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Inspired city administrator emphasizes trust, communication at public hearing

by Wes Burnett

When Roger Carlisle addressed a small group of interested citizens at the Post Community Center last Thursday evening, there was no doubt that the Sealy city manager was on a crusade. His energetic and enthusiastic message about how to improve a community was well received by Post citizens at the meeting.

Carlisle emphasized the critical importance of city leaders and city employees to build trust and confidence with the citizens... only then, and with strong and effective communication, can a community begin to build its economic base.

"You have got to believe in yourselves first," he pointed out, "and your citizens must feel good about the city and its service."

"If you've got a bunch of soreheads sitting around the coffee shops complaining and griping about your town," he added, "how is that going to sound to visitors... especially those visitors who might be considering opening up an industry or new business here?"

Carlisle pointed out that most new business ventures do not just happen, the owners or operators plan ahead, look at potential communities and usually visit incognito. "They'll stop in at different businesses and check you out, usually before they ever ask official questions."

Carlisle gave a number of examples of how the people in Sealy, a city in 1990 that had a population of 3,800, located approximately 50 miles west of Houston on IH 10. He told a story of economic and depressed problems, which were tackled on a priority basis by the city's elected leaders.

"It took us about a year and a half to begin to see changes and improvements," Carlisle said. "But when we proved to ourselves that we could do for ourselves, that's when things began to turn around."

Carlisle ticked off a long list of cleanup projects, beginning at city hall. City owned facilities were spruced up, employees given new uniforms, new police cars were added, and with grant money, improvements were made to the waste water treatment plant.

A new entrance sign was built, which greets visitors coming off IH 10. "None of these projects were very expensive," Carlisle added. "Most of the stuff we did needed to be done anyway, little things like putting all the equipment inside the storage buildings, greeting citizens with a smile and taking each one of them seriously."

"We had to show the citizens first, that we are here to serve them. We had to build trust, that they could trust us, that we are going to be up-front with them."

Now Sealy has grown to more than 7,000 people, has new residential subdivisions and has a multitude of new industries opened up planning to open. One of the most recent additions was an expansion at IH 10 for a new outlet mall. "You think about how much retail sales tax that will generate and how many jobs, that will be a great economic boost for us." Sealy was able to see the expansion at IH 10 due to its extending water and other services to the interstate.

Carlisle also pointed out the importance of communicating with citizens, "let them know what's happening." Informed citizens are important, and they are the ones who will get things done, he added.

Mayor Jim Jackson had invited Carlisle to visit Post and tell the story of Sealy's economic development. "I heard Roger at the TML (Texas Municipal League) conference, and I was so impressed I asked if he would come and share this with us," Jackson explained.

"You can do it, too," Carlisle commented at the close of his presentation, "but you must have citizen support, that is absolutely crucial."

Mayor Jackson and city council member Archie Gill were the only elected officials attending the meeting. There were civic organization representatives were also at the meeting, including the Post Chamber of Commerce. "This is a great message," Chamber of Commerce president Jim Plummer commented, "and we need to take action on these ideas."



Roger Carlisle (right) gives a lively pep-talk to interested citizens during last Thursday evening's presentation on economic development ideas for Post. Carlisle, city manager at Sealy, explained how that city broke through its economic depression, working internally at first and then being prepared to recruit new businesses. Carlisle was invited to Post by Mayor Jim Jackson.

Repairs to East Main Street intersections began Monday

by Wes Burnett

The intersections of East Main Street and Avenues H and I will be limited to one lane during repair work which began Monday morning. The project was approved by the Post City Council at its regular meeting March 7 and is expected to be completed by April 15.

The repair work is designed to eliminate erosion of the intersections due to poor drainage. The bricks are being removed and are to be replaced with concrete.

City manager Rick Hanna explained that each dip will be repaired with a concrete slab, which will be 20 feet wide and 96 feet long and a depth of six inches.

Bo Jackson has been contracted to provide the preparation work for the project, which includes removing the brick, setting up the form and steel reinforcement assembly. That portion of the project is budgeted at \$6,300.

The Texas Department of Transportation is supporting the project with concrete, steel reinforcement (rebar), assistance with labor and traffic control. East Main Street is also identified as U.S. Highway 380 and is under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Transportation. The state cost for this project is estimated at \$10,000.

"We are very pleased with the cooperation provided by the Texas Department of Transportation," Hanna emphasized. "Jerry Moore and his staff have been very cooperative in arranging this project."



Construction began Monday morning to repair the intersections on East Main Street and Avenues H and I. The bricks are being removed and concrete will be poured at the intersections to prevent more damage to the bricks.

Post Middle School plans 'Quality School' program

Post Middle School principal Marita Jackson is inviting interested citizens to participate in establishing a "Quality Post Middle School" with a strategy session Friday, March 24 at the Norwest Bank community room. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

The agenda includes (1) understanding the purpose and direction of every student's behavior, both desirable and undesirable; (2) learning how to create a "need-satisfying" classroom environment that increases student cooperation, participation and self-reliance; (3) helping students learn how to evaluate their own schoolwork and conduct when in the classroom and (4) increasing skills and options as a "lead manager" in the classroom.

"We are excited about sharing the concept of the 'Responsibility Room' and the direction we are moving," Mrs Jackson commented.



Getting ready for Friday night's opening of "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Garza Theatre are (left to right) Ashleigh Decker, Jenny Jones, Lori Britton, Emily Hataway and Tim McIntyre. The play continues on weekends through April 16.

Possession of illegal substances, DWI arrests reported

Barry Farguhar is being held in Garza County jail following his arrest March 7 on charges of possession of marijuana and felony driving while intoxicated (DWI). Garza County deputies also charged Delton Pewitt with felony DWI related to a March 17 incident. Pewitt has been released on bond.

The Sheriff's department has responded to 121 calls in the past two weeks. Among those calls were non-felony arrests of a 20 year old male for possession of a controlled substance on March 10 and a 20 year old male for DWI on March 13.

Other non-felony arrests included an assault warrant for a 36 year old male on March 14 and a 31 year old male charged with assault under the family code and destruction of county property on March 15.

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Post Notes

Commodities distribution Friday

The monthly commodities distribution will be held in Post Friday, March 24 at the service building on the Snyder Highway. Distribution of commodities in Southland will be Thursday, March 23.

PHS hosts One-Act play contest

Post High School will host this year's District One-Act Play contest at the Post Elementary School auditorium Saturday, March 25. There is no admission charge to the event. The PHS one-act play cast and crew will take the stage from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The public is encouraged to attend this event.

TDH offers immunization clinic

The Texas Department of Health immunization clinic will be held Friday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the service building on the Snyder Highway. Those interested in the service should bring Social Security cards and immunization records.

Used CDs sought for downtown music

The Main Street music system downtown is seeking used CDs. Those interested in contributing should contact Mattie Perez at the Garza Theatre, 495-4005, from noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Country and western or folk music is preferred.

'Brush Arbor' meeting at Senior Center

An air conditioned "Brush Arbor" meeting will be held March 27, 28 and 29 at the Trailblazers Senior Citizen Center with services to begin at 12:45 p.m. each day. Retired Methodist minister Jordon Grooms of Amarillo will be the guest speaker. Music will be provided by Art and Gracie Stuckey of Spur. The program is sponsored by the Post Christian community.

Old Mill Trade Days Mar. 31-Apr 2

The next Old Mill Trade Days will be held March 31, April 1 and 2 at the old Postex Mill. Trade Days is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the event.

Bicycle safety course offered April 1

The Garza County Sheriff's Department, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Public Safety and Blue Knights of Texas IX, will conduct a free bicycle safety program for area youngsters. The program will begin at noon April 1 at the middle school gymnasium and will include information on the 911 system, inspect, register and photograph bicycles. Youth will also be provided reflective tape for bikes.

Drawings will be held to give away helmets and a BMX Schwinn bicycle. For more information contact the Sheriff's office at 495-3595.

Jean Badger 'Artist of the Month'

The featured artist of the month at the Algerita Art Center is Jean Schofield Badger. Her work will be on display through March. The center will be open weekdays from 2-4:30 p.m.

Easter pagaent set at First Baptist

The First Baptist Church of Post will present its Easter pagaent, "Let All Heaven Rejoice" - From Heaven's Throne. The Angelic Celebration of Easter on April 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. and on April 9 at 6 p.m. The celebration will be held in the church auditorium at 402 W. Main. The event is under the direction of music director Larry Moore.

The public is invited to attend. For ticket reservations call the church office at 806-495-3554 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Recycling center open Wednesdays

The Post recycling center is open Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and is now accepting aluminum, tin cans, cardboard, newsprint, computer paper and white paper. The center is located in the old scale house at 216 S. Ave. H.

April 6 deadline for voter registration

The final day to register to vote in the May 6 election will be April 6. Registration for the election is at the Garza County Tax Assessor's office at the courthouse. The May 6 election will include city, schools and hospital positions.

Heirloom Egg Auction April 7

The third annual Heirloom Egg Auction, style show and luncheon will be held April 7 at the Algerita Art Center. Tickets for the event are \$5 per person and may be purchased from any member of the Post Art Guild, Caprock Cultural Association or at the Algerita Art Center. The Spring Day at the Algerita features an early and late lunch. Lily Dale's and La Posta will participate in the style show at the luncheon.

Eggs will be on display at different businesses for preview.

'Fiddler on the Roof' at the Garza

A stage extravaganza, "Fiddler on the Roof," will open at the Garza Theatre March 24 and continue weekends through April 16. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7:45 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

The musical, based on the book by Joseph Stein, is directed by Jane Prince Jones and features a cast of more than 40 on stage and musicians. The musical stars Tim McIntire as "Tevye" and Emily Hataway as "Golde."

Tickets for the production are \$10 and may be ordered by calling the box office at 495-4005 or 800-846-3706 Monday through Friday noon to 4 p.m.

'Fajita Feast' to help ACS drive

The annual Garza County Chapter of the American Cancer Society fund raising "Fajita Feast" will be held April 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Hotel Garza. A full variety of chicken, beef or shrimp fajitas, with side dishes, will be served.

A silent auction will also be conducted at the event. The ACS chapter is accepting contributions for the silent auction and monetary donations. R.S.V.P. and donations should be mailed to P.O. Box 917, Post, Tex. 79356. Deadline for reservations will be April 21.

Summer baseball league sign-up

The Post Summer Baseball Program will hold sign-ups for boys and girls Thursday, March 23 from 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday, March 24 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Norwest Bank community room.

Registration fees are \$20 for one player in a family and \$50 for three or more players in one family. All players must bring a birth certificate for the sign-up.

The Post Summer Baseball Program has a Senior League, Little League, Minor League, T-Ball, Girls' softball and Girls' coach-pitch.

There will be a meeting for managers and coaches at 8 p.m., March 24 following the sign-ups. All current managers and anyone interested in coaching a team must be present at this meeting.

Sales tax rebate jumps almost 25%

The Texas State Comptroller's office reports the City of Post sales tax rebate increased 24.76 percent in the latest payment, compared to the same period last year. The current check for \$14,398.02 was a significant increase over the \$11,540.44 payment last year. The total 1995 payments to date of \$52,458.23 is a 13.29 percent increase over last year at the same time of \$46,301.58.

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Ruby Kirkpatrick (center, seated) celebrated her 90th birthday February 19 in Post with her children and grandchildren. The family gave Mrs Kirkpatrick a special gift as they attended worship services with her at her church, The First Christian Church. Joining in the birthday celebration were K.W. Kirkpatrick (back row, left to right) Mark

Kirkpatrick, Rhonda and Joel Kirkpatrick, Will Kirkpatrick, Ralynn Key, Kent Kirkpatrick, Dena Kirkpatrick, Jon Burt, Kim Kirkpatrick, Richard Kirkpatrick, Drew Kirkpatrick, Jack Kirkpatrick, (front, seated) Patty Kirkpatrick, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Cindy Hughes, Ruby, Kathy Burt, Tonya Kirkpatrick and Zoe Kirkpatrick.

Up and Down Main Street
 by Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce

Who was that "stranger?" The stranger you saw in town yesterday was passing through. Perhaps he just needed gas, wanted a cup of coffee, or stopped for lunch. Maybe he was a salesman calling on customers or an industrial representative sizing up our town as a possible site for a branch operation.

.....OR WAS HE a doctor, dentist, attorney, or a pharmacist looking for a place to practice his profession?
 WAS HE a merchant wanting to start a new business? An individual looking for a place to locate his or her business very often comes to town unannounced, and in a short time knows a lot about us.

HE NOTICES the entrance to our town. Is it attractive or is it littered with junk cars, litter and debris? Are the streets and sidewalks clean and free of litter? Are the store fronts appealing? Does our town look like a thriving community?

.....HE STOPS in service stations, restaurants and retail stores. Does he receive a friendly greeting or is he ignored while a local shopper gets the best treatment? Is the service good, is he invited to come back?

If the responses to these questions are mostly negative, this individual probably won't locate his or her business in Post. He'll just leave quietly, drive down the highway and find a community that cares. LET'S SHOW HOW MUCH WE CARE TO ALL WHO COME INTO OUR TOWN OR VISIT OUR ATTRACTIONS. It's called leading out with a POSITIVE ATTITUDE!!!!!!

When Barbara Hardin and I attended the West Texas Tourism meeting in Plainview, one of the workshops we attended was called "Texas Hospitality Training" and it was very enlightening. Some things that we just don't think are important are the very things that visitors in our town are looking for. As merchants, we need to work with our employees to make sure they understand how much a positive image by them reflects on the entire town. You can't have a positive image if you don't believe in your town and if you do believe in your town, GET INVOLVED.

As I have mentioned before, Helen Mangum Fields, author of "Walking Backward in the Wind" will be in Post on Friday, March 31st and Saturday, April 1st to promote her book and to visit old friends. Helen will be autographing copies of her book at Lily Dale's on both Friday from 2 p.m. till 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also on Saturday Odie Kemp will be hosting a party for Helen at the home of Johnny and

When I hear music...I am related to the earliest times, and to the latest.

—Henry David Thoreau

Nancy Kemp, 501 W. Main, from 3-5 p.m. All of Helen's friends from Post and "Ragtown" are invited and encouraged to attend. She would really love to see as many as possible.



I had a wonderful visit with "Chief Runkles last week. We started off talking about the plans for Tabana Yuane and ended up visiting at length about all kinds of Indian lore. He is so interesting that I could spend days listening and learning from him. We are so lucky to have him still active in our community.

By the time you read this, we will know what the year holds for us. We hope it will be a good one.

Remember "Fiddler on the Roof" starts this Friday at the Garza Theatre. This is an ambitious undertaking on the part of the Garza so let's get out and show our support. Also the UIL one act play contest will be held in Post this year. If you have never attended one of these you will be surprised at the wealth of talent involved.

Until next week... TAKE PRIDE AND TAKE PART IN POST!!!!!!

"Grandparents' Corner" for readers

by Wes Burnett
 This week's "Grandparents' Corner" features Mildred Massey and her grandchildren. This weekly feature of The Post Dispatch is dedicated for photographs of grandparents with their grandchildren.

So, grandparents, bring us your favorite photograph of you with your grandchildren, we'll publish them one per week, and they will be selected for publication as they arrive. We will mark a date and time, and they will be published in the order we receive them.

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Births

Alejandra Isabel Pacheco

Alberto and Sylvia B. Pacheco are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Alejandra Isabel Pacheco born February 25, 1995 at Greely, Co. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth. Paternal grandparents are Manuel and Ema Pacheco of Durango, Mexico. Maternal grandparents are Margarita Ramos of Post and the late Pedro Barboza.

Around Town

Clubs and organizations in and around Garza county

Gamma Mu

Gamma Mu members held a "Girls night out" for their February meeting. Members dined at 50th Street Caboose and then went bowling at Classic Lanes. Hostesses were Traci Belongia and Ofelia Hoover. Those in attendance were: Shellee Odom, Melanie Morris, Marta Williams, Nita Jo Heckaman, Jana Bullard, Ofelia Hoover, Traci Belongia, Debra Gunn and Christina Jones.

For the March 14 meeting members met at the Citizens Bank room. Hostesses were Traci Belongia and Cathy Hill. Members enjoyed butter cookies, a vegetable platter and tea.

The program of finances was conducted by Ann Stelzer and Treva Bush. Members were informed about the type and availability of loans, the necessary collateral needed, and interest rates.

Plans were discussed for next months meeting, fundraisers and activities for future meetings.

Those in attendance were: Traci Belongia, Shellee Odom, Ofelia Hoover, Dana Holly and Melta Tyler.

The obvious is always the least understood. —Metternich

Women's C of C

The Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce met on March 15 with lunch at the Chaparral with Billie Jean Cross vice-president presiding.

Gladys Blair, membership chairman posed the question of changing the meeting place for the monthly meeting. A discussion followed but no action was taken. Gladys also suggested a membership drive and asked the members to invite several people who might be interested in becoming members of the Women's Chamber.

An executive committee will be meeting in the next two weeks to recommend our new projects. The member with the most guests will receive a prize. A salad supper was discussed for the future.

It was brought to our attention the Womens Division of the Chamber of Commerce received an award at the Willie Awards for Cultural Awareness.

An Easter egg hunt was discussed along with a reminder of the OS Easter Egg exhibit that will be on display at the OS Museum beginning March 31.

Members present were: Gladys Blair, Betty Posey, Lois Cook, Billy Jean Cross, Alice Cruse, Nona Lusk, Carolyn Halford, Olive Shaw, Faye Mathis, Joyce Strubhart and DiAnna Collier.

Poka Lambro annual meeting set

Poka Lambro Telephone Cooperative, Inc.'s 44th Annual Membership Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 30, 1995.

The meeting will be held at Poka Lambro's business office, located 11 miles north of Tahoka on US Highway 87.

Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., Lunch will be served at 12 noon, followed by the business session at 1:15 p.m.

One item of business to be conducted at the Annual Meeting is the election of two directors. The following candidates, selected by the Nominating Committee will be voted on at the meeting: District 2 - Marvin Crutcher and R. L. Fleming, Incumbent; District 6 - Mike Aten and Randy Hensley, Incumbent.

The Poka Lambro scholarships will also be presented at the meeting. All Poka Lambro members are urged to attend.

Grandparents' Corner



Mildred Massey is surrounded by her grandchildren, (left to right) Kam Baker, Klent Baker, Brandon Massey, Hayley Massey and Ashley Massey. Kam and Klent are the children of Kelly and Donna Baker of Post. Brandon and Hayley are the children of Greg and Judy Massey of Post. The newest of the family is Ashlee, the daughter of Dustin and Amber Massey of Abilene.

Bring your favorite grandparent photo to The Post Dispatch to be included in this weekly feature. Photos will be published "first come, first served."

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Frequently, the con artists promoting this service offer to provide you with training which is supposed to help you pass a required entrance examination. Further, graduates are often promised placement in postal service jobs upon successful completion of the training. Naturally, this training will cost you money for tuition and books.

Postal Inspectors say that other promoters offer job opportunities that guarantee that you will be placed on a register with the U.S. Postal Service

from which new hires will be selected. Inspectors say beware of any "opportunity" to get postal job information which is going to cost you money.

Inspector Kirksey also warns the public to beware of the enticement of fantastic salaries and benefits which seem too good to be true. For accurate information about application procedures for jobs with the U.S. Postal Service, call your local Postmaster. It won't cost you a dime.

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Living on the edge of the Cap

by John R. Senter, CEA-AG

Production and Marketing meeting

Information on the High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Referendum will be provided on Thursday, March 30, 1995, at the Graham Community Center seven miles southwest of Post. The meeting, conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Garza and Borden Counties, will begin at 8:30 a.m.

During the first half of the meeting, Tommy Doederlein, Texas Agricultural Extension Entomologist, will present information on the present boll weevil situation and the proposed referendum so that cotton producers can make an informed decision when they have the opportunity to vote in April. A representative from Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) will follow with a presentation which will further emphasize the critical nature of the present boll weevil situation and provide details about the proposed referendum and program operation.

The second half of the program will be Understanding Cotton Marketing and Options followed by an Insurance Update from Victor Ashley of C.F.S.A.

Continuing Education Units (CEU's) toward re-certification requirements for private pesticide applicators will be offered. One will be provided in Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and one in Laws and Regulations.

Producers from the area are invited to attend the meeting which will end with a sponsored meal at noon. If you plan to attend, you need to make a meal reservation by calling the Borden County Extension Office at 806-756-4336 or the Garza County Extension Office at 806-495-2050 by 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 29.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.



Donna Smith (left) and Lily Hart assist customers at Lily Dale's in the new location on East Main Street. The building, formerly The Frame Shoppe, has been remodeled, complete with shiny hardwood floors. "Charles Wallace did such a nice job for us," owner Wanda Mitchell said.

Whitehead and Sharp applaud senate vote

Texas Treasurer Martha Whitehead and State Comptroller John Sharp have applauded the State Senate's historic vote to eliminate the Treasury and merge the agency with the State Comptroller's office.

"I am very pleased with the Senate's vote," Whitehead said. "The taxpayers of Texas are demanding 'fat free' government. This is a critical first step in reducing excess."

"The ratio of bureaucrat to taxpayer has begun to shrink," Sharp said. "This was a vote for government efficiency at its finest."

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Whitehead announced her plans to eliminate the Treasury and the state-wide elected office that directs the agency, shortly after taking office in 1993. It was an idea that Sharp had earlier advocated.

Under legislation approved by the Senate, the four main functions of the Treasury would be assumed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts or be submitted for competitive bid.

"Innovation and technology made the Treasury the most efficient agency in this state," Whitehead said. "Now, progress allows us to cut waste and duplication."

Following Senate passage of SJR 1, consideration of the State Treasury's future now moves to the Texas House of Representatives. This constitutional amendment requires a two-thirds vote from both houses of the Legislature before it can be placed on a statewide ballot for the voters of Texas to decide.

"Abolishing the Treasurer's Office is good government, not partisan politics," Sharp said. "Under the very capable leadership of Representatives Bill Siebert (R-San Antonio) and Marke Stiles (D-Beaumont), this legislation can now move through the Texas House of Representatives and be submitted to Texas voters."

Texas Railroad Commission lists February permits

The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 914 original drilling permits in February 1995 compared to 970 in February 1994. The 914 total included 651 permits to drill new oil and gas tests, 44 to re-enter existing well bores, and 219 re-completions.

Total drilling permits issued in 1995 year-to-date is 1,770, an eight percent increase from the 1,621 issued during the same period of 1994.

Permits issued in February included 386 oil, 196 gas, 289 oil and gas, 39 injection, two service, and six other permits.

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 Selicia Hernandez
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 Amy Little
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 Joseph Martinez
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 Will McReynolds
 Chris Metsgar
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 Mark McCallister
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 Diana Zubia
 Francisco Duran
 Vanessa Leos
 Elizabeth Serrano
 Rosalinda Alaniz
 Barbara Ayala
 Brody Conner
 Terri Curtis
 Zane Marts
 Leslie Morales
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 Ismael Estrade
 Mirna Gomez
 Tye Mason
 Jordan Nelson
 Traven Smith
 Amanda Workman
 Luis Zubia
 Kendra Josey
 Sarah Alaway
 Kyzandre Harper
 Niebes Marin
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10th Grade
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11th Grade
 Ashley Basinger
12th Grade
 Jennifer Lewis
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 Javier Galindo
 Terrica Taylor
 Ashley Edwards
 Dustin Powell
1st Grade
 Andrea Rodriguez
 Katie Becker
3rd Grade
 Emily Becker
4th Grade
 Mindy Anthony
 Michelle Applewhite
 Jeana Hubbard
 JoAnn Martinez
 Alex Perez
5th Grade
 Kelly Butler
 Zach Ford
 Raelye Taylor
 Jacob Lira

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 Adrienne Rendon
 Jessica Mendez
 Jodi Patterson
 Mandy Valderaz
 Shawn Bell
2nd Grade
 Kylee Binford
 Alyse Trinidad
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 Ceasar Rojas
 Israel Landa
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 Veronica Ramirez
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3rd Grade
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 Joseph Kibitlewsk
 Martin Ramos
 Matthew Sadler
4th Grade
 DeeDee Valdez
 Patricia Vasquez
 Evelyn Guerrero
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 Kari Patterson
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Cotton News

by Shawn Wade
Activity surrounding the writing of the 1995 Farm Bill is beginning to pick up according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. PCG officials have learned that field hearings of the House Agriculture Committee have been set. Nationally, three hearing sites have been selected at which producers will have an opportunity to present their comments to the full House Agriculture Committee.

One of the selected sites will be in Lubbock on the campus of Texas Tech University. The Lubbock hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the TTU Ex-Students Center, Tuesday, April 25. The Ex-Students Center is located on the southeast corner of the TTU campus one block north of 19th street off of University Avenue. The hearing will be conducted by House Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts (R-Kansas). Also taking part in the hearing will be Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock). Combest is the fourth ranking member of the House Agriculture committee and one of nine members of that Committee that participated in the writing of the 1990 Farm Bill. "The announcement of Lubbock

as the site for one of the three hearings to be held by the full house Ag Committee is an excellent opportunity for cotton producers on the High Plains to let the people that will be writing the 1995 Farm Bill know what works and what doesn't work in regard to current farm programs," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "For the most part producers are pleased with the market oriented approach of the 1985 and 1990 Farm Bill's. Most cotton producers would like to see an extension of the current program in 1995." Johnson notes that agriculture will again be the easy target for additional budget cuts, even though spending for direct agriculture programs accounts for less than one percent of Federal spending and only a fraction of USDA outlays each year. Producers wanting to participate in the Lubbock hearing to testify in person or they would like to submit written testimony should contact Congressman Combest through Jimmy Clark in Lubbock, at 806-763-1611, or through Russell Laird in Washington, D.C., at 202-225-4005.

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Tammy Sue Caldwell brings her special talents to the Tower Theatre, singing country classic favorites last Saturday night. (Photo by Becky Warren)



Getting great audience response at the Tower Theatre last Saturday night was J.R. Quilantan. (Photo by Becky Warren)



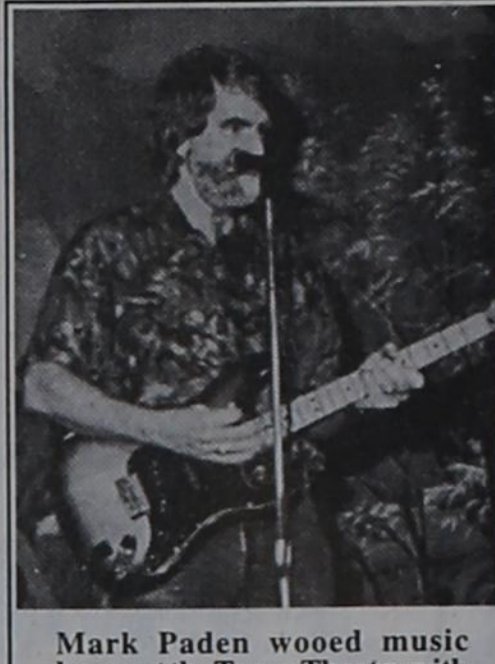
Well known country and western artist Rex Thomas entertained with country classics at the Tower Theatre last Saturday night. (Photo by Becky Warren)



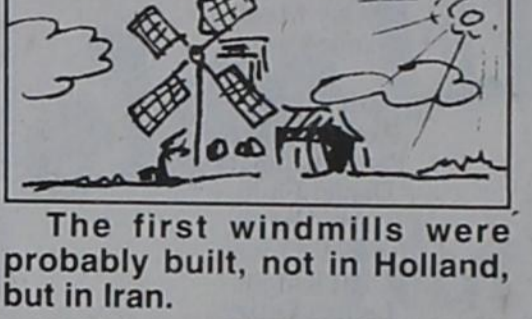
Don Caldwell is always popular when he picks up his sax at the Tower Theatre. (Photo by Becky Warren)



Tim McKenzie and his fiddle were a highlight at last Saturday night's "Country Classics" show at the Tower Theatre. (Photo by Becky Warren)



Mark Paden wooed music lovers at the Tower Theatre with his Elvis song. (Photo by Becky Warren)



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The farm fiasco: A test for Republicans

by Stephen Chapman

Congressional Republicans have gone to some lengths to show that their commitment to smaller government is too strong to buckle at the pitiful screams of schoolchildren, welfare mothers and Sesame Street Muppets. Now we will find out if Bob Dole and Newt Gingrich are tough enough to pick on somebody their own size. Subsidies to farmers are also on the agenda, and the GOP's credibility is on the line.



It would be hard to design a federal effort more offensive to free-market principles, not to mention common sense, than the agriculture program. Imagine if Washington dictated who could produce light bulbs, told them how many bulbs they could make, promised to pay them a bonus for every bulb they sold, bought all they couldn't sell and destroyed any that ended up in surplus — all to assure that light bulb manufacturers would make enough money to stay in the business, regardless of whether it made economic sense for them to do so.

In reality, light bulb makers must scratch out a living by their own wits, like Americans in most other occupations. Farmers, however, live under a radically different system. Sixty years after the prosperity of agriculture became a federal responsibility, Washington continues to behave as if this industry cannot survive except as a permanent ward of the state.

If they allow this delusion to prevail, the Republicans on Capitol Hill will have to drop their pose as dauntless enemies of Big Government and admit that they have been co-opted. That may be just fine with farm-state leaders like Kansas Dole, the Senate Republican leader, and Pat Roberts, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, both of whom are famous for taking care of the sturdy yeoman back home.

But not all of Capitol Hill's supposed revolutionaries are composed entirely of hot air and hypocrisy. Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, a farm owner who now heads the Agriculture Committee, has proposed a five-year phaseout of crop subsidies. House Republican Leader Dick Armey of Texas has long ridiculed agriculture programs as "monuments to the failure of central planning."

Expensive monuments, at that. Taxpayers spent about \$10 billion last year on handouts to farmers — a good deal more than we spent on school lunches or public broadcasting — and in bad years, the bill to the Treasury can rise as high

as \$25 billion. But that's not the end of it. We pay again at the grocery store in the form of higher prices for everything from cornflakes to oranges to peanut butter.

And why? Welfare for the destitute has a certain unassailable logic, but most agriculture payments do not go to the Joeds. In 1992, the average American family had an income of \$39,020. The average farm family had an income of \$40,613 — not to mention a net worth four times that of the norm among non-farmers.

As the president's Council of Economic Advisers noted in its recent annual report, two-thirds of federal subsidies "go to the largest 18 percent of farms — even though the average income of those recipients is triple that of the average U.S. household." Most of those producers could doubtless manage without tapping the Treasury. As for those who couldn't, why should anyone care?

The burden of farm programs, meanwhile, weighs heaviest on those Americans who make less than the average. They generally spend a disproportionate share of their earnings on food — which, thanks to their representatives in Washington, is more expensive than it would be in a free market. Put simply, our agriculture programs take food out of the mouths of working-class children to enrich wealthy farmers.

Some of the people who shoulder the expense are other farmers. Most crops grown in this country don't qualify for federal aid, and in general, the farmers who grow those commodities don't fare any worse than those who do. The Department of Agriculture's stacks of money and mountains of regulations do much to distort decision making and promote inefficiency. But they probably do little good, on balance, for farmers in general.

In other areas, the GOP insists that government is best which governs least. In the realm of agriculture, Washington has spent decades proving that the government which governs most does not govern best. And even farm-state Republicans may be forced by their own logic to break with the past.

Certainly the opportunity is at hand to end a costly federal mistake, if the GOP will make the most of the moment. "I've never been this worried before," North Dakota's Democratic Sen. Kent Conrad told *The Wall Street Journal*. "We're having to fight over why we even have a farm bill." It's a question that, as conscientious members of Congress will find, has no good answer.

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What does a birthday mean to you?

by Robert Fulghum

SEATTLE — Happy birthday! Happy? Well, maybe. It depends on how old you are, doesn't it? The feeling shifts over the years.



The first birthday is usually an all-out WHOOPÉE on the part of the parents, but the kid hasn't a clue as to what a birthday means — except being the center of attention for a day and getting toys and ice cream and cake. The kid is ready to do it all again the next day.

Within a year or two, it's party time with peers. This is WHOOPÉE with other people of the same size and age, but they get to share the goodies and help make the mess — a kind of bittersweet deal. Second and third birthdays are often catastrophes because 2- and 3-year-olds are not known for being civilized when it comes to sharing.

For several years following, the quality of birthdays improves — kids get the picture, and special attention and presents are things that can be anticipated for months in advance and enjoyed for months afterwards. These are good birthdays.

But then come the BIG DEAL birthdays: 13, 16, 18 and 21. Each one these years has some social or ritual value: First you become a teen-ager, and then you're old enough to drive, marry, drink and vote. WHOOPÉE!

After that, the birthday ritual is pretty much downhill. Birthdays start to come by the big numbers: 30, 40, 50, 65 and 75. If you make it over 75, the celebrations start happening every year again as in childhood because your friends and family don't think you'll make it to the next one. Moreover, as in childhood, fewer people come to these, but this time it's because most of your friends have died. And if you make it to 100, you just may be right back where you started — without a clue as to what's going on but glad for the ice cream and WHOOPÉE on your behalf.

The complicated birthdays are the odd ones in your middle years. An example is 58, which I will become sometime this year. (Notice: I didn't tell you when.) These middle years are the annual rings about which we have paradoxical

feelings. On one hand, we would just as soon not acknowledge our age. Maybe people will forget. If they remember, "Don't make any fuss," we say. On the other hand, birthdays have become a secret test — if people really loved you, they wouldn't ever forget and would always make WHOOPÉE for you. We want to be forgotten and worshipped on the same day. It's a nutty deal.

Last year, I was in Greece on my birthday — separated from family and friends by thousands of miles and 10 time zones. I was delighted to be off the hook — to let the day pass unproclaimed. Why should anyone, least of all me, celebrate my 57th year?

I spent the day alone, thinking about the passing of my life. I tried making a list of where I had been and what had happened on every other birthday of my life. A pretty fine list, actually.

But, by the time I went to bed, I had shifted from self appreciation to self-pity and from elation to depression. Because none of my lousy, so-called friends and none of the sorry scum bags who are my family had sent me a present or called. Not even one stupid birthday card came in the mail. Now that I had proof that they didn't really care or love me, maybe I wouldn't bother to go home — they wouldn't miss me, anyhow.

It's a wiggly state of mind, isn't it? We drive ourselves — and each other — crazy over this. The problem comes from confusing an arbitrary annual date — the anniversary of one's birth — with a test of love. I've noticed that those who do love us, well, they love us year round — we just take it for granted. A one-day exam on our birthday isn't needed.

I'm tired of my own goofiness. This year, I'll try turning things inside out — I'll make WHOOPÉE on my birthday with a party honoring those who put up with me on the other 364 days of the year.

They'll be surprised, and I won't be disappointed.

Any and all contributions to Robert Fulghum's columns are welcome. Please send him your stories, complaints, suggestions, factoids and interesting lies. Write to Robert Fulghum care of this newspaper.

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I support law providing permits for concealed weapons

by State Representative David Counts

I have been told that most people would probably be very surprised to know just how many women carry a handgun in their purse. But the truth is, I do not think many West Texans would be all that surprised to find out how many people carry a gun in their purse or the glove compartment of their car. The reality according to numerous surveys is that many Texans keep some sort of weapon. Although, the possession of a gun in many circumstances may not be allowed under current statutes, the feeling of added protection that many gain from having a handgun for their personal protection is important enough for many of them to risk carrying one.

That is the reason that I have previously cosponsored and remain a supporter of House Bill 72. HB 72 would allow honest hard working citizens the right to carry a gun for personal protection, while providing sufficient safeguards to keep handguns out of the hands of criminals.

Currently, 37 states already have right-to-carry or concealed weapons bills on the books.

In many states, such as Florida, the passage of this legislation has been associated with a decrease in the overall crime rate.

No one I know wants to return to the days of the old west, but most of the people I have talked to throughout the district are heavily in favor of being allowed their constitutional right to carry a handgun for their own defense and protection.

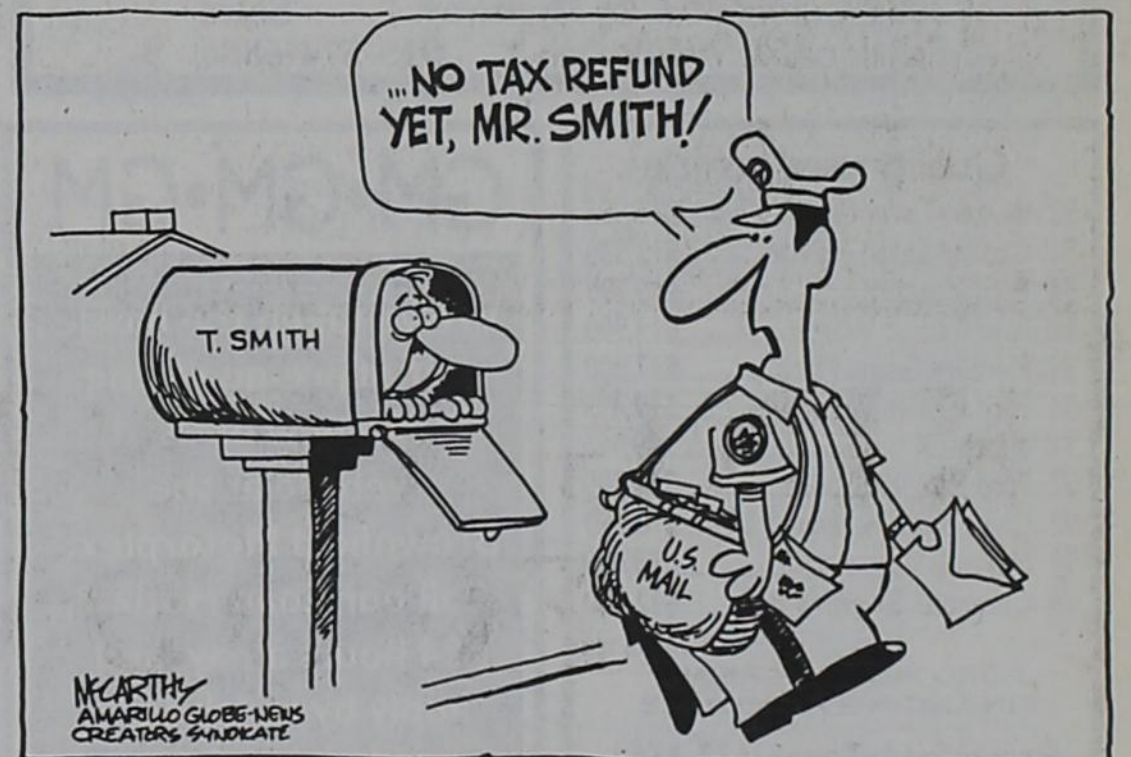
Under HB 72, in order to be eligible to carry a handgun, a person must be at least 21 years of age and have never been convicted of a felony offense. In addition, they can not be under current indictment for a felony or misdemeanor offense, or have been convicted of a Class A or B misdemeanor during the last five years.

The bill also requires a person be of sound mind, cannot be chemically dependent, and must have completed a 15 hour handgun proficiency course, covering proper use and storage of a firearm, in order to apply for the license to carry a concealed handgun.

I realize that this is an emotional issue. I will be the first to admit that this legislation will not completely stop crime, or protect everyone in every situation. However, by passing this law the legislature would allow Texans the chance to exercise their rights as provided in Article

1, Section 23, of the Texas Constitution. HB 72 will give law abiding, properly educated Texans the opportunity to legally enjoy the security of carrying a concealed weapon to protect themselves and their families, without providing an injustice to those who choose not to. The need for this bill is best summed up by Sheriff David Williams who told backers of the proposal that law enforcement cannot provide protection to all individuals in every circumstance stating, "What I'm proposing is that we give the citizens a swinging chance of surviving the conflict and battle."

Editor's Note: I agree in part with Representative Counts, in that the U.S. Constitution secures the right of the people to own and bear arms (Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution). I disagree that it takes a state law to allow that right... the right already exists from a higher authority. The fact that a state law restricts that right, through the issuance of permits, is a direct violation of the U.S. Constitution and that alone could be reason for impeachment for any elected official who dares to violate his or her oath of office, which in part declares that official's promise to uphold the Constitution. Please don't patronize us with efforts to "allow" us a freedom we already possess.



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Wisdom

"When all government, domestic and foreign, in little as in great things, shall be drawn to Washington, as the center of all power, it will render powerless the checks provided of one government on another, and will become as venal and oppressive as the government from which we separated."

Thomas Jefferson, Monticello, Va, 1821

We the People

of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article 1
Section 5
(continued from last week)

Each House shall be the Judge of Elections, Returns and Qualifications of its own Members, and a Majority of each shall constitute a Quorum to do Business; but a smaller Number may adjourn from day to day, and may be authorized to compel the Attendance of absent Members, in such Manner, and under such Penalties as each House may provide.

Each House may determine the Rules of its Proceedings, punish its Members for disorderly Behavior, and, with the Concurrence of two thirds, expel a Member.

Each House shall keep a Journal of its Proceedings, and from time to time publish the same, excepting such Parts as may in their Judgment require Secrecy; and the Yeas and Nays of the Members of either House on any question shall, at the Desire of one fifth of those Present, be entered on the Journal.

Neither House, during the Session of Congress, shall, without the Consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other Place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

America's racial tragedy

by Walter E. Williams

If enough ballot initiative signatures are obtained, Californians will vote on a proposition that reads: "Neither the State of California nor any of its political subdivisions or agents shall use race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin as a criterion for either discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group in the operation of the State's system of public employment, public education or public contracting."



The fact Californians find this law necessary, and the way they're choosing sides in the political struggle for passage, shows how wrong we've gone in matters of race. You don't have to be a racist to condemn racial quotas and see them as a betrayal of the noble goals of the early civil rights movement. But if you're against quotas, who might be your allies? Some will be America's racists. Quotas give racists strong cover to infiltrate, exploit and win the sympathies of non-racist whites.

People who support quotas argue they are needed to fight discrimination. But discrimination is not the main problem. Take college admissions. Any black high school graduate with a SAT score of 900 points would be admitted to most of the nation's 3,000 colleges. However, as of 1992, black SAT scores averaged 737, nearly 200 points below the white average of 933. At elite colleges, where a typical SAT score may be 1,300 points or higher, black students may trail by more than 300 points. It is also not uncommon for black students to be admitted to law schools with scores well below the average of 42 points out of 48, such as at Georgetown Law School where whites scored 42 on the LSAT and blacks 32.

The quota mind-set produces a prescription for disaster. It guarantees that academically superior white students will run circles around black students. The academic difficulties of black students can't be hidden from white students and professors. It creates negative impressions of black academic ability and fosters condescending attitudes toward them. Worse of all, it creates unnecessary anxiety and self-doubt among black students. In addition, quotas that cause black students to be academically mismatched create dropouts and failures out of people who might otherwise be successful.

It's not hard to see how racist attitudes can develop among white students who, possibly meeting blacks for the first time, come to see blacks as incompetents given special privileges at their expense. This wouldn't happen if black students were admitted to college solely on academic merit; they would share the same academic characteristics as the general student body. However, given today's SAT differential, there'd be far fewer black students attending the nation's elite colleges like Harvard, MIT and Stanford. But a greater percentage of those actually admitted would graduate.

Much of the quota debate focuses on fairness to white students. That's important. But just as important, perhaps more so, is what quotas have done to black students. The quota vision sees racial discrimination by colleges as the problem. That's a false vision. The real tragedy and academic handicap is the day-to-day destruction of the career chances of black students by the public school system. The quota vision, emphasizing what colleges may or may not be doing allows that tragedy to go unchallenged.

Without a doubt, blacks would be the major beneficiaries of changing the focus from admissions quotas to the realities of public schools. Black parents should ask, "If my kid graduated from high school, why is it he can't get into college on his merits?"

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Primrose Operating Company, P.O.
 Box 1319, Wichita Falls, Tx 76307 is
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 Fluid will be injected into strata in the
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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett
10 Years Ago
March 27, 1985

Christina Martinez came in first in the 100 meter hurdles and Marta Holly came in first in the 200 meter dash in the Canyon Reef Relays in Snyder last week.

Billy Jack Baker was born March 13, 1985. His birth was announced by his big sister Misty. He is the son of Joe and Belinda Baker.

A house warming for Sandra and Larry Scrivner was held Saturday. Chief Frank Runkles pointed the feather directly to the north last Friday morning indicating an average year.

20 Years Ago
March 20, 1975
David Weaver, of Southland, won first place in Garza County's 1975 spelling bee.

A birthday party honored Nancy Wilson on her sixth birthday, March 15 (Saturday) in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Del Wilson.

Mrs. K.W. Kirkpatrick, a director of the Caprock Girl Scout Council attended the formal opening of the new Girl Scout Service Center in Lubbock.

Melanie King was selected alternate forward on the North All-Star Basketball Team.

David Campbell has been named as Post's new police patrolman.

30 Years Ago
March 25, 1965
Pam McCrary is home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giles McCrary, during spring break this week. She is attending Goucher College in Maryland.

Diane Maxey and Ronnie Claude Graves were married Sunday night, March 21 in the Graham Church of Christ.

Mrs. Cameron Justice fell while she was fishing and cut her leg.

The Post High School Mixed Choir won the sweepstakes award in the Area 1 TIL Choral contest at Texas Tech March 13.

40 Years Ago
March 24, 1955
Leo Acker was in Dallas over the weekend, where he attended the funeral of an aunt.

James Dye and Ronnie Kennedy were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Turney at McCamey.

See Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "Meet the Keystone Kops" this week at the Tower theatre.

Sharon Lee Saunders visited Donetta Ellis at Southland Thursday.

Rhea Peel entertained with a slumber party Thursday night. Her guests were Leta Stone, Patsy Ethridge, Kay Maxey and Janet Stephens.

50 Years Ago
March 22, 1945
Darrell Jones is awarded a 12th Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement".

Harold Childs, son of Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Childs, is named Soldier of the Week.

Mrs. Willard Kirkpatrick is the new President for the Post High School PTA for the 1945-46 year.

The City of Post just purchased a brand new truck with which to haul trash and garbage. The two city teams and wagons will be sold, thus doing away with large feed bills.

Lunch Menus

Trail Blazers

Thursday March 23
Chicken and dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, tossed salad, hot roll, apple cobbler, choice of beverage.

Friday, March 24
Taco salad, pinto beans, tortilla chips, pineapple chunks, choice of beverage.

Monday, March 27
Vegetable beef stew, green pea salad, cornbread, peach cobbler, choice of beverage.

Tuesday, March 28
BBQ chicken corn cobbler, green beans, tossed salad, biscuit, raisin pie, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, March 29
Roast beef, brown gravy, roasted potatoes, carrots, tossed salad, cake, choice of beverage.

Post I.S.D.

Thursday, March 23
Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.

Friday, March 24
Breakfast: Dry cereal, toast 'n jelly, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.

Monday, March 27
Breakfast: Malt-O-Meal, sausage, toast 'n jelly, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.

Tuesday, March 28
Breakfast: Muffins, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.

Wednesday, March 29
Breakfast: Frech toast sticks, syrup 'n butter, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.

Beauty Tips

by Leslie Tatum
Here are a few make-up tips that every woman should know:

To get rid of dark circles under the eye use a very pink pencil and make a line following the base of the arc under the eye. Smudge slightly and then pat with a concealer suitable for your skin tone. This works much better than a concealer that leaves pale spots below the eyes.

For a glamorous evening look use a liquid foundation in your shade and a creme foundation in a shade darker. Mix together on a pallet until smooth then apply as you usually do. This gives a flawless special look for that special evening.

For an instant face lift use blush, but use it correctly. This is the blush rule: Thou shalt only apply blush no closer than the center of the eye, no lower than your cheek bone.

Dispatch offers free classified ads to subscribers

The Post Dispatch is offering free, personal classified ads to its subscribers. The offer is strictly for non-commercial, private party classified line advertisements and is limited to 25 words per ad. Additional words will cost 25 cents per word, payable in advance. Classified word ads that are to repeat will be charged at the regular rate for additional

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Former Gov. Mark White last week told lawmakers that the no pass, no play rule is doing what it was designed for — keeping kids in the classroom.

White, a Democrat, who was governor when the Legislature passed House Bill 72 — the comprehensive school reform measure — told House Public Education Committee members that they should ask for facts.

"The dropout theory was — Oh, if you do this, more kids will drop out," White said. "Well, we've been doing it for 10 years, and fewer kids are dropping out than before we had the rule."

Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, has filed a measure that would allow students to remain in extracurricular activities if they maintain an overall grade average of 70 percent even if failing one or more classes.

Wilson's is one of several bills pending in the committee.

Some law enforcement officers now blame the no pass, no play rule for increased membership in urban gangs. Lawmakers are considering proposals to shorten the suspension or repeal the rule.

The Senate Education Committee earlier endorsed a measure that would cut the no pass, no play penalty to three weeks the first time a student fails a class.

Handgun Bill Gets Early OK

By a vote of 23-7, the Senate last week gave preliminary approval to a bill that would allow Texans to apply for licenses to carry concealed pistols in public. A final vote on the measure is expected early this week.

But senators defeated efforts by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, to require a statewide vote in November before the law could take effect. West, a former prosecutor, said he has seen "man's inhumanity to man."

"We're not hurting anyone," said Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, the bill's sponsor. "We're allowing you the right to exercise your constitutional right to self-defense outside your home. We are making Texas streets safer, not less safe."

West's group of bill opponents also failed in efforts to:

- Require lists of concealed-weapon permit holders to be made public.
- Increase the minimum number of training days from 10 to 65.
- Prohibit the carrying of guns at concerts, on buses and at health care facilities.

Open Briefings Bill OK'd

Senators have given preliminary approval to a bill that would require governmental agencies to open briefing sessions to the public.

The measure by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, was approved on a 18-12 vote. Wentworth said he had seen

briefings among government officials evolve "into a debate or a deliberation on matters of public policy, including the expenditure of public money."

His bill would require a briefing session to be subject to the same open government requirements — including posting notice — as other meetings if it met certain conditions.

Among lawmakers opposing the measure was Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock.

"I don't need government to reach over my shoulder when I'm at the Dairy Queen with a staff member and a few other members of the Senate Finance Committee to tell me what I can talk about," Montford said.

Affirmative Action Bill

A proposal to make racial and gender preferences unconstitutional won't clear the Senate, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has predicted.

"That amendment hasn't got the votes to pass in the Senate; it hasn't got the votes to pass in the House," Bullock said.

The proposal by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, would forbid the state, counties, cities, and schools from discriminating against or giving preferential treatment to a person because of race, gender, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity or national origin.

Cisneros Probe Widens

HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros misled the FBI about payments to his former mistress, Attorney General Janet Reno said last week when she asked for an independent counsel to investigate the charges.

The former San Antonio mayor vowed to fight the charges and remain head of the Housing and Urban Development Department.

Cisneros told reporters he had not "engaged in criminal wrongdoing" nor violated the public trust. He said he saw no reason to resign.

Later, a White House spokesman said Cisneros offered to resign, but the president "said that would not be necessary."

Other Highlights

Calling nighttime hours a good way to relieve crowded Texas court dockets, Lt. Gov. Bullock believes that the state should pick up the estimated \$28.8 million annual cost of extending court hours. Under a bill by Sen. Montford, the hours of district courts would be increased from 40 to 72 a week in the eight largest counties.

Texas overwhelmingly want a chance to vote on legalizing casinos, according to a poll released last week. The survey of 800 registered voters by the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, found that 88 percent of those surveyed want a chance to vote on legalizing casinos, and 9 percent said they didn't. The rest were undecided.

7th Grade boys get test at Idalou

March 11th the Post Middle School 7th grade boys participated in the Idalou Jr. High Trach meet. The results were:

Discus
Adrian Gonzales, 1st and Ruben Gomez, 5th.

Shot Put
Adrian Gonzales, 1st; Jarrett Bland, 3rd; and Larry Young, 6th.

Long Jump
Billy Crawford, 3rd and Luis Leos, 5th.

Triple Jump
Roque Gomez, 2nd; Marcus Lopez, 5th; and Joshua Fumagalli, 6th.

High Jump
Braden Conner, 3rd and R.T. Todd, 5th.

Pole Vault
John Radle, 1st.

400 M Relay
Adrian Gonzales, Chris Saldivar, Roque Gomez, and Billy Crawford, 1st.

800 M Dash
Marcus Lopez, 1st; Dominic Pequeno, 2nd; and Raymond Silva, 5th.

100 M High Hurdles
1st Heat: Braden Conner, 1st and John Radle, 2nd.

100 M Dash
1st Heat: Johnny Jefferson, 2nd. 2nd Heat: Adrian Gonzales; 2nd and Luis Leos, 6th.

400 M Dash
1st Heat: Matthew Ledbetter, 1st. 2nd Heat: Roque Gomez, 2nd and Marcus Lopez, 3rd.

300 M Hurdles
1st Heat: Billy Crawford, 1st and John Radle, 4th. 2nd Heat: Johnny Jefferson, 2nd.

200 M Dash
1st Heat: Chris Saldivar, 4th. 2nd Heat: Matthew Mcallister, 2nd and Matthew Ledbetter, 3rd.

1600 M Run
Joseph Martinez, 1st and Jason Howard, 2nd.

1600 M Relay
Dominic Pequeno, Luis Leos, Billy Crawford, Chris Saldivar, 2nd

8th Grade boys compete at Idalou

March 11th the Post Middle School 8th grade boys participated in the Idalou Jr. High Trach meet. The results were:

110 M. High Hurdles
1st Heat: Monty Humble, 4th. 2nd Heat: Brent Justice, 2nd and Clay Ashley, 3rd.

100 M Dash
1st Heat: Charlie Bell, 1st, and Tim Quintana, 5th. 2nd Heat: Isaac Perez, 3rd.

400 M Dash
1st Heat: Frank Reyna, 2nd and Mike Collazo, 4th. 2nd Heat: Joshua Bustos, 5th.

300 M Hurdles
1st Heat: Brent Justice, 3rd.

200 M Dash
1st Heat: Joey Ward, 2nd and Frank Reyna, 3rd. 2nd Heat: Isaac Perez, 2nd. **1600 M Run**
Steven Ayala, 1st. **1600 M Relay**
Tim Quintana, Steven Ayala, Mike Collazo, and Charlie Bell, 2nd. **Discus**
Mike Felts, 1st; T.J. Gaydos, 2nd; and Joe Don Schoonover, 4th. **Shot Put**
T. J. Gaydos, 3rd; Joe Don Schoonover, 4th; Jeremy Aguilar, 5th.

Long Jump
Joey Ward, 2nd. **Triple Jump**
Charlie Bell, 1st and Steven Ayala, 4th.

High Jump
Charlie Bell, 1st. **Pole Vault**
Todd Holbert, 3rd and Tim Quintana, 4th.

400 M Relay
Tim Quintan, Joey Ward, Frand Reyna, and Charlie Bell, 1st. **800 Meter Dash**
Mike Collazo, 4th.

Post weekly sports schedule

Thursday, March 23,
High School boys golf at Post. **Friday, March 24**
High School boys track at San Angelo. High School tennis boys and girls at Lubbock. Junior High 7th and 8th boys and girls at Roosevelt. 5 p.m. Baseball Post at Slaton. **Saturday, March 25**
High School track at San Angelo. High School tennis boys and girls at Lubbock. High School girls track at Lubbock at Coronado. **Monday, March 27**
High School girls golf at Abernathy. **Tuesday, March 28**
5 p.m. Baseball, Lorraine at Post.

Garza Chapter ACS plans fund raising event

The Garza County Chapter of the American Cancer Society (ACS) has held two meetings recently to make plans for the annual "Fajita Feast," which will be held April 27 at the Hotel Garza.

Members of the Garza County Chapter ACS met February 7 at the Norwest Bank community room as District 3 Field Representative Kathy Psutka presented a report of local activities. The report demonstrated the support ACS provides for individuals and families in Garza County.

The March 9 meeting, which was held in the Citizens Bank community room, included plans for the "Fajita Feast," which will feature chicken, beef and shrimp fajitas with side dishes. Members of the local ACS chapter were assigned duties.

Last Puzzle Solution

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ACROSS

- 1 in Wood Co. on 69
- 5 former Mavericks coach John Mac
- 6 cowboy to a lady: "yes"
- 7 TX electronics co.
- 8 TXism: "guilty as"
- 9 TXism: "jumpy as ice"
- 15 Atlanta arena where Tech's Lady Raiders won NCAA title
- 16 TX A.C. Greene's "A Country"
- 18 TXism: "clings like a tick to a"
- 20 early TX dwelling
- 22 TXism for hound
- 27 Houston's ZZ Top
- 28 TXism: "plov (farmer)"
- 29 TXism: "could walk under a turtle a ten gallon hat" (short)
- 30 TXism: "he'll do to river with"
- 32 with ceps or cycle
- 33 TXism: "hot as bumper"
- 36 former provost of Rice: Lane
- 37 Austin's historic "Treaty" was poisoned in '89
- 38 Denton's Pilot Knob: Sam Bass
- 39 NAFTA reduced import
- 41 TXism: "couldn't if they was free" (brisk trade)
- 44 TX Buddy Holley's name was spelled "Holly" on 1st recording contract
- 45 TXism: "let 'ri!"
- 46 in Brazoria Co. on 523: Creek
- 47 TXism: "hog had wings he'd be an eagle"
- 48 how TX Kite sinks a short putt (3 wds.)
- 51 Rangers reliever Carpenter
- 52 TXism: "he'll never drown in own sweat" (lazy)

DOWN

- 1 Oiler Jeff who had tragic suicide in '93
- 2 1st baby born in Gov.'s Mansion:
- 3 TXism: "siestas"
- 4 what Carol Surkes does at TWU
- 8 L.A. problem rarely found in Dallas
- 9 pioneer TX aviator Edna Whyte ran the Flight School at Meacham Field
- 10 this Robb married Lynda Bird (init.)
- 11 TXism: "ugly sin"
- 12 TX Henley's "Take It"
- 13 Knox City h.s. class
- 14 TXism: "siestas"
- 15 gov. from '39 - '41: W. Lee "Pappy"
- 16 TXism: "If the saddle squeaks, it ain't for"
- 17 one of the richest Texans (Fort Worth resident)
- 19 SMU's Dickerson
- 21 Cowboys Williams
- 22 "Cowtown" init.
- 23 Sam Houston's last wife Margaret
- 24 apiece
- 25 poker wager increase (2 wds.)
- 26 cattle auction buyer
- 35 this Harry started a TX cafeteria chain
- 37 Fort Sam Houston's 1st name: "Post Antonio"
- 40 name of rare B-29 bomber owned by Confederate Air Force
- 42 TX Tyler who sang "Deck of Cards" (init.)
- 43 TXism: "brave as a first grade"
- 50 TX actress Spacek
- 51 Carl Sandberg said "Texas valor and swagger"

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Obituaries

Walter Finch Jr

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 23 for Walter Finch Jr., who died March 19, 1995 at St Mary of the Plains Hospital. Rev. C.C. Peoples of Slaton will conduct the services at the First Baptist Church in Post. Burial will be at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mr Finch was born Sept. 19, 1937 in Calvert, Texas and was the son of Ophelia Drummond and Walter Finch Sr. He married Malinda Steamer Feb. 15, 1975 in Gonzales. Mr Finch had been employed by Fina and had lived in Post for 20 years. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, sons Bobby Finch of Odessa, Walter Lee Finch III of Shiner, Dondi Steamer and Ken Bradley Finch of Post; daughter Billy Faye Finch of Yoakum; brother Willie Burleson of Post; sisters Elvora Huffman of Calvert, Inez Greathouse of Post and Lillie Price of Post and eight grandchildren.

Misty Danielle Lawson

Services were held March 18 for Misty Danielle Lawson, who died March 15, 1995 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Rev. Clifton Peoples of Slaton was assisted by Rev. Henry Brawley of Tahoka's Pleasant Grove Baptist Church at the services here in the First Baptist Church. Burial was at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Ms Lawson was born Feb. 4, 1974 in Slaton and was the daughter of Carol Ann Hoyle and Henry Earl Lawson. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by her parents of Post, brother Brad Lawson of Post and sister Amber Lawson of Post, grandmothers Verneice Hoyle of Post and Ollie Brown of Tahoka and nephew Corbin McDonald.

James Claud Collier

Services were held Feb. 27, 1995 in celebration of the memory of James Claud Collier, a former resident of Post, who died February 22. The memorial services were held in Grand Junction, Colo. at the Callahan-Edfast Chapel with Valley Christian Church of Mesa, Colo. minister Bill Lockhart officiating. Cremation preceded the services.

Mr Collier is survived by his wife, Virginia, of Grand Junction, daughter Kat Cato of Parker, Colo., two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers were Bobby Walsh, Robert Wheeler, Butch Gore, Dale Reece, Okie Wilson, Glenn H. Watts, Mac O'Connor, Ralph Ebberts, Bob Summit, Rick Corbin, Ron Fedel, Pat Brown, Ron Brown and Everett Swank.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of the Grand Valley, P.O. box 60307, Grand Junction, Colo. 81506 or Dena Slover Fund, Palisade National Bank, P.O. Box 10, Palisade, Colo. 81526.



Larry Watson is repairing the window and trim at the Post Public Library. The window had been broken by vandalism and the trim was badly weathered.

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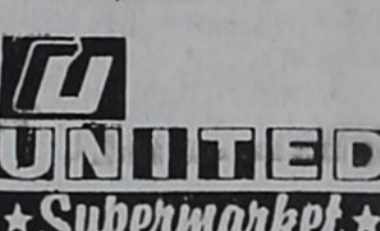
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Local officials and Family Dollar executives will take part in a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony at the main entrance to the store immediately before the opening.

Phil Thompson, Senior Vice President of Store Operations, said, "Family Dollar looks forward to locating in Post and being part of a fine community." Al Koch, the firm's District Manager for the area said, "As many local people as possible will be employed at the new store. Family Dollar is a rapidly expanding company and offers excellent employment opportunities in this area and throughout the 36 states in which our stores are located."

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On loving God
by Rev. Bob Green

Two thousand years ago good Jews were pre-occupied with how to be "Good Jews", just as we Christians are concerned with how to be "Good Christians" today. Today, like then the issue seems to be in what is the least we can do, or the bare minimum necessary to make the cut. In Mark 12:28 Jesus gives a deceptively simple answer to the question. He said to "love the Lord your God with all of your 'being', and to love your neighbor as yourself". These two greatest commandments seem to cover it all for the Jew and for the Christian today. The problem comes in our trying to obey them. Loving the Lord our God seems to be easier so we concentrate upon loving our neighbor. The problem comes when we find that our neighbor is not always lovable, or to say the least, easy to love. It takes some genuine effort to love the unlovable, so we grit our teeth and force ourselves to do the impossible. We help our neighbor out with benevolent actions, we mouth appropriate words to show at least our intentions, we smile when we want to curse, we pray for them when we would rather see them hurt, we do all the things we think God would want us to do. We concentrate on the "DO" hoping that will get us through just like the Jew who wanted to know the bare minimum. Doing is easy in reality for it only involves action. We can fake our actions, we call them "Works", and expect them to keep us in good with God and "get us to heaven".

In reality the hard part of Jesus' commandment is in "Loving the Lord our God with our whole being". We cannot see God, we cannot clothe Him, we cannot feed Him, we cannot heal Him, so how do we "Love" Him? Jesus says that "... as we do it unto the least of these we do it unto Him," but that becomes works again, doesn't it? If we understand Grace at all, we know that we cannot earn God's love nor a place in His Kingdom. Grace is His free gift to us, not for what we are or what we do.

Maybe the secret is in responding to His love, His grace, that gift of unearnable love He has given to us. Perhaps it's like when someone gives us something or helps us out and we want to respond, perhaps to say thank you or to give something to them in return or to help them in kind or to simply tell others of what that person did. These expressions of gratitude honor the one who has helped us and show love and respect for him/her. We find we want to talk to that person more and share with them. We learn we can trust them and even that we like them. Eventually a relationship is growing out of our simply responding to someone's expression of love.

It seems to me that when we understand we are created by God and given this whole universe to use, enjoy and care for, that when we realize He loved us enough to leave His throne in heaven, to live and suffer with us and even die for us, we cannot help but want to respond to that expression of love. In responding to that expression of love it seems to me that we would want to express our own love to him in some way. I believe that is what worship is all about, expressing praise, thanksgiving, and love to one who deserves it. I don't think it matters if we do that with a prescribed ritual or by simply singing songs and praising Him aloud. The thing that matters is if it comes from our heart and is sincere. I believe that a legitimate response to that love would be to study and learn more about Him and His other expressions of love to His creation. That is what Bible study is all about. How can we truly love Him if we don't want to learn more about Him and are not willing to spend the time to learn about Him? Placing ourselves in a fellowship of like believers, or the Church, seems to be a natural reaction to His expression of love. This Community is an excellent place to see God active, to worship Him, to study His word, to serve Him by "loving our neighbor as ourselves". We don't learn how to "love" our neighbor instantly, it takes time and practice. We also don't learn to "love" our God instantly, it also takes time and practice, and we need community for it to happen.

Loving our neighbor is easy once we fully and completely love God. I believe our problem comes when we try to love our neighbors before we fully learn to love God. That's the hard part, for most of the time we, whether we realize it or not, have made ourselves God, and we can't worship two Gods. When the right God is on the throne of our lives and we fully worship that God, we won't have to force ourselves to love our neighbors, it will be natural and very, very easy.

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