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Date	High	Low	Precip.
1/1	63	22	0
1/2	64	22	0
1/3	69	46	0
1/4	70	46	0
1/5	70	42	0
1/6	70	40	0

December total rainfall — 5.41
Rainfall 1997 — 33.38
(Records courtesy Garza County Sheriff's Department as reported to the National Weather Service)



Garza County celebrated Christmas this year with a blanket of snow. The white stuff began falling during Christmas day, gradually getting stronger through the night. By morning December 26, the landscape had that real winter look. (Photo by Timothy W. Burnett)

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City Council takes action to eliminate planning and zoning commission

by Sheri Lewis

During their first meeting of 1998, members of the Post City Council approved, on first reading, an ordinance that could eliminate the city's planning and zoning commission.

The ordinance must be approved on second and final reading before becoming effective. That action, which would relegate the duties of the planning and zoning board to the city council, could be taken at the council's next session.

The council initially addressed the possibility of abolishing the local zoning board and assuming its duties at the October meeting. At that session, council members discussed the difficulties involved in getting individuals to serve on the board and the difficulties involved in conducting official planning and zoning board business because of a lack of a quorum when meetings are scheduled. Council members were told that a recent discussion of the elimination of the board by board members received broad approval. Council members voted unanimously to begin the work needed to make the change.

At their meeting Tuesday night, however, City Manager Rick Hanna said some concerns have been raised by citizens that future councils and/or city managers might misuse or abuse the authority to oversee planning and zoning. Instead of doing away with the planning and zoning board, it has been suggested that maybe new board members interested in handling the city's planning and zoning needs are needed.

Mayor Jim Jackson noted that it has been an ongoing problem to find individuals interested and willing to serve on the board.

City Attorney Harvey Morton said he "greatly prefers" the use of a planning and zoning commission over the option of allowing the council to handle such matters. There are many benefits to having such a board, he said, and it is much easier for the council. The planning and zoning commission will always reflect the council through council-made appointments, he said.

"It doesn't matter which way you go," said Councilman Bill Pool.

"There's political fallout either way."

Morton noted that one way of lending support to a planning and zoning board would be the planning of annual or regular training sessions.

The council agreed to adopt the proposed ordinance on first reading and to take the next few weeks before the next regular session to study the issue at length.

In other business, the council:

- Received a report from White River Municipal Water District board member Charles Hardin concerning the board's efforts to hire a general manager for the district with the pending retirement of Al O'Brien. Hardin said the qualified applicants were boiled down to two and interviews conducted, with Tommy O'Brien selected as being the best qualified to fit the district's needs. This week, the board is expected to meet and finalize its plans to offer Tommy O'Brien the position, which carries a \$65,000 salary plus benefits. If the younger O'Brien accepts the job, Hardin said he plans to bring the new general manager to the next Post Council meeting to introduce him to city officials.

- Heard a report from Ron Howell of Mason, Warner & Co. accounting firm, Lubbock, on the audit of the city's bookkeeping records for the year ending Sept. 30, 1997. Howell said the audit showed everything to be in order.

- Reviewed correspondence from Classic Cable pertaining to a rate increase scheduled to go into effect Feb. 1. According to the cable company, basic cable service rates (pretax) will jump from the current rate of \$26.35 to \$27.95 per month.

- Discussed the need to do emulsion on local streets.

- Discussed the need to address the problem of loose dogs within the city limits and possibly restructure the fines assessed of individuals whose stray dogs are picked up and impounded by city employees. The council agreed to address the issue again at its next session.

County jail feels pinch with overcrowding

The Garza County jail, which is designed to house seven prisoners, was bulging at the seams late last month with as many as 30 or more housed in the facility.

"There were 30 or 32, I'm just not sure of the number without looking," Sheriff Kenny Ratke said Tuesday afternoon. "That was about Dec. 28 or 29. Most were felonies — thefts, assaults, burglaries. Plus we were holding 10 who were paper-ready or awaiting paperwork to be transported to the TDC (Texas Department of Corrections) or other state facilities... the TDC accepts only one inmate from us per month no matter how backed up we get... and we had one unpled felon."

The sheriff said several were released to the Border Patrol last week after pleading guilty to cases related to strings of car burglaries. Others, "non-violent or misdemeanor violators," were "weeded out" to help reduce the overall population at the jail.

"I'm doing the best I can with what I've got," Ratke said. "It's not a backup in the courts. We just need a larger facility."

The existing facility, built in 1973, consists of two large cells which, according to state regulations, can legally be used to house three inmates each on a permanent basis. Another separate and smaller cell can be used to house one more inmate, bringing the facility's total capacity up to seven.

But local law enforcement officials operate the facility at capacity most of the time. Ratke said it's not unusual for the jail to operate at 250-300 percent capacity. Last month the sheriff received a letter from the state voicing concern about the facility's "population ceiling."

In annual state inspections, the facility routinely receives commendations for its various methods of operation, the sheriff said. "The state standards are met — all except the population," Ratke said. "That's one in which I cannot control."

The number of inmates housed in the jail climbed so high in recent weeks that on more than one occasion, local lawmen have been forced to borrow mattresses from neighboring law enforcement agencies to provide bedding for everyone in the Garza County unit.

The sheriff admitted that the overcrowding in the jail is a "situation that leaves me extremely uneasy." Recreation time, the configuration of the visitation area and the increased numbers of visi-

tors coming in and out of the facility make it hard to manage the inmates, particularly with regard to the way the building is designed, he said.

The problem is one county officials will need to look into in the near future, said Ratke. He recently sat down with two of the county commissioners to discuss the matter and said both showed interest in the situation.

"They seemed to agree the situation needs to start getting looked at," he said. "Money is a problem, it's always a problem, but in (the commissioners') best interests as businessmen it's time to start looking at long-range solutions to overcrowding and other related problems with this jail facility."

As of Tuesday afternoon, the jail population was down to about a dozen.

Ratke said he plans to consult a professional in hopes of obtaining a feasibility study on possible jail expansion.

Trade Days attendance reflects after holiday spirit

An estimated crowd of about 4,500 visitors attended last weekend's Old Mill Trade Days event, according to Trade Days officials.

"That's just an estimate," said Trade Days' Linda Self. "The actual figure could easily be higher. We're pleased with the numbers, especially compared to a year ago."

During the post-holiday event a year ago, attendance for the three-day event was limited to just over 1,200 visitors, according to records.

This weekend's event proved to be an attractive draw to visitors due to the advertised "clearance sale" many Trade Days vendors participated in. Another special and fun attraction at the show was the pony ride booth, offering rides to children and even a few young-at-heart adults.

The next Trade Days event is set for Jan. 30-Feb. 1.

Post Notes

Blood drive Thursday

A blood drive will be conducted today (Thursday, Jan. 8) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center. The drive is conducted by the Texas Blood Institute of Lubbock.

Hospital district hearing Jan. 15

A special public hearing regarding the status of the Garza Hospital District will be held Thursday, January 15 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Post Community Center. Tax payers interested in expressing their views or seeking answers to questions about the continuing tax are encouraged to attend. The meeting has been scheduled by the Garza Memorial Hospital board of directors.

Grandma Brag Pages deadline

The annual Post Dispatch "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published, Thursday, February 12. Deadline for submitting photos and information is Friday, February 6 at 5 p.m. The Post Dispatch special Valentine edition continues the traditional rate of \$5 for each one column size for no more than two children in a photo. Larger sizes are available for three or more children.

Meeting for Little Dribblers

There will be an organizational meeting for Post Junior Basketball (Little Dribblers) on Wednesday, January 14 at 5:45 p.m. at Norwest Bank's Community Room. We will examine our financial position, set sign up dates and fees, discuss changes and goals for the program and elect officers. We invite all interested persons to attend this important meeting.

Garza County United Way short \$8,000 toward goal

The current fund raising campaign for the Garza County United Way stood at \$14,782.40 as of Tuesday morning, according to reports.

Goal for this year's campaign is \$22,500.

Contributions will be accepted through January 31. Unless the campaign reaches its goal, cuts in United Way contributions to participating agencies will be made across the board.

Agencies slated to receive funding through this year's United Way effort include Garza County Mental Health, Trailblazers, Boy Scouts, Garza County Child Welfare Board, Meals on Wheels, My Special Place, Salvation Army, American Red Cross, Women's Protective Services, Post Industries, Post Girl Scouts, Post Junior Girls Basketball, Summer Baseball, Girls Slow Pitch Softball and MAD DADS.

1997 ... whew, what a year!

Making a list of important news stories in Post for 1997 has to start with the change of management at Old Mill Trade Days, followed by the opening of the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center. We realize no list is ever complete, but here's a brief summary from our files.

January

Fire destroyed the Hitching Post Jan. 4. When representatives of the local fire department arrived at the bar, located on FM 651, the building was completely consumed. The building had already closed for the evening and was empty when the fire was reported.

More than six inches of snow fell Jan. 8, closing a portion of U.S. 84 north for a time due to hazardous travel conditions.

The district courtroom in the Garza County courthouse was the site of an 11-hour hearing Jan. 8 involving Trade Days Enterprises. District Judge George H. Hansard presided over the hearing, which resulted from complaints filed several weeks earlier by Trade Days shareholder and director Bob Macy.

The 33rd annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show & Sale began Jan. 16 with more than 100 local youths exhibiting animals.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new juvenile detention center were held Jan. 28 at the 43-acre site off of FM 651.

In a document filed in the district clerk's office Jan. 29, Robert Cox was appointed receiver for Trade Days Enterprises. District Judge George H. Hansard made the appointment and also ordered an audit of Trade Days' financial records.

February

As of Feb. 1, the Garza Family Health Center absorbed the Post Health Care Clinic. Providing health care services at the 24-hour center are Dr. Able Salas and physician's assistant Mike Travis.

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Only two of these members of the Post High School basketball team of 1917 are identified... and B.E. Terrell of Lubbock hopes readers of The Post Dispatch will be able to identify the others. B.E.'s father, Frank Buford Terrell, is on the right and his uncle Buell Terrell is on the left. "The story I got was that they had always played on a dirt court, but when they went to Canyon on the way to the state championship, they slid to defeat on a waxed gymnasium floor." Readers with information about names may call B.E. Terrell at 745-4916 or The Post Dispatch at 495-2816.

Lady Lopes take 2nd at tourney

The Post High School varsity girls snagged a second place finish in the Reagan County Tournament held Dec. 29-31. The team also landed two players — Natalie Pollard and Rachelle Jones — on the All-Tournament list.

"Both girls played outstanding, but the rest of the team got them there," Coach Shana Matthews said of the All-Tournament selections.

The team won its first game against Stanton 48-28. Post jumped out to a 13-5 lead in the first quarter and continued to put points on the board throughout the second and third quarters. The team held back some in the final period, scoring only six.

Kasey Hardin led scoring with 10, followed by Natalie Pollard with eight, Becca Stelzer with seven, Erica Gomez, Arimya Gradine and Rachelle Jones with five each, and Macee Mills and Jennifer Strawn with four each. Jones led in assists, rebounds and steals.

"This was a good win for us coming off the Christmas break," Matthews said. "The girls looked sharp."

The team grabbed its second tourney win against host Reagan County by a score of 39-35.

Reagan County led 7-6 at the end of the first period but Post roared back in the second, scoring 13 points to Reagan County's six in the second quarter. Post led scoring again in the third quarter but Reagan County managed three more points that Post in the fourth and final period.

In the championship game, the girls were matched with a team from Odessa Permian. Permian came out on top in the game by a score of 53-29.

Permian outscored Post 20-2 in the first quarter, with Post coming back to lead scoring in the second period 11-9. Permian led scoring in the two final quarters.

Gradine led scoring with eight, followed by Short with five, Jones with four, Gomez and Pollard with three each and Stelzer, Erin Gregory and Hardin with two each. Pollard led in assists and rebounds and Mills and Gradine shared the spot for highest number of steals.

Pollard led scoring with 16, followed by Jones with eight, Gomez with six, Stelzer and Cassie Short with four each and Gradine, one point. Pollard led in rebounds, posting 14, while Gradine led in steals.

"This was a very important game for us," Matthews said. "The girls had been looking forward to this game for a year, ever since they beat us last year. It was a great game. Both teams played very hard, we just came out on top."

"Natalie Pollard played an outstanding game offensively and defensively, not only scoring 16 points and having 14 rebounds but she held their best player to only six points. Her teammates helped her out tremendously. All of them were very aggressive. It was a great defensive effort. It was a fun game to watch. Both teams played their hearts out."

"I was proud of the girls," the coach said. "Permian was much taller and faster than we were. The first quarter killed us. We came out a little sluggish and tired, I think from the night before."

"I am pleased with our second place. The girls worked extremely hard."

The varsity girls improved to season record to 9-4 Dec. 19 win over Tahoka 58-53.

Rachelle Jones led scoring with 13, Cassie Short with eight, Macee Mills with seven, Kasey Hardin with five, Kendly Jefferson with three and Jennifer Strawn. Natalie Pollard with two each. Gradine had 12 rebounds and steals.

"The girls played well," the coach said. "It is always hard to play Lady Bulldogs at their place and come out with a victory. I was very proud of the girls' effort. They played hard going into Christmas break with a 4 record is pretty good. I am pleased with their overall play. We do need start shooting better before district however, but we are on the right track."

The varsity girls defeated Aspermont Dec. 16 by a score of 29.

Natalie Pollard led scoring with 11, Rachelle Jones with nine, Kasey Jefferson with eight, Cassie Short with five, Macee Mills, Jennifer Strawn and Arimya Gradine with each and Erica Gomez, two points. Jefferson led assists, Gradine rebounds and Jefferson, Pollard, Jones led steals with five each.

"This was the most complete game the girls have played so far," Coach Matthews said. "They were aggressive from start to finish. They never let down. All eleven girls played extremely well. It was a fun game to play in and fun to watch."

Antelopes drop one to Tahoka

The Post High School varsity boys lost to Tahoka Dec. 19 61-45.

"We were 23 of 37 on the free throw line in a foul-plagued game," the coach said. "However, we didn't shoot very well (10-47) from the floor. Jamie Hernandez had 11 rebounds to go with his seven points. Billy Crawford had 10 rebounds. We handled their full court pressure much better this week."

Russ Moore led overall scoring with 12 points, followed by Crawford with eight, Jerry Graham, Jay Gorman and Hernandez with seven each and Clell Knight with four.

Aspermont defeated the varsity boys from Post by a score of 47-28 in a game played Dec. 16.

"Turnovers against Aspermont's press really hurt us," the coach said. "We struggled against their zone defense. I thought we played well defensively. We just couldn't score."

"Aspermont is still undefeated at 13-0 and is a good basketball team. Jamie Hernandez led our team with seven rebounds."

Clell Knight led the Lopes in scoring with 15, followed by Jay Gorman with five points. Michael Ulm, Hernandez, Russ Moore and Billy Crawford each scored two points.

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Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash, CPA
Lease a car for business

Many drivers across the country are busily crunching numbers to determine whether to buy or lease their next cars. For most people, it's a tossup; dollars and cents versus personal preference, with little difference either way. But for business cars, it's generally smarter to lease.

The operating costs of the car are deductible relative to the business and personal use of the car. Whether you lease or buy, the same percentage of costs like garage rent, gas, oil, tires, repairs, license and insurance can be written off.

The difference comes from the way you write off the car itself. If you buy, you depreciate the cost of the car and write off interest on the loan; if you lease, you write off the monthly payments. But the tax laws on so-called "luxury" cars limit how much you can depreciate. A small "inclusion amount" offsets the leasing deduction, but it's far less limiting than the depreciation limit.

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Holly, team place 2nd in state

Due to their outstanding performances throughout the regular ranch rodeo season, four local youths advanced to the Texas Youth Ranch Rodeo Association (T.Y.R.R.A.) finals held in October, 1997 in Crockett Texas.

The team of Ryan Holly, J.J. Flores, Ben Stroud and Travis Bradshaw, who have been competing in ranch rodeos since last March, entered the first day of finals in third place.

After winning two of the fastest times in events on Saturday and three of the fastest times in events on Sunday, the team was able to advance

to 2nd place overall. Besides winning this honor, the boys were also able to break two of the T.Y.R.R.A. records. Each team member received a jacket and belt buckle.

Texas Youth Ranch Rodeo competitions include such events as team penning, pasture roping, branding and mugging. Such events teach useful skills that benefit any planning to work with livestock.

Ryan is the son of Tammye and Butch Griffin of Bruceville-Eddie Lee Roy Holly of Post.

Grandparents are Jo and Wayne Thomas of Post.



Participating in Lynn Bethel's Studio of Music "Christmas Memories" last month were (back row, left to right) Cozy Jones, Karomy Drum, Cole McLeon, (middle row) Jami Nell Thackerson, Stormy Clark, Jessica Solis, Bailey Stoker, (front row) Jerica Tyler of Post, Magen Lee and Justin Stoker.

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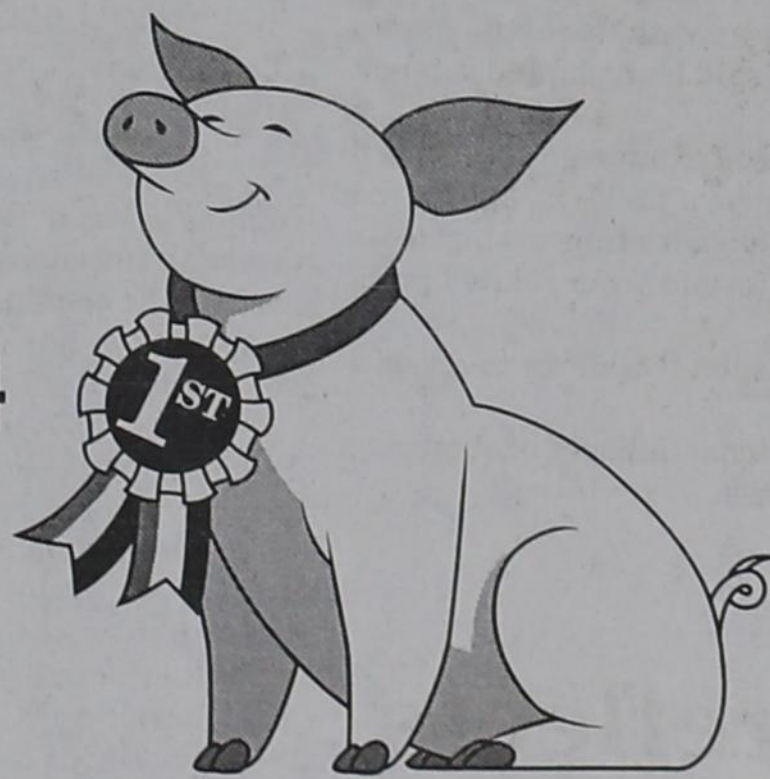
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Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Happy New Year everyone! My year really started off nice, and I received a call at 2:15 on Dec. 26 from our kids in Norfolk, Virginia.

We have a new granddaughter, Alison Baillie, weighing 6lbs. and 12 lbs. I can't believe she is so far away. Alison's Mom and Dad are John and Amanda Quisenberry.

Ms. Lorene Voyles returned home Christmas evening (Dec. 25) from a holiday visit with her son and daughter-in-law Rex and Joanne Voyles of Hobbs, N.M. While visiting, Mrs. Voyles joined other family members at the home of Wicke and Kevin Weaver in Hobbs for Christmas dinner.

Quanan and Sue Maxey celebrated their 61 wedding anniversary on December 27. Congratulations Quanan and Sue!

I'm glad to report that Mr. Sonny Cassett is back to work and in the swing of things. I hear he has quit smoking and all in all feels pretty good. It couldn't happen to a nicer person. Welcome back Sonny!

The home of Lewis and Jane Mason was the scene of an annual Christmas dinner on the evening of December 21. Co-hosting the event were Joe and Beth Cook of Big Spring, Johnny and Nancy Kemp, Jane George and Dan Lamb.

Special guests honored at the dinner were parents of the hosts, Quanan and Sue Maxey, Keith and Odeed Kemp, Boy and Elizabeth Hart and Thurman and Annie Laurie Francis.

After being served dinner and dessert, the parents received gifts and expressions of appreciation. The evening concluded with visiting.

Visiting for Christmas in Post last week were all three of Pat and Wes Burnett's children, along with their three grandchildren. Sharing the holidays were Tim Burnett, a senior at Texas Woman's University in Denton; James Burnett of Pearland, Kimberly and Allen Delberry of Odessa, with their children Alyssa, Cailee and Whitney. Guests also included Dawn Quisenberry and her son Nathan, who have recently moved to Post from Amarillo.

I think that we have had alot of sick folks, suffering from allergies, flu and colds. I hope everyone is feeling much better and ready to tackle this new year. That's all till next week, have a great week-end.

Sheriff's department arrests 20 people

Twenty arrests were made during the final week of 1997 and the first week of the new year, according to reports from the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Arrests made during December included, on Dec. 22, that of a 34-year-old female arrested for revocation of probation; on Dec. 25, a 30-year-old male, Lanny Dee Willborn, arrested for assault (released the same day on a \$2,500 bond); on Dec. 26, a 42-year-old male, commitment (released Dec. 28 on time served); on Dec. 27, a 56-year-old male arrested for revocation of probation; Sutton County (released Dec. 29 to Sutton County), a 43-year-old male arrested for DWI (released Dec. 28 on a \$1,500 bond), a 27-year-old male picked up for terroristic threat, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief and damage to county property (released Jan. 5 on property bonds) and a 43-year-old male arrested for public intoxication (released Dec. 28 after paying fine and court costs).

Arrests made on Dec. 28 included that of a 26-year-old male picked up for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (released Dec. 30 to Tarrant County on a Tarrant County warrant), an 18-year-old female, Veronica Ballesteros, charged with abandoning a child (released Dec. 29 on a \$5,000 PR bond), a 22-year-old female picked up for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (released Dec. 29; no charges filed), a 25-year-old male arrested for DWI and reckless driving (released Dec. 29 on two bonds) and a 37-year-old male arrested on a Midland County warrant (transferred to Midland County). Arrested on Dec. 29 was a 31-year-old male held for investigation and released Dec. 31, no charges filed. A 43-year-old male was arrested Dec. 30 for driving while license suspended (released Jan. 2 on a \$1,500 surety bond).

A 17-year-old male was arrested Jan. 1 and charged with criminal trespass and DUI (released the same day on a \$1,500 PR bond). A 31-year-old man, Antonio Apolinar, was arrested the same day and charged with assault with injury (released Jan. 3 on \$2,500 bail bond).

A pair of driving while license suspended arrests were made on Jan. 3 and 4. The first involved a 44-year-old male (released the next day on \$1,500 PR bond) while the second involved a 28-year-old male (released the next day on a \$1,500 bail bond).

Two arrests were logged on Jan. 5, including that of an 18-year-old male and a 21-year-old male, both picked up for possession of marijuana, under two ounces (each released the next day on \$1,500 bail bonds).

About 150 calls for service were recorded during the past two weeks. Incoming calls included, on Dec. 22, a report of harassment at a business on 8th Street and a report of a burglary at a convenience store on North Broadway.

Calls recorded on Dec. 24 included a 9-1-1 call for an ambulance needed in the 600 block of West 10th Street (transport made to Methodist Hospital, Lubbock); a one-vehicle accident on White Road (no injuries reported); an attempted burglary of a habitation off of CR 245; and an automobile accident with injuries, a one-car rollover on U.S. 84 south (convertible rolled into bar ditch; ambulance requested).

Incoming calls on Christmas Day included a report of a burglary of a building off of County Road 245 (a Yamaha 350 four-wheeler was reported missing) and an accident involving a jack-knifed truck two to three miles south of Slaton on U.S. 84 north.

Calls recorded on Dec. 26 included a report of an assault in the 900 block of Pine; an automobile accident involving three vehicles one-half mile west of 399 on U.S. 84 north; an accident on U.S. 84 north five miles north of Post (no

injuries); a vehicle stuck on U.S. 84 north at the caprock; a request for a wrecker on U.S. 84 north, eight or nine miles out (vehicle ran off roadway); an automobile accident on U.S. 84 (single-car rollover in the 600 block of North Broadway; no injuries); an accident on U.S. 84 (car ran off roadway and into barbed wire fence; no injuries); and a report of gunshots heard in the area of the 300 block of West 12th.

On Dec. 27, reports included an episode of family violence in the 300 block of South Venue I; \$30 cash missing from a residence in the 100 block of North Avenue R; juveniles shooting paint balls at vehicles in the downtown area; unattended children left for about three hours in a vehicle outside of a local business (Child Protective Services contacted and the children were transported to the sheriff's department for safekeeping); and a robbery at a convenience store on North Broadway (\$40-50 taken from register).

Incoming calls on Dec. 28 included a report of harassment in the 600 block of North Avenue R and telephone harassment (no address given).

Calls received on Dec. 30 included a report of a theft at a business on the Clairemont Highway (cash taken); trash dumped on County Road 105; criminal mischief in the 100 block of West Main (window shot out by a pellet gun); and a grass fire in a bar ditch on West 380.

Calls received on New Year's Day included reports of a fight in the 200 block of East 11th; a domestic dispute in the 300 block of Michigan in Southland; an assault at an 8th Street business; a fight in the 300 block of North Avenue F; criminal mischief in a local cemetery; a possible burglary of a habitation in the 400 block of South Avenue H; and a minor automobile accident (no address given).

A rather unique call came in to the sheriff's department on New Year's Day when a caller reported that a cat was trapped on a high line wire near the school. The animal was unable to get down. City officials were contacted but were unable to assist as they had no equipment with which to attempt the rescue. An SPS employee eventually got involved and retrieved the feline safely.

Other calls received during the past week included, on Jan. 2, a report of an automobile accident at U.S. 84 and West 380 (two vehicles involved; no further details available); on Jan. 3, a possible fight in the 900 block of Pine Street, an automobile accident in the downtown area (no injuries) and a man with a gun located in the 300 block of West 15th; and, on Jan. 4, an automobile accident on U.S. 84 north (no further details recorded).

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Confident Parent Workshops

All parents are encouraged to attend four Parenting Skills Workshops scheduled at the Extension Office in January. Jaquita Blevins and Joe Gregory will be presenting programs on the following dates and topics: January 8 - "Understanding the Family as a Whole"; January 15 - Self-esteem; January 22 - Discipline; and January 29 - Communication. You will have a choice of sessions presented at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m. each day.

4-H Project Entries All 4-H'ers need to plan to participate in the first Garza County 4-H Project Show January 10.

Entries will be taken between 5 and 8 p.m., Friday, January 9 at the show barn. Entry fees are \$5.00 per animal except for Pee-Wee Rabbits which is \$1.00. If you owe the 4-H fund for medicine, payment is due at time of entry.

Public invited to 4-H Project Show

Garza County 4-H'ers will be exhibiting various projects at the 4-H Project Show Saturday, January 10 beginning at 9 a.m. at the G.C.J.L.A. show barn. Rabbit, Sheep, Swine and Steer projects will be exhibited in addition to participating in Showmanship clinics.

Food and Nutrition participants will be preparing their dishes for a tasting exhibit and Clothing participants will be displaying the garments they made. The show and a concession stand will be open to the public. The Garza County 4-H Parents Association is sponsoring the show.

G.C.J.L.A. Stock Show Entries Due...

...5 p.m., Thursday, January 15, in the Extension Office. All pen rent and eat light fees must be paid at time of entry. Weigh-in will be Wednesday, January 21, 4-7 p.m. for sheep and swine and 7-8:30 p.m. for steers.

G.C.J.L.A. Livestock Show

The 1998 Garza County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale is set for January 22, 23 and 24. The new schedule of events includes the Beef Cattle Show at 4 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, followed by the Swine Show at 6:30 p.m. Shows scheduled for Friday, January 23, include the Rabbit Show at 5 p.m. followed by the Lamb Show at 6:30 p.m. The new time for the Awards and Sale will be 9 a.m. Saturday, January 24, followed by an appreciation luncheon at Noon. Everyone mark your calendars and plan to attend all the shows and sale!

4-H Workers Needed...

...for the G.C.J.L.A. Concession stand for Friday, January 23. Call the Extension Office at 495-4400 to sign up for a time. Steer Trimming Schedule: 4-H'ers with steers needing to be trimmed prior to the G.C.J.L.A. county show need to call the Extension Office to reserve a time slot. Trimming dates and times will be January 12-17 at 9 a.m., 1 and 4 p.m. each day. Call now to reserve your time!

4-H Hoof Trimming

The final hoof trimming prior to the majors is scheduled for January 13 at 4 p.m. at the show barn. All 4-H steers must be present. If families need help getting steers to and from the trimming call John Senter by 3 p.m. on the 13th and he will get them there. Senior 4-H Clothing Project Any Senior age (14 and over as of January 1, 1998) 4-H'ers interested in the 4-H Clothing Project need to contact Kelly Ahrens or Karlene McDougal to sign up.

Booster Club News

The Post Antelope Booster Club has basketball caps. They can be purchased for \$10 from Larry Mills or Jamie Cooper. The Club also has sun visors for the women. They will sell for \$10. A table will be set up at home varsity games until all are sold.

We have a few denim shirts and district champ T-shirts left for anyone wishing to display Bold Gold spirit during basketball season or any other sporting activity.

The club is taking orders for T-shirts displaying titles for the 1997 football season. (District champs, Bi-District champs, and Area champs). Anyone wishing to order a shirt should contact Larry Mills, Jamie Cooper or Ronnie Gradine. Cost for the shirts will be from \$10 to \$12. Keep in mind, if you are interested in a shirt, no extra shirts will be ordered. If you would like to have a shirt be sure to place your order as soon as possible.

Thomas Jefferson introduced many of America's favorite foods when he returned from trips to Europe. He was one of the first Americans to eat tomatoes, serve macaroni or ice cream, plant rice, and serve french fries with steak, etc.

Births



Quincey Quintana

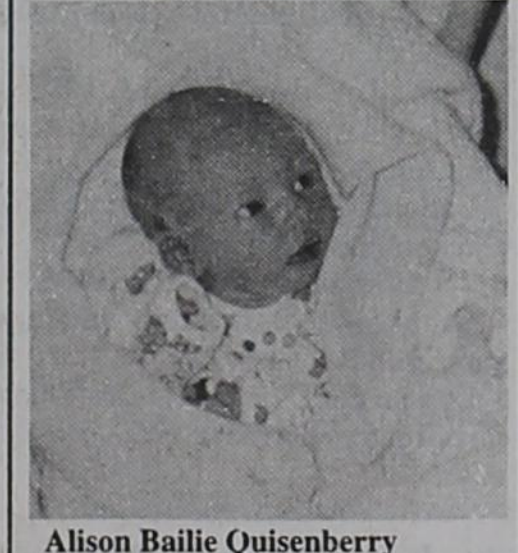
Quincey Quintana

David Quintana and Melinda Alaniz of Post are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Quincey Nicol Quintana. She was born December 17, 1997 at 7:10 p.m. in Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka. She weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Grandparents are Tino and Linda Alaniz and Lupe and Adelina Quintana, all of Post.

Maternal great grandparents are Mike and Eva Gonzales of Post and Juan and Agustina Alaniz of Aguascalientes, Mexico.

Paternal great grandparents are Jesusa and the late Pedro Quintana of Edinburg and Eulalia and the late Egoberto Salinas of Tyler.



Alison Baillie Quisenberry

Alison Quisenberry

Stephen and Amanda Quisenberry of Norfolk, Virginia proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Alison Baillie, born December 26, 1997 at 2:17 a.m. at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. Alison weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ricky and Judy Bush of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Mike and Gail Quisenberry of Tahoka.

Maternal great grandparents are Lucille Bush, Fannie Ballentine and Ted and Marilyn Williams, all of Post.

Paternal great grandparents are Gene and Irene Dyke of Brownfield and T.C. and Willie Quisenberry of Lamesa.

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- TX Blue _____ ice cream
- Rice won '66 _____ College Bowl
- female patriotic group (abbr.)
- TX forage crop
- USAF was started in TX with the First Squadron _____
- TX Gipson's sequel to "Old Yeller"
- town on Trinity Bay
- TXism: "quit spittin' handle" (get to work)
- TXism: "as _____ outhouse on a cold morning"
- Okie city
- Plano hosts a _____ balloon festival
- TXism: "independent as _____ ice"
- TX Belle Starr's first husband
- TX singer Kris (init.)
- TXism: "_____ like a sore thumb"
- TXism: "fast as _____ up a rafter"
- ornery insect from Mexico: killer _____
- TX Larry King was a _____ Fellow at Harvard
- TXism for add it up
- This Heard was '93 Mavericks coach

DOWN

- poke with a stick
- TX Benson film: _____ to Billie Joe
- a company from this Canadian city helped TX Red Adair put out Kuwait oil fires
- his father was SMU All-American & N.Y. Giants star in '50s
- Martin of film "Four for Texas"
- San Antonio author of "The House on Mango Street"
- TX Willie's Farm Aid _____ was in Indianapolis, Ind.
- "hasta _____ vista"
- TX Fender's "You'll Lose _____"
- this Pete wrote "North Dallas Forty"
- TXism: "como _____ (how are you?)"
- TXism: "popular as _____ daughter"
- "dog paddle"
- "easy as _____ the woods"
- X-mas tree place in Panola Co.: _____ Tree Farm
- TXism: "never laid eyes _____"
- TX Ginger Rogers' dance partner (init.)
- money makers for The Boerne Star
- once a pen name of TX Sandra Brown
- MacLaine of TX-filmed "Terms of Endearment" (init.)
- TXism: "he's only got one _____ in the water" (slow witted)
- ship's jail
- DFW arrival guess
- African antelopes
- TXism: "the real McCoy"
- TX Kenny Rogers' "_____ Need You"
- Rangers traded this pitcher Robb in '93

Grandma Brag Pages

Feb. 12, 1996

Deadline: Friday, February 6

The Post Dispatch

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Menus

Trail Blazer

Friday, Jan. 9, 1998
Meatloaf, corn, green beans, hot biscuit, dry Jello salad, beverage.

Monday, Jan. 12, 1998
King Ranch chicken, three bean salad, Mex. style spinach, strawberry/banana, pudding, beverage.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998
Roast beef, creamed potatoes, butter beans, sliced tomatoes, hot roll, raisin pie, beverage.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1998
Chili w/beans, carrot and raisin salad, corn bread, cherry gelatin, beverage.

Thursday, Jan. 15, 1998
Pork chops, obrien potatoes, okra, hot biscuit, bananas, beverage.

Congestive Heart Failure

American Heart Association

The American Heart Association says congestive heart failure (CHF) starts with the inability of the heart to pump out all of the blood that returns to it. The result:

- CHF is the most frequent cause of hospitalization for people 65 and older
- 50% of CHF patients die within 5 years of diagnosis
- From 1979 to 1993, CHF deaths increased almost 110 percent

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Yesteryears

by Judy Bush

January 6, 1988
10 Years Ago
Girl Scout cookie sales starts this week. Troop cookie chairmen this year are Jaquita Blevins, Kathie Hubble, Jenny Francis, Teresa Schoonover, Diana Poe, Carol Tobias and Pat Cruse.

Twenty two candidates have met the filing deadline for primaries.

The Post eighth grade girls basketball team beat Slaton with a score of 20-11 last Monday night. Laura Norman led the scoring for Post with eight points followed by Trudy Woods adding four points.

January 5, 1978
20 Years Ago
The first baby born in Garza County in 1978 was Jamee Lynn Kitchens, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Kitchens of the Double U Ranch. The little lady was born January 3, 1978 at the Garza Memorial Hospital here in Post.

Mr and Mrs Jack Taylor were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception. Taylor and the former Jewel Hagar were married December 26, 1927 in Dickens.

Mr and Mrs Charles Propst and daughter Pam were in Post over the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs Jim Hays, and other family members.

Some January car prices are a '78 Pontiac Phoenix, \$5,770; '78 Chevrolet Silverado, \$6,365 and '78 Regal, \$6,595.

January 4, 1968
30 Years Ago
Ansil O'Neal has been elected president of the Post Chamber of Commerce for 1968.

At the Tower Theatre this week you can see "Clambake" with Elvis, "Point Blank" with Lee Marvin and "Cool Hand Luke" with Paul Newman.

Mr and Mrs Burney Francis were hosts of a Christmas dinner for Mrs W.C. Bush, Mr and Mrs Lewis Coleman, Mr and Mrs Gilbert Griffin and Mr and Mrs Thurman Francis.

David Nichols has returned to school at Tarleton State at Stephenville after the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr and Mrs M.S. Nichols.

January 9, 1958
40 Years Ago
Post received 3 1/2 - 4 inches of snow last Saturday.

Carolyn Joann Jones and William Ambrous Gray, Jr., were united in marriage Friday evening.

Wayne Kennedy was host to a New Year's Eve party last Tuesday evening. Guests attending were Mr and Mrs Roger Hensley, Mrs Floyd Payne, Bryan J. Williams III, Mrs Billie Mears and Alton Taylor.

The Post Parent-Teacher Assoc. will hold it's monthly meeting this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. The program will be under the leadership of Mrs Helen Cornish.

January 8, 1948
50 Years Ago
Mrs Mattie Bradley and her son Don Bradley of Tahoka spent Sunday with Mrs Bradley's granddaughter, Mrs John Cearley and family.

Mrs Verna Lee Horn of Santa Monica, California, visited the J.F. Brandons this week.

J.B. Hudman fell on the ice last Friday morning and received some bad cuts on his neck and face from a broken bottle of milk he was carrying.

Garza County Gold Star award is won by Miss Lois Ritchie.



Living on the Edge of the Caprock
by John Senter, CEA-AG

Southern Mesa Cotton Conference January 19

The Southern Mesa Cotton Conference is scheduled for January 19 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Dawson County Community Building at South 8th. and Houston Avenue in Lamesa. The Conference will focus on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture and will also feature information on the latest technology for dryland and irrigated production of cotton, grain sorghum and peanuts.

Topics to be covered during the day include Cotton Cropping Systems, Cotton Insect Management and Pesticide Usage, Risk Management, Cotton Production Management, Present and New Weed Control, Boll Weevil Management, Fertilization and Salinity, Peanut Production Systems, and Laws and Regulations. TDA has approved four and one-half CEUs for private, commercial and non-commercial licensed applicators in attendance.

Registration fee for the day is \$15 paid before January 15 or \$20 at the door. Registration forms may be picked up at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service offices in the sponsoring counties including Garza, Dawson, Borden, Scurry, Mitchell, Lynn, Martin, Midland and Howard counties.

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



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Monday, Jan. 12, 1998
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, green beans, salad, fruit salad, garlic bread, milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1998
Breakfast: Scramble eggs, bacon, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Salisbury steak and gravy, corn, mashed potatoes, rolls, fruit, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1998
Breakfast: Cream of wheat, toast fruit, milk.
Lunch: Chili, cheese stix, okra, crackers, pudding, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 15, 1998
Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Fish sticks, fries, cole slaw, cornbread, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

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Important meeting January 15 to air concerns about tax

by Wesley W. Burnett

Garza County tax payers have a golden opportunity to express their opposition to continued taxing authority for the Garza Hospital District on January 15 at 7 p.m. in the Post Community Center.

The GMH board of directors announced the public meeting last month, following several weeks of discussion on the matter.

The question which faces tax payers here is simple... shall we continue taxing ourselves to support a hospital, which doesn't exist... or shall we demand the dissolving of the hospital district's taxing authority?

The legislation which authorized the district in 1969 specifically authorized the district "in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 9, Constitution of the State of Texas," with "full responsibility for providing medical and hospital care for the needy persons residing within the district..."

There is no provision in the original legislation to provide any relief for tax payers to dissolve the district. That political decision and action apparently rests with the state legislature.

Since the closure of the hospital in 1996, the GMH board of directors have continued to collect taxes to maintain and operate a hospital... which doesn't exist.

This is another prime example of the unnecessary meddling into local affairs by the legislative branch. The Texas (1876) constitution charges the county with providing care for indigent and needy people... operating a hospital is not necessary to comply with the constitutional requirement.

Typical of legislative pandering, this state law authorizing the creation of a hospital district, failed to take into consideration free-market economics. Creating a new tax, which is a favorite game in Austin... without establishing a method to destroy the tax when it becomes a burden.

So, what are tax payers to do?

Obviously, this is a political matter. Those in favor of dissolving the taxing authority will have to establish a political campaign to eliminate the tax.

First, local candidates who favor dissolving the district will have to step forward for election to the GMH board.

Second, tax payers will have to organize an effort to convince state legislators to pass a new act, allowing for the dissolution of the district.

Short of active political organization... tax payers will continue to suffer the burden of taxation... it's really an issue that can not be resolved in any other manner.

The writing of a new Texas constitution

by Wes Burnett

I am pleased and honored to be a delegate to the Texas Constitutional Convention, which has been meeting monthly since July 4, 1997. Delegates to that convention are constructing a new constitution which will eliminate the tyranny of taxation and ensure the absolute right to ownership of property.

As Garza County tax payers are discovering, when government has the authority to tax, it is tougher than moving a mountain to take that authority away. And every year, the taxation burden from government grows... so that in 1998 millions of Texans will be stripped of up to 40 percent or more of their earnings through all the various forms of taxation by government.

Let's see... how are we currently being taxed?

1. Property tax... although lower than most Texas counties, take the total of county, hospital, city and school taxes and we fork over \$2,344 per every \$100 evaluation.

2. Sales tax... in Post that's 7.25 percent on most purchases, in Lubbock it may soon be 8.25 percent. If you buy a new car for say, \$20,000... add another \$2,000 for taxes and registration.

3. License plates, registration, safety inspection, driver's licenses... another \$100 to \$200, depending on the vehicle or vehicles.

4. Increased property evaluations... every year the appraisal district takes a look at property values... so even if tax rates decrease, the actual amount of tax increases. Notice, property values rarely go down.

Then, add on state and federal taxation... which is an increasing burden that takes as much as 40 percent before most people even get paid.

What is worse, under this current taxing system, no one actually owns any property... in effect the property belongs to the government... and property "owners" are allowed the use of the property, as long as they obediently pay the tax... if you think you actually own your property, see how long it takes the government to rip it out of your hands when you refuse to pay the tax.

Under the current government taxation arrangement, no property is secure. Even if you pay taxes when due... there are other means of stripping you of your property. The most popular one today is called "civil seizure," a favorite game of "law officers" and government tax collectors. Supported by a corrupt judicial system in collusion with the executive and legislative branches of state and federal government, this unlawful and unconstitutional theft of individual property is conducted under the guise of "admiralty" law.

It goes like this... your property is suspected of being used for illegal purposes... and since the property doesn't have any rights, and it is accused of violating statutory law... it can be seized from its owner without due process of law. In other words, if a government agency can convince the sheriff that your property has been used or was involved in some kind of illegal activity, your property can be seized without a court hearing.

What is your redress? You may hire a lawyer and go to court to demand your property back. In other words, you have to prove your innocence, rather than government proving your guilt.

The new Texas constitution we are constructing will completely reverse the role of government... there will be no taxation of any kind. Government will be forced to operate without taxation. For free people, this is the only solution to the current tyranny of government.

Call me at (806) 495-2816 if you'd like to know more.

Their kingly leisure

by Vin Suprynowicz

Newer members contend the days of huge pensions for veterans of the United States Congress are largely over. Rep. Paul McHale, D-Penn., for instance — McHale was elected to Congress in 1992 and has declined to seek re-election in 1998 — says he will receive only about \$13,000 per year after he turns 62.



But the National Taxpayers Union made headlines Dec. 30 with a report that many a long-term Washington lawmaker now rides off into the sunset with an annual retirement stipend of nearly \$100,000 — five times the national average.

"This is the Rolls-Royce of pension plans," said David Keating, vice president of the taxpayers organization. "You can't get a pension like this in the private sector."

Rep. Henry Gonzalez, D-Texas, will be eligible for at least \$96,462 per year if he resigns as planned before the end of his term. Congressmen Joseph McDade, R-Penn., and Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., will be eligible for \$98,694 each — about three-fourths of their current \$133,600 salaries — when they leave office in 1999 after a combined 104 years.

Adding the prospect of such an opulent retirement to all the power and perquisites this new aristocracy wields while in office, it's tempting to ask whether such numbers are too ostentatious for a simple republic to sustain.

But that would be the wrong question, for it can lead us to measure the accomplishments of these now-doddering pork-packers in terms of edifices completed and programs funded — to dismiss such sums as only the tiniest fraction of the now-gargantuan budget — rather than recalling that these men and women were originally dispatched to Washington (under the terms of their oaths of office — remember them?) to keep government small and to safeguard our freedom, not to build more and bigger bureaucratic mausoleums to our vanished liberties.

Rather, the right question to ask is whether the lifetime guarantee of such a luxurious, insulated life-style puts these officeholders out of touch with the plight of everyday constituents struggling under the burden of ever-greater taxes... and especially whether Congress should be allowed any retirement plan at all, separate from the Social Security and Medicare "trust funds" which these same men and women have so shamelessly looted over the years.

The answer to these questions is obvious... and the answer is not to merely "trim back" these pensions.

Seats in Congress are supposed to belong not to a privileged aristocracy, but to our fellow working citizens, sent there as delegates for a limited term. "Making a career of it" should not be encouraged.

Sen. John Glenn of Ohio, singled out for the \$90,000 per year he

expects to receive upon retirement, is actually a somewhat better example of the way things ought to work.

True, Sen. Glenn's time in Washington now about equals his military service — Ohio and the nation could have remembered him as a less pernicious big-government collectivist if he'd called it quits a decade ago.

But at least half of Sen. Glenn's pension was earned not in the halls of Congress, but as a Marine, a combat fighter pilot, and an astronaut — "real jobs" in most people's view. Why, he even spent some time in the boardroom for Royal Crown Cola — not a government enterprise at all, so far as I know!

Sen. Glenn was the only listed member of Congress with the grit to answer reporters' phone calls when the Taxpayers Union report came out. "I have made the required contributions to the system and will retire from the Senate at the end of next year with a pension based on those years of service," said the senator, his jaw presumably set, daring anyone to suggest he should be ashamed of a single penny.

Not me.

But in truth, that's how they all should save for their retirement — out of the real jobs they hold before and after being dispatched for their brief terms in Washington City.

For their time at the Capitol, congressmen should receive no pensions, at all.

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"If ye love wealth greater than liberty, the tranquility of servitude greater than the animating contest for freedom, go home from us in peace. We seek not your counsel, nor your arms. Crouch down and lick the hand that feeds you. May your chains set lightly upon you; and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen." — Samuel Adams

"were it left to me to decide whether to have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Thomas Jefferson

Forget what people like

by Walter E. Williams

De gustibus non est disputandum is the wise Latin admonition not to argue over tastes. What people like and dislike doesn't take us very far in understanding behavior.

That principle is easily seen if we surveyed people, asking which they like the most: Mercedes or Chevrolets, fine jewelry or costume jewelry, filet mignon or chuck steak. Mercedes, fine jewelry and filet mignon would win, hands down. But when we looked to see what people actually chose, Chevrolets, costume jewelry and chuck steak would outsell Mercedes, fine jewelry and filet mignon.

A much better grasp of behavior is gained by looking at choice restraints people face, namely their income and the prices of things. Then we'd find there's a difference between what people want to do, what they can do and what they'll find it in their interests to do. You say, "Williams, we all know that; it's a simple-minded idea!" OK, let's try it on a few racial issues.

It's commonly accepted that racial likes and dislikes play the dominant role in black problems. How does that notion square with the fact that during the 1920s, '30s and '40s, one could not prevent whole, sometimes middle-class, neighborhoods from going from white to black virtually overnight, before anti-discrimination laws? It can't be explained by saying whites in those neighborhoods liked blacks. A better explanation is the cost to discriminate against blacks rose.

Here's the essence of what happened: A white owner might have been renting a three-story building to a white family for \$50 a month. Six black families might have offered, "If you divide the building up into six units, we'll pay you \$20 a month per unit." With a higher cost (sacrifice) to discriminate, the landlord probably said, "I don't mind renting to blacks after all," and told the white family to pay \$120 or hit the road. You might protest that the higher prices were not fair. I



agree, but add that some of something is preferable to none of something.

After the War Between the States, planters colluded to depress proceeds to black sharecroppers; they weren't that successful. Newspapers and journals carried numerous appeals like that in "DeBow's Review" (1869): "There's no concert of action on the part of planters to oppose these ever-increasing exactions (of blacks)." The "Southern Cultivator" (1889) urged, "If they desire success let the farmers as a body, cooperate together, and work by rule, order and system; attend to their own labor, and let other's labor alone." Whites weren't bidding away black workers from each other because they liked them. Cotton prices were rising. White solidarity couldn't trump the desire for profits.

In 1900, blacks were 85 percent to 95 percent of the firemen, 27 percent of the brakemen and 12 percent of the switchmen on Southern railroads. That had nothing to do with likes and dislikes as revealed by complaints of white firemen: "Every time the firemen ask for an increase in wages or overtime due them, they are told by the superintendent, 'Why, I can get a Negro in your place for one dollar, while I'm paying you \$1.50 a day.'"

By 1940, 18 percent of the firemen in the South were black, falling to 7 percent by 1960. W.E.B. DuBois, writing about this period, said, "Frequently, unionization meant redesignation of 'Negro jobs' as 'white man's work,' forcing Negroes out of jobs they traditionally held." Compulsory unionization did to blacks what racism couldn't.

If we are truly concerned about the negative effects of people's race and sex preferences, we should pay greater attention to government actions like price controls, licensing, business and labor regulation, all of which tend to lower the cost of discrimination.

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Letters to the Editor

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Some like it, some don't

After having gotten The Post Dispatch for 40 years, it is sad that it has reached the point where it is no longer worth reading.
Jack Alexander, Post

Appreciates editorial stand

I was very encouraged to know that someone in your position feels so strongly about law enforcement's role in regulating our freedom of travel. The article on "highway theft" was terrific. I hope the good people of Garza County appreciate the fact that someone in their midst is willing to take on the "establishment" and do what they can to make law enforcement officers more accountable.

The very idea that we should need such predators roaming the highways, waiting to pounce on unsuspecting motorists, and at gunpoint (usually emitting radar beams), is reprehensible. These officers then provide the traveler with a citation, relieving them of significant sums of hard earned cash, without any hope of defense.

We are about as well off being mugged in the park as we are being stopped by some of these "officers of the law." We end up embarrassed, humiliated and with thinner wallets.

Living with a sizable contingent of "peace officers" dedicated to making average people look and feel like criminals, by selectively stopping and citing those in route, making their lives miserable... is absolutely unacceptable.

This relationship is like a parasite. The parasite cannot survive extended periods of time without the host. We who operate vehicles are the hosts that these parasites feed off. Without you and I commuting from point A to point B, these highway "robbers" would not survive.

It is a recurring theme in history that when a governmental body obtains any degree of authority, without proper oversight or control, there is a tendency on the part of that body to abuse its authority. Good examples are the IRS, KGB, DPS and Gestapo.

It is time that we looked long and hard at all facets of our government. If there is something this is of no "added value," let's discard or change it. The Gestapo that cruise our roads certainly have no added value in much that they do.

George S. Manning, Morton
Editor's Note: Actually, when you take a close look at the "service" provided by the state police, you'd have to say that the cost outweighs the benefits. And more importantly, there is no need for this branch of government... the county sheriff and deputies are empowered to enforce the law... and the duplication of effort is not only unnecessary, it is downright economically unsound. Garza County tax payers are forking out hundreds of thousands of dollars annually to support this boondoggle. It's time to scrutinize the budget and demand an accounting.

For shame... rumors and gossip

I am writing this letter to the group of people in Post who seem to thrive on gossip, rumors and basically keeping their noses in other people's business.

It is a shame that a person has to defend his or her name and honor in this manner, simply because of resigning from a job. As to answering all of the

rumors and blatant lies that are floating around town (and I have heard several), the simple fact is... they are just that... rumors and lies. They need to stop!

I know I am not the first person, and will not be the last person, who these people try to drag through the mud, so that they may find some meaning in their own pitiful lives, for whatever reason, living day to day, getting their fix of lying, gossip and trying to make themselves look impressive around their friends.

I am comfortable with myself, I have done nothing wrong. I know the truth is not scandalous enough for some of you, so you will continue spreading these rumors, knowing full well there is no truth in them, but that just shows your character.

To all of my family and true friends, I would like to say "thank you" for your support, encouragement and understanding in my decision. It has meant very much to me.

Last of all, for all of you wonderful folks that enjoy keeping your nose in other people's business... there are several organizations out there that would love to have our input... such as MAD DADS, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Post Cares and several churches.

But then again, that would be spending your time in a meaningful and constructive way, helping the whole community, instead of the demeaning and destructive way of life in which you are now so obsessed.

Carol Short

1998... end of 40 year smoking spree

I remember in March 1957, a friend was spending the night and we were gonna go fishing down at the creek near my home in Oklahoma. We were the average 12 year old type kids. We were tired of being average. We needed to look tough, we also need to be bad. (Knowing now that we were already tough, we were already bad, we did not need to add anything.)

Nevertheless, on that evening, before our little fishing excursion, I stole a package of Chesterfield non-filter cigarettes from my father's special drawer in the kitchen cabinet. This particular evening was the beginning of a life of smokingism for my friend and I. Actually, I quit October 1, 1997, but I want to call the beginning of 1998 as the beginning of my smoke free life.

My life-long friend passed on to another life about three years ago. I can say one thing though, cigarettes didn't kill him, cancer did. He passed on from non-Hodgkin's disease. He once told me that "them Chesterfields and Agent Orange" would finally get him. I don't know what, all I know is something did.

I forgot to mention, also taken in the theft from my father's stash was a pint of then popular "Four Roses" whiskey (for medical purposes), at least that's what Pop used to say. That day in March 1957, was also the beginning of my life-long hell of alcoholism. But that's another story, I'll write about it one day.

Getting back to looking bad and macho... in those days, some of the baddest things a person our age could do was smoke, drink and steal watermelons. In those days, a person was a fool if they did drugs or wore an ear ring, which I consider to be true today. In those days, if we did either one, we were objected by the crowd. I chose to be a fool in other ways. I chose to smoke, drink and run wild. For those things, I am paying dearly now with poor health, poor finances, poor family life... poor everything.

My advice to the younger generation is: that I am not a scholar on how one should lead their lives, but, alcohol, drugs and cigarettes are not the paving material one wants to apply to the road you plan to travel.

After 40 years, I believe I can vouch to that being true advice. On January 1, 1998, I have 92 smoke free days and 186 alcohol free days. Other than gaining a 45 pounds, I have never felt better in my life.

1997 was one heck of a year

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Trustees for the Post Independent School District voted unanimously in favor of a resolution calling for the use of a cumulative voting method in electing school board members. The plan must earn the approval of the Justice Department prior to its implementation. If approved, the cumulative voting system would replace the "at place" method currently used to elect members of the Post ISD board of trustees.

In late February, the Post Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual awards banquet at the community center. Named Citizen of the Year was Bob Macy, Jay Patel (Budget Inn and Deluxe Inn) and family were awarded Business of the Year honors while a special award, Friend of Post, went to UPS driver Lanny Price. The Cowboy Hall of Fame award was presented to the Elton Nance family; the Conservation Farmer Award was presented to the Weldon and Dennis McGehee family; Elementary Teacher-of-the-Year honors went to Karen Nichols; Middle School Teacher-of-the-Year honors went to Darrell Radle; and the High School Teacher-of-the-Year was Susan Ferguson.

March

White River Municipal Water District board member Charles Hardin advised members of the Post City Council of the district's plans to increase the cost of water delivered to cities effective July 1, 1997.

The Algerita Arts Center hosted its annual Spring Fling.

The annual Ta'bana Yuan'e ceremony held in March predicted "a good year" for Garza County.

April

The Post City Council voted to pursue more than \$50,000 in grant monies to be used to rehabilitate the old Algerita Hotel in downtown Post.

A New Mexico couple and their five-week-old son died April 5 in a tragic accident that occurred 13 miles northwest of Post on U.S. 84. David Dewayne Thompson, 24, and Jackie Irene Conn, 24, along with their son, Dalton, were killed when the 1981 Oldsmobile they were sleeping in on the side of the road was struck from behind by an 18-wheeler.

Generous April rains boosted the dwindling water level at White River Lake.

The Post High School Antelope Band was awarded a sweepstakes trophy after earning first division ratings in concert, sightreading and marching competitions.

May

Old Mill Trade Days celebrated its third anniversary this month.

The Post City Council agreed to put the Tower Theater property up for sale.

In local elections, Mayor Jim Jackson and Ward 1 Councilwoman Juanita Pantoja were re-elected after running unopposed. Newcomer Jim Plummer captured the top number of votes to earn a victory in the race for the Ward 2 council seat. In the Post Independent School District, incumbents Rex Cash and Mark Short ran unopposed and reclaimed their trustee seats while newcomer Diana Looney garnered enough votes to take the third open spot on the

I've had several people ask me how I do it. On one hand, it is quite easy and simple, on the other hand, I suppose it is the next thing to impossible. I have to remember, I am only one cigarette away from smoking and I am only one drink away from being a drunk.

Now, what works for me on how did I do it... being sort of on the back burner as far as religion goes, this probably sounds strange coming from me. But use my ole A.A. buddy to help me with this ordeal. His name is God.

I need to back up just a bit... I have caught myself using the word "use" The word "use" is probably the biggest word in a blacksheeps' vocabulary. W "use" anything, everything, everybody, and whatever else we can "use" When I say I am "using God," I mean I try to apply to my life what I think God might want me to do in my daily affairs. I try to apply the God I got to know through Alcoholics Anonymous to everything I set out to do.

On the morning of October 1, 1997, I got up and could hardly manipulate myself to the bathroom. I was sort of scared. I could hardly breathe from my years as a chain smoker. I looked in the mirror, seems like I must have meditated for a while, then I said out loud, "God, I have had all this smoking crap I can stand, I really want to quit... will you help me?" I honestly can tell you what happened to my last pack of cigarettes, but I have not smoked since I had that little visit with God.

The God I know, is the same God that you know. Back to smoking... I tried hypnosis, I tried quitting cold turkey, I tried bribing myself, I tried threatening myself, I tried rationalizing with "cutting back," and I tried the patches (they gave me a buzz).

Until that fateful October day, I had never thought of trying something as simple as asking God for help. If I'd only known it was this simple, I'd have given it up long ago. All I gotta do is ask God to help me through the day, and say "much obliged," at the end of each day.

I have been in and out of AA practice since 1980. I learned by experience that I cannot ever again wander too far away from my faith in God, or total failure will certainly be my fate.

I am doing fine, thank you, actually quite well. Oh, I have on rare occasions a hankering for a cigarette, but it passes in a few minutes. Actually, I can hardly believe it myself.

Just a little preventative maintenance each day goes a long way. What works for me, may not work for you, but if I was gonna bet, I'd bet it'll work for you too. Looking back on my life, I realize what a waste smoking has been.

Forty years of smoking comes to 14,600 days of puffing. I'll average my packs per day at three. When I started, it was a two-a-day and when I quit it was five packs a day. That makes 43,800 packs of cigarettes in 40 years. My gosh, that's 876,000 cigarettes. With most cigarettes averaging three inches long, if I hooked them all up together, that would give me a cigarette roll of 41.4 miles long.

When I started smoking, cigarettes were about 25 cents a pack. When I quit, they were \$2 a pack. Making an average over 40 years of about \$1.25 a pack, that comes to a conservative \$54,750. Looks to me like I have invested almost \$55,000 in nothing short of a bunch of nonsense.

I've probably drug an Ohio blue tip kitchen match 25 miles trying to get it to strike. My thumb should be wore off at the elbow, flicking a "Bic" lighter. Oh well, probably wasted enough butane, Ronson lighter fluid and matches to keep somebody's house warm for a year or more.

What I guess I'm trying to say is, young folks, don't waste your life, time and money on mind-bending chemicals, that one day you'll grow tired of, and then facing the almost impossible task of giving up that habit... it is a real nightmare.

When all else fails, try God, as you understand him.

If it works for me, maybe it'll work for you.
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

In the Garza Hospital District, incumbents David Nichols, Jack Alexander and Zoe Kirkpatrick each won re-election to the board of directors.

In Southland, incumbents Valton Wheeler and Tommy Binford returned to the school board while newcomers Lisa Farquhar and Arturo Lopez also won trustee positions.

The City of Post received a \$350,000 grant to be used to help locate an alternative water source due to the depletion of water at White River Lake. Post plans to team up with Ralls, Spur and Crosbyton in the creation of two well fields designed to provide alternate water sources.

About 30 local residents participated in a May 27 meeting concerning the proposal to bring a private detention center to Garza County. The proposed facility would be a 1,000-bed, medium-security unit that would create about 250 jobs and carry an annual payroll of about \$6.1 million.

June

The City of Post sold the Tower Theater property to Rusty and Schahara Hudelson of Levelland for \$1,000. The Hudelsons' \$1,000 bid on the property was the sole bid received by the city.

The Garza County Sheriff's Department recently received a \$10,000 grant from a private foundation in Dallas. Funds received have been earmarked for use in narcotics work.

About 300 local residents attended a meeting at the elementary school auditorium to hear about the planned organization of a new MAD DADS chapter.

Severe storms swept through the county this month, downing power lines, breaking utility poles and snapping tree limbs. A truck was reportedly blown off U.S. 84 north near Southland and its driver treated for minor injuries.

July

TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test results within the Post Independent School District showed improvements in almost all areas when compared to last year's scores, according to a report delivered to Post ISD trustees this month.

The first All-School Reunion was held the first weekend of the month. It drew large crowds and was deemed a success by organizers.

All three of Post's All-Star baseball teams — the 9- & 10-year-old team, the 11- & 12-year-old team and the senior league squad — captured championship tournament wins this month and were eligible to advance to the next round of competition.

Trade Days' July 4 weekend event recorded a record attendance of more than 10,000 visitors, according to official counts.

A 27-year-old Lubbock man, Toby Alan Ferguson, died July 12 at University Medical Center in Lubbock following a boating accident at Lake Alan Henry.

Post Independent School District trustees approved implementation of a drug testing program for middle and high school students involved in University Interscholastic League (UIL) activities. The program is slated to begin with the 1997-98 school year.

Post/Garza County was selected as the site for a 1,000-bed private correctional

facility, according to an announcement made by Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby.

The court-ordered audit of Trade Days Enterprises' books was delivered to the district judge late this month.

Thunderstorms pounded the area July 29, causing power outages and property damage.

August

The Post Stampede Rodeo was conducted this month.

The Post City Council approved new water rates.

The Post Independent School District earned a "recognized" status from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) thanks to favorable attendance figures, low dropout rates and high TAAS test scores, according to an announcement made at a meeting of school district trustees.

The court-ordered audit on the books of Trade Days Enterprises Inc. became a matter of public record this month when the document was filed in the district clerk's office. The audit, completed by the Mason, Warner & Co. accounting firm, details Trade Days' balance sheets and statements of income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for 1995 and 1996. According to the document, employee advances totaling \$48,165 were paid out over the two-year period.

The Garza County courthouse sustained substantial water damage Aug. 26 when a pipe in a third floor restroom ruptured, sending water throughout several rooms of the building.

September

A Sept. 17 incident claimed the life of 50-year-old Post resident Sharon Jolley. Jolley's one-time husband, 46-year-old Kelly Gene Smith, was charged with Jolley's murder. He was arrested and initially charged with aggravated assault after lawmen were called to Smith's home at the Community at Little Assisi where they found Jolley unconscious and non-responsive. Jolley died Sept. 18 at University Medical Center, Lubbock, after sustaining severe head and internal injuries in an alleged beating. Charges against Smith were upgraded from aggravated assault to murder Sept. 23.

October

"Founders' Day Fall Fest — Autumn Nights & Main Street Lights," sponsored by the newly-organized Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau, was held Oct. 4.

The Post City Council initiated the process of abolishing the local zoning board and assuming its duties. Council members voted unanimously to begin the work needed to make the change.

Macee Mills was named 1997 homecoming queen for Post High School during homecoming ceremonies. Andrea Rodriguez was named band sweetheart.

A 62-year-old Ralls man was killed last week in what appears to have been an accident involving a live power line. Randall Laurence, a former Post resident, was pronounced dead at the scene Oct. 15 when his pulling unit apparently hit a power line at a location near FM 207.

County commissioners voted in mid-October to make the courthouse a smoke-free facility. This action was

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Top news for 1997

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taken in response to requests by several county employees.

The newly-constructed juvenile detention center opened late this month. Grand opening ceremonies were conducted at the site of the 22,000-square-foot facility.

Sunny skies and seasonal shoppers helped boost the Old Mill Trade Days event to record-high attendance figures. Estimates put admissions close to the 12,000 mark.

November

The ongoing dispute between Old Mill Trade Days shareholders was settled outside the courtroom this month. Trade Days shareholder and board member Bob Macy bought out the shares owned by Marvin and Sheree Butler. The buyout was the result of a mutual agreement between Macy and the Butlers and as part of that agreement the Butlers paid back to Trade Days all monies owed for salary advances. In conjunction with surrendering all of their Trade Days shares, the Butlers also resigned from all positions they held with corporation. As a result of the Butlers' resignations, Macy, as sole director of Trade Days, called a shareholders meeting and a new board of directors was elected and the corporation's bylaws changed to reflect the newly-created five-member board.

The Bold Gold Antelopes of Post High School captured the district championship in football Nov. 7. More than two dozen local residents were on hand for what was dubbed as an "emergency meeting" of the Garza County Hospital District board of directors Nov. 11 at Citizens Bank. On Nov. 14, the Lopes blanked Hart 38-0 in a chilly football game in Floydada, securing the bi-district championship.

A teen activity center opened in Post thanks to the efforts of local MAD DADS

organization. The center, dubbed "Da House" by local youths, is located at 108 N. Broadway.

The Lopes grabbed the area football championship Nov. 22 with a 28-22 win over Spearman, earning the right to compete at the next round of the state football playoffs. The Bold Gold season came to a close, however, late in November with a 35-14 loss to Stanton, eventual winners of the AA state championship title.

December

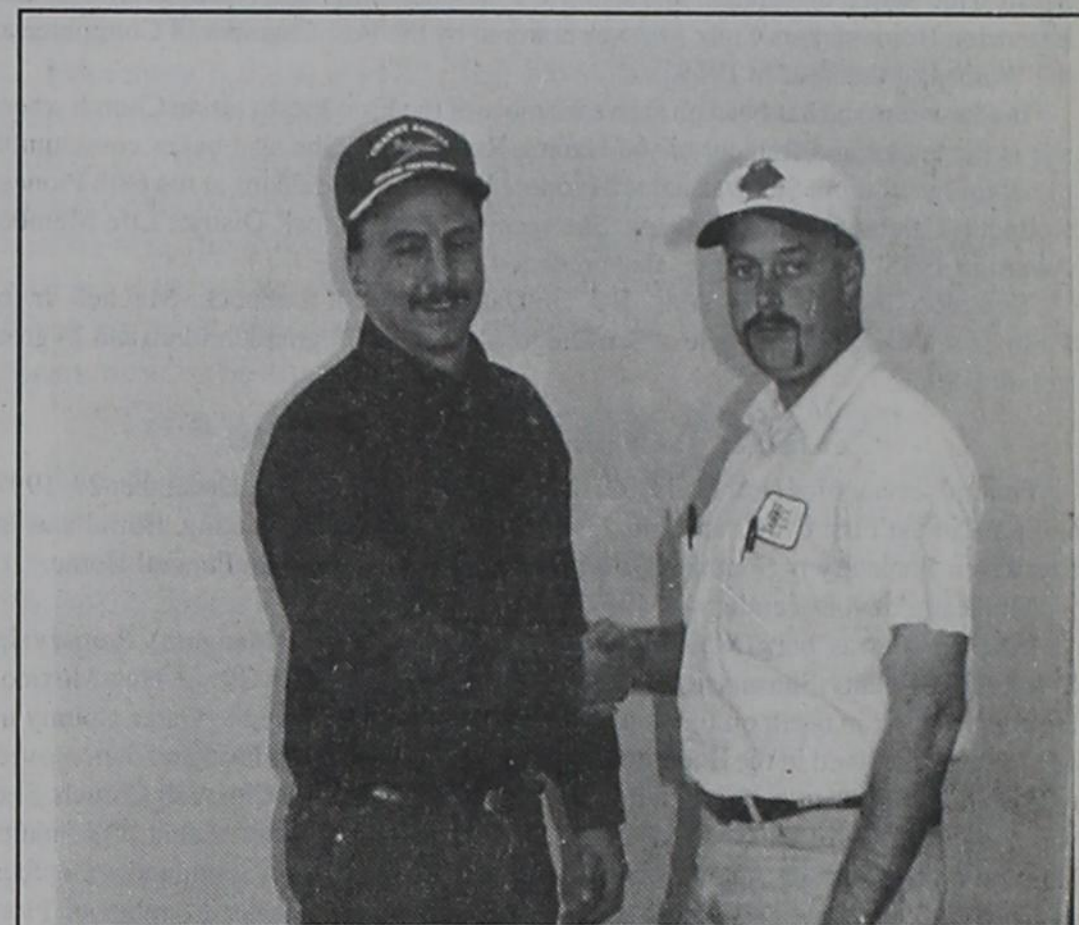
Garza County commissioners, during their last regular session of the year, accepted a proposal by Management & Training Corporation (MTC) to build and manage a 1,000-bed private correctional facility in Garza County. The agreement is subject to final negotiations.

Old Mill Trade Days sponsored a special Christmas show Dec. 13-14.

A total of 94 children were served through this year's Lion's Club Toys for Tots campaign. The Lion's Club collected a total of \$2,108 to purchase toys for the effort, which served children in 39 local families.

Post received more than 33 inches of rainfall during 1997, according to records kept for the National Weather Service by officials at the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Terrier dogs get their name from *terra*, the Latin word for earth, since they were originally bred to drive game out of holes in the ground.



Chuck Harris (left), former manager at Higginbotham-Bartlett in Post, congratulates new store manager Jason Porter. Harris has entered a new career as a crop duster pilot in Olton. Porter, a native of Plainview, comes to Post from Snyder.

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Notice of Southland ISD Election (Aviso de Eleccion Southland ISD)

To the Registered Voters of Southland, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Southland Texas,)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., on January 17, 1998, for voting in a School Trustee election, to Southland ISD.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitadas abajo se abriran desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m. el 17 de Enero de 1998 para votar en la Eleccion para School Trustee.)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Southland ISD Superintendents Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. beginning on January 5, 1998 and ending on January 13, 1998.

(La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en Oficina de Superintendente entre las 8 de la manana y las 4 de la tarde empezando el 5 de Enero 1998 y terminando el 13 de Enero.)

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Application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on January 9, 1998.

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Issued this 5th day of January, 1998. (Emitada este dia 5 de Enero, 1998.) Berhl Robertson Jr. Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Precede)

I would like to thank the Post Volunteer Fire Department for their prompt response and their diligence in controlling the amount of damage to my Law Office due to the fire on December 19, 1997. A special thanks goes to Bill Short and his wife who noticed the smoke and notified the fire department. Thanks to all who called, came by and in other ways showed their encouragement and support. Preston Poole

Preston Poole's office suffers inside fire

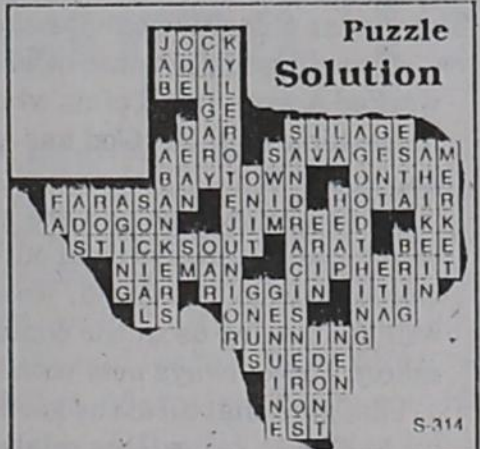
Local attorney Preston Poole has temporarily relocated his practice after a Dec. 19 fire erupted in his 311 W. Main office just before Christmas.

On Dec. 19 at about 7 p.m., Poole received a call from local resident Bill Short. Short and his wife, sitting on their front porch, had spotted smoke coming from Poole's office. They notified the volunteer fire department and then called Poole.

The blaze was extinguished quickly, limiting the amount of damage done to the structure. Most of the damage was to the contents of the offices, particularly in the reception and secretary area, Poole said. The majority of the damage sustained was caused by smoke and heat.

This week, Poole said the cause of the fire had not yet been determined. No one was in the office at the time of the fire.

The office will be cleaned up and rebuilt, Poole said, but in the meantime he is operating out of an office in the old bank building at 130 E. Main. His phone and FAX numbers remain the same.



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Personals

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

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

Law Office of Preston Poole will be temporarily located at 130 E. Main, Post, Texas. My telephone number, 495-2059, remains the same. If you are unable to reach me at this number, please call me at my residence at 495-3468. Sincerely, Preston Poole

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Obituaries

Linda Malouf

Funeral services for Linda Barbara Aramouny Malouf, 92 of Plainview were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 27, 1997 at the First Presbyterian Church in Plainview with the Rev. Drew Travis, officiating. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. in the Terrace Cemetery in Post.

Mrs. Malouf died Monday, December 22, 1997, in Methodist Hospital in Plainview. She was born October 11, 1905 in Beirut, Lebanon to Adeeb and Nazera (Aramouny) Malouf. She grew up there and attended a private school which combined high school work with college courses. She married M.J. Malouf Sr. on February 26, 1925 and she came to the United States as a young bride.

She started a drygoods business in Southland in 1925. They then moved to O'Donnell for nine months and back to Post in 1927 where they owned and operated a dry goods store for 54 years. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981. She then moved to Plainview in 1984. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Plainview and she taught Sunday School at the First Presbyterian Church in Post for 17 years. She was a district Christian education secretary of the Presbyterian Church for four years. As a young mother she took part in PTA work and served as a room mother. She was a Girl Scout co-leader and a Pink Lady Volunteer. She was involved in civic club work for 45 years. She was twice president and also served as secretary and reporter of the Cultural Club of Post, a Federated club, and was a member and reporter of the Federated Music Club until it disbanded. She also was a member of the Post Needlecraft Club and Extension Homemakers Club. She was honored by the Post Chamber of Commerce as the Woman of the Year in 1958.

In Plainview she has been an active member of the First Presbyterian Church where she is the leader and founder of the Naomi-Ruth Circle. She also bakes communion bread for her church. She was named Pioneer Woman of the Plains at the 68th Pioneer Roundup Celebration in Plainview. She received the Caprock District Life Member Award in 1995. A son, Tommy, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, B.J. of Dallas, John of Lubbock, Mitchell Jr. of Plainview; a daughter, Michele of San Diego, California; 17 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Alma Leone (Doll) Haire

Funeral services for Doll Haire, 93, of Post were held Saturday, December 27, 1997 at 3 p.m. in the First Christian Church with Jack Alexander officiating. Burial was in Resthaven Cemetery in Southland under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs. Haire died December 24, 1997 in Slaton Care Center. Mrs. Haire was born May 21, 1904 to John and Cora (Mangum) Ramsey in Shackelford County. She married Hub Haire on March 14, 1936 in Clovis, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on February 14, 1980. Mrs. Haire moved to Garza County in 1917 where she lived in the Southland community from 1936 to 1965 and then moved to Post in 1965. She was a housewife and a member of the First Christian Church. She was past President of the Southland Cemetery Association, past President of Womens Cultural Club in Post, past Grand Worthy Matron of Eastern Star in Southland, a member of Christian Women's Fellowship and the last remaining Charter Member of First Christian Church in Post.

She had 3 sisters and one brother which also preceded her in death: Bess Thompson in 1974, Winnie Tuffing in 1982, Nitz Burress in 1985 and L.L. Ramsay in 1991.

Survivors include one son, Johnny Haire of Austin; five grandchildren, Gregg Haire of Southland, Jason Haire of Lubbock, Justin Haire of Lubbock, Kristy Kemp of Abernathy and Shelia Stafford of Lubbock; and one great granddaughter, Kascidee Kemp of Abernathy.

Pallbearers were Dennis McGehee, Sammy Ellis, Jackie Dunn, Jimmy Wynn, Jack Kirkpatrick and Jimmy Redman.

Family suggests memorials to the Southland Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 74, Southland, Texas 79364.

Sadler W. Hair

Funeral services for Sadler W. Hair, 87 of Post were held Monday, January 5, 1998 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with Elder George Johnson, Primitive Baptist Church in Lubbock officiating. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Hair died Saturday, January 3, 1998 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. He was born August 29, 1910 in Bell County, Texas to Roger and Viola (Moore) Hair. He married Arlia May Dossey on May 18, 1928 in Gatesville. They came to Garza County in 1942 to farm. He also worked for his son in the oilfield construction business until his retirement in 1987. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by two daughters: Leoma Rayes and Dorothy Carter and by two grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Arlia of Post; seven sons, Jack, Gene, Dale, Floyd and Roger, all of Post, Wayne of Crane and Leslie of Mineral Wells; three daughters, Lela Faye Yocham of Andrews, Pat Clark and Janice Pieper of Kerrville; one brother, Calvin Bruton of Belton; three sisters, Tempe Maxwell of Childress, Willie Birtchell of Temple and Miram Zuschen of Belton; 40 grandchildren, 68 great grandchildren and 26 great great grandchildren.

Grandsons served as pallbearers.



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Aspirin is classified as a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, unlike other newer drugs in this class it has other benefits, besides pain relief and fever control. Recent studies have shown that aspirin, when taken regularly can decrease the risk of heart attack and stroke by as much as 25-50%. There are more recent studies that suggest aspirin also plays a roll in preventing colon cancer, which is the leading cancer killer among non smokers.

Aspirin is not without risk however. In fact, had it been discovered more recently, it would probably be a prescription drug. Children should not be given aspirin without first consulting their medical provider. People with a history of hemorrhagic stroke, cerebral aneurysm or other bleeding disorders should not take aspirin. Other illnesses that preclude aspirin use are gout, ulcers and liver disease. A small percent of asthmatics have attacks because of an allergy to aspirin. Because of its blood thinning properties, people who take other blood thinners should not use aspirin.

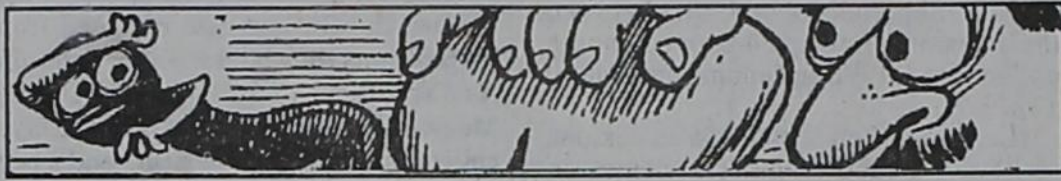
Most people can take aspirin without a problem, the likelihood of side effects are higher in the larger dosages. Consequently, it's best to take the lowest dose possible based on the following guidelines: For the prevention of heart attack, stroke and colon cancer risk, the recommended dose is one adult aspirin every other day or one baby aspirin every day. It is generally easier to remember the every day dose. For aches, pains, and fever it is best to follow the dosage instructions on the bottle, unless instructed otherwise by your provider.

There are no miracle drugs, but considering its price and multiple benefits, aspirin comes close. If you not sure whether or not you should be taking an aspirin every day, as your medical provider. It could save your life.

Michael Travis PA-C



Post Girl Scouts Gabriel Paiz (left) and Laura Tobias (right) called on Giles C. McCrary this week in the kick-off of the annual Girl Scout cookie sale. Paiz and Tobias led last year's sales in their age division. This year's theme is "Team Up & Win."



A salamander is a timid, harmless creature that looks like a lizard, but is related to frogs and toads. Although most salamanders are tiny, the giant salamander of Japan grows to about five feet long.

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by David Graves, Calvary Baptist Church

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Are you ready for the New Year? Ready or not, it has arrived! There are some things that we believe together that can make the new year a positive one for each one of us.

According to the verse before us, we are reminded that God has worked a work in all of us who have believed on His Son. He has, "begotten us again." God has a way of making all things new, even you and I!

Do you know how you are going to be treated by everyone this year? May we always treat our fellowman in the same way that we would want to be treated. We are assured as to how Almighty God will act toward us in the coming year "according to his abundant mercy." God always acts with mercy toward His own.

I am glad that all of the good things of the new year are wrapped up in Christ Jesus. Our relationship to God and indeed all of the good things that he has for us is brought to be because Jesus has risen from the dead. Because of this fact we do have a lively hope for 1998 and in fact, forever!

What should be our response to the New year? Truly we can say; "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..." I wish for each one of you, the best year ever, as you commit yourselves to serve the Lord!

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