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City plans public hearing on water

In preparation for a public hearing Tuesday, May 7, Post City Council members at a special called meeting Tuesday evening studied latest cost estimates for bringing Canadian River Authority water from Slaton to Post. The public hearings next Tuesday are designed to inform Post citizens about the project and answer questions about the pipeline and installation of water storage tanks.

Topics to be reviewed and discussed include design, construction, cost estimates and financing options. The first hearing will be at 3 p.m. The second hearing will be conducted at 5:30 p.m., followed by the regular May meeting of the Post City Council. Both hearings will be conducted at the Post Community Center, 113 W. Main St. Anyone inter-

ested in hearing information and providing input should attend one or both of these sessions. Rich Oller explained to the council Tuesday evening that PVC pipe costs have increased dramatically in the past few days, which in part raises the estimated cost of the project to \$6 million. "We anticipate that bids

will be lower than our estimate," Oller said, "but that's to be expected considering that we don't have formal specs to give them at this time." Oller said that bidding will include three types of pipe to take advantage of lower cost pipe. The 27 mile pipeline from Slaton will have to use 19 boring sites, re-

quired by the Texas Department of Transportation. The extra boring costs contributed largely to the increase estimate for the project. "They (TxDot) are requiring us to bore under every intersection and storm drainage site along Hwy 84," Oller added. City council members also pondered methods of financing and various ideas about water and tax rates. "We pay more for cable t.v. than for water," council member

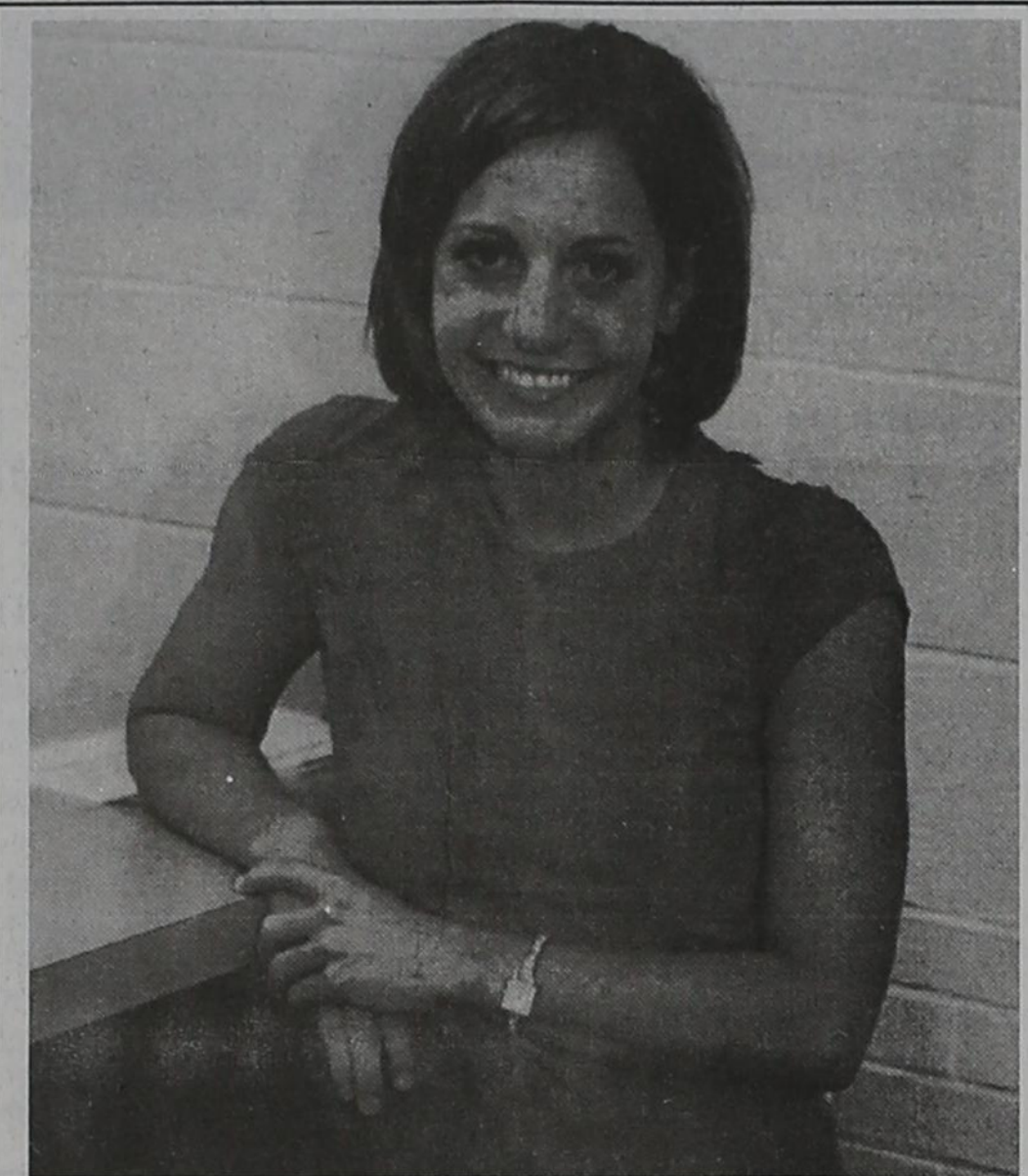
Juanita Pantoja pointed out about the possibility of water rate increases. "We know one thing," Mayor Archie Gill said, "we've got to get a backup supply of water or we're going to be in big trouble a year from now." Gill pointed out that the recent two inch rainfall in the area netted only about five inches of increase at White River Lake. "By their own estimate we've only got about a year of water left, we've really got no choice here," Gill added.

Incumbents face opponents in Post ISD election Sat.

When Post Independent School District voters go to the polls Saturday, they'll have their choice of four candidates - two incumbents and two challengers. Incumbents Mark W. Kirkpatrick and Barbara Hardin are facing opposition from Vera Wartes and Susan (Suzi) Clary. The top two vote getters will fill the open posts in the at-large election.

Voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Post High School commons area, according to district officials. Kirkpatrick, a Post High School graduate, brings 12 years of school board experience to the Post ISD. First elected to the board in 1990, he has served as board president and has completed more than 100 hours of continuing education in school finance, law and governance.

A graduate of Texas A&M, Kirkpatrick is employed with Stoker-Kirkpatrick Ranches and PLK, Inc. He also is active in the community, serving as finance committee chairman and administrative council chairman for the First United Methodist Church. (Continued on Page 10)



Post High School senior Meagan Mills earned her fourth trip to Austin to compete in the U.I.L. state spelling contest by placing second at last week's regional meet in Abilene. Mills has also been selected to play in the Texas Girls' Coaches Association All-Star basketball game, set for July 11 in the Daniel Meyer Coliseum on the TCU campus in Fort Worth. She was also selected Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) academic All-State and Texas Girls' Coaches Association (TGCA) academic All-State. PHS senior Tandi Humble was also selected academic All-State by the TGCA.

GHD voting Saturday

Polling in Saturday's Garza Hospital District election will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in several locations throughout the area. Precinct 1 voters should go to either the Trinity Baptist Church or the Presbyterian Church to cast their ballots. Voters in Precinct 2 will vote in the Post Middle School library. Polling in Precinct 3 will take place in the Lorenzo Alexander building. And voting in Precinct 4 will be conducted in the Post High School commons.

Voting locations are basically the same as those utilized last year, a hospital district official said.

Two candidates have filed for positions on the hospital district's board of directors. Incumbent Mike Travis, the at-large candidate, will seek to return to the board, while newcomer Ray Bagby will run unopposed for the Precinct 2 spot.

No one filed as a candidate for the Precinct 1 seat.

In addition to voting to fill vacant board seats, hospital district voters also will be asked to determine a referendum limiting the number of terms a board member may serve.

The question to be posed to voters will read as follows: "This is a vote to determine if you, as a resident of the Garza County Health Care District, desire that the service of a Director on the Board be limited by the number of terms that a Director can serve. A term is two (2) years. Currently, there is no limit on the number of terms a Director may serve."

Voters will be asked if they want the district's board members to be limited to a certain number of terms. Voters may mark "no, I do not want them limited," or "yes," which is followed by suggested term limitations - two terms (four years); three terms (six years); four terms, (eight years); or five terms (10 years).

Early voting in the hospital district election ended Tuesday.



Post Little League, Majors and Minors expressed appreciation to (left to right) Donald Windham, United Supermarkets manager David Capps, Troy Jenkins, CitizensBank's Fred Myers and Jimmy Redman for contributions and installation of a new scoreboard at the baseball park.



Top notch performances of "I Remember Mama" are captivating audiences at the Garza Theatre. Cast members for the production are (back row, left to right) Stan Tucker, Tim McIntire, Emily Hataway, Shanna Faries, Mark Martin, Juanetta Bocko, Jay Young, Katie McNeil, director Mitchell Britton, (middle row) Nick Hammons, Melissa Flanigan, Christine Zellmer, Christy Morris, Micah Robnett, Patricia McCaleb, Robert Shupe, (front row) Carol Watts, Michelle Tucker, Taylor Belvins, Alexandra Coor and Melissa Stanabag.

Post Notes

Church offers tacos Saturday
The Bethel Assembly of God will sell barbacoa tacos (flour tortillas and hot sauce) Saturday from 6 to 11 a.m. with a \$2 per taco price. The church is located at 407 May St. Call 781-2300.

Fish fry at Holy Cross Catholic Church
The Holy Cross Catholic Church ladies will offer fish fry plates with trimmings for \$5 on Friday, May 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church.

Ladies' retreat fund raising
The Women's Chapter of the Church of God of Prophecy is offering \$5 taco plates Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of its fund raising for the retreat. Call Norma or Lydia at 495-3644 to place orders.

Youth party at church Friday
A youth party Friday will be hosted by the Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th St., beginning at 6:30 p.m. Youth ages 12 to 35 are invited to the event, which will feature music by special guests "In Him."

Pre and kindergarten enrollment
Post Elementary school offers open enrollment for the 2002-2003 school year with pre-kindergarten and kindergarten enrollment at the office during the school day. Pre-kindergarten children must be four years old by September 1 to qualify. Children must be five years old by September 1 to qualify for kindergarten. Students will need shot record, birth certificate and social security number.

Pre-kindergarten open house
Ms Gafford and Ms Peña invite parents of Pre-K children to an open house at Post Elementary in the Pre-K room from 1:30 to 3 p.m. April 19. A second open house will be held May 3 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

EMT classes offered here
EMT training is being offered in Garza County. Contact Rodney Tidwell at 495-1244 for registration information. The course is \$385 plus books. Students will be refunded the cost after serving 52 shifts of duty. Borden County EMTs will serve as instructors for the course.

Booster Club T-Shirt Sale
The Post Antelope Booster Club is selling Antelope Baseball shirts for \$15. Those interested should contact Gina Lott at 629-4265 or Larry Mills at 495-3719 or 495-3726.

All Sports Banquet May 13
The annual All Sports Banquet will be held May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Post Community Center. Advance tickets are \$10 each. Tickets sold at the door are \$12 each. Tickets may be purchased at Collier Drug, Wells Fargo, CitizensBank, PHS office or Caprock Veterinary Clinic.

Special notice to Post businesses
The Post ISD athletic department is changing its contract for poster services affecting the 2002-2003 school year. The new authorized representative for Post ISD poster advertising is Great Texas Sports of Austin. The football and basketball poster ads will be less expensive with Great Texas Sports, with better quality materials, according to athletic director Richard Gorman. "The athletic department sincerely appreciates every business who supports the athletic programs in Post," Gorman said, "we hope this change will not be a problem." If any business has questions concerning the poster companies, they should contact Gorman at 495-3164.

Free Texas Forum May 21
Garza County citizens interested in learning more about the benefits of a new Texas constitution are encouraged to attend the May 21 monthly Free Texas Forum. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Chapa's Family Restaurant. The Free Texas Forum is held monthly on the third Tuesday. For more information call 495-0122.

Cancer survivor walk
The Relay for Life Survivor Walk will be held Friday evening, June 7 at the Post ISD track. If you or someone you know, is a cancer survivor and would like to participate, please contact Nancy McDonald at 495-3315 or Pat Bilbo at 495-3613. Everyone is welcome. There will be a reception immediately following the walk for all survivors and their families.

Blood drive May 2
Post residents have the opportunity to celebrate life by joining in the community blood drive Thursday, May 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 202 W. 10th St. Contact Rev Ron Minor at 495-3044 to schedule an appointment for donating blood. The drive is sponsored by the Post Lions Club. All donor will receive 1/2 gallon of ice cream at United Supermarkets.

Blood Drive Thursday, May 2

Post area residents can participate in a community blood drive from 4-8 p.m. today, May 2, at the Church of the Nazarene, 202 W. 10th.

Each blood donation can help several patients. Every unit of donated blood is sent to the United Blood Services laboratory for testing and processing. Lab technicians separate the whole blood into components, including red blood cells, plasma, platelets and cryoprecipitate.

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Heather Hall, Shawn Williams exchange wedding vows

Heather Hall and Shawn Williams were united in marriage Sunday, April 21, 2002, at the Faith Ministries Church in Lubbock. Pastor Gary Stephenson officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Rhonda and Daniel Morrow of Post and the late Lin Warren. She is the granddaughter of Joy Holly and the late Bill Holly.

The bridegroom is the son of Sandy Williams Cole and Rick Cole of Odessa. The groom is employed by Saturn of Lubbock. The groom is co-owner of Mobile Installation Inc. and Electric Sun Tanning Salon, both in Odessa.



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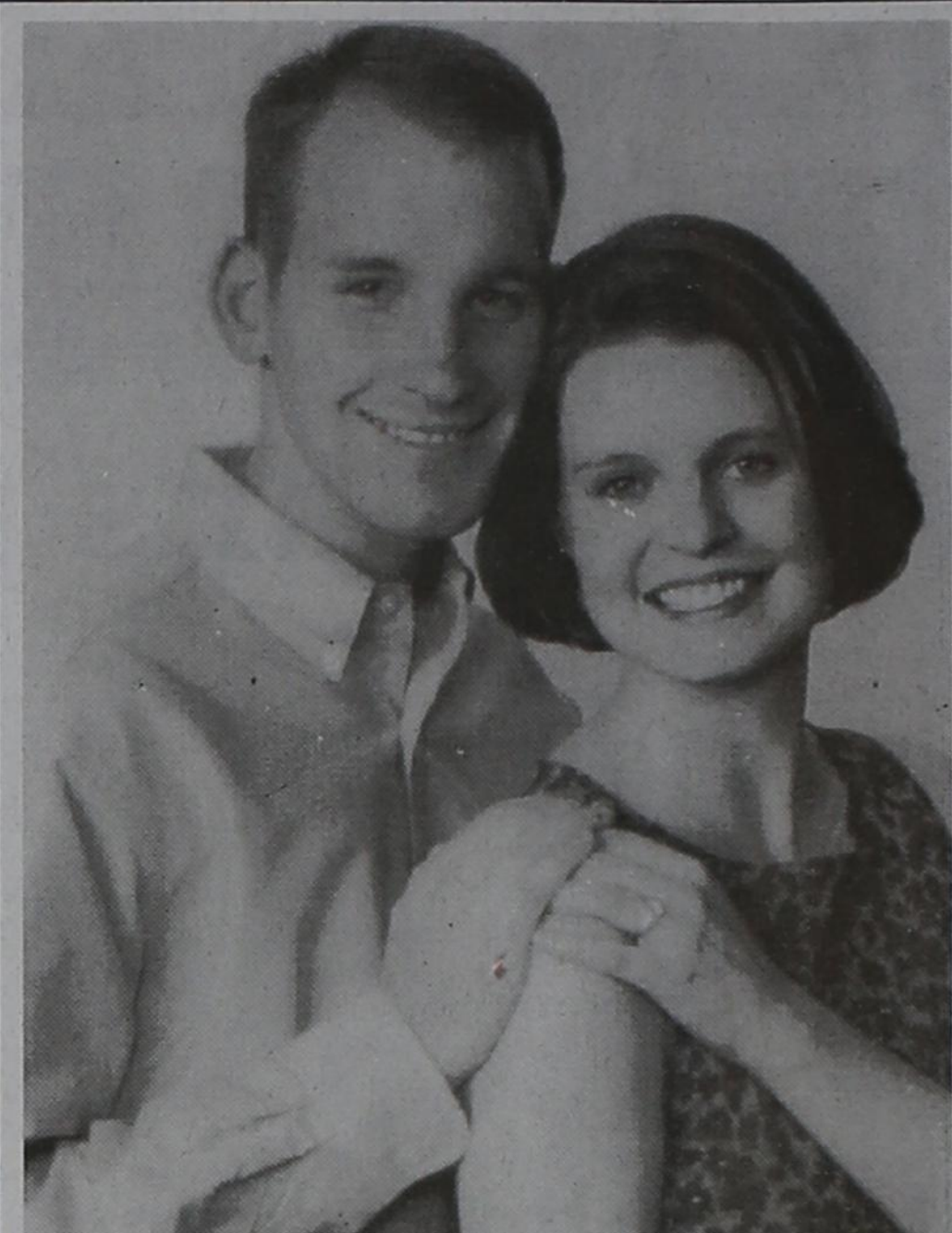
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Mr and Mrs Shawn Williams



Marc Wall and Kathy Gerner
Mr and Gerald Gerner of Post and Mr and Mrs Gary Wall of Houston
announce the engagement of their children Kathy Gerner and Marc Wall.
The couple plan to exchange wedding vows August 17, 2002. Both are
graduating at Texas Tech University this summer.

PHS one-act play earns high praise

Post High School's One-Act Play was named first runner-up and tapped as an alternate to the state competition at the recent regional contest.

Heather Bullard was named Best Actress in the region, while Michael Gonzales and Christina Zellmer were both named to the region's All Star Cast.

House lights faded out. The curtain rose, the spotlights shone brightly on the stage, and each actor stepped into the hot spotlight to become the character he created in his mind. As each element of the story unfolded in a new dimension, the actor shares the world in his craft.

This was the story of "The Shadow Box" performed at the April 19 regional contest.

Those on hand for the performance was each cast and crew member had given their best performance.

"It was the performance of a lifetime. Everyone had their own personal best," the one-act play coach said. "We knew going into the contest as the underdog that our chances were slim - four of the six plays had been to state in the last two years....

"But our play cast took advantage

of the beauty of performing, and for the next 39 minutes the audience was caught up into the world of eight characters struggling with the news of a terminal illness.

"The firestorm that swept through-out the audience - there was a fever of excitement. People were coming up congratulating us before the results were announced. Everyone knew we had accomplished our performance goal."

The judge, however, faulted the effort on two basic elements of design.

One, the design of the ground plan became predictable and "too close." Minute details of directional choices in blocking.

The critique ended with a compliment, naming the PHS group as the "production with the finest acting and overall composite."

"We fell short of our overall goal of advancing to state. What we take away with us is the knowledge of teamwork and personal accomplish-

ment. It is so important to walk away from that contest feeling as you have accomplished the world.

"The subjectivity of one critic judge is difficult to justify. Remember, we don't have a scoreboard, and we don't have say so in who our adjudicator will be. This is one official on any given day. And very much the chance or opportunity to create the magic. All of the magic you would see for the price of a ticket."

Menus

Post ISD

- May 6 - Breakfast - Muffin, Sausage link, fruit, milk
- Lunch - nachos supreme, salad, fruit cocktail, cookie, choice of milk
- May 7 - Breakfast - Cinnamon toast, sausage, fruit, milk
- Lunch - Burrito, salad, pears, snicker bar, choice of milk
- May 8 - Breakfast - Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk
- Lunch - Chicken nuggets, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding choice of milk
- May 9 - Breakfast - Cereal, toast, fruit, apple juice, milk
- Lunch - Pizza, salad, corn, peaches, choice of milk
- May 10 - Breakfast - Bad Weather Day

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Congratulations State Qualifiers!



Congratulations to Post High School seniors Kelly Moore (left) and Meagan Mills (right) for their achievements. Kelly will compete at the State Track Meet in the 300 meter hurdles and Meagan will compete in the U.I.L. State Spelling competition.

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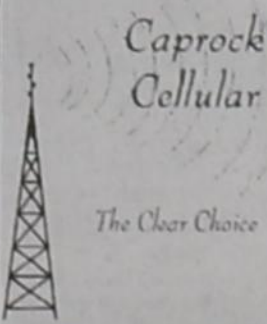


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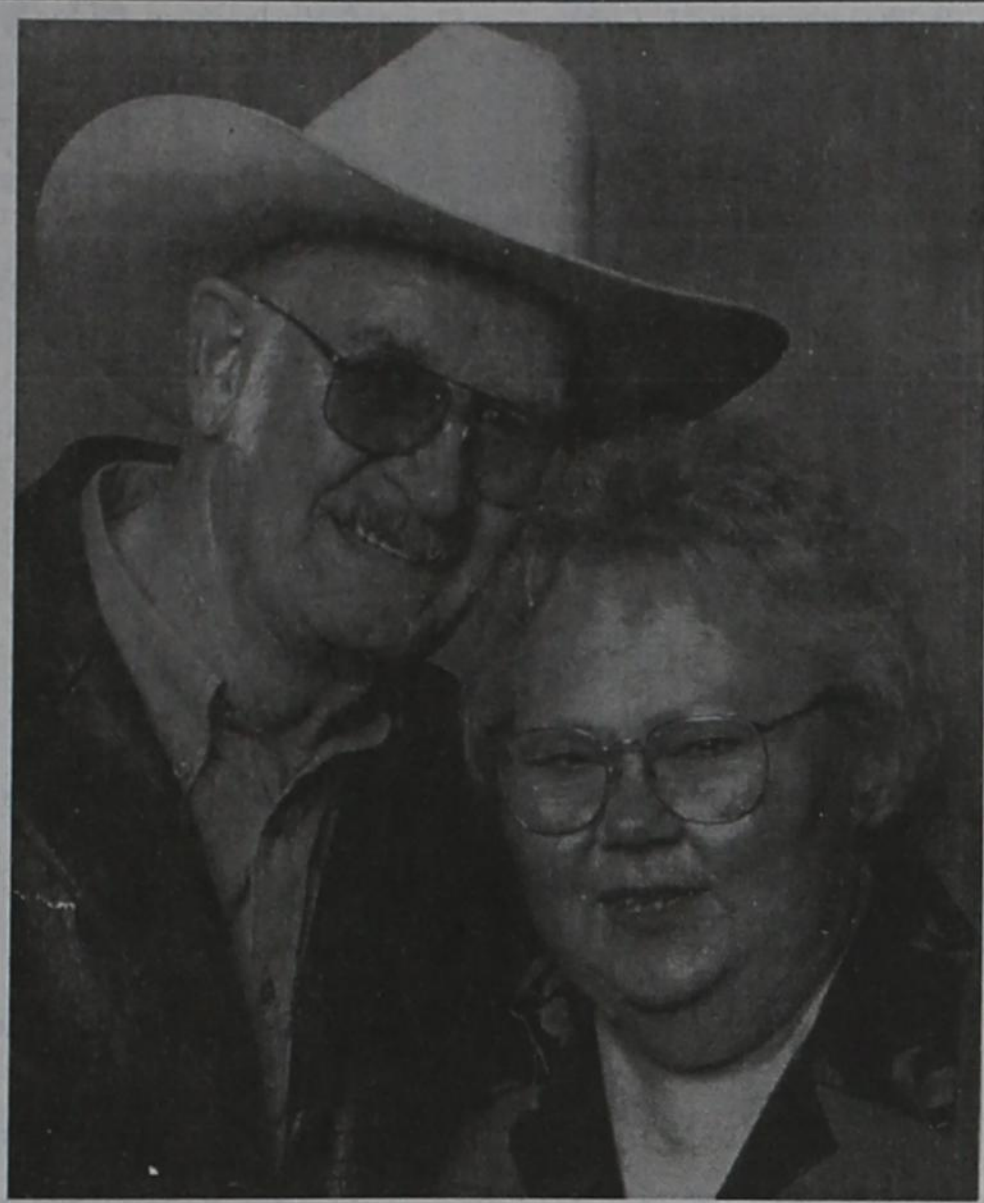
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Dean and Bonnie Medlin



Haley Marie Krauser

Justin Milan Johnson (left) and Kutter Clay Johnson

Medlins celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Dean and Bonnie Medlin will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children on Saturday, May 4 from 2-4 p.m. at The Center, 1400 and Avenue K in Tahoka. The couple was married May 4, 1952 in Anton. Bonnie is the daughter of Evelyn and the late Leon Ham of Anton.

Dean is the son of Lela Mae and the late Buford Medlin of Whitharral. Their children are Deborah Stevens of Nacogdoches, Charlotte Holbert of Corpus Christi and Delta Garcia of Post. Friends are cordially invited to the reception.

Births

Dymon Rae Gomez

Anthony and Jenny Gomez of Post announce the birth of their new baby girl Dymon Rae Gomez, born April 20, 2002 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed seven pounds, four ounces and was 19 and one-half inches long at birth.

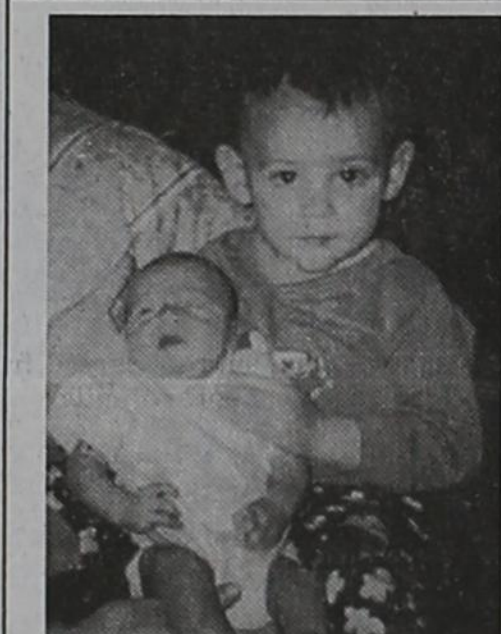
She is the granddaughter of Lena Duran, Jackie Curb and Rhonda Morrow all of Post. She is also the great granddaughter of Antonio and Angelina Rodriguez of Post and Joy Holly and the late Bill Holly of Post.

Haley Marie Krauser

Chelisa and Jeremy Krauser of Lubbock are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Haley Marie, born April 26 at 10:59 a.m. at UMC. She weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and was 19 and one quarter inch long at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Milton and Billie Williams of Post. Paternal grandparents are David and Pat Hull of Katy.

Great grandparents are Billy Jack and Louise Bairrington of O'Donnell, Cedaelia Williams of Draw and the late Walter Lee Williams and John and Maudie Murray of Montoursville, Pa.



Birthdays This Week

- May 2 - Matthew Ledbetter
- May 3 - Vance Guthrie
- May 4 - Cora Crane-Jaquess, Rene Gutierrez, Tom McClintock, Russel Benham
- May 5 - Sammy Palmer, Kerri Dean, Michelle Wischkaemper
- May 6 - Ronnie Eaton
- May 7 - Martha Phillips, Matthew Tanner
- May 8 - Caden Dean, Dale Diaz

Travelers are always discoverers, especially those who travel by air. There are not signposts in the sky to show a man has passed that way before.

—Anne Morrow Lindbergh

Notice of Public Hearings

Notice is hereby given that the City of Post will conduct two (2) Public Hearings on May 7, 2002 to discuss the following:

Design, construction, estimated costs and financing of:

Slaton Water Project Pipeline and Additional Storage Tank(s)

Both hearings will be conducted at the Post Community Center at 113 W. Main Street in Post, Texas.

The first hearing will be held at 3 p.m. The second public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m., followed by the regular May 2002 meeting of the Post City Council.

It is anticipated that each Post citizen who wishes to attend to hear, receive and give public comment can do so at one of the hearings. All citizens are encouraged to attend.

Questions may be directed to the City Manager at 495-2811.

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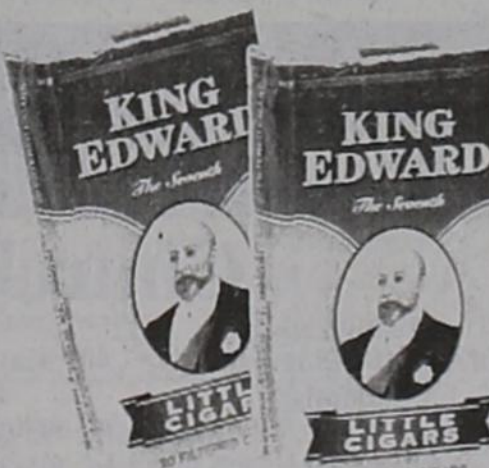
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Obituaries

Bud Everett

Graveside services for Bud Everett, 71, of San Angelo, formerly of Ballinger, were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2002, in the Evergreen Cemetery in Ballinger with Max Pratt officiating.

He died April 25 in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Born June 24, 1930, in Post to Rex and Lyda Travis Everett, he married Jeane Sartain Sept. 30, 1949, in Post. A 1947 graduate of Post High School, he was a longtime businessman in Ballinger, where he owned Everett Furniture Co. until his retirement in 1987. He twice served Ballinger as mayor and served on the Ballinger City Council for a number of years. He also served as Runnels County treasurer; a director on the Runnels County Appraisal District board; a member of the Elm Creek Water District Board; a member of the Ballinger Memorial Hospital board of directors; a member of the Chamber of Commerce; and a 32nd Degree Mason.

He was an AFA Mason at Post Lodge 1058; a member of the Suez Temple of San Angelo; and a 32nd Degree Mason with the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Valley of the Orient of Waco.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Randy and wife Beverly of Ballinger, Steve and wife Ellen of Huntsville and Gary and wife Vi of Brownwood; one daughter, Susan Eubanks and husband Andy, of Floresville; five grandchildren, Tonya Patrick of Ballinger, Shelley Hale of Hamilton, Chad Everett of San Angelo, and Ben and Paul Eubanks, both of Floresville; five great-grandchildren, Mills and Mason Patrick, Abbey and Lainey Hale and Whitney Everett; and one brother, Travis Everett of Stephenville.

Lowell Asa Rowell

Funeral services were held Monday, March 11, 2002 at the Kelley-Watkins Funeral Home in Beaumont for Lowell Asa Rowell, 92, who died Friday, March 8, 2002 at his home in Honey Island. His son, Rev. Mel Rowell of Honey Island and grandson Rev. Tim Rowell of Austin, conducted the services. Burial was at Beaumont Haven of Rest Cemetery.



Rowell was born June 20, 1909 in San Saba County to William Asa and Molly Virginia (Harrison) Rowell. He married Hallie Belle Strange on November 25, 1933 at Plainview (Hale County).

He was preceded in death by his wife on July 7, 1999; a granddaughter Kayleigh Loeffelhotz in January 1995, brothers Ellos in 1955, A.J. in 1984, sisters Nettie V. Baldwin in 1985 and Lorene Voyles in 1999.

Rowell was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church - Honey Island in Kountze. He and his wife had moved to Sour Lake several years ago from Optima, Oklahoma where they had lived since 1948. He had recently moved to Honey Island.

He was retired from Parsley Parke Gas Co. as a pipeline gauger, where he'd worked since 1948. His family moved to Silverton, Texas in 1929, when his parents bought a Briscoe County farm.

Survivors include his son, Mel Rowell and his wife Judy of Honey Island, daughters Vivian Gregg and her husband Neil of Enid, Okla.; Juanice David and her husband Elmer of Guyton, Okla. and Dorothy Morris and her husband Rev. James Morris of Countyline, Okla.; nine grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and one great-great grandson; brother Aubrey Rowell and sister LaVerne Mercer of Silverton; many nephews and nieces, including Pat Burnett of Post.

Pallbearers were J.L. Cherry, Doc Flowers, Jay Jacobson, Dickie Parrott, Cleo Rector and Danny Thornhill.

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KINGDOM WITHIN A KINGDOM

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| First Baptist Church | 402 W. Main, 495-3554 | Power House Church of God and Christ | Pine Ave. |
| First Baptist Church, Wilson | 628-6333 | Disciples of Christ | |
| Justiceburg Baptist Church | Justiceburg | First Christian Church | 812 W. 13th, 495-3716 |
| Pleasant Home Baptist Church | E. 14th & N. Ave F | Methodist | |
| Pleasant Valley Baptist | Hwy 84 & N. 399 (806) 828-4174 | First United Methodist Church | 216 W. 10th, 495-2942 |
| Templo Bautista | 315 W. Main, 495-2416 | Graham Chapel United Methodist Church | 495-3492 |
| Trinity Baptist Church | 915 N. Ave O, 495-3038 | Nazarene | |
| Wilson First Baptist | (806) 628-6333 | Church of the Nazarene | 202 W. 10th, 495-3044 |
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Opinions



Do peace treaties produce peace?

by Walter E. Williams

Europe has been at peace for an unprecedented nearly six decades. Why? It surely is not because of peace treaties between enemy states, and it's surely not because of disarmament. All that was tried before and failed.

The best explanation for Europe's unprecedented period of peace is that it was an armed camp bristling with weapons. Both adversaries — NATO, backed by the United States, and the Warsaw Pact, backed by the Soviet Union — knew for sure that aggression would produce Armageddon. Another reason is that the previous aggressor, Germany, was utterly and completely defeated. Had the Nazis, seeing they were losing the war, successfully sued for peace and a cessation of the hostilities, there would not have been this unprecedented period of peace in Europe. The Nazis would have simply regrouped.



The world can be thankful that today's mindset wasn't around during the 1940s. When we laid waste, through conventional warfare and firebombing, Dresden and other German cities — and doing the same thing to Tokyo and other Japanese cities — we didn't have to worry about the Red Cross and peace advocates going in afterward taking pictures and then holding us up to ridicule for "collateral damage." If they did, the public would have turned a deaf ear. After all, has there ever been war, at least during modern times, where noncombatants were not killed? Indeed, that is just one of the things that makes war so horrible.

If we had captured Joseph Goebbels, Heinrich Himmler or Hideki Tojo during the war, would anybody have cared much about their civil rights, like some people are caring about the civil rights of Taliban captives in Guantanamo, Cuba? I'm not making an argument for cruelty, but what civil rights are owed those hell-bent on trying to destroy our civilization? During World War II, how many Americans would have demanded that a captured German spy or saboteur be supplied with a taxpayer-provided legal team and jail amenities?

Historically, spies and saboteurs have faced the hangman's noose or a firing squad.

This brings us to the Middle East crisis and the condemnation Israel has received for its military retaliation to Palestinian terrorist attacks. During U.S. Secretary of State Powell's visit, world news cameras captured a haggard, bedraggled Chairman Yasser Arafat asking: "Is this acceptable? Is this acceptable?" He was referring to the Israel Defense Forces' quarantine and destruction of his headquarters. I was trying to imagine the response of Americans, back in the '40s, to one of our Axis adversaries asking the same question.

There's one weapon that international thugs have today that yesterday's international thugs didn't, and that's "world opinion." Palestinian terrorists set off bombs to murder innocent Israeli civilians. When Israel retaliates, imposing high cost, Palestinians call up their only defensive weapon: world opinion. World opinion was also used by Saddam Hussein during the Gulf War by bringing the Western media to see the destruction of a supposed baby-milk factory by coalition forces.

How much should the Western world care about the opinion of those who demonstrate open hostility to the values that we hold, such as democratically elected officials, human rights and equality before the law? I say none whatsoever. At the same time, neither am I of the mind that we should interfere with their choices except to say that their acts of aggression should be met with harsh retaliation.

Were I prime minister of Israel, I'd trade peace for land on these terms: in exchange for each six months of peace, I'd completely turn over, say, five square miles of land. And for just one terrorist attack, I'd send in the Israel Defense Forces to take it all back.

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Military tribunal violates rule of law

by Sheldon Richman

The government giveth and the government taketh away. Sometimes it does so simultaneously.

When the Bush administration announced it would hold military tribunals for captured Taliban and al-Qaeda members, concern about the un-American nature of the proceedings was so loud the Pentagon was forced to go back to the drawing board to fine-tune the plan. When the modified rules were released recently, some critics breathed a sigh of relief. Even congressional critics were muted.

The Los Angeles Times editorialized that the new rules "moved the adjudication of the cases closer to this nation's ideals, including the rule of law." The Wall Street Journal gloated that the critics should have waited, thus avoiding the egg now on their faces: "With the Pentagon's release yesterday of the tribunal regulations, the critics look more out of touch than ever."

Well, not so fast. The same day that the Journal ran that editorial, the papers were carrying the latest news from the administration. The New York Times reported that the detainees may be held indefinitely—even if they are acquitted in a military tribunal. The Times report quotes Pentagon lawyer William J. Haynes II: "If we had a trial right this minute, it is conceivable that somebody could be tried and acquitted of that charge but may not necessarily automatically be released."

Let that sink in: acquittal would not mean release. Why? Because these are "dangerous" people, Haynes says. How's that for a commitment to "this nation's ideals, including the rule of law." It appears the critics of military tribunals were not premature in voicing their concerns.

All this makes Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld look a little silly when he says, "If one steps back from examining the procedures provision by provision and instead drops a plumb line down through the center of them all, we believe that most people will find that, taken together, they are fair and balanced and that justice will be served in their application."

Government spokesmen intone about incarcerating violent people for the "duration of the conflict." The trouble, of course, is that "the conflict" refers to an open-ended war against a nebulous abstraction: terrorism. The government is thus claiming the authority to hold acquitted individuals until they die and therefore no longer dangerous. This is not something I identify with the American Way.

Very little about this war would satisfy the nation's founders. President Bush exploited the justified anger against the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center to get a blank check to use force against anyone he believes is a threat to the United States. It's either checks and balances or blank checks.

We can't have it both ways.

Ah, but we want it both ways—the ways of empire and the ways of constitutional republic. Sorry, it can't be done. Bush acknowledged that implicitly when he refused to ask Congress for a formal declaration of war. Majority Leader Tom Daschle did the same when he said Bush would not need congressional authorization to attack Iraq.

And the president left no doubt when he announced in his state of the Union address that what began as a narrowly defined effort to stop terrorism aimed at the American people had mutated into a campaign to rid the world of all evil no matter where. The "axis of evil" figment, ridiculed from so many quarters, is correctly interpreted as an imperial program pure and simple. Without evidence that Iraq, Iran, and North Korea had anything to do with the September 11 attacks, they are now on the list of "next targets." Why? Because they may be trying to develop weapons of mass destruction. And what of those nations that already have such weapons—India, Pakistan, China, Russia, Israel? And those authoritarian allies that oppress their own people? Morocco, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, ad infinitum? We overlook that.

By now you might have the impression that foreign policy is cynicism writ large. You'd be right.

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Forked Tongues at the U.S. State Department

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Hong Kong immigration authorities recently denied Chinese-born, naturalized American citizen Harry Wu admission into Hong Kong. Wu's rejection and expulsion was unusual, given Hong Kong's longstanding open-border policy, especially for Americans, for whom visas are not required.

The problem is that for the past several years, Wu has been a prominent critic of Chinese labor camps, a subject with which he has first-hand experience given the 19 years that he served in them. Hong Kong officials told Wu he was being denied entry because of "safety concerns."

U.S. officials expressed shock and outrage. "This could have the effect of limiting the freedom of association and the free flow of ideas," exclaimed U.S. consular spokeswoman Barbara Zigli. U.S. State Department spokesman Philip Reeker added that the incident "could have a bad effect" on the freedom and openness that has characterized Hong Kong.

At the same time, however, State Department officials were revoking visas that had been previously issued to Cuban officials, who were traveling to the United States to negotiate the purchase of food from South Dakota farmers. U.S. State Department spokesman Edward Dickens said that it is long-standing U.S. policy to discourage travel in the United States by members of the Cuban government.

Wouldn't the old Indian saying "White man speaks with forked tongue" have been more accurately expressed as, "U.S. government officials speak with forked tongue?"

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Economic development plan that works

by Wes Burnett

In the continuing struggle to figure out ways to "stimulate" the economy and create jobs, government officials consistently trot out the old socialist notion that the state can actually improve economics through redistribution of taxes.

In this socialist plan, government steals money from productive people, then doles it out to the less productive in a sign of "stimulating" the economy. This theft program works quite well to fool most people into thinking that government is actually doing something to help the economy, when in fact, the very theft it uses has the opposite effect.

What government officials never consider in their rush to "improve" the economy is the one proven plan that works ... reduction or elimination of taxes. Governments which reduce or abolish taxes are the most effective in stimulating economic activity.

Take for example the recent announcement in Lubbock about a multi-million dollar investment, which was the result of a big tax abatement offered to a corporation. Now, other Lubbock businesses not offered such a deal are probably pondering the inequity of such transactions.

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Once the lottery is in place, a transition period could be developed to phase out taxes, to be replaced completely by voluntary funding, which could include lottery proceeds.

Texasans deserve better solutions from government than the continued imposition of Marxist socialism redistribution of wealth programs. Government leaders take notice, the natives are getting restless with shelling out almost half of their earnings in taxes.

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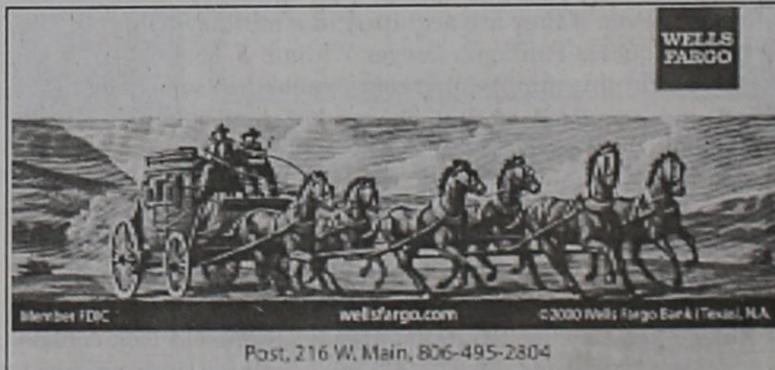
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Sports

Kelly Moore heads for Austin

by Wes Burnett

Post High School senior Kelly Moore will make another trip to Austin next week to compete in the State Track Meet following her second place finish in the 300 meter hurdles last Saturday at Abilene. "I know I can do better," she said with disappointment following the race.

Moore exploded out of the blocks, taking a commanding lead after the second hurdle, but was overtaken at the wire in split-second challenge by Hamlin. Moore was clocked at 46.02 seconds, compared to the first place run of 45.78 seconds.

The fiercely competitive Moore was not reconciled to her second place

medal at the winner's stand.

Her disappointment was compounded by her fall near the finish line Friday afternoon during the 100 meter hurdle preliminary event. Moore was in the lead when she cleared the final hurdle and fell to the ground. She suffered only minor scratches from the fall, but the incident was a bitter reminder of a similar end to her 300 meter hurdle effort in Austin last year at the state track meet.

In other action Saturday, Manuela Hernandez finished sixth in the 200 meter dash and the 1600 meter relay team of Meagan Mills, Hernandez, Meagan Hoover and Moore took sixth.

On Friday morning LaRinda Ledbetter entered the discus finals in third place, but was overtaken to place fifth in the event.

"We're very proud of these young ladies," track coach Christi Daily emphasized, "they gave everything they had in this highly competitive event. I'm personally very proud of all of them."



Kelly Moore (left) clears the hurdle inches ahead of Hamlin in the 300 meter hurdles. Hamlin's runner squeezed a few inches more to the finish line as Moore took second place in the regional competition.

Antelopes advance to playoffs

The Post Antelope baseball team (46-4 overall, 5-3 district) heads into playoff action Friday against Colorado City following a heartbreaker at Tahoka April 23 to finish in third place.

The first playoff game begins at 6 p.m. in Snyder at Moffett Field, with the second of the two-of-three series to begin Saturday at 11 a.m. The third game, if necessary, will begin 30 minutes after the second game.

In the bitter loss to Tahoka, Post batters struck out only two times in 34 at-bats, but their outs were line drives, in-field pops or fly outs, with 12 clean hits but stranding six base runners.

Tahoka, meanwhile, used six walks and a pair of doubles with five RBIs from their number nine batter to help build a 6-0 lead after three innings. Post fought back, scoring two, one and three runs in consecutive innings to forge a 6-6 tie.

Tahoka promptly jumped ahead again on a two-run home run on Bulldog's Solarzano's blast to right field, barely clearing the fence. Catcher McCord's RBI double added one more run with McCord stealing third and home for Tahoka's final run.

Post numbers five, six and seven batters went up and three down in the Antelope half of the seventh to end the game.

Starting pitcher Bryan Looney went 3 1/3 innings, going the first three batters for a total of 67 pitches with six runs scored on four hits, six walks and three strikeouts. He threw 26 strikes and 34 balls on a night when the strike zone was squeezed almost to shoebox size for Post pitchers.

Cody Fox relieved at the start of the fourth inning, went 2 2/3 innings. Fox faced 15 batters on 54 total pitches, with four runs scored on five hits, one walk, one hit batter and two strikeouts. Fox threw 17 strikes and 21 balls against the same shrunken strike zone.

Tahoka's pitcher, Martin Garza, went 90 pitches with 12 hits and six runs scored with one walk. Garza had 28 strikes and 31 balls.

Post hitters had seven at-bats with first pitch swings producing hits or outs.

Hitting for Post were Kenny Ratke, three singles; Looney, two singles, one E-6 hit, one RBI; Roland Casteneda, one fielder's choice hit, one RBI; Jon Eilenberger, two singles, one RBI; Mikey Gonzales, one walk; Mitchell Mills, two singles, one RBI; Fox, one single, one RBI; Brody Robertson, one single, one fielder's choice hit; and Luis Zubia, one single, one RBI.

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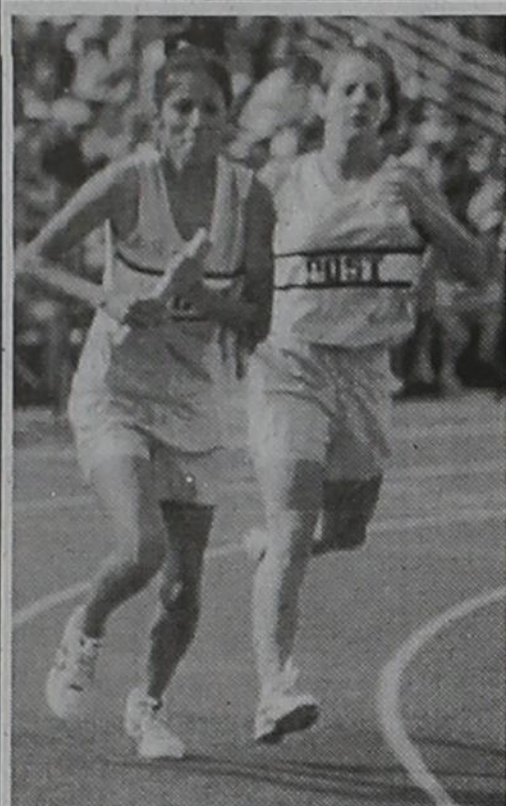
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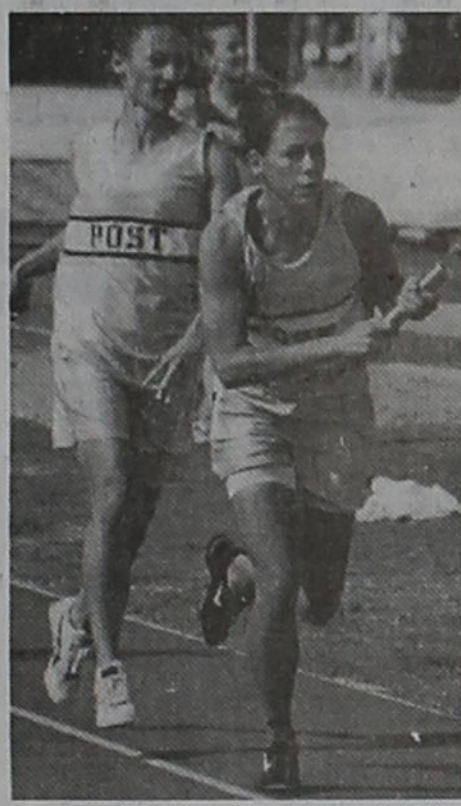
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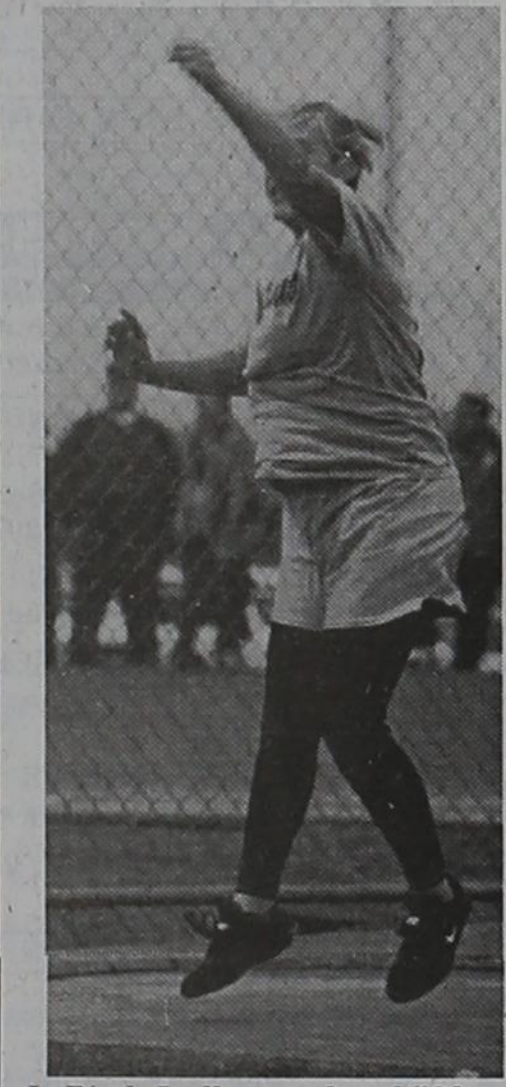
Manuela Hernandez finished sixth in the 200 meter dash at last Saturday's regional finals in Abilene.



Meagan Mills (right) hands the baton to Manuela Hernandez in the second leg of the 1600 meter relay in Abilene last Saturday afternoon. The Lady Lope relay team placed sixth in the event.



Meagan Hoover (left) passes the baton to Kelly Moore for the final leg of the 1600 meter relay in Abilene last Saturday.



LaRinda Ledbetter placed fifth in the regional discus finals at Abilene last Friday.

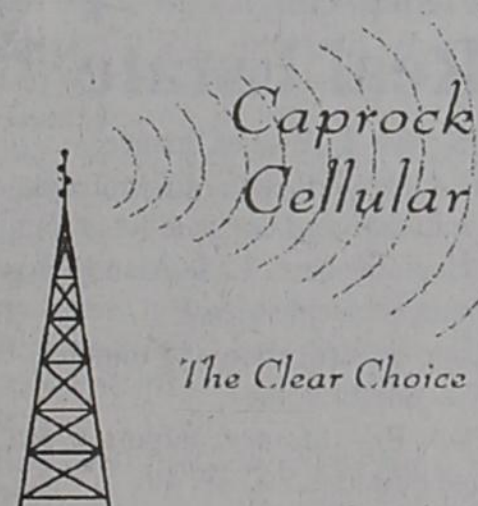
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- Arthur Miller

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION
DISTRICT 8A
Rule 37 Case No.0231158
DATE OF ISSUANCE:
April 12, 2002

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CHOLLA PETROLEUM INC, 5949 SHERRY LN STE 850, DALLAS, TX 75225 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. code Section 3.37) Applicant seeks exception to distance between wells to drill Well No. 15, Richardson Unit, 291 Acres, BS&F/B J Galbraith #1282 Survey, A-652, P. H. D. Field(s), Garza County, being 7 miles in a northwest direction of Post, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

330' from the west line and 1,729.2' from the north line of lease.
330' from the west line and 1,729.2' from the north line of survey.

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permits authority in the P. H. D. (Glorieta) field(s). No rule 37(38) is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field(s).

Field rules for the P. H. D., P. H. D.(Glorieta) fields are 330/660, 20 acres.
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4,500 feet.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37(h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Glenn E. George, consultant, at 214-692-7052. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6899.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY May 23, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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Post Toasters

by JoAnn Mock



You just don't have to look hard to find "Post Toasters" in Post, Texas. A large group of them were featured in the "Resource Fair" at the Community Center last Thursday. Course the rain

kept folks away. Let's see, there were the Senior Companion Program, the West Texas Chip Coalition, the TOPPS (reading) program, the Texas Star Program, the 9-1-1 program, Juvenile Probation Department, West Texas Center for MHRM and the Ride Spartan, the Garza County Historical Museum and the Caprock Cultural Association.

The event was hosted by Jayta Cravy and the Victims Assistance Program. Please forgive me if I've forgotten anyone, but it was very thrilling to know that all those things are available for folks here in Post.

I'm sure that Jayta would be glad to share the list of all these programs and exactly what they do. Along with this eye-opening experience of folks helping folks, I came away with some pencils, toothbrushes, note pads, magnets and etc.

Don't forget that "I Remember Mama" at the Garza Theatre has two more weekends to go. This weekend will also feature a big barbecue cook off with all the fun, music and partying at Danny Cooper's Caprock Lounge.

By the way, if I'm real good and get stories into the Dispatch, this column will appear weekly. Well, maybe almost every week. If there are any complaints, just tell Wes. Don't tell me. Ha. Ha.



DIVISION I TUMBLERS - (back row, left to right) Meg Bohn, Nicole Gray, Mallory Cockrell, K'leigh Babb, Danny Reiter, Ashley Hair, (front row) Kayla Morris, Mitchell Mills, Tiffany Hair, K'Neil Dalby, Tatum Gunn, Sierra Reiter, Meagan Hoover and LaShae Johnson. Not available for photo are Rachel Redman, Donae Dalby, Laurel Tatum, Jeff Lott, Jeneé Lott, Rachel Reiter, Jerica Tyuler, Jerin Tyuler, Lindsey Rudd, Davida Gregory, Ashton Smith, Jake Fluitt, Matt Ramsey, Camille Blevins and Ross Babb. (Photo by Becky Warren)

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Extension Extras

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

Wildlife Seminar

The Sustainable Wildlife III program will be held May 16, 8:30-4:10 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch north of Snyder. Pre-registration is \$20 if paid by May 9 or \$30 at the door. For registration form come by the Extension office at 102 South Avenue L in Post.

Brisket Sale

Garza County 4-H will cook briskets again this year. If you are interested in ordering a half or whole brisket, please contact any 4-H'er or the Extension office at 495-4400. Briskets will be \$15 for a half and \$25 for a whole and will be ready to pickup or be delivered May 17.

2002 4-H Bears

If you would like to order a 2002 4-H Bear, bring your check for \$10 by the Extension Office.

Steer Projects

Anyone interested in showing steers need to contact Greg Jones at the Extension office. State and county validation (on feed) deadline is June 30. County validation will be June 25, 2002.

Camp Applications

All 4-H'ers who want to attend any of the camps this summer need to come by and pick up an application. There are various camps with various due dates including Prime Time, Spectra, Range Workshop, Goat Camp, Lamb Camp, Leadership Camp and Electric Camp. Deadlines for these camps are coming up soon.



Steven Tidwell, 1989 PHS graduate, was recently named "Senior Sailor of the Month" by his commanding officer, Commander S.B. Richardson, VF-101. Notification of the award came in a letter addressed to his parents, Mr and Mrs Wesley Morris of Post. "Your son stood out from among over 650 sailors for his exceptional performance and professionalism," Richardson wrote. "I sincerely appreciate ATI(AW) Tidwell's commitment to excellence, hard work and personal sacrifice which resulted in recognition as one of the VF-101 "Grim Reaper's" outstanding sailors."

The Post Dispatch - 495-2816

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Sustainable Wildlife Management Seminar

A wildlife program, "Sustainable Wildlife Management III" hosted by Scurry, Borden, Fisher, Nolan, Mitchell, and Garza County Extension Offices and sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, USDA-National Resource and Conservation Service, Texas Wildlife Association, Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc., and the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2002 at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch, 10 miles north of Snyder, Texas just off of U. S. Highway 84 on County Road 2128, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:10 p.m. This meeting is planned to help area landowners and managers to further develop their wildlife management skills toward profitable wildlife enterprises.

Leading off the program on Wednesday, 16 May at 9:00 a.m., will be David Brimager, Texas Big Game Awards Project Coordinator for the Texas Wildlife Association headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, who will discuss the Texas Big Game Awards program and how it can be of benefit to local landowners. Following David will be Jason Bynum, owner of Deep Creek Taxidermy and Outfitting, Snyder, Texas who will discuss with meeting participants ongoing plans for developing a big game award program for this area.

After a break, Randy Rifenburgh, Wildlife Manager for the Newell Ranch near Albany, Texas will discuss ways to develop successful food plots to enhance wildlife nutrition. Finishing the morning

session will be Kent Mills, General Manager and Nutritionist with Ezell-Key Grain Co., Inc., Snyder Texas, who will talk about seasonal feeding programs for deer in the Rolling Plains.

After a steak dinner at the Rusty Spur Cafe, Steve Nelle, Wildlife Biologist with the Natural Resource and Conservation Service in San Angelo, Texas will cover the topic of leaving brush on your property to enhance deer populations. Dr. Dale Rollins, Wildlife Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in San Angelo, Texas will then discuss his concept of "grass sculpting" for quail populations. Finishing out the afternoon session will be a talk from Greg Simmons, owner of Wildlife Systems, Inc., San Angelo, Texas on how to plan a guided hunt, and Jim Lionberger, Wildlife Biologist with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department will discuss mule deer management in the Rolling Plains compared to whitetail deer management.

The meeting is open to anyone interested in wildlife management. The fee for this Wildlife Meeting is \$20.00 for those who pre-register by May 9th. For those who wish to sign up at the door, the fee will be \$30.00. All proceeds in excess of the costs of the meeting will go toward a scholarship fund for area youths who attend either the Bobwhite or Buckskin Brigade, youth wildlife and leadership camps sponsored on by the Extension Service, Texas Parks & Wildlife, National Resource Conservation Service, and private and university volunteers.

To pre-register, call Greg Jones, Garza County Extension Agent-Agriculture, at 806-495-4400, or Greg Gruben, Scurry County Extension Agent-Agriculture at 915-573-5423.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit by Tumbleweed Smith

Some words about Springtime



Life seems to begin in the spring. The earth feels cleansed, blessed again, purged of winter's darkness. We witness the season of hope and renewal. Spring is when you want to sit and watch a bug for about an hour.

Or just stretch out and stare at your shoes. It makes you feel frisky like you're three years old and you've just finished taking a bath. You pull out the ice cream freezer and begin to imagine how the fruits of summer will taste. You think about the old swimming hole. No season offers more promise than springtime.

And no place shows off its spring wardrobe any better than Texas. When it's springtime in Texas, fields of blue and red and yellow appear. The air is scented with wildflower perfume. The early leaves on mesquite trees turn a shade of light green that artists find difficult to duplicate.

Lawns come back to life. The earth warms. The sky boils. The wind ceases its relentless howling and settles down to a gentle breeze. Seeing Texas in the spring is like seeing New England in the fall. We experience the colors and our lives are enriched. Texas is the birthplace of spring.

Flowers are arranged among the cactus and rocks in natural bouquets. Spring is a time of rededication. You have more faith in yourself and an increased awareness of opportunities. Perhaps you do have a chance to do something great. The silence of the prairie is broken with the piercing sound of birds.

Welcome to the spring, they seem to say. And they show off their colors, too. Mocking birds dart about, flashing their white tail feathers from the tops of juniper bushes. Cardinals and cedar waxwings provide a spectacular aerial display. A hawk catches a wind current and glides gracefully over the land.

The perfect blue of an April sky is an exciting backdrop for watching things fly. The miracle of spring is amazing to observe. Even when the winters are mild we still anticipate spring. We want to hear the birds, to feel the sunshine, to experience life outside the house.

Spring makes you appreciate the sense of freedom that makes Texas famous. The skies open up and seem larger. Texas has more sky than most places, anyway. The sunsets are fabulous. Have they always been there? Or is it that we've been in the house so long we've forgotten to look westward at day's end? The 24 hour celestial parade is an event not to be missed in the spring. We awaken to a dawn dressed in sunrise pink.

Later the golden sun illumines the clouds. By mid-afternoon they become active and bounce around and bump each other. At sundown the sky is streaked with reds and oranges. And darkness brings its own special magic. It's fun to go outside at night, lie on a pallet and look at the stars.

If you're lucky, you'll see one fall. You might even see a satellite streaking across the heavens. Spring makes you feel glad to be alive.



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- NY Sen. Alfonse D' ___ had to pay off on '93 Super bet with TX Gramm
- Morton newspaper
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- specialized vocabularies
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- TXism: "enjoyed all this ___ stand"
- TXism: "begging like a cattle rustler ___ with a rope"
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- TX Kristofferson wrote Elvis hit "In ___ Home Repair"
- TX Harvey ___ "Van" Cliburn
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- TX voted to ___ from the Union in 1861
- position of Ranger Alex Rodriguez (abbr.)
- TXism: "you're barn door is ___" (unzipped)
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- Henry Wade's long-time job in Dallas Co. (abbr.)
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- TXism: "___ dice"
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- TXism: "got ___"
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- TX Buddy Holly's wife with" (mean)
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Letters to the Editor

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Thanks for new scoreboard

The Post Little League, Majors and Minors wish to express our deepest appreciation to those who have helped improve the baseball park, especially contributors for our beautiful new scoreboard.

To Donald Windham for pipe and labor; United Supermarkets and David Capps for one-half of the cost of the

scoreboard; Troy Jenkins and Jenkins Electric for setting out, scoreboard, connecting the scoreboard and providing electrical and lights; Fred Myers and CitizensBank for one-half the cost of the scoreboard and Jimmy Redman and Redman Ready Mix for setting the posts and cement.

We have needed this scoreboard for years, and we thank these folks for their efforts and contributions. Also we thank all the others who came out and helped the coaches try to get the park presentable.

Mark Odom and the VFW had a wonderful ceremony that set the season on the right track. A special thanks to Jerica Tyler for leading us with her inspiring "National Anthem" and to Chuck Ratliff and Carrol Light for the flag donation.

Please join us at the park for games this summer. It's a wonderful way to get to know your neighbors and their children!

And the food is great too!
Donny Windham

Nice weed crop

I rarely write what other folks are thinking, but this time I went and looked at what they were talking about and I might as well throw in my two cents.

Farmers and ranchers and the rest of the human race spends billions of dollars every year trying to control weeds. Here we are, probably have the neatest design in the country for a landscaped main street. But look at the money and water wasted trying to make the weeds grow on the islands.

Hear folks making fun of our little town ever day about the mainstreet weed patch. When someone makes fun of our little burg, it makes me cringe. Seems like muh hair just goes ta crawl in.

I heard some guys in T&C convenience store today say they was gonna see if the Texas Tech Farm and Ranch Management class might wanta send a bus load of horticulture students down for a multi-variety weed identification and judging field trip. Now if that won't just about stir up the oil on a gooses feathers?

Then I heard another lady say she didn't see how the caretaker could mow it. She didn't know how he could tell the weeds from the trees.

Actually I think the thing looks pretty good when the weeds are trimmed short. I think the trees all look sharp. The bushes and the benches look neater'n all get out. But I guess I'd have to agree with everyone else, oughta let ol Bo J. and Jimmie R. do a fancy brick job on the vegetation area.

And maybe reserve a small area for a little prairie dog town, so the Lubbock folks won't feel ignored.

As I see it and partially my opinion, O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Notice of Public Hearings

Notice is hereby given that the City of Post will conduct two (2) Public Hearings on May 7, 2002 to discuss the following:

Design, construction, estimated costs and financing of:

Slaton Water Project Pipeline and Additional Storage Tank(s)

Both hearings will be conducted at the Post Community Center at 113 W. Main Street in Post, Texas.

The first hearing will be held at 3 p.m. The second public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m., followed by the regular May 2002 meeting of the Post City Council.

It is anticipated that each Post citizen who wishes to attend to hear, receive and give public comment can do so at one of the hearings. All citizens are encouraged to attend.

Questions may be directed to the City Manager at 495-2811.

Wynonne Kennedy
City Secretary



Wells Fargo staff recently celebrating the 150th anniversary are (back row, left to right) Jana Bullard, Grace Paiz, Earlene Bagby, Laura Elmore, Carol Short, (front) Charles Hardin, Rebecca Hinojosa and Clay Miller. The event included serving of hamburgers provided by Joe Gregory and The Tool Shed and complimentary SX7 photographs by Rowland Davis, Keepsake Studio. (Photo by Rowland Davis)

Post ISD voting (Continued from Page 1)

He has served on the Post Founder's Day Committee; co-chaired the Founder's Day Ranch Rodeo; served as president of the Post MAD DADS chapter; and served on the tax and legislative committee of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

In addition, he has served as both a board member and a member of the appraisal review board for the Garza County Appraisal District, has coached 4-H shooting sports and is a board member for the People's Bank of Lubbock & Lorenzo.

"I have constantly striven for the best possible education for all of our students at the most affordable cost to the taxpayer," Kirkpatrick said. "We continue to provide a quality education while maintaining one of the lowest tax rates in this area."

"The key to our community's future is in the education of our children."

Hardin, a Spur High School and Texas Tech University graduate, also has served on the Post ISD board of trustees since 1990. She has held the offices of vice-president and president and, like Kirkpatrick, also has accumulated more than 100 hours of board credits.

After earning her BBA in general business from Tech, she worked for 10 years at the Texas Department of Public Welfare as a financial worker. Following a brief stint as a stay-at-home mother, she worked for five years with the City of Post as its Main Street manager. Today she holds a real estate license and works for Mitchell Real Estate.

Hardin has served as president of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce and the TFWC Woman's Culture Club. Currently she is a member of the Garza County Child Welfare Board and has held numerous offices in the Lubbock Country Club Ladies Golf Association, serving as a current director for the Senior Women's West Texas Golf Association.

"The education of every child has always been of the utmost importance to me, for our children are the future," Hardin said. "The administration and faculty of Post ISD are some of the finest educators in our state and it has been a privilege to be associated with these people."

"As a taxpayer, it is essential that board members are good stewards of school funds, and I believe that this board has done a fine job in that area with the help of the excellent business office and superintendent."

Hardin and her husband of 28 years, Charles, have two daughters, both graduates of Post schools.

Challenger Vera Wartes sees a need to enhanced communication within the school district and equity in the treatment of its students.

"I would like to see better communication between our school board and the parents of our community," she said. "Also, to see that each child is treated fairly by all teachers, coaches and administrators."

Challenger Suzi Clary makes these comments about her candidacy:

I would like to take the time to introduce myself to those in Post that do not know who I am. I am married to Joe Neal Clary. We have been married for 6 years. I moved to Post upon marrying Joe. Together we have 4 children, ranging in ages 22 to 14.

I am employed by Garza County, in the County Attorney's office. Our office deals with Juvenile Court, County

Court, Children's Protective Services Court Cases, and many other services for Garza County.

I am currently the President for the Women's Chamber of Commerce, and I hold a seat on the Post Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to coming to Post, I had served as a leader for one of the 4-H groups in Lubbock, taught Sunday School at a Lubbock Church, helped with Lubbock Girls Basketball League and I served on a board for Texas Employment Commission.

I think that our school system needs some changes made to better serve the children, parents, and also the teachers. I think that all rules should apply to all kids all of the time and not just to a select few.

I believe also that if you are going to impose rules that you need to research laws regarding those rules and write the rules to reflect the guidelines of the law, then you need to set that rule into practice and not deviate from that.

Sheriff reports five arrests

Five arrests were recorded in the Garza County Jail log over the past week, according to records provided by the sheriff's department.

Three of those arrests were made April 24, including that of a 34-year-old individual for family violence with injuries. Another 34-year-old was picked up for bond forfeiture, while a 25-year-old was jailed on revocation/possession of marijuana.

On April 27, a 23-year-old was arrested for driving while license suspended.

On April 29, an individual (age not recorded) was picked up for public intoxication.

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