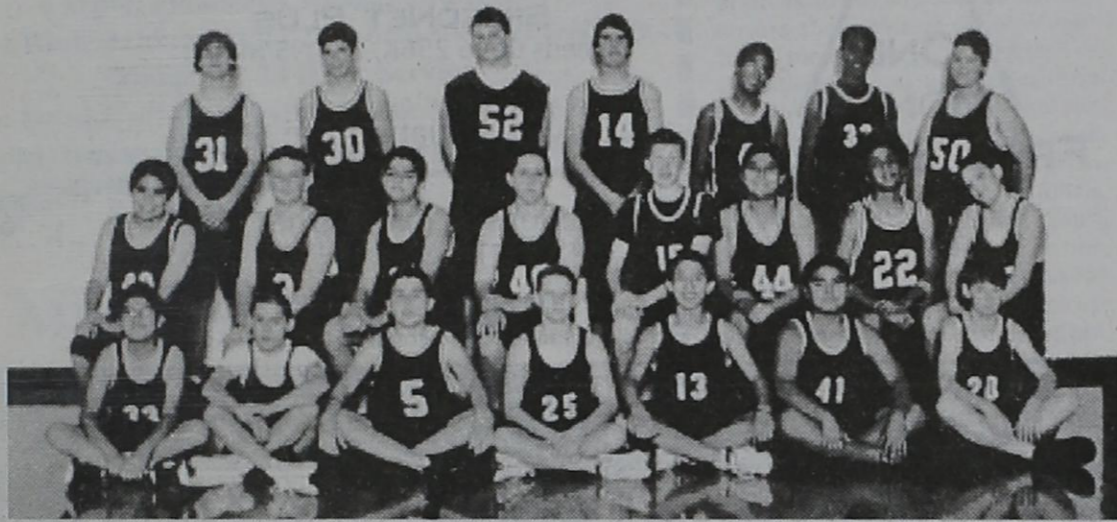
Brent & Michele Mason

David & Gloria Hernandez

Robbie, Marta & Tiny Williams

Holly's Drive In

Congratulations 8th Grade Boys



Post 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team - (back row, left to right) Pat Reiter, Call Windham, Jeremy Short, Allen Heckaman, Roosevelt Brown, Bradley Reed and Jeremy Safran (middle row) Byron Soto, Timothy Wilson, Nathan Jurado, Kamron Shumard, Richard Suit, Erik Guerrero, James Griffin and Cass Tatum (front row), Joseph Segovia, Timothy Garza, Tyler Odom, Dylan Davis, Roman Deluna, Chris Munoz and Blaise Lester. Not in photo are Ryan Belongia, Willie Berkley, John Boren, Luis Ceja, Esteban Contreras, Kristopher Crenshaw, Jose Esparza, Randall Jewell, Leonard Lopez and Johnathan Vasquez. (Photo by Greg Henry).

David & Kelly Davis

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Congratulations 7th Grade Boys



Post 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team - (back row, left to right) Zachary Davis, Timothy Gonzalez, Jovanni Garay, Brandon Crawford, Dalton Doran and Jesse Vera (front row), Travis Rasbeary, Kevin Griffin, Jonathan Jurado, Chad Miller, Jarrett Blevins and Zachary Nava. Not in photo are Klenton Baker, Braden Courtney, Adam Meredith, Zackey Rivera and eddy Rocha. (Photo by Greg Henry).

Gary & Jaquita Blevins

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