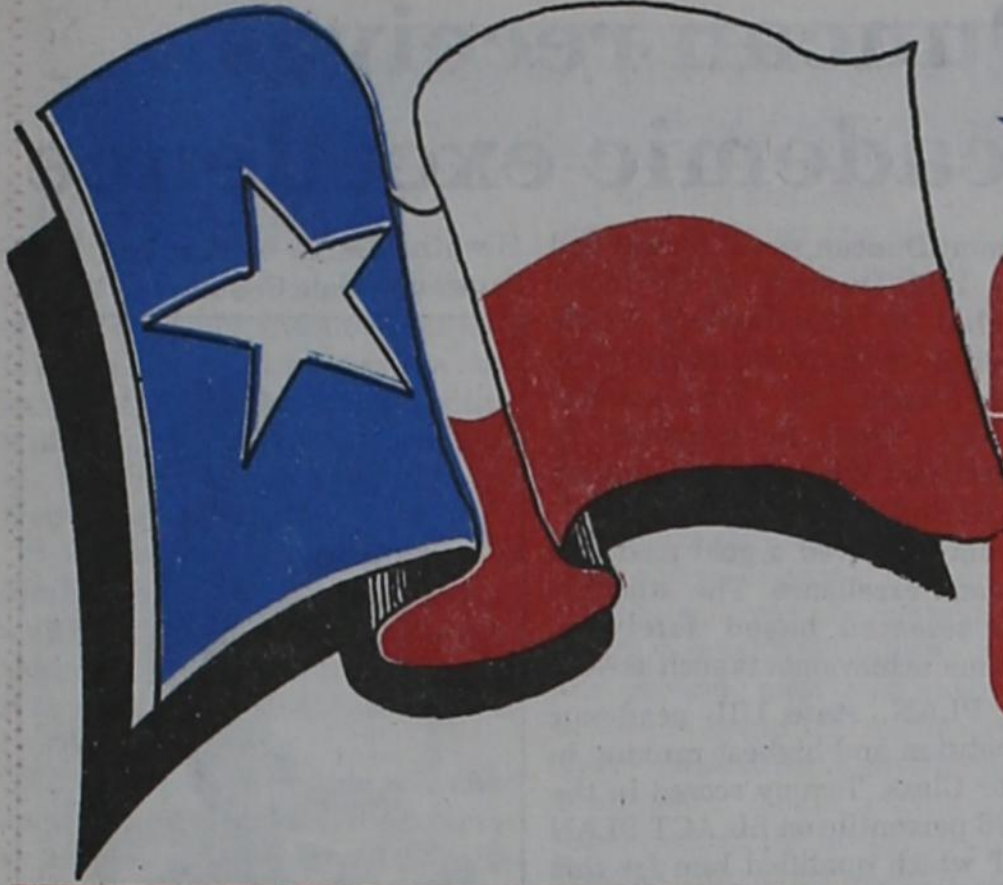


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Post Notes

Summer Rec program job applications
Summer recreation job applications are available at the Elementary gym until May 1, 1998.

Cub Scout camping April 24-26
Parents of Cub Scouts and boys in first through fifth grades are invited to join the South Plains Council Cub Scouts for a weekend of fun at Camp Post April 24-26. The Cub-O-Ree '98 family outing will include archery and BB gun competition. Families will meet with others from a 20 county area, making new friends and enjoying the natural beauty of Camp Post.

The event also includes a campfire program Saturday evening and pancake breakfast Sunday morning.

The cost is only \$5 per camper if registered by April 15, \$7 after that date. Sunday breakfast is optional, with meal tickets available for \$1 for 10 years or younger and \$2 for older than 10 years.

Space may be reserved by calling Pete Bucholz at the South Plains Council at 800-658-9310.

Energy assistance program funds

The South Plains Community Action Association Inc. (SPCAA) has received funding from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to operate the Comprehensive Assistance Program (CEAP) for 1998. The primary intent of this program is to make funds available to enable SPCAA to respond to energy needs affecting low-income households. Priority will be given to eligible households containing one or more persons age 60 or above, a handicapped/disabled individual, and families with young children under the age of six.

Jr and Sr league baseball signups

Garza County youth, ages 13-15, interested in summer baseball may sign up for the program Thursday, April 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the baseball park concession stand. A birth certificate and \$10 registration fee are required.

Scholastic Book Fair May 5

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the Post Elementary Library daily from 7:30 to 11:45 a.m. and from 12:30 to 3:45 p.m. May 4 through May 6. The book fair will conclude at 12 p.m. Thursday, May 7. A special Parents' Book Fair Night will be held on Tuesday, May 5 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Rotary Club hosts chili bean supper

A chili & bean supper fund raising event to help MAD DADS will be held Friday, May 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Post School Cafeteria. For tickets call any Rotarian or Victor Ashley at 495-2801.

Antelope Booster Club Sports Banquet

The Antelope Booster Club will host the All Sports Banquet on May 4, 1998 at 7 p.m. at the Community Center. Featured speaker will be Ronny Flowers of Odessa. Tickets will be \$10 per person. Tickets may be purchased from Jamie Cooper, Ronnie Gradine or Larry Mills.

Methodist Church mission drive

The First United Methodist Church is sponsoring a mission drive during the month of April to benefit Women's Protective Service.

A list of items needed are posted at The Post Dispatch and Dollar General (109 W. 8th) along with a "drop-off" box.

Financial donations along with any other items, will also be taken at the Methodist Church office, M-F from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

May 14 deadline for senior sponsors

Merchants, businesses or families interested in sponsoring a senior from the Class of '98 should call Judy Bush at The Post Dispatch as early as possible. Sponsorships for the annual salute to the graduating seniors will be published Thursday, May 21, with a May 15 deadline for sponsors. The salute will include seniors from Post, Southland and Borden County high schools. Individual seniors will be featured with a photo and brief biographical sketch. The cost per sponsor continues at \$25, the same price since 1983.

"Marriage Builders" Class

A "Marriage Builders" class will begin Sunday, April 26 at the First Baptist Church. The class is designed to help married couples in their twenties and early thirties develop the skills to build a strong marriage. The class will include a video series by Gary Smalley and a time of discussion. The class will meet at 5 p.m. each Sunday. Childcare is provided.

Better Living for Texans Nutrition

A Better Living for Texans Nutrition Workshop will be begin at 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 27, at the South Plains Community Action at the service building on the Snyder Hwy.

Private Applicator Test Training

Anyone who would like to receive training in order to take the Private Applicator License exam, may do so Friday, May 1, 9:00-10:00 a.m., in the Garza County Extension Office at 102 South Avenue L in Post. The test can be taken Monday, May 4 at the TDA office in Lubbock. If you have any questions, please call 495-4400.

City Council incumbents face challengers in May 2 election

All three incumbents in the upcoming municipal election will be challenged when voters go to the polls May 2.

Three positions are slated to be filled in the election, including two-year city council terms representing Ward 3, Ward 4 and Ward 5. Those seats are currently filled by Archie Gill (3), Bill Poole (4) and Andy Stelzer (5). In Ward 3, Gill will be challenged by John Redman. In Ward 4, Poole will face challenger Gary Dan Bilbo. The race for the Ward 5 seat will see a total of four candidates — Stelzer, the incumbent, challenged by Vicki Gray, Susan Rodriguez and Harold Craig.

In an effort to help voters make their decisions on voting day, The Post Dispatch, in this edition and next, will print a brief statement from each of the candidates. Incumbents were asked why they chose to seek re-election to the council and what the most prominent issues facing the council are. Challengers were asked why they are seeking a council position and what city-related issues they see that need to be addressed. The answers provided by candidates Archie Gill, John Redman, Andy Stelzer and Harold Craig are printed below. Statements from the remaining candidates will be gathered and published in next week's edition of The Post Dispatch.

Archie Gill Incumbent, Ward 3
"We've accomplished a lot in the last four and a half years that I've served on the council and I hope we accomplish a lot more. We've spent a lot of money and bought a lot of equipment and haven't had to raise taxes.

"We've managed to save money too. We've made expanded local calling available... it costs a little on the phone bill each month, but it saves a lot of folks a lot of money. We're really in good shape for a town our size.

"We haven't had to raise taxes, that's my main interest... keeping taxes where they're at.

"Water is a major issue, but we've pretty much got that worked out... we've gradually made other improvements too. Somebody's got to do it, and I've lived here 49 years, I like to be involved in things.

"I was in the VFW for years and years, I'm in the Lodge, I'm in the fire department. I'm gonna do something. I'm not one of them that's gonna sit and watch t.v. until 9 p.m. I enjoy being on the council. There's a lot of things that come up in the future and you never know what's going to come up."

John Redman Challenger, Ward 3
"I just want to serve my community in a better way. I've served in a volunteer capacity for a number of years but I feel like (the council) needs some new ideas, fresh ideas. Whether I have those or not I can't say for sure but I do think we need fresh ideas."
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Smith gets life

Kelly Gene Smith, who was found guilty of the murder of his former wife April 14, was sentenced to life in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

After spending the morning hearing testimony and evidence from both the prosecution and defense, jurors began deliberations at about 11:30 a.m. and returned shortly with the maximum sentence allowable under Texas law. According to Assistant District Attorney Andrea Handley, who handled the prosecution case, Smith will not be eligible for parole for at least 30 years "as the law stands today."

In the sentencing phase of the trial, jurors heard from two of Smith's ex-wives, who testified to "extreme verbal and physical abuse," Handley said. The two woman also told the courtroom that they "literally had to flee the state for their safety." Evidence was also presented to show that Smith had once kidnapped one of his ex-wives at knifepoint and in another incident, kidnapped two other women, according to the assistant district attorney.

"There was never any remorse and it was never his intention to acknowledge what he had done," Handley said.

Smith, a native of Snyder, was found guilty of the Sept. 17 beating death of his former wife, Sharon Lee Jolley. He was arrested and initially charged with aggravated assault after lawmen were called to his home at the Community at Little Assisi shortly after 7 p.m. on that date. There they found the 50-year-old Jolley unconscious and non-responsive. She died the next day at University Medical Center, Lubbock, after sustaining severe head and internal injuries. Charges against Smith were upgraded from aggravated assault to murder Sept. 23.

Knights of the West at Tower May 2

Rusty Hudelson's Knights of the West will offer a pair of shows at the Tower Theater next month.

On May 2, the group will present the Tower Theater Show beginning at 7 p.m.

The May 15 show, also slated to begin at 7 p.m., will be dubbed the Spirit of the Cowboy Show.

Both events will consist of a Branson-style stage show featuring world champion duet yodels, the comedy of Gaynelle Strawbuck, and John Hartin, said to be the fastest guitar in the west.

On May 15, swing fiddler Alvin Crowe will be featured, as will western swing and country music and a Roy Rogers tribute.

Reserved general seating is \$7.50. Tickets may be obtained by calling 1-888-BOOK-KOW.



Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby (center) signs a proclamation in support of Soil and Water Stewardship Week. Joining in the ceremony are Garza SWCD directors Clyde Cash (left) and Delwin Fluitt.

Garza SWCD observes national stewardship week

B.L. "Shug" Thomas, chairman of the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has announced the district will join in the national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week, which begins April 26 and continues through May 3.

In conjunction with the observance, Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby issued a proclamation in support of the stewardship week.

The theme this year is "Wonders of Wildlife" and focuses on the need for stewardship to maintain productive capabilities of basic natural resources of soil, water and wildlife.

The Garza SWCD was organized in 1965 for the purpose of offering farmers, ranchers and the local community a voluntary conservation technical assistance program through which individuals could seek and request conservation assistance to meet the capabilities and needs of their land.

"Basically it is the district's responsibility," Thomas emphasized, "to provide technical assistance when requested for proper soil use and treatment, erosion control practices, solving drainage problems and assisting farmers and ranchers with crop, range, pastureland and wildlife management.

Information and materials for the 1998 observance may be obtained at the Garza SWCD office at 201 W. Main.

Petition to be presented to hospital board

More than 500 Garza County citizens signed petition forms in the campaign to order an election to dissolve the Garza Hospital District. Volunteers collecting signatures are conducting a verification screening to ensure that those signing are in fact registered voters. A letter formally notifying hospital board president Jack Alexander that the petitions will be presented to the board for consideration at its May 14 meeting. By law, the board must call an election within 60 days after ordering the election.

• Weather in Post •

Date	High	Low	Precip
4/15	88	53	—
4/16	83	43	—
4/17	62	40	—
4/18	60	39	—
4/19	Not Available		
4/20	73	39	—
4/21	73	39	—

April total rainfall — 0.00
Rainfall year-to-date — 3.65
(Records courtesy Garza County Sheriff's Department)

This week's quotable...

"Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he, then, be trusted with the government of others?"

Thomas Jefferson

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Wright honored with baby shower Saturday

Keitha Beth Wright was honored with a baby shower Saturday in the ranch home of Kellie Macy.

Approximately 60 friends and relatives registered. Special guests included the honoree's mother, Orabeth White, Keitha's mother-in-law, Barbara Sokoll of Slaton; grandmothers, Sue Maxey, Beulah White and Marci Felty of Slaton; aunts, Sybil White of Hale Center, Jane Mason and Diane Graves; and sister-in-laws, Ginger Butler of New Deal and Cathy Wright of Lubbock.

The serving table featured a fresh flower arrangement in a tiered rustic planter surrounded by bears.

A variety of homemade breads, cinnamon rolls and muffins were served. Fruit punch was served in ribbon tied baby food jars by Carol Payne.

The honoree was presented with an antique bear on a quilted heart corsage. The hostess gift was a navy blue and white covered car seat/stroller combination.

Special friends serving as hostesses were Jennie Cowdrey, Judy Bush, Linda Lewis, Donna Smith, Tommie Williams, Carol Williams, Nancy McDonald, Carol Payne, Lola Mae Ledbetter, Traci Stevens and Macy.

A visit to the Vatican

by Louella Bilberry

On the night of April 14, the Amity Study Club met at the OS Museum. Hostess Anne Sims and Sue Shytles set up the refreshment table in the hall and served members as they arrived. We then moved on into the museum where a semi-circle of chairs had been placed.

Ms. Sims introduced a guest, Father Malcolm Nyland of Lubbock. Father Malcolm shares a love of travel and photography with our guest speaker and host.

Father Malcolm then introduced our guest speaker, "His Eminence, Giles McCrary". In stepped, Mr McCrary dressed in a Priest's rabbi (pronounced rabbe, the black vest-like garment with the white collar) and a wine colored Bishop's hat! He said he had been treated so royally in their visits in the Vatican and St. Peters that he thought it would be permissible this once. He had been treated and honored by all as if he too were a priest, being bowed to and having his hand grasped and kissed.

Pope John is feeble, stooped and walked with small shuffling steps. But, McCrary said he had never looked into a more loving face, and if a mortal could glow, Pope John would have glowed. An audience with the Pope takes place in a small room with only thirteen people at a time. Introductions are made and then others are ushered in.

As for Rome with its beautiful buildings and ruins, it was crowded noisy with "tiny" little cars everywhere, even to parking on the sidewalks.

In Israel as in Rome, layers and layers of older civilizations have been built over. Mr McCrary said he was most impressed by everyone from teenagers to older people carrying guns. Pretty young ladies, nicely dressed and groomed going in and out with their rifles draped over their shoulders. Five days after their visit in Jerusalem a market place they had visited was blown up causing many deaths.

Father Malcolm told us more about St. Peters and then let us look through his album of trip photos. We saw magnificent pictures of the painted panels in the halls and pictures on the vaulted ceilings. Other club members enjoyed viewing the Easter exhibits in the museum.

Other members in attendance were Sandra Alexander, Barbara Babb, Margaret Bull, Ginger Carlisle, Jane Davis, Joy Dickson, Suzanne Hudman, Naomi Matsler, Boo Olson, Edna Owen, Kathy Rankin, Caroline Sawyers, Marion Wheatley and Louella Bilberry.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

I hope everyone ran outside Saturday and enjoyed those few drops of rain that we received. I know all of you sinus sufferers out there would like to see a good rain, hopefully soon!

I'm going to do a little family bragging now. My brother, Jack Ballentine, of San Antonio, who is General Manager of Rathen Aircraft Corp. was awarded top U.S. Executive Manager of the year, Friday, April 17.

The corp. held the conference at the Los Cabos Resort in San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico. Jack has been with Rathen FBO for 8 years. He hopes to retire in the not so distant future and he and his wife June will move a little closer to home. They are in the process of refurbishing the home June grew up in, and will retire in Rotan. It will be nice to have them so near.

I missed an important birthday last week. My dear friend, Trish Metsgar, celebrated her 70th birthday, Monday the 20. I hope she had a fun day!

Kerri and Robby Dean along with Lisa and David Dean all had a night on the town Sunday night to celebrate their anniversaries. They went to see The Titanic and had dinner out.

W.O. Fluitt, Jeneice Reno, Lucille Bush and Trevah Yarbrow all enjoyed a trip to Houston over the weekend to visit Tom Fluitt. They got to see lots of family members and got in lots of visiting. They all had a great time and returned home on Sunday.

Seems the girls at Town and Country have a special message for Kelly. Yes, they know what a size 13 can do, and no Kelly, they are not "afared" of you.

Birthdays this week: Thursday 23: Jane Terry; Shane Bevers; Colt Mason; Andy Quinonez and Lew Bishop. Friday 24: William Morrow; Tiffany Hair and Jacklyn Curb. Saturday 25: David Perez; Sunday 26: Brittney Taylor; Barbara Gossett; Melissa Arredondo and Debbie Webb. Monday 27: Mike Suarez, Jr.; Will McReynolds; Karen Palmer; Lois Childs; Heather Mason and Mendy Dalby. Tuesday 28: Margie Higgins and Phyllis Robertson. Wednesday 29: Yessenia Gomez and K'Nell Dalby.

Anniversaries Wednesday 29: Dee and Nick Pantoja and Toby and Diane Torres.

Little Mr. Tye Lewis celebrated his first birthday on Easter Sunday. He enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and Birthday cake with all of his family. Those attending were: Mom and Dad (Max and Sherry Lewis) brother Blake, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Westerfeld of Lubbock and Aunt Lori Westerfeld, also of Lubbock. Also attending was great-granddad, Wendell Westerfeld of Midland.

I want to thank everyone who has been calling or writing in their news. Please continue to do so, it is nice to share your news and fun with all the folks out there. Have a great weekend, see you next week!

Garden Club goes artistic

by Margaret Barley

If art is what the artist says it is, you couldn't ask for more proof than that shown at the Garden Club meeting Thursday at the Norwest Bank room.

There were only eight of us there, surely not because they knew Shorty King and I were the hostesses. Anyway, we divided up into two teams of four, except we lost Shorty on our team because she was the game show hostess for our Win, Lose or Draw program.

Edna Owen, Carlene Markham, Ida Jones and Gladys Blair were one team. Louella Bilberry, Jewel White and I were the other team. As you can see, we were one short to start with, but as the game progressed we were one and one-half short because Louella kept answering for the other team.

If you don't know how this is played, one of your team draws a picture of, in this case, a state flower and the rest of the team tries to guess what flower it is. I've got to give Louella credit—she was good, but did she have to be so good for the other team!

We went on to animal bingo after the fiasco at Win, Lose or Draw, and guess who won the first two games? Why, Louella, of course.

Wish I could at least give honorable mention for the finest art work of the evening, but I think it would be like picking out the worst picture of the year from a number of bad ones. Anyway, we had fun, some of us more than others, didn't we Louella?

Golden Plains

We sure have been busy at Golden Plains Care Center. Last week we made homemade donuts and they were delicious.

We had a Spelling Bee on April 15 and the winner was Donnell McCormick.

Our Volunteer Party was on April 21 at 2 p.m. We have some wonderful volunteers. I don't think they even realize how they touch the lives of the residents. We truly appreciate each and everyone of them. THANKS! VOLUNTEERS.

May 10 thru 16 is National Nursing Home Week. We are having an Open House on May 11 all day and we encourage the community to stop by and have some coffee or tea with the residents and join in on the fun. All week we will be doing something BIG each day so come on by.

Next week we will be practicing for the senior Olympics. The different events that we will be doing are the 25 ft. walk, wheelchair races, horseshoe pitch and spelling bee. We wish all the residents the best of luck during the Olympics. Go for the Gold!

Our deepest sympathies goes to the family of Rosa Gonzales. She was a wonderful person always willing to help others. We will truly miss her. Till next week, Bunny



Duncan receives academic excellence

Tommy Duncan, son of Tommy and Mary Lou Duncan of Seymour traveled to Midwestern State University to receive an award at the Celebrations of Educational Excellence ceremony sponsored by the Teachers Education Association and the State Board of Education.

Tommy received a gold medal in academic excellence. The students were selected based solely on academic achievements such as ACT, SAT, PLAN, state UIL academic competition and highest ranking in Senior Class. Tommy scored in the Top 96 percentile on his ACT PLAN TEST which qualified him for this medal.

Duncan is a former student at Post. He is a sophomore at Seymour High School where he is also very active in UIL.

He is the grandson of Martin and

Hiwatha Garza of Post and Ervin Duncan of Hale Center.



Tommy Duncan

City candidates...

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Andy Stelzer Incumbent, Ward 5

"I've served on the council for two years and I'm running again because I'm trying to look after the taxpayers and keep our taxes as low as we can keep them.

"We still haven't got our water shortage all figured out. We're gonna have to stay with it to be sure we get this water supply. If it doesn't rain, we'll be back in trouble again.

"My main reason is to try to protect the senior citizens, in fact, all of the people, in keeping the taxes as low as we can without raising them."

Harold Craig Challenger, Ward 5

"I'm just seeking office to try to do what I can to help Post. I don't know of any specific issues that need to be addressed. There are several I've got in mind but nothing specific. I just want to be a part of it. I don't know of anything that's wrong. I'm not seeking to change anything. I just want to be a part of it, to contribute to Post's development. I'm not out to change anything or get anybody else off (the council)."

Early voting in the municipal election began April 15.

April ... Child Abuse Prevention Month

If child abuse is happening in a family you know, it must be stopped. Report it now—your name will be kept confidential. Call your local law enforcement agency or the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400. Protect the children.

NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GARZA

DATED March 27, 1998, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Garza County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 4445, and styled Post Independent School District vs. Luis Fuentes, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on March 27, 1998, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in May, 1998, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Post, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Garza and the State of Texas, to-wit: Lots 1 and 2, Block 77, Original Townsite, City of Post, Garza County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 130, Page 424 of the Deed Records, Garza County, Texas, or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED March 27, 1998, at Post, Texas.

By *Kenneth M. Patto*
SHERIFF, Garza County,
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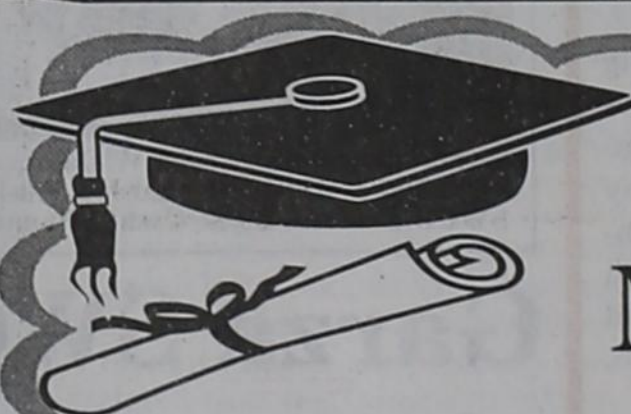
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We are now taking reservations for our salute to the graduating Class of 1998

Call Judy Bush at 495-2817 to reserve your name under the photograph and biography of a graduating senior from Post, Southland or Borden County.

The Post Dispatch



Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by John Senter, CEA-AG

Tick Talk

In this particular instance, this is not the old familiar sound that your favorite clock makes, it is the subject that has come up in visiting with county folks at favorite haunts i.e., the post office, grocery store and feed store.

It seems that a good number of local pets have already begun to encounter problems with ticks - with the lack of winter we faced up to now it is no surprise that this problem has come so early.

Hopefully, these words will shed some light on the problem and serve as a guide to help you and of yeller get a handle on the problem before it gets out of hand.

Ticks are not insects, but share a close kinship with spiders and scorpions, what an honor that is! Adult ticks have eight legs, while adult insects have only six. Also the tick's body is fused into a single piece instead of having distinct parts like insects.

Ticks are grouped into two families, much like suitcases, they come in "hard ticks" and "soft ticks". Hard ticks have a hard, smooth skin and an apparent head. Soft ticks have a tough, leathery skin and no distinguishable head. Both types are a problem for pet owners.

Ticks have four developmental stages: egg; six-legged larva; eight

leg nymphs and adult. Hard ticks usually mate on the host animal. The female then drops to the ground and lays an average of 5,000 eggs which hatch into larvae or "seed ticks". The larvae climb to the top of grass or vegetation and wait for a new host to pass within reach. After a meal, at your pets expense, the larvae drop to the ground, shed their skin and emerge as nymphs.

Like the larvae, the nymphs await another meal from a host, drop to the ground, molt and emerge as adults to begin the entire process again. Depending on environmental conditions, meals available and other factors, the life cycle can take from as little as six weeks to as long as two years.

In severe cases and heavy infestation, ticks can cause pets to become anemic and even cause death. In the least case scenario, they rob animals of blood that is needed, not to mention the health hazard they pose to pet owners. Control is not impossible but it does require planning and dedication. One of the best

control programs is two fold in approach. The first step is to treat the yard. This can be done with dry granular or liquid sprays applied

directly to your yard, with special attention to pet sleeping areas, resting places, kennels and often used paths. There are many good products available but keep in mind that since ticks have "sucking" mouth parts, Sevin is not a good choice. Products which contain Dursban, Diazinon or Malathion are better choices. Whatever product you choose, make certain to read the entire label to confirm your choice as approved for tick control.

Make plans to treat your yard with every two to three weeks to give yourself a chance to interrupt the life cycle of these critters. It is also vital to note that these products must be thoroughly watered in and you need to keep your pets off the treated areas until they are dry.

The second step is treatment of the pet. According to Dr. Larry Mills, several new products have emerged in recent times to aid your control program.

The old stand by sprays and dips are still viable options in controlling ticks on pets but, newer, more advanced products in the form of sprays and "spot-on" treatments offer control that is more effective with extra residual activity.

Regardless of the type of control product you select, keep in mind that there is no sure-fire, one-time treatment. Even though newer products are offer control for several weeks, an integrated approach using both control measures will give the best results.

Remember, just because your yard is tick free for a while is no sign that your alley, vacant lot or neighbor's yard is tick free. If you want to protect your pet and family, you must be committed to control at regular intervals for the entire summer until the first hard freeze.

As always when using pesticides and chemicals make sure to follow all label directions included on or with the product. Feel free to call our office or the Caprock Vet Clinic if any part of this column causes questions.

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



Craig dedicated final convention to daughters and Linda Malouf

TFWC Caprock District President Donna H. Craig host her final Convention and takes her "final walk". The 38 Annual Convention and Board meeting was held at the Four Points Hotel in Lubbock on Saturday, March 21, 1998. Craig's theme was "Celebrate Women: Past, Present, Future. The convention depicted a Beauty Pageant. Windy Sitton, Mayor of Lubbock gave the "Welcome".

The PAST highlighted the eight living past district presidents: Lavena Moore of Floydada, Bettye Green of Tahoka, Hazel Akin of Denver City, Zareta Winn of Plains, Dora Alderson of Lubbock, Tina Wicker of Littlefield, Evelyn Greer of Lorenzo and Lucille Barbour of Tulia.

Also honored in the PAST were the 31 members of Caprock District that have been volunteers for 50 years and more. Among those women are Buena Bouchier and Maxine Earl of Post and the late Linda Malouf formerly of Post.

The PRESENT featured the reports and awards of this present administration. Adistrict scholarship became active during this administration due to the efforts of the Scholarship Committee. Craig's special project was "W.I.M.S.A", Women in Military Service of America. Craig secured and raised funds to submit 11 names as charter members of the memorial in Washington D.C.

Nelda Laney won District and State in "Woman in Achievement" and she and her husband, Pete Laney, Speaker of the House came for the Convention. Laney is a member of Plainview Study Club being in Caprock District. Six noted authors came for an Autograph Party at the Fall board in October of 1997. Bettye Green of Tahoka was elected South Central Region President in October of 1997.

The FUTURE centered around installation of new District Officers and Club Presidents. Woman's Culture Club honored President Peggy Smith and introduced President-elect, Jan Acker (to be installed May 10th). President Smith narrated the highlights of the Past District Presidents. Green, the South Central Region President-elect was the installing officer for Caprock District's incoming officers.

Craig dedicated the convention to

her daughter, Rene' Adee who held numerous titles of local pageants in 1988/89. Adee was present to participate in the day's activities and to present banner/tiaras/scepter to all honorees. Craig dedicated the convention to her daughter, LaDonna Buschmann who was supportive during her administration and provided sources for several functions. District President Craig dedicated the convention in memory of Linda Malouf who nudged Craig to come off a "leave of absence" and become "active" with Woman's Culture Club of Post. Malouf was a great source of encouragement to Craig especially during this administration.

Woman's Culture Club Past President, and District Secretary, Mary Rudolf presented Craig with an arm bouquet of red roses, baby's breathe, and greenery tied with a large red moir'e taffeta bow (that was used on a bouquet of Rene' back in 1989). The bow was taken to Penny Mason at the Bee Hive in Post and she recreated the bouquet carried by Rene'.

Craig's hair was done, once again, by Teresia Williams of Sophisticutts for the convention. Williams was most gracious to stop and fix Craig's hair each time Craig had a function or went out of town for some 27 speaking engagements during the past two years.

Craig chose a black sequin long skirt, a beaded jacket to make her "Farewell" speech and take her final walk. During the day Craig wore a black dress piped with red with a matching long red and black jacket of wool crepe by Rini Rossi.

Club President, Smith read her 1st place award winning Presidential Report. Culture Club brought home other awards: 1st in Special Projects of Public Affairs, 1st in Texas Women's Library Program, 1st in President's Special Project-Celebrate Women, 1st in Outstanding Americanism Day Program, 2nd in Yearbook Contest,

1st in Membership, 1st in Club Scoreboard, and a 3rd in Membership Means Me project.

The 38th Annual Convention Program that contains the history of the women of Caprock District's Past District Presidents will go into the archives at Texas Women's University and at Texas Tech. This program (booklet) was designed and done as a project by the Culture Club in honor of District President, Donna Craig.

New Kid on the block

There are some new faces in the neighborhood wearing lilacs shirts. South Plains Community Action has been given a contract by the Texas Department of Health to do outreach for the Texas Health Steps (THStep) program contacting Medicaid eligible people under the age of 21.

The outreach workers will be contacting clients by phone, home visit, or by mail. The contract covers Garza and eight surrounding counties. THSteps are preventive health care exams which include vision, hearing, dental and a physical exam at least once a year.

The program office is located in Post at the Multi-Service Center, South Hwy. 84, 806-495-2329, call for Billie Williams. The program director is Katie Helm. She can be contacted in Lubbock at 806-767-9732. There are four full time outreach workers in Lubbock and seven part time workers in the out lying counties.

An extensive advertising campaign and grand opening extravaganza are planned in the near future to acquaint the general public about the preventive health care available through the THSteps program.

April ... Child Abuse Prevention Month

Child abuse is a problem that affects all of us. Many abused children grow up to be abusive parents themselves. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month—a time when communities who care about their children and families can work to find solutions to tough problems. Our community cares. Get involved in preventing child abuse before it occurs.

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4-H Camp Opportunities

There are several excellent camps that 4-Hers may participate in this summer. If you're interested you need to come by the Extension Office to get on the list ASAP!

Better Living for Texans Nutrition Workshop.....

10:00 a.m., Monday, April 27, at the South Plains Community Action. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Private Applicator Test Training

Anyone who would like to receive training in order to take the Private Applicator License exam, may do so Friday, May 1, 9:00-10:00 a.m., in the Garza County Extension Office at 102 South Avenue L in Post. The test can be taken Monday, May 4 at the TDA office in Lubbock. If you have any questions, please call 495-4400.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GARZA

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE

DATED March 27, 1998, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Garza County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date in a certain suit No. 4532, and styled Post Independent School District vs. Alton Steel AKA "Steele" AKA "Steels" et al and Ed Marie Steel AKA "Steele" AKA "Steels", and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on March 27, 1998, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in May, 1998, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Courthouse door of said County, in the City of Post, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Garza and the State of Texas, to-wit: Lot 15, Block 37, Original Townsite of the City of Post, Garza County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 122, Page 529 of the Power of Attorney Records, Garza County, Texas; Lots 40-44, Hart Addition to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 28, Page 590 of the Release Records, Vol. 55, Page 373 of the Deed of Trust Records and Vol. 143, Page 260 of the Deed Records, Garza County, Texas, or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.

DATED March 27, 1998, at Post, Texas.

By Kenneth M. Raithe Ramon F. Holguin Sr.
SHERIFF, Garza County, DEPUTY
Texas

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Sports

PHS tennis players head for regional

Post High School's tennis athletes will advance to the regional round of University Interscholastic League competition after a strong showing at the District 4-AA tennis meet in Crosbyton.

In girls singles, Shelley Shifflet of Post captured first place while Andrea Rodriguez earned an alternate's spot with a third place finish. In girls doubles, the Post team of Mills/Gutierrez took first place and the Pederson/Hart team finished third for the alternate position.

Post was named the girls team champion.

In boys singles, Clell Knight finished in first place and Daniel Fluitt finished in the third place alternate position. Post High School took first and third places in boys doubles as well, with the team of Moore/Miller taking the top position and McDougal/Moreno finishing in the third place/alternate post.

Post earned the title of boys team champion as well.

240 youth in baseball

Almost 240 local youths have signed up to play on local youth baseball, softball and T-ball teams this year.

The season officially started Monday night with the first T-ball and minor league games of the year. Senior league play will begin late next month.

Closing ceremonies for the league are set for June 19. All-Star competitions will follow.

PMS 7th grade boys win district track meet

Post Middle School's seventh grade boys captured the district title in track at the district track meet held earlier this month at New Deal. Post's eighth grade boys finished in second place in their level of competition but saw two new school records set during the meet.

Seventh grade results were as follows:

Discus — Noah Gutierrez, 109 feet, 2 inches, first place; Seth Redman, 101 feet, 9 inches, second place; Blake Lewis, 100 feet, 9 inches, third place.

Shotput — Noah Gutierrez, 40 feet, first place; Seth Redman, 39 feet, 10 inches, second place; Blake Lewis, 38 feet, 7 inches, third place.

Pole vault — Luis Zubia, 8 feet, first place; Ismael Estrada, 7 feet, second place.

400m relay — Will Reed, Ismael Estrada, Brandon Bell, Noah Gutierrez, 50.23, first place.

800m dash — Daryl Dissinger, 2:27, first place; Cody Fox, 2:38, sixth place.

100m dash — Noah Gutierrez, 12.36, first place; Brandon Bell, 13.33, third place.

High jump — Brandon Bell, 5 feet, 2 inches, second place; Daryl Dissinger, 5 feet, third place; Jordan Smith, jump distance not available, fourth place.

Triple jump — Daryl Dissinger, jump distance not available, second place; Jordan Smith, jump distance not available, third place.

200m dash — Brody Robertson, 28.2, second place; Jordan Smith, 28.48, third place; Luis Zubia, 28.87, fourth place.

1600m relay — Brandon Bell, Noah Gutierrez, Ismael Estrada, Daryl Dissinger, 4:19.39, second place.

2400m run — Manuel Saucedo, 9:53.0, third place; Victor Soto, 10:22.3, fourth place.

300m hurdles — Kenny Ratke, 54.61, third place; Adam Nobles, 56.93, fourth place; Jerrison Moore, 57.74, fifth place.

1600m run — Manuel Saucedo, 6:15.88, third place; Victor Soto, 6:16.10, fourth place.

400m dash — Cody Fox, 1:05.6, fourth place; Jordan Smith, 1:06.2, fifth place.

Long jump — Ismael Estrada, jump distance not available, fifth place.

110m hurdles — Kenny Ratke, 22.48, fifth place; Jerrison Moore, 22.5, sixth place.

Team point totals were unavailable despite repeated requests made to New Deal officials.

Eighth grade results included:

1600m run — Jose Saucedo, 5:43.0, first place; Fabian Flores, 6:01.4, third place.

Discus — Michael Huff, 134 feet, 7 inches, tied for first place.

2400m run — Jose Saucedo, 8:50.21, second place (new school record); Fabian Flores, 9:33.38, third place.

400m relay — Terry Reed, Gary Eaton, Justin Acevedo, Michael Huff, 48.7, second place.

800m run — Adrian Serrano, 2:20.2, second place; Jorge Rivera, 2:23.1, third place.

110m hurdles — Vic Patel, 18.68, second place; Waylon Strawn, 19.61, third place.

400m dash — Gary Eaton, 58.16, second place.

Triple jump — Michael Huff, 36 feet, 2 inches, third place (new school record).

1600m relay — Jorge Rivera, Gary Eaton, Adrian Serrano, Terry Reed, 4:07.74, third place.

100m dash — Terry Reed, 12.3, fourth place; Justin Acevedo, 12.7, sixth place.

300m hurdles — Waylon Strawn, 50.39, fourth place.

200m dash — Michael Huff, 26.07, fifth place; Justin Acevedo, 26.13, sixth place.

Abernathy edged Post out for the first place team total.

Elementary students earn honors in U.I.L. competition

Post Elementary School finished a close second behind Abernathy in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) academic contests held here April 2.

Post scored a total of 340 points to Abernathy's 394. Other participating schools and their scores included Idalou, 179; Ralls, 160; and Crosbyton, 89.

Individual events results for Post Elementary students were as follows:

Number Sense (fourth grade) — Miles Gray, second place; Ashley Wilson, fourth place.

Number Sense (fifth grade) — Donae Dalby, third place; Garrett Chapman, fourth place; Meagan Hoover, fifth place.

Storytelling (second grade) — Kelsey Sanderson, first place; Allen Heckaman, fourth place.

Storytelling (third) — Chelsey Reed, fifth place.

Art Contest (fourth) — Post team, third place.

Art Contest (fifth) — Post team, first place.

Music Memory — Post team, third place.

Spelling (third grade) — Steffi Norman, first place; Kylie Easterling, second place; Sarah Kirkpatrick, fifth place.

Spelling (fourth grade) — Rachel Moreno, third place; Jodye Rutherford, fifth; and Ashley Wilson, sixth.

Spelling (fifth grade) — Jordan Tatum, first place; Courtney Short, second; and Kayla Dunn, fourth.

Dictionary — James Soto, second place; Cole Easterling, fourth; Michael Williams, sixth.

Maps, Graphs & Charts — Jarrad Grisham, first place.

Listening — Kyle Kirkpatrick, second place; Xane Mason, third place.

Oral Reading (third grade) — K'Nell Dalby, third place; Chelsey Reed, fourth.

Oral Reading (fourth grade) — Jace Pollard, fourth place; Laurel Tatum, fifth place.

Oral Reading (fifth grade) — Cody Marts, second; Alexandria Chapa, fifth place.

Ready Writing (third grade) — K'Nell Dalby, second; Claire Kirkpatrick, fifth.

Woods advances to regional

Post High School track athlete Sam Woods will advance to the regional track meet after taking a pair of first place finishes at the district meet.

Woods took first place in the 110 HH and first in the 300 H.

Jamie Hernandez finished third in the 200m. Billy Crawford placed third in shot put.

Woods will compete in both the 110 HH and the 300 H at the regional track meet set for May 1-2 in Abilene.

Lady 'Lopes send six to regional meet, place second at district

Several Post High School girls will advance to the regional track meet thanks to strong showings at the district event held April 16-17 at New Deal.

The team finished in the runner-up position with a total of 111 points. Sharla Cruse, with first place finishes in both discus and shotput, was high point individual with 20 points.

Results were as follows (those placing first or second will advance to the regional meet):

400 relay — Diana Williams, Erica Gomez, Selicia Hernandez, Rhonda Thompson, 51.84, first place.

100m hurdles — Arimy Gradine, 17.5, second place; Kenda Looney, 17.65, third place; Dianna Williams, 16.89, first place.

100m dash — Erica Gomez, 13.6, fifth place; Rhonda Thompson, 13.2, second place; Vondi Gradine, 14.0.

800 relay — Erin Gregory, Camie Payne, Kenda Looney, Erica Gomez, 1:57.0, third place.

400m dash — Selicia Hernandez, 66.5, fifth place; Davida Gregory, 69.7; Amy Line, 69.9.

300m hurdles — Dianna Williams, 52.92, sixth place; Arimy Gradine, 57.19; Brailey Feagin, 54.61.

200m dash — Vondi Gradine, 29.6; Erin Gregory, 29.9; Camie Payne, 29.7.

1600m relay — Davida Gregory, 69.8; Selicia Hernandez, 65.1; Camie Payne, 68.2; Rhonda Thompson, 65.0; — 4:28.0, third place

Long jump — Vondi Gradine, 14 feet, 8 inches, fourth place; Rhonda Thompson, 14 feet, 6 inches, fifth place.

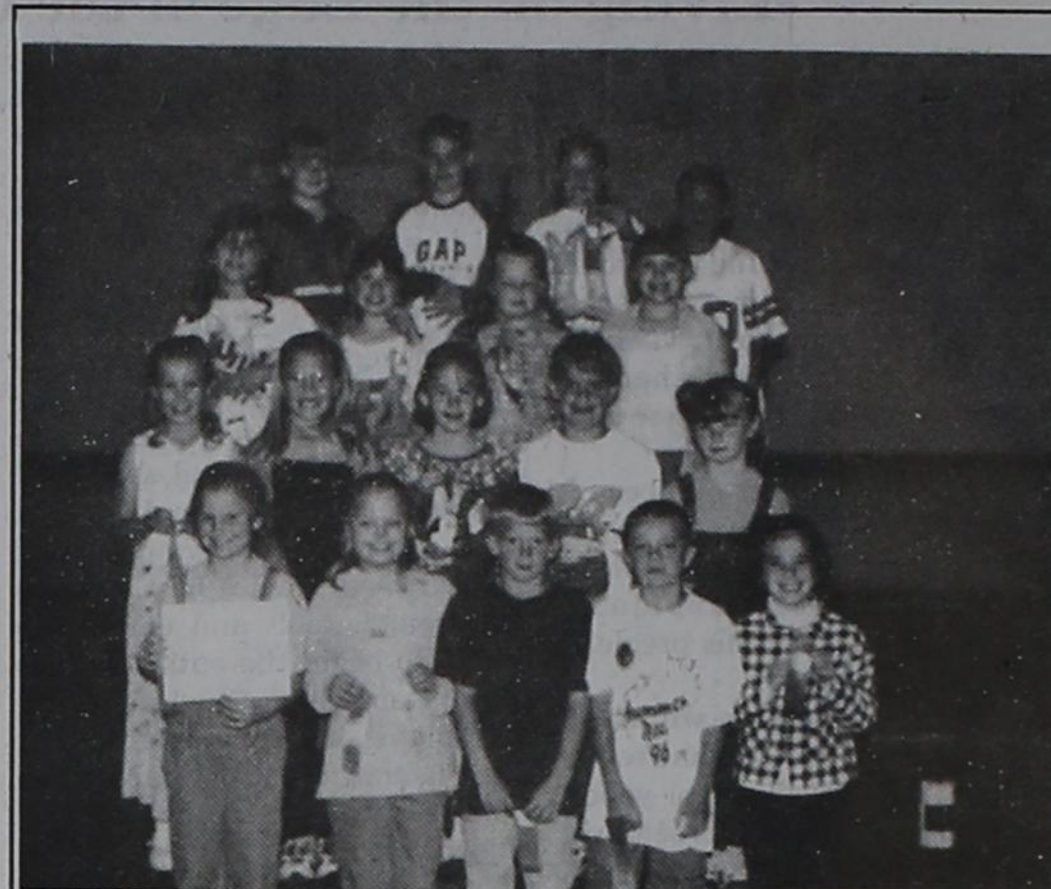
Triple jump — Erica Gomez, 31 feet, 2 3/4 inches.

Shotput — Sharla Cruse, 35 feet, 10 1/4 inches, first place.

Discus — Sharla Cruse, 109 feet, first place.

High jump — Dianna Williams, 4 feet, 6 inches, fifth place.

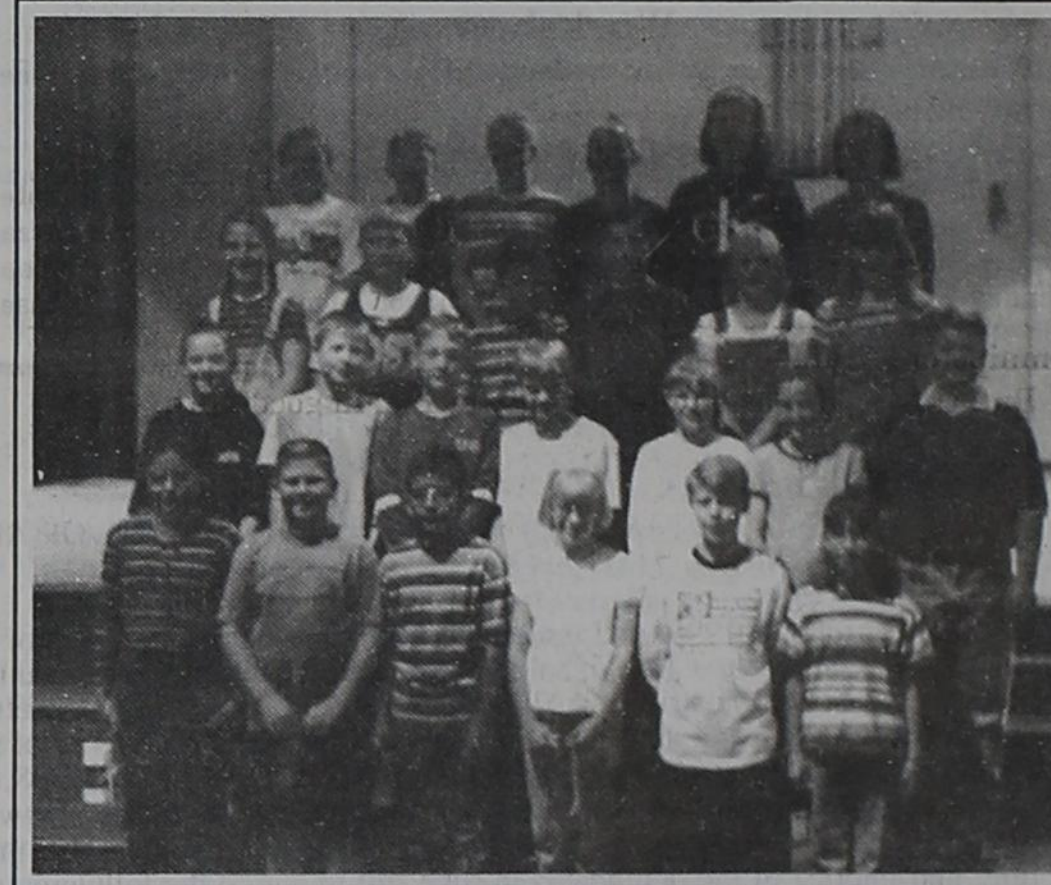
The regional competition is set for May 1-2 in Abilene.



Second and third grade students competing in U.I.L. were (back row, left to right) Kylie Easterling, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Shyan Todd, Robert Apollinar, (second row from back) Keisha Odom, Bailey Odom, Josie Whisenhunt, K'Nell Dalby, (second row from front) Claire Kirkpatrick, Brenna Postell, Samantha Hoover, Allen Heckaman, Kelsey Sanderson, (front row) Steffi Norman, Chelsey Reed, Kyle Spitzer, Steven Short and Marlee Plummer.



Fourth grade students competing in U.I.L. were (back row, left to right) Joe Alaway, Courtney Copeland, Laurel Tatum, Ashley Wilson, Hayley Massey, Jace Pollard, (front row) Jenee Lott, Jodye Rutherford, Rachel Moreno, Sterling Smith and Miles Gray.



Fifth Grade U.I.L. participants were (back row, left to right) Callie Smith, Jarred Grisham, Donae Dalby, Kaycee Gorman, Nikki Norman, Meagan Hoover, (second row from back) Xane Mason, Jett Lott, James Soto, Cole Easterling, Lesley Rutherford, Laura Ervin, (second row from front) Courtney Short, Garrett Chapman, Jordan Tatum, Casey Williams, Chelsey Reed, Kayla Dunn, Kyle Kirkpatrick, (front row) Cecilia Contreras, Michael Williams, Jessie Soto, Christin Collier, Cody Marts and Alex Chapa.

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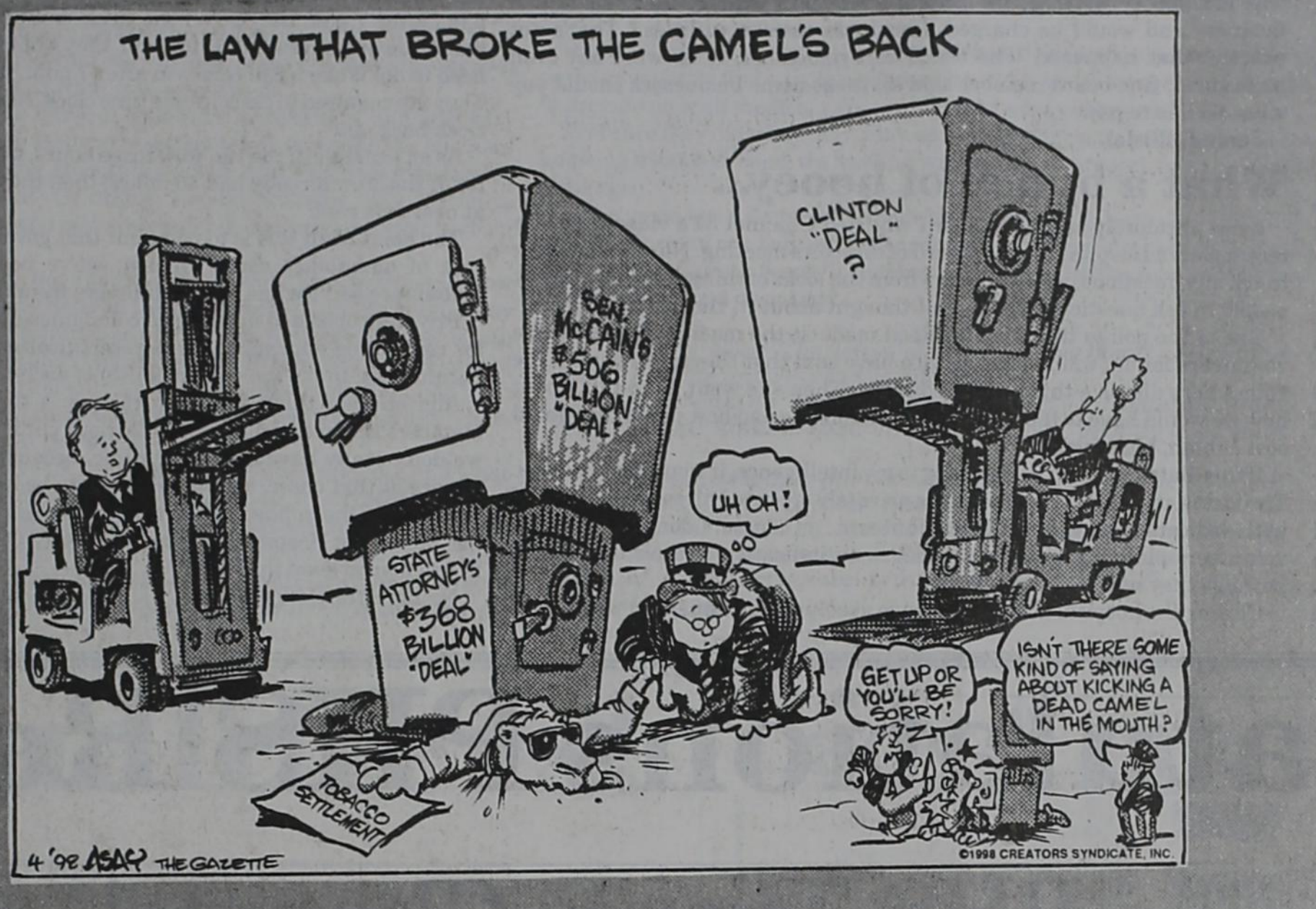
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Highway theft program nets \$133,977 in first three months of 1998

by Wesley W. Burnett

No wonder highway revenue agents are so important to government these days... taking a look at the total collections in Garza County is a good indication that government financing would be cramped if this scam were to be eliminated.

In the month of March the two Justice of the Peace courts here reported \$41,171.63 collected on 431 "criminal" violations of the transportation code. That brings the total this year to \$133,977.68.

Interestingly, based on the report we presented in last week's edition (9/16/98), most of the money taken from travelers is in violation of the law which is used to support this piracy. It is as if the enforcers of the law overlook what the law actually says.

The transportation code, as Malcolm May of San Antonio has discovered, does not require any privately owned vehicle, being used for private, non-commercial purposes, to be registered. And without registration, very few of the remainder of the traffic code is enforceable.

Law applies to government owned vehicles

He found that chapter 501 of the transportation code, called the Certificate of Title Act, applies to motor vehicles owned by the state or a political subdivision of the state. So all the rest of that chapter, including inspection stickers, registration and so forth, do not apply to non-government owned vehicles.

The twist, I suspect, for us "ignorant masses" is that when we dutifully "apply" for vehicle registration, we have in effect turned the title of our vehicles over to the state... notice that you are given a "Certificate of Title," not a real, honest-to-goodness clear title of ownership. The real title, if there is one, resides in some vault in Austin.

So, most of us have voluntarily (without realizing it is voluntary) applied for a license and registration, and in so doing, we have voluntarily placed ourselves under the jurisdiction of the transportation code, specifically chapter 501, from whence comes a large portion of the revenue we fork over for the "privilege" of using public rights of way.

What to do about theft?

Now that we know the truth, what shall we do about this situation? Well, if you don't owe anyone for your vehicle, you could try demanding a manufacturer's title to your vehicle by writing the Department of Transportation in Austin. They will hem-haw around and it'll be a major task, but lawfully, if you have evidence that you paid in full for the vehicle, you should be able to get a clear title, not a "certificate of title."

With that piece of paper, you should then be able to prove that your vehicle is not registered with the state... and is not owned by any government unit, which relieves you of any obligation to Chapter 501 of the Transportation Code.

Try convincing a jury

Then, when the highway revenue agents charge you with an offense under that chapter, you'll have to convince a jury of the unlawful nature of the charge. This is not a project for the light-hearted... and it will be a strenuous exercise for any who attempt it.

Another option would be to file charges in county court against any revenue agent who continues to violate your right of ownership by forcing you off the roadway "under the color of law." Although it is clear that enforcement of the code against privately owned vehicles is a violation of law, you must remember, the revenue agents have the weapons and they have the judicial system on their side.

I don't personally recommend this course of action unless you are willing to make the major sacrifices that would be required to seek justice in an unjust and government controlled court system.

Oh, you might try putting pressure on your elected officials to uphold their oaths of office... that will be an exercise in futility, but at least you could say you put them on notice. Another option would be to encourage candidates for public office to know and uphold the law (our constitution, not the statutes) once they get elected.

In the meantime, us simple-minded slaves do our best to dodge the juggernaut of the government sponsored highway theft program. But I predict that some day, and perhaps sooner than most believe, the slaves will rebel, and when that happens, highway revenue agents will be seeking some other form of employment.

Who says we don't need a new gymnasium?

by Wesley W. Burnett

Several folks have asked me why I don't think we need a new high school gym... to which I always reply, "who says we don't need a new gym? Not I, for I know from personal experience that the current gym is barely adequate."

The question is not whether we need a new gym, the main issue is, how will a new gym be paid for? If it is to be paid through voluntary funding, then I say hallelujah! Let the shovels be a turnin'!

I object to the Post ISD plan of financing which places the burden of payment on the backs of beleaguered property owners, and puts future property owners in debt for up to 20 years. And worse, no property owner has the ability to refuse to pay... it is at the point of gun through which this gymnasium is to be built.

You don't believe me? Try not paying taxes as demanded, and when the public auction is held on your foreclosed property, you will be forcefully removed at the point of a gun if necessary.

A better way to fund a new gym would be to follow the lead of many churches, whose members are persuaded to fund a new building program because of its need to serve the community. If our churches can provide through voluntary giving... why not our schools?

If the Post ISD board of trustees really believes that this project is so important, why not start a community-wide effort to raise the funds through private donations? Who knows, we might start a major trend toward tax payer relief.

What's my wish list? Part 1

by Vin Suprynowicz

Occasional correspondent Bob wrote to ask me: "If you could repeal 10 federal laws, dismantle 10 federal agencies, or reverse 10 supreme court decisions, which laws, agencies or decisions would you choose? I guess that what I'm asking for is the libertarian 'hit list.'"

I warned Bob from the outset "There are a lot of pitfalls here, and room for (interesting, but perhaps counterproductive) debate."

Experience proves that such exercises in fantasy can lead to not-very-useful squabbling about tactics and priorities, among folks who in fact haven't a ghost of a chance of closing any government ant farms, as things stand today.

This only distracts our focus from the real enemy, the Cult of the Omnipotent State.

But, that said, I attempted to answer Bob in good faith:

For starters, I strongly disagree with the "pragmatic Republican" concept, that you start by "closing" the DOC, the DOE, and the other DOE, since they're the most useless and thus the "easiest to trim."

The implication is that these operations would be like Guadalcanal and North Africa, good live-fire warm-ups from which we would soon mobilize the forces of freedom to capture Manila and Rome.

In fact, the current nature of our politics is that — once the federal Department of Education is finally re-absorbed into some other federal bureaucracy (with no net loss of federal employment) and cheerfully declared "closed" — the boys will all pat each other on the back and retire to the bar, with no incentive to do any more "government-trimming" for at least another election cycle.

Sort of like starting the Second World War with the exploratory raids at Dieppe and Makin Island, and then declaring victory and sending everyone home.

Instead, in this fantasy, we might do better to start by reversing the 1895 Supreme Court decision in Sparf and Hansen vs. United States, which acknowledged juries had the right and POWER to "judge the law as well as the fact," but ruled judges have no obligation to TELL jurors that ... the pragmatic effect being that judges now frequently LIE OUTRIGHT, telling juries "You will judge only the facts, deciding whether the law has been broken, as I explain it to you. You are not permitted to worry about whether the law is right or wrong, or whether the likely punishment is fair, or anything like that. The law is up to the Legislature, and the Supreme Court. ..."

Obviously, this is nonsense, or we would never have had the John Peter Zenger verdict, let alone the eventual abandonment of such evil



laws as those against witchcraft, harboring runaway slaves, and purchase of alcohol, which no jury would enforce, no matter how thoroughly the prosecution proved "she done it."

Instead, the Sparf court SHOULD have ruled that "In every jury trial, the judge shall painstakingly instruct the jurors that it is not merely their right, but also their duty, to apply their judgment and their common sense to the question not just of whether the letter of the law has been violated, but also whether said law is constitutional, and has been appropriately applied in this case, in the interest of justice."

"Obviously, if they believe the law violates any of the Great Rights guaranteed by the first 10 Amendments, or was passed in excess of the Legislature's EXPRESS delegated authority, they must set the defendant free without ever COMING to the question of whether he or she committed the act charged, since (under the wise precedent of Marbury vs. Madison), any law which is unconstitutional, is null and void, and is to be treated as though it never was."

"Constitutionality of the law in question is the FIRST question, and every jury must answer, for which purpose they shall be provided in their chambers with a copy of the appropriate statute book, and of their state and federal Constitutions, including the Bill of Rights, which (they will be reminded) is the Supreme Law of the Land."

While actually freeing up courts and police to provide speedier justice for real, violent felons, this step would also serve the purpose of a quick vaccination, safeguarding the liberties of our fellow citizens during whatever time it takes us to deconstruct the rest of the collectivist police state.

After that, eliminating the IRS and its claimed authority, the 16th Amendment, would be paramount, since that would starve the beast.

The degree of slavery and invasion of privacy to which we have grown accustomed under that regime is incalculable. Imagine being asked by a federal agent, "What's your address? Show me some ID. What's your Social Security number? How much did you earn last year?" and being able to reply: "None of those things are any of your business. I have no 'number.' I won't tell you whether I use any bank, or if so where. Yes, I happen to have \$400,000 in cash in this bag, with no record of where I got it, or what I plan to do with it. And if you try to take a single dollar, I will shoot you dead, and every man here will buy me a beer for my trouble. Any other questions?"

It would not generally be pragmatic to say such things today, so beaten down and accustomed are our fellow sufferers (and prospective jurors) to the role of docile, unquestioning beef cattle for our federal masters. With the income-tax amendment repealed, however, it would become obvious to all that this is the only proper response to any government attempt to invade our financial privacy. (Continued next week)

Misplaced priorities or stupidity?

by Walter E. Williams

Last March 24, two Jonesboro, Ark., middle-school youths ambushed and murdered four classmates and a teacher. A day later, a 13-year-old Dale City, Calif., boy, angered by a suspension, fired a shot at the school principal, who was fortunately not injured.

On the same date in Princeton, Texas, a male student slashed three teachers with a razor. Last week, a 15-year-old Yonkers, N.Y., girl, upset over her teacher calling her parents about poor grades, attacked the teacher with a hammer, hospitalizing her with multiple skull fractures.

The National Center for Education Statistics reported 11,000 violent school incidents in 1997 where weapons were used. Those numbers don't include the untold thousands of school assaults where weapons were not used. And there's the nearly routine foul language spoken to or in the presence of teachers, not to mention the rampant drug use among our youth.

Being 62 years old, I can tell you that, even in the roughest of neighborhoods, what's routine today was unthinkable — possibly undreamable — yesteryear. During those days, teachers' complaints were note-passing and chewing gum in class, talking in line, and going up the down stairs.

But away from school, a number of kids smoked. Cigarettes were readily available. I used to purchase them "loose," three for 5 cents. We didn't smoke in front of adults; that was deemed disrespectful. If an adult happened along while we were smoking, we'd conceal the cigarette by palming it; we believed all adults were undercover agents for our parents.

In the wake of what's no less than a national moral meltdown among our youngsters, what do we expend our energies on? If you said, "Trying to stop kids from smoking cigarettes," go to the head of the class.

What we're doing reminds me of the story about a Paris police chief

whose squad was summoned to stop a robbery in progress at a downtown department store. Upon arrival, the chief discovered that he didn't have enough men to cover all of the department store's entrances. What do you think he did? He assigned his men to cover the entrances of the building next door because it didn't have so many entrances.

Our teen-age anti-smoking agenda, like the Paris police chief's strategy, is stupid. Our big problems with our youngsters are drugs, murder, rape, teen-age pregnancy, gross disrespect for authority and scoring dead last, or nearly so, on international comparisons of academic achievement. Those problems threaten the nation's future, and what do we do? Like that Paris police chief, we cover the "entrances next door" — and go after teen smoking.

What's worse is that, while trying to stop kids from smoking, we are destroying our Constitution. At a recent meeting I had with leading members of Congress, I asked one of the congressmen to cite the article in the U.S. Constitution that granted Congress authority to do what's no less than extortion of the tobacco industry and its customers. I got no answer. There wasn't even an attempt to fabricate an answer using the "commerce clause" or the "general welfare clause."

Here's my prediction: The war on teen smoking is going to be just as successful as the war on drugs. Just as the war on drugs has weakened our Bill of Rights protections against unreasonable search and seizures (Article IV) and taking of property without due process of law (Article V), the war on tobacco promises to continue the process. When our Constitution is finally buried, a fitting inscription for its tombstone might be, "We Did It For The Children."

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Letters to the Editor

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Sanitation ordinance on hold

Of course it's on hold, until after the May 2 city elections. This is nothing more than a political move on the part of councilmen Gill and Stelzer, so they don't make any of their friends mad before the election. If these two councilmen come to your house asking for your vote, ask them how this ordinance on commercial sanitation rates are going to be written. They know the answer, because it's a cut and dried deal.

You know this was brought up at the February meeting, so the council had three months to study this, and no action was taken. I understand from a person who was at the council meeting, that the big question was "what is a business?" Why not just look it up in a dictionary. Webster's says that a business is "employment or profession for the purpose of profit or improvement."

Mr Stelzer suggested that if a person has a state sales tax number, they should pay commercial rates. "King" Stelzer overlooks the fact that is you're just selling your labor, you don't need a state sales tax number.

Now, I've saved the best for last. Mayor Jim Jackson lives inside the city limits and he has a truck that he uses to empty septic tanks, and so he has a business at his residence.

Councilman Gill offers his services on a part time basis, doing wiring for people. So, I guess when this new ordinance is written, I'm sure Mr Jackson and Mr Gill will instruct the city manager to charge them the commercial rate, so it will be honest and fair to everyone. So Mayor, if this doesn't come down like this, you should take "honest and fair" out of your little prayer you say before every meeting. After all, Mayor, this is what you said to Sheri and

I and what Gill told us the night before the March meeting, "honest and fair." Let me set the record straight one more time... Sheri and I know we have a business at our residence, and we are charged a commercial rate. What we are saying is if you are going to charge us, then charge everyone else who has a residential business.

I keep hearing from people who say that Sheri and I misunderstood what was said or that we "were on a different page then they were." I went back and listened to the tape of the February meeting, and I did not misunderstand anything. In the February meeting Mr Hanna said that "when Mrs Riedel was granted a variance, the zoning board was explicit that this was a business and would be charged a business rate on utilities." That's not exactly what happened. The best I can remember, rates were not even mentioned. One board member said all these home businesses should pay what he has to pay.

Jerry J. Riedel

What a bunch of hooley...

I was absolutely stunned when I watched Channel 31's video tape of a recent Garza Hospital District board of directors meeting. No one was there to ask any questions, and it appears from the looks of things they don't want people to ask questions. The more I thought about it, the angrier I got.

One of the points that Maritta Reed made at the meeting was that five volunteers for our ambulance service have said that they will resign if the voters here dissolve this hospital district. Then she went on to talk about how we would have to hire full time professionals and how much this would cost ... blah, blah, blah.

If this diatribe wasn't so insulting to my intelligence, it would be hilarious. The fact is, our ambulance service is privately operated already, and staffed with dedicated and well trained volunteers... of course, I don't know which volunteers plan to resign, but if that is an indication of their dedication, perhaps they need to be replaced.

Closing the hospital district will have absolutely no impact on whether or

not we have ambulance service. The hospital district does not direct the ambulance crews.

I think a paid professional ambulance crew is a good idea. The cost would be paid for by those who use the service. The only tax money would be for the indigent, and the county could pay that with very little overhead. A paid, full time crew would be great, we'd have a full time paramedic on duty... we could have two ambulance crews on at the same time for a 24 hour period.

The crews would be set up as one paramedic, one EMT-Basic or EMT Intermediate, with three or four ambulances. Crews would work 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., after 7 p.m. they go off the clock, but are required to remain at the station on duty. From 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. they would sleep, study or do what they need to do. When a call comes in after 7 p.m., the first crew would respond. They are required to clock in on a time clock. After they finish their run, they clock back out.

As an example, if the run took three hours, that's what they would be paid for. If the crew already had 40 hours, then those three hours would be paid at overtime rate.

The point of all this is to point out that government doesn't have to take care of ambulance care... in fact, we've been fortunate here that our ambulance service has been volunteers from the beginning.

Privately operated ambulance companies are not responsible for paying for continuing education hours, recertification, or even training EMTs or paramedics, that's the responsibility of each individual.

And another thing that disturbs me is the comments made by board members that we would lose our 24 hour clinic... well, I know for a fact that we don't really have a 24 hour clinic, because I have myself been denied service at that clinic, they didn't want to be bothered after hours.

And as to the implied threat that Methodist Hospital will close the clinic, has Methodist Hospital said they will close? Or is this just another attempt to use fear to keep this tax?

Name withheld by request

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PHS Academic U. Regional Qualifiers are (left to right) Cameron Miller, David Fluitt, Macee Gomez, Lacey Hodgson, Laci Williams, the photo were Jennifer Conoly, Luke Abilene Saturday, April 25.



Varsity Lopes Golf team members Gorman, Justin Gorman and Justin on Monday and Tuesday, April 27-28.

What's the real story?

Our current hospital district controversy reminds me of the old westerns: we really can't tell who are the good guys and who are the bad guys. Remember the bad guys always had a rope and a tree handy -- let's lynch him. Never mind we have no facts and the facts may only be known after the innocent one has been hung. That's just one of the drawbacks of quick, emotional decisions. And what about those who simply sit and watch it? Will they sleep better when the guilty one is found? It may be too late to rescue the innocent.

All of this could be avoided if the lynching party just had some facts to go on. Seems no one really wants to give us the real story of what we will keep with the hospital district and what we will lose, so we can make up our own mind as to what we want and what it is worth to us.

I had reason to go to the clinic a little over a week ago, and was very impressed with not only my medical treatment, but also with the business part of the visit. Everything smooth as glass. And this was a Saturday afternoon -- how about that! Of course, I could probably have driven to Lubbock, if I had felt like it, and met my regular doctor in an emergency room somewhere.

Another thing, I have to have blood checks every two weeks and how handy it is to just run down to Betty in the lab, instead of driving all the way to Lubbock and waiting 45 minutes to an hour for someone to draw blood. Betty then faxes my results and it has taken me 10 minutes to take care of something that would take probably a couple of hours or more if I had to go to Lubbock, plus the gas and remember, you have to feel like driving, which is sometimes a problem even in Post.

So, Wes, why don't you give us the facts on what we would lose and what we will keep? We need a doctor, an X-Ray technician, a lab technician and a building to house these professionals. We also need the EMS service, which was founded about 20 years ago. What a terrible burden we would be putting on them if they had no place to take the ill and injured. Their main purpose is to get them medical care as soon as possible. Another trip to Lubbock? Hope they make it!

Down to the nitty-gritty: a great deal of dissatisfaction has been over the fact that we are still paying the same amount of taxes as we were when we had all the regulations about how many RNs etc. we had to have to keep our hospital eligible for medicare. It does seem without all these requirements, expenses should be lower. Just makes sense.

Don't know, but assume there are people who have lost their jobs and perhaps some remaining jobs could be restructured to lower salaried, capable employees. The problem -- we don't know what has been done because no one will really tell us. Why can't Clark Kent get us the information we need to make an informed decision on this very important issue?

If not Clark, how about the hospital board giving us some details -- perhaps we could find our elected board has done an amazingly fantastic job to provide us with medical care, wouldn't be a bit surprised.

Feel sure they did what they felt was best for our community, but without knowing what was done, we have no way to vote to support them or ask for a change.

Many years ago a doctor here made the statement, "Do you kill the whole tank to get rid of one bad fish?" I hope we vote to keep the good fish. If this thing comes to a vote, seems to me that the people with the rope and the tree seldom make good decisions.

Marge Barley

Editor's Note: The letter writer has specifically requested that I provide answers to her questions:

(1) There are no "bad guys" or "good guys" in this debate, every person, in my humble opinion, is a "good guy," seeking to do what is right.

(2) This newspaper has consistently reported all the details at our disposal, and at some financial cost to us, as the Garza Hospital District has been somewhat reluctant to provide information we have requested. Perhaps the letter writer missed some of those stories we printed in regards to the hospital district's expenses.

(3) I'm not sure, but I think the letter writer considers those citizens who are urging the elimination of the hospital tax as some sort of lynch mob. If this is a true observation, I must insist that it is a false impression. The fact is, those volunteers who have devoted so much time and energy in collecting names for the petition, are very well informed on the subject. And they did not rely on television for their information, they have done their research by looking directly at the hospital district records.

(4) The facts are quite simple: the Garza Hospital District was authorized by Garza County voters through a state law that established the district for the sole purpose of providing medical care for the indigent of Garza County. Any tax monies expended on any service other than for the care of the indigent in this county has been and continues to be in violation of the law. I have a copy of the original legislation, have reported on this matter several times in recent editions of this newspaper. It seems to me that those who favor the continuation of this tax refuse to accept the fact that \$500,000 per year is being expended to serve no more than a couple dozen people here designated as indigents. The hospital district reported that in 1997 less than \$5,000 was actually paid for the medical care of 22 people declared as indigent.

(5) What will be gained by the elimination of this tax? First and foremost is our freedom from taxation, freedom from being forced at the point of a gun to subsidize a privately owned medical facility and it just makes good common sense to discontinue a tax for a hospital district that does not operate a hospital. Taxation is forced payment, you don't pay, you get your property taken away from you, at the point of a gun if necessary.

(6) What will be lost by eliminating this tax? For the people of Garza County, there will be no loss. The health clinic that operates here is owned and operated by a private hospital, staffed by people on the payroll of that privately owned business. We have no control over whether or not privately owned business operate here or not... that is strictly a question of economics.

Regional Qualifiers!

Regional U.I.L. Qualifiers



Regional Qualifiers are (back row, left to right) Derek Guthrie, Jason Fields, Fluitt, Macee Mills, Shelley Shifflett, Natalie Pollard, (front row) Erica Lacey Hodges, Lacey Williams, Pam Chapman, Kelci Hart and Kathy Gerner. Not available for photo were Jerry Gonyon, Luke Williams and Scotty Gaydos. They will compete at ACU in Saturday, April 25.

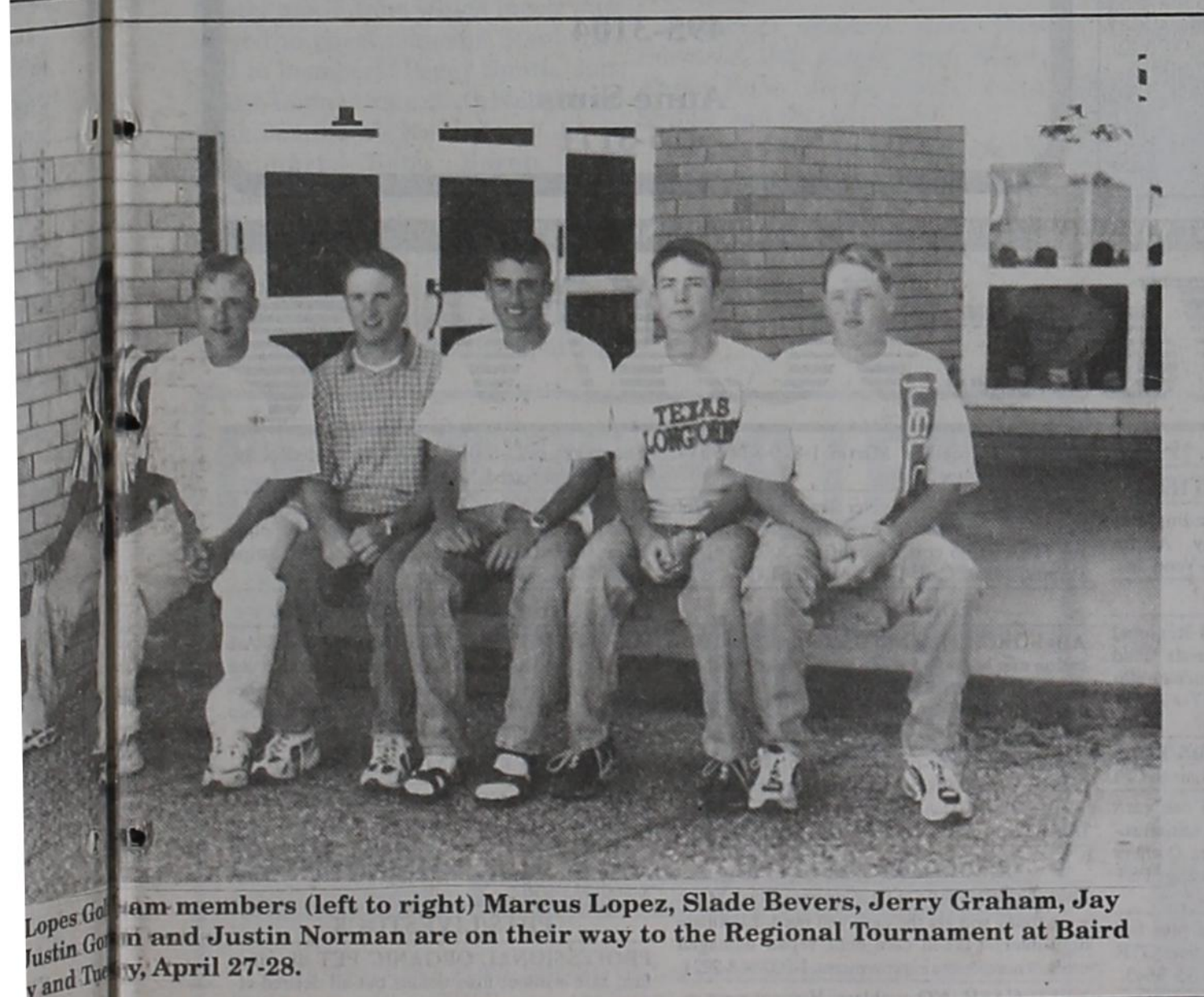
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Thank you,
Nona Lusk

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Walter Potts, Deceased, were issued on the 14th day of April, 1998, in Docket No. 1669, pending in the County Court of Garza County, Texas, to: James Summers Potts.

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by Connie Flores, Elementary School Librarian

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

April 20, 1988 10 Years Ago

Myles Brink Brinker, son of Jim and DeeDee Brinker, was born April 2, 1988 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. He weighed seven pounds and 11 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Curtis Williams received a certificate of appreciation for his six years of service on the Garza County ASCS committee.

Dwayne Osborne, Post Athletic Director, presented a plaque to Bob Palmer and Monk Palmer for all of their work and dedication to the Post Athletic Program.

April 20, 1978 20 Years Ago

Lil Conner was the chairman of the Post Easter Art show held last weekend. The show was the biggest and best ever.

Happy Birthday today goes to Boone Evans, Mrs Robbie King, Mrs Bob Thomas, Mrs Cecil Thaxton, Joe Boyce Lester, Elvis Curb, Torgie Sweeten, Silas Short, Carroll Calhoun, Mrs James Dye, Sarah Sue Hodges and Brian Bruton.

Mr and Mrs Noel White, Keitha and Sam Butler were in Stephenville over the weekend where Noel roped in the West Texas Team Roping Association Tournament.

April 18, 1968 30 Years Ago

A "come dressed in mother's clothes" was the theme of the 10th birthday party honoring Karen Blanton, daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Blanton, April 10 in their home.

At the Tower theatre this week you can see "Reflections in a Golden Eye" with Elizabeth Taylor and Marlon Brando and "Will Penny" with Charlton Heston, Joan Hackett and Donald Pleasence.

Woman's Culture Club

by Katharine Trammell

Janoma Stephens of Knox City, TFWC state treasurer, was guest speaker for the Woman's Culture Club salad luncheon on Wednesday, March 25 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church.

Mrs Stephens spoke the importance of cooperation, not only within our club, but also with the State TFWC and the national GFWC. We must be energetic, enthusiastic, hospitable and cooperative to achieve our goals.

Mrs Stephens is a candidate for TFWC second vice-president.

Donna Craig reported on the recent Caprock District, TFWC Convention held in Lubbock recently.

Peggy Smith, club president, presided over the business meeting. Club members were reminded to be working on their Post Dispatch Easter page.

The tables were decorated in the Easter motif, from which lunch was served to guest, Janoma Stephens, and to members: Peggy Smith, Jan Acker, Donna Craig, Ruth Hall, Nona Lusk, Jona Jones, Iva Hudman, Joyce Strubhart, Bebe Boren and Katharine Trammell.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 8 at 2 p.m. at the Women's Clubhouse. Hostesses for the occasion will be Jan Acker and Debbie Bain. The speaker will be Zoe Kirkpatrick.

Mr and Mrs W.J. Kellum visited in California recently. They saw how the "hippies" live and experienced the recent earthquake. Mrs Kellum said it was quite an experience.

April 17, 1958 40 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs B.W. (Doc) Kennedy celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Sunday with a family dinner. The couple was married Easter Sunday, April 12, 1903. Mr and Mrs Kennedy were awarded a gold plaque during the Jubilee celebration for being the first couple married in Garza County.

The word "eminent" tripped up Marianne Jones, Garza county contestant, in the regional Spelling Bee in Lubbock Saturday.

Mr and Mrs W.A. Gray have returned home from a short vacation trip to Goldwaite, Glenrose and Fort Worth.

April 22, 1948 50 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs Foy Winn of Sundown spent the weekend here in the home of her mother, Mrs A.B. Cross.

Graeber's Corner Grocery will start selling novelties made of ice cream tomorrow.

Josh Cook entered the Girls Wild Cow Milking contest in th Tech rodeo last week.

Bud Short and R.E. Josey have the mumps.

Peggy Johnson entertained with a slumber party at her home last Friday night. The friends attending were Bonnie Gary, Betty Mills, Gay Pierce, Tinker Beauchamp, Helen Nita Carr, Barbara Lewis, Glenda Young, Joy Steward and Anita Kennedy.

Some prices in this weeks paper are: Men's suits, \$35; gallon thermos jugs, \$3.50; electric waffle irons, \$7.95; Birdseye diapers, \$1.99 dozen; and Toni home permanent with plastic curlers, \$2.

Local library receives grants

The Post Public Library has received a grant in the amount of \$9,920 from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board.

This TIF grant is designed to provide public libraries with the necessary equipment to allow their patrons access to the Internet. This grant was a non-competitive award process designed to level the playing field across the state, and resulted in the award from TIF of more than 150 grants to individual public libraries.

TIF was created by the 74th Legislature, under House Bill 2128, and is designed to provide grants and loans to improve telecommunications infrastructure around the state. TIF serves K-12 public school in this effort, as well as institutions of higher education, public libraries and non-profit health care facilities. The most recent grant award stresses the importance of modernizing the infrastructure of public libraries as a part of the overall plan to increase the economic competitiveness of Texas.

"We are very pleased to receive this award," said Head Librarian Jeanette Bell. "We will use TIF funds, along with the matching funds we have committed to the project, to bring the Internet into our library as an effective means of gathering information."

Jeanette is also proud to announce that the Post Public Library is one of 83 libraries in Texas that has received a Texas Book Festival Award. The award consists of \$2,500 that will be used to buy books for the Library and is awarded in Association with the Texas State Library.

The Texas Book Festival was established to acknowledge the importance of the state's public libraries.

"We are very pleased to have received this award. We will be purchasing children's books, a set of World Book Encyclopedias and a new Physicians Desk Reference and health related books."

ACROSS

- 1 cowboys ___ cow's hide when branding
- 5 Lady Bird: Claudia ___ Taylor Johnson
- 6 Cowboy DT Leon
- 7 UT has collection of work of this folksinger Burl
- 8 Rangers traded this pitcher Robb in '93
- 9 this TX Morse sang Cow-Cow Boogie
- 16 TXism: "just two whoops ___ holler away"
- 18 this TX Jamison was 1st black woman in space
- 20 in Hadalogo Co. on 107: ___ couch
- 21 rodeo cowboys use rosin ___ to improve their grip
- 22 San Antonio street: ___ Chaney
- 24 Coleman Co.'s namesake was Aide-___ to Gen. Sam Houston
- 30 TX prof.'s degree
- 34 TX Ginger film: Shall ___ Dance?
- 35 music system
- 36 LBJ took ___ of office on Air Force 1
- 37 TXism: "legal ___" (lawyer)
- 39 Cinco de Mayo ___ Mexico
- 43 ___ Duke (M.D.)
- 44 historic Kiowa chief
- 45 Cowboy Irvin (init.)

- 46 TX chain: Pay-n-___
- 47 approves
- 48 TXism: "blister ___" (handle)
- 50 in '89, the Phillips plant in Pasadena did this
- 53 Santa ___ TX
- 54 TXism: "got knocked down a peg ___ two"
- 55 under the Houston Ship Channel: Baytown
- 56 Astro pitcher in '91
- 59 TX hot sauce maker

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DOWN

- 1 early Rio Grande indian tribe
- 2 a football team
- 3 Texas is most ___ outdoor drama in U.S.
- 4 barn critters
- 9 TXism: "size ___ up" (evaluate)
- 10 TX C&W singer
- 23 TX flag upside down means "help ___"
- 24 Cowboy LB Darrin (init.)
- 25 and so forth (abbr.)
- 26 TXism: "honcho" (company head)
- 27 meaning of Brazos: ___ God*
- 14 TX Cowpokes artist Reid (init.)
- 15 Rice's 1st president Lovett (init.)
- 17 TXism: "dumb as ___"
- 19 least toxic radioactive waste (2 wds.)
- 28 TX Kristofferson's Help ___ It Through the Night
- 29 cowboy storytellers
- 31 Chester, TX named for this pres. (init.)
- 32 TX Tyler who sang Deck of Cards (init.)
- 33 TXism: "plain as the ___ mule"
- 38 TXism: "brave as a first ___ teacher"
- 40 first female gov.
- 41 TXism: "___horse town" (small town)
- 42 century of Spanish exploration of TX
- 49 TXism: "just a ___ in the bucket"
- 51 English saloon
- 52 pitcher Nolan (init.)
- 57 TXism: "quick as you can ___ eye"
- 58 TX-born ragtime composer Joplin

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Doylene Shumard (left), manager of Ince Oil Co. #10 in Post, presents a check to Ronnie Gradine on behalf of the Post Antelope Booster Club. Ince Oil Co. donated one penny per gallon of fuel sold at the store during the month of March to the Booster Club. The contribution was more than \$400.

Xi Delta Rho meets

Xi Delta Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Monday, April 13 at the Citizens Bank room. Dana Babb and Amy Morris were hostesses for the evening. A meal of lasagna, salad, dessert and tea was served to members present.

Members discussed having a garage sale and bake sale in August. It was also discussed to "adopt" a less fortunate child for Christmas.

Officers were elected for the 1998-99 year. Those elected and their offices are: President, Mary Edwards; Vice President, Sherry Dorner; Treasurer, Jan Acker; Recording Secretary, Celia Mason and Corresponding Secretary, Angie Babb.

Founders Day will be will be held April 30 with special awards being presented.

Members present were Mary Edwards, Jan Acker, Amy Morris, Angie Babb, Dana Babb, JoAnn Stelzer and Shanda Kelso.

The meeting was adjourned with the closing ritual.

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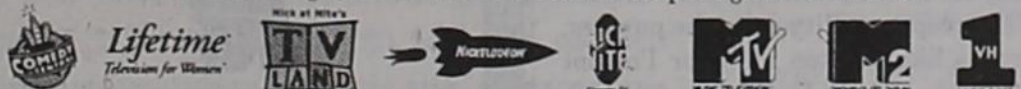
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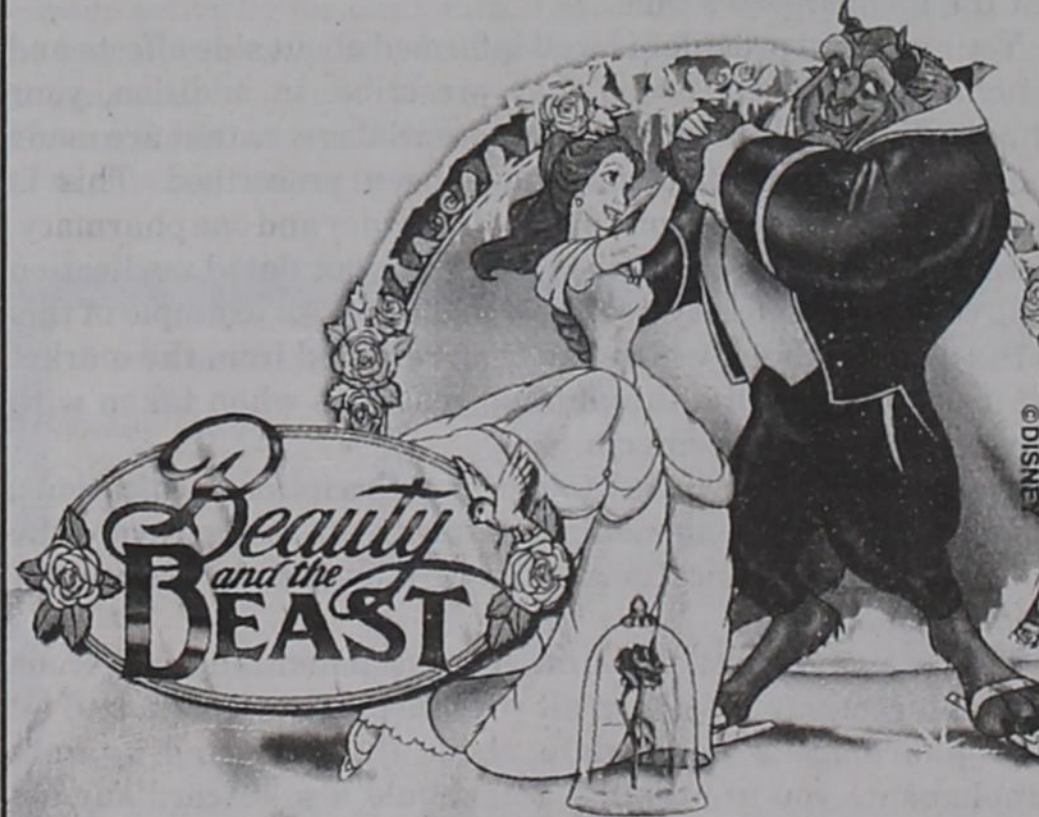
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Obituaries

Odella Bevers

Funeral services for Odella Bevers, 66, of Justiceburg were held Thursday, April 16, 1998 at 4 p.m. in the Post Church of Christ with Paul D. Jones, Minister, officiating. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bevers died Tuesday, April 16, 1998 at her residence. She was born March 4, 1932 in Post to Elvin Amos (son) and Gladys Jewel (Green) Morgan. She had attended school at Justiceburg and graduated from Post High School. She married Sam Bevers on June 16, 1952 in Carlsbad, N.M. They lived in Post before moving to Justiceburg. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ. A daughter, Brenda Lea Bevers, preceded her in death on December 12, 1969.

Survivors include: her husband, Sam of Justiceburg, one son and daughter-in-law, Sonny and Virginia Bevers of Douglas, Wyoming; one daughter and son-in-law, Glenna and Chris Reiter of Post; three sisters, Geraldine Dickinson of St. Charles, Iowa, Dorrae Lowery of Clinton, Oklahoma and Lucy Dewees of Odessa; six grandchildren, Nikki, Jason and Bruce Bevers of Douglas, Wyoming, and Kim, Chirsty and Pat Reiter of Post.

Pallbearers were Ted Brannon, Ted Tatum, Don Tatum, James Morgan, Giles Dalby Jr., and Ronnie Hart.



Family violence leads arrests last week

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

Fourteen arrests were made over the past week, according to reports from the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Arrests logged by sheriff's department officials included, on April 15, that of a 58-year-old male arrested for driving while license suspended (released the same day on a \$1,500 PR bond). Arrested on April 16 was a 36-year-old male picked up on a bench warrant.

Arrested on April 17 were a 47-year-old male for DWI felony; a 20-year-old male on a bench warrant; an 18-year-old male on a bench warrant; and a 38-year-old male for DWI

for service during the past week. Those calls included, on April 15, a report of a possible fire on the Rails Highway (fire department was notified) and on April 16, an assault at the high school (a male student reportedly struck a female student in the face). A domestic disturbance in the 300 block of West 15th was reported on April 19 (a woman called and reported her husband had beaten her; she refused medical attention but her husband was arrested and charged with family violence, criminal mischief for reportedly breaking out the window of a police unit and assault on a peace officer). A theft in the 100 block of North Avenue K was reported on April 21 (a hammock and a tool box were reported missing).

Arrests made on April 18 included a 17-year-old male picked up for DWI first (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond); a 23-year-old male arrested on a warrant (released the next day on \$1,500 bond); a 36-year-old male picked up for public intoxication (released the next day after time served and fines and court costs paid); and a 28-year-old male arrested for DWI/third (released the next day on \$5,000 bail bond).

On April 19, 35-year-old Richard Bryan Taylor was arrested and charged with family violence, criminal mischief and assault on a peace officer (third degree felony). He remained in custody as of late Tuesday afternoon.

Two men were arrested and charged with burglary of a habitation on April 20. William Eric Hair, 23, and Larry Joe Hair, age unavailable, were arrested on that date and as of late Tuesday remained in the Garza County Jail.

Arrested on April 21 was a 24-year-old female picked up on DPS warrants.

The Garza County Sheriff's Department handled more than 50 calls

Menus

Trail Blazers

Friday, April 24, 1998

BBQ chicken, oven fried potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, cornbread, bread pudding w/ raisins, beverage.

Monday, April 27, 1998

Stuffed baked potato, BBQ beef, broccoli and cheese, pears, hot roll, peanut butter cookies, beverage.

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Baked ham and pineapple, rice, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, gingerbread, beverage.

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

Mex. vegetable beef soup, jalapeno cornbread, mixed fruit, beverage.

Thursday, April 30, 1998

Salisbury steak, baked potato, cauliflower, biscuit, cherry cobbler, beverage.

Post ISD

Friday, April 24, 1998

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, honey, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Fish, macaroni and cheese, peas, carrots, apple, milk.

Monday, April 27, 1998

Breakfast: Muffin, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Lunch: BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, pudding, hot rolls, milk.

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Breakfast: Malt-O-Meal, sausage, toast, orange juice, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Corn Dog, French fries, mixed veggies, Reece's cup, milk.

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Tamales, salad, pinto beans, cookie, corn bread, milk.

Thursday, April 30, 1998

Breakfast: Elfin loaf, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Fajitas, onions, peppers, refried beans, salad, peaches, milk.

Southland ISD

Monday, April 27, 1998

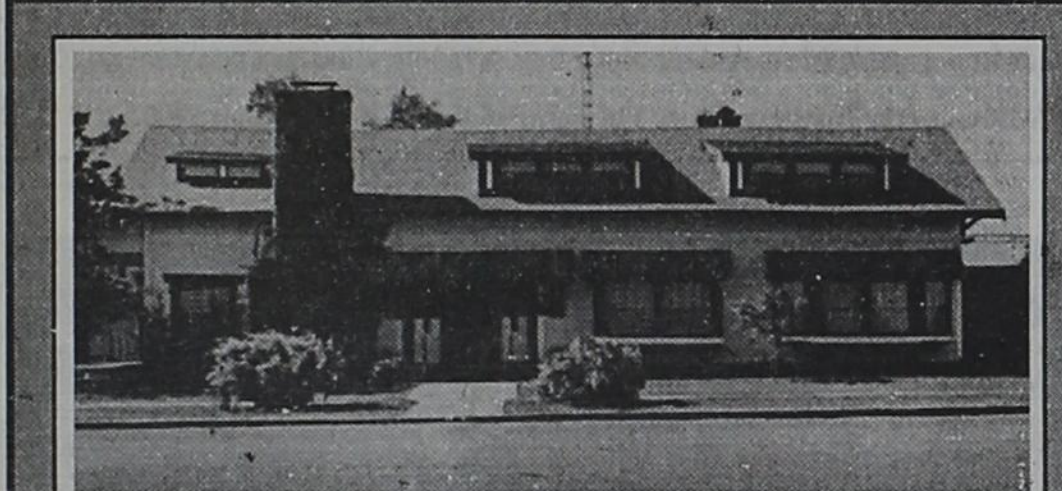
Breakfast: Cream of wheat, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Beef stew, fried okra, cheese sticks, cornbread, pudding, milk.

Tuesday, April 28, 1998

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Chicken strips w/gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, cake, milk.

Wednesday, April 29, 1998

Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chili cheese dogs, French fries, pork-n-beans, Rice Krispy Treats, milk.



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Avoiding Drug Interactions

As people grow older they are likely to start taking daily medication, sometimes several drugs for various conditions. Two thirds of Americans over age 65 take one or more medications daily and a quarter of them take at least three different medications a day.

Any medication can have side effects. When two medications are used together the risk of a reaction increases. Some medications are prescribed in this fashion intentionally, while others, when used together can cause serious problems. People of any age need to be concerned about drug reactions, but older adults should be especially careful. Their bodies tend to be more sensitive to drugs because their digestive, liver and kidney functions are slower. It is these systems that absorb and filter out the medicines we take.

Your medical provider is well informed about side effects and contraindications of drugs they prescribe. In addition, your pharmacist is able to pick up any potential errors that are made concerning drugs that may have been prescribed. This is assuming that you go to one medical provider and one pharmacy. Another risk of interactions is using old, out dated medication that your provider may not know you have. An example of this is the drug Seldane, which has been removed from the market for its potentially life-threatening reactions when taken with the antibiotic Erythromycin.

Drug reactions are not limited to prescription medications. Some foods and supplements can inactivate or aggravate the effects of certain medications. This also includes over the counter medications.

The best way to protect yourself against potentially dangerous drug interactions is to keep all your medical providers and all your pharmacists up to date about the drug and vitamin supplements you are taking. You should also discard any old medications you are no longer using.

Play it safe if you have questions, your medical provider and pharmacist are just a phone call away.

Michael Travis PA-C

Thursday, April 30, 1998

Breakfast: Sausage, biscuit, gravy, juice, milk.
Lunch: Coldcut sandwiches, chips, carrot sticks, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Friday, May 1, 1998

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: BBQ sandwiches, French fries, pickle spears, fruit, milk.

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by Pastor Les Rutherford, Lighthouse Christian Center Church of God

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven" (Matthew 5:16)

This is only one of many Scriptures that teach us that our responsibility to mankind is directly related to our relationship with God. The apostle Paul wrote: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth (to man) the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). This relationship is further shown in Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witness unto me (to man)".

A person who has a relationship to God is obligated to man by that very relationship. This relationship to God and responsibility to man are inseparable. In other words, a relationship to God where there is no responsibility to man does not exist. Consider the great commission: "And He (Jesus) said unto them (His disciples who have a relationship with Him), Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature (every man)" (Mark 16:15). As responsible born-again Christian citizens, we have an obligation to exert out influence in this world.

Christians must bring the light of the gospel to a darkened world. If we don't, who will?

It is true that creation speaks of God. It is true that the Holy Spirit can speak directly to an unbeliever. It is true that God could use miraculous phenomena to direct attention to Himself. But the fact is, God has chosen us, His children, to be lighthouses for this sin darkened world. We are to be torches of truth pointing people to Jesus Christ.

In the modernized Western world it's so easy for us to assume people will hear the gospel. It becomes easy for us to sluff off the responsibility on to the pastors, evangelist and teachers. We often use excuses like I'm too busy, or I'm not knowledgeable enough. However the apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 4:11, 12: "And he gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Making it all of our responsibilities to win the lost to Christ. The time has come and now is at hand that we all should be busy about the Fathers business. Get busy today and don't look back!
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