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Tidwell, Brady's honored at Commerce & Tourism Bureau annual banquet

by Sheri Lewis

Rodney Tidwell was recognized as Citizen of the Year and Brady's Package Store, owned and operated by Brady and Tracy Sanders, was named Business of the Year at the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet conducted Saturday evening at the community

Tidwell, instrumental in the start up and continued activities of MAD DADS, received a standing ovation as he received his Citizen of the Year award from Bob Palmer.

Brady Sanders, who, along with his wife, Tracy, moved to Post two years ago, received a plaque from Wanda Mitchell in recognition of his Business of the Year award.

The Garza County Pioneer Award, presented by Riley Miller, went to the family of Cecil Smith and was accepted by Smith's grandson, Dee Justice.

Received the Ranchers of the Year award presented by the Soil Conservation Commission were the Stelzer Brothers — Chris Stelzer, Donnie Stelzer and J.C. Stelzer Jr. Donnie Stelzer was on hand for the presentation made by B.L. Thomas.

Named Elementary Teacher of the Year was Lisa Copeland, who received her award as presented by last year's honoree, Karen Nichols. The Middle School Teacher of the Year award, presented by Marrita Jackson, was Carol Hester. Recognized as High School Teacher of the Year was Christy Daily, whose award was presented by Amy Easterling.

Outgoing bureau president Leslie Acker was presented with a plaque in recognition of his year of service to the organization. Acker will continue working with the bureau by serving as a member of its board of directors.

This year's bureau directors were also recognized. They included Billy Joe Dorner, who was presented with a plaque for completion of his term, Marie Neff, Gladys Blair, Max Haney, Brady Sanders, Jim Plummer, Patty Kirkpatrick, Chuck Harris, Adam Fox and Trevah Yarbro.

Members of the board of directors for 1998 were recognized as well. They include Acker, Neff, Blair, Haney, Kirkpatrick, Plummer, Clay Mercer, Charles Baker and Kathy Whitten. Serving as president for this year is Brady Sanders.

Law enforcement committee gets scrutiny by county

The local law enforcement committee was scheduled to meet this week after county commissioners, during their Monday session, renewed their committee appointments.

County Judge Giles Dalby said he had asked that the recent activities of the law enforcement committee be researched and in doing so, learned that there has been "not much activity" from the group over the past two years. Commissioners Lee Norman and John Valdez were the last county representatives to serve on the committee, Dalby said, asking both if they were willing to continue serving on the committee. Both commissioners agreed.

Dalby reminded commissioners that Sheriff Kenny Ratke, during the Feb. 16 joint meeting between the commissioners court and the Post City Council, had voiced the desire to "step up activity" of the law enforcement committee. During that meeting, it was agreed that the law enforcement committee should schedule meetings on a regular basis in order that both entities could stay abreast of matters relating to the jointly-funded sheriff's department.

Dalby said Ratke hopes to have a committee meeting this week. The law enforcement committee is composed of the sheriff, two representatives of the commissioners court and two representatives from the city council. City officials serving on the group include Andy Stelzer and Bill Poole.

In other business, commissioners:

 Authorized the purchase of a 1990 four-wheel drive vehicle for use in the constable's office. The vehicle will be purchased with \$1,000 allotted from the county and \$1,000 from the Garza County Sheriff's Department seizure fund. The vehicle being replaced, which has 146,000 miles on it, will become a part of the sheriff's department fleet.

• Heard a presentation from Texas Association of County (TAC) officials concerning the county's various insurance policies and loss control activities.

 Reviewed a contract with Dawson County for housing inmates. Reviewed a letter from Bexar County outlining its policy of in-

mate reimbursement of costs associated with medical care, dental (Continued on Page 3)

Incoming and outgoing officers for the bureau's women's division were also recognized. Outgoing officers included Gladys Blair, president; Billie Cross, first vice-president; Carolyn Halford, second vicepresident; Marie Neff, secretary/reporter; and Betty Posey, treasurer. Blair was presented with a plaque in recognition of her service as president for the past year. Incoming officers recognized included Neff, president; Jan Acker, first vice-president; Jeanette Bell, second vice-president; Louella Bilberry, secretary; Posey, treasurer; and Linda Puckett, reporter.

Speaker for the evening was Jerry Larned of Alton, New Mexico. The evening's meal was provided by LD's Daughters and was served by members of the Post High School National Honor Society. Dinner music was provided by Rusty Hudelson. Several local businesses, including Citizens Bank, United, Total Home Health Care, Old Mill Trade Days, Norwest, Subway, Sonic and Happiness Is, supplied items used to decorate the tables. The Bureau's Women's Division was lauded for its work in decorating for the event.

Merchants providing items used in the event's auction included The Bee Hive, Danish Imports, Donna Craig, Brady's Package Store, Hotel Garza, Garza County Historical Museum, Caprock Discount Boots and Jackson Brothers Food Locker.

This event marked the first banquet of the newly-organized Commerce & Tourism Bureau. The bureau was created in 1997 through the merger of the Post Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street

Candidates file for local May 2 election

Candidate filings have started for the upcoming city, school district and hospital district elections to be held May 2.

City of Post

Three positions are slated to be filled for the City of Post, including two-year city council terms representing Ward 3, Ward 4 and Ward 5. Those seats are currently filled by Archie Gill, Bill Poole and Andy Stelzer.

As of late Monday afternoon, Stelzer was the only incumbent to have filed an application for a place on the ballot.

Deadline for filing is 5 p.m. March 18. Post I.S.D.

A pair of three-year posts on the Post Independent School District board of trustees are scheduled to be filled. Open positions include Place 4, currently held by Alexa Collier, and Place 5, currently held by Jeff Lott.

Both incumbents have filed applications for places on the ballot. No other candidate filings had been received as of late Monday. Deadline for filing is 5 p.m. March 18, which is also the deadline for individuals interested in filing as a write-in candidate. The school district's administration office, where candidate filing is handled,

will be closed March 9-13 for the Post ISD's spring break. Southland I.S.D.

Candidate filings for the Southland school district were unavailable this week.

Garza Hospital District

Two open posts are to be filled on the Garza Hospital District's board. Open positions include the seat currently held by David Tyler and a vacant position held by Becky Warren prior to her resignation a year ago. Both positions to be filled are for full, two-year terms. As of late Monday afternoon, a hospital district spokesperson indicated that no candidate filings had yet been received; however, district administrator Maritta Reed, who handles such information, was out of the office on vacation and unable to confirm filings to

Filing deadline for individuals interested in serving on the hospital district board of directors is 5 p.m. April 6.

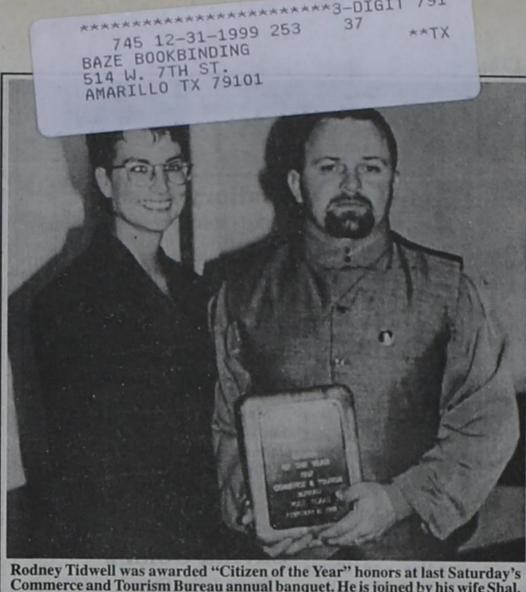
MAD DADS plans **Bluegrass Festival**

The West Texas Bluegrass Association and MAD DADS of Post will present "A Bluegrass Spectacular" Saturday beginning at 6 p.m. at the elementary school auditorium.

Featured bands will include Sundown from Odessa, Pecos Valley from Artesia, New Mexico, and the Rambling Rascals of Lubbock. Tickets are \$5 when purchased in advance. Tickets at the door will

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Rodney Tidwell

of MAD DADS at 495-1244.



Commerce and Tourism Bureau annual banquet. He is joined by his wife Shal. (Photo by Sheri Lewis)



Tracey and Brady Sanders (left) were honored Saturday evening at the Commerce and Tourism Bureau annual banquet with the "Business of the Year" award. Bureau president Leslie Acker and his wife Jan were also recognized for service to the bureau. Sanders, owner of Brady's Package Store, was also introduced as new president of the bureau. Acker will continue to serve on the board of directors. (Photo by Sheri Lewis)

Post Notes

SPCAA public meeting announced

In keeping with the intent of the CSBG ACT, prior to submitting the FY 98 Performance Statement and Planning Budget SPCAA must conduct public meetings to receive public input on the use of CSBG funds and receive input on these types of Services that may be needed in the community. The public meeting will be held March 5, 1998 at 7 p.m. in the Garza County Community Action Building on the Snyder Hwy in Post. For more information contact Billie Williams at 806-495-2329.

Methodist Youth Bake Sale

The Methodist Youth will be having a bake sale at United Supermarket on Saturday, February 28. The sale will start at 9 a.m. and continue until all the food is sold.

Grassland Nazarene garage sale

The Grassland Nazarene Youth Group will be have a garage sale Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The garage sale will be held at Wayne McDonalds house located 12 miles east of Post on Hwy 380.

Catholic church dinner plates

The Holy Cross Catholic Church will be selling dinner plates on Sunday March 1, 1998 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plates with 4 chicken flautas, rice, beans and guacamole can be purchased for \$4 per plate.

Wanted: Old Garza textiles

Anyone who has any old textiles (Garza sheets, pillowcases, etc.) from Burlington Industries in Post who would be interested in displaying them in a museum please call Randy White at 495-3138 and leave a message.

Methodist Church food drive

First United Methodist Church of Post is having a food drive to benefit Post Meals on Wheels. We will be accepting canned and/or boxed food items thru the month of February. Please drop your donations by the church office at 216 W. 10th between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 123 N. Ave. K. or KPOS from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m..

Southland ISD Open House

The family members of Southland students are invited to attend Southland's Spring Open House on February 26, 1998 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Southland Gym. Free hamburgers will be served from 6 to 6:45 p.m. and visits with teachers from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m.

MAD DADS music spectucular

MAD DADS will present A Bluegrass Spectacular at the Post Elementary School Auditorium on February 28, 1998 at 6 p.m. Featured bands will be Sundown from Odessa; Pecos Vally from Artesia, N.M.; and Rambling Rascals from Lubbock.

Advance tickets are \$5 and \$7 at the door. For tickets and

information contact Mad Dads Inc. at 495-1244. Head Start selling raffle tickets

"Shaping Success" Head Start will hold a drawing on March 16 for 30 gallons of gasoline. Tickets for the drawing are \$1 each and may be purchased from "Shaping" parents or call 495-2554, Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. to noon.

United Way raffles 19" color t.v.

The Garza County United Way will wrap up its 1998 fund drive with the raffle of a 19-inch RCA color stereo television with remote.

The TV was donated by Hudman Furniture of Post.

Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and may be purchased at Hudman Furniture, Hotel Garza, The Post Dispatch and at Post Auto Parts. The TV is on display at Hudman Furniture.

The winner will be drawn at random March 3. United Way volunteers will also be offering raffle tickets at Old Mill Trade Days this weekend with a table set up just outside the south gate entrance to the park.

Birth

William Rodriguez

Will and Geneva Rodriguez of Pflugerville would like to announce the birth of their son, William Kane Rodriguez. He weighed 10 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 22 1/2 inches long. He was born at 11:36 p.m. at St. Davids Hospital in Austin on November 21, 1997.

He is welcomed home by a proud big brother, Zane.

Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Willie Rodriguez of Post and Mr and Mrs Leandro Deanda of Lubbock.

Great grandpaarents are Mr and Mrs Alfonso Garcia of Lubbock and Mrs Frances Martinez of Lubbock.

Hayden Benham

Quentin, Bradley and Wyatt Benham would like to tell Post about a new brother, Hayden Wesley Benham! He was born January 14, 1998 at 11:16 p.m. in Methodist Hospital in Levelland. He weighed 6 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

The proud parents are Russel and and Candida Gomez. Sandra Benham of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Mr and Mrs Jerry Benham of Post.

S. Dean of Post and Jimmy R. Consuelo Gomez of Kermit. Matthies of Rotan.

Maternal great grandparents are Mr and Mrs J.P. Ray of Post and Mr and Mrs Melvin Matthies of Rotan.



Mallory Mason

Cade Mason is proud to announce the arrival of his sister, Mallory Judith, born February 17 at 9:37 a.m. in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 19 inches long.

Proud parents are Bart and Hayley Mason of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Lewis and Jane Mason of Post.

Maternal grandparents are Bill and Jeanie Bird of San Angelo and Johnny Hughes of Midland.

Great grandparents are Quanah and Sue Maxey of Post, Cecile McDonald of Sterling City and Glenna Hughes of Big Spring.

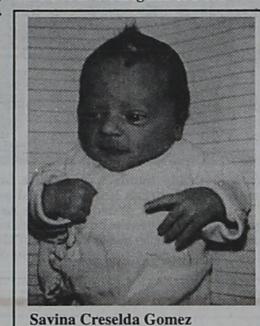
Savina Gomez

Sergio Julian Gomez would like to announce the birth of his baby sister, Savina Creeselda, weighing 6 lbs. 12 ozs and was 19 inches long. She was born January 26, 1998 at 8:57 a.m. in Highland Medical. Parents are Sergio

Maternal grandparents are Mr and Mrs Willie Rodriguez of Post.

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Great grandparents are Mr and Mrs Jesus Rodriguez of Post.



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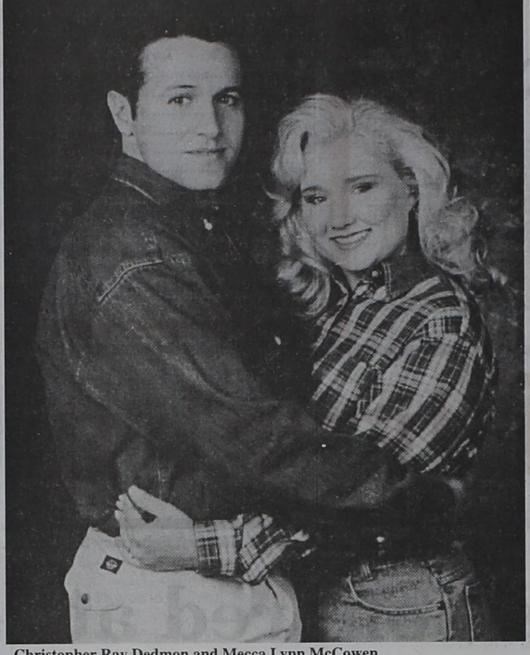
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Christopher Ray Dedmon and Mecca Lynn McCowen

McCowen, Dedmon announce wedding plans

Mecca Lynn McCowen and Christopher Ray Dedmon, both of Midland are planning to be married at 2 p.m. on July 11, 1998 at Colonial Hill Baptish Church in Snyder.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Don and Pat McCowen of Midland and the granddaughter of Mrs Mary Windham and the late Nuel R. Landreth. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mrs Peggy Acker of Moore, Oklahoma and Larry Dedmon of Jacksonville, Florida.

Miss McCowen, a 93 graduate of Snyder High School will receive an Associate's Degree in Veterinary Technology at Midland College this May. Christopher graduated from Boone High School in Orlando, Florida. He served four years in the USAF and is now employed with Dowell-Schlumberger.

Golden Plains Care CenterNews

Well, it was another fun week at Golden Plains Care Center. We played shuffleboard and the winners were Warren Hardt, Pearl Moreman, Rosa Gonzales and Mabel Robinson.

On Tuesday Margie Maestas came and lead singing and played the piano for us along with members from Calvary Baptist Church, we really enjoyed

Baby Loving Day was a blast! Jody and Josie Whisenhunt brought by 16 dolls for us and Wilma Williams and Lola Ledbetter brought in a crib, blankets and bottles, thanks so much!

We would like to sent out a Big Get Well Soon to those in the Hospital: Verna Harrison, Verna Roberts, Inez Capps, Mary Graves and Cleo Sappington, we miss you all!! Our bake sale went good thanks to everyone who baked and brought all

the goodies. A Big Thank You to Bert Fluitt for helping during the bake sale. I can already smell that fresh popcorn.

We would like to welcome Pink Wilkes and Marvel Pearson to our family, we are so happy to have them both.

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer we would love to have you. There are many areas that you are needed. We need volunteers to play the piano, sit with residents and help them play bingo and someone to call bingo (we play Monday thru Saturday at 2 p.m.). We need someone to play checkers, dominos or cards with the residents, we have some real good domino players. If anyone is interested please call or come by, we would love

Till next week, Bunny Lynch

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

What about this weather! It is hard to believe that it is still February. I'm afraid we are going to wake up one morning and find that winter is not over.

Ricky and I had a really nice weekend, as Alison Bailey, our granddaughter from Virginia made her Texas debut Sunday. She and her Mom, Amanda, flew in Sunday and were greeted by the whole family. She of course is gorgeous and we are so happy to have her here.



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Trevor Thuett received word on February 5, that he had passed his Professional Engineering Test. Upon passing he will receive his Professional Engineering License for the State of Texas as well as the State of Colorado.

Trevor, his wife Jodi and sons Dalton and Caelan have resided in Parker, Colorado since August of last year. He is a Project Engineer for Gordan, Gumeson and Associates Consulting Engineer Firm in Littleton, Colorado. Trevor is a 1989 Graduate of Post High School and a 1994 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is the son of Ronald and Nancy Thuett.

Verna Roberts is still in the hospital at U.M.C., Verna Harrison is in St. . Marys and Hooter Terry is in Methodist. Also Cleo Sappington is in rehab at St Marys, so lets all remember these lovely ladies.

We have lots of birthdays this week, Thursday 26, Mike Hair and Christina Atzbach; Friday 27, Marcella Hair and Dee Justice; Saturday 28, Sharla Wells, Penny Mason Julia Martinez and Tye Mason; Sunday, March 1, Pat Burnett and Debbie Morris; Monday 2, Jim Wells, Allen Heckaman, Tyler Rackley and Sheila Gregory; Tuesday 3, Lindsey Rudd and Wednesday 4, Whitey Morris, Aaron Cooper, Shanda Kelso and Geraldine Gray. Happy Birthday to all you folks!

Everyone remember that this is the weekend for Old Mill Trade Days. I here that all the booths are full and that there will be some new vendors this time. You can rest assured that there will be plenty to see and that you can have a good time, plus getting to eat some great food!

I hear tell that Clarence Warren and his daughter Brenda, play cards every night. Seems as tho there was some confusinon over Sunday nights winner?

Well, guess I will close out for this week. Hope all of you under the weather folks feel much better soon and everyone have a great weekend.

Trade Days looks for big event

Another big Trade Days event is scheduled to unfold this weekend in Post. As of Tuesday afternoon, all inside booth spaces and all but three exterior spots were filled for this weekend's activities, according to Old Mill Trade Days' Linda Self.

"This is wonderful for a winter event," Self said.

The Trade Days park has been a busy place over the past few weeks as several new and existing visitors have tackled construction projects. Three vendors have done some remodeling since the last event, Self said, and several vendors worked on creating new booth space.

There are many new vendors scheduled to participate in this weekend's activities. Several new booths featuring antiques will be on hand and a myriad of new items - Beanie Babies, Madame Alexander dolls, pewter wind chimes, new collectibles and gift items, Victorian reproductions, painted T-shirts, metal art, Mexican furniture and imports, candles, original Indian artifacts, gold leafing, and Coca-Cola and Dr Pepper furniture, knick-knacks and reproductions — will be offered by first-time vendors.

As in the past, admission to Friday's Trade Days activities will be free of charge. Admission is \$1 per person on Saturdays and Sundays. Beginning this month, all vendors participating in the show will have their booths open all three days — Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Special entertainment for this weekend includes The Guthries, who will

perform Sunday if weather permits. In addition to new booth space, Old Mill Trade Days will soon see the addition of new restroom facilities. Construction is currently under way in

the center of the park. "Please excuse our dust," Self said, adding that the new facilities should be ready for use during the April 3, 4 and 5 Trade Days event. The next Trade Days will feature a "Nifty '50s" theme.

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Three arrests were made Feb. 18, including a 20-year-old female arrested for revocation of probation; a 36-year-old male arrested for revocation of probation (transferred to the White River treatment facility Feb. 20); and a 31-year-old male arrested for a parole violation.

Two arrests came Feb. 19, including that of a 43-year-old male picked up for DWI (released Feb. 22 on time served) and a 26-yearold male picked up on a bench arrant (released the next day on a 10year probation).

Arrests made Feb. 20 include that of a 23-year-old male, revocation of probation, and a 20-year-old male arrested on a city warrant (released the next day on time served, fine paid).

A 48-year-old male was arrested on a warrant Feb. 21.

Four arrests were made Feb. 22, including that of a 19-year-old male charged with DWI (released the same day on a \$1,500 bail bond); a 32-year-old male arrested for public intoxication (released two days later on time served); a 24-year-old male arrested for driving while license suspended (released the next day on \$1,500 bail bond); and a 35-year-old female, Deanna Babb, charged with family violence/injury to a child (released Feb. 24 on a \$5,000 PR bond).

Local law enforcement officers received approximately 70 calls for service during the past week. Calls received on Feb. 18 included a report of an abandoned vehicle at a local church and a report of a car fire in the 1000 block of West 15th Street.

On Feb. 19, the sheriff's department received a call requesting an ambulance in the 700 block of Caprock (no other details recorded). Calls recorded on Feb. 20 included a report of a grass fire about onehalf mile east of Post; a shoplifting incident at an 8th Street business; and a fight at Two Draw Lake (no details recorded).

A hit-and-run accident was reported on Feb. 21. The incident occurred in the parking lot of a North Broadway business.

On Feb. 22, lawmen were called out to an automobile accident (no location logged) with no injuries. A second automobile accident, this one requiring an ambulance, was also reported. This accident occurred at the intersection of CR 211 and U.S. 84 north.

Calls worked on Feb. 23 included a theft of a mobile telephone (no address recorded); an automobile accident five miles south of Post on U.S. 84 (no further details were logged); request for an ambulance in the 200 block of West Main (transport made to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock); an automobile accident in the 1000 block of Sunset (no other details recorded); a theft of cash from a purse in the 500 block of West 11th Street; and a possible child molestation in the 500 block of North Avenue P (no further details were recorded on the call sheet).

Editor's Note: We publish the names of those people charged with the violation of the rights of other individuals.

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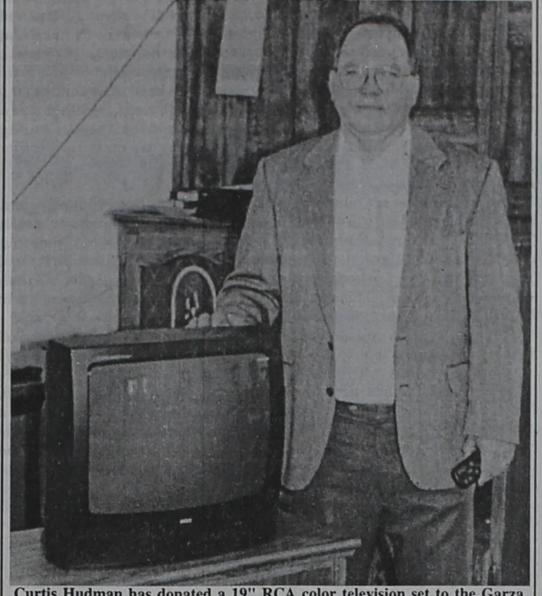
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• Heard a report from the local probation officer on why the Lubbock Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse is being used to provide services in Garza County when the Recovery Center, which receives funding from the county and the City of Post, is available locally. Probation officer Bill Schoemann said the Lubbock facility provides services currently not available through the local center and does lized whenever possible. It was suggested that Schoemann meet with representatives of the local facility to ensure that the services ant aide. available in Post are being fully utilized.

 Reviewed a letter received from Post Heating & Air Conditioning concerning non-insured contractors being allowed to work on county property. According to the letter, such actions are in violation of the labor code. The county judged asked County Attorney Leslie Acker to look into the matter and to report his findings back to the court.



Curtis Hudman has donated a 19" RCA color television set to the Garza County United Way, to be given away in a drawing. Proceeds from the drawing will be used to help United Way fund the \$22,500 goal this year. Raffle tickets may be purchased at Hudman Furniture, Post Auto Parts, Hotel Garza and The Post Dispatch.

Post ISD issues job description for **Bobby Dean**

Post Independent School District officials have disclosed the job description for school district employee Bobby Dean.

In the written job description, Dean is labeled as a "student resource/truant aide."

His duties, according to the information supplied by the school district, include:

 Serve as the truant clerk and make home visits when necessary. • Management of the responsibility room in Post Middle School. • Must be certified in "Reality Therapy/Choice Therapy." • Trained for use of the "Character Counts" chart. • Work with students that teachers refer. . Work with students who have problems with other students. • Work on directives from principals on all three campuses. • Supervise outside areas of the Middle School at lunch and before and after school. • Conduct homeroom classes on all campuses on the topics of drugs and gang-related matters. • Make home visits to all sixth grade students. • Take calls day or night from parents concerning problems with children. • Work closely with the Garza County Probation Office. • Drive a school bus for school functions when needed. • Help with all drug testing at the schools and transport urine samples to laboratory in Lub-

Also listed were "areas that need future consideration," including the purchase of drug and alcohol "display kits" for teaching; additional training on working with public school students and juvenile law; attend seminars on dealing with student discipline and public relations; and acting as caretaker and handler for the drug

According to the information provided by the school district, Dean so at no cost to the county. He added that the local facility is uti- has personally purchased two-way radios, a cellular telephone and a dog transport cage for use in his duties as student resource/tru-



Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash, CPA Losses VS. Gains —

At What Rate?

By year end, investors try to balance gains and losses to minimize taxes. Ideally, they even out, perhaps with an extra \$3,000 of losses to write against ordinary income. But this year's mishmash of rates and holding peri-

ods makes it extra difficult. Let's review: The old rate on capital gains, until May 6, was 28 percent on assets held 12 months or more. The new rate, starting July 29, is 20 percent on assets held 18 months or more (even lower for those in the 15 percent bracket), and 28 percent rate on assets held a year and a day.

What happens to looses? Congress didn't say, in the law, but best bets are: Offset losses with gains on assets with the same holding period: long-term with long-term, mid-term (which used to be considered long-term with mid-term, short-term with short-term. If there is an excess loss from one class, net is against gains in the next highest category. The new tax law is more complicated than ever. That's why

you need the help of the tax people



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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

National canned food month!

If you like the convenience of canned foods, thank Napoleon. In the early 1800s a Parisian confectioner named Nicholas Appert responded to Napoleon's request for ways to preserve food for his armed forces. Mr Appert put food in glass jars and boiled the jars in water. Tincoated steel containers, "tin cans" became widely

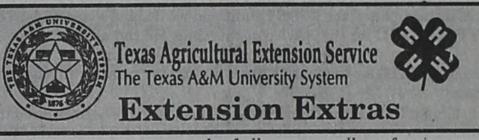
available by the 1840s. It's in the can! So what's in a can these days? Just about everything. Over 1500 food items now come in cans, including everything from apple juice to zucchini. For starters, you can find more than: 130 vegetables, 40 varieties of beans, 100 different soups and stews, four dozen entrees made from beef, chicken and turkey, 75 fruit juices, 20 seafoods, and 15 pie fillings.

You may think that canned foods are not as nutritious as fresh and frozen foods. Members of the National Food Processors Association would be quick to tell you that canned foods offer the same vitamin, mineral, caloric, protein, carbohydrate and fat content as fresh and frozen foods. They point out that many socalled "fresh" foods are picked before they are ripe, trucked many miles to market and stored until you buy them, causing them to lose some of their "freshness" and nutritional value. Processing plants are usually located near growing fields, enabling most fruits and vegetables to be canned within hours of harvest-at the peak of freshness.

Older people may remember when canned foods were a no-no for anyone on a low-sodium diet. But manufacturers have greatly reduced the sodium content and they offer no-salt added or salt-free varieties of many items these days.

When we talk about cans, our first thought is of "tin cans." But in 1995 the Steel Packaging Council began a marketing campaign to tell people that those cans aren't made of tin anymore. If you remain unconvinced, they go on to point out that when steel food cans are collected through recycling programs, they are melted and made into cars, toys, bicycles, appliances, construction materials, and-more food cans!!!!!!

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level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. Better Living for Texans-Nutrition Workshop

Kelly Ahrens, County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, will be presenting a workshop on Nutrition Wednesday, March 4, at 10:00 a.m. at the Post Community Action building on Highway 84 South. The program will highlight nutrition, healthy cooking and having a healthier lifestyle for the whole family. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the activities, food demonstrations and discussions sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service-Better Living for Texans program. Spartan transportation can be arranged if you call Kelly Ahrens at 495-4400 at least 24 hours in advance.

FCE Club Salad Supper

The Family and Community Education Club will have a Salad Supper Tuesday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the home of Sue Maxey. Anyone interested in joining the FCE Club is welcome to do so and there are no dues or fees to join. Please call Kelly Ahrens, Garza County Extension Agent, at 495-4400 for more information and to join.

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.

The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

AVISO PUBLICO

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas

El cargo de 26 centavos al mes no se cobrará a los clientes que reciben ELC. Sin embargo, los clientes que reciben ELC y pagan menos del máximo de \$3.50 al mes por el servicio ELC residencial o menos del máximo de \$7 por el servicio ELC comercial, tendrán que pagar 26 centavos adicionales a su pago mensual

El servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) fue establecido en 1993 por la legislación del estado de Texas y requiere que las compañías prestadoras de servicios telefónicos ofrezcan llamadas de larga distancia gratuitas entre pequeñas poblaciones que comparten un interés común tales como distritos escolares y de hospitales. Esta ley permite que las compañías telefónicas recuperen los costos no pagados mediante cargos a clientes, a través de un cargo a todos los demás clientes en el estado que no reciben el servicio ELC o que no pagan la tarifa máxima del servicio ELC. La tarifa máxima mensual permitida por la ley estatal es \$3.50 por línea para clientes con servicio residencial y \$7 por línea para clientes con servicio comercial.

Southwestern Bell calcula que los 26 centavos al mes por línea cubrirán los \$27 millones del costo anual del servicio ELC que no está cubierto por las tarifas de ELC.

Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo

si la PUC no lo autoriza. Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada

en su directorio telefónico. La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuniquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.

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Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor Policy: We require all letters to be signed, however, names may be withheld from publication by request. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation.

Hospital directors answer questions

Editor's Note: The following is a letter in response to questions posed to the Garza Hospital District by Carol Peppers (The Post Dispatch 2/5/98).

Mrs. Carol A. Peppers 805 West 15th Street Post, Texas 79356 Dear Mrs. Peppers:

We are in receipt of your letter dated January 25, 1998 stating that you did not get answers to your questions at the Public Meeting on January 15, 1998. We will try to answer your written questions. .

1. No, the District does not have major indebtedness at this time. We will use the money received from the lease on the building, the lease on the equipment, the reimbursement on utilities, salaries, interest, reimbursement from the Primary Care Grant and other expenses incurred by the District that are related to the clinic operation. The 1997-98 Budget lists revenues in the amount of \$100,445.00 that the above items will reimburse to the District.

2. The contract with Methodist is a 5 year agreement, with the terms to be re-negotiated after 2 years. The subsidy to operate the clinic may be lowered or raised at that time depending on losses incurred. The utility costs are pro-rated according to the square footage used by both Methodist and the District. At the present time Methodist is reimbursing utility costs and maintenance salary and benefits at 69% of the total. The District will be responsible for major repairs such as the roof, heating, air conditioning, etc.

3. Mrs. Saldivar has always been an employee of the District. With only one full time employee it would have been impossible to obtain health insurance for her and not fiscally feasible when the grant is under the umbrella of the District. Her full salary and benefits are reimbursed to the District from the Grant. There is not duplication of services. The Texas Department of Health got out of the business of providing clinical services about five years ago. Those services were contracted out. Garza Hospital District wrote for the Primary Health portion of those services and was awarded that contract in February, 1995. Additionally, the salary and benefits of the other three employees of the District are prorated according the hours they spend working on the Grant and reimbursed to the District. Also, the hours the Administrator spends working on the Grant is pro-rated and reimbursed to the District.

4. We can provide a copy of the Fixed Assets as of 9130/96. The auditors have not completed the 9/30/97 audit and we do not have a revised copy of the Fixed Assets for that period at this time. We can also provide a copy of the acquisitions and dispositions when it has been compiled. The standard charge is \$25.00 for the first 20 pages and .25 per page for anything over 20 pages.

5. Urgent Care, if the District is abolished, we have been assured that the clinic hours, if there is a clinic maintained at all, will be severely cut, from 24 hours a day to, at the most, 40 hours per week and probably 36 hours a

Lab, X-ray and Respiratory Therapy will be closed. Their services depend on volume to be financially viable and are being provided now as a convenience for the clinic patients and patients that see other physicians Thirty-four per cent of the patients served with lab services are from doctors in another town. If this lab closes, these patients will have to travel elsewhere to have their labs drawn.

This will also be an inconvenience for working people. With the extended hours people that work can be seen after working hours and not have to take off work for themselves and their children. Using this clinic one time a year will almost pay for the District tax in lost time and being able to be seen in a clinic setting as opposed to an emergency room setting after hours.

6. The Level V would take some work and money. Since we have a Provider "On-Call" 24 hours a day, complying with that requirement would not be the problem. However, if the District is abolished it would become a moot point.

7. No, this is not the normal contract that has been in place in this area. There is only one other 24 hour clinic, that we are aware of, in a rural area in the state of Texas. The other 24 hour clinic in a rural area is in deep South Texas near Corpus Christi. Post was to be a pilot project to try to develop a model that could be replicated in other small towns that will be facing the same healthcare challenges this community has and is now facing.

We have just completed repair to the half of the roof that was leaking. No, Methodist did not share in the cost of this repair.

9. We are concerned that there is a perceived secrecy surrounding the District's business. Our meetings are posted and open to the public. The business office of the District is open 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. We have had NO request to look at the books. 10. We also feel that the E.M.T.s and the ambulance service need our support. We have never turned down a request for a scholarship when the guidelines we asked the recipients to follow were agreed to. We think that everyone should be aware that this community has been VERY fortunate for the past 15-20 years to have the caring, concerned VOLUNTEERS that have run our ambulance service. However, that volunteer service is now in jeopardy. There are only 11 people on this volunteer service. One is considering not renewing his/her certification. That would trim the service down to 10. Five of that 10 have assured me that if the District is abolished, the clinic closed and the entire burden for healthcare for this community becomes their responsibility, they will no longer volunteer.

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11. Yes, if the clinic is closed there will be jobs lost. More than that, the ability to attract new business to this community will be severely impaired. With the opening of the Detention Center, the development Of Lake Alan Henry and the new prison coming in, Post does have the potential for growth. Do we want to restrict that by not having healthcare available? While the young couples still have the stamina and desire to have their children in a small town atmosphere and commute to Lubbock to work, the other side of the coin is that retirement age couples have expressed that they are waiting until this issue of healthcare is resolved before they can make the decision to move here and build a home. The older population does not want to be in a community without access to healthcare.

If this clinic is reduced to a 40 hour a week clinic there will be approximately 16 jobs lost at an annual payroll of \$305,205.20. Multiplied seven times, this equals a loss of \$2,136,436.40 potential revenue to Post businesses. If these support and help in the efforts to make our town safe from the criminal 16 people drive to Lubbock to work, most likely, they will also do their shopping in Lubbock. (This appears to be a greater loss to the merchants in many people fooled into thinking that all the drugs are gone. They are not Post than the alleged "speed trap".)

We know that the opinion has been expressed that "private enterprise" should be allowed to take care of the healthcare needs. However, those days are gone. As we all know, even the doctors working the St. Mary's clinics are on salary. With the reduction in reimbursement from Medicare, Medicaid, HMOs and PPOs it is very difficult for a private physician to establish a practice without a subsidy and a support system that stays abreast of the changes in the Medicare law, keeps up with and contracts with all of the HMOs and PPOs out there so that he can continue to take care of the patients covered by different plans in his community.

the majority want and what is affordable.

When you consider that abolishing the District would only reduce the tax burden by approximately 50% by the time the other taxing entities pick up the increases, will less that \$ 100.00 per year justify what will be lost? It probably will if you are not the lady that was brought to the clinic on the night of January 15th (just after the Public Meeting) unresponsive. She was brought into the clinic, stabilized and transferred to Lubbock. Can we put a price on life, or do we only put a price on a life if it does not belong to us or one of our family.

We appreciate your concern about the status of the District and would be willing to discuss any other questions you might have. Sincerely,

Jack Alexander, David Nichols, David Tyler and Zoe Kirkpatrick Editor's Note: See rebuttal to this letter on Page 5.

Predicts big increase in fees

This is a little warning to owners of small home businesses and hobbies... if the Post city manager has his way, you will be paying \$70.65 a month for city water, sewer and garbage collection starting next month. That's what we have been paying for the past eight months.

We thought this system was wrong, because not everyone who had businesses at their residences were paying. So we went to the city council meeting last month and we were assured by the major that this would be resolved and made fair.

After giving this some serious thought, I wanted to let all those people know they should be at the next council meeting on March 3 to hear this socalled discussion on why you are going to be charged \$70.65 per month for

It is my personal opinion that this is a "cut and dried deal" already, because the city manager wants to set it up just like Lubbock... and usually whatever the city manager wants is what we get.

The system he says he is going to recommend will designated "residential" and "non-residential" users. If you have a separate building on your property that you engage in any kind of retail or wholesale, or hobby items that you sell, you will be charged a commercial rate.

Now, let me explain this... we are being charged \$25.30 a month for the house and \$45.35 for the barber shop, a small building next to the house. My wife operates this business for two and a half days a week.

Even if you think you won't be charged because you only have one meter.. ha, ha, guess again... I put this same question to the city manager, who said it wouldn't make any difference. He first said, "you know you're going to make a lot of people mad if you push this," My answer to that was, "Hell, I'm mad already, so what?"

I want to set the record straight... this issue was and is not a "dumpster complaint," as was indicated on the last city council agenda. The city manager admitted to me that the city has known that this is a problem for

a long time, and they have done nothing about it. If you are in doubt about whether or not this new policy will affect you, call your council member and ask. And be sure to show up at the council meeting

Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Editor's Note: This is another example of why the city council should get out of the garbage collection business. It would be fairly simple to put some weight scales at the landfill, weigh vehicles coming and going out, charge by the weight of the load, and watch the free enterprise system solve this issue.

Sales tax

rebate shows

increase here

Sales tax revenues in Post and Garza County appear to be on the increase, according to figures released recently by the state comptroller's

The City of Post received a monthly sales tax payment of \$33,101.83 this month, compared to last February's \$25,928.24. The difference is 27.66 percent.

This month's payments include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers at the height of holiday shopping in December and reported to the state comptroller in January, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November and December and all yearly filings for 1997.

11.5 percent higher than those received a year ago.

Looking at year-to-date figures, Post has received a total of \$48,533.89. Compared to the 1997 payments to date of \$41,305.65, the city has seen an increase of 17.49 percent, according to the state report.



Thanks for honor and support

I want to take this opportunity to say what I could not say at the Commerce and Tourism Banquet when I received the honor of "Citizen of the Year." I was caught off guard and did not know that I would even be considered for such an honor. I want the people that think I deserve this award to know that I was only doing my duty and I am honored that you feel I was deserving of the award.

The real honor and glory goes to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, without Him, I am nothing. I give my all to him daily. This is the real strength of myself and MAD DADS. All the God fearing men and women, who give up Also, by Chamber of Commerce statistics, salaries turn over seven times. their time and energy to serve the youth in our town deserve the award of "Citizens of the Year."

Without these men and women all would go away. I thank you for your element. We must remain strong, the enemy is still out there, and he has and will not be. The problem did not get bad overnight, it will not go away overnight.

Thank you again, MAD DADS INC. is not the only answer, but it is part of the solution. Thanks for being "The Force Behind the Change!"

Here are a few of the success stories that MAD DADS INC. Post Tx Chapter have had:

• The chapter was formed on June 18, 1997. From June 27 until now we have a weekly Street Patrol. We go out at least two nights a week and patrol the "hot spots" in our town. This consists of at least 10 men out in pairs.

When we first started there were about 30 different homes that some type We also think it is a community's responsibility to work together for what of drug or alcohol could be bought or received some other way. Today there are still about 10-12 but they stay very nervous, not only do they have to worry about the police watching them they have MAD DADS constantly driving by their homes.

> Not as much drug traffic happens at their homes any more. A few of the responses to the program: "Those MAD DADS think they will stop us, we will show them, we will just go out of town to buy our stuff."

I think that was the whole purpose of MAD DADS Street Patrol, to challenge and change the behavior of the dealer and user. That has been a great success.

• The summer was good for the youth. We had the swimming pool open two nights a week for free, we hosted 45-75 students there on Wednesday and Friday nights. It was a six week program that cost \$120 per week, paid for

 We helped pull off the second annual Post Flag Football Association season. MAD DADS helped referee all the games and at the Super Bowl we had hot dogs and cokes for the players and fans. In this program we had 150 first though sixth grade students involved each week. All the players received trophies, and were recognized as achievers in the closing ceremony.

 MAD DADS INC. Post Chapter latest success has been the opening of Da' House Teen Center. This building was donated by Judge Dalby, it also serves as the offices of MAD DADS INC.

All the game equipment was donated by Palmer Construction. Pool tables were donated by Garza County Sheriff Office and Coco the Drug Dog, and the Post youth fund through Judge Dalby's personal office

We have an average of 45 teens at the center on weekdays, with an average of 90 on weekends. These are teens in junior high and high school. On Saturday afternoon we have "Kids Time" for all kindergarten through fifth grade students, with an average of 55.

We reach well over 100 youth each week. This is something that Post has needed for a long time. I am proud to be a part of this, and every effort that MAD DADS has put forth for the youth of our community.

All of the programs and efforts that go on in Post are all funded by the people of Post. Many think that we are funded by some grant or a large amount of money out there somewhere. This is not the case with any of the chapters. We are funded solely by the gifts that we receive locally. The money that we receive is used locally and not sent to the National Headquarters. All donations are Tax Deducible and any amount that is received is greatly appreciated. Remember YOU are a part of the FORCE BEHIND THE

Rodney Tidwell

MAD DADS Inc. Post Chapter president

Editor's Note: MAD DADS is one of the organizations supported by Garza County United Way.

Delegates define Texas borders and citizenship

Few Texans realize that the State of Texas has no constitutional or statutory definitions of Texas citizenship or Texas geographic boundaries... two important ingredients for constitutional law, an oversight which has been corrected by delegates to the Texas Constitutional Convention in Brownwood at the Ninth Session February 14 and 15.

Using historical documents and court decisions provided by the Texas General Land Office and the State Archives, delegates adopted a concise and complete definition of Texas boundaries. "We were surprised to discover a few months ago that there is no formal or official definition of Texas boundaries," convention vice-chairman Wesley W. Burnett commented.

Delegates also adopted a definition of Texas citizenship, which has been overlooked in both the 1876 Texas Constitution and in statutory law. "Millions of Texans think they are Texas citizens," Burnett added, "but when we inquired of the State of Texas Secretary of State, we were informed that there is no formal or legal description of who is a Texas citizen."

The new constitution now includes a definition of Texas citizen: "(1) an individual born on the soil of Texas, or one whose parents were both born on the soil of Texas, and who voluntarily declares citizenship; or (2) an individual who has physically domiciled on the soil of Texas for not less than six consecutive months prior to affirming adherence to this constitution through voluntary affidavit" (Article 8, Section 5).

Delegates also adopted Article 4, Parts 2 and 3, establishing a republic form of government. The cornerstone of the national government structure is a unicameral administrative body, composed of 254 representatives appointed by elected officers of each Texas county to serve in the National Assembly. Implementing the functions of government authorized by the constitution, the National Assembly will be balanced by the nation-wide election of a president, vice president and treasurer, who will serve on the National Executive Council.

Demonstrating their intent to place most political power at the county level, delegates adopted Article 5, Part 2, which establishes a County Statewide, sales tax rebates were Administrative Council (CAC) to implement the limited functions of county government. The council will consist of all elected officers in the county: sheriff, treasurer, county recorder, commissioner for each precinct; at least one justice and one clerk of court for each county or one justice and one clerk of court for each precinct. CACs will appoint one citizen to serve in the National Assembly, and will have authority to recall the appointee at any

Other action at the Ninth Session included adoption of Article 6 (Elections) setting two year election cycles, delegating details of election procedures to the National Assembly and defining qualification for voting: "Qualified voters in Texas elections shall be Texas citizens who have attained the age of 18 years or older" (Article 6, Section 1).

The Tenth Session of the convention will be held in Brownwood at the Gold Key Inn on March 14-15, 1998. All sessions are open to the public.

Contacts for additional information: Wesley W. Burnett (806) 495-4135 or (806) 495-2816 Don Henson (915) 587-4616 Convention Updates at: http:// /colossus.net/wepinsto/txconv/update.html



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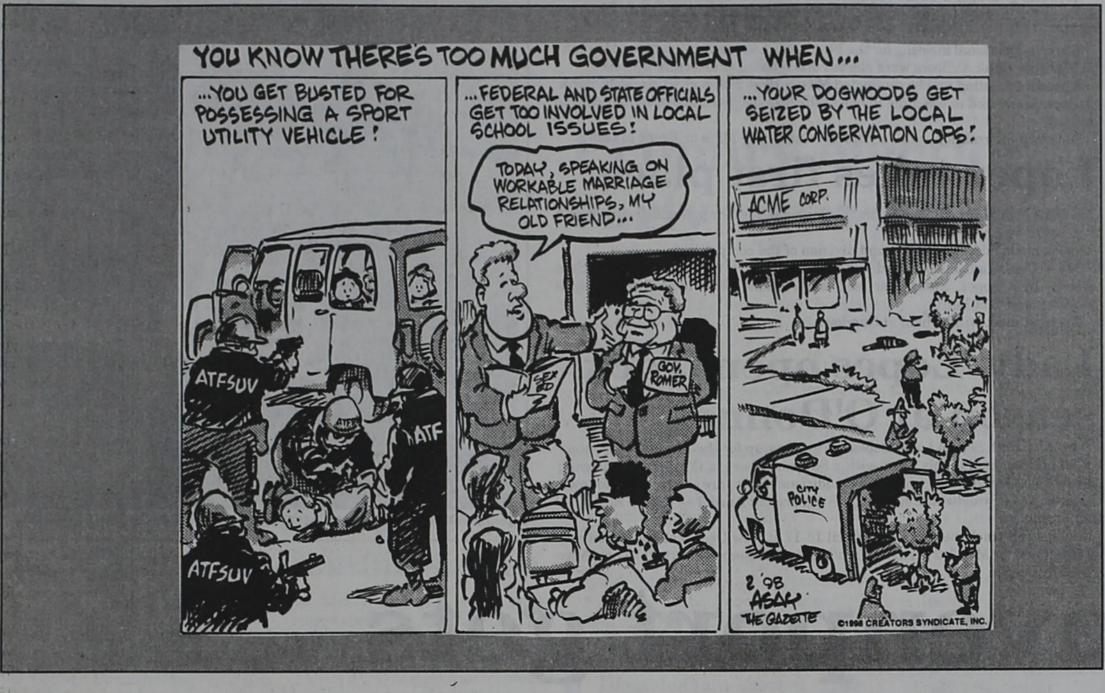
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The New York Times is generally in editorial favor of any government intervention you can name. Few would dub it a marketplace of paranoid, feds-areout-to-get-us conspiracy theories.

Yet on Jan. 8, 1998, columnist William Safire wrote in America's pro-government paper of record,

The New York Times: "WASHINGTON — Your right to privacy has

been stripped away. You cannot walk into your bank, or apply for a job, or access your personal computer, without undergoing the scrutiny of strangers. You cannot use a credit card to buy clothes to cover your body without baring your soul. Big Brother is watching as never

"Encouraged by an act of Congress, Texas and California now demand thumbprints of applicants for drivers' licenses — treating all drivers as potential criminals.

"Using a phony excuse about airplane security, airlines now demand identification like those licenses to make sure passengers don't exchange tickets to beat the company's rate-cutting promotions.

"In the much-applauded pursuit of deadbeat dads, the Feds now demand that all employers inform the government of every new hire, thereby building a data base of who is working for whom that would be the envy of the KGB. ...

"Enough.

"Fear of crime and terrorism has caused us to let down our guard against excessive intrusion into the lives of the law-abiding. ... But doesn't this creeping confluence of government snooping, commercial tracking and cultural tolerance of eavesdropping threaten each individual American's personal freedom? And isn't it time to reverse that terrible trend toward national nakedness before it replaces privacy as an American value? ..."

Mr. Safire's solution? "Pay cash," since it's harder to track.

That advice might be fine, if the very pattern of abuses Safire catalogs didn't increasingly appear focused on moving us toward the ballyhooed "cashless society."

Already, the old \$500 and \$1,000 bills are nowhere to be found, and those trying to withdraw more than \$5,000 from their own savings accounts to buy a used car or other large-ticket item find themselves being grilled by their own government-regulated bankers — amateur surrogates for the DEA and IRS — like so many money-laundering drug-dealers.

A rogue candidate

That so-called "cashless society" is frequently on the mind of Aaron Russo, former producer of such Hollywood films as "Trading Places" and "The Rose," now running an iconoclastic long-shot GOP primary campaign against former government-schools head warden Kenny

Guinn — hand-picked anointee of the casino bosses — for the governorship of Nevada.

Russo is campaigning on such populist issues as eliminating state privilege taxes (so that a car registration in Nevada would cost "\$35 and not one penny more") and his vow to sue the federal government to fight the taxation of Nevadans' "estimated" tips as income.

But Russo also includes in his platform opposition to such federal steps as the wiring of all telephones for tapping (already authorized under House Resolution 4922, which passed on Jan. 25, 1994), and the aforementioned national law requiring all states to issue drivers' licenses with thumbprints or other personalized "biometric" ID tags to serve as "national ID cards."

Those stances have gained Russo the sobriquet of a "federal paranoiac" from one well-established Nevada political columnist, who coincidentally does not appear to have ever met a new tax he didn't think those in power should have the "courage" to enact.

"In my view, the wiretaps are authorized under a federal regulation, and they cannot impose any federal regulations on any of the states," said Russo, in between passing out cards to well-wishers during Sunday lunch at the Celebrity Deli, on Flamingo near Maryland, as we took a break from an afternoon watching the NFL playoff games ... liberally sprinkled with \$150,000 in TV campaign ads which Russo had bought in the single week around New Year's.

"The governor has the authority to go to the Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court has to hear the case. You have something to stand on. A senator or congressman needs other people to work with him. But in a dispute between the feds and a state, the Supreme Court has the only jurisdiction," says Russo, in the Brooklyn accent he has never shed. "A governor can stop federal agents from coming into his state to enforce these things; they need the permission of the individual

I pointed out to Russo that skeptics will claim HR 4922 creates no actual new wiretaps; it merely puts phone companies and others on notice that they must wire their systems in such a way that federal agents can come in and tap lines, if necessary, "pursuant to a court order or other lawful authorization."

county sheriffs to try and enforce these laws within the state."

"Then why, if it's only by court order the way it should be, does it say, 'or other lawful authorization'?" Russo asks, between bites of the corned beef and pastrami. "That means any cop can request it," the same way your bank account can now be frozen and levied with a mere letter from an IRS agent — no court order required.

"Uri Dowbenko wrote a piece on this for the National Review; call him up."

(Continued next week)

Environmentalists' agenda...

by Walter E. Williams

Few groups have been so consistently wrong yet so revered by the revealed." political, intellectual and media elite as have environmentalists. They've been predicting that the world's going to run out of coal, oil, gas, food, arable land and you name it for decades. If anything, the world's known supply of things environmentalists said we're running out of has increased. Let's look at



In 1914, the U.S. Bureau of Mines predicted our oil reserves would last 10 years. In 1939, the U.S. Department of the Interior said American oil would last 13 years; it made the same prediction in 1951. In 1972, the Club of Rome's report "Limits to Growth" said total oil reserves totaled 550 billion barrels. With the report in hand, President Carter said, "We could use up all proven reserves in the entire world by the next decade." Between 1970 and 1990, the world used up 600 billion barrels but, as of 1990, the world had 1.5 trillion barrels of known, unexploited oil reserves.

In the 1970s, Lester Brown of Worldwatch Institute started predicting population growth would outstrip food production. His mentor, Paul Ehrlich, in his 1968 best-selling book "Population Bomb," predicted that by 1999 the U.S. population would starve back to 22 million. Since 1961, world population has doubled; food production has more than doubled, even in many poor countries. The Food and Agriculture Organization reports that calories consumed per person in Third World countries are 27 percent higher now than in 1961.

What about the 1980s forest-destroying acid-rain scare? According to a \$700 million official study, "There is no evidence of a general or unusual decline of forests in the U.S. or Canada due to acid rain." As for environmentalists' pressures to come to a panicky conclusion, one of the study's authors said: "Yes, there were political pressures. ... Acid rain had to be an environmental catastrophe, no matter what the facts

There are other false environmentalist claims, like urban sprawl is paving over vital cropland. Fact: Farmland lying fallow in the United States and Argentina alone could feed 1.4 billion people. Claim: Soil erosion will lead to new dust bowls. Fact: The percentage of cropland lost through soil erosion has dropped by two-thirds since the 1950s Claim: Nuclear power is dangerous. Fact: Generating all of our electricity by nuclear power has the risk- equivalent of raising the highway speed limit by 0.006.

In his book, "State of Humanity," as well as his many articles, the late University of Maryland Professor Julian Simon presents one fact after another that totally demolishes environmentalist claims of coming disaster.

People like Simon, who brought truth and reason to environmental hype and deliberate lies, are routinely dismissed as right-wing cranks and ignored by the media. The media treat environmentalists, who've been wrong time after time, as gods of the truth. For Dr. Paul Ehrlich's work, the MacArthur Foundation bestowed its "genius" award along with a handsome stipend for his "promoting greater public understanding of environmental problems." Lester Brown, who's been predicting global starvation for 40 years, also received the MacArthur "genius" award along with a stipend.

Our continued belief in environmentalist mistakes, manipulation, lies and fearmongering leads us to establish public policies that kill people and reduce standards of living such as CAFE standards that downsize autos and cause unnecessary highway deaths, energysaving regulations that produce airtight sick buildings and the international push for birth control.

The next time an environmentalist warns us of disaster, we ought to ask: When was the last time your prediction was right? COPYRIGHT 1998 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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Hospital district ignores lawful limitations

by Wesley W. Burnett

In a lengthy letter answering questions posed earlier this month by Carol Peppers, Garza Hospital District board of directors members list several reasons why the district should not be abolished. Among those reasons are the same tired justifications that have been aired before: (1) it doesn't cost that much, (2) without this tax we wouldn't have any healthcare, (3) no new industry will come here without tax supported healthcare and (4) a lot of jobs will be lost.

All of these worn out excuses for wasting tax payer money overlook a central and commanding fact: there is no authority for the Garza Hospital District to provide any healthcare services to any person other than one who is declared indigent.

Neither the hospital district board nor the district's attorney have offered any evidence to support the district's continued abuse of the statutory law under which it was established in 1969. In fact, the legislation only authorizes the district to provide care to the "needy" and "indigent."

Even the contract between the hospital district and Methodist Hospital does not provide for care to anyone other than indigent (section 1.2 and 1.3).

If the Garza Hospital District has authority to use tax money to support a privately operated healthcare clinic which serves those people who are not indigent, then the directors should produce the evidence of that authority.

Otherwise, they are bound by their oaths of office to restrict the operation of the hospital district strictly to its limited role of providing health care services for the "needy" and "indigent" of Garza County. Will it take a court challenge to end this clear violation of law?

Being honorable people, I expect hospital board members will do the

Government does not create jobs...

In the letter answering Carol Peppers, Garza Hospital District board members make the claim that "if the clinic is closed there will be jobs lost" (#11). Further, the "woe-is-me" defense for using tax money to subsidize a privately operated clinic includes the ancient government tactic of fear.

In a desperate attempt to justify the continuation of a hospital tax without a hospital, board members claim that growth in Post will be restricted without this boondoggle tax. Lacking faith in the free enterprise system, district officers claim that people thinking about moving to Post have put those decisions on hold for fear of not having

Baloney. Pure hog wash.

Later in the letter these elected officials use St Mary of the Plains hospital as an example of why privately owned healthcare can't survive without government subsidy... but they do not make the case stick... for it is well known that St Mary of the Plains is not only a top notch health provider, it is and has been operated on sound economic principles. By the way, St Mary of the Plains is privately owned, as is another solid health institution... Methodist Hospital.

The letter continues to list a series of problems facing health care institutions... all of which are directly connected to government interference. The truth is, we don't know how well private enterprise could do the job, because we have had government intervention for so long most of us have forgotten how to work without it.

Instead of poor-mouthing the ingenuity and ability of Americans to take care of themselves, apparently our hospital elected officials believe the communist-socialist system of government control works

Ask the people in the former Soviet Union about that.

Ask the people in the former socialist countries in Eastern Europe about that. Ask the people in England and Canada about that. Here, in Garza County, we have the rare opportunity to actually

eliminate a tax... no matter how small it is... and prove to ourselves and others that we do not need government taxation to survive.

An example of the mind-set of hospital district officers is summed up in this socialist comment: "We also think it is a community's responsibility to work together for what the majority want and what is affordable." Karl Marx, the father of communism, said it this way... "From each according to his ability and to each according to his need." That is the essence of communism and socialism... which uses democracy (mob rule) to force compliance from those who refuse to

Somewhere along the line, the great American free enterprise spirit was sacrificed at the altar of socialism ... and it is shameful that we, of all people, have been sucked into accepting the communist manifesto, without even recognizing it.

It is time we threw off the shackles of slavery to the almighty state, and assert our individual rights... those rights that precede government... and reclaim that spirit of independence that spewed from the blood of our ancestors.

Those who feel "responsible" for the community should step forward and donate their money ... and accept the fact that they do not have the authority to force others to do the same.

Local Government Meetings

Tuesday, March 3 Post City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

Monday, March 9

• Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor courthouse.

Thursday, March 12

• Garza Hospital District board of directors, 7 a.m., in the district dining room.

Thursday, March 17 Post ISD board of trustees, 7:30 p.m. at the district administra-

Sports

J.V. girls complete season with 51-35 win

The Post High School junior varsity girls finished off their season with a 51-35 win over Ralls last Friday.

Stephanie Looney was high scorer in the game with 13 points, followed by Lauren Webb with 12 points. Davida Gregory and Kenda Looney scored six points each, Yvonne Lopez and Camie Payne scored five points and Jenny Jones had four points. Others playing were Vondi Gradine, Brailey Feagin and Callie

"Everyone played well and we ended with a great season," said Coach Daily.

The junior varsity girls defeated Crosbyton 52-22 in a game played Feb. 10. The Lady 'Lopes took the lead early and staved ahead throughout the game. High scorer was Erin Gregory with 14 points, followed by Davida Gregory and Callie Johnston with 10 points each. Other scorers were Stephanie Looney with eight points, Lauren Webb with six points and Camie Payne and Jennifer Strawn with four points.

Post Little League registration March 3

Registration for the Post Little League will be Monday, March 2; Tuesday, March 3; and Thursday, March 5 at Norwest Bank from 6-8 p.m.

T-ball, coach pitch, minor league, little league and a girls' softball league will

fee is \$10 and a birth certificate is required to register.

Boys and girls ages 9-12 are required to try out to be eligible to participate this season. Tryouts will be Saturday, March 28, beginning at 5 p.m. at David Nichols

The organizational meeting for the Post Little League was held Monday night at Norwest Bank. Officers were elected and a board of directors was set. A coaches meeting will be conducted March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Norwest Bank. Anyone interested in coaching in one of the leagues listed above should plan to

For more information, call Jaquita Blevins, Larry Mills or Brent Mason.

Lopez takes first place

Marcus Lopez brought home a first place medal from the powerlifting meet held Feb. 14 in Petersburg.

Lopez medaled in the 114-pound division of the competition.

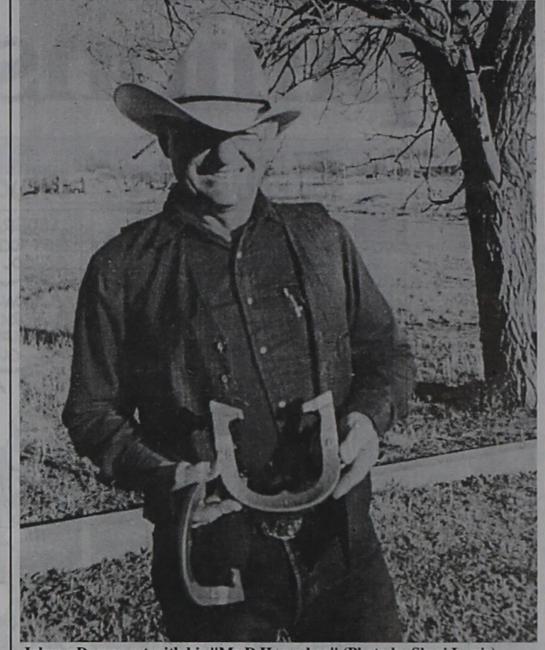
Other Post High School students participating in the meet included Sam Woods, Erik Lopez, Steve Martinez, John Radle, Matt McCallister, Eligah McElroy and Tim Pena.

The next meet will be held at Sundown.

Lady 'Lopes open track season at O'Donnell

The Post High School Lady 'Lopes are gearing up for the 1998 track season. Competition begins this week with a Saturday meet in O'Donnell. Following the school's March 9-13 spring break, additional meets are scheduled as follows: March 21 — Sweetwater March 28 — Asperment April 3 — Roscoe April 9 —

The district track meet is set for April 16-17 at New Deal. The regional event organized this year. Children ages 5-12 are eligible to participate. Registration is scheduled for May 1-2 in Abilene while the state competition will be held May



Johnny Davenport with his "Mr D Horseshoe" (Photo by Sheri Lewis).

15-16 in Austin. Johnny Davenport gets patent for "Mr D Horseshoes"

by Sheri Lewis

It was months and months of trial and error that brought horseshoe pitching enthusiast Johnny Davenport to the place he is today - creator and distributor of the patented 'Mr. D Horseshoes.'

The horseshoes, specially designed and balanced for the flip pitcher, are billed as 'The Shoe That Fits.'

"It just looked to me like somebody would make a shoe for us flipshoe pitchers," said Davenport, who routinely pitches 300-400 shoes per day in his two-hour daily practice. "Those on the market were designed to be turned. Flipshoe pitchers have a problem keeping the shoes on the stake because of the way the shoes are designed and balanced. You'd have to baby those shoes to get them to stay on there."

So Davenport, one of the growing majority of flipshoe enthusiasts in the horseshoe pitching arena, set about to create the perfect shoe to suit the flip style. Beginning in 1994, he spent the winter designing, pitching and redesigning his own horseshoe. Once he was satisfied with his creation, he submitted the shoe to the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association (NHPA) for approval but was rejected because his design was too close to that of another creator.

Davenport went back to his workshop and started over. By the end of the summer in 1995, he was ready to return to the NHPA for approval of his new design. It was the following spring before he received the organization's OK. Davenport then began the patenting process and worked to get prototype new horseshoes still had not made their public debut.

"There's a lot more to this than I ever dreamed of," he said.

In January of 1997, Davenport filed the paperwork necessary to receive a utility patent. While waiting for the patent to be researched and approved, he went to work on the difficult task of finding a foundry that would make his shoes from alloy steel. He began marketing the shoes a few months later.

"They sold exceptionally well," he said. "Much better than I anticipated. They started selling heavy last spring. About half of the one's I've sold were to customers in Texas. The rest went to places throughout the United States and Canada. I've already seen several repeat customers."

Available only through Davenport or the NHPA, the horseshoes do appear to be a popular purchase in horseshoe pitching circles. Supply always lagged behind the demand last year, according to Davenport.

"We sold all that the foundries could make," he said, noting that the shoe has proven most popular with customers in Texas, California, Florida and

Davenport received word last fall that his patent had been accepted but it was not until Jan. 6 of this year that he officially received Patent Number 5,704,857. The patent protects the shoe's balance and the interlocking

So what makes Mr. D Horseshoes so popular with flipshoe pitchers? According to the advertisement Davenport runs in the NHPA's national "Newsline" newsletter, the "Mr. D shoe has extra, extra heavy heels perfect balance for the flip. The toe of the Mr. D shoe is smooth with a good slant on the top side for an easy grip and a soft touch delivery. The calk on the bottom of the ... shoe will interlock onto the top of the first shoe pitched,

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The Muscular Dystrophy

Association is seeking camp counselors for their local camp for

children with muscle-diseases. MDA is especially in need of male counselors to assist with the camping program. The MDA camp will be held

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The Muscular Dystrophy

Association serves many individuals

and their families in the South Plains

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to help prevent the second shoe from rebounding back off the stake."

When pitching the Mr. D horseshoe, a pitcher will notice that the bulk of the shoe's weight is at the ends or heels of the horseshoe and not in the pitcher's hand, Davenport said. That makes for an easier "pendulum" swing which, in turn, requires less energy and gives the pitcher more consistent and better control throughout the competition. The "interlocking" design of the shoe, in conjunction with the weighted heels, helps keep the shoe close to the stake and prevents following throws from knocking the Mr. D shoe away from the stake.

Using the Mr. D shoe, a 40 percent flip pitcher can easily raise is average by at least five percent, Davenport said. The shoe comes in two designs one with a smooth design and the other made with a "ringerbreaker."

Davenport has used the shoe in competition but due to his work routine and efforts involving the Mr. D Horseshoe, he has not had a lot of practice time with the new shoe. He has also been working to change his pitching style, which had been changed a few years back to adapt to physical problems Davenport was experiencing.

"I struggled with my form last year," he said, "but I believe that once I get some good practice time in I will raise my average 10-15 percent this year with this horseshoe."

Davenport carried a 45 percent average last year but has thrown "backto-back 75 percent or 80 percent" averages with the Mr. D.

The Mr. D Horseshoe creator has been pitching in sanctioned competitions for more than a decade. He said he pitched "regular" horseshoes as a kid but never really got interested in pitching until the early 1980s when he was working in Nevada. Following a transfer to Nebraska in 1983, he came into contact with a horseshoe club and began sanctioned horseshoe pitching.

Davenport has earned a pair of state doubles championships along with Bob Gilmore of Lubbock. He has also logged many class championships and tournament championships. He hopes to add to those numbers with the Mr.

"I'm proud of it," he said. "I hope I pitch well with it this year. I know I will if I keep my feet healthy."

Menus

Southland ISD

Mon, Mar. 2, 1998 Breakfast: Muffins, sausage, juice,

one on one with the campers to Lunch: Soft beef tacos, beans, rice,

> cake, milk. Tues, Mar. 3, 1998

Breakfast: Cream of Wheat, toast,

camp are needed to fill counselor juice, milk. positions for the camp. The volunteers Lunch: Frito pie, corn, carrots, must be at least 16 years of age and fruit, milk.

Wed, Mar. 4, 1998 Breakfast: Apple filled churros,

young people are given the bacon, milk. opportunity to perform a valuable Lunch: Chicken strips and gravy, community service, develop a greater

mashed potatoes, okra, roll, cookies, understanding of individuals with milk. Thurs, Mar. 5, 1998

Breakfast: Biscuit and sausage,

Lunch: Spaghetti, green beans, salad, garlic bread, pudding, milk. Fri, Mar. 6, 1998

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, Lunch: Corn dogs, fries, pork-n-

beans, ice cream, milk.

Trail Blazer

Friday, Feb 27, 1998 Beef soup (Caldo deRes), Jalapeno Cornbread, cocktail fruit salad, beverage.

Monday, Mar. 2, 1998 Chili w/beans, sliced tomatoes, carrot and raisin salad, cornbread, orange gelatin, beverage.

Tuesday, Mar. 3, 1998 Meatloaf, corn, black-eyed peas, biscuit, dry gelatin lime salad,

Wednesday, Mar. 4, 1998 Chicken strips, creamed potatoes, broccoli, sweet pickle, wheat roll,

Thursday, Mar. 5, 1998 Carne Guisada, green bean casserole, (Ejotes Guisados), Mexican rice, ambrosia fruit salad, beverage.

brownie, beverage.

Post ISD

Friday, Feb 27, 1998 Breakfast: Cereal, toast, honey, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Corn dog, tater tots, mixed vegetables, cookie, milk. Monday, Mar. 2, 1998 Breakfast: Breakfast burrito,

fruit, milk Lunch: Frito pie, black-eyed peas, broccoli, cornbread, cookie, milk.

Tuesday, Mar. 3, 1998 Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, orange juice, milk.

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Lunch: Tacos, pinto beans, salad, apricots, cornbread, milk. Wednesday, Mar. 4, 1998

Breakfast: Donuts, sausage link, fruit, milk. Lunch: Fried chicken, gravy,

whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding, milk.

Thursday, Mar. 5, 1998 Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Hot sandwich, vegetable sticks, carrots, cake, milk.

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Harold T. Shockley

Graveside services for Harold T. Shockley, 77 of Hobbs, N.M. were held Thursday, February 19, 1998 at 2 p.m. in the Terrace Cemetery with Rev. Darryl Smith, Pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr Shockley died Tuesday, February 17, 1998 in Columbia Lea Regional Medical

He was born August 14, 1920 in Ardmore, Oklahoma and attended school there. During WWII he served in the US Army and after the service moved to Seagraves. He married the former Vera D. Hillard May 25, 1948 in Odessa where they lived before moving to Lea County, N.M. where they remained in that area. He worked for several

lumber yards as manager in Lea County and West Texas. He was a life long Baptist and was preceded in death by his wife on September 7, 1995.

Survivors include his brother in law, Dee Hillard of Lovington, N.M.; sister in law, Willie Mae Hillard of Hobbs, N.M.; several nieces and newphews.

Eva Browning

Funeral services for Eva Browning, 79 of Big Spring were held Wednesday, February 25, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Don Snipes, Pastor of Baptist Temple Church officiating. Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs Browning died Monday, February 23, 1998 at Odessa Medical Center following a brief illness.

Eva was born September 24, 1918 in Hunt County. She had lived in Big Spring for the last four years, moving there from Post where she had lived for 35 years. She was a member of Baptist Temple Church and was a homemaker.

Survivors include: two daughters, Mrs. Jimmy (Janet) Hopper of Big Spring and' Marla Kyle of Odessa; one son, Bob Carpenter of Weleetka, Oklahoma; one brother, Travis Bounds of Talco; eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Mike Sanchez announces candidacy for Commissioner

To the voters of Garza County as director of public works, water Commissioners Precinct #4:

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In February 1995, after 28 years of public service with the City of Post I retired and thought I would never again seek public employment.

Almost immediately after my retirement I realized how much I missed the day to day interaction with people and the daily opportunities to make life a little easier for the people I served.

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superintendent and for one and one half years served as interim City

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Multiple Sclerosis

Multiple Sclerosis (MS), is a common and mysterious illness that affects over a million people world wide. There are 25,000 cases diagnosed in the United States every year. M S strikes primary women in the 16 - 40 year old range and is more common in the colder areas of the country.

MS is a disease that strips or scares the protective covering of the nerves in the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral areas of the body. These "scarred" regions have been stripped of their myelin, the fatty covering that insulates nerve fibers and facilitates the transmission of messages between the nervous system and the rest of the body.

The most widely accepted theory as to the cause of MS is an earlier viral infection. There also is a strong genetic component in determining susceptibility to MS. Other causes are suspected, but to date there is no definitive answer as to why people contract MS ,who will be affected or how badly it will effect them .

Symptoms of MS usually begin between ages 10 - 50. They may be mild or severe, last briefly or for extended periods, and may occur in various combinations. the most common symptoms include: Changes in vision - Optic neuritis, an inflammation of the nerves in the eye. This can produce color-blindness or even loss of sight in one eye. Double vision, dizziness, and hearing loss can occur less commonly. Muscle weakness - Most people with MS lose strength and coordination in their extremities. This change may present as fatigue, loss of balance, spasms, or paralysis. Abnormal sensation

- Numbness, prickling and tingling, and extreme sensitivity to heat are common with MS. Pain occurs less frequently. Cognitive impairments - Attention deficits and memory losses are common in MS, but are usually mild. There can be psychological changes such as depression and paranoia are possible.

Diagnosing MS can take months to years because of the similarity to other diseases and the relapsing/remitting course the disease can follow. In the absence of a cure for MS, treatment has been directed at alleviating symptoms and trying to arrest or slow its course. There has been considerable progress in the last few years in the treatment of MS.

One of the keys to life with Multiple Sclerosis is to remain as healthy as possible otherwise, preserve strength and minimize stress. Pursuing a healthy life-style is essential. Proper nutrition and exercise will help to limit some of the symptoms of MS. If you have MS see your provider, they can help or get you to the people who can.

Michael Travis PA-C

Ruth Ann Young announces for reelection for county treasurer

I am announcing my candidacy for planning and in monthly monitoring reelection to the office of Garza of revenues and expenses. County Treasurer. I have served as accounting system for both accounts payable and payrolls has been fully efficient. This also enabled the budget process to be more effective, in both

In order to keep pace with the treasurer for the past two four-year changes made in the legislature terms. During that time the regarding new laws relating to duties performed by the county treasurer I have attended County Treasurer computerized, becoming much more Association annual seminars at V.G. Young Institute, Texas A & M University, maintaining Certified County Treasurer status I have also

Primary election early voting begins

Early voting in the Democratic and Republican party primaries is under way at the Garza County courthouse.

The early voting period for the March 10 primary election began Monday and will run through March 6, according to County Clerk Sonny Gossett.

Several local offices are to be filled this year but all declared candidates are running on the Democratic ticket. There are no Republican candidates for local offices.

Individuals choosing to vote in the Democratic primary will find the following local candidates' names on the ballot: • 106th District Judge — George H. Hansard (incumbent)

• County Judge — Giles W. Dalby (incumbent)

• Commissioner, Precinct 4 — Royce Josey (incumbent), Mike Sanchez

County/District Clerk — Sonny Gossett

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Faith, Grace and Hope

by Dennis J. Prutow

Even in prosperous times, many people are pessimistic. They lack hope. Does money bring hope? Lottery and Sweepstakes winners don't think so. Money buys material things. Hope is immaterial.

The Bible gives us a lead. "We have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:2). The Bible connects faith, grace and

Faith is a recognition of our moral and spiritual emptiness and need. We may have money. We may have brains. We may have physical strength and beauty. While all this may be true, faith is admission of our spiritual inability to bridge the gap to God.

Grace is God's answer to this spiritual and moral need. The requirement for heaven is perfection. All the money in the world cannot buy perfection. But Jesus Christ lived a perfect life. Jesus Christ also paid the death penalty for faults, errors and sins. He earned heaven for Himself and others.

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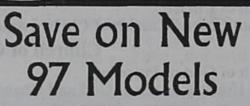
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Allison Blevins, Shyann Todd, David Pequeño, Christina Aguilar, Abby Ayala, Jordan Payne, Rachel Grav. Steven Perez, Ana Macias, Blake Nichols, Kylie Easterling, Steffi of \$2,377.97 was collected. This Norman, Steven Hair, Claire money will go to the American Heart Kirkpatrick, James Lee Morgan, Wilson Cash, Mario Torres, Nicole

The third grade students at Post Paiz, Chelsey Reed, Ashley Brown, Worthington, LaRissa Halford, Those students were: Kelli Martin, Martina Norman, Gabby Paiz, Anthony Vega, Jackie Hays, Laura Pederson, Keisha Odom, Bailey Odom, Preston Ortiz and Cora Crane.

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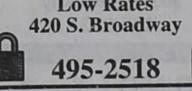
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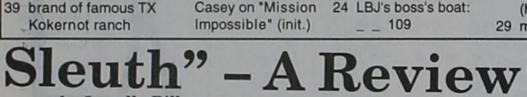
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Family members of the late Cecil Smith were recognized at last Saturday evening's Post Commerce and Tourism annual banquet. Cecil Smith was named Pioneer Cowboy, with Riley Miller representing the family. Joining in the event were (back row, left to right) Melissa Smith, Elizabeth Smith, Myrl Zo Smith Landrum, Gwen Cate, Mary Miller, Riley Miller, (back row) Bryan D. Justice, David Smith, Geral Smith, Excel Smith, Joe Landrum, Dee C. Justice and Brent Justice. (Photo by Sheri Lewis)



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by Louella Bilberry "Sleuth" is a sophisticated, adult, story of infidelity, avarice and revenge. The play takes place in the plush study of Andrew Wyke, an English author of murder mysteries.

Andrew (Tim McIntire), a pompous man, is at his desk working on another novel. When the doorbell rings, he gives a wicked little laugh and welcomes a younger man in.

This man, Milo Tindle is Andrew's wife's lover! Andrew has invited Milo over for a "civilized" discussion of this situation. The men exchange vicious little remarks.

Milo is contemptuous of Andrew's writing and love of books. Milo (Mike Morgan) is then questioned by Andrew as to his occupation and where does he intend to live with Marguarite when and if they marry. (They seem to be living in sin at the time!)

Milo was born in England but reluctantly discloses his Italian and Jewish parentage, a very touchy subject then in the 1930's.

Milo insists the lovely Marguarite will live happily with him above his travel agency office. With a derisive laugh, Andrew begins to tell of her lavish spending, trips and lifestyle. It becomes obvious Milo intends to live off her settlement from Andrew.

Andrew convinces Milo that he will be glad to be rid of her, and then he makes an astounding proposal to Milo. To avoid taxes, Andrew has invested a considerable fortune in jewelry-not for the lovely Marguarite tho he lets her look at them now and then!

Andrew wants Milo to stage a robbery, take the jewels to Europe to a "fence" Andrew has made a deal with. Andrew will collect the insurance and Milo gets to keep the money for the jewels and everyone will live happily ever after.

Milo sputters and refuses but he rises to the bait as Andrew spins his web. When Milo agrees, Andrew joyfully begins to act out how the robbery should take place. It becomes a game to him until his true hatred of Milo bursts out.

The tables are turned in the second act and games are played against Andrew, who thinks it's great fun. We watch as he turns slowly from an autocratic egotist to a desperate, frenzied bungler.

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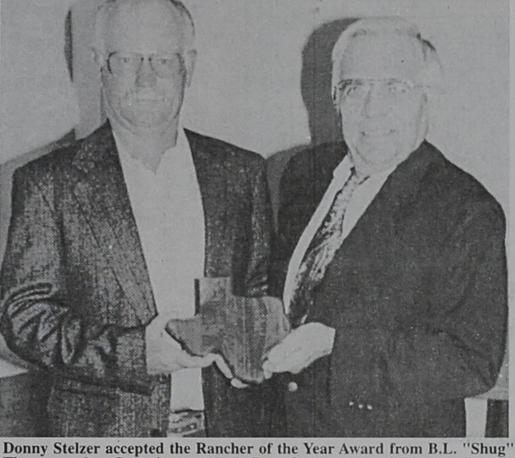
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Thomas at last Saturday evening's Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau annual banquet. Stelzer and his brothers, Chris and Junior were recognized for their improvements to their ranch. (Photo by Sheri Lewis)

Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

February 24, 1988 10 Years Ago

Michelle McGehee, of Southland has been invited to Yale University to participate in a track meet. She'll be competing in the high jump.

Mr and Mrs Elmo Bush, granddaughters Sally and Amanda and Mr and Mrs W.C. Bush took a trip down memory lane Saturday when they journeyed to Hamlin, Tx in Jones County - the birthplace of Elmo and W.C. Bush.

Michelle Palmentier and Rod Maccomb, friends of Will McCrary of Houston visited here this week, along with their friend Hank Thompson, to see "Room Service" at the Garza Theatre.

February 23, 1978 20 Years Ago

Post received four inches of snow and one inch of ice last Thursday. It was Post first real snow storm of the

Lisa Cowdrey won the honor of being conservation queen for 1978 at the ASCS Banquet.

Happy Birthday today goes to Mrs W.W. Stephens, H.J. Bingham, Marilyn Jones, Maurice Morris, Lee Troy Lester, LaRue May, Helen Pate, Norman Guiterrez, Norma Ann Soto and Joel Kirkpatrick.

Mr and Mrs J.C. Steel visited in Santa Fe, N.M. recently with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Curtis Steel.

February 22, 1968 30 Years Ago

Cpl. Jesus L. Mena of Post, an aerial gunner with Marine Medium Helicopter Sqd. 362 in Vietnam, has been presented a silver star by his commanding officer, Maj. Gen. Norman J. Anderson of the U.S. Marine Corps.

Mrs B.D. Robinson celebrated her 93rd birthday Sunday and was honoree at a dinner served at the home of her daughter and son-inlaw, Mr and Mrs D.C. Roberts.

Beulah Tew visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. O.H. Hoover. Roy Belk was very sick over the weekend and was unable to attend school Monday.

> February 27, 1958 40 Years Ago

The Post High School's Stage Band, the "Modernaires", will take part in the annual Stage Band Festival in Brownwood on March 7. The members are Buddy Moreland

Beverly Young, Frances Dietrich, Peggy Butler, Boyd Dodson, Charles Cheshire, Roger Camp, Benny Clary, Ruthell Martin, Raynona Young, Leland Edwards, Frankie Howell and Jerry Hitt. The director is Robert Meisch.

Miss Patricia Jean Lott and Kay Willard Kirkpatrick were united in marriage Saturday evening at the First United Methodist Church here in Post. Mrs S.C. Storie, Sr. was hostess

for a meeting of the Merrymakers Club Tuesday afternoon.

February 26, 1948 50 Years Ago

Carter White, 4-H Club boy of the Garnolia Community received the Anderson-Clayton Company Scholarship.

Mrs J.A. Gary who has been in the Abell Sanitorium in Lubbock for three weeks will return to her home here the last of the week.

W.O. Fluitt and daughter, Bobbie Nell, attended the district basketball tournament in Hermleigh Friday. Some Post prices this week are: a Kalamazoo gas range, \$204.50; 6 X 16 deluxe auto tires, \$13.75; cream oil cold wave professional permanents, \$15, other perms \$5 and up; baby dresses, 89¢ to \$2.98. Joyce Josey has been ill with the

Local Poet published in **National** Anthology

James Lee (Jim) Smith, a native of Garza County has just had original poetry published in "The Promise of Tomorrow", a treasury of today's poetry compiled by The National Library of Poetry.

The poem is entitled "My Golden Girl", and the main subject is a granddaughter, Allyson Wright of

The National Library of Poetry seeks to discover and encourage poets like Jim Smith by sponsoring contests that are open to the public and by publishing poems in widely distributed hardback volumns.

Jim Smith has been writing for many years and his favorite subjects and ideas are people and places.

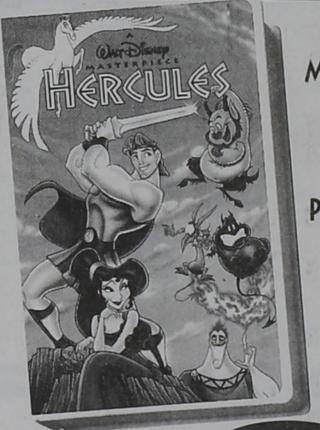


Carol Hester (Middle School) and Christy Daily (High School) were named Teachers of the Year, along with Elementary teacher Lisa Copeland (unavailable for the photo) at the annual Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau banquet. (Photo by Sheri Lewis)



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