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September 14

A celebration of agricultural history - an antique tractor parade - has been scheduled as part of the 1996 Founder's Day activities. Several restored antique tractors will take to Main Street beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, according to Max Haney, coordinator for the event. Many of the entries will represent an antique tractor club based in Lubbock. Parade entries will be judged. Best Restoration, Longest Distance Traveled, (Continued on Page 10)

GMH faces major changes

by Sheri Lewis

There may be some changes in store for Garza Memorial Hospital over the next few months.

For almost a year, hospital board members have wrestled with several factors which have had a less-than-favorable impact on the health care facility - a declining in-patient rate, an area-wide increase in the use of managed health care, and increased costs in maintaining an in-patient facility subject to state and federal regulations.

"The board members have been very good stewards of the tax dollars through the years," said Maritta Reed, hospital administrator, "but it's no longer in the best interest of taxpayers to raise taxes for an entity that's not being adequately utilized."

At an in-patient rate of less than one patient per day, it appears that Post-area residents are turning to Lubbock hospitals when in-patient care is needed, Reed said. In response to the declining in-patient numbers, board members have been exploring options which would allow continued use of the Garza Memorial Hospital facility while continuing the provision of 24-hour emergency health care services to Post-area residents.

At their meeting last week, board members heard a detailed report on the possibility of operating a detox center out of the hospital, in addition to an acute care center. While the financial projections of such a project were excellent, Reed said, there are currently no medical staff members in Post interested in participating in such a program. To successfully undertake the detox center program, the hospital would need to recruit two physicians, a task that would require a lot of time and money.

"The financial picture of the hospital doesn't allow us the time or money to recruit right now," Reed said. "We're down to the wire. Without a miracle of two physicians interested in moving to a small town, opening up private practices and working in a detox center, it's not going to be an option. We need to do something now from a financial aspect."

Board members have also looked at the possibility of consolidating both of the existing Methodist rural health clinics operating in Post and bringing them under one roof at Garza Memorial Hospital.

"That would enable them to operate more economically and efficiently," Reed said. "Also, it would be more convenient to the patient population - having all health care services in a single building."

The consolidation option does appear more feasible at this time due to time and money constraints, she said, but there are concerns about jobs that might be lost due to the merger.

"The board is very concerned about doing what is in the best interest of the community," said Reed, "but the consolidation plan appears to be the option we will try to take. These have not been easy decisions for the board and me to try to work out, but it seems to be the best compromise."

Work is currently under way on a consolidation plan to be presented to the Methodist system board. While the details of the plan have yet to be hammered out, it has been stressed by Garza Memorial Hospital board members that maintaining some sort of 24-hour emergency care setting is vitally important.

Reed noted that Methodist officials have been "very good" about working with the local hospital authority in finding workable options that will best fit Garza County residents.

The problems facing the local hospital are not uncommon to small rural hospitals, Reed said, but other small-town facilities can fall back on higher tax revenues. Small-town hospitals in the area, for example, collect tax rates of anywhere from 36 cents to 63 cents per \$100 valuation. Garza Memorial Hospital's current tax rate is 18.5 cents.

Local hospital officials hope to be able to have a solution to their situation by October, the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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Judge orders state custody of child

Robert Lee Farris, the infant who was mauled by the family pet several weeks ago, will be placed in foster care following his release from the hospital, according to an order handed down last week by District Judge George Hansard.

The child was formally placed in the temporary care of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (TDPRS) earlier this month in response to a request for the court appointment of a temporary managing conservator. However, due to the severity of his injuries, the infant has been in St. Mary Hospital, Lubbock, since the June 26 incident and is expected to remain in the hospital for several weeks, according to reports.

Upon his release from St. Mary, he will be turned over to TDPRS representatives in accordance with the order handed down last week.

The baby's parents, Steve and Nicki Farris of Post, and several family members were on hand for the Aug. 14 district court hearing. Steve Farris's mother, Brenda Sweeten, had asked to be given temporary custody of her grandson but her request was denied.

Sweeten has temporary custody of the Farris's older son.

The TDPRS investigation following the mauling "validated the neglectful supervision of the child by his parents," according to paperwork filed in district court in connection with the case. The agency also charged that the Farris's have, during their son's lengthy hospital stay, made few attempts to learn the complicated medical procedures required to ensure his continued healing and improvement.

Robert Lee Farris was less than a month old when he sustained 271 puncture wounds and severe damage to his genital and buttocks areas when he was attacked by the family's 7-week-old Alaskan malamute/wolf puppy, according to reports. The attack occurred as the child was strapped in an infant seat in the family's living room floor. Steve Farris had fallen asleep on the couch while his wife, Nicki Farris, was next door using a neighbor's telephone.

According to documents filed after the hearing, the child is to remain in the state agency's care for a six-month period. A status hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 16 and a six-month hearing on the custody matter set for Feb. 14.

Two local adults plead guilty to July 17 'drive-by' shooting

Two of the adults charged in the July 17 incident of "deadly conduct," which involved the discharging of a gun toward a local home, have entered guilty pleas and been sentenced in district court.

Merced Lopez of Lubbock, formerly of Post, and Bryan Bustoz of Post, each entered guilty pleas to the third-degree felony charge of "deadly conduct," according to district court documents. The two were charged after Gary and Denece Bilbo reported July 18 that their 10th Street home had been damaged by gunfire at about 11 p.m. the previous night.

Lopez, the self-proclaimed shooter in the incident, received a 10-year probated sentence to a boot camp facility of the institutional division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. According to Gary Bilbo, law enforcement officials have told him that Lopez will likely serve a 90-day sentence at the boot camp.

Lopez also received a \$1,000 fine and was ordered to pay \$1,297 restitution to the Bilbos at a monthly rate of \$15 per month or 10 percent of his gross monthly income, whichever amount is higher, according to reports.

Bustoz, identified to lawmen as the driver of the car from which the shots were fired, was placed on 10 years community supervision and was also ordered to pay monthly restitution payments totaling \$1,297, according to reports.

The case of a Post juvenile allegedly involved in the shooting is being handled by juvenile authorities. Another juvenile believed to have been involved, a former Post resident now living in Plainview, is expected to be arrested soon, according to Garza County Sheriff Kenneth Ratke.

The shooting occurred at about 11 p.m. on July 17, according to sheriff's department reports. Gary and Denece Bilbo said their sons had just gone to bed and they and a house guest were in a back bedroom of the house, working on a computer, when they heard several "pops" followed by the sound of squealing tires.

Gary Bilbo said he thought the "pops" had been firecrackers. His wife said she thought the noises had been caused by .22-caliber gunfire.

"It was right after the Fourth of July," he said, "and I just figured that some kids were driving around, throwing firecrackers out of the car."

Bilbo said he did get up and look out a west-side window of the house immediately after hearing the "pop" sounds but he saw nothing suspicious and decided the noises had indeed been caused by firecrackers.

Bilbo said he thought nothing more of the incident until the next morning at about 7:25 a.m. when he was leaving for work. As he opened the front door to the family home, the glass portion of the exterior screen door, he noticed, was shattered. Bilbo said he looked at the interior door, noticed a bullet hole and knew right away what had happened.

A call was made to the sheriff's department and Deputy Jerrod Bell responded. According to his report, a visual inspection of the front of the home indicated that four bullets had struck the house.

According to Bell's report, "The first bullet broke the screen door window and stopped in the front door. A second bullet hit the wall to the right of the front door between the windowpane and the wall. The bullet fell to the ground. A third bullet hit the windowpane just below the second bullet. This bullet penetrated the pane but was stopped. It fell inside the pane. A fourth bullet hit a double-paned window, penetrated the two windows, went across the living room and stopped in the wall above the entrance to the hallway."

The bullets were extracted and recovered as evidence.

An inspection of the street in front of the house yielded one casing by the curb across the yard from the front door; two other casings in the intersection of 10th and Avenue N and a fourth casing at the curb of the intersection, Bell's report reads. By observing the casings and the bullets, the deputy was able to identify the .25-caliber bullets.

After investigating the scene and taking the Bilbo's report, lawmen began "blanketing the community" in hopes of turning up leads, Ratke said. As they began conducting field interviews they received information which led to the arrests in the case.

Authorities began interviews and essentially cleared the case July 19, the day after the shooting was reported, the sheriff said.

Drawing on the leads they'd received, Deputies Bobby Dean and William Kimmons went to the Post Manor apartment where Lopez was living, according to Kimmons' report. As they began questioning

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Post Notes

Apologies from Cancer Society

Some of you may have received a card from the American Cancer Society asking you to "Vote Against Cancer." In this piece, there is a box that includes the dollar values of services given by the American Cancer Society for the Armstrong Unit. Please accept our apologies, the figures that are given are the correct figures for Garza County.

"Meet the Antelopes"

"Meet the Antelopes" night will be Monday, August 26th at 7 p.m. at the football stadium. The seventh and eighth grade 'Lopes will be recognized along with the 9th, J.V. and varsity players. Come on out, meet the 'Lopes and the new coaches and show your support for those 'Lopes.

Booster Club starts membership drive

The Antelope Booster Club will begin its membership drive for the 1996-97 school year Thursday night, August 22nd, during the Post-Tahoka scrimmage. Membership dues are \$10 per person for the year, and members will receive a membership card which entitles them to a free program for home football games. There are also various drawings throughout basketball season for Booster Club members only. Also, Antelope stadium cushions are on sale for \$10 each, and caps may also be ordered for the new school year. Help support our athletes and let's "boost" them off to a great season!!

PPE needs volunteers

Post Middle School will be implementing the Practical Parenting Education (PPE) Program this fall. PPE is offered by the Texas Association of School Boards. It is a prevention model designed to help build family relationships and understanding. Volunteers will learn how to implement a parenting program in Post which will be flexible, nonjudgmental, practical and empowering of parents.

Volunteers will attend three consecutive days of training and will be certified as parent educators. A high school diploma or GED is required.

We are seeking three adults to train as parent educators. You need not be a parent or a parent of a middle school child. Desirable characteristics are enthusiasm, creativity, sensitivity to the needs of individuals and families, and a good facilitator.

If you are interested in becoming a parent educator or want more information, please call Sharla Wells, Middle School Counselor, 495-3116 or 495-2874.

"Count Down"

A.M. Dunk & Slurp. P.M. Snack & Sip on Founder's Day. * To be continued next week*

Class of 1966 planning reunion

The Post High School Class of 1966 is planning a 30 year class reunion. Classmates they are unable to locate are Bruce Masters, Ikey Joe Hair, Bill Gage and Linda Woodard. If you know the whereabouts of those listed please contact Delores Redman at 495-2141 or 495-2314.

Lions Club seeking queen

The Post Lions Club is seeking a Lions Queen for the 1996-97 year. Candidates should submit a one page essay on the subject: 'Why I want to be a Lions Queen'. Deadline for entries is Thursday, September 5, 1996. All high school junior and seniors are eligible.

Jamaica

Post Holy Cross Catholic will have its annual Jamaica on September 14, from noon to 4:30 p.m., to coincide with Founder's Day. Join the fun with live music provided by Juan y Los Favoritos and Ollie Abraham Bands. Food and game booths and also a talent show. Call Julie Gonzales at 495-2142 by September 7 to enter the talent show.

Commodities this week

Commodities will be held this week with Southland being held Thursday, August 22 in the school parking lot from 8:30 - 10 a.m. Commodities will be given out Friday, August 23 in Post at the Service Barn on the Snyder Highway from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Texas Agricultural Extension Service
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Extension Extras

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

Major Show Lamb Validation Tags

Any 4-H member who plans to exhibit lambs at major livestock shows in the spring of 1997 must order validation tags by noon, Friday, August 23. Cost is \$2.00 each. Come by the Extension Office to place your order.

State Fair of Texas Show Entries Due.....

.....in the Extension Office by Noon, Friday, August 23.

4-H Achievement Banquet RSVP's

If you and your family plan to attend the annual County 4-H Achievement Banquet on August 31, you must confirm the number attending by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 28.

Fashion Follies Entry Forms.....

.....are due in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 28.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Tip sheet for teachers: involve hard-to-reach parents...

Schools reporting success in reaching the hard-to-reach parents (those who do not attend school events regardless of any efforts or invitations) are succeeding by taking the schools to the community.

Hard-to-reach parents are not confined to inner-city ethnic groups or to poverty-level parents. They are found in all geographical settings. The following list will help give you some ideas for outreach activities:

*Hold coffee klatches with groups of parents in their homes. Communication can take place in a non-threatening setting. Start with the positive aspects of the school and be honest in responding to questions and challenges.

*Be available to parents at local sites. Principals, the superintendents, and board members take two hours on one Saturday each month, on a rotating basis, to make themselves available to parents at local sites- church, the supermarket, or the community center- wherever parents gather.

*Offer transportation to school activities you would like parents to attend and provide baby-sitting facilities.



*Go to the churches or other places of worship. Work with the clergy in setting up opportunities for parents and community residents to talk about the schools and ways to help students.

*Locate community leaders and invite them to help you communicate with hard-to-reach parents. Develop a special neighborhood network by inviting these leaders to be your key communicators and share with you the concerns of parents.

*Offer programs to meet parents' needs and those of other members of their neighborhood or community.

*Provide school representatives who are fluent in the language of ethnic groups.

*Ask them the best ways to reach them. Anytime you have a group of hard-to-reach parents together, ask them what the best ways are to communicate with them, what the best locations and times are for them to meet, and how they want to receive information about their child and the school.

This article was written in the Fall 1996 issue of Practical Parent Education News.

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Garza Healthtalk

by Debbie Jenkins, CRTT, EMT-P

Glucose, a simple sugar, is the body's basic source of energy. The complex sugars that a person eats are converted into glucose and is then absorbed into the bloodstream. To enter the cells, insulin must be present. When it is not, the person is diagnosed with diabetes and must be medically treated.

Type I (Insulin-Dependant) diabetes occurs in individuals unable to produce insulin. Also known as "juvenile diabetes", this type usually begins in childhood.

Type II (Noninsulin-Dependant) diabetes occurs when insulin is produced in insufficient amount or is used ineffectively by the body. The disorder, often called "mature onset diabetes", can often be controlled by diet and oral medication.

Hyperglycemia (High Blood Sugar) occurs when there is not enough natural insulin to take the sugar out of the blood. Without insulin, the sugar cannot enter the cell and remains in the bloodstream. Untreated, this condition can lead to death. Blood sugar can increase due to not taking enough insulin (or none at all), eating foods high in sugar or infections upsetting the insulin/glucose balance. Symptoms appear gradually, over a few days. Abdominal pain and vomiting are common.

Restlessness and confusion increase slowly leading to diabetic coma. The person will show signs of air hunger (deep sighing breaths) and the breath will have a sickly sweet odor (similar to nail polish remover) due to ketones beginning to concentrate in the blood, turning to blood acid. This condition is called "diabetic ketoacidosis."

Hypoglycemia (Low Blood Sugar) occurs when the diabetic takes too much insulin, does not eat, uses sugar faster than normal (exercise/exertion) or vomits. Too much insulin allows excessive sugar to enter the cells, leaving less sugar in the bloodstream. Symptoms will occur rapidly. The person may appear intoxicated and display hostile or aggressive behavior. This is a true emergency and medical attention should be provided as soon as possible.

An adequate history over the past few days is very important to the health care professional when making a diagnosis. A blood test will be performed to determine the blood sugar level and treatment administered based on that measure.

Advanced diabetes is often associated with heart disease, kidney disease and blindness. If you have been diagnosed with diabetes, follow your physician's treatment guidelines closely. Take all medications as prescribed and follow the diet plan to maintain control of sugar levels.

Post Library offers look at foreign foods

Post Public Library volunteer Betty Dennis, an American Airlines senior flight attendant, is offering a special look at foods from around the world in a monthly feature at the library.

In addition to the display at the library, Janice Plummer has taken the project one step further and is offering meal featuring a selection from the "country or region of the month at the Main Street Cafe the third Friday of every month. This Friday (August 23) the meal will include roast pork, new potato salad, sweet and

sour red cabbage, dark rye bread and almond sugar cake... a sampling from the food of Scandinavia.

Dennis is a Borden County resident who earned her bachelor of science degree in home economics from Texas Tech University.

This month's featured region is Scandinavia.

The Food of Scandinavia Survival in the harsh winters was the driving force in the development of the cuisines of Finland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

The growing season is short and the distances from agricultural areas was daunting in early times. Many anthropologists believe that the primary motivation for the viking raids was to get food.

Root vegetables are important because they store well for long periods of time. Even in this day of modern transportation the favorite foods remain constant - potatoes, beets, turnips, cabbages, dried or salted fish, and ham. Rye has long been the grain of choice because it does well in the short growing season. Cucumbers are prized during their short season.

The four cuisines are similar due to availability of foodstuffs and proximity to each other. Each country does have special favorites and there are even regional differences. Within countries, the primary outside forces have been Russia or Finland and Germany or Denmark.

Popular flavorings are dill, chives, pepper, caraway, and cardamon which is used mainly in baked goods.

Virtually all meats are consumed in this area, but pork and fish are favorites. Goats and sheep are popular for dairy products. Beef has gained popularity since WWII, but lack of pastureland limits this. Fowl of all kinds are popular. In the arctic region reindeer is still important.

Desserts are frequently fruit based. Fruit soup made from dried fruit is a winter favorite. Rice is still mainly a dessert item. Cakes are frequently named after operas or literary characters. In Sweden a special crustless cheese cake is made in the spring to celebrate the birth of the dairy calves. The colostrum milk with its rennet makes the cake "set." Today ricotta and eggs are usually used.

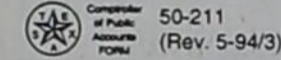
Meals are usually hearty and heavy to fortify for the climate. Lots of sour and heavy creams are used in all courses of the meal.

Jack Alexander recognized for 20 years service

Jack Alexander was recently recognized for 20 years of service to the Garza Memorial Hospital board.

Alexander was recognized during the board's August 15 meeting.

Alexander currently serves as president of the hospital board. He has held the president's post for most of his tenure with the hospital board, according to Maritta Reed, hospital administrator.



1996 Property Tax Rates in Garza County and Co. Wide Hospital District

This notice concerns 1996 property tax rates for Garza County and Co. Wide Hospital District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund	Co. Wide Hospital District
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,262,622		\$ 580,504
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0		\$ 0
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,262,622		\$ 580,504
Last year's tax base	\$ 315,655,580		\$ 313,784,360
Last year's total tax rate	\$.40000 /\$100		\$.185000/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,261,741		\$ 580,098
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 318,919,700		\$ 317,011,830
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.395629/\$100		\$.182989/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.395629/\$100		\$.182989/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$.407498/\$100		\$.188479/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate.)	\$ 1,264,841		\$ 580,098
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 318,919,700		\$ 317,011,830
= This year's effective operating rate	\$.39660/\$100		\$.182989/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.42832/\$100		\$.197628/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100		\$ 0 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.42832/\$100		\$.197628/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.42832/\$100		\$.197628/\$100



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Schedule A

Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$417,265.59
R&B #1	\$ 11,000.00
R&B #2	\$ 57,400.00
R&B #3	\$ 16,382.00
R&B #4	\$121,121.00
Co. Wide Hospital District	-0-

Schedule D

State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Garza County Sheriff certifies that Garza County has spent \$ 3100.00 in the previous 12 months beginning July 1, 1996, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Garza County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Garza County Tax Assessor/Collector's office, 300 West Main, Post, TX. Name of person preparing this notice Laura "Chita" Hataway Title Tax Assessor/Collector Date prepared August 19, 1996

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Cotton News

Closing in on a figure to estimate cotton production on the High Plains is no easy task. According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers the August 12 United States Department of Agriculture crop production report did a good job developing a picture of the crop on August 1.

There is, however, still a question mark concerning how many acres of cotton actually remain standing at this time. USDA's acreage figures come up slightly short of informal estimates taken in early July for initial planted and failed or abandoned acres.

The July report estimated planted acreage for crop reporting districts 1-N and 1-S at 3.05 million and harvested acreage at 2.47 million. Estimated production for the two districts totaled 2.53 million bales. Districts 1-N and 1-S are commonly used as a barometer of production for the High Plains.

Use of the figures in the August estimate provides an estimated abandonment of 580,000 acres, well below the 800,000+ acres reported failed during a telephone poll of Farm Service Agency offices in early July. That telephone poll also disagreed with the August estimate on planted acres which may have totaled as much as 3.5 million acres.

"Even with the potential discrepancies in the acreage figures it appears that the end result is an accurate production estimate," says PCG executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "One truly remarkable aspect of this year's crop is the fact that most of it is late planted cotton. We are definitely still behind in terms of calendar days but this crop is making up ground and has excellent per acre yield potential."

Many things have come together to aid in the development of the 1996 crop. The return of timely rainfall and rapid heat unit accumulation, without extreme fluctuations in temperature, are key to the current situation.

The increased abandonment has also created some changes in how the 1996 High Plains Enhanced Diapause Control Program will operate this year. Producer support of the program appears to remain high as over \$2 million in assessments have already been received. The last day to certify cotton acreage was August 15.

"We are very pleased with the way assessments have come in to date," says Johnson. "I think it is the best testament we have concerning the underlying support that exists for this program."

Johnson notes that producers are proving their support through the collection process. "There seems to be a real sense of understanding regarding the need for a coordinated attack on the boll weevil," adds Johnson. "The 1996 program has the opportunity to take another significant step toward eventually pushing the boll weevil out of the High Plains and protecting the future of cotton production in this region."

Given a fighting chance the 1996 program will be taking on the second phase of the effort approved by producers in 1995. The 1995 Program successfully halted the spread of the boll weevil into new areas of the High Plains. The process of taking back currently infested acres will be the focus of the 1996 program.

Births

Justin Michael Baldree

Tonja and Brent Baldree are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Justin Michael. He was born August 13, 1996 in Savannah Georgia.

Grandparents are Jean Baldree of Post, Ginger Heath of Ruidoso, N.M. and Tommy Woodard of Atlanta, Ga.

Cousins are Stephanie and Cody Wall of Dewey, Okla.

Lost Pet Corner

Call the City of Post at 495-2811 for information



There are four dogs at the animal shelter this week. This black and white mixed breed male (left) is joined by a male Collie mixed breed, a female Dalmatian and a large mixed breed male.

Anyone those interested in adopting lost pets may call City Hall at 495-2811.

Adopt a pet and bring joy to your home and to the animal God has created for us to love



Pink Wilks (seated) celebrated her 90th birthday last week with family and friends. At the August 16 event were (left to right) Twana McCrary, Laura Tobias and Carol Tobias (right).

Busy week for deputies with 91 calls received

By Becky Warren

The sheriff's office seems to have been busy the past week with 91 calls being received.

On Thursday, August 15, a 19 year old female was arrested for disorderly conduct (fighting). She was released on a \$300 PR bond. Also a 31 year old male was arrested for disorderly conduct (fighting). He was released on a \$300 PR bond.

On Friday, August 16, an 18 year old male was arrested for disorderly conduct (fighting). He was released after laying out his fine and court costs of \$232. Also

a 17 year old male was arrested for disorderly conduct (fighting). He also laid out his fine and court costs of \$232.

On Saturday, August 17, a 68 year old male was arrested for discharging a firearm within the city limits. He was released after paying \$232 in fines and court costs.

On Sunday, August 18, a 42 year old male was arrested on an "Assault C". He was released after paying \$232 in fines and court costs. Also a 19 year old male was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was released on a \$1,500 bond.

Quisenberry joins Navy

Carey Quisenberry of Post, son of Mike and Gail Quisenberry of Tahoka, recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training in the Navy's Radioman program.

Carey enlisted under the Delayed Entry Program, and will report to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois in August 1996 for active duty, where he will undergo basic training.

Upon completion of basic training, Carey will begin 16 weeks of schooling at San Diego, California in the Radioman field. Radiomen operate radiotelephones and radioteletypes, prepare messages for international and domestic commercial telegraph, in addition to sending and receiving messages via the Navy system.

After successfully completing school, he could be assigned to any one of the Navy's duty stations around the world.

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Did You Know?

(NAPS)—The 1996 Olympic Games will use the most advanced telecommunications network on earth and use enough fiber optic cable to span the globe 18 times, reports BellSouth.



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by Terri Cash, CPA

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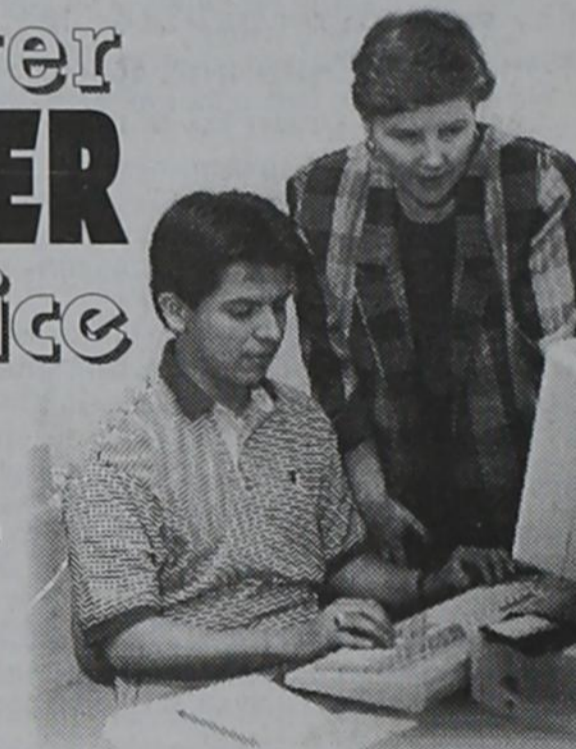
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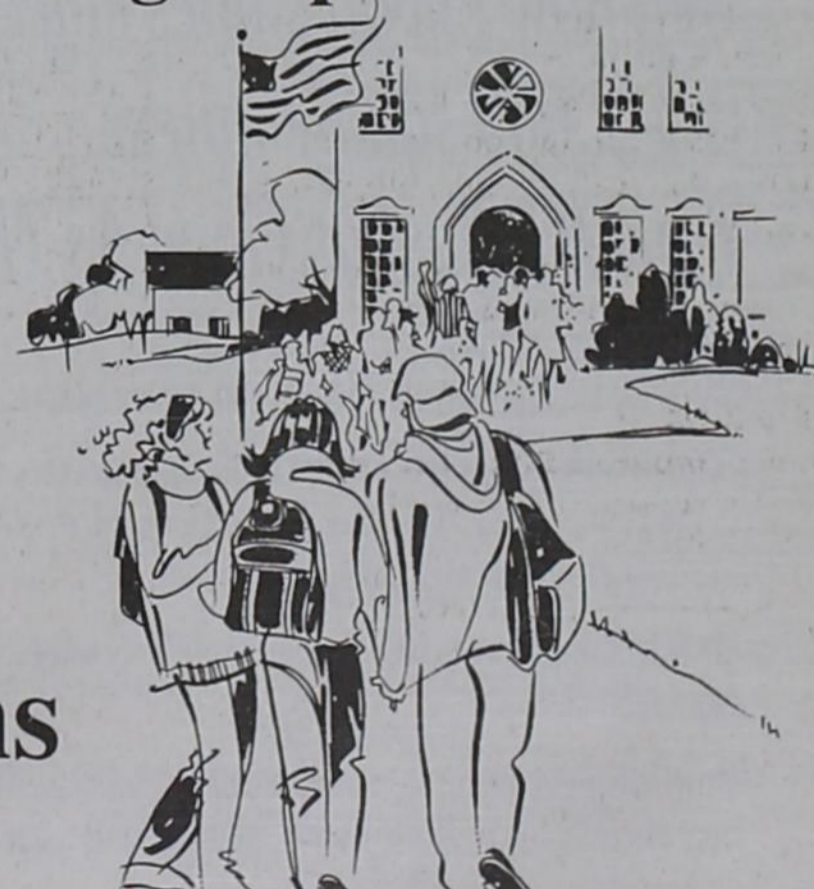
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Letters to the Editor

State depends on 'disobedience' of statutes

First, praises to the crew at The Post Dispatch for your continued jobs well done, are in order.

I wish to specifically commend you for your reporting of State highway revenues. Many of us have at one time encountered a "State Highway Revenue Agent". Although they are generally cordial and professional in their handling of business, it still seems that the one receiving the "service" walks away feeling a little disheartened and confused.

The article in the August 1, 1996 edition of the Post Dispatch entitled "Who is the Victim?" brought to my attention the awesome amount of revenue the State brings in each month, off the highways. It seems that \$14,002.50 could pay a few salaries. While reading this report I realized a great way to bring down the system: everybody in the area follow every jot-and-tittle of the code for a whole year.

The corporate State government of Texas seems to be living on the disobedience of its subjects. Its possible that if someone researched the government funded studies on social behavior, it would be found that most people will by nature strive to disobey "unnecessary" codes and regulations. This is just speculation; yet, look at the revenue dollars and see how the State profits on disobedience. One year of intentional perfect obedience... what next.

It just happens that in approximately one year Texas citizens will be voting on a constitution for the republic of Texas.

Something to consider.
Timothy W. Burnett, Denton

Paper best one printed...

Your paper was one of the better ones you have printed. Keep on moving on in the right direction. I worked 32 years with my husband Charlie and enjoyed every day of it. Keep on moving on, the people love it. Mrs Zula Didway

To All Concerned Citizens of Post...

I am writing this letter to the editor to let you know the truth about some things that have been stated wrong.

#1 - In the first article about the shooting the Dispatch stated that we were not at home. We were at home during the time of the shooting and thanks be to God, nobody was hurt.

#2 - The second wrong statement was in the article about the curfew. The head lines stated "Ugly curfew talk...". I want all of you people who did not attend this meeting to know. There was no "Ugly" talk. Everyone who was at the meeting was in total agreement with the curfew, and no one, I repeat, no one had anything in opposition to say.

#3 - In the same article the same head line states, "... on recent fears of youth. The truth is I am not afraid of the youth. I am afraid of what will happen to the youth if they are not stopped immediately. It is truth the public needs to hear, because I personally know some people in this town are afraid. We all experience fear, but in what? As a Christian who puts his faith and trust in Jesus Christ I do not put my fear in man, but in God. As it says in Proverbs 3:25-26, "Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken."

#4 - In this same article it stated "The Lubbock regulation, which governs youths through the age of 17, sets an 11 p.m. curfew. Gary Bilbo said, "This is not what I said." I said, "Lubbock set their curfew at 11 p.m. on children up to 16 years of age." I asked the judge why we could not include children up to 17 years of age.

#5 - In the editors column on his Opinions page of last weeks paper it stated that "all those Lubbock young people" coming to Post to escape the curfew... was a myth. This is not a myth. It is well known by several people in our town that they are doing just this. A teacher told my wife the other day she overheard a group of Post youth talking about how they were not happy with the Lubbock youth coming down here all the time and wanted our curfew to pass.

#6 - In this same article my wife and myself were all but called unintelligent and liars. It said "tell the lie big enough and long enough, and it will be believed." The German national socialist also said that the ordinary masses aren't intelligent enough to know the difference, so keep feeding a simple lie and repeat it often enough, and it will be accepted as truth." We are not unintelligent or we would not be able to respond to this article. If we were lying about the children coming down from Lubbock then we would not have experienced the drive by shooting.

#7 - In this same article it talks about "locking up our children." We are not talking about locking up any of our children. The children breaking the curfew, will not be locked up. The children who are good will not be locked up any more so than they already are, because their parents probably already do not allow them to stay out past the curfew time.

#8 - In the same article it states "Mr and Mrs Bilbo and others who feel fearful for their safety..." We do not feel fear for our safety. As I stated once before, I am afraid of what will happen to these children if we do not do something immediately.

I am not perfect and everyone that knows me knows that to be true, but, you all know what I stand for. I am not going to stand for someone sitting around telling lies about me and my family, nor will I stand around and let someone say bad is good.

Not all youth are bad but have the ability to be bad. They want to be good but don't know how. It is up to us to teach them.

In closing I would like to say, Hitler is dead but Jesus is alive!!!

Thank you,
Gary Bilbo

Editor's Note: We certainly apologize for the error in our original story concerning Mr Bilbo's statement about being home the night of the shooting incident (see related story on this week's issue). The headline we wrote, however, was not a reflection of comments at the meeting, but more a reflection of the tone and attitude toward the youth of this community, who have been labeled as irresponsible and capable of all sorts of dangerous acts, merely because of their age. It is ugly, in our opinion, to make such gross generalizations about a group of citizens, who, if we are to remain true to our American traditions, are innocent until proven guilty.

Guilt by association is as old as mankind, and it seems to us to be in opposition to our Christian values to imply that it is necessary for the safety of our community to impose a curfew on all youth, because of the actions of a few. No one has stood up to defend the rights of our young people (ages 17 and under), and we feel impelled to do so.

Mr Bilbo's point #3 is interesting. What exactly does he think might happen to the "youth if they are not stopped immediately?" What is it that all youth in our community must be stopped from doing prior to having some unstated calamity befall them? Is this an implication that citizens might take action to defend themselves when attacked? If so, perhaps that is the best deterrent... and a more effective way to teach consequences to those few young people who have such little consideration as to violate the rights of others. I am pleased to read Mr Bilbo's scripture quotations, and it is comforting to know that he is not fearful of our youth. Yet, he expresses fear while denying fear... for if it were not fear that motivates this desire to exclude youth from our public places, what is it? What else could motivate such strong effort to violate the rights of other citizens? Fear is a strong weapon of the devil, and it is that which causes us to think and behave in ways contrary to the teachings of Jesus. But, fear can also be a valuable tool for survival, and the reaction to fear is the measure of our faith in God. Jesus' reaction was above reproach, giving himself to his persecutors without a whimper... while Peter first struck with a sword, then ran and denied he ever knew Jesus. That is human fear. It is as natural as life. But when fear drives us to unreasonable actions against others, especially those who have done us no harm, then it becomes an instrument of evil.

On point #4, an innocent mistake on our part, but whether 16 or 17, the incident at Mr Bilbo's house would not have been effected by a curfew, because the guilty men were above the age proposed for the curfew. So, if the intent of the curfew would be to somehow abate incidents such as the one at the Bilbo residence, it will fail... as we said last week, 95 percent or more of all crimes in Garza County are committed by people 18 years or older.

Mr Bilbo continues in point #5 to use hearsay in his repeating of the myth about Lubbock youth coming down to Post "to raise Cain." The two men, for example, who pled guilty in the incident at his house, were both from Post, although one has been living in Lubbock for about a year. So, if there are all these droves of young people cruising the streets looking for trouble, who are they and where are they? So far all I've heard is unsubstantiated talk. When pressed for details, there are none.

In point #6 I tied the myth concept with the famous propaganda ploy of the German national socialists, famous for their leader Adolph Hitler. There was absolutely no personal connection to any person and was not intended to be. It was an illustration of how rumors and hearsay can be exaggerated to the point

they become repeated over and over again, finally with people actually believing the story to be true. Today's "conspiracy" theories abound with this sort of mob reaction. When I quoted Her Goebels about the unintelligent mob, I was not referring to anyone specifically, but using that as an example of how masters of propaganda are able to influence large numbers of people to believe what is not believable. In Germany in the 1930s the government actually had people believing that Jews were not even human... and there were millions of people who bought into this lie. I know Mr Bilbo, he is a very intelligent man, as is his gracious wife. They are good people. But they are mistaken about the threat of young people roving the streets of Post looking for ways to hurt us. One incident, and as far as I can ascertain, the only incident of its kind since I have lived in this community (14 years), is not typical of our town. In fact, it is really an unusual event. And more importantly, I repeat, the people involved in that incident are actually from Post, and they were older than the age at which this curfew would have any affect.

The term "locked up" is a phrase related to forcing someone against their will to remain in a certain place for a certain length of time. It is similar to "house arrest," where a prisoner is allowed a certain amount of freedom, as long as he or she does not exit the boundaries of the imposed prison. And if their parents do not allow them out, then why all the fuss?

Item #8 of Mr Bilbo's letter repeats his fear for the children, not for his own safety. That is a thoughtful and considerate statement. But it overlooks the fact that imposing a curfew is not designed to protect children, it is designed to alleviate fear from those Mr Bilbo has mentioned earlier in his letter... those who are afraid. And a curfew, like any ordinance, code or regulation, merely supplies fodder for a false sense of security... because those who are locked away for the night are not the cause of the problem... as we have shown, 95 percent of crimes are perpetrated by people 18 years and older.

So, I repeat my demand from last week... if there is to be a curfew, it must be for those who fit the category of the age which is most responsible for crime in this county... now, how do we respond to that generalization?

Letters to the Editor Policy:

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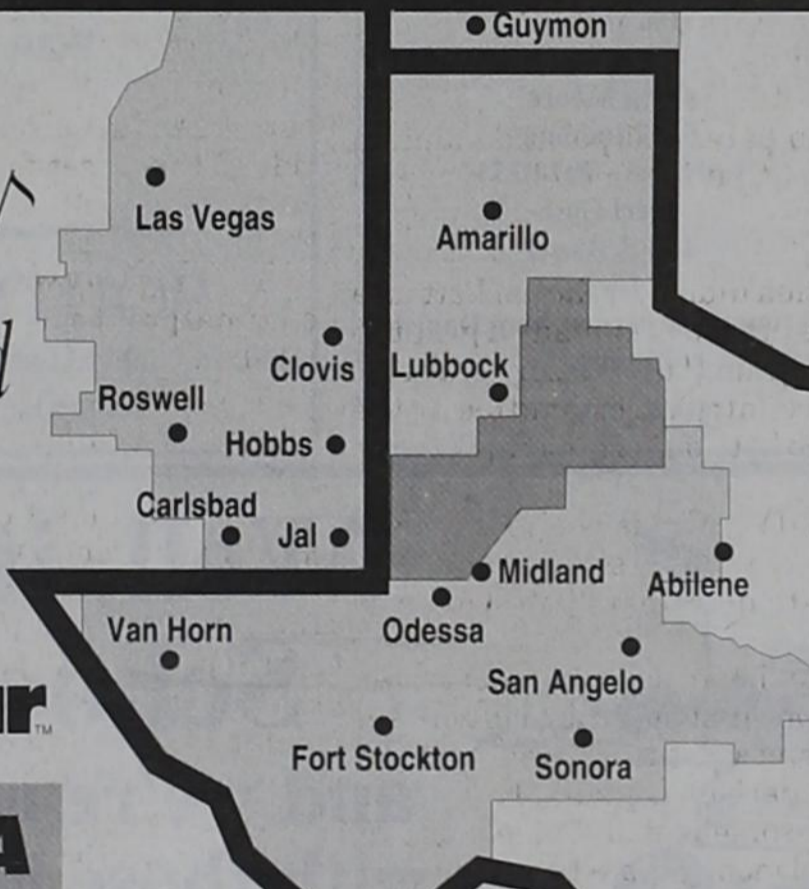
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Post Independent School District today announces its policy for providing free and reduced price meals for children served under the National School Lunch Program. Each school and/or the central administration office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced price meals. Foster children that are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court are also eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Household Size	INCOME CHART		
	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	14,319	1,194	276
2	19,168	1,598	369
3	24,013	2,002	462
4	28,860	2,405	555
5	33,707	2,809	649
6	38,554	3,213	742
7	43,401	3,617	835
8	48,248	4,021	928
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Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced price benefits, households receiving food stamps or AFDC only have to list their child's name, food stamp or AFDC case number and an adult household member must sign the application. Households who do not list a food stamp or AFDC case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member who signs the application. If neither household member has a Social Security number, the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available. The application must be signed by an adult household member.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal policy will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents and guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to the Principal.

Households that list a food stamp or AFDC case number must report when the household no longer received these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decreases in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

In the operation of child feeding programs administered by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, sex, national origin age or handicap. If any member of a household believes they have been discriminated against, they should write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

Opinions

Why are we guaranteed a republic?

by Wes Burnett

Last week I had a very cordial, interesting and challenging telephone conversation with Gary Bilbo, related to the editorial I wrote regarding Gary's proposed city and county curfew ordinance.

During that conversation, in which we debated the ideas of individual liberty, Gary reminded me that in a democracy, majority rules...and if the majority of the people want something, then the rest of us have to go along.

Of all the issues in which we find ourselves in disagreement, that one to me is the most important, because it strikes at the heart of the great American experiment in self-government. It also is an indication of the success of government controlled schooling, where generations of Americans have been taught to tow the line and follow the dictates of the majority.

The learned men who set the foundation for this nation argued about many issues during the early years...but one thing they all agreed without dissent was that the ugliness of democracy should be strictly controlled. Democratic rule was so feared by them, that they wrote specific instructions in the Constitution that only a republic form of government be allowed. They were convinced that a full democracy is the ruin of any civilization, and had much historical evidence to support their views.

They knew too well the dangers to a society ruled by the mob. And shortly after the American revolution, the mob took over in France...and the horrors of that scene revolted even the most ardent supporters of democratic rule. Heads literally rolled every day in Paris...as one faction outnumbered the other...and minority opinion was the kiss of death. Worse, with democracy, there is no certainty that the majority opinion will remain very long...and just as quickly as it came to be popular, the mob could switch sides and pounce on people who thought they were safe.

So our founding "fathers" insisted on installing a "democratic republic." With the hope of balanced power between three branches of government. It worked, sort of, for a very short period. In less than 100 years the flaws of democratically elected government showed its ugly signs...which led to the socialist revolution of the 1850s and beyond until today. The most flagrant examples were set in the 1860s with the revered Abraham Lincoln, who cast aside constitutional limitations in the name of saving the union. In the meantime, the precedents he established by ignoring the constitution, have been used consistently ever since.

So now, we are ruled by a tribunal of dictators, led now and then by the executive, legislative and judicial. Those who doubt

this evidence only have to look at our schools as an example of dictatorial rule...first by judicial rulings, then by executive orders and now by legislative demands.

That's what democracy has done to the American experiment in liberty and freedom. It has sucked the life out of the brilliant plan for limited rule and protection of the rights of minority opinion.

I hate to admit it, but Gary is absolutely correct, we are living under a democracy, where 50.1 percent of the people have the power to snuff out the 49.9 percent who might disagree. That's okay, as long as your opinion rests in the 50.1 percent category...but when you suffer the demands of the majority and are forced to abide by rules and regulations that offend and violate your rights...then you will see the ugliness of democratic rule.

For example...let's suppose that, as it was in England prior to the American revolution, every citizen is required to belong to one church. Of course, you will say, "can't be, our Constitution won't allow it." But remember, the Second Amendment says that no law may infringe on the right to keep and bear arms...but that doesn't stop the democratically elected legislators from implementing laws taking away those rights.

Now, let's go one step further and say that 50.1 percent of the people in Garza County belong to the XYZ Church...and they demand we all attend that church, and those who do not show up better have a good excuse. Don't try to fight it, the majority rules. Absurd you say? But it is the will of the people (50.1 percent of them) and so, you just better get in step with the rules.

That's why I oppose the imposition of a curfew on a minority of our citizens, based simply on the age of the citizen. For it is abundantly clear that if the majority opinion shifts, then restricting movement of people by their age becomes only a matter of popular opinion.

"Well, those old geezers can't see and don't hear too good, they shouldn't even be on the highway," is a comment I've heard more than once in my lifetime. So, let's pass an ordinance that restricts the movement of the elderly. Even if they are capable, the fear of them running over some innocent little child is too big a chance to take. "Take the keys away from them! They're too old to be driving on our streets!" That's the cry of the mob...and if we follow this reasoning, it is easy to see where this will lead us.

We must change course...no, we must reverse course. We must refuse to accept the notion of mob rule that democracy fosters. Let us work toward trusting our fellow citizen, and judge them only when they have violated the rights of another.

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America has had a 'third party' since 1972. Why weren't you told?

Vin Suprynowicz



The Democratic party earnestly claims to be the "party of less government and lower taxes," even as the post-election wish lists of its traditional constituencies for new government interventions grows longer.

Meantime, the "radical" congressional Republicans happily endorse further wage controls and federal interventions in the health insurance business, while solemnly vowing to indefinitely continue looting enough additional taxes to "keep safe and secure" the bankrupt Ponzi schemes of the Farley-Roosevelt New Deal.

As the two incumbent parties thus busy themselves trying on each other's frock coats for size, is it any surprise voters are tempted to widen their gaze in search of someone who might offer some straight talk?

It is in that context that the considerable press coverage of Ross Perot's Reform Party convention in Long Beach, Calif. the week of Aug. 11 - even though it conflicted with the Republican National Convention down the coast in San Diego at the same time - must be understood.

Unfortunately, the manipulative nature of the feisty "just get under the hood and fix it" Texan immediately surfaced.

Mr. Perot, who made his first billion negotiating plush computer service contracts with the government - yes, it was all tax money - loves to assume the pose of the modest, foot-shuffling lad, willing to take us to the dance only if we ask him real nice.

This spring, Perot was back playing coy again, saying he didn't know if he would run for his own party's presidential nomination.

Making the mistake of accepting this at face value, former Colorado Gov. Richard Lamm threw his hat in the ring on July the ninth. Suddenly Mr. Perot's feigned reluctance evaporated, as he forcefully informed his faithful followers in Long Beach Aug. 11, "I want to be your president."

Perot is welcome in the race, of course. But if Americans are looking for a well-thought-out and radically different platform, and a support structure of congressional candidates to keep a new-party president in the game should another ever be elected (Abe Lincoln was the last), they were far more likely to find it in the nominating convention of the Libertarian Party in Washington D.C. July the Fourth, than in Long Beach in August.

Despite the usual panoply of colorful charts and graphs, Bill Stall of the Los Angeles Times reported in a masterpiece of understatement that "Perot offered no detailed solutions to any of the problems he raised," in Long Beach Aug. 11. "Nor did Lamm, whose speech focused on ... campaign and governmental reform, fiscal 'sanity' and immigration reform."

Oh, fine. Blame it on the Mexicans.

Meantime, accepting the Libertarian Party's presidential nomination in Washington July 6, financial newsletter author Harry Browne said: "We have to get rid of all the gun-control laws that leave our citizens defenseless in the face of armed criminals. We have to get rid of the asset-forfeiture laws that motivate law-enforcement agencies to conduct raids because of the property to be seized rather than because of any crimes committed...."

"The only way we will reduce drug use in this country is to take the criminal profit out of the illicit drug trade by making drugs completely legal...."

"I will submit a budget for the fiscal year 1998 ... cutting the federal government in half immediately and repealing the income tax...."

"In the Libertarian administration of Harry Browne, every government employee will respect the Bill of Rights or pay the consequences.... Any government employee found guilty of violating the Bill of Rights will be censured, dismissed, or even prosecuted."

"This is America, not the Old World. In America, it is the government that must bow down to the people - not vice versa. We are not the raw material for the reformers' grand schemes. We are not statistics in the Gross National Product. We are not to be toyed with by federal bureaucrats, like mice being tortured by cats. We are sovereign. It is the government that should obey us, not vice versa."

"In The Libertarian administration of Harry Browne, things will change. As Thomas Jefferson said, we will bind down the politicians with the chains of the Constitution."

Here is America's third party - the 24-year-old Libertarian Party that the Big Three networks and the big statist dailies of New York and Washington and Los Angeles don't want you to hear about it. How else to explain their endless insistence on describing as a "third party" the Potemkin-Village outfit being constructed as a personal plaything by a hermit Texan playing several beans short of a full burrito, while conveniently failing to note that America's real third party has been on the ballot in all 50 states for years ... and has fielded a presidential candidate in every election since 1972?

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Wisdom

"The people cannot delegate to government the power to do anything which would be unlawful for them to do themselves."

John Locke

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In common law, there must be a victim before a law is violated. Who is the victim?

A gun study and a conspiracy theory

by Stephen Chapman



Some years ago, shortly after being hired by the Chicago Tribune, I was asked to do an article for an obscure national magazine arguing the case against federal funding of public broadcasting. After it appeared, though, the magazine's editors got a letter from a reader exposing something shocking: The Tribune's parent company owned several commercial TV stations, and it stood to make more money if public broadcasting were to disappear. His conclusion was that I could only be doing the bidding of my corporate masters.

Damning? Well, not quite. What the letter writer didn't know is that I had written a similar article long before coming to the Tribune, while working for a magazine that had no broadcast investments, that I hadn't discussed the article with anyone at the Tribune and that the newspaper itself, in blind disregard of its own interests, had editorialized consistently in favor of public broadcasting subsidies.

Conspiracy theories are easy to spin and hard to refute. But absent serious evidence, they are simply the idle conjectures of overheated minds. Showing a coincidence is not the same as proving a cause. What may look incriminating to the uninformed may in fact be perfectly irrelevant. Consider the case of John Lott.

Lott is an economist at the University of Chicago Law School who last week presented a paper in Washington based on his examination of crime rates in states that have passed laws granting ordinary people licenses to carry concealed handguns. The first comprehensive study of the subject, scheduled for publication in the prestigious Journal of Legal Studies, it reached a conclusion that did not ingratiate Lott to gun-control advocates.

The new laws, the study found, actually reduced the volume of blood running in the streets — not increased it, as feared by opponents. Lott and his co-author, graduate student David Mustard, calculated that if other states had also adopted such measures, there would have been 1,570 fewer murders, 4,177 fewer rapes and 60,000 fewer aggravated assaults in the United States each year.

Like any academic monograph, this one was open to expert criticism based on the data used, the assumptions made, the variables considered and so on. But to Lott's surprise, the main line of attack was on something else: his scholarly integrity.

According to critics, he was nothing more than a venal hireling of the gun industry, paid to prove its official line.

The argument, made at a Chicago press conference sponsored by several gun-control groups, goes like this: Lott is currently the John M. Olin Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School. Olin fellows are funded by the John M. Olin Foundation, which got its money from the Olin Corp., which owns Winchester Ammunition, which has a stake in lax gun laws.

"That's enough to call into question the study's legitimacy," said Dan Kotowski, executive director of the Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence. "It's more than a coincidence." In the stories that followed, several news organizations highlighted the connection.

But there are some serious defects in this conspiracy theory. The first is in the facts. The Olin Foundation was created with money not from the Olin Corp. but from the personal fortune of John M. Olin upon his death. The foundation has no parent corporation and, in fact, is entirely independent. To suggest that it is merely an arm of the gun industry is like regarding the Ford Foundation as a puppet of American car-makers.

Another problem is that the foundation didn't 1) choose Lott as a fellow, 2) give him money or 3) approve his topic. It made a grant to the law school's law and economics program (one of many grants it makes to top universities around the country). A committee at the law school then awarded the fellowship to Lott, one of many applicants in a highly competitive process.

Even the committee had nothing to do with his choice of topics. The fellowship was to allow Lott — a prolific scholar who has published some 75 academic articles - to do research on whatever subject he chose.

His critics prefer not to think he may have actually reached his conclusion through honest investigation. Instead, they clutch at a wild hypothesis. To accept their conspiracy theory, you have to believe the following: A company that derives a small share of its earnings from sporting ammunition somehow prevailed on an independent family foundation to funnel money to a scholar who was willing to risk his academic reputation (and, since he does not yet have tenure, his future employment) by fudging data to serve the interests of the firearms lobby — and one of the premier research universities in the world cooperated in the fraud.

For some people, that absurd fantasy is perfectly credible. But then, some people could believe that Lott was on the grassy knoll in Dallas.

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Corporate downsizing...

by Walter E. Williams

One strategy of those who seek increased control over our lives is to manufacture a crisis. Corporate downsizing stories on the presidential campaign trail and in the national press are an example of that strategy. Let's put downsizing in perspective by asking whether it's bad for the country and something government should prevent. But first, a brief history of downsizing.

At our nation's birth, 95 percent of the population was in one way or another engaged in agriculture. Today, only 2 percent of Americans farm. In anybody's book, that's some heavyweight downsizing. Was it bad for our country? Should earlier Congresses have taken legislative action to prevent losses of agricultural jobs? Years ago, heavy construction — building railroads, roads, dams and tunnels — involved teams of men laying track and wielding sledgehammers, picks and axes. Today, there are highly paid guys pushing buttons and pulling levers on huge pieces of construction equipment. They do in a day what hundreds of men couldn't do before. Construction downsizing destroyed thousands of jobs. What should Congress have done to save those jobs?

Downsizing is mostly a process where companies find cheaper production methods. Labor tends to be the costliest input; therefore, companies have profit incentives to seek methods to save on labor. When they use less labor, that labor is freed up to be used elsewhere in the economy. If labor saving methods had not been found to free up 95 percent of early Americans engaged in farming, where would we have gotten workers to produce other goods that contributed to our wealth? Also, if people weren't freed from farming, where would they have gotten the time to be educated and become more productive?



We don't have to go back to our early history to make these points. Last year, according to an article in Policy Review, Wal-Mart added 41,000 new jobs, Motorola added 5,000 and Intel added nearly 10,000. In fact, there were 9.5 million new jobs created in the last four years. If AT&T, IBM and others weren't finding ways to use less labor (downsizing), where in the world would Motorola,

Wal-Mart and Intel have gotten their new workers? The alternatives would have been: to bid up wages and hence the price of the product, wait for new workers to be born, or get more foreigners.

In a dynamic, robust and growing economy, there are always going to be changes in the use of labor. Some jobs will be eliminated while others are "born." Using government to prevent this process will make the nation poorer; We'd be far less wealthy had an earlier Congress saved the stagecoach driver's or the ice man's job. In India, weavers and spinners had considerable political clout. They used that clout to save their jobs by preventing greater mechanization of the textile industry. Until quite recently, India's textile industry was like ours was in 1920. India's job-saving restrictions imposed high costs on her population in terms of higher textile prices.

None of all this is to deny there are hardships faced by displaced workers, particularly those up in years who have children to raise and mortgages to pay. They may be forced to retrain or accept lower-paying jobs. A robust, growing economy facilitates their transition, not one crippled by various "job-saving" laws and regulations. At any given time, most people are employed (94 percent). Should we accept crippling the economy by stifling innovation for the benefit of a tiny percentage of American workers who find themselves unemployed as a result of changes in labor use? I think not.

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'Drive-by' shooting...

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Lopez, he said he did not do the shooting and did not have a gun. After obtaining permission to search the apartment, lawmen searched the living quarters but were unable to locate a firearm. Lopez was transported to the sheriff's department for continued questioning.

The two deputies and the sheriff continued to talk to Lopez about the shooting and eventually the suspect took the deputies to a residence in the 600 block of South Avenue I where the .25-caliber automatic was recovered. After the weapon was recovered, Lopez gave a statement to law enforcement officials.

According to Lopez' statement taken on July 19, he, Bustoz and two others borrowed a car to "go riding around for a few minutes" on the night the shooting occurred. Lopez said he told Bustoz, who was driving, to go by the Bilbo's house to see if their teen-aged son was home.

"When we drove past I leaned out the window and started shooting," Lopez wrote in his statement. "I don't remember how many times I shot. After that I told Bryan to hurry up and go home so he did. After we got home I went in the house and watched TV and the others left in Bryan's car to see if the cops were over (at the Bilbo house) or not. (The others) came back about 15 minutes later and told me nothing was going on so I went to bed."

Lopez' statement indicated there were four people in the vehicle at the time of the shooting.

Bustoz, in his July 22 statement, said there was a fifth person in the car but said he doesn't remember who it was. He reported that the individuals involved were sitting around watching television when they decided they wanted "something to drink." They asked to borrow a friend's car and went to a local convenience store before making a drive through town.

"Then we went to 10th Street because Merced (Lopez) wanted to go by... Bilbo's house to shoot at Bilbo's house," Bustoz said in his report. "Merced told me to slow down so I slowed down. Merced leaned out of the front passenger-side window and started shooting. Then I panicked and took off down 10th Street."

Bustoz' statement also indicated that several of the individuals in the car returned later that evening in Bustoz' vehicle to "see what Merced had done."

The sheriff said Tuesday afternoon that no rationale for the shooting has ever been offered by those involved. The Bilbos said law enforcement officials told them that Lopez indicated the shooting occurred because the Bilbos' teen-aged son would not speak to him.

Training for common law court set August 31 at Godbold Center

The first training session for the District 5 Common Law Court of Pleas will be held in Lubbock Saturday, August 31 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Godbold Cultural Center on 19th Street near University Avenue.

All Texas citizens are invited to attend, either for educational purposes, or to participate in the establishment of the common law court. The training session will break for lunch and continue in the afternoon until approximately 4 p.m.

Chief District Judge Timothy Perkins will conduct the training, assisted by former clerk Jay Enloe. Perkins serves the District 21 Common Law Court in Dallas, currently the only court certified by the Republic of Texas Provisional Government.

"Our common law courts," Perkins stated, "are the foundation of our republic, just as the common law courts were so prevalent in America until the 1870s. Our purpose is to teach Texans how to

properly conduct common law court in their quest to exercise their constitutional rights, guaranteed by the Texas constitution."

There is no charge for attending the training session, which is open to anyone interested in learning about common law court. "It is our hope that citizens in District 5 will be able to offer this vital venue for justice in the near future," Perkins continued. The court will serve citizens from a large area of West Texas.

"Since the de facto state of Texas, through its attorney general, has announced that there is no recognized common law in the state," Perkins added, "we feel that Texans will want to take advantage of their right by using the only judicial system which puts all the power and decision making in the hands of the people."

The Republic of Texas Magazine, published by Charles W. Duncan and Wesley W. Burnett of Post, is sponsoring in part the training session. Donations to offset costs will be accepted. For more information call (806) 495-4164.

Pat, Virgil Bilbo earn top medals at senior classic

Pat and Virgil Bilbo earned the right to compete at the state senior sports classic following competition in Lubbock August 16. Pat won a gold medal, while Virgil picked up a silver medal in the 18 hole medal golf tournament.

The West Texas Senior Sports Classic is sponsored by the University Medical Center, and features age category sports activities. "We only competed in golf," Pat explains.

"We haven't decided whether or not to compete at the state event," she adds, "but it sure would be fun." The state competition will be held in late September in Temple.

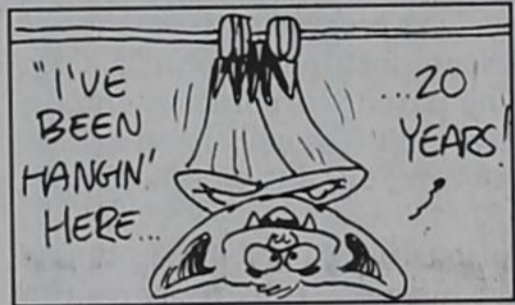
Tax rebate drops 9.4%

The most recent sales tax rebate to the city of Post showed a drop of 9.48 percent compared to the same period in 1995. The total payment was \$22,691.87, compared to \$25,064.96 last year.

The year-to-date increase is 14.68 percent above last year with \$159,587.81 collected. The 1995 total to date was \$139,148.60.



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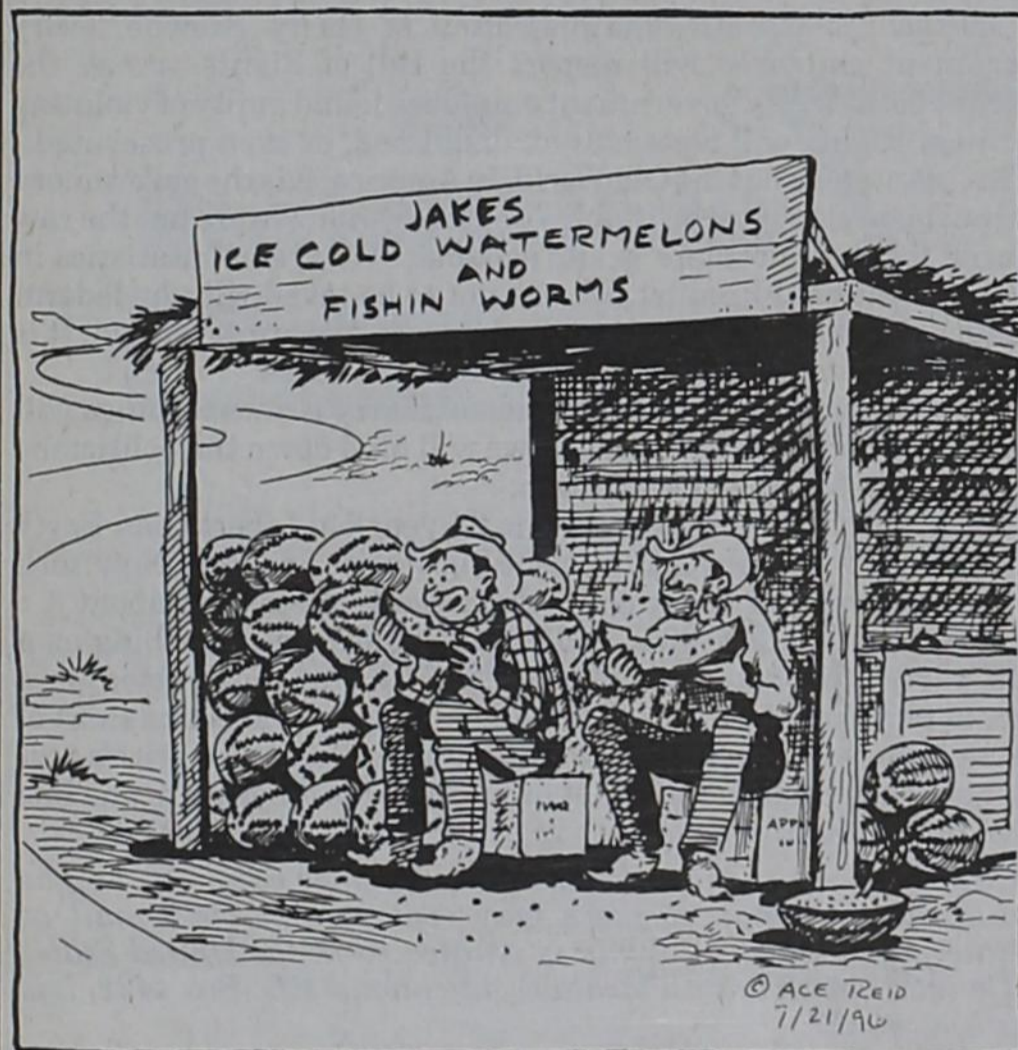
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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Southland I.S.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1995 by 5.8208 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on August 29, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. at Southland I.S.D. Administration Building FOR the proposal: David Becker, Monroe Buxkemper Jr., Stan Wheeler, V.C. Wheeler, AGAINST the proposal: Bill Jones, & Freddie Martinez

PRESENT and not voting: ABSENT:

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the 1.35134 tax rate that the unit published on August 15, 1996. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average home value	\$ 25,000.	\$ 25,000.
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 5,000.	\$ 5,000.
Average taxable value	\$ 20,000.	\$ 20,000.
Tax rate	1.42 /\$100	1.43 /\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$ 284.00	\$ 286.00 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$ 2.00 or .7043 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.01 per \$100 of taxable value or .7043 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Sports

Gorman installs new offense for 'Lopes in preparation for season

Special to The Post Dispatch

Eight starters on both sides of the football helped welcome new Post High School head football Coach Richard Gorman to two-a-days earlier this month.

Seventeen lettermen are returning to the field this year, giving the Antelopes a lot of depth on both the offense and defense. Gorman said the varsity's upperclassmen - 15 seniors, 14 juniors and one sophomore - should prove to be a strong point in the 1996 season, but not necessarily an advantage. Two of Post's competitors, district favorites Idalou and Crosbyton, are also returning with a hefty helping of returning starters.

In preparation for the upcoming season, a total of 70 PHS players have braved the heat of two-a-days since Aug. 6 and began practicing full-contact drills on Aug. 11. Gorman said the Antelopes have been working on implementing a new offense and a new defense - a wing-T offense and an "even front" defense with four linemen, four linebackers and three defensive backs.

Gorman, a graduate of Angelo State University, took over the Post program in the spring after moving here from Yorktown, a 2-A school. He has held head coaching positions in Yorktown and Rotan, a Class A school, and was an assistant coach at 3-A Cuero.

Rounding out Gorman's coaching staff in Post are Rito Hernandez, Darrell Daily, Fred Postell, Richie Thornton, Chili Black, Bill Gordon, Randy Matheus and Darrell Radle.

The Antelopes will see their first pre-season scrimmage today when the Tahoka Bulldogs come to town. The junior varsity scrimmage will kick off at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity match-up.

The varsity 'Lopes will begin non-district play Sept. 6 when they host Floydada. Other non-district games include at Slaton, Sept. 13; at Lockney, Sept. 20; and at Seagraves Sept. 27. The final non-district game will be the homecoming game against Morton Oct. 4. All non-district games begin at 8 p.m.

District play starts Oct. 11 when Post will host Crosbyton. Other district games include at Ralls, Oct. 18; Abernathy, Oct. 25; at Idalou, Nov. 1; and New Deal, Nov. 8. District games begin at 7:30 p.m.

Post's 1996 varsity, junior varsity, freshman and junior high teams will be formally introduced to the community Monday at the annual Meet the Antelopes event. Sponsored by the Antelope Booster Club, the event will begin at 7 p.m. at the football field.

Traffic laws, safety rules will prevent tragedies in new school year

New clothes, backpacks, lunch boxes, school buses. The first day of school is exciting for students, but the new school year can bring tragedy if school bus safety rules are not followed. The Texas Department of Public Safety reminds motorists to obey traffic laws and watch for children boarding or exiting school buses. Parents and teachers should talk to children about school bus safety.

The most common time for accidents is when school buses are loading or unloading students. Students should be taught to follow safety rules and to watch for traffic before crossing streets. Students also should watch for vehicles illegally passing stopped school buses on either side of the bus. According to the national School Bus Loading and Unloading survey, most children injured or killed while getting on or off buses are under the age of 10.

A safe, reliable and efficient system for transporting children to and from school is part of the total educational program. To ensure the proper operation of school transportation systems, the DPS oversees and updates the state's school bus driver training program.

"Practicing good school bus safety requires a combined effort of the motoring public obeying the traffic laws, parents and teachers educating children to be safe and school bus drivers being properly trained to decrease the number of school bus related accidents," said Debbi Goertz, DPS program administrator for school bus transportation.

School Bus Safety

Reminder for motorists:

Drive with care when near a school bus. If you approach a school bus from either direction and the bus is displaying alternately flashing lights, you must stop until the school bus has resumed motion, until you are signaled by the driver to proceed, or until the red lights stop flashing.

You are not required to stop when meeting or passing a school bus which is on a different roadway or a controlled-access highway where the stop is in a loading zone and pedestrians are not permitted to cross.

Make sure your children know the safe way to wait for the school bus. They should stay on the sidewalk or - in rural areas - well off the road. Remind them not to board until the bus comes to a complete stop and then to get on one by one.

Be on time for the bus. Stay out of the danger zone - the space 10 feet all around the school bus.

Remain in the bus driver's line of vision.

Cross the roadway only after receiving permission from the bus driver or the safety patrol.

Obey the school bus driver and the school bus patrol.

Be quiet and well-behaved on the bus.



Enjoying an outing in Garza County last week were motorcyclists participating in a "Poker Run." (Photo by Sheri Lewis)

'Poker Run' raises funds for food bank

More than 130 motorcycle enthusiasts participated in the 6th Annual Post to Post Food Drive Poker Run conducted Saturday.

Sponsored by the Blue Knights-Texas IX chapter of Lubbock, the event drew participants from almost 20 West Texas cities while generating cash and food contributions to benefit Post-area residents.

Riders in the 76-mile poker run represented several area motorcycle clubs, including the Christian Motorcycle Association Sunshine Riders, the Hog Club, West Texas Roadriders, Dust Bowl Beemers, Lone Star Dusters, WheelGo, Ventura Touring Group and the sponsoring Blue Knights, a motorcycle group comprised of law enforcement personnel.

Entry fee for the poker run included five non-perishable food items per entrant plus a \$5 contribution for the day-ending barbecue dinner. The 650-plus food items collected were donated to the U Can Share Food Drive while monies raised through the barbecue will benefit the Post Volunteer Fire Department, according to Rebecca Jolly, who teamed up with her husband, J.W., to organize the event.

Local merchants played a large role in the success of this year's event, Jolly said. United Supermarkets served as a primary sponsor for the event and provided participants with an early morning meeting place in the grocery store's parking lot. Others providing support for the effort included the Post Volunteer Fire Department, Ira Pump & Supply Co., West Texas Western Wear, Hotel Garza, the Garza Theatre, R&D Automotive, Pizza Hut, Fashion Cleaners and Dairy Queen.

Also, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Caprock Discount Boots, Post Auto Parts, Family Dollar Store, Johnny's Exxon, Sonic, Tower Theater, Rosie's Restaurant, the TLC Creations booth from Trade Days, Graves Harley-Davidson of Lubbock, Honda of Lubbock, WheelGo Motorcycle Club of Perryton and Floydada's Nielson's Restaurant, Pizza Gold and Post Chamber of Commerce.

Lots of rumors... not much fact

Ronald McDonald appears to have his eye on Post.

McDonald's has been a favorite subject of the local rumor mill for months as Post folks speculate as to whether the fast food restaurant chain will open up a site here. Talk has also included the possible opening of a Town & Country convenience store and Kentucky Fried Chicken and Burger King franchise operations. But according to local officials, there are no firm plans in place for the opening of any of these businesses.

City Manager Rick Hanna said no building permits have been issued for McDonald's, Town & Country or any of the other businesses rumored to be opening in Post.

"There's nothing official," he said Monday.

Wanda Mitchell, president of the local chamber of commerce,

said there have been many inquiries but that "nothing definite is happening." She did confirm that Town & Country and McDonald's have made inquiries as to acquiring local property but said she was unaware of any queries made by KFC or Burger King.

A telephone call to McDonald's corporate offices in Oklahoma yielded a "no comment" response to the question of bringing the 'golden arches' to Post.

Town & Country's public relations spokesman Dan McCarty in San Angelo also denied knowledge of his company's rumored expansion into Garza County.

"(The coffee shop talkers) obviously know more about it than I do," he said. "At this stage of the game, I just can't find anybody in this (corporate) office that knows anything about it."

Goertz named measurement superintendent for Energas

John M. Goertz has been named to the position of measurement superintendent for Energas Company.

Goertz, formerly an engineer for Trans Louisiana Gas Company in Lafayette, La., joined the company as an associate engineer for Atmos Energy Corporation. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a B.S. in mechanical engineering. Goertz will be relocating to Lubbock, Texas.

David Gates, senior vice president of technical services for Energas, said that Goertz would be responsible for all measurement related tasks, which includes large volume billing, meter and regulator station design and operations, electronic measurement, SCADA administration, system odorization, and measurement training. He will also oversee the company's lost and unaccounted for gas program and be a chief liaison between the company and its pipeline suppliers.

Youth football league opens

An organizational meeting for the new youth Post Flag Football Association (PFFA) will be conducted Thursday, Aug. 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 202 W. 10th.

The organization's initial slate of officers and board members will be elected at the meeting. Anyone interested in serving as a board member, coach, official or sponsor is invited to attend.

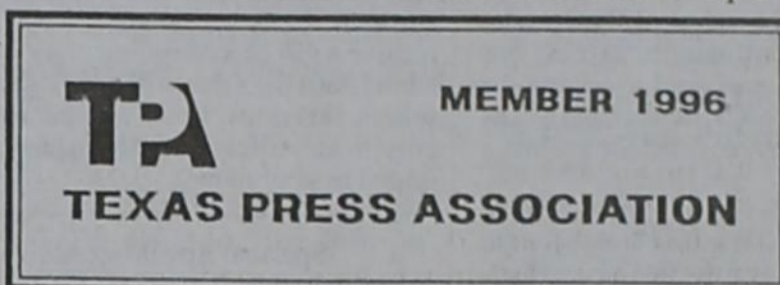
The PFFA will be open to boys and girls in grades 1-6. Teams will be mixed and all participants will play at least half of each weekly game. If enough youths sign up for the league, teams representing grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 will be formed.

Hour-long games will be held Saturday afternoons Sept. 14 through Oct. 26, the day of the PFFA championship games. Practices will be held twice weekly beginning the first week of September. Once game play is started, practices will be limited to once a week.

The purpose of the PFFA is to encourage physical fitness and good sportsmanship skills while providing local youths with organized activities during the fall, according to league organizers.

Registration will be held Saturday, Aug. 31, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at United Supermarket. Cost will be \$15 per child, which will cover the cost of the uniform T-shirt while helping to pay officials and league organization expenses. Parents must show, at the time of registration, evidence of some form of an accident insurance policy covering each participating child. Teams will be drafted immediately following the close of registration beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Nazarene church.

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A special thank you to Justice-Mason funeral home; First Baptist Church for the use of the church and the fellowship hall; Pastor Pavano of the Church of Prophecy; Pastor Bultron of the First Assembly of God and Pastor Juan Valenzuela of San Antonio for officiating the service; Nancy Flanigan for the music; Paula Valdez and the ladies who provided and served the meal after the service; Dr. Michael Ward of Lubbock; Dr. Chen and staff; the ambulance staff from Post and Slaton; the staff from Twin Cedars and Maurice's Flower Shop.

We appreciate the love and care you showed for our mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother Matilde Collazo Torrez.

The families of Dee and Mary Collazo; Mike and Eva Gonzales; Domingo and Esther Samora; Jessie and Rachel Collazo; Joe and Olivia Martinez; Lee and Paula Collazo; Steve and Mary Ann Collazo; Johnny and Linda Collazo and Roy and Angeles Collazo.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who provided food, sent flowers, called or came by during the loss of our dear Wesley.

We are so blessed to have our families and friends who stand beside us in our times of sorrow.

Special thanks to Hudman's Funeral Home and Rev. David Graves for all their special help and words of comfort.

The families of Wesley Michael Mitchell

We want to say a special thank you to our children, grandchildren and friends that worked so hard to make our Golden Anniversary party a perfect occasion. We want to thank each one for being there and for the beautiful cards, flowers and gifts. Thank you.

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

August 20, 1986 10 Years Ago

Palentologist Sankar Chatterjee uncovers fossils identified as those of the earth's oldest birds, at least 75 million years older than any found before, near an excavation point near Post. The fossils are 225 million years old.

A recent birth was **Brittney DaLayne**, daughter of Mr and Mrs Benny Granger. She was born August 3, 1976.

Chief Deputy **Billy L. Timms** of Post - Garza County Sheriff's Department has become a member of the Texas Chief Deputy's Association.

August 19, 1976 20 Years Ago

Riley Miller is the champion Garza County roper of the 1976 Post Stampede Rodeo.

Mr and Mrs Ray L. Young will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this Sunday in the bank community room. The couple was married at Ragtown in 1926.

Mr and Mrs Sammy Sanders and children, Steve and Shelly, of Irving visited in the home of Mr and Mrs Bill Sanders recently.

August 25, 1966 30 Years Ago

The Post High School cheerleaders for the 1966-67 school year are **Micki Sterling, Linda Altman, Kay Altman, Nedra Childs, Marcia Newby** and **Vicki Martin**.

Happy Birthday today goes to **Mike Cornell, Ted Tatum, Fred Gossett, Mrs Lonnie Peel, James E. Pollard, W. H. Swanger** and **Bryce Martin**.

Lee Williams and a friend, **Munger Burney** left Monday on

a three day all expense paid trip to Las Vegas, Nev. which they won at a Lubbock Country Club Golf Tournament.

August 23, 1956 40 Years Ago

Mrs Nan Dyer, former Post High School homemaking teacher, will teach again this year in the Three Way School for the 1956-57 term.

Herman Seaton has returned to his home here from the Veteran's Hospital in Big Spring, where he has been for the last several weeks.

Travis Polk, Carolynn Hudman, Gene Young and **Gwen Copple** spent Wednesday in Abilene. He attended the junior rodeo there.

August 23, 1946 50 Years Ago

Jimmy Bird brings in season's first bale of cotton Monday. Jimmy is the 16-year-old son of **Al Bird**, Verbena community rancher-farmer.

Max Tucker, son of Mr and Mrs H.M. Tucker recently accepted a position with the city engineers of Lubbock.

Willie Ann Mathis returned Sunday to Amarillo for a visit with her cousin, **Bill McCrary**, son of the **Leroy McCrarys**, who spent

Community Calendar

Monday, August 26, 1996
9 a.m. - Commissioners Court, Courthouse

Tuesday, August 27, 1996
12 noon - Rotary, Rotary Room, Community Center

Thursday, August 22, 1996
7:00 a.m. - Lions Club, Chaparral Steak House.

Frozen turbot (of the flounder fish family) is usually priced lower and is as delicious as most white fish.

Menus

Post I.S.D.

Friday, August 23, 1996

Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Cheeseburger, h.b. salad, tater tots, cookie, milk.

Monday, August 26, 1996

Breakfast: French toast, syrup, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Frito pie, baked beans, broccoli, cookie, corn bread, milk.

Tuesday, August 27, 1996

Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Enchiladas, refried beans, tossed salad, Spanish rice, pear halves, milk.

Wednesday, August 28, 1996

Breakfast: Cowboy bread, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad, California mix, peaches, homemade bread garlic toast, milk.

Thursday, August 29, 1996

Breakfast: Malt-O-Meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Chili dog, spinach, French fries, cake, milk.

Trail Blazers

Friday, August 23, 1996

Baked chicken w/mushroom sauce, butter beans, mixed vegetables, tossed salad/Italian dressing, wheat roll, pineapple cobbler, choice of beverage.

Monday, August 26, 1996

Salmon patty, blackeye peas, spinach, cornbread, golden congealed salad, sugar cookies, choice of beverage.

Tuesday, August 27, 1996

BBQ sausage, baked potato, broccoli w/cheese, wheat roll, peaches, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, August 28, 1996

Chicken strips, white gravy, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, cornbread, fruit crumble, choice of beverage.

Thursday, August 29, 1996

Vegetable beef soup, patty melt sandwich, three bean salad, orange sections peanut butter cookies, choice of beverage.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Insurance Commissioner **Elton Bomer** said last week the Texas Department of Insurance would take full regulatory control over health maintenance organizations this fall.

The agency presently shares regulatory control of HMOs with the Texas Department of Health.

Bomer said the Legislature will have to approve a plan to make the switch permanent, and meetings to discuss the issue were scheduled last week.

Jeff Wurzel, executive director of the Texas Health Maintenance Organization Association said the regulatory change could make dealing with state regulations easier for the 44 HMO programs that cover 2.2 million Texans.

"I think the change will be positive. We hope that at one agency, the process will be improved," Wurzel said.

Lisa McGiffert, a policy analyst for Consumers Union Southwest Regional Office, said the change could be good, but she said ending the health department's regulatory role will take away a check-and-balance system. And she said the health department knows more about health-care needs than the insurance department.

But she said she hopes **Bomer** will hire staff who would keep a close watch on the growing HMO industry.

NAACP Appeals Court Order

Attorneys for the NAACP appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court last week to overturn a federal court order requiring special elections in 13 congressional districts in Texas.

The attorneys raised many objections to the court order, arguing that special elections would be highly disruptive, that it is not necessary to redraw 13 districts to correct constitutional violations in only three districts, and that with less than three months until the general election, minority voter turnout would be lessened.

A federal court panel of three judges earlier this month redrew 13 of Texas' 30 congressional district boundaries that were declared unconstitutional because they were racially gerrymandered.

Attorney General **Dan Morales** is considering whether to file an appeal to stay the panel's order for special elections.

Tobacco Trial to Stay Put

Texas' \$4 billion lawsuit against the tobacco industry will stay in Texarkana where Attorney General **Morales** filed it, a federal judge ruled last week.

U.S. District Judge **David Folsom** rejected arguments from tobacco industry lawyers who sought to move the lawsuit to Austin, which would have been more convenient.

Morales filed suit in March against the tobacco industry, accusing it of committing fraud and vi-

olating federal antitrust and racketeering laws. The suit seeks reimbursement to the state of the costs of treating tobacco-related illnesses.

College Testing Scores Improve

The Texas Education Agency announced last week that students who took the American College Testing exam this year had a higher composite score than those who took it last year.

This year, 55,442 Texas seniors took the ACT, scoring a composite of 20.2. Last year, the 59,857 students who took the exam had a composite score of 20.1. The national average composite score this year was 20.9.

"These results clearly demonstrate that taking challenging courses in high school is a prerequisite for success in college," said state Education Commissioner **Mike Moses**.

"For students who are planning to attend college after high school, taking challenging courses is not a luxury but a necessity. There is no substitute for good solid academic preparation."

More students take the Scholastic Aptitude Test than the ACT, but all colleges and universities in Texas accept ACT results for admission consideration.

Drought Hurts Cotton Crop

Total production of cotton, corn, peanuts and hay is lower than last year because of the drought, Agriculture Commissioner **Rick Perry** said last week.

Texas, the nation's leading cotton producing state, is estimated to produce 3.65 million bales, down 18 percent from last year. It is only the second time since 1990 that the Texas cotton crop has dropped below 4 million bales.

Perry said more than 600,000 acres were abandoned on the southern high plains, the state's largest cotton-producing area.

Inmates Rebuild School Buses

When public schools reopened across the state last week, nearly 600 school buses rebuilt by inmates hit the streets.

More than 200 inmates at a Texas Department of Criminal Justice unit near Huntsville rebuilt old buses, saving thousands of dollars for local school districts.

Shawn Blair, manager of the school bus repair plant, said the criminal justice department earned nearly \$2 million last year.

Other Capital Highlights

Immigration officers last week arrested about 135 illegal immigrants working at Sun City Georgetown, a retirement housing project being developed by **Dell Webb Corp.** of Phoenix. One day earlier, officers made 80 other arrests in the Austin area. Sun City officials said all of those arrested were employed by contractors, except one who had provided documents before being hired.

Laura Tobias chosen to attend "Wider Opportunity"

Laura Tobias is one of the eight Cadette/Senior Girl Scouts in Caprock Council who have been chosen to attend a "Wider Opportunities" is a program sponsored by the Girl Scouts of the USA in which older Girl Scouts are selected to participate with other girls from around the nation and sometimes world, in activities in another city, state, or country that are centered on a particular theme or interest, in which many times are career-related.

Laura Tobias, an eight grader from Cadette Troop 47 in Post, has been accepted to attend "Great Lakes Aquatic Biology" at Traverse City, MI in October. She will spend three days aboard a schooner sailing on Grand Traverse Bay and Lake Michigan where she will learn about the ecology and geology of the area and also learn about careers in marine and aquatic biology.

This year 2,921 girls nationwide applied for 1,130 places among

One of the finest accomplishments is making a long story short.

—Kin Hubbard

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News from Texas monthly oil and gas

July permits to drill

The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,146 original drilling permits in July compared to 907 in July, 1995. The July total included 830 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 49 to re-enter existing well bores and 267 for re-completions.

So far in 1996, there have been 7,213 drilling permits issued compared to 6,542 recorded during the same period in 1995.

Permits issued in July included 445 oil, 289 gas, 371 oil and gas, 28 injection and 13 other permits.

July Oil and Gas completions

In July operators reported 350 oil, 338 gas, 34 injection and four other completions, compared to 345 oil, 319 gas, and 31 injection and other completions during the same month of last year.

Total well completions for 1996 year-to-date is 5,113, about three percent above the 4,937 recorded during the same period in 1995.

Operators reported 638 holes plugged and 156 dry holes in July, compared to 609 holes plugged and 196 dry holes reported the same period last year.

Gamma Mu elect officers

The Gamma Mu sorority met on August 15, 1996 for a salad supper at the SPS ready room.

At the meeting secret sisters were revealed and the members elected new officers.

The members who attended were: **Debbie Webb**, **Nita Jo Heckaman**, **Ofelia Hoover**, **Judy Massey**, **Sharla Hair**, **Shelley Odum**, **Raeline Reece**, **Christina Jones**, **Gloria Guerrero**, **Debra Guinn**, **Dana Holly** and **Jana Bullard**.

New officers for the new year are **Jana Bullard** as President, **Ofelia Hoover** as vice president, **Judy Massey** as treasurer, **Raeline Reece** as secretary, **Dana Holly** and **Gloria Guerrero** as entertainment directors and **Debra Guinn** as yearbook director.

Our sorority meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month. The meeting in September will be our fall rush.



McLaughlin endorses

lottery rebate

Scott McLaughlin, the Republican candidate for State Representative in District 70, today endorsed a proposal by State Senator **Tom Haywood** (R-Wichita Falls) which would return a portion of lottery funds to the cities and counties of origin.

The plan would return 5% of the total income the state receives from the Texas Lottery to the city in which the game tickets were purchased. Tickets purchased in unincorporated areas would return funds to the county.

"I support this plan because I support local control," McLaughlin said. Bureaucrats in Austin have no idea how to best meet the needs of the hard working men and women of Big Spring, Snyder, Sweetwater, or any other town in District 70." It will let them spend the money where it is most needed and provide relief to overburdened taxpayers.

Figures provided by the Texas Lottery Commission indicate that in 1995 there was a total of \$18,797,003 in all lottery ticket sales in the 12 counties that make up District 70. Under Haywood's plan, just under \$1,000,000 of that amount would have stayed in the local communities.

"Our former governor and the current democrat leadership in the Texas House didn't fulfill their promise this money would go towards education. Given the tremendous amount of revenue the lottery produces every year, maybe now they will do the right thing and at least let local communities decide how a portion of these funds will be spent," McLaughlin concluded.

McLaughlin is challenging long time incumbent **David Counts** (D-Knox City) in the November general election.

Girl Scouts to hold own version of Olympics

The Olympics are coming to Post — the Girl Scout Olympics, that is. Next Tuesday, August 27, Post Girl Scouts will hold their own version of Olympic games at the City Park.

Any girl in kindergarten through high school interested in being a Girl Scout should bring a parent and come to the park at 6 p.m. Any adult willing to help with a troop should come too.

There will be fun, food, and information on coming activities in Girl Scouting.

ACROSS

1 TXism: "do I have to draw you _____?"

5 Tex Ritter tune: " _____ Weevil"

6 border fruit smuggling agency

7 TX-made film: "Baby, the _____ Must Fall"

8 Cowboys forced _____ from the Bills in '93 Bowl

18 TXism: "could sell _____ cubes to Eskimos"

19 TXism: "got the morals of _____"

21 TX Bush's "Stormin'" general (init.)

22 Campbell played TX ranger in "True _____"

23 TX Roy Orbison tune: "In _____"

24 TX Bell Helicopter and _____ build the V-22 Osprey

29 TXism: "either fish or cut _____"

30 fix a fence

31 first state forest: _____ Siecke

32 Fort Worth has the "World's Longest _____ Parade"

34 Palmer plays 3rd _____ for the Rangers

35 TX TV journalist Moyers (init.)

36 TI has big Dallas microchip

37 TXism: "cut from the same _____"

38 Gable strikes it rich in TX in " _____ Town"

40 TXism: "polecat

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DOWN

1 TXism: "ran like red ants out of _____"

2 Levelland title: "City of _____"

3 city no. of Houston

4 Southwest slogan: "Just _____ Smart"

9 TXism: "hot as road _____ July"

10 military group

11 TXism: "rug _____ (toddler)"

12 Astros league

13 _____ Dr. Pepper plant is in Dublin

14 this Lundquist once broadcast Cowboys

15 black- _____ peas

16 recording label of TX Waylon Jennings

17 TXism: "poured out of the _____ (alike)"

20 where the eyes of Texas are checked

22 this Bussey starred with 47-across

24 Baylor degree

25 "good _____ boy"

26 Bentsen Rio Grande Park has _____ owls

27 TXism: "feel like _____ chewed up and spit out"

28 made out in the back seat

29 Pulitzer winning TX cartoonist

30 beer ingredient

33 Sam Houston statue near Huntsville weighs 25 _____

34 what top TX sports draftee gets (2 wds.)

35 TX Perot served on GM's _____ of Dir.

37 TX pres. Mirabeau _____ Lamar

38 TXism: " _____ coup" (a lot)

39 TXism: "never in all _____ born days"

41 Fort Worth mail-order western store

42 TXism: "nary a soul"

44 _____ "Too Tall" Jones

45 TXism: "big _____ in the pond"

48 TX _____ Cavalry "buffalo soldiers"

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Obituaries

Weldon Swanger

Funeral services for Weldon Swanger, 84, were held Friday, August 16, 1996 at 2 p.m. in the Post Church of the Nazarene with Rev Jim Graham, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr Swanger died Wednesday, August 14, 1996 at his home. He was born April 3, 1912 in Normangee, Texas to William Lee and Sallie A. (Smith) Swanger, and attended school at Lueders. He moved to Post with his family in October 1927. He had worked for the Post Cotton Mill. He was a United States Postal Service worker for 31 years. He married Ima Lee Jackson on July 11, 1936 in Post. He is preceded in death by a daughter, Darlene Swanger, on May 12, 1938. He was a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife, Ima Lee of Post; son and daughter-in-law, Weldon Lee and Donna of Brownwood and two grandchildren, Ryan and Lacy. Pallbearers were Bill Bennett, Rodney Tidwell, Don Riley, Roy Teaff, Rayford Bates and Mike Hair.

Tommy Joe Ammons II

Graveside services for Tommy Joe Ammons II, infant son of Tommy Joe Ammons and Melissa Williams of Lubbock, were held Sunday, August 18, 1996 at 3 p.m. in the Terrace Cemetery with Paul D. Jones, minister of the Post Church of Christ, officiating. He was assisted by Joe Gregory and Rodney Tidwell.

Burial was under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home. The baby was born August 15, 1996 at University Medical Center in Lubbock and died August 15, 1996 at University Medical Center.

Survivors other than the parents are paternal grandparents: Jimmy and Irene Ammons of Lubbock; maternal grandparents: Milton and Billie Williams of Post; paternal great-grandparents: Tooter and Toni Ammons and Mr and Mrs Mike Cisneros, all of Post; maternal great-grandparents: Mr and Mrs Walter L. Williams of Draw and Mr and Mrs Billy Jack Bairrington of O'Donnell and maternal great-grandmother: Jewel Bairrington of Tahoka.

Pallbearers were Kelly Line and Jamie Perez.

Wesley Michael Mitchell

Graveside services for Wesley Michael Mitchell, 19, of Amarillo were held Thursday, August 15, 1996 at 3 p.m. in the Terrace Cemetery with David Graves, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. Mitchell died Sunday, August 11, 1996 in Monticello, Kentucky as the result of an automobile accident. He had lived in Kentucky for the past month.

He was born September 1, 1976 in Terrell, Texas and was the son of Herbert Glenn Mitchell and Deborah Kay Harris.

He was a roofer and had been a resident of Amarillo for the past five years. Survivors include his father, Herbert Mitchell of Post; his mother, Kay Mitchell of The Colony; three sisters, Mia Cherie Taylor and Chrystal Mitchell, both of The Colony and Charlynn Irvin of Phoenix, Az.; three brothers, Darold Malik of Sanora, Michael Irvin and Glenn Ray Mitchell, both of Phoenix, Az.; brother-in-law, Ronald Taylor; step-mother, Jan Mitchell of Phoenix, Az.; paternal grandparents, Mr and Mrs B.A. Mitchell of Post; maternal grandparents, Mr and Mrs Jim Harris of Arlington; two nieces; three nephews and a host of uncles, aunts and cousins.

Linda Ann Gordon

Funeral services for Linda Ann Gordon, 47, were held Wednesday, August 21, 1996 at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church with Paul Jones, pastor of the Post Church of Christ, officiating. He was assisted by Bo Jackson, layman.

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

Mrs Gordon died Monday, August 19, 1996 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born March 26, 1949 in Slaton and was the daughter of James Altman and Ann Wilson. She was a graduate of Post High School where she was also employed as a Teachers Aid. She married Billy Max Gordon on June 29, 1968 in Post. She lived in Cahoma from 1975-1982. She had lived in Post since 1983. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Max Gordon of Post; one daughter, Darby Webb of Lubbock; four brothers, James Gary of Slaton, Billy Wayne Gary of Coleman, James E. Altman of Plains and Jimmie Lee Altman of New Mexico; two sisters, Bonnie Duren of Post and Arleta Gary of Brownwood and one granddaughter, Olivia Webb of Lubbock.

Pallbearers were Duke Altman, Don Altman, Anthony Altman, Danny Altman, Bobby Altman, Barry Altman, Clark Altman, Roger Blair, Dennis Altman and Ray Altman.

Honorary pallbearers were Lane Tannehill, Fred Postell, Darrel Radle, Chili Black, Dewayne Osborne, Mitchell Rasberry, Joe Giddens, Jimmy Redman and Bart McMeans.

Changes in mail collection procedures will strengthen security

The U.S. Postal Service has announced changes in mail collection procedures that will increase security of commercial airlines carrying U.S. Mail.

"The changes are designed to enhance security measures and to protect the traveling public, postal employees and postal contractors who transport U.S. Mail," said Postmaster General Marvin Runyon.

Runyon added that the changes exceed FAA requirements and are one of several important steps the Postal Service is "prepared and willing to take to improve the level of safety and security of the airlines and the mail." Officials declined to discuss all of the security measures planned or already in place.

The typical consumer or business will notice very few changes, nor will there be any impact on service. Express Mail service is not affected.

The changes, effective August 16, affect packages mailed to international or domestic addresses deposited in mail collection boxes, such as street mail boxes, lobby and apartment drop boxes/receptacles, even rural customer mailboxes.

Customers will have to bring to post offices for entry with retail clerks domestic mail bearing stamps and weighing 16 ounces and over, and all international mail or military APO/FPO mail weighing 16 ounces and over and which in some cases may also require a customs declaration form.

The Postal Service will retain a record of the international and military APO/FPO mailing and the customer will be advised of this when the item is mailed.

Packages found in collection boxes will be returned to the sender if the addressee is outside the local area identified for overnight First-Class Mail.

Pizza pie is in fact redundant since *pizza* is the Italian word for pie.

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Post ISD reports '96 enrollment

A total of 975 students were enrolled as of the first day of the 1996-97 school year, according to Dr. Bobby Bain, Post Independent School District superintendent.

The enrollment figure, which is expected to climb in coming weeks, reflects 475 enrolled in grades pre-kindergarten through fifth grade, 221 in grades 6-8 and 279 at the high school.

Enrollment numbers are slightly down from those observed at the end of the 1995-96 school year but are "very close" to the first day of school figure recorded a year ago, Dr. Bain said.

The school district routinely sees its enrollment grow as the school year progresses, the superintendent said, and enrollment figures have remained stable over the past several years.

Founder's Day

(Continued from Page 1) Oldest Tractor and Best of Show recognitions will be awarded.

Following the parade, plans call for the tractors to be displayed Saturday in the downtown area.

Anyone interested in entering a tractor in the parade should contact Haney at 495-2527 or 495-2960. There is no entry fee.

To lie still and think little is medicine for the soul.

—Friedrich Nietzsche

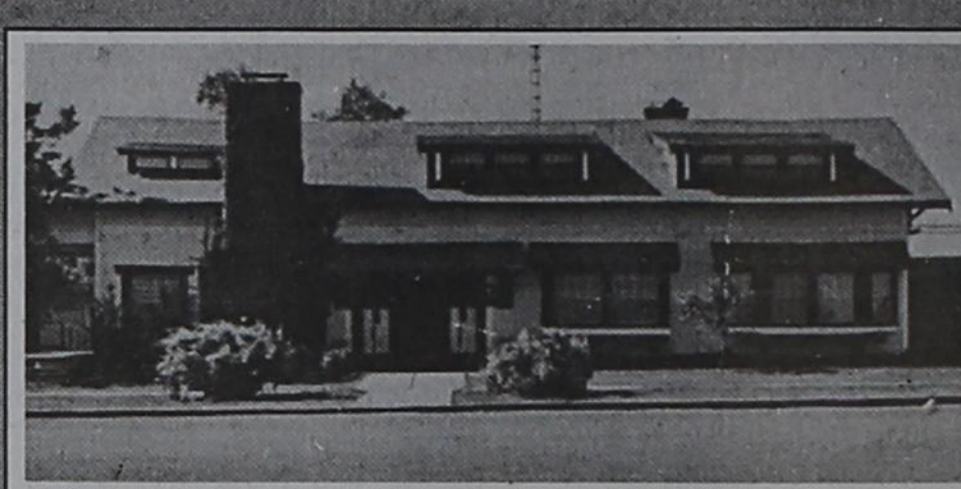


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The Dream
by Buddy Payne, First United Methodist Church
A man had a dream that he was back in the days of Jesus. What made the dream even better was the fact that he was a disciple of the Lord (Something he had always wished). The day was great as Jesus was preaching, healing and loving all. The man in the dream was involved in it all!
Then Jesus finished at that town abruptly and said, "Let's move on!" So they were off and they walked, walked, and walked some more. Was it ever HOT! As far as the man was concerned, sand and sandals were not made for each other.
Then it happened! They reached a farmer's field full of big rocks and Jesus said, "Let's move some of these rocks for the farmer." The man thought, "You've got to be kidding! I'm HOT and TIRED! I'll just take this dinky one."
When the disciples arrived at the other side, Jesus said, "Let's have supper." The rocks miraculously turned into all the disciples' favorite food—Lambchops, steaks, barbeque, etc. The man excitedly looked at his supper and there it was, one Oscar Meyer Wiener (Remember, this is a dream).
That night, he slept hungry, tired, and frustrated. "Being a disciple is a lot of work!" he thought. Next morning, into the next town they went with Jesus healing, teaching and blessing. Once again, Jesus left abruptly and went back to that same farmers field.
This time the man was ready. He was going to eat fine tonight. He rolled the biggest stone out of the field. Sure enough, everybody's favorite meal turned up except his. He had a half-eaten wiener.
Tears welled up as Jesus said to him, "When you do it for yourself, it means nothing!" The man awoke. Did he learn anything? Did we?
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