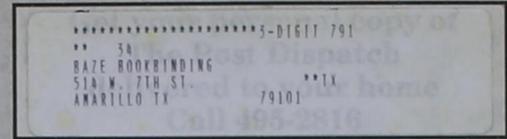


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The Post Dispatch

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Opening at the Garza Theatre Friday

A partial cast of the New Musical Grays' Stock Company, opening a "Vaudeville" show at the Garza Theatre Friday, are (front row, left to right) Bill Lyon, Jane Prince-Jones, Cherri Brooks, Scott Timms, (middle row) Ashleigh Decker, Tonya Marr, Bill Gray, Amy Jones, Jeremy Danial, (back row) Todd Caldwell, Rick Fay, Dell Gray and Cliff T. Clown.

Awards set for Saturday's Chamber of Commerce banquet

The Post Chamber of Commerce annual awards banquet Saturday evening at the community center will recognize citizen and business of the year and the cowboy hall of fame honoree, as well as farm and ranch family of the year. The event will start at 7 p.m., catered by L.D.'s Daughters. A "surprise" entertainment package will follow the awards presentations.

Tickets for the event, still only \$10 per person, may be purchased by any Chamber of Commerce director or at the Chamber of Commerce office. Call 495-3461 for additional information.

Vaudeville variety show opens at Garza Theatre

"Salute to 80 Years of Vaudeville," a nostalgic tribute to that early form of entertainment, will open Friday at the Garza Theatre for a two-weekend run. The show is produced by The New Musical Grays' Stock Company, with performances set Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 23-25 and March 1-3. Shows begin at 7:45 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

A traveling troupe of singers, dancers, musicians and other entertainers, The New Musical Grays was organized by Bill and Dell Gray of Floydada. The group was formed not only as a tribute to the Gray family's show business legacy, but also to revive repertoire theatre and vaudeville in the restored theatres and opera houses of the Southwest.

At first, vaudeville served simply as a separate entertainment, added to the regular drama, and presented between acts of a play. Benjamin Keith opened the first American vaudeville house in 1883. Located in Boston, it was called "The Gaiety Museum." Another prominent vaudeville house was Tony Pastor's in New York City.

The cast of The New Musical Grays features many Garza Theatre regulars, including Jane Prince-Jones, Amy Jones, Cherri Brooks, Scott Timms, Jeremy Danial, Todd Caldwell, Lori Britton, The Garret Family, Bob and Melody Burns, Ashleigh Decker, Bill Lyon and Marlee Plummer. Cliff T. Clown, a noted magician and balloon artist, Tonya Marr and Charles Addington will be making their initial Garza appearances.

Tickets for the shows are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students ages six to 12. Tickets may be purchased at the box office Monday through Friday noon to 5 p.m. or on show nights, noon until curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling the box office at 495-4005. Special group rates are also available.

Post Notes

Rotary Club hosts 'chili supper' Friday

The annual Rotary Club "chili supper" will be held Friday at the school cafeteria, featuring "all you can eat" chili with cornbread, onions, drink and desert. Tickets are \$3 for children and \$4 for adults and the supper will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Contact any Rotarian for tickets or additional information.

Woman's Culture Club to meet

The Woman's Culture Club will meet Wednesday, February 28, at 2 p.m., in the Women's Clubhouse. Hostesses will be Barbara Hardin and Debbie Bain.

Stock Show checks

Garza County Jr Livestock Association stock show checks are ready! FFA members may pick up their checks from the FFA advisors or 4-H'ers may pick up theirs at the Extension Office.

Immunization Clinic

There will be an immunization clinic at the barn on Snyder Highway on Monday, February 26th, from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. You need to bring your insurance card, social security card and immunization records.

MHMR family support group

The family support group sponsored by Garza County Mental Health Center will meet again on Thursday, February 22nd from 5:15 to 6 p.m. at the center (in the Mill Complex), East 7th and Ave. C. This month's topic will be "Grief and Loss." Child care will be provided if notice is given at least 24 hours in advance. For more information, call Sheri Cannon at 495-2813.

Libertarians review party platform

The monthly Liberty Forum, hosted by the Garza County Libertarian Party, will focus attention on the party platform and county convention at the 7 p.m. February 22 meeting at Rosie's Restaurant. For more information call 495-3884.

"Echoes of the Past" at OS Museum

The OS Museum, located at 201 East Main in Post, invites you to view "Echoes of the Past." This exhibit features type specimens from the Garza County Neyland Sight (Triassic Period, c230m years). The exhibit was planned and mounted by Museum Science Students at Texas Tech University. The museum is open Monday thru Saturday, 10-12 a.m. and 1-5 p.m. Hurry and see this exhibit before it closes on March 16, 1996.

Lions Club to hold drawing

The Post Lions Club will hold a drawing for 1/2 beef on Thursday, February 29. Two halves will be given away. You have two chances to win on each ticket purchased. This is a fund raiser for eye glasses. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and may be purchased from any Lions Club member.

First day of early voting

The first day of early voting for the March primary will be February 21 in the county clerk's office. Early voting will end March 8th. Applications for mail-out ballots is in effect until March 5th. Contact the county clerk at 495-4430.

Benefit for David & Trena Woods

A benefit will be held for David and Trena Woods on Saturday, March 9. The event will be held at the Post Community Center from 5-8 p.m. A bar-b-que with all the trimmings, raffle, auction and cakewalk will be held. The event, which is sponsored by Xi Delta Rho Sorority, V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary and Volunteers from the Sophomore Class of PHS, is to help offset medical expenses. A bar-b-que pit, built by Tim Gaydos, will be raffled off. You may purchase tickets from any of the sponsors.

Class of 1976 seeking information

The Post High School Class of 1976 is seeking information on class mates. If your address has changed or you know where someone else is please contact Kim Mitchell Mills at P.O. Box 519, Post, Texas 79356.

Ladies Auxiliary collects for vets

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Post VFW will make their monthly paperback run to Big Spring. If you have used paperbacks or any toilet items such as shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, powder or lotions you would like to donate please call Shirley at 495-3785. Please no aftershave or mouthwash.

Post ISD trustees approve principal contracts

Post ISD principals Joe Giddens, high school; Marita Jackson, middle school and Dan Rankin, elementary school, were awarded contract extensions following a closed session at the regular board meeting February 14.

Trustees also approved the hiring of Robert Hernandez, who will serve as a coach to replace Bart McMeans, who resigned last month to take a position at Abilene Wylie.

Hernandez, who comes from Yorktown, and new head coach Richard Gorman began duties here Monday.

In other action, trustees approved the hiring of substitute teachers Kerri Amadeo, Johnny Bishop, Heather Daniell, Bobby Gibson, Melani Holly, BreAnne McCleskey, Lucie Rodriguez and Tim Tatum.

Board president Barbara Hardin presented certificates of recognition to high school band members Leticia Ortiz, Elizabeth Stegall, Armando Villesca, Bill Cole, Jeremy Abraham, Shelley Shifflett, Marty Disinger and Jennifer Hubble. Certificates were also presented to middle school band students Bryony Martin, Kerry Cahill, Camille Blevins, Anali Cimental, Josh Fumagalli, Kari Holly and Scotty Gaydos.

A new site-based decision making process was discussed and approved by the board.

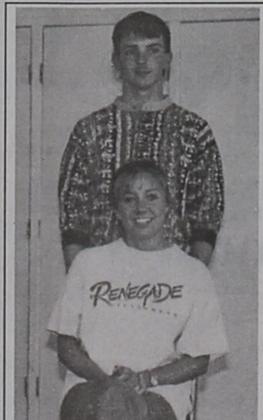
Attending the meeting were trustees Rex Cash, Mark Kirkpatrick, Barbara Hardin and Mark Short.



Post High School students and their coaches participating in U.I.L. competition at Monterey High School in Lubbock recently were (back row, left to right) Melea Mullins, Kim Mills, Josh Grisham, Michael McDougle, Jeff Redman, Jay Childers, Jeremy Josey, Doris Giddens, (middle row) James Cahill, Jayson Fry, Robert Gilmer, Todd Terry, Dereck Guthrie, Brandon McDonald, Cameron Miller, (front row) Christy Morris, Jill Stelzer, Nikki Pollard, Alisha Nelson, Kathy Gerner, Macee Mills and Shelly Shifflett. (Photo by Becky Warren)



Post High School Sweetheart contestants and their escorts joined PHS Sweetheart Jill Stelzer (center) at ceremonies last Friday. Contestants and escorts were (left to right) Vance Guthrie, Marci Hill, Jay Childers, Heather Mason, Jeremy Josey, first runner-up Natalie Pollard, Sweetheart Jill Stelzer, B.J. Hart, second runner-up Aleida Marin, Saul Martinez, Sondra Leininger and Sammy Zubia. (Photo by Becky Warren)



Jill Stelzer and Jeff Redman, working as a team in the Cross X Debate competition, took first place and will advance to the state contest in Austin next month. Last week's edition incorrectly identified the team as individual competition. (Photo by Becky Warren).

Cheryl Edwards and James Ritz exchanged vows during double-ring ceremony February 17, 1996

Cheryl Kay Edwards became the bride of James Anthony Ritz on Saturday, February 17, 1996 at 7 p.m. in the Oakwood United Methodist Church in Lubbock. Dr. E. Richard Chaffin, pastor, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Mary Edwards of Post and Robert and Beverly Friske of Lubbock. The groom is the son of Mina Ritz of Meadow and Felipe Ritz, Sr of Clifton.

The bride wore an elegant sheath gown of Ivory satin and alencon lace, designed by Mori Lee. The bodice encrusted with pearls and sequins featured a V-scalloped neckline, long

renaissance sleeves and a basque waist. The sheath gown was highlighted with a V-scallop back, satin peplum bow and a semi-cathedral detachable train adorned with beaded lace cutouts and a beaded lace hem.

To complete her attire the bride's veil was a floral half wreath highlighted with a double pouf and two tiered silk illusion veiling.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of cymbidium orchids, white stephanotis, Caspia white roses, white roses, white spray roses, Ming fern and English ivy.

For something blue, the bride wore the garter worn by her mother when she got married. The pearl and diamond earrings she wore were borrowed from her mother and for something old, she carried a handkerchief that belonged to her maternal grandmother.

Matron of honor was Kristy Moore, of Corpus Christi, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kim Meeks, Amy Howard and Lora Reeves, aunt of the bride, all from Lubbock.

The bridesmaids wore formal length elegant sheath gowns of burgundy velvet trimmed with Ivory satin. The back featured a pleated satin V-back highlighted with a satin

bow and tails. They carried a single white rose.

Candlelighters were Tracy Edwards of Lubbock, sister of the bride, Michelle Ritz and Cristina Ritz, both of Meadow, sisters of the groom.

The candlelighters wore formal length hunter green dresses made of Shantung fabric styled off the shoulder and accented with pouf sleeves.

A candle was lit by the bride's sister, Tracy Edwards, in loving memory of Geneva Curtis, deceased grandmother of the bride.

Flower girl was Brittany Ritz, niece of the groom, from Clifton.

The flower girl wore an ankle length gown of hunter green velvet accented with an ivory lace and satin collar. She carried a basket of white stephanotis, babies breath, and white roses.

The groom was attired in a Pierre Cardin full dress black tuxedo with an ivory pleated shirt and black tie.

Serving as best men were Felipe Ritz, Jr and Robert Ritz, brothers of the groom, both from Lubbock.

Groomsmen were Kelly Curtis of Lubbock, grandfather of the bride, and Mike Reeves of Lubbock, uncle of the bride.

The father of the bride and the groomsmen wore Pierre Cardin black tuxedos with ivory pleated shirts and black ties. The groomsmen also wore a black vest. Their boutonnières were made of white roses.

Guests were registered by Renee Howell, cousin of the bride, from Lubbock.

Wedding music was provided by pianist Eduardo Alcazaga of Lubbock and vocalist Sandra Farr of Lubbock.

A reception was hosted in Overton Hall following the ceremony. The bride's table featured a three-tier heart shaped Italian cream cake highlighted with burgundy roses and green leaves. A procelain bride and groom adorned the top.

The groom's table featured a double heart chocolate cake accented with chocolate covered strawberries.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Slaton High School. She attended Texas Tech and graduated from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in 1995. She is employed at Methodist Hospital as a Registered Nurse.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Meadow High School. He attended South Plains College and graduated from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in 1995. He is also employed by Methodist Hospital as a Registered Nurse.

Following a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the mother of the groom, was held at the County Line in Lubbock.



Mrs James Ritz

Up and Down Main Street

by Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce

For those of you in business, you already know that your biggest assets are your employees.

Employees can certainly make a difference in any business whether it is retail or service oriented.

Time and again employee surveys have revealed that those who work for us are not necessarily motivated by high pay or major fringe benefits. People typically look for appreciation and recognition for what they do especially if it's out of the ordinary and outside their job description.

Recognition and appreciation can take many forms. Here are some very creative ideas that cost little or nothing but assuredly demonstrate that you, as an employer, do care and are willing to go an extra step to reward people who perform beyond expectations.

A "Certificate to sleep late". You might even want to include a wake-up call from the office and a gift certificate for breakfast.

An IOU for a two-hour lunch break. There are times when an

employee may want to combine a brief shopping excursion with a quick lunch or join a friend for a leisurely midday meal.

A gift certificate to a local restaurant.

Permission to leave early on a Friday.

A "well day" coupon redeemable when an employee feels so good or the weather is so great, that he/she doesn't have to come to work. A few of these each and some employees may opt to never call in sick.

Overnight complimentary lodging to provide an employee with a weekend "get-a-way" vacation.

Special recognition at a staff meeting. This might include donuts for everyone compliments of the employee cited for special thanks.

A beauty salon certificate. Home-baked goodies for a mid-morning coffee break.

Sports or theatre tickets. A single flower wrapped in tissue paper or even include the vase.

A free car wash gift certificate. These are but a few that will work wonders and motivate your employees to achieve new excitement, energy and enthusiasm in your place of business. Remember, it's the little things that really do mean a lot.

Another thing that I think all of us appreciate are those sincere "thank you's" for a job well done.

Don't forget the Rotary Chili Supper Friday night at the High School cafeteria or the Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday at the Post Community Center. Buy your employees a ticket for the banquet and let them know that you appreciate the fact that they.....Take Pride and Take Part in Post!!!!

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Our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Post Volunteer Fire Department, Giles Dalby and his Cross H gang for their quick response and professional action to the fire at Dad's place Sunday afternoon February 18th.

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Garza Healthtalk

by Debbie Jenkins, EMT-P
Have you ever passed by a motor vehicle accident and not stopped because you did not know how to help the victims?

If you arrive on the scene of an accident there are some steps to take to help save the lives of the victims. If you have decided to stop and help, consider your own safety first. Be sure to park well off of the roadway and away from active traffic lanes. Before leaving your vehicle you should: set the brake, turn on emergency flashers and raise the hood.

As you assess the accident scene, gather information that the EMS will need. Be prepared to report: location of the accident, what has happened, number and condition of victims and any safety hazards at the scene. Because of the critical time factor in rural areas, getting help on the way is a high priority. Please do not hang up until the emergency operator terminates the call. Wait for EMS - do not take victims to the hospital yourself. Unless there is a clear threat to safety, it is best NOT to move the victims anymore than necessary. Untrained movement may further injure the neck and spine.

There are three signs that the victim needs life-sustaining care:

1. Unconscious;
 2. Breathing difficulty;
 3. Heavy bleeding.
- If trained in CPR, clean the mouth/throat and begin rescue breathing. Use a mouth shield if available. The victim who is bleeding heavily will need immediate care. The best way to control severe bleeding is direct

pressure (pressure may be needed for 10-30 minutes). If available protective gloves should be worn.

When the victim is conscious, try to obtain information about the cause of the accident. (Should the victim become unconscious, they would not be able to tell EMS of medical conditions possibly causing the accident).

If you are interested in a bystander care training program contact the EMS office at 495-282, 8-5, Monday through Friday. If there is enough interest a one hour course will be organized.

When calling EMS for a medical emergency be prepared to give the exact location of the victim, a return telephone number, the medical problem and condition of the victim, what care has been given prior to the call. The emergency operator may need to ask questions or give further instructions. Do not hang up until the operator terminates the call. When EMS arrives on the scene be prepared to give any important information to the EMS crew. If possible, have any current medications available, past medical history, drug allergies and name of personal physician.

Garza County is very fortunate to have EMS and Garza Memorial Hospital for medical care. Emergency patients can be treated promptly and stabilized for transfer if necessary. Accident victims have a "Golden Hour." If they do not receive treatment within that hour the seriously injured patient could die. Would you want to spend 45 minutes of those minutes driving to Lubbock? Fortunately, we have a choice.

Terry Moore and Thomas Payton announce engagement

Joe and Linda Allard, of Arlington, are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Terry Allard Moore, to Thomas Harlan Payton.

Thomas is the son of J.W. and Breena Payton of Post.

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Martin High School in Arlington. She also graduated from Lubbock Christian University in May of 1990 with a BS in accounting. She is

employed as a comptroller for Great Plains Health Services, Inc in Lubbock.

The groom-to-be is a 1985 graduate of Post High School and a 1989 graduate of Texas Tech University with a BS in computer science. He is currently working on his Masters in History at Texas Tech. He is employed as Director of Computer Operations at CO2 Services, Inc.

The couple plan to marry April 7, 1996.



La Posta owner Ada Lou Bird (left) and consultant Bill Cannon.

Post High School has 13 students place at UIL Monterey Meet

By Becky Warren
Thirteen students from Post High School placed in the UIL meet held at Monterey Saturday, February 10. Those placing were:

- Spelling: Shelley Shifflett, tied for 1st place; Kathy Gerner, 3rd place; Macee Mills, 4th place; Alisha Nelson, 7th place.
Ready Writing: Jill Stelzer, 1st place; Michaela Eagle, 4th place.

- Current Issues & Events: James Cahill, 1st place; Jeremy Josey, 4th place; Cameron Miller, 5th place.
Number Sense: Jayson Fry, 12th grade division, 4th place.

- Calculator: Nikki Pollard, 11th grade division, 6th place; Macee Mills, 10th grade division, 7th place.
Math: Nikki Pollard, 11th grade division, 4th place; Derek Guthrie, 10th grade division, 7th place.
Science: Team, 6th place; Jay Childers, 11th grade division, 5th place; Jayson Fry, 12 grade division, 6th place; Derek Guthrie, 10th grade division, 8th place.
Headline: Brandon McDonald, 4th place.
Editorial: Jayson Fry, 3rd place.

We shape our dwellings, and afterwards our dwellings shape us.
—Winston S. Churchill

Advertising promotion gets results for La Posta

When Ada Lou Bird, owner of La Posta, wanted to maximize her profitability, grow her woman's wear business by adding new customers and enhance her store image, she turned to G.A. Wright Inc. and The Post Dispatch for assistance.

Ada Lou has been working with the retail sales management company the past few weeks, revamping her store toward better service to her customers. Before she could add new merchandise she plans to purchase, she had to move much of the current inventory. To do so, she has been advertising weekly promotions, offering "wall-to-wall" sell-down sale, with every item in the store marked down.

Since the promotion started, Ada Lou has reported traffic in the store has been excellent. "We've been seeing all our loyal customers who have been coming in for years," she commented, "but we've also seen many new faces... that's encouraging. We're very pleased with the response we've had to our advertising."

Ada Lou has used The Post Dispatch on a weekly basis during the promotion, as well as the monthly in The Tradin' Post, published by The Post Dispatch on behalf of Old Mill Trade Days. The Tradin' Post has a monthly distribution of 10,000 copies in Post, at Old Mill Trade Days and in selected area newspapers.

G.A. Wright Inc., which was founded in 1981 in Denver, Colorado, has provided consulting service to more than 4,800 businesses, like Ada Lou's to help owners sell merchandise and get customers through the doors with high impact promotional sales.

Bill Cannon, G.A. Wright management consultant, has been working directly with Ada Lou and La Posta employees during the promotion. Cannon explained that the creation of the action-oriented promotional sales program is designed to obtain immediate results. Among the sales objectives are (1) create a substantial increase in cash flow for a specific period of time, (2) increase customer traffic flow, (3) impact in market areas that would otherwise remain untouched, (4) enhance store image.

"With today's economic situation," Cannon emphasized, "it is extremely difficult for small businesses to continue operating as they historically have done. That's why G.A. Wright recommends a different approach to solving these business needs."

In addition to using The Post Dispatch, the promotion has included aggressive direct mail, "and traffic in the store has been exceptional," Ada Lou reported. "I have the best customers and many of them come in to visit several times during the week."

The promotion also includes a contest for customers to win prizes... including a 26" GE color t.v., a VCR, a Brighton purse and more. Ada Lou purchased many of the prizes from local businesses.

"Yes, you can say I am a happy customer," Ada Lou said about her advertising in The Post Dispatch.

Editor's Note: Any businesses which have similar stories to tell about their success with advertising in The Post Dispatch are encouraged to call the newspaper at 495-2816 to arrange an appointment for a story.

Births

Murray Alan Lockname

Morris and Jerri Lockname of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Murray Alan, born Sunday, February 18 at 12:02 p.m. in Methodist Hospital.

Murray weighed 10 lbs. and was 23 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are A.J. and Norma Baumann of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Eugene and June Lockname of Clovis, N.M.

Jaxon Bramwell Parrott

Josh and Sara Parrott of Midland proudly announce the birth of their son Jaxon Bramwell Parrott. Jaxon was born February 11 at Midland Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Sandra and Jack Alexander.

Paternal grandparents are Dell and Clark Parrott of Seminole.

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1,000,000 PRIZE DOLLARS IF You purchase any 2 sweaters	75,000 PRIZE DOLLARS and our undying admiration IF You can shop with twin children.	EXTRA \$10 off any item IF You purchase it from 75% off rack.	\$15 off Total purchase +500,000 Prize Points IF You bring in a prize from a Cracker Jacks box.	1/2 off +500,000 PRIZE DOLLARS IF You purchase any piece of silver jewelry.
250,000 PRIZE DOLLARS IF You've been married to the same person for 50 years and can prove it. (25 years/100,000,000 pts)	1/2 off any one item IF You get down on one knee and propose to your spouse as you originally did (girl friends can be proposed to also).	EXTRA 10% off total purchase price +750,000 PRIZE DOLLARS IF You bring this newspaper ad into the store.	EXTRA 25% off The sale price of any one item IF You wear your grandmother's wedding dress while you shop.	EXTRA 20% off sale price of any one item +200,000 PRIZE DOLLARS IF You bring in 3 friends to register for the Prize Contest.

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Fire Tuesday morning damages barn

By Becky Warren
A fire at a residence on North Highway 84 early Tuesday morning damaged a barn belonging to Perry Smith. The fire was reported to the sheriff's office at approximately 11 a.m.
Smith stated that he had been welding Monday night and had checked the barn several times during the night. Also he had been in the barn approximately 20 minutes

before the fire was spotted.
Minor damage was reported to the contents due to the quick response by the Post Volunteer Fire Department and DPS trooper Chris Wishkemper.
On February 13 a 28 year old female was arrested for possession of marijuana. She was released after posting a \$1,500 bond.
On February 14 a 28 year old male was arrested for public intoxication. He was released after paying \$130 in

finest and court costs. A 37 year old male was arrested for public intoxication, disorderly conduct and littering. He was released after paying \$435 in fines and court costs. Also a 64 year old male was arrested on a city warrant. He was released after paying \$682 in fines and court costs.
On February 16 a 19 year old male was arrested for no driver's license and theft under \$50. He was released after paying \$260 in fines and court

costs.
On February 17 a 22 year old male was arrested for public intoxication. He was released after paying \$180 in fines and court costs.
On February 19 a 39 year old male was arrested for assault (family violence). He is still being held at press time.
The department received 64 calls during the past week.

Backstage at the Sweetheart Contest

by Cameron Miller
Last Thursday, 14 Post High School girls stood anxiously before the judges and audience in the FHA Sweetheart Contest. I went behind the scenes to find out what was involved and what the contestants learned from the competition.
The contest includes a private interview with the judges, poise on stage, talent, and for the lucky few who make the finals, answering one last question. I asked a few of the girls what they thought was most important to impress the judges. The answers were remarkably similar.

According to Macee Mills, "The interview is as important as the talent." contest Director Karleen McDougal agreed, stating, "No one event holds more weight; that is what makes this a unique contest."
Even though they agreed that both had equal weight, Marci Hill emphasized the importance of talent while Dominica Polanco leaned toward the interview. Last year's winner Nikki Pollard believed that you had to be well rounded in all three categories and to have confidence in them all.

When I asked what they learned from this contest Macee replied, "It helps you learn to talk in front of people." Aleida Marin emphasized that if you try hard, even though you are nervous, you can do well.
I am sure that many of the girls had things they were nervous about doing. That is part of the learning experience. For example, Marci Hill was worried about keeping a smile on stage, but she kept one throughout her performance.
Mistress of ceremonies Nikki Pollard said they will learn to have self confidence and be able to do anything that they want to do.
Karleen McDougal said, "Definitely, they learn poise, to be proud of who they are, and it is a experience they carry with them from now on."
Finally, considering all the time and hard work they put into the contest, when asked, most of them said they would do it again. "Miss Congeniality" Aleida Marin said, "It is a beautiful experience to be with all your friends who are there to support you."
To sum it up, there is more to this contest than meets the eye. Girls are out there on a limb, disappointment or joy, sorrow or victory riding on their balance. I think it takes guts to go out there and do that. Win or lose, they learn a lot about working for something, and the most important thing is they learn something about themselves...

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"Judge, I can't prosecute my ol' buddy for stealin' my cattle — he's givin' me four-bits over market price."

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Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

Do You Have An E.I.N.?

This is the first year that employment taxes due for household employees are to be reported on the employer's income tax return. There's a new Schedule H to accompany the 1995 Form 1040. From now through the 1997 return, employment taxes can be paid in a lump sum with the employer's individual taxes; after that, employment taxes will have to be paid quarterly through estimated tax payments.

What the employer needs for filing is an Employer Identification Number (EIN). File Form SS-4 with the Internal Revenue Service (even if current instructions say that household employers don't have to file). Call 1-800-829-3676 to get an SS-4.

Social Security and Medicare taxes are due on any household help the employer paid \$1,000 or more in 1995. And federal unemployment tax must be paid for domestic employees who were paid \$1,000 or more per quarter in '94 or '95. If the employer also pays Social Security and Medicare taxes or withholds income taxes for the employee, a W-2 must be filed by January 31.

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Letters

To clarify a few things...

First of all I would like to thank the Dispatch for its recognition of this year's C-X debate team. The front page article was greatly appreciated. I would like to clarify a few things. C-X debate is not an individual competition. It is very much a team event. At the beginning of this school year, Jill & I knew that we were going to be partners again. Over the course of the year we have worked diligently toward our common goal - another trip to Austin for finals.

Now that we have attained that goal, let us give credit where it is due. Jill Stelzer and Jeff Redman placed first at the district contest. The team of Arimya Gradine and Cassie Short placed fifth. Thanks to the First United Methodist Church for the use of their facilities.
Jeff Redman

Public Notice

Pursuant to HB 2128, Section 3.455, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to provide interim number portability to holders of certificates of convenience and necessity, certificates of operating authority, and service provider certificates of operating authority. This filing has been assigned Docket No. 14940. Interim number portability is provided to allow customers to retain the use of their telephone number if they change their provider of local telephone service within the same exchange.

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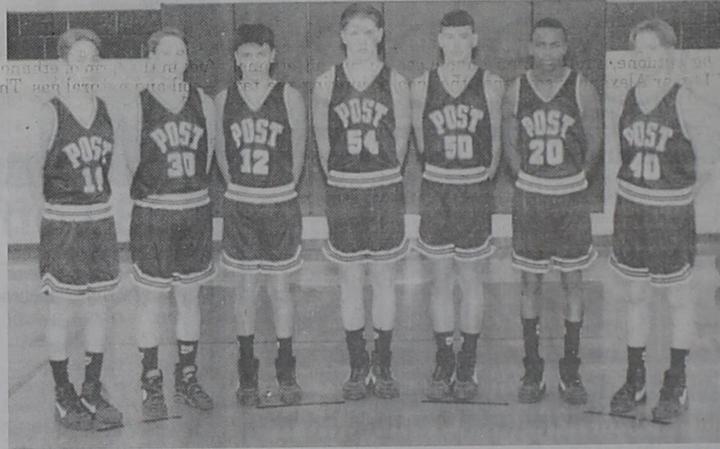
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Congratulations Antelope Freshmen



PHS freshmen boys basketball team members are (left to right) Michael Ulm, Monty Humble, Josh Bustoz, T.J. Gaydos, Joey Ward, Terry Foster and Daniel Fluitt.

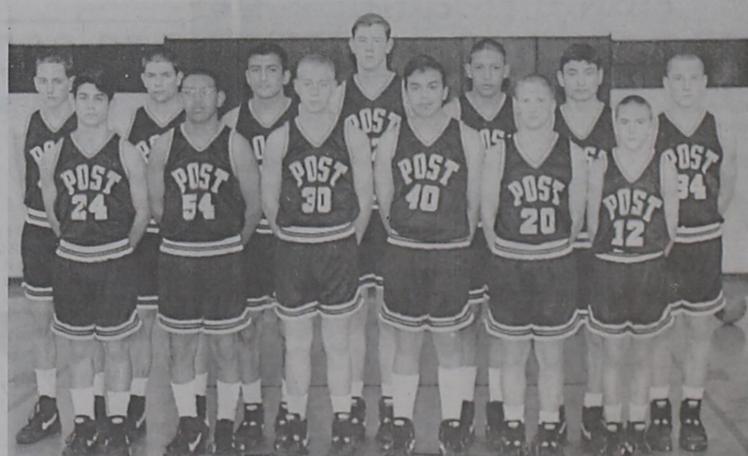


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PHS junior varsity boys team members are (back row, left to right) Tye Haney, Russ Moore, Jamie Hernandez, Kipp Wilks, John Paul Perez, Roy Perez, Sam Woods, (front row) Freddy Peña, Anthony Gomez, Chad McDougle, Noel Saldivar, Jerry Graham and Cameron Miller.

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Republicans take pandering to a new low

by Stephen Chapman

My vote is for sale. I stand ready to cast a ballot for any presidential candidate who will do me one small favor: promise to abolish the ridiculous federal tax breaks for ethanol used in automotive fuel.



In Iowa last week, I looked far and wide but found no takers. We expect pandering in a political campaign, but what the Republican candidates were doing to prostrate themselves on this issue would have embarrassed a medieval Chinese emperor.

Ethanol is made from corn, and Iowa is the largest corn-producing state. Even so, it has all of 72,756 corn growers, which is just 2.5 percent of the state's population. Neither the politicians nor the state's voters have figured out that there are a lot more Iowans who lose from the ethanol subsidy than there are Iowans who gain.

The issue arose because someone noticed that Steve Forbes' magazine had questioned the wisdom of providing special tax treatment for ethanol. The Iowa Corn Growers Association promptly denounced the publisher as "agriculture's worst nightmare," which I suppose means he is worse than tornadoes, drought, insects, foreclosure and the Russian grain embargo all rolled into one.

His rivals rushed to the attack. Bob Dole's aides claimed that ethanol production generates \$1.5 billion in economic activity in Iowa and boasted that "Dole's support for ethanol in Congress has been unmatched."

Not to be outdone, Phil Gramm announced, "I am an ethanol senator." Lamar Alexander said that the idea of junking the tax subsidy is "flat wrong" and that "anyone from the real world ought to know that." Forbes himself was not exactly a profile in courage, arguing only that if ethanol doesn't prove itself in the marketplace within 10 years or so, "we should make certain changes."

This is like saying that if winter arrives in each of the next 10 years, you should consider buying an overcoat. Ethanol has been enjoying the chance to prove itself since 1978, when the first federal tax break was enacted. If it hasn't succeeded yet, it's never going to.

While the price of gasoline has fallen sharply in the past decade and a half, after adjustment for inflation, the price of ethanol has not. It now costs more than twice as much as gasoline to produce.

Getting people to buy an automotive fuel that costs twice as much as gasoline, though it is not any better than gasoline, takes some doing. To encourage its use as a gasoline additive, the federal government grants ethanol a partial exemption from excise taxes, amounting to 54 cents per gallon of ethanol. For every gallon of the stuff burned by cars, the federal highway trust fund — meaning the taxpaying public — loses 54 cents.

What does the public get in return? Not much. Dole claims the subsidy is good for Iowa because it brings in money, but much of the corn grown and ethanol produced merely supplant other economic activity that would have occurred if Washington were not diverting funds into lamebrained schemes. If Iowa is a net gainer from the subsidy, then there must be net losers. Dole has not identified them, but I can: nearly all the other states.

Most of the economic benefit, in any case, goes not to farmers but to ethanol producers — particularly longtime Dole supporter Dwayne Andreas of Archer-Daniels-Midland, which accounts for at least half of U.S. output. ADM, Iowans might note, is based in Illinois.

Ethanol defenders claim it reduces our dependence on foreign oil, but the effect is trivial at best. The Renewable Fuels Association says that ethanol production reduces our oil imports by 43.5 million barrels a year. Assuming the number is accurate, King Fahd isn't losing any sleep over it. That's only about five days' worth of imports.

But the number isn't accurate. To produce a barrel of "renewable" fuel in the form of ethanol, you have to burn a barrel of fossil fuels — oil and natural gas. The whole transaction is a waste of time as well as money.

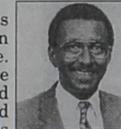
Nor is it true, as Dole and other supporters fantasize, that ethanol improves the health of the planet. When the Environmental Protection Agency mandated more use of ethanol in motor fuel, the Sierra Club said the change would have "no environmental benefits." A federal appeals court struck down the EPA rule, noting the agency's admission that "the use of ethanol might possibly make air quality worse."

But plain facts are not enough to sway presidential candidates, who know the road to the White House runs through the cornfields of Iowa. In fairness, they could really believe all the nonsense they spout about ethanol. Who knows? Maybe they've been drinking it.
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Animal or human compassion, which is better?

by Walter E. Williams

America is a rich nation with seemingly limitless compassion, partially evidenced by our \$5 trillion failed effort to eliminate poverty and dependence. After 30 years of failure, we might start asking some questions about the nature of our compassion toward the poor. The most important questions are: Should we show animal or human compassion toward animals? Includes making sure the creature has adequate food and water, medical attention when needed, suitable shelter and a toy or two for entertainment. In addition, that compassion must be extended to the animal's offspring.



A zookeeper or pet-shop owner could supply us with a list of other necessary provisions. Animal compassion bears none of the hardships and complexities of human compassion. You don't have to instill lessons of independence. In fact, independence is a negative. What zookeeper or pet owner wants his animal getting up one day and saying, "The hell with you and your paternalism — I'm leaving!" With animal compassion, you don't have to worry about teaching the difficult and often heart-wrenching lessons of deferred gratification, planning for the future and bearing the burdens of unwise decisions.

Human compassion goes beyond animal compassion. Provision for physical needs alone is insufficient. Moreover, behavior that's compassionate toward humans may qualify as cruelty to animals. For example, if you were to supply a human with a week's supply of food and he ate it all in a day, letting him do without for the remainder of the week would be a good lesson as well as just desserts for his lack of foresight. Expecting an animal to defer gratification, plan for the future and bear the burden of unwise decisions is cruelty. Animals live day-to-day.

What would we think of a parent who provided incentives for his child to focus his attention on today's gratification to the exclusion of the future and let the child know that if he dropped out of school and couldn't provide for himself, the parent would care for all his needs? Or what if the parent told a daughter who made the mistake of having an illegitimate child: "Here's \$500. Come back next month and there'll be another \$500. And if you have another illegitimate baby, you get \$600." I doubt whether there are many people who would see that parent's behavior as responsible, much less compassionate — but it's precisely what we do to the poor.

Today's welfare debate should focus on our pretense of human compassion. How compassionate is it for us to let people know they can disregard education and be virtually useless to employers and still be fed, housed and clothed? How compassionate is it for us to let young men know they can make a girl pregnant and walk away from their responsibilities? What kind of incentives do we create for illegitimacy when young ladies know they can become pregnant with impunity? When we create these incentives for one generation, what's the message sent to the next?

Human compassion toward the poor cannot be engineered in Washington — it's even doubtful at the state level. The job of helping poor people to become accountable, independent and successful can only happen at the local level through charities, civic organizations, community and families. Also, it will take a willingness for us to see some people in some pain.

After all, forcing people to bear the burdens of unwise decisions is part of the lesson not to make unwise decisions. The most important

component of human compassion is forcing, demanding and helping people to learn they can be better than animals.
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Wisdom

Alexander Hamilton, acting as defense counsel in a seditious libel case, said: "That in criminal cases, nevertheless, the court are the constitutional advisors of the jury in matter of law; who may compromise their conscience by lightly or rashly disregarding that advice, but may still more compromise their consciences by following it, if exercising their judgments with discretion and honesty they have a clear conviction that the charge of the court is wrong."
 7 Hamilton's Works (ed. 1886), 336-373.

Preamble to Amendments

The conventions of a number of the States having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution. (Note: items which are no longer in effect due to amendments are in italics).

ARTICLE I

SECTION 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of the several States, and the electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislature.

No person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the age of twenty-five years, and been seven years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of free persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three-fifths of all other persons. The actual enumeration shall be made within three years after the first meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent term of ten years, in such manner as they shall by law direct. The number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every 30,000, but each State shall have at least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to choose three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.

When vacancies happen in the representation from any State, the executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies.

The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other officers; and shall have the sole power of impeachment.

A Constitution will only serve the people if the people insist on its tenets to be upheld by all.

Why prosecutors should support "Fully Informed Jury" (FIJA) legislation

by Fully Informed Jury Association
 Co-Founder Larry Dodge

Larry Dodge holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Brown University, 1992. His doctoral dissertation was a study of community power. He co-founded "FIJA" in 1989, and has been educating Americans in their rights, powers, and responsibilities as jurors since then.

To date, the only consistently vehement opposition to proposed legislation which would require the court or allow defense counsel to inform trial jurors of their power to judge both law and fact in deciding a verdict has come from prosecutors and their professional associations.

Common themes of their arguments against "Fully Informed Jury Acts", referred to in this paper as "FIJA legislation", have been that: "anarchy" would result if juries were "allowed" to take the law into their own hands; dangerous criminals would "walk" if this information were given to trial juries as a routine matter; passage of such a law would cause an increase in demand for trials by jury, and in the frequency of hung juries, mistrials, and appeals—and therefore in cost to taxpayers.

Inconsistency in verdicts?

Such a law would promote even more "inconsistency" in verdicts from place to place than is now the case; minorities would be treated even worse than they are now if juries were fully informed; jurors might wield their nullification power as a two-edged sword, damaging the defendant's constitutional rights; these days, the laws are so complex that jurors simply don't have enough expertise to judge the law and its application.

Although all of these arguments exude apparent concern for the public good, opposition to "FIJA" legislation has been so peculiar to prosecutors that one must wonder if they are the only people who are capable of discerning what's good for the public, or at least are the only ones who care.

They simply protesteth too much

Otherwise, it might seem that they "protesteth too much", thereby suggesting that unspoken, self-serving motives might underline at least part of their opposition.

Discovery of such motives, if they exist, might begin by taking notice of the fact that most of the objections listed above make it clear that prosecutors tend to believe that jurors are too gullible, stupid, inept, emotional, manipulable or untrustworthy to make good use of their nullification power, and therefore should not be told about it.

Beyond mere elitism and condescension, such a belief indicates rejection of the entire concept of trial by jury, an institution where the whole idea is supposed to be for ordinary citizens, complete with all their foibles, to decide justice for the accused.

Either they believe in jury system or they don't

On the other hand, to object to FIJA legislation on grounds like those listed, then in the same breath claim to be a great believer in and supporter of the institution of trial by jury, indicates either a total lack of understanding of that institution and its role in the judicial process, or utter disingenuousness.

Assuming that most prosecutors understand full well the role and function of the jury, only those who openly criticize and reject it are then exempt from the question, "How can you claim to be an advocate of trial by jury, then argue that jurors cannot be trusted with complete knowledge about their rights, powers, and responsibilities?"

From here, the search for motives which explain prosecutors' opposition to FIJA legislation can follow the same trail which prosecutors are so fond of using to establish the probable motives of accused persons (very often for the benefit of a jury): good old-fashioned self interest.

What is the "real" reason for objections?

Could the "real reason" for their opposition be reluctance to share the power of "prosecutorial discretion" with trial jurors? And if so, might that reluctance reflect apprehension that if juries routinely exercised their power to nullify, it could mar the "win-loss" record of a prosecutor, particularly important if he or she has political ambitions?

If, as is probable, juries would tend to nullify most often in cases involving victimless crimes, upon which many prosecutors rely for building an impressive-looking record (much as many boxers take on a series of inferior opponents, for exactly the same reason) would it not be expectable for prosecutors to protect their bread and butter by opposing FIJA legislation?

Trying to optimize opportunities

It is not the purpose of this paper to discuss whether or under what circumstances it is morally acceptable for a prosecutor to violate the public trust vested in him or her by sacrificing justice for an accused individual upon the altar of personal power or political ambition; indeed, it makes sense to assume that most people try to optimize their opportunities every day in every way, and we should expect no difference from the nation's prosecutors.

The purpose of this paper is to show that all of the objections to FIJA legislation listed at the outset of this discussion are groundless. In fact, they're worse than groundless; when prosecutors make such arguments to legislative committees, they not only impede improvement in the delivery of justice by the justice system, but they actually aggravate whatever worries they may entertain about their careers. Let's have a closer look.

(Continued Next Week)

Hard work, the origin of property

by Frederick Bastiat (1801-1850)

excerpt from "The Law"

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Property and Plunder

Man can live and satisfy his wants only by ceaseless labor; by the ceaseless application of his faculties to natural resources. This process is the origin of property.

But it is also true that a man may live and satisfy his wants by seizing and consuming the products of the labor of others. This process is the origin of plunder.

Now since man is naturally inclined to avoid pain and since labor is pain in itself—it follows that men will resort to plunder whenever plunder is easier than work. History shows this quite clearly. And under these conditions, neither religion nor morality can stop it.

When, then, does plunder stop? It stops when it becomes more painful and more dangerous than labor.

It is evident, then, that the proper purpose of law is to use the power of its collective force to stop this fatal tendency to plunder instead of to work. All the measures of the law should protect property and punish plunder.

But, generally, the law is made by one man or one class of men. And since law cannot operate without the sanction and support of a dominating force, this force must be entrusted to those who make the laws.

This fact, combined with the fatal tendency that exists in the heart of man to satisfy his wants with the least possible effort, explains the almost universal perversion of the law. Thus it is easy to understand how law, instead of checking injustice, becomes the invincible weapon of injustice. It is easy to understand why the law is used by the legislator to destroy in varying degrees among the rest of the people, their personal independence by slavery, their liberty by oppression, and their property by plunder. This is done for the benefit of the person who makes the law, and in proportion to the power that he holds.

Sports

JV Lopes bow to Tahoka 39-41

The Tahoka JV Bulldogs put the bite to the young Lopes on Friday, February 16 with a score of 41-39. Tahoka started out in the lead 11-6 but the Lopes came back in the second and third quarter 14-9 and 13-10. But not to be outdone the Bulldogs pulled off the fourth quarter and the win with a 11-6 score. Lead scorer for the game was Jamie Hernandez with 14 points. He was followed by Sam Woods with 12, Russ Moore with six, Anthony Gomez with four, Jerry Graham with two and Noel Saldivar with one.



Jake Laredo goes for the net during Post Antelope action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Lopes bend to Ralls 52-58

The Post Lopes just couldn't seem to make the bend on Tuesday, February 13, losing to Ralls by a score of 52-58. The score at the end of the first quarter was tied 12-12. Post seemed to have things going their way in the second quarter outscoring Ralls 17-12 but in the third quarter Ralls came back winning 17-6. But not to be undone Post tried to give it one more shot in the fourth quarter with a tie of 17-17 but not with enough to pull off the win. Lead scorer for the game was Travis Hair with 20 points. He was followed by Alvin Reed with 11, Josh Grisham with seven, Jeremy Josey with six, David Perez with five, Jerry Crawford with two and Todd Terry with one.



Todd Terry gets two points for the Antelopes in action last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

JV Lopes win over Ralls 38-23

The Post JV Lopes gave Ralls a run for their money on Tuesday, February 13, by a score of 38-23. The young Lopes lead during all four quarters. The quarter scores were 7-4, 11-8, 6-6 and 14-5. Lead scorer for the game was Jamie Hernandez with 11 points. He was followed by Kipp Wilks with nine, Sam Woods with eight, Russ Moore with five, Freddy Pena with three and Noel Saldivar with two.

Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult.
—Charlotte Whitton

Congratulations J.V. Girls - District Champs!



District Champions - Post High School varsity girls' basketball team members are (back row, left to right) Torrie Foster, Pam Chapman, Tammy Matthies, Shelley Shifflett, Rachel Reiter, Angel Mullins, Kasey Hardin, (front row) Jodi Gregory, Kendly Jefferson, Shanna Pennell, Becca Stelzer and Jennifer Strawn.

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Congratulations PHS Lady Lopes



Post High School Lady Lope varsity team members are (back row, left to right) Rachelle Jones, Kristen Webb, (middle row) Macee Mills, Natalie Pollard, Army Gradine, Erica Gomez, Cassie Short, (front row) DeeJé Estep, Nikki Pollard and Jody Hawkins.

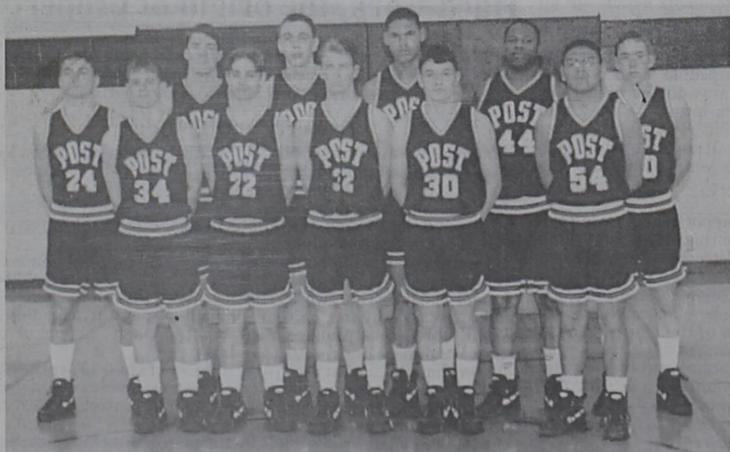
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Congratulations Varsity Antelopes



Post Antelope varsity team members are (back row, left to right) Josh Grisham, Jay Childers, Jeremy Josey, Jerry Crawford, Alvin Reed, Seth Pennell, (front row) B.J. Hart, Todd Terry, Travis Hair, David Perez and Jake Laredo.

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Bulldogs over Lopes 67-52

The Tahoka Bulldogs decided to give the Post Lopes a run for their money on Friday, February 16. They outscored Post 67-52 in the final game of the season. In the first quarter the Lopes ended only five points behind Tahoka 16-21. But in the second quarter the Lopes tried their famous comeback outscoring Tahoka 15-14. But that was all the Lopes could do. They were behind in the third quarter 8-11 and also in the fourth quarter 13-21. Lead scorer for the game was Alvin Reed with 13 points. He was followed by Josh Grisham with 11, Travis Hair with 10, Jeremy Josey with eight, Jake Laredo with four, David Perez and Kipp Wilks with two each and B.J. Hart and Jerry Crawford with one each.

No man can think clearly when his fists are clenched.
—George Jean Nathan

PHS Cross X Debate team places first in district meet

Post High School has qualified two students for the 1996 University Interscholastic League State Cross-Examination Meet to be held March 11-16 at The University of Texas at Austin. Qualifiers include the team of Jeff Redman and Jill Stelzer. The students qualified for the state meet by placing first at the UIL Cross-Examination District meet held at Post High School.

Other students from Post that placed were Cassie Short and Army Gradine placing fifth, Nikki Pollard and Jeremy Josey placing seventh and Shelley Shifflett and Derrek Crowley placing eighth.

"Many years ago, my debate partner and I won the State University Interscholastic League championship," said Ann Richards, former governor of the state of Texas. "It was the highlight of my high school years, and the culmination of our hard work in debate competition. The opportunity to compete in the UIL provided the best possible

training for public speaking, thinking on my feet and research preparation on topics of importance."

UIL academic contests range from feature writing to accounting, and from computer science to poetry interpretation.

Of the 2.2 million students who participated in UIL activities last year, 658,000 competed in one or more of the 22 general academic contests.

Through participation at the State Meet, students qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships.

Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided over \$10 million to approximately 9,000 students. This year, the TILF expects to award an estimated 500 new and renewed grants, valued at more than \$700,000.

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State Rep. David Counts speaks to PHS seniors

by Jill Stelzer
The Post High School seniors had the privilege to hear David Counts, our District's Represent-

tative to the State of Texas Congress, speak last Wednesday. Mr. Counts spoke to the seniors about the intricate workings of the state

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by John Senter, CEA-AG

Stelzer shines, lamb shows, pruning time

It's not often see the two above titles in the same phrase and to set the record straight, I realize that these two subjects are about as far apart as Post and China. However, both of these titles are very important and it seems the best way to address them is through this column—one at a time. County 4-H'er J.C. Stelzer has had quite a spring in the sheep barn since the first of the year. His first outing came in Odessa, shortly after the black-eyed peas had been eaten by most bowl game enthusiasts, this young man was exhibiting his lambs at the Sand Hills Hereford and Finewool show. To make a long story short, J.C. captured the Grand Champion Lamb of the show honors for his efforts.



Next on his list was the San Antonio Stock Show where he placed one lamb in fifth place out of 200-plus lambs. He also hung another blue ribbon on his mantle when his heavy-lightweight lamb placed first in his class out of approximately 250 head! This 4-H'er has had quite a spring and still has entries in Houston and San Angelo shows. J.C. deserves a big round of applause for his hard work and excellent representation of Garza County.

While on the subject of representation, the following members also deserve a big round of applause for their dedication to state wide recognition of our 4-H program at Ft. Worth and San Antonio shows: Brody, Braden and Brooks Conner; Paige Lott, Chase Miller, Callie Smith, Traven Smith, Colt Vernon, Casey and Laci Williams; Jeremy and Jarrett Bland; Emily Smith, Christy Reiter, Donae Dalby, Kevin and Kelci Hart; Keatha and Heather

Palmer and Aaron Cooper. These kids all did a super job of representing not only our county 4-H program but Garza County as well — tell them thanks for their efforts!

Now, on to the second topic of concern — pruning. If you are a rose or fruit tree enthusiast, now is the time to prune your favorite trees and bushes. Late February, or just prior to bud break and blossoms is the ideal time to prune your favorite stone fruit trees such as peaches and plums.

For starters, shape your tree so that it is open in the center to allow air circulation later in the summer. Cutting your tree back about 40% stimulates new growth and can also lower the fruiting zone to make harvest easier.

In most cases, a spring time dormant oil spray can be beneficial, however, use caution to make certain not to damage your trees by improper timing or usage of this product. If you had weak limbs last summer or broken limbs during the icy spell, this might be an ideal time to prune these out of your yard.

Rose enthusiasts will also want to use this time of year to make sure that this spring is successful in your rose garden. As a general rule, antique roses do not require as much pruning as hybrid roses. Hybrid roses need to be heavily pruned to stimulate the plant and increase flower production. To accomplish this, cut them back by one-third to one-half. The exception to this is climbing roses. Wait to prune climbing roses until after they have bloomed in the spring. Roses will generally need a second pruning in mid-August to prepare them for the fall blooming.

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.

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Cold, then warm... weather is just 'unpredictable'...

Most of the country has been experiencing some unusual weather, and Post is no exception! After the cold spell we had a short time ago, many of us were beginning



to think that the cold weather would never leave. I've already begun to see the Spring efforts of Garza County residents. I guess the sunshine and breezy days have something to do with flower pots, vegetable gardens and short sleeve shirts. But don't let this exceptionally warm February temperatures fool you. I think most of us would agree that we are not out of the clear just yet. I bet before its all said and done, we have a few more chilly days and nights.

Even if our "Spring Season" has not officially begun, those of you that have plans for a spring garden can commence to preparing for the months ahead. In a few months, tomatoes will be ripe, beans will be ready for picking and onions will be ready to be dug up. If the idea of fresh vegetables appeals to you, it's time to start work on a spring garden.

Start indoors first by planning where and what you are to plant. By calling the nurseries, you'll stand a better chance of getting what you want later since they'll know the demand is out there.

Once your planning is done, it's time to get your hands dirty. Irrigate well and as soon as the soil dries out,

turn the soil. Loosen it and add organic matter if you didn't do that last fall. It's too early to plant many vegetables.

You will need to let the weather heat up a bit, but you can start some plants indoors. A tip for gardeners: use compressed peat pellets or buy peat pots, or you can mix your own with a third sand, soil and peat. Plant the seeds about one inch deep. Put the pots in the sunlight where they'll stay warm. Keep them moist but not too wet, and in six to eight weeks the plants should be ready to move outside.

For those of you not interested in gardening or planting flowers, another pre-spring effort might include "Spring Cleaning". A good place to start is always the kitchen, since this is the part of the house that is most inhibited. Clean refrigerators help prevent the spread of bacteria to other foods.

The use of a disinfecting solution will kill germs, eliminate odors, and leave refrigerators smelling fresh. Kitchen utensils, cutting boards and other surfaces can transfer bacteria through cross-contamination. Garbage cans are no exception here. They need to be properly disinfected as well.

Floors are sometimes overlooked too. Wash with hot sudsy water, rinse, use sanitizing solution for hard surfaces and let air dry. If you begin now, by the time spring does roll around, you'll already be ahead of the game!!!!!!

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government. Mr. Counts' speech focused on the recent session of the Texas Legislature.

"The Texas Legislature's recent session was a great success," Counts said, "The Democratic government worked well with a new Republican governor."

The session covered a lot of ground, ranging from the adopting of a two-year \$79.8 billion state budget with no new taxes to writing new public education laws to give the people more local control of the schools.

"The state shortened the wait before execution of Death Row inmates with the passing of Senate Bill 440," Counts said.

The legislature also wrote a new Juvenile Justice Code that contained many get-tough provisions. This included reducing the age at which a youth can be tried as an adult from age 15 to 14 for capital and first-degree felonies.

"The recent session also produced measures that reformed the state's civil justice laws to protect against lawsuit abuse, mandated an insurance roll back for business and consumers based on the expected success of the civil justice reforms," Counts said.

The legislature overhauled the state's welfare laws and authorized the carrying of concealed weapons.

David Counts gave an informative speech that educated the seniors in the actions of the state government.

Lee Norman announces candidacy

Garza County commissioner Lee Norman has announced his candidacy for re-election to Precinct 1, filing in the March 12 Democratic Party primary. He is unopposed in the election.

Norman was first elected to the position in 1992 and began serving January 1, 1993.

He cites his work on balancing county needs with conservative tax limitations as a highlight of his service. "We have a lot of difficult decisions, and I am pleased to be able to represent the people in holding down our expenses," Norman says.

He also cites his work with other county commissioners and City of Post officials in making improvements at the park, the landfill and county roads.

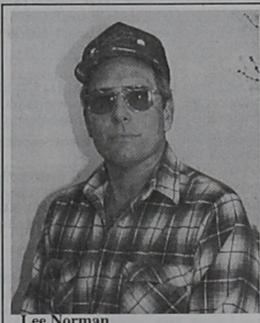
Norman was instrumental in the efforts to attract Plains Co-Op Cottonseed Mill in its bid for expanding its Lubbock plant. "Although we didn't get this one," Norman adds, "the experience taught us really valuable lessons on how to respond when an industry shows interest in us."

The challenge of the future, Norman says, is the declining tax evaluation, matching the needs of the county with available revenues.

Norman also expresses hope for the future with the development of the proposed juvenile detention center to be built in Post.

Norman was born and raised in Garza County, graduated from Post High School in 1968 and earned a degree in finance at Baylor University in 1973. He is married to the former Marsha Tipton, also of Garza County. They have three children: Laura, a senior at Baylor; Janie, a Baylor sophomore; David, a PHS senior and Steve, a Post Middle School seventh grade student.

The family is involved in farming and ranching.



Lee Norman

Centralized, socialized and controlled are continuous themes from legislators

by Wesley W. Burnett

When State Representative David Counts spoke to PHS seniors, he sang a song he has been singing so long that he apparently actually believes what he says...that the state has finally seen the light and cast away its ideas of controlling education.

Mr. Counts has gone unchallenged on this tune too long, for the sad but true story is that there is no freedom in our government controlled schools. If Mr. Counts would take the time to attend school board meetings, he would discover the naked truth...that there is very little local control.

If Mr. Counts will subject himself to spending one week in the back of a classroom in any school in his district, he will discover the stark reality of what his legislative acts have done and continue to do to our children and their beleaguered teachers.

He would surely see with his own eyes the agony of devoted teachers struggling to teach and inspire barely interested young people on how to master that standardized test of all tests...TAAS.

This, and all the other mandates from Austin, for which Mr. Counts can take credit, are prime examples of the "freedom" he and his socialist cronies have crammed down the throats of our teachers, our children and their parents.

If Mr. Counts is really proud of his accomplishments in Austin, then something is desperately wrong with our lines of communication. Not only has the state legislature made matters worse, those responsible for the continued stream of centralized control actually believe they are making progress. Those who foster these elitist ideas on the suffering children should themselves be subjected to the daily rigors involved in trying to implement these socialist schemes.

The only good news that we can report to Mr. Counts about the stifling and suffocating mandates from "on-high" is that more and more parents are coming to realize that they must be responsible for their children's education.

And that realization, the truth that

government controlled schools are incapable of providing individual educational choice, is creating a nation-wide exodus from the prison-mentality of government schools.

It is only a matter of time. And when Mr. Counts wakes up from his dreams of socialistic utopia, he and other central communist planners, who trek off to Austin every two years to whip out another instant state-solution, will discover that the best have vacated the building, only those who are willing to subject themselves and their children to continued government control, will be left.

The days are numbered for centralized control...Mr. Counts just hasn't figured that out yet.

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All 4-H'ers who plan to exhibit animals at the upcoming Houston Stockshow, must come by the Extension Office prior to 5 p.m. Friday, February 23 and pick up your family packets. Each packet contains all parking and exhibitor passes purchased in November as well as papers which must be presented at official weigh in during the show.

Coyote Control BY M-44

The Crosby County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor a three hour certification training on handling of M-44 ejector devices for control of coyotes. The tentative date for the training is March 5th. There is no test or fee for the course. Producers attending must have a T.D.A. Applicator License or, must acquire a license within 12 months of the training, in order to purchase or use any M-44 device. Interested persons should contact Ron Graves in Crosby County at (806) 675-2426.

Cooking with less effort

On Thursday February 29, County Extension Agent, Kelly Ahrens will be conducting a program on "Cooking with Less Effort" at the Trailblazers Center at 11 am. The public is invited to attend the program.

Major show steer tags

4-H'ers planning to show a steer at any major show in the fall of 1996 or winter of 1997, will need to call the Extension office at 495-4400 with the number of ear tags you need to order. Deadline is Friday, February 23 at 5 p.m.

4-H stock show checks

4-H'ers may pick up their Garza County stock show checks at the Extension office during regular business hours.

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Personals

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday of the month, which is an open meeting. We have supper at 7 p.m. and the speaking starts at 8 p.m. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-4152, 495-4185 or 629-4393.

Post Independent School District invites the Senior Citizens of the district to come by the Superintendent's office and receive a gift of a complimentary general admissions pass that will admit you to all school functions. (You will be asked to present identification so that a pass can be issued in your name).

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The City of Lubbock is soliciting bids for the following projects:
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Bids will be received in the Office of Purchasing Manager, Municipal Building, 1625 13th Street, Room L-04, Lubbock, Texas 79401, no later than the closing date and time noted above.

Bid documents may be obtained upon request from the Purchasing Department at 1625 13th Street, Room L-04, Lubbock, Texas 79401, (806) 767-2167/Fax (806) 767-2164.

City of Lubbock,
Victor Kilman, Purchasing Manager

Invitation to Bid

Sealed proposals, addressed to Dr. Bobby Bain, Superintendent, Post Independent School District, P.O. Box 70, Post, Texas 79356 are being received for a new Science Building and Additions to the Post High School. Bids will be received in the office of the Construction Manager until 5 p.m., March 5, 1996. Bids will be received until 1 p.m. on March 6, 1996 at the Office of Post I.S.D. Superintendent at which time the bids will be opened and read publicly in the Post I.S.D. Board Room at Post, Texas. All bids mailed prior to this date and all inquiries should be to the Construction Manager.

D.S.A., Inc.
P.O. Box 698
Cleburne, Texas 76033
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For a contract price of \$25,000 or more, the Contractor will furnish a Payment Bond and a Performance Bond of not less than one hundred (100) percent of the contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract and upon payment of all persons supplying the labor or furnishing the materials used on this project. Costs of the bonds shall be paid by the Contractor.

Plans and specifications may be secured from D.S.A., Inc., P.O. Box 702, Cleburne, Texas 76033, 817/645-8864 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday of each week beginning February 5, 1996.

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Local and area businesses are invited to a meeting on Monday, March 4, 1996 at 7 p.m. at the Service building on the Snyder Highway in Post, Texas.

It is the policy of South Plains Community Action dba SPARTAN Transit System to involve minority businesses, specifically Small and Disadvantaged Businesses (DBE's) and Women Owned Businesses (WBE's) to the fullest extent feasible in all phases of its procurement practices. SPARTAN wants to provide small and disadvantaged businesses equal opportunities to compete for contracts for: construction, provision of professional services, purchase of equipment and supplies, and any member of other services required by SPARTAN as a community service, transportation provider.

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SPARTAN will encourage joint ventures among DBE's and WBE's and between majority and minority firms.

SPARTAN will seek and will use its best efforts to insure that DBE's and WBE's are informed of current and future procurement activities through newsletters, including minority newspapers, local minority chambers of commerce, and other minority entrepreneurs.

This meeting will be helpful to small business owners who wish to do business with South Plains Community Action Agency as a vendor. For further information contact Billie Williams at 459-2329 or Luis Perez, SPCA/SPARTAN Program Director at 1-800-462-8747.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

State of Texas

To RAFAEL NIETO and to all whom it may concern, Respondent:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10 a.m. on the

Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you. The petition of ANELMO BRIONES SAUCEDO and CAROLINE B. SAUCEDO, Petitioners, was filed in the Court of Garza County, Texas, on February 15, 1996, against RAFAEL NIETO, Respondent, numbered 96-02-05192-CV and entitled "In the Interest of DOMINIC ANTONIO BASQUEZ, A CHILD." The suit requests to terminate the parent-child relationship. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit:

BIRTHPLACE: Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas

BIRTH DATE: June 18, 1982

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Post, Texas, this 20th day of February, 1996.

Sonny Gossett, Clerk of the District Court of Garza County, Texas

By: Lina Duran, Deputy

Post summer baseball program gears up for this year

The Post Summer Baseball program will have registration March 4 and 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Norwest Bank room. Registration fee is \$10 per player for girls ages 5-12 and boys ages 5-15.

Players must present their birth certificate at the time of registration.

The program offers boys and girls T-Ball (ages 5 and 6), girls coach pitch (ages 7-12), boys minor league (ages 7-12), girls softball (ages 9-12), boys little league (ages 9-12) and boys senior league (ages 13-15).

The age of the child is determined as of their age on July 31, 1996.

A big league team for boys ages 16-18 will be started this year. Registration fee for this league is \$75 per player with a minimum of 12 players and a maximum of 15 players.

A coach and managers meeting will be held March 7 at 7 p.m. at the Norwest Bank room for anyone interested in helping with the teams at any age level.

Community Calendar

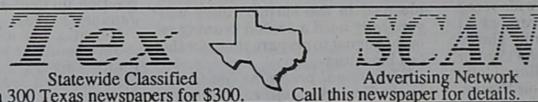
Friday, February 23, 1996
5-7 p.m. - Rotary Chili Supper, School cafeteria.

Saturday, February 24, 1996
7 p.m. - Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Community Center.

Monday, February 26, 1996
9 a.m. - Commissioners Court, 3rd floor Courthouse.

Tuesday, February 27, 1996
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Thursday, February 29, 1996
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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

10 Years Ago February 19, 1986

"Save the Garza Building" is the theme of the Caprock Community Theatre group's effort to restore the old Garza theatre for stage productions. Work on the building will begin this week by local theatre enthusiasts.

Lynette Warren presented a program on drug and alcohol awareness to the Post Cub Scout Pack 314 last Saturday.

Post High School senior Tim Tanner signed a letter of commitment to Eastern New Mexico University for a full football scholarship.

Heidi Ehret was named FHA Sweetheart.

20 Years Ago February 19, 1976

Jan Hall is the only sophomore on the Texanette basketball team at South Plains College.

Happy Birthday today goes to Kim McClellan, Mrs. W.A. Oden, Harold Voss, Garland Davies, Robert Dale Pierce, Lesa Haley, Mrs. Bailey Matisler and David Pierce.

Mr and Mrs John Tom Bilberry of Clovis, NM, were in Post last week to visit his parents, Mr and Mrs Luther Bilberry and to attend the funeral of Pete Dodson.

George W. Miller named Soil Conservation Farmer of the year at the SCS annual awards banquet.

30 Years Ago February 24, 1966

Roy Dean Belk, son of the Elmer Belks, got hit with a baseball bat at school last Friday. After a light concussion, blood clot and a viral infection he is recovering very well.

Mrs Howard Brown and Donna and Bobby, and J.W. King, all of Dallas, visited their mother Mrs Lucy King and grandmother, Mrs Susie Brown, over the weekend.

Mrs Ronnie Morris entertained her husband with a surprise birthday party Wednesday night.

Ronnie Pierce, the Post antelope's candidate for all state honors scored 727 points in his team's 24 regular season games for a game average of 30.3 points.

**40 Years Ago
February 23, 1956**

Committeemen representing Post, Spur and Crosbyton organized the White River Municipal Authority at a meeting here Saturday morning.

Miss Loveta Perrin became the bride of Roy Josey Friday evening.

Mrs O.E. Montgomery and children spent Saturday night in Andrews with O.E. Montgomery and the S.R. Pharris family.

James Minor was in the VA Hospital in Dallas for the removal of some shrapnel which he received when he was wounded during World War II.

**50 Years Ago
February 21, 1946**

W.C. Quisenberry, a long time resident of Post has announced his candidacy for County Commissioner of Precinct 3.

The Dispatch Publishing Company is the first Post business firm to be approved for on-the-job training for WWII veterans, and has employed Delmo Gossett, a recently discharged serviceman.

Winifred Hallman is another Southland boy now at home with a discharge from the service.

The Valentine party for Mrs Vardaman's class was enjoyed by a large crowd at the high school auditorium.

Post Lions Club basketball team beat the Tahoka team 22-19. The local team includes Punk Peel, Darwood Billings, Paul Davis, Clovis Tucker, L.J. Richardson, Jr, Gene Hays, Delmo Gossett, Bake Robinson, Jr. and Burnon Haws, all of whom are returned veterans.

Amity Study Club

The Amity Study Club met on February 13th at the home of Carolyn Sawyers. Sue Shyles served as co-hostess.

After the business meeting, guests enjoyed games of Bingo. Edna Owens won the most games.

Refreshments of cake, fruit, creme and coffee were served.

The following members were present: Margaret Bull, Edna Owens, Louella Bilberry, Kathy Rankin, Ruth Ann Young, Joy Pool, Joy Dickson, Jane Davis, Boo Olson, Ida Mae Wilks, Joyce Strubhart and Iva Hudman.

Members will be notified when and where the next meeting will be.

Garza County History

Courtesy of the Garza County Historical Museum



In our continuing series of photos donated to the Garza County Historic Museum by Mrs Lucille Stevens, this photo was marked by indicating "my room Lucille," "Post Bed Room," and "Living Room. At top was notation, "1st house built in Post... my 1st visit with the Posts." Apparently Mr and Mrs C.W. Post stayed at this house during an early visit to the new city. It is believed this is the home currently owned by Martin Garza on N. Ave I. Anyone with additional information, please contact Linda Puckett at the museum.

The Garza County Historical Museum
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Visit the new gift shop at the museum... rare collectibles on sale now!

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—Josh Billings

Algerita Open House gets local support

by Jenifer Fumagalli

Open house at the Algerita Art Center was a pleasant success. The support of the community, businesses and artists was welcomed and appreciated. Everyone enjoyed the evenings entertainment and refreshments.

The Art Center was decorated in a Valentine theme. Valentines and business cards of local merchants were displayed in the windows and throughout the gallery.

Bows, balloons and red netting were draped up the stairs and across

the banister creating a festive atmosphere.

Jack Alexander, Chairman of the C.C.A gave a presentation welcoming those in attendance and explained the function of the Caprock Cultural Association. Joann Mock, director of the C.C.A was awarded three crystal engraved plates depicting the three local historical building renovations of the past years.

Presenting the awards were Linda Puckett, for the Garza County Historical Museum; Jean Davenport for the Algerita Art Center; and Jack Alexander for the C.C.A Building.

Entertainment was provided by Metta Tyler, Jerica Tyler and Lilly Hart, each giving a crowd pleasing performance.

Congratulations to the door prize winners: Dorace Wilson, Quinnie Cook and Maleezy Johnson.

The CCA was recognizing the "New" people, places and things in Post.

We appreciate the appearance of the Garza Theater's "New" crew: Christy Morris, General Manager; and Naomi Matisler, office manager were acknowledged for their hard work and dedication.

Jenifer Fumagalli "New" Visual Arts Director for the Algerita Art Center and Linda Puckett as the "Sorta New" Historic Museum Director were also introduced.

New businesses or jobs in Post were Linda Hampton and Dee Pantoja from Dollar General; Billye Hackney from The Frame Shop, Leslie Acker, new lawyer and County Attorney; Kelly Ahrens of the Garza County TAEX; Bertha Iles from CCA Green Thumb; Raymond Silva, a PHS student; Joleen Cahill, new resident; and Kerry Cahill, new student.

Our appreciation to the oldtimers of Post that came to make the evening a success.

The Woman's Culture Club

by Katharine Trammell

The Woman's Culture Club met Wednesday, February 14, at 2 p.m. in the Women's Clubhouse. Hostesses were Donna Craig and Peggy Smith. Mary Neff, president, presided over the business meeting.

Barbara Hardin, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following as officers for the 1996-97 and 1997-98 club years. President, Peggy Smith; first vice-president, Barbara Hardin; second vice-president, Lois Cook; recording secretary, Joyce Strubhart; treasurer and corresponding secretary, Dorace Wilson. All were elected by acclamation.

Bebe Boren introduced Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS, who gave us an interesting program on Family Consumer Services.

Hostesses served delicious refreshments from tables beautifully decorated in the Valentine motif.

Those present were: guest, Kelly Ahrens, and members: Lois Cook, Joyce Strubhart; Bebe Boren, Ruby Kirkpatrick, Dorace Wilson, Barbara Hardin, Maxine Earl, Mary Neff, Nona Lusk, Peggy Smith, Donna Craig and Katharine Trammell

Grandparents' Corner



Mary and Pat Martin of Post are joined by their grandchildren (front, left to right) Doug Martin of Fort Worth, Michelle May of Austin and Mike Martin of Lubbock. Doug and Mike are the sons of the late Kenneth Martin, formerly of Post. Michelle is the daughter of Patricia Rountree of Austin.

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

Letters

Thanks to Conoco for fire safety program...

On February 13-14 we had a fire safety program for all Post Elementary Students. Conoco Oil Company brought their Fire Safe House and with the help of the Post Volunteer Fire Department presented an excellent program.

The staff of Post Elementary School would like to thank all of the employees of Conoco and particularly Dennis Mason, Daniel Yarbro, Mark Short and Casey Zachary of the Post Volunteer Fire Department.

Dan Rankin

Menus

Trail Blazer

Friday, February 23
Sloppy Joe on a bun, tater tots, carrots, pineapple gelatin, pickles, gingerbread, choice of beverage.

Monday, February 26
Beef tacos, pinto beans, stewed tomatoes, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cheese, picante sauce, apricots, choice of beverage.

Tuesday, February 27
Roast beef, brown gravy, potatoes, zucchini, tossed salad w/French dressing, wheat roll, frosted cake, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, February 28
Salmon patty, blackeye peas, spinach, golden congealed salad, cornbread, sugar cookie, choice of beverage.

Thursday, February 29
BBQ sausage, baked potato, broccoli with cheese, wheat roll, peaches, choice of beverage.

Post ISD

Friday, February 23
Breakfast: Cereal, toast and honey, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Corn dogs, french fries, spinach, cobbler, milk.

Monday, February 26
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Bar-b-que on bun, pinto beans, slaw, cake, milk.

Tuesday, February 27
Breakfast: Muffins, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Chili dogs, french fries, black-eyed peas, sliced apples, milk.

Wednesday, February 28
Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast 'n Jelly, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, hamburger salad, potato wedges, ice cream, milk.

Thursday, February 29
Breakfast: Cowboy bread, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Tacos, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, cookies, milk.



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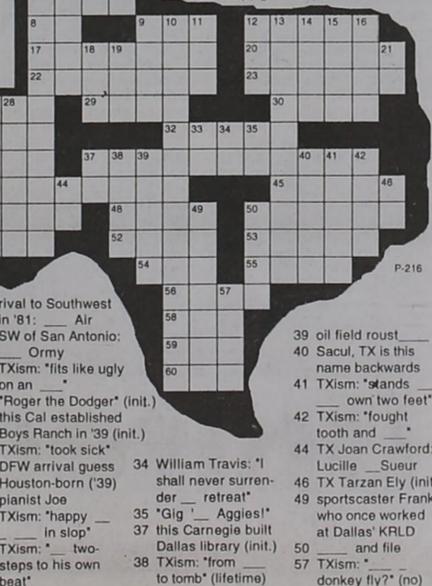
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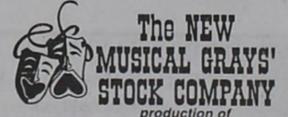


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Obituaries

Lois Morris

Graveside services for Lois Morris, 43, were held Friday, February 16, 1996 at 2 p.m. in the Resthaven Cemetery in Southland. Billie S. Smith, Baptist minister from Lubbock, officiated.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Morris died Wednesday, February 14, 1996 in St Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born August 31, 1952 in Slaton to Homer Dee and Sybil (Stephens) Patterson. She attended school in Slaton. She married Wesley Morris October 24, 1992 in Lamesa. She was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Slaton. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Wesley Morris of Post; her mother, Sybil Patterson of Woodrow; a son, Randy Bishop of Slaton; a daughter, Misty Bishop of Slaton; three step-sons, Rodney Tidwell of Post, Steven Tidwell of Maljamar, California and Kevin Morris of Gatesville; a brother, Kenneth Patterson of Levelland; three sisters, Patsy Carlton and Sandra Morris, both of Slaton, and Carla Biggs of Woodrow and two grandchildren.

Ted L. Aten

Funeral services were held Friday, February 16, 1996 at 10 a.m. in the Graham Chapel Methodist Church for Ted L. Aten. Joel Arnwine, minister, officiated with Paul D. Jones assisting.

Burial was held at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mr. Aten died Wednesday, February 14, 1996 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Ted Aten was born to Henry and Era Aten on April 15, 1926, near the community of Grassland. He attended school at Graham Chapel and later at Post, where he graduated in 1943. He was drafted into the Army and served in the Pacific Theatre with the 82nd Infantry and later with the 11th Airborne.

He married Eddie Cummings on June 7, 1947. They made their home at Grassland before moving west of Post in 1959. He continued to farm and ranch in Garza, Lynn, and San Saba Counties until his death. He was a member of the Graham Chapel Methodist Church.

Ted served on the Post and Grassland school boards, the Grassland and Graham Co-op Gin boards, and managed the Graham Co-op Gin for ten years. He also served on the board of directors of the Plains Co-op Oil Mill, Farmer's Co-op Compress and Plains Cotton Co-op for a number of years. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and a member of the American Legion. He was a Commissioner of Garza County Precinct 2 for 24 years.

Ted is survived by his wife, Eddie; daughter Ann Stelzer of Lubbock; son Bill and daughter-in-law Donna Aten of Post and three grandchildren, Michael and Kimberly Stelzer and Ross Aten. He is also survived by one brother and sister-in-law, James and LaVerne Aten, a niece Terry Williams, a nephew Mike Aten, and a grandnephew Larry Don Lee.

Becky Gill

Funeral services for Becky Gill, 85, was held Saturday, February 17, 1996 at 11 a.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church with Rev David Graves, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gill died Wednesday, February 14, 1996 at Willis Convalescent Home. She was born February 21, 1910 in Athens and was the daughter of Albert E. Wooden and Lula Louise Hocutt. She married J.C. Gill in Hillsboro on November 6, 1931. He preceded her in death on December 11, 1988. She was a housewife and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Allie Britt of Waco and Doris Boling of Willis; two sons, Frank Gill of Mt Pleasant and Elwin Gill of Willis; a sister, Allene Gill of Post; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Jesse Morris, Danny Morris, Todd Cherry, Danny Trout, Mark Porter and Lance Gill.

W. S. "Billy" Johnson

Funeral services for W.S. "Billy" Johnson, 76, were held Monday, February 19, 1996 at 2:30 p.m. in the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church with Rev Kenneth Winchester officiating.

Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Johnson died Friday, February 16, 1996 at his residence.

He was born February 8, 1920 in Garza County to W.S. and Lydia Belle (Braddock) Johnson, Sr and attended school in Pleasant Valley and Southland. He married Bonnie B Oden on September 9, 1940 in Lubbock. She preceded him in death on August 15, 1993. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1945 until the end of World War II. He was a longtime Garza County farmer. He was a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge having been past Master of the Post Lodge. He was a member of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Allen Johnson of Lubbock and Robert Johnson of La Porte; one sister, Ruth Fraley of Rialto, California; four grandchildren, Allen Shane Johnson, Misty M. Johnson, Robert Christopher Johnson and Dona D Johnson and five great-grandchildren, Monique, Kodie, Miranda, Allen Steven and Dillon.

Pallbearers were Steve Babb, Johnny Cazares, Jack Burkett, Jr., Todd Taylor, Tommy Jack Taylor, Jimmy Redman and Walton McQueen.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to Girlstown.

Martin Duran

Services for Martin Duran, 68, of Plains were held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 17, 1996 at the Templo Bautista Nueva Vision Church of Plains with the Rev Jose M. Rodriguez officiating.

Burial was in the Plains Cemetery under direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

Duran died February 16, 1996 at his residence.

He was born November 11, 1927, in Mexico. He moved to Plains from Fort Stockton in 1976.

He was a former minister, and he had owned a construction company.

Survivors include his wife, Gualupe Duran of Plains; six sons, Joe and Armando, both of Post, Carlos Jr of Clayton, N.M., Ruben of Plains, Angel of Chisao, N.M., and Luis F. of Bryan; four daughters, Anna Gonzales, Victoria Delgado and Mary Ellen Rodriguez, all of Plains, and Mary Lou Ward of Post; two stepchildren, Victor Ramos of Bryan and Lupita Brown of Lovington; two brothers, Celso and Manuel, both of Brownfield; a sister, Ofelia Duran of Mexico City; 24 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ricky Gonzales, Jesus Gonzales Jr., Jesus Gonzales, Sr., Baldamar Gonzales, Luis Duran and Ruben Duran.

Hunner J. Yzaguirre

Hunner Jake Yzaguirre, 10-month-old son of Chavel and Teresa Sparlin Yzaguirre of Denton, died Saturday, February 10, 1996, at Dallas Children's Medical Center.

He was born April 3, 1995 in Denton.

Survivors include his parents; grandparents, Donna Sparlin of Denton, David Sparlin of Denton and Angie and Isaac Yzaguirre of Olney; great-grandparents, Joella Sparlin of Post, Milton Patton of Longview, Fermina Fuentez of Olney; and great-great-grandmother, Dorothy Cowdrey of Post.

Service was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, February 15, 1996 in Denton Bible Church. Interment was in the Roselawn Memorial Park.

The hardest job of all is trying to look busy when you're not.
—William Feather



Jeremy Bland (right) stands in the winner's spotlight with his reserve grand champion progress Chianina steer, "Blackjack," at Decatur recently. Jeremy showed Blackjack at the Fort Worth stock show, placing sixth in the class of 56 exotic steers.

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Word of God roadmap for life

by David Graves, Calvary Baptist Church

In Proverbs 26:4-5, we find these words: "Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit."

The Word of God is our road map for life. It directs our path if we will only allow it to. God knows our every step and has provided in His Word a guide for each step that we take as a child of God.

Isn't it amazing and wonderful that the very God of Heaven knows every circumstance in which the child of God might find themselves and has already made provision to address it in His Word!

In this passage from the book of Proverbs we find that God speaks to specific circumstances. The Word of God does not change with the wind, according to our circumstances, but rather it has already anticipated our situation! God knows all about the one to whom the scripture is addressed and speaks accordingly. What a comfort this should be to the believer!

What are your circumstances today? Do you find yourself in a situation that seems overwhelming? Look to God in His Word for help. Are you glad to be a child of God today? Look in the Word and find how other believers have praised Him for His goodness. Has your walk with Him lost its freshness? Look to the Word of God and find how others have asked God to bring back the new again!

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