

Ratliff wins Dispatch Football Contest

Janet Ratliff missed five games to claim this week's Post Dispatch Football Contest prize. Ratliff collects \$25 in Post City Bucks[®] redeemable at any of the participating merchants on the Football Contest.

See page 7 for the contest form and details. Contest entries may be deposited at the following locations: Sonic, Town & Country and United Supermarket. Entries must be deposited before 5 p.m. every Friday.

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Counts wins reelection for state representative

Although Scott McLaughlin carried Garza County, incumbent State Representative David Counts garnered 14,097 votes in District 70 to McLaughlin's 12,207 (San Angelo Standard Times, 11/04/98) in Tuesday's general election.

Garza County voters were consistent with the majority of voters across the state, according to local voting results provided late Tuesday by the county clerk's office.

Local voters came out in support of George W. Bush, who was seeking to return to his gubernatorial post, and, like voters across the state, made a close race for Rick Perry and John Sharp for the lieutenant governor's position.

Garza County also gave almost equal support to the two candidates for state representative, incumbent David Counts and challenger Scott McLaughlin.

A total of 1,091 ballots were cast locally.

Results, as provided by the Garza County clerk's office, were as follows:

- U.S. Representative, District 13 — Mac Thornberry (R), 734; Mark Harmon (D), 274; Georganne Baker Payne (L), 3.
- Governor — George W. Bush (R), 818; Garry Mauro (D), 255; Lester R. "Les" Turlington Jr. (L), 4.
- Lieutenant governor — Rick Perry (R), 549; John Sharp (D), 498; Anthony Garcia (L), 7.
- Attorney general — John Cornyn (R), 526; Jim Mattox (D), 492; and Mike Angwin (L), 5.
- Comptroller — Carole Keeton Rylander (R), 447; Paul Hobby (D), 321; Alex Monchak (L), 11.
- Land commissioner — David Dewhurst (R), 646; Richard Raymond (D), 318; J. Manuel "Monte" Montez (L), 21.
- Agriculture commissioner — Susan Combs (R), 580; L.P. (Pete) Patterson (D), 423; Jimmy T. LaBaume (L), 6; Yarborough (write-in), 2.
- Railroad commissioner — Tony Garza (R), 603; Joe B. Henderson (D), 388; Jim Spurlock (L), 14.

- Supreme Court justice, Place 1 — Craig T. Enoch (R), 639; Mike Westergren (D), 341.
- Supreme Court justice, Place 2 — Harriett O'Neal (R), 583; Rose Spector (D), 368.
- Supreme Court justice, Place 3 — Greg Abbott (R), 637; David Van Os (D), 311.
- Supreme Court justice, Place 4 (unexpired term) — Deborah Hankinson (R), 555; Jerry Scarbrough (D), 394.
- Court of Criminal Appeals judge, Place 1 — Mike Keasler (R), 562; Charles F. (Charlie) Baird (D), 382.
- Court of Criminal Appeals judge, Place 2 — Cheryl Johnson (R), 560; Winston Cochran (D), 381.
- Court of Criminal Appeals judge, Place 3 — Lawrence "Larry" Meyers (R), 649; Larry S. Perry (L), 76.
- Board of Education, District 14 — Watson (R), 559; Butcher (D), 368.
- State representative — Scott McLaughlin (R), 554; David Counts (D), 487.
- State senate, District 28 — Duncan, 709.
- Justice 7th Court of Appeals District/Place 1 — Bill Johnson, 669.
- Justice 7th Court of Appeals District/Place 2 — Dan H. Reavis, 666.
- District judge, 106th District — George H. Hansard (D), 855.
- County judge — Giles W. Dalby (D), 896.
- County commissioner, Precinct 2 — Mason McClellan (D), 276.
- County commissioner, Precinct 4 — Mike G. Sanchez (D), 180.
- District and county clerk — L.E. (Sonny) Gossett, (D), 932.
- County treasurer — Ruth Ann Young (D), 899.
- Justice of the peace, Precinct 1 — Sheila Melton (D), 526.
- Justice of the peace, Precinct 2 — Dee C. Justice (D), 374.
- County tax assessor/collector (unexpired term) — Jeanette Hodges (D), 919.
- Inspector of hides and animals — Donald Windham (write-in candidate), 132.

Clothes needed for children

The Garza County Child Welfare Board is sponsoring a "Clothes Drive" for local children currently in foster care.

There are 15 children currently in the custody of Children's Protective Services. While in custody, the children are provided for by their foster parents. The Child Welfare Board tries to help with extras for birthdays and Christmas presents, school clothes and for miscellaneous expenses to help foster parents.

The Garza County Child Welfare Board is made up of a group of volunteers interested in the welfare of these children. The group has very little funding.

Garza County has agreed to allow the board to use office space at the Human Resources Office (the Barn) for a "clothes closet" strictly for storing clothing for children in custody.

At this time, the group is in need of donations of good, used clothing or new clothing to benefit these youngsters. The "Clothes Drive" will be held Nov. 9-16. Donations may be made at United Supermarket, West-T-Go, Citizens Bank, the post office, the sheriff's office and the Garza County courthouse.

The following is a list of needed sizes and gender items:

- 15-month-old boy wearing 18-month clothes and size 4 shoes.
- 16-year-old boy wearing 34/34 pants, XL T-shirts and size 9 1/2-10 men's shoes.
- 7-year-old girl wearing a 7/8 youth in clothes and size 13 children's shoes.
- 2-year-old girl wearing toddler 3 clothes and size 5-6 children's shoes.
- 11-year-old girl wearing a 12/14 children's clothes, medium-sized adult T-shirts and size 4 1/2 shoes.

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Post Elementary teachers (left to right) Peggy Lott, Lea Howell and Staci Marts got "creamed" last week by over-achieving students (see story on Page 10).

City Council approves lease for water project

In a brief meeting Tuesday evening, Post City Council members approved a lease agreement with the White River Municipal Water District as part of the ongoing Crosby County water project.

The 50-year lease agreement will provide the city with land where water wells will be drilled.

City Manager Rick Hanna said the project, which involves Post, Spur, Ralls and Crosbyton, will be "advantageous to all." The lease agreement will be "relatively cheap" to Post, he said, costing less than \$1,000 per year.

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Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke (right) presents a plaque of recognition to Texas Attorney General Dan Morales (center) with County Judge Giles Dalby joining in the ceremony last week. Morales was in Post for the formal signing of the TRIAD agreement in support of senior citizen crime prevention.



The formal announcement party of the re-publishing of "Post City, Texas" last week at the Garza County Historical Museum included (left to right) special guest speaker Paul Carlson, Alex Grice, Maxine Earl, Steve Claus, David Murrah and Lewis Earl. Funding for the book publishing was from a grant by the Maxine Durrett Earl Foundation.

Post Notes

VFW members, vets to be recognized

Post High School will recognize members of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 6797 and local veterans at an assembly set for 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, in the elementary school auditorium. The public is invited to attend and veterans are urged to participate.

Lions to host blood drive

The Post Lions Club will sponsor a blood drive Thursday, Nov. 5, from 4-9 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 202 W. 10th. The Texas Blood Institute will be giving away T-shirts to all who donate. The Post Dispatch is also donating a three month subscription to all blood donors.

VFW district meeting scheduled

The District 7 meeting for the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary is set for Sunday, Nov. 8, at the VFW.

Boosters to paint curbs

Anyone interested in having the local Boosters organization paint their curb should call 495-3726. Cost is \$3.

Pre-game chili supper Nov. 6

A pre-game chili supper will be held Friday, Nov. 6, at the school cafeteria. Chili and fixins, as well as dessert and a drink, will be served before the Seagraves game at a cost of \$3 per person. Serving times will be between 5-6:45 p.m. Tickets are available at Collier Drug, Triple M and Farm Service Agency.

Y2K preparedness meeting set Nov. 10

A Y2K preparedness meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10 at the Post Community Center. For further details, call 495-2458.

Youth talent program slated

A youth talent program will be held Monday, Nov. 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary school auditorium. There will be a \$5 entry fee and the event will be open to youngsters ages pre-kindergarten through grade 12. For more information, call Pam at 495-3407.

Parent Involvement Day Nov. 12

On Nov. 12, Post High School will participate in the observance of Parent Involvement Day as proclaimed by Texas Gov. George W. Bush. The Post National Honor Society will host the day-long observance and parents of the community are welcome to attend the high school for active participation with the teens in their education. Parents are welcome all during the school day, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Members of the National Honor Society will be present all day at the front door of the school to provide assistance. For further information, contact the high school or a National Honor Society representative at 495-2770.

Meet the Lady 'Lopes set Nov. 12

The Post Antelope Booster Club will sponsor its "Meet the Lady 'Lopes" event Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. in the high school gym. Lyndon Hardin, head girls basketball coach at South Plains College, Levelland, will speak following the introduction of seventh, eighth, ninth, junior varsity and varsity girls basketball players. Immediately following the event will be a pep rally for the Antelope football team as they prepare for their bi-district playoff game with Hale Center at Levelland. There will be no admission charge and all Lady 'Lope and Antelope fans are encouraged to attend.

Bake sale to benefit new program

The Crime Victims Assistance Program will have a bake sale Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Church of Christ. All donations of baked goods will be appreciated. For more information, call 495-3092 or 495-2479.

MAD DADS garage/bake sale set

A garage/bake sale to benefit MAD DADS will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 4-H Barn. Donations for the sale may be taken to the MAD DADS office at 108 N. Broadway or call 495-1244 for pick up.

Head Start fund raiser under way

Post Head Start parents will be selling two-year pocket planners to raise money for the group's children's Christmas gifts. The pocket planners will be here soon and project organizers say they make the perfect stocking stuffers. The planners will come in four styles — footprints, angels, kittens and bears. To order, call 495-4037 or 495-3253 or contact any Head Start parent.

GED program continues in Post

The GED adult education program in its second month of educational service to the Post community. The program takes place in Room 210 of the elementary school each Monday from 4-8 p.m. To participate, you must be a Texas resident of at least 18 years of age and not enrolled in a public school or at least 17 years of age and officially withdrawn from school. The GED test will be given in Lubbock at Matthews Learning Center several times in coming weeks.

Santa Claus is coming to Post!

The Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau is planning a bigger than ever lighted Christmas parade for December 5 beginning at 6 p.m. A total of \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded to the best three lighted parade floats. Call for information about entering a float to 495-3461.

Toys for Tots applications sought

Applications for needy children to receive "Toys for Tots" gifts will be accepted by the Post Lions Club through December 3. No applications will be accepted after that date. Anyone who knows of families in need may apply. Applications are available at the Garza County Sheriff's Department or at Fashion Cleaners. The Lions Club is also accepting donations and new Christmas items for the program.

United Way seeks \$21,150 goal

Raffle tickets for a color t.v. set and two Beanie Babies to support this year's Garza County United Way campaign are available at Citizens Bank and Norwest Bank. Hudman Furniture donated the RCA television set and Dayton-Parker Pharmacy of Tahoka donated the Beanie Babies.

Coping with Grieving group

There will be an organizational meeting to establish a local support group for individuals grieving the loss of a loved one Monday, Nov. 9, at the Community Recovery Center, Avenue C and East 7th (behind Old Mill Trade Days). The meeting is set to begin at 5:30 p.m. For more details, call La Dell Miller at 495-2520.

Births



Lauren Nadyne Lynch

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Bunny and Scooter Lynch are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Lauren Nadyne, born October 13, 1998 at 12:55 p.m. in Methodist Hospital Lubbock, Texas

Lauren weighed seven pounds, nine ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Bob and Debbie Palmer of Post and Rodger and Doris Lynch of Arlington.

Boston Allan Byerly

Amber and Chet Byerly are proud to announce the birth of their son, Boston Allan.

Boston was born Wednesday, October 21, 1998 at 1:18 p.m. in Hendrick Medical Center.

He weighed six pounds, nine ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Phillip and Barbara Crenshaw of Post.

Paternal grandparents are George and Pat Byerly of Andrews.

Great grandparents are Della Crenshaw of Post, Opal Freeman of Ore City, Lucille Grindstaff of Tyler and O.V. Byerly of Coleman.



Blazer Robert Smith

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Stephanie and Robert Smith of Slaton are proud to announce the birth of their son, Blazer Robert, born September 21, 1998 in Methodist Hospital Lubbock.

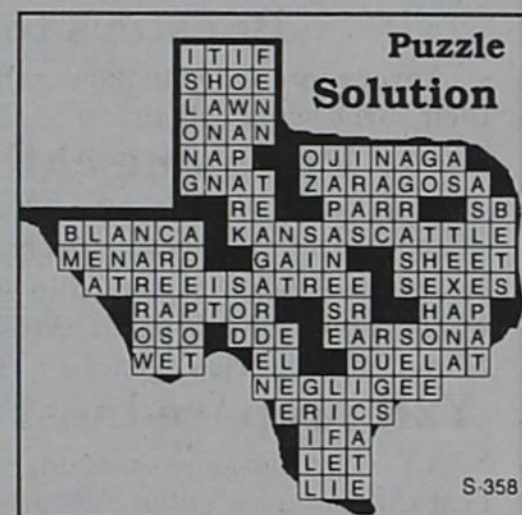
Blaze weighed six pounds twelve ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Sammy and Karen Palmer of Post and Gerry and Kerry Smith of Snyder.

Great grandparents are Marietta Pruitt and Bob and Debbie Palmer of Post.

The moment my eyes fell on him, I was content.

—Edith Wharton



Ples and Betty Hill celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Ples and Betty Hill marked the observance of their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Oxford Street Steak House in Abilene.

The event was hosted by the couple's children, Sandra and Malcolm Bramlett of Abilene and Kenny and Kathy Hill of Peru and four grandchildren.

The former Betty Ingram and Ples Hill were married Oct. 30, 1948, at the Central Baptist Church in Grassland. During their marriage, the couple resided in Lubbock for 49 years, recently moving to Post.

Hill is a retired Wards employee while his wife retired from Dean Witter.

The Hills are members of the First Baptist Church in Post.

Tristan Lee Horton

Shane and Rebecca Horton of Brownwood are proud to announce the birth of their son, Tristan Lee.

Tristan was born October 21, 1998 at Brownwood Regional Hospital at 7:48 a.m.

He weighed eight pounds, ten ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are James and Petty Harris of Early.

Paternal grandparents are James and Deborah Morris of Post.

Maternal great grandparents are Mrs. Jimmie Murphy of Brownwood and Luther and Bobby Jernigan of Cisco.

Paternal great grandparents are Harlan and Imogene Morris of Post. Weldon and Betty Horton of Lake Brownwood.

Tristan was welcomed home by big sister Aubrey.

The most "successful" baseball manager of all time was **Connie Mack**, who achieved a total of **3,731 regular-season wins** over a 53-year career. He also accumulated **3,948 losses**, another record.

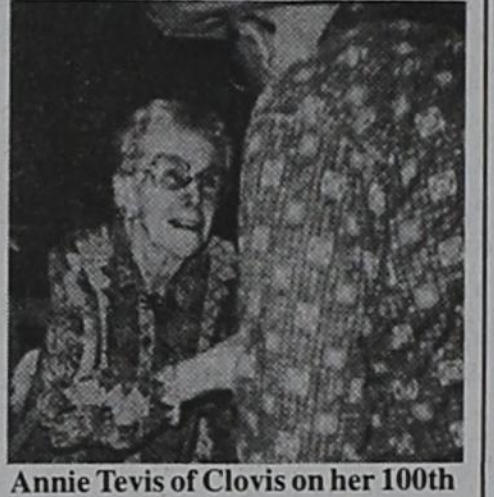


Ples and Betty Hill

Bustoz and Mendoza married Oct. 31

Paul Martin Mendoza is proud to announce the marriage of his parents, Maribel Bustoz of Post and Pablo Mendoza of Lubbock, on Saturday, Oct. 31, 1998, at the Church of the Nazarene parsonage with the Rev. Jim Graham officiating.

Attending the private ceremony were his sisters, Lydia Ann, Amber, Marissa, Gina and Monica.



Annie Tevis of Clovis on her 100th birthday.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Scary as it may be, this is November! When I received the menus last week from the schools and Trailblazers it hit home when I saw the days marked off for the holidays.

I guess the weather tried to catch up to the month over the weekend. It was really chilly outside and a little wet. But I'm not complaining !!



Weekend Full

Even with the wet weather Old Mill Trade Days saw a good turn out. Many of the vendors were extremely happy with their weekend and probably the only vendors hurt were the outside vendors.

From what I hear both theatres had good turnouts also. Once again I say that Post is fortunate to have so much to offer.

OOPS! I missed one

In catching up on my get well wishes last week I missed someone and I want to correct that now.

I did not know at the time that Bruce Ledbetter had surgery a few weeks back but he seems to have bounced back to his normal self.

Now Bruce really gives me a hard time out at Trade Days so I figure this will get him back!

Not really Bruce, I'm glad you are feeling much better.

Good Neighbor

Last week I wished David Booth a happy birthday and this week I'll thank he and his mom, Alva Shepherd for being good neighbors! Seems Laurie Belongia and her two boys were hit with bad luck Saturday night when they ran out of gas while the boys were out trick or treating.

They only had to sit there a brief time when Alva and David came to their rescue and got them out of the weather and on their way again. Laurie was sure glad to see them and so thankful for their help.

Thank you to Alva and David for being special neighbors!

Special Lady

On Saturday, October 24, Opal and Johnny Ray, Janet Dean and Sandra Benham took a day trip to Clovis to help Opal's aunt, Annie Tevis, to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Opal told me a little of her history and I thought it so interesting, I will share it with you.

When Annie was only 17 years of age she lived in Justiceburg with her parents and commuted to Skunk Holler (first time I had heard this name) each day to teach school.

At the age of nineteen Annie moved to Verbena where she lived with the Kennedys and taught Jack and L.P. Kennedy in school.

In the early twenties Annie married Chester Tevis and they soon moved to the Clovis area.

How much fun it must be to listen to her stories. I understand that she is still quite active with lots of family and friends that love her.

Tho a little late, happy birthday Annie!

To Rick

I wonder about myself sometimes. Of all persons to leave out of the birthdays last week, I forgot to put Rick's name in.

Now I know he wants to forget his birthday, but I did not intend to November 3rd. was his day and he took it very well.

Plenty of football

Speaking of Rick, he and his mom (Lucille Bush) took a trip Thursday to Gonzales to visit our son, Josh and his wife Amy.

Josh is coaching Jr. High football in Gonzales and Rick and Lucille got to watch about four games Thursday night.

Josh drove Rick around to see the flood damage and Rick said it was really amazing to see. In one part of town there was still a mobile home in the top of some trees.

Makes you appreciate West Texas a little more.

Birthdays This Week

Birthdays for this week: Thursday 5; Jimella Simpson, Cailee Dolberry; Friday 6; Melinda Mason, Cheri Soto; Saturday 7; Celia Mason, Kelli Melton; Sunday Nov. 8; Adam Gutierrez, Quanah Maxey, Betty Davies;

Monday 9; Nikki Kane; Tuesday 10; Michael Morris, Robert Redden, Barbara Paul. Anniversary; Jose and Febe Diaz; Wednesday 11; Veteran's Day.

A Whole Housefull

Visitors in the home of Spence and Orita Bevers of Pleasant Valley were Mark, Lori and Austin Bevers of Willbar, Nebraska and Larry and Cheryl Bevers of Weeping Water, Nebraska.

On Saturday visiting in the home of Sue and Ronnie Hart were brothers, sisters and their families.

The group included Mark, Lori and Austin, Larry and Cheryl, Laura, Trey, Justin and Trish Conner of Post, Bill, Barbe, Shane and Slade Bevers of Post and Shawn Bevers and Mia Mitchell of Garland, Dusty, Leah and Dakota Hart of Lubbock.

Till Next Week

That's all for this week. Thanks for everyone who called in, please keep it up.

Hope you all have a great weekend and may God bless each of you.

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We salute you because you unselfishly answered your country's call to make certain that world freedom and the American way of life would remain strong.

We salute you because even in peacetime you continue to serve your country - to fill a life-long need to serve which you share with veterans everywhere. Many of you continue to serve through service to your community as members of The American Legion.

We must remember your sacrifices today and everyday.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

November, National Diabetes Month

Since November has been designated by the American Diabetes Association as National Diabetes Month, all Texans need to become aware of the disease, its incidence and treatment. With more than 930,000 Texans suffering from diabetes, they need to realize that learning to manage their diet is of critical importance in the management of the disorder. Several studies have found that education is the single most important thing people with diabetes can do to improve their blood glucose and prevent the onset of complications.

Tremendous public health benefits of helping large numbers of persons with diabetes make a few manageable changes in their self-care practices can help persons with diabetes attempt more ambitious changes to improve blood glucose levels. Texas Agricultural Extension Service diabetes programming efforts conducted by local Extension agents in Consumer and Family Sciences are helping persons with diabetes to practice self-care behaviors such as developing healthful eating habits, reducing fat, sugar and sodium in the diet, increasing exercise, attaining and maintaining healthy weight and following their physician's recommendations for glucose monitoring.

Motivation for self-care is influenced by a belief about the seriousness of diabetes with equal emphasis on benefits of controlling the disease to prevent serious complications such as disease of the nervous system, kidneys, eyes, cardio-vascular system, etc.

Texas Agricultural Extension Service programming efforts for those with diabetes plus family members reinforces this motivation for self-care as demonstrated recent research conducted in seven Texas counties. These seven county agents participated in small groups to determine if Extension diabetes programming efforts made any difference in the knowledge gained by these persons with diabetes.

Some 41 persons with diabetes were able to change and maintain their disease by changing certain diabetes management behaviors relevant to exercise, glucose monitoring, fat consumption, refined sugar/carbohydrate consumption and changes made by them were all evident following the Extension diabetes education. They were able to see the importance of daily exercise at least 20 minutes and they increased their daily exercise. Moreover, those who were not exercising at all began to exercise.

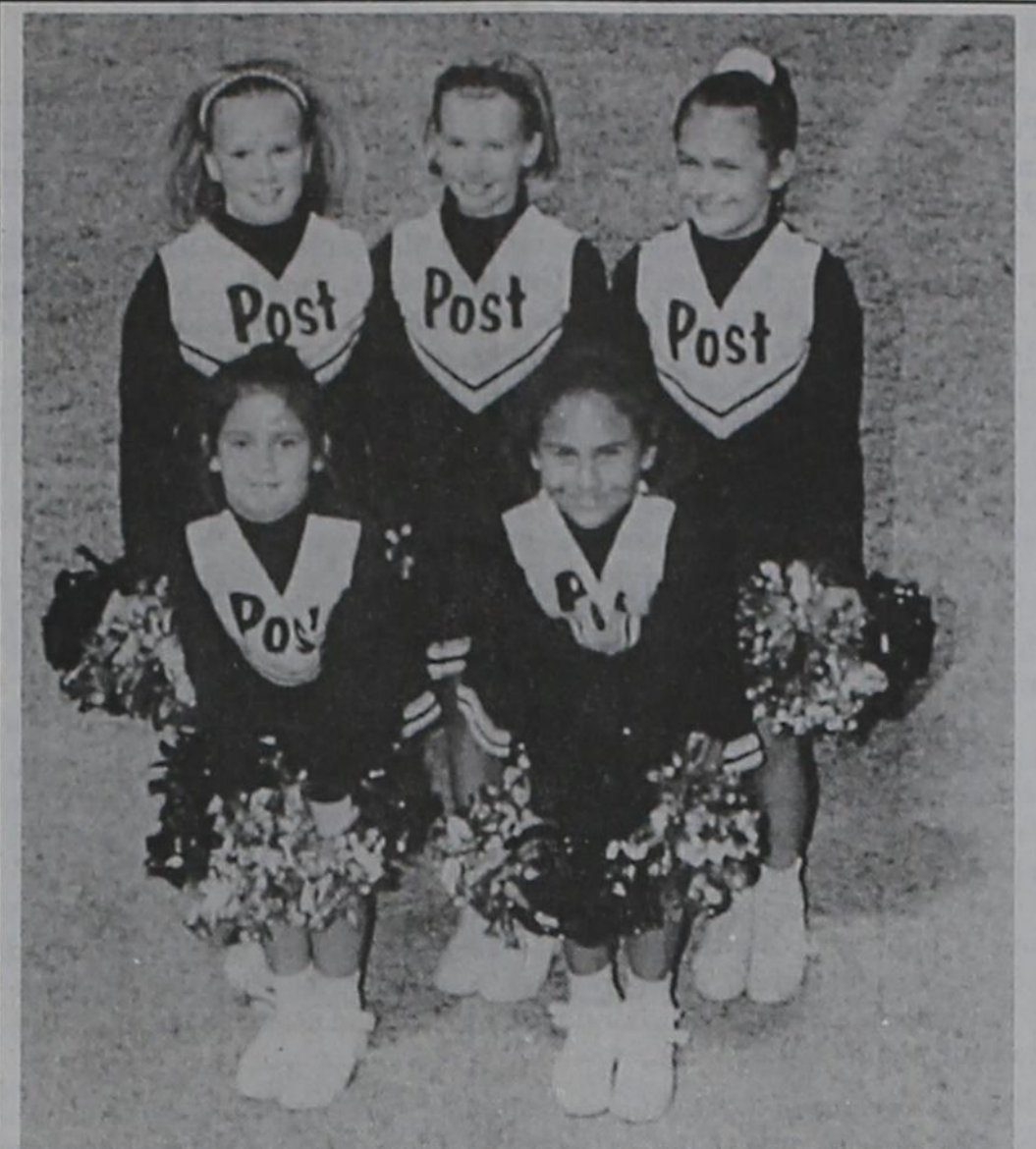
These lifestyle changes promoted better control over his/her own health which could decrease complications of the disease. The recent Diabetes Control and Compliance Trials (DCCT) reinforced how compliance and behavior changes keep blood glucose levels normal and will help prevent complications of diabetes.

Many of the persons with diabetes were considered to be overweight or obese. Prevalence of diabetes is 2.9 times higher in overweight individuals as shown in the second National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. Therefore, the exercise as well as making other lifestyle changes are especially important for this group since the majority had non-insulin dependent diabetes. Small groups or focus groups gave insight into the barriers and/or problems such as unexpressed anger for having the disease which prevent persons from diabetes from achieving well controlled blood glucose which is indicative that the diabetes is in good control.

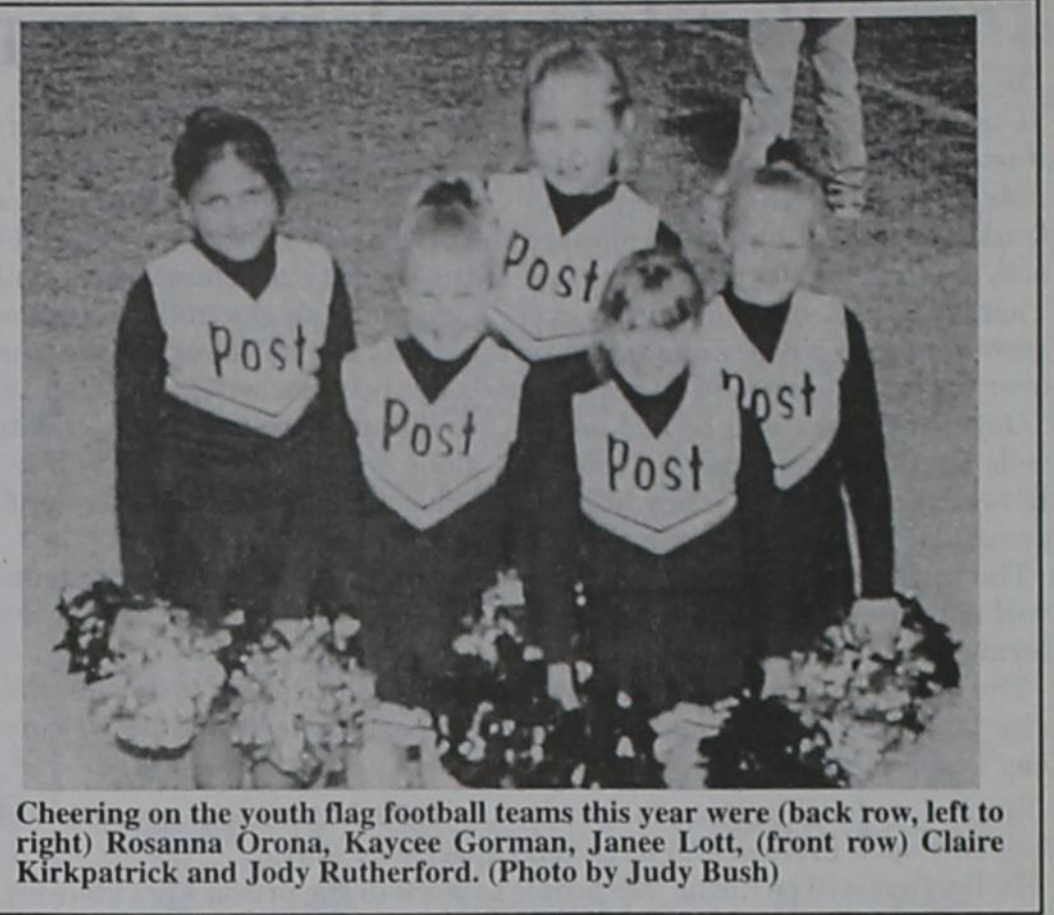
These personal characteristics and knowledge of ways to control blood glucose through improved lifestyle changes were evident as a result of this Extension education. In other words, keep their health status normal. This could help prevent loss of time from work due to illness resulting from poor lifestyle choices thus resulting in more income. Also health costs for the individuals with diabetes could be reduced as well as total health care costs including health insurance costs for everyone.

These results seem especially encouraging in that most of these persons with diabetes were not newly diagnosed. The average length of time as a diagnosed with diabetes was over 5 years. Hence, the Extension diabetes education was beneficial to those who were already somewhat experienced in managing their diabetes.

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



Post youth flag football cheerleaders this year included (back row, left to right) Hayley Massey, Kayla Morris, Lori Jones, (front row) Laci Williams and Devin Hernandez. (Photo by Judy Bush)



Cheering on the youth flag football teams this year were (back row, left to right) Rosanna Orona, Kaycee Gorman, Janee Lott, (front row) Claire Kirkpatrick and Jody Rutherford. (Photo by Judy Bush)

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by John Senter, CEA-AG

Fall ideal time for planting trees, shrubs

Fall planting is the optimum time to plant balled and burlapped trees and shrubs. Balled and burlapped plants have ample time to recover from transplanting and proliferate roots before spring growth begins. Remember however, all bare root plants, including roses and pecan and fruit trees should be planted in late winter when they are completely dormant.

When buying plants for your landscape, be sure to get healthy, well-grown plants. Always buy from a reputable dealer. Those in the plant selling business year-round depend on repeat customers, and only by selling customers quality plants can there be assurance of future business. Beware of plant bargains. They can easily turn out to be real headaches. A bargain is no good if it dies. The price tag, especially the cheapest one, is not the best guide to quality.

All plants have growing requirements. Think about the plant's needs before you invest. Is it adapted to your area's soil? Will it grow in sun or shade? Does it need a wet or dry location? Is it cold hardy? Some nurseries have this type of information on tags besides the plant. If not, ask a nursery professional or the county Extension agent.

Plan before you plant is always a good rule of thumb. Whether you are planting a single plant or an entire landscape, plan first, then plant. Good planning is a worthwhile investment of time that will pay off in greater enjoyment of attractive and useful home grounds, and in increasing the value of your home. It's much easier to move plants on paper than to dig them after planting in the wrong place. A plan saves many planting mistakes.

Every plant in the landscape should serve a purpose. Ask yourself if you want a plant for screening, for privacy, or for shade. How large will it be five years from now? Plants, like people, grow up. Remember, that a small one-gallon size plant will look entirely different after a few years of growth in your landscape.

Plant properly for success. Here are a few guidelines on getting the job done right:

1. Dig a hole large enough in diameter so that the root system has at least six inches of clearance on all sides. The root ball should rest on a solid soil foundation, so don't dig the hole much deeper than the ball.
2. Plant the tree or shrub slightly above the level of the surrounding soil, to allow for settling and increased soil drainage.
3. Carefully place the tree or shrub in the hole. Handle the plant by the root ball, not by the trunk. A broken ball of earth can mean a dead plant. Always remove any container before you plant.
4. Backfill the hole, using only the native soil removed from the hole; do not use soil amendments when planting large shrubs and trees. Fill the

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The ladies at Norwest Bank dressed for the occasion last Friday. Taking care of business were (left to right) Grace Paiz, Erlene Bagby, Susan Pennell, Melba Cimental, Deborah Worthington and Denise Rachley.

New gun laws expected to raise protests from hunters

A law passed by the U.S. congress in its latest session is expected to raise protests from millions of hunters, who will discover beginning November 30 that all rifles and shotguns, even those used strictly for hunting, will be registered by the federal government.

In a recent Associated Press story, U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno was quoted: "We need to work together to minimize the complaints, to make it as easy as possible for law-abiding people to have weapons."

The AP story also reported that the new registration system will be operated by the FBI and state governments.

Rifles and shotguns included

The volume of work for local law enforcement is expected to double, because now all gun buyers will be checked.

This is the first time in American history that all rifles, whether for target practice or rabbit hunting, will be included in a national registration program.

The AP reports said, "The FBI has hired and almost finished training 513 people in West Virginia to handle its share of the work, set up two telephone centers through the contractor, Teletech, and sent teams to brief the nation's 106,000 gun dealers and pawnshop owners."

Who is banned from buying guns

Federal law bans gun purchases by people convicted or under indictment on felony charges, fugitives, the mentally ill, those with dishonorable military discharges, those who have renounced U.S. citizenship, illegal aliens, illegal drug users and those convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors or under domestic violence restraining orders.

Most Texas hunters will be surprised at this new piece of legislation which apparently whizzed through Congress without a murmur.

Family violence arrests lead Sheriff's activities

Nine individuals were arrested in Garza County last week, including two charged with assault and family violence.

On Nov. 1, 19-year-old Mia Elizabeth Gomez and 20-year-old Olegario Gomez were arrested on charges of assault/family violence "A". Each posted a \$2,500 bond on that same date and was released.

Other arrests made during the past week included, on Oct. 29, a 17-year-old male picked up for public intoxication (released the next day after paying fine and court costs) and on Oct. 30, a 46-year-old male, commitment/DWI (released the next day after completing his fifth weekend of the commitment period) and a 62-year-old male arrested on a warrant (released Nov. 2 on a motion to dismiss application).

Arrests made Nov. 1 include that of a 36-year-old male picked up for public intoxication (released Nov. 3 on time served, fine paid); a 47-year-old male picked up for possession of marijuana (released the same day on a \$1,500 bail bond); and an 18-year-old male, possession of marijuana (released the next day on a \$1,500 cash bond).

Dispatchers handled more than 70 calls for service during the same period.

Reports written up Oct. 28 included that of a hit-and-run accident (no location, no further details given) and a domestic dispute in the 500 block of West 11th. Another hit-and-run accident, this one at a North Broadway business, was reported Oct. 29.

On Halloween, an incident of criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of 3rd Street; a fire in a hay stack was reported about 1 1/4 miles out on East 380; a possible hit-and-run accident was reported in a North Broadway business parking lot; and an automobile accident involving two vehicles was reported on U.S. 84 south (no details recorded).

On Nov. 1, lawmen were called out to work a domestic dispute in the 600 block of South Avenue I; a minor automobile accident on Avenue F; a request for an ambulance at the local nursing home (transport made to University Medical Center in Lubbock); a case of public intoxication at an 8th Street business; a request for an ambulance in the 600 block of Oak (transport made to Methodist Hospital, Lubbock); a request for an ambulance in the 600 block of West 3rd (transport made to UMC); an automobile accident in a North Broadway business parking lot; and an automobile accident two miles north of the city on U.S. 84 (no specifics recorded).

Calls received on Nov. 2 included a report of a domestic dispute in the 100 block of East 14th; juveniles being allowed to drink at a local business; criminal mischief at a Main Street location; criminal mischief in the 900 block of Pine; children throwing rocks at another child at an 8th Street location; and an overturned horse trailer at the White River cutoff (Crosby County officials notified).



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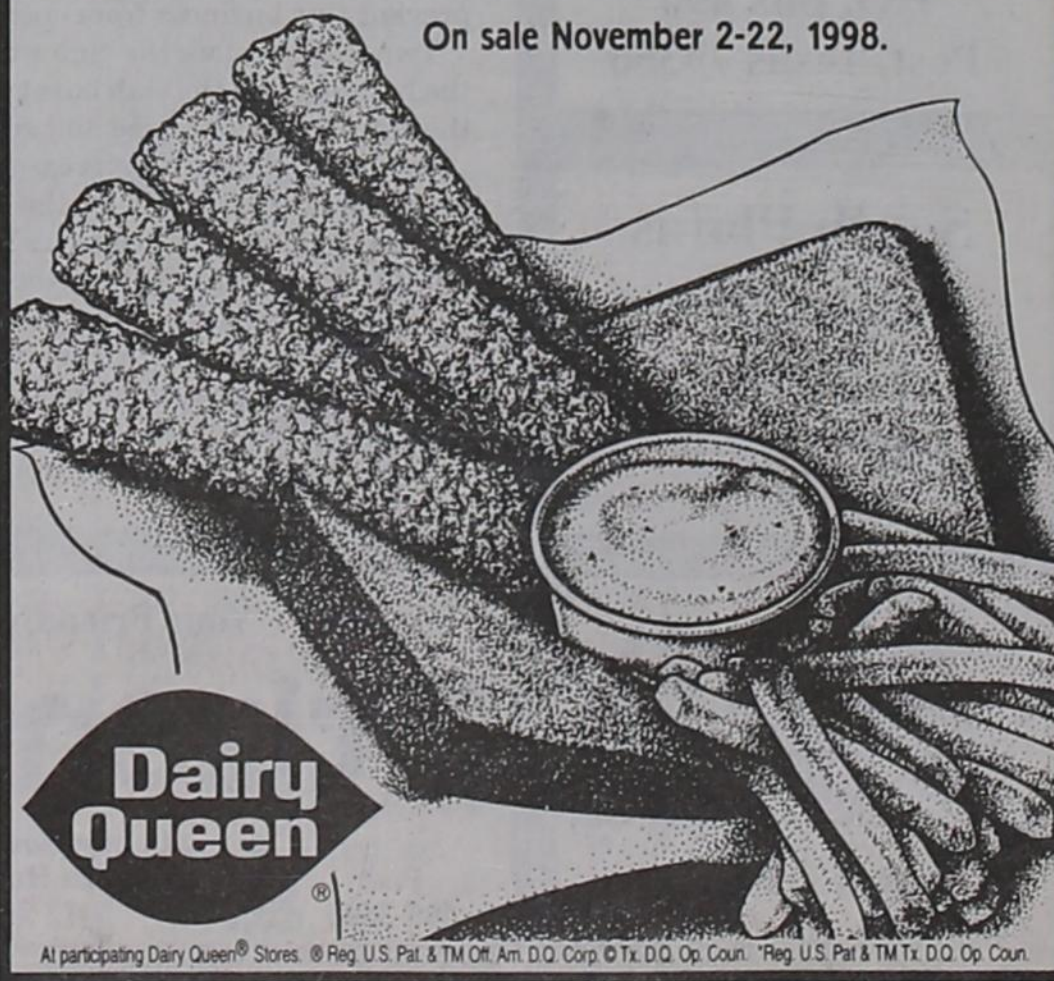
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Terry Bartlett explains new prison at Amity Study Club

by Louella Bilberry
 Guest speaker for the Amity Study Club Tuesday, Oct. 27, was Terry Bartlett, superintendent of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.
 Mr. Bartlett is an employee of an Ogden, Utah, company that subcontracted to design, build and manage the prison. He showed the group four sets of plans for the prison and told of the security measures being built. There will be electronic security everywhere, plus an electronic four-phase system to open a door or gate. If a prisoner was foolish enough to try to get over the walls, he would be cut to shreds by the razor wires.
 Generally, there will be two men to a cell, but there are single, isolated cells for those men who just can't get along with others. There will be a library complete with a law library and classrooms for six teachers and a principal. The prisoners can earn GED certificates.
 The inmates will work at something, learn new skills. Some companies will train the men and then hire them as soon as they have served their terms.
 The prison will work with our city and provide prisoners to do public service jobs. Mr. Bartlett mentioned the ballpark upkeep and he welcomes any suggestions.
 Target date for the prison to open is July 1999, but work has gone so well they may open in April and be at full capacity by May.
 Mr. Bartlett will be hiring 228 people to work in the prison from guards to a dietitian and a full-time chaplain.
 The prisoners here will be for medium security. They've been in trouble, broken laws but they are not vicious killers. Those are in maximum security prisons. Nationwide, 78 percent of prisoners are medium security. Only 22 percent are in maximum prisons with lifetime sentences or death row.
 The Bartletts have two daughters. They have lived on four continents, in eight states and the house they will build here will be their 27th home.
 When his company told him they wanted him to come run this new prison

in West Texas, they told him it was a place he's probably never heard of—Post, Texas! When he got through laughing he told them he had been coming to Post since he was a child to visit his aunt and her family, Mrs. Martin (Dale) Nichols! It's a small world!
 Our hostesses were Carolyn Sawyers and Margaret Bull. Other members in attendance were Barbara Babb, Ginger Carlisle, Jane Davis, Joy Dickson, Iva Hudman, Suzanne Hudman, Naomi Matsler, Janey Middleton, Kathie Rankin, Marian Wheatley, Ruth Ann Young and Louella Bilberry.

Living on Edge

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hole, and firm the soil around the plant. Water thoroughly to settle the soil around the roots and to eliminate any air pockets.
 5. Do not fertilize your tree or shrub after planting. Wait until early in the spring to do this, and even then, go lightly. Heavy applications of fertilizer may burn and injure the root system, and could possibly kill the plant.
 6. Watering has been and remains paramount in transplanting. At the time of transplanting, soak the root ball and surrounding soil. A thorough watering every 7 to 10 days dramatically increases the success ratio. More frequent watering may encourage root rot. Remember more trees and shrubs fail from over watering than from under watering.
 7. Before calling it a day, add 4 to 6 inches of mulch around the base of newly planted trees and shrubs. This helps to keep down weeds and conserve soil moisture. Use pine bark, compost, grass clippings or leaves.
 Fall is for planting. Visit your nursery today, and beautify and add value to your home.

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Obituaries

Ray Hesser

Services for Ray Hesser, 41, of Post were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, 1998, in the Trinity Baptist Church with Paul Jones and the Rev. Billie Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.
 He died Monday, Nov. 2, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital at 3:25 a.m.
 Born Oct. 29, 1957, in Clarksville, Texas, to Wayne and Helen Hesser, he married Terri Clary Jan. 9, 1982, in Post. He was a truck driver and was employed by the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center. He was a Baptist.
 Survivors include his wife, Terri, of Post; two daughters, Treva Tunaitis and Shelby Tunaitis, both of Post; three brothers, Charles Noe of Seagraves, Danny Noe of Lubbock and Michael Maddox of Huntsville; and five sisters, Sandra Dyke, Lea Ann Noe, Roseann Bland and Linda Nebbin, all of Dallas, and Kathy Bland of Newton.

Henry G. Stribling

Services for Henry Stribling were held Friday, Oct. 30, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland with Gary Montgomery officiating. Burial was at 5 p.m. at the Terrace Cemetery in Post.
 Visitation was Oct. 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.
 He died at a Midland hospital Tuesday, Oct. 27.
 Born Jan. 1, 1928, in Foster, Okla., to Robert Ernest and Mary Elizabeth (Selby) Stribling, he married Marjorie Freeman June 6, 1952, in Post. A resident of Midland for the past 40 years, he was a member of the Church of Christ and Masonic Lodge Post 623.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Stribling of Midland; one daughter and son-in-law, Von and John Davis of Edmond, Okla.; three grandchildren, Amber Fike, Derek Fike and Mandee Davis, all of Edmond; three sisters, Lillie McConnell of Marlow, Okla., Joy Moore of Duncan, Okla., and Naomi Barkley of Bakersfield, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.
 He was preceded in death by one son, Michael Stribling, on Jan. 30, 1955; three brothers; and one sister.
 Pallbearers were John Cooper, Gary Thompson, Monek Baruchi, John Oliver and Milton Post. Honorary pallbearers were Otis Cutbirth and Tony Alfaro.
 The family would like to extend a special thanks to Ravi Patel, M.D. for his many years of care and kindness.

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What makes the above information even more concerning is that there has been a vaccine against strep since the 1970s. Unfortunately a 1993 study showed that only about 30% of the target population had been immunized. Since that time there has been an accelerated effort to immunize those at risk, but numbers still fall short. In addition, strains of the strep bacteria have developed resistance to common antibiotics that have been used in the past, making it harder, more expensive, and more dangerous to treat.

Who should be vaccinated - All people over the age of 65 should be routinely vaccinated. People over the age of 2 who have chronic illness that puts them at greater risk. These illnesses include heart problems, lung problems, diabetes, kidney disease, liver disease and excessive alcohol use. Also, anyone with any immunocompromising illness such as, spleen dysfunction, Hodgkin's disease, lymphoma or myeloma.

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 Two weeks before the club was to open, a lightning bolt struck the building and the club burnt to the ground. The club owner felt the church was to blame and sued them.
 In a well publicized court case, the club's lawyer argued that the church was responsible for the destruction of the club since they prayed against it. The church's lawyer argued that the church did not physically contribute to the fire that destroyed the club.
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Opinions



Why so few people bother to vote

by Wesley W. Burnett

I suppose everyone who doesn't vote has some reason or other... so trying to make a blanket statement to cover all the reasons is probably a waste of time and space. However, I do have some observations garnered over the past several years, which might explain to some degree the general widespread lack of interest in elections.

Even during the usual high-interest presidential election years, participation in voting has shown a consistent decline over the past 20 years. Political consultants and political science experts have pondered over this situation, and have many theories, but no solutions.

The State of Texas Secretary of State issues statements, press releases, advertising and such... pleading with people to vote. The legislature has passed numerous laws making voting as easy as driving to the grocery store. Yet, millions of would-be eligible voters simply go about their daily routines with little regard for voting.

In some counties voters can even cruise to "drive-up" voting booth.

So, what's going on here?

I believe the consistent decline in voter participation is an evolutionary result of the push toward democracy that engulfed this nation during the 1960s, when political experts pushed the idea of "one-man, one-vote." Instead of maintaining the republic form of government, whereby voting is a privilege of citizenship, and therefore of great value, these democracy freaks spread the gospel of no restrictions on voting... everyone votes.

Not only has that devalued the concept of voting, it opened up the floodgates of mob rule, and reduced the politician to nothing more than a high-powered salesman, appealing to the masses. Of course, those appeals usually bring out such high-minded sales pitches as... "elect me, I'll bring more money to your town..." or "when I'm elected I'll see that you get more government grants..."

You see, democracy is the crux of the problem. Taken to the extreme, where everyone gets to vote, the mob rules. We have become a nation ruled by popular whim... and that goes a long way in explaining the most commonly heard comment by non-voters... "my vote doesn't mean anything, it just doesn't matter, they're all the same."

Another problem with the "everyman vote" craze was the implementation of popular vote primary elections. In that process, anyone votes for any candidate of any party, regardless of the political philosophy of the voter. In Garza County, where local candidates have to be listed on the Democratic Party ballot if they want to get elected, just about everyone votes in that primary election. Only the die-hard few vote in the Republican Primary.

Then when election time rolls around, there are few if any contested local races.

It is absolutely true that all political change begins at the local level. And when people become disenchanted with the politics in their county, that disenchantment spills over into state and national elections.

The primary election process has all but destroyed the traditional American system of selecting candidates to represent a particular political philosophy. The democratic (mob rule) primary election system took away the importance of a "party platform" to which candidates were expected to support.

With democracy, no philosophy is needed... and in fact, expressing a philosophy in a democratic election is tantamount to defeat. That is why

so few politicians today can express a philosophy, other than, "let's see if I can steal more money for you than the other guy."

And voters really have no choice... both candidates are espousing the same tripe, in a race to see who can get the most votes based on what they can give the voters. Political philosophy, adherence to constitutional restraints... all of those basic and fundamental characteristics of a republic form of government are lost.

We have allowed democracy to destroy our republic, and more frustrating, people seem to think this is a good idea. Very few people speak out against this mob rule concept. "If the people want it, then give it to them" is more what we hear. "Hey, the majority of the people voted for more taxes, live with it buddy!"

When candidates for public office were selected by political party activists at party conventions, those candidates had to answer to the politically active. That system screened out candidates based on their philosophy... did it fit the political party's ideals? If not, then another candidate would be chosen. There was accountability.

Today, political candidates are not accountable to a philosophy, they are accountable to the people who donate money to their campaigns. It is a simple matter of money calling the shots. Not that money hasn't always been a factor, but it is more a factor now because of the electoral system under which we suffer.

If we continue to choose elected officials in this fashion, it won't be long til this great nation will be listed among the disabled, another victim of democracy. It isn't like we don't know this, history is filled with examples.

Start with the Greeks, then the Romans... go on from there. In the 19th century it was the French. The warning signs of political implosion are all around us... how we deal with that will have a lot to do with our survival as a free people. Democracy, taken to its extreme, eventually results in tyranny of the mob, then tyranny by dictatorship.

Those of us who choose not to vote, may do so for another reason also... first, it is our right not to participate. To some of us, participating in a corrupted electoral system is to admit that we approve of it. Many of us object to this notion of democracy replacing our republic.

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And thereafter, where are the poor?

by Walter E. Williams



The Census Bureau reports 36.5 million poor Americans in 1998, nearly 14 percent of our population.

Both historically and globally, poverty has meant living in destitution, something akin to what we see in India, Romania and Mexico. For our country, only a tiny fraction of the population shares anywhere near such a fate.

Robert Rector, a senior policy analyst at the Washington-based Heritage Foundation, has compiled some little-known data from government reports in an article titled "The Myth of Widespread American Poverty." Just in case you're interested in checking out his figures, his sources are: the Department of Commerce, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Energy.

In 1995, 41 percent of all "poor" households owned their own homes. The average size of that home was three bedrooms, one-and-a-half bathrooms, a garage and a porch or patio. Three-quarters of a million "poor" owned homes worth over \$150,000; some of those homes sported Jacuzzis and pools. The average "poor" American has one-third more living space than the average Japanese, 25 percent more than the average Frenchman, 40 percent more than the average Greek and four times more than the average Russian.

Seventy percent of "poor" households own a car; 27 percent own two or more cars. Ninety-seven percent have a color television; nearly half own two or more televisions. Two-thirds of "poor" households have air conditioning. By contrast, 30 years ago, only 36 percent of the entire U.S. population enjoyed air conditioning. America's "poor" people aren't hungry, either. In fact, "poor" people are more likely to be overweight than higher-income people. The average consumption of proteins, vitamins and minerals is virtually the same for poor as middle-income children, and in most cases above government recommended minimums.

The Census Bureau does a grossly poor job measuring poverty for several reasons. First, it looks at only current income and ignores assets. Thus, a family of four living in a \$300,000 house with \$1 million dollars in the bank, as far as the Census Bureau is concerned, is poor if for some reason its income was less than \$16,404 in 1997.

The Census Bureau also misses income. In 1995, the Census Bureau claimed that the lowest income fifth of households had an average income of \$8,350. In the same year, the Department of Labor's consumer expenditure survey showed that the same lowest fifth of households spent \$14,607. The Labor Department's survey shows \$1.75 worth of spending for each \$1 the Census Bureau claims that household possesses.

Real material poverty, to any significant degree, simply does not exist in the United States. The bulk of our "poor" live under conditions that would have been judged comfortable or even well-off a few generations ago. The nonsense maxim that "the rich get richer and the poor get poorer" just doesn't stand up to the evidence. The fact is everyone has become richer.

Poverty of the spirit and dependency are today's problems. Many people's lifestyle choices doom their chances for upward mobility. They freely make devastating choices like dropping out of school, having illegitimate children, abusing drugs and alcohol, refusing to work, and engaging in criminal activity.

Focusing most of our attention on material poverty, to the neglect of spiritual poverty and dependency, is not the best way to help our more unfortunate brethren. But misleading Americans about material poverty provides federal budgets and programs that enhance the status and incomes of the poverty elite in charge of managing the poor.

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Letters to the Editor

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Parent questions treatment of child at football stadium

I am writing this letter in reference to Bobby Dean, an employee of Post ISD, with whom I had an encounter on October 22, 1998 at our football stadium during the 7th and 8th grade football games. Near the last quarter of the game, my six year old son came to me and told me that Mr Dean had taken away his little football.

I asked him why, and he told me that Mr Dean said not to throw the ball, 'cause he could poke someone's eye out. I went to find Mr Dean, who was standing by the fence, watching the game, holding my son's football in his hand. I asked him for the ball and he gave it to me without comment.

My frustration about this is... in the first place, if they do not want kids playing with these little yellow, rubber footballs (that couldn't hurt anyone), then they shouldn't have allowed the cheerleaders to throw them to the audience.

Second, Bobby Dean, being a father, should now how kids are, especially six years old and under... they are not going to sit down on the bleachers and watch the game like adults. And I see no harm in the kids playing on the ground, better than them running up and down the bleachers.

At least I was there to defend my son... how about the other children who go to the game without their parents... who defends them from Bobby Dean? My belief was that Mr Dean was there in case a fight broke out between our kids or the other team, or for drugs and things like that.

Another thing... if the football stadium is supposed to be tobacco free, why do I see adults smoking in the bleachers? Why doesn't Mr Dean say something to them? Or is he silent because he knows they can defend themselves and say something back to him?

I have heard many comments about Mr Dean's attitude toward our children and yes, it bothered me. But what could I do? I didn't want their parents to think I was interfering with their child. But when it finally happened to one of my kids, and a six year old at that, and such a minor act, it made me wonder, what does he do to kids that really get in trouble?

I don't want Bobby Dean to lose his job, but I do think he is going way beyond his authority.

Lina Duran, a concerned parent

Feds force registration of hunting rifles, shotguns

Regarding the November 30 implementation of registration of all gun purchases in America, the sad thing is, most people are so uninformed and apathetic that they will hear about it for the first time when they go to buy a gun.

Note that the FBI "is bracing for a wave of protests as they implement the bill". All 2nd amendment activists were aware of this for a year before it actually occurred.

GOA (Gun Owners of America) mounted massive opposition and Senator Bob Smith actually got a bill passed in the Senate gutting the FBI horror bill. It in turn was gutted by the House and the final version had only minimal corrective effect.

It was the failure of the Smith Bill that finally made me realize that there is little hope for freedom and liberty to survive in America. I have spent months writing to a wide variety of organizations opposed to gun registration, urging that those organizations use their influence to pressure Republicans on this issue.

It was the failure of the Republicans to stop this unconstitutional action that finally brought an end to my belief that the U.S. Federal Government can be reformed. It is simply too tyrannical and corrupt to save. Socialism is too ingrained and the ideals of freedom and liberty are simply unknown by this government.

We are now about four weeks away from the greatest awakening to ever hit the gun owners of America, law abiding citizens who hunt are about to find out what handgunners have known for years. They (government agents) want all the guns... the 30-30 deer rifle you hunt with, the double barreled shotgun you grew up with and hunted with and inherited from your father... the .22 you got 40 years ago for Christmas, all of them.

There is no more pretense of protecting hunters and fishermen, they want all the guns and if folks don't wake up and fight back, they deserve exactly what they will get, enslavement pure and simple. It's not just us nasty old handgunners that they are picking on now, folks, it's all of us.

That's why I've been hitting the "net" on the 2nd amendment folks. It's too late for the U.S. The only hope for Texas gun owners now is the independent nation of Texas, and they better get behind this new constitution and wake up to what's happening to the North before it's too late for them.

Texas has a head start, thanks to the Constitutional Convention, the rest of the U.S. is in a world of hurt. All the gun owners in America, not just us nasty old handgunners, are headed for an FBI database and bad boy list for no other reason than we exercise our God given right to bear arms.

Somebody needs to trot out all the 1994 Republican campaign ads promising more freedom, less government, more liberty, less intrusion into our lives.

We are in dire need of a refresher course because it looks from here like the Republicans are the biggest liars and tyrants in history.

Bob Phipps, Sourlake

Local Government Meetings

Monday, November 9

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

Wednesday, November 18

• Post ISD board of trustees, 7:30 p.m., administration building.

Thursday, November 12

• Garza Hospital District board of directors, in the clinic building, 7 a.m. (Thursday after 10th of each month)

Monday, November 23

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

Sports

Buffaloes swamp 'Lopes

by Wes Burnett

The Post Antelopes held off the Stanton Buffaloes for most of the first half last Friday in Stanton, but were unable to stop the quick and fast defending state champions in a 49-7 district loss.

The 'Lopes came from a 14-0 deficit in the first quarter, scoring late in the second quarter after stopping Stanton inside the Post 10 yard line. The drive started after Johnny Jefferson recovered a fumble by Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm at the Stanton 43.

The touchdown came on second down from the Stanton 20 yard line as quarterback Jay Gorman rolled to his left and lofted the ball to Braden Conner in the left end zone. It was the timing pass which has worked so well for the 'Lopes this year. Conner booted the extra point to narrow the gap.

With a respectable 14-7 score, the 'Lope defense set about to repeat its previous effort, but with 24 seconds left on the clock, the Buffaloes took a commanding 21-7 lead to the locker room.

Stanton took the second half kickoff and in two plays added another seven points, putting the game almost out of reach at 27-7. Never giving up, the 'Lope offense took the kickoff, ran out of steam at the 50 and punted to the Buffaloes. After picking up a first down at the Stanton 37, Jody Louder coughed up the football and Clay Ashley pounced on it for the 'Lopes.

Billy Crawford rammed to the 22 for a first down, then on second down quarterback Jay Gorman lofted the ball downfield to Braden Conner, who caught the ball at the one yard line between two Buffalo defenders. The Post crowd went wild. It was a short celebration, as Crawford took the ball on first and goal, and as he hit the line of scrimmage the ball popped to the ground and Stanton covered it.

That seemed to take the wind out of the Antelopes and their hopes for an upset were dashed.

Six plays later Stanton's Jeremy Hull ripped off a 73 yard scamper, putting the Buffaloes out front 35-7 after the extra point. The next 'Lope offensive series was stuffed on a third down play at the Stanton 47 yard line when Gorman lost control of the ball on the snap. Stanton took over at their own 49. It took the Buffaloes nine plays to score again, with quarterback Will Harris going the final 30 yards on a keeper around left end. With 8:23 left in the game, Stanton led 42-7.



Billy Crawford (44) and an unidentified teammate fight for the football as Clinton Curtis (84), Clay Ashley (62), Billy Doser (55) and Clell Knight (8) join in the action. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

The final touchdown came after a fourth down punt attempt from the 22 yard line by the Antelopes. A low snap from center got away from Knight, and the Buffaloes took possession at the 1/2 yard line. Facing an almost impossible task, the 'Lope defense gave it everything they had... stopping Kenneth Hull three times for no gain. On fourth down, Hull went through a crease over his right guard spot to the end zone. With 2:52 left in the game scoring ended at 49-7.

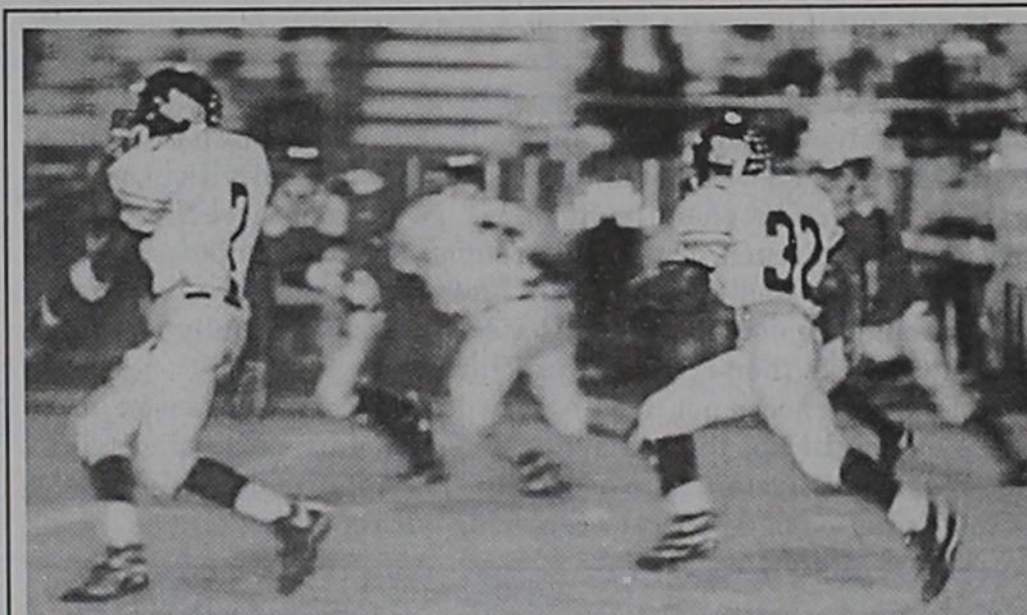
Friday the 'Lopes host Seagraves for the final district game.



Clell Knight (8), Michael Ulm (11) and Rocky Gomez (35) stop a Stanton running back in action there last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Clell Knight (8) takes down a Stanton running back during action there last week. Jeremy Baker (30) and Clay Ashley (62) join in pursuit. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Raymond Jefferson (7) runs interference for Tyrone Jefferson (32) on a kickoff return during action at Stanton last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Post Middle School cheerleaders keep the fans fired up during the 7th and 8th grade football games. (Photo by Dedra Adams)

Seagraves Eagles bring power to Post

by Wes Burnett

The Post Antelopes, coming off a tough loss last Friday at Stanton, don't have much time to recover, as they close out the 1998 district competition here Friday against the Seagraves Eagles.

"They're going to be just as tough as Stanton," Antelope coach Richard Gorman comments, "they've got a big, strong offensive line and they'll just run at us. We've got to get better on defense, from here on we're not going to be facing any easy opponents."

Gorman reports that the Antelopes will compete in post-season playoffs in Division I-AA (big school) schedule. The Bi-District game has been announced for Friday, November 13, between Post and Hale Center at Levelland. The game begins at 7:30 p.m., with all tickets to be sold at the gate: \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

The winner of that contest (Districts 3 and 4) will play the winner of the Bi-District contest between Districts 1 and 2.

But first, the Antelopes have to test their abilities against the Eagles, who sit at the top of District 3AA with a 4-0 record. Having beaten Stanton, it looks like they are one of the premier teams in Texas.

Gorman announced some changes in the Antelope starting lineup. On offense: Clay Ashley, left tackle; Luke Williams, left guard; Ross Babb, right guard; Matt Cooper, right tackle; Clell Knight, tight end and Adrian Gonzales, center. The backfield will continue with Jay Gorman at quarterback, Raymond Jefferson at tailback, with Billy Crawford and Jeremy Baker sharing fullback duties.

On defense the lineup includes Crawford and Williams at the tackle positions; Ashley and Clinton Curtis, defensive ends; Baker and Frank Reyna, inside linebackers; Rocky Gomez and Matt McCallister or Johnny Jefferson, outside linebackers; Knight and Braden Conner, safeties and Justin Gorman and Michael Ulm at the corners.

"We gave it all we had," Gorman observes about last Friday's loss, "and really, until the wheels fell off in third quarter, I thought our kids played really well... it's now a question of getting ourselves ready to play and mentally prepared."

Stanton whams J.V. 42-8

The Post junior varsity squad fell prey to the Stanton Buffaloes last week in a 42-8 game played at home.

Post gave the Buffaloes excellent field position on their first two possessions. Following a 'Lope fumble on their own 20, Stanton scored on third and 7 from the 17-yard line.

Post was unable to move the ball against a stingy Buffalo defense and was forced to punt. After a five-yard punt, Stanton cashed in again and led 14-0.

Stanton scored two more times before the half and led 28-0 at the break. Post got on the scoreboard in the second half behind the fine running of Justin Acevedo and good passing by Michael Huff. Stanton scored twice in the half to make it a 42-8 game.

"Stanton has an excellent ball club," the coach said. "They are good on both offense and defense. I think our kids learned that you must step it up to another level when you play good teams."

The team has a 7-2 record on the season. Their final game will be tonight at Seagraves.

8th grade smashes Stanton 48-8

The eighth grade Antelopes from Post Middle School took another step toward their second straight undefeated season with last week's 48-8 win over Stanton.

On their first play, Post's Noah Gutierrez scored a 63-yard touchdown. Daryl Dissinger ran in the two-point conversion.

The 'Lopes added two more scores in the quarter. On a three-play drive, Brandon Bell had a 59-yard touchdown run. A two-play drive was topped off by Gutierrez 37-yard touchdown run, making it a 20-0 game at the end of the first quarter.

The 'Lopes scored three times in the second quarter after allowing Stanton to score on a long drive. Bell scored a touchdown following a one-play drive and a 55-yard touchdown run. The team put together a three-play drive when Lance Curtis broke for a 56-yard run into the end zone, followed by a Dissinger two-point conversion. Another single-play scoring drive came when Luis Zubia scored on a 26-yard run. Brody Robertson passed to Zubia for the two-point conversion, putting the score at 42-8 at the half.

Post scored only once in the second half when Gutierrez broke for a 59-yard touchdown run.

"We have to give a lot of credit to the great offensive line play," said Coach Darrell Radle. "This was another fun win."

Gutierrez had three carries, three touchdown and 159 yards. Bell finished with two carries, two touchdown and 114 yards. Curtis had three carries, one touchdown and 62 yards.

Post collected a total of 407 yards of offense. Stanton had 184 offensive yards.

The team will try to polish off its district championship title in a game against Seagraves to be played here tonight.

"The seventh and eighth grade teams both will be playing for the district championships and undefeated seasons," Radle said. "This is an unusual season for any school at any level."

7th graders whip Stanton 30-14

Post Middle School's seventh grade 'Lopes continued their unblemished season with a 30-14 win over Stanton last week.

In a game played in Stanton, Mitchell Mills scored two times and had 174 yards rushing on 10 carries. Daniel Simental scored two times with 42 yards rushing on four carries, while Mario Gomez added one two-point conversion and had seven carries for 57 yards. Mark McCallister had two two-point conversions.

"It was a tough game," said Coach Morrow, "but the Antelopes came through when it mattered, scoring a key second half touchdown to put the game away."

"Defensively, linebackers Mario Gomez and Mark McCallister played well, getting a few sacks off the Stanton quarterback. We shut their running game down but this is the first team we've played that could throw the ball well. That's how they scored both times. But once we adjusted to that, we were OK."

Chris Hastings was 1-21 yards receiving while on defense, McCallister had two sacks and one fumble recovery and Brody Conner had one interception. Post logged a total of 317 yards of offense, compared to Stanton's 166.

The team's final game of the season will be tonight at home against Seagraves. If the 'Lopes manage a win, they'll earn the district championship and an undefeated season.

**Pep Rally and Bonfire
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following Middle School games
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Clothes needed for children...

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- 8-year-old boy wearing size 8 clothes, medium adult T-shirts and size 1 1/2 shoes.
- 4-year-old boy wearing size 5 youth in clothes and size 12 in a children's shoe.
- 10-month-old girl wearing 12-month clothes and size 3 in children's shoes.
- 16-year-old girl wearing a women's size 14 in clothes, large T-shirts and size 10 women's shoes.
- 14-year-old girl wearing size 8/10 in clothes, large T-shirts and size 8-8 1/2 in shoes.
- 10-year-old girl wearing size 12 in children's clothes and size 3 in shoes.
- 5-year-old boy wearing size 5 youth clothes and size 11 1/2 shoes.
- 3-year-old girl wearing size 3 toddler clothes, 4 toddler dresses and size 7-7 1/2 shoes.
- 9-month-old girl wearing 18-month clothes and size 2 shoes.

Board members are asking those interested in contributing clothing to remember that we are currently in the cooler months of the year and clothing should be appropriate for the season. Of course, the board will accept all donations but is specifically trying to meet needs for the winter months at this time.

Children are especially in need of coats, shoes and white socks. Other appropriate items might include pants, long-sleeved shirts, sweaters, gloves and mittens, hats and sweatshirt-type clothing.

Anything in good condition will be appreciated.

For more information, contact Michelle Wischkaemper at the Juvenile Probation Office at 495-4442.



PHS Sweepstakes marching band entertains at Stanton during halftime activities last Friday evening. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



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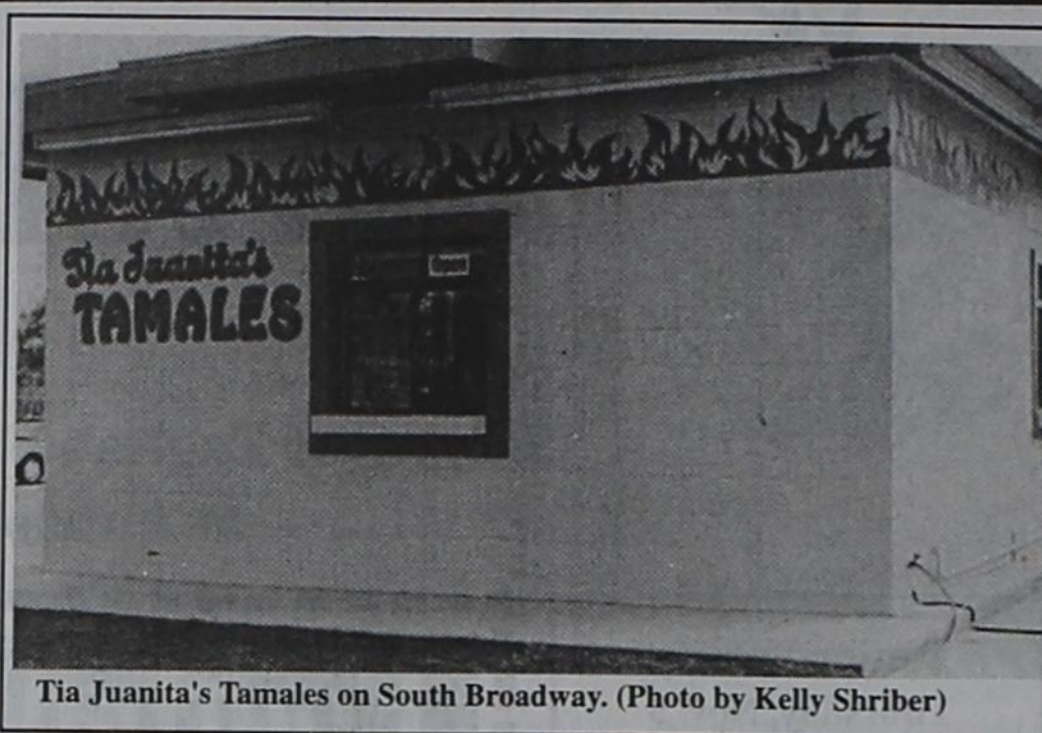
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Tia Juanita's Tamales on South Broadway. (Photo by Kelly Shriber)

Juanita and Mel Clements enjoy their new life in Post at Tia Juanita's

by Kelley Shriber

The true test of someone's character comes when facing adversity. Juanita Clements, of Tia Juanita's Tamales, has faced that adversity and come out just like the colors of her tamale building, flying. "God has been with us," says Mel Clements, Mrs. Clements' husband. About nine years ago Mrs. Clements began dialysis treatment.

She was in need of a kidney transplant. Eight months after she began dialysis, Mrs. Clements was admitted into Emory Hospital in Georgia and underwent a successful kidney transplant. The \$100,000 surgery left Mrs. Clements with a new, functioning kidney and doctor bills that will cost \$1,000 a month for the rest of her life.

"That's one of the reasons she can't get a regular job," says Clements. No one wants to pay to insure her. However, Mrs. Clements never dreamed to have a regular job. She always wanted to have a tamale shop.

Mrs. Clements grew up in a family with 14 children. Her parents are from Mexico, but the children were raised in Lubbock. Seventeen years ago she married Mel Clements, a Ford dealership worker. After Clements' children left home, both he and Mrs. Clements realized they now had time to move around the country.

The Clements left Texas and settled in North Carolina. He continued his work in sales and got a job at a local car dealership. During this time, Mrs. Clements found out that she needed a new kidney. She began treatment and about eight years ago received a new kidney at "one of the best hospitals in the country," Clements says.

For the rest of her life, Mrs.

chocolate cake, to taking drive through orders.

The couple arrives early in the morning to do the preparations for the day, and even though they close at 7 p.m., both have been seen staying much later. Since the opening of Tia Juanita's Tamales on July 25, people not only from Post but also all over the country have visited the Clements' store.

"The important thing is that we have something real," says Clements. This "realness" has definitely caught on. According to the Clements, they receive offers to franchise about three or four times a week. Even a man from Indianapolis wanted to buy into Tia Juanita's Tamales.

"You haven't had real Texas food till you've eaten these tamales," he said. Initially, Clements told his wife that this tamale shop would be "your dream and my nightmare."

However, after three months of service and even though "she still gets tired," he says they are "happier than they have ever been in their lives."

City Council...

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The water project is designed to help ensure the continued availability of water to Post residents, as well as those of other cities involved in the project.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a carport variance to Diana Zubia.

- Looked over the budget review as presented by Hanna. The city manager said the municipality's "fiscal condition is excellent." As is routinely done each year, the city has arranged to have an audit done and auditors are in town this week, reviewing the city's records. A report on their findings will be delivered to the council in January. Mayor Jim Jackson lauded Hanna for the "excellent job" he is doing. Hanna said city employees deserve much of the credit as they do much of the work in keeping expenses down.

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

Nov. 9, 1988
10 Years Ago

AIC Timothy W. Burnett graduated from U.S. Air Force basic training last month. He is currently with the 3776th Student Training Sqd. at Sheppard AFB Texas... Graham 4-H Club members Janie Norman, Lorrye Ledbetter, Shelly Haney, Doug Flanigan, David Norman, Courtney Francis, Beverly Francis and Ashley Francis provided special treats to senior citizens at the Trail Blazers center recently as the group prepared the building for Thanksgiving... Lori Hulet and Will Baker exchange wedding vows November 5, 1988 in St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Nov. 9, 1978
20 Years Ago

Christiane Kathleen, daughter of Tom and Suzanne Pass, was born October 30, 1978 in West Texas Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed nine pounds and seven ounces at birth... Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bryd were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary. Bryd and the former Anna Lucile Stanley were married October 28, 1928 in Clairemont... Nona Lusk was elected president of the Texas Extension Homemakers Club of Graham last week... Bernie Welch, one of Post's very own native sons, will be seen in different segments of the TV special "Centennial".

Nov. 7, 1968
30 Years Ago

At the Tower theatre this week you can see "The Crown Affair" with Faye Dunaway and Steve McQueen... Mrs. Bert Short suffered some pretty bad burns in her home Monday but didn't have to be hospitalized... Sp5 Robert Johnson has completed a tour of duty in Vietnam and is home on furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Johnson... Janice Gordon was named second runner-up in the Miss

South Plains Contest at Levelland last Saturday...

Nov. 6, 1958
40 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sinclair and children of Abernathy were Sunday afternoon guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Floyd... Ricky Bush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Bush, was honored on his fifth birthday last Monday with a party. His guests were Bobby and Mary Ann Norman, Beth Peel, Kim McClellan, Kathy Mason, Mark Fluitt, Sherita Fluitt, Judy and Karen Tackett, Rebecca, Johnny and Edward Tackett, Donny Maxey and Jerry Bush... Kelly and Kevin Duren and Robert and Roger Pace were hosts for a Halloween party in the Joe Duren home Friday afternoon... At the Tower Theatre this week you can see Walt Disney's "Peter Pan", "Houseboat" with Carey Grant and Sophia Loren and "Bomber's B-52" with Natalie Wood and Karl Malden.

Nov. 4, 1948
50 Years Ago

Mrs. Tom Bouchier, Post PTA president said the annual Halloween

Carnival held in the high school gym was a HOWLING success!... J.N. Power has announced the formation of the J.N. Power Motor Company. He has signed a contract for the Garza County dealership of Kaiser and Frazer automobiles... Alton Sutton broke his left arm Friday night while on an outing at Cooper's Canyon with a group of Sunday School friends... Members of the Lions Club and their wives enjoyed a tacky party and dinner at the City Hall Tuesday night... Mrs. Ira Farmer began work at the Highway Grocery and Market this week... Some Post prices this week are: one lb. cherry chocolates, 89¢; pure pork homemade sausage, 59¢ lb.; 9x12 size carpet \$79.50; Ipana toothpaste 43¢; sliced bacon, 69¢ lb.; ladies night gown, \$4.95; doll glider, \$2.98; blackboards, \$1.19 to \$8.95 and dolls 98¢ to \$10.95.

There is no cosmetic for beauty like happiness.
—Anonymous



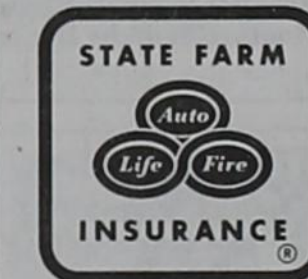
PHS Class of 1938

Enjoying sharing memories last Sunday at the Hotel Garza were eight members of the Post High School Class of 1938, (back row, left to right) Lorene Tyson, Barbara Cox Jones, Annie Laura (Coleman) Francis, Frances Albright, (back row) Robert H. Davis, Mary Adrian (Dickie Robinson), Wilburn Lucas and Morene Short.

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "will miss ___ you blink" (small town)

5 Mule ___ TX

6 homeowners' greenery

7 TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"

8 TXism: "siesta" across the Rio Grande from Presidio flying pest

18 bridge connecting El Paso to Mexico

20 concerning

21 this Catherine was 6th wife of Henry VIII

22 TX outlaw Bass (init.)

24 Sierra ___ TX

30 Herefords in Topeka (2 wds.)

35 co. below Concho

36 TXism: "put on tallow" (___ weight)

37 bed cloth

38 autobiography of TX-born King Vidor

42 "Battle of the ___" was '73

43 Astro-dome event

44 Fort Worth Zoo aviary: "

45 George H. to George W. (abbr.)

45 five-star general Henry ___ Arnold

46 Spanish bear

47 president born in Denison (init.)

49 TXism: "plain as the ___ mule"

DOWN

1 TXism: "honest as the day ___"

2 TXism: "wound tighter ___ a small dog 8-day clock" (tense)

3 town in Wichita Co.

4 Sherilyn of film "Ruby" about Dallas nightclub owner

9 Wizard's realm

10 in '45 TX Nimitz signed

11 TX Willie's father & sonster Gershwin

12 drug officer

13 TXism: "knee high to ___ hopper"

14 TXism: "don't ___ off half cocked"

15 TXism: "cautious tighter ___ a small dog with a big bone"

17 jazz great Jack who was born in Vernon

19 TX band: "___ the Wheel"

23 these are made at TX horse tracks

24 TX-born Moyers of PBS (init.)

25 Houston's last wife Margaret

26 TX pest: fire ___

27 TXism: "walking the straight & ___"

28 it's on top of a cowboy hat

29 TXism: "hot as ___ stove"

31 TX singer Stuckey

32 "Yes ___!"

33 TXism: "ace in ___ (reserve)"

34 TX things

39 TXism: "put a pencil to ___"

40 TXism: "___ buster" (farmer)

41 tear up by the roots

48 Robert ___ was stationed in TX when Civil War broke out

50 wigs

51 TXism: "couldn't ___ through a barbed wire fence"

56 TX eatery: Chili's ___ & Bar

57 TX Willie tune: "I Love the ___ Live"

Haunted House gets rave reviews

by Rodney Tidwell

If you did not get out and brave the weather this weekend you really missed a treat at the first annual Garza County Haunted Depot, Egg Toss, and Rat Throw. We had a great time even if it rained through the whole thing. Many people, young and old alike stood in line, in the rain and cold to go through the Haunted Depot. Even Tom Do-Little, (the door keeper, bad cut and all) was impressed with the patience of the patrons.

One young person tried to run over several people trying to get out. Even Rhonda Valdez, going in with several young kids (to protect them) tried to cut out and leave herself.

The Egg Toss was a success, if you want to call it that, the Sheriff was blasted by several people, Wayne McKim had one young boy spend \$10 just to throw eggs at him. (Wayne didn't even know this guy.) Larry Hair stepped in to help out and was

egged real bad until he finally had to leave.

Joe Barrera even got the chance to find out how much he was loved, he was blasted bad. When it was my turn everyone quit throwing eggs (what's up with that?). It really didn't bother me, other than Wayne, Kenny, Joe, and Larry were the only ones that were egged.

I even heard Michelle almost crying because she wanted to have eggs in her face. Oh well I know who will be the first two volunteered for the next time.

The Rat Throw didn't have much participation but a few braved the elements to get to throw the biggest, ugliest, and nastiest rat through the tire.

I want to thank all who worked so hard to pull this off: Wayne McKim, Michelle Wischkaemper, Jeff Redman, Jason Curtis, Gabriel Silva, Frankie Orona, Brant Guthrie, Justin Williams, Ervin Mason, Jason

Smith, Cain Abraham, Anita Abraham, Pixie Grisham, Alan Grisham, Jerrod Grisham, Linda Davis, Chris Hernandez, Jordon Nelson, Seth Redman, Patrick Gonzales, Wacy Moore, Mat Norman, Greg Williams, Erica Soto, Erica Castro, Sheriff Kenny Ratke, Larry Hair, Trushell Marts, Lisa Soto, Christy Soto and Joe Barrera.

Love is a great beautifier.
—Louisa May Alcott,
Little Women

Lunch Menus

Trail Blazer

Friday, Nov. 6, 1998
Baked chicken, roasted potatoes, carrots, tossed salad/French dressing, roll and frosted cake.

Monday, Nov. 9, 1998
Salisbury steak, navy beans, carrots and zucchini, tossed salad/French dressing, cornbread and pineapple cake.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1998
Carne guisada, potatoes o'brien, broccoli, tortilla or bread and peaches.

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1998
Chicken fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, wheat roll and gelatin.

Thursday, Nov. 12, 1998
Turkey, cornbread dressing, cranberry sauce, green beans, tossed salad, hot roll and apple cobbler.

Post ISD

Friday, Nov. 6, 1998
Breakfast: cereal, toast and jelly, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburger, h.b. salad, French fries, cookie and choice of milk.

Monday, Nov. 9, 1998
Breakfast: Pancake/sausage on a stick, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Nachos supreme, salad, fruit cocktail, peanut butter cake and choice of milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1998
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, sausage link, fruit, and milk.
Lunch: Corn dog, mixed veggies, French fries, ice cream cup and choice of milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1998

Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, orange juice and milk.
Lunch: Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, jello and choice of milk.

Thursday, Nov. 12, 1998
Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, ham, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, cherry cobbler and choice of milk.

Southland ISD

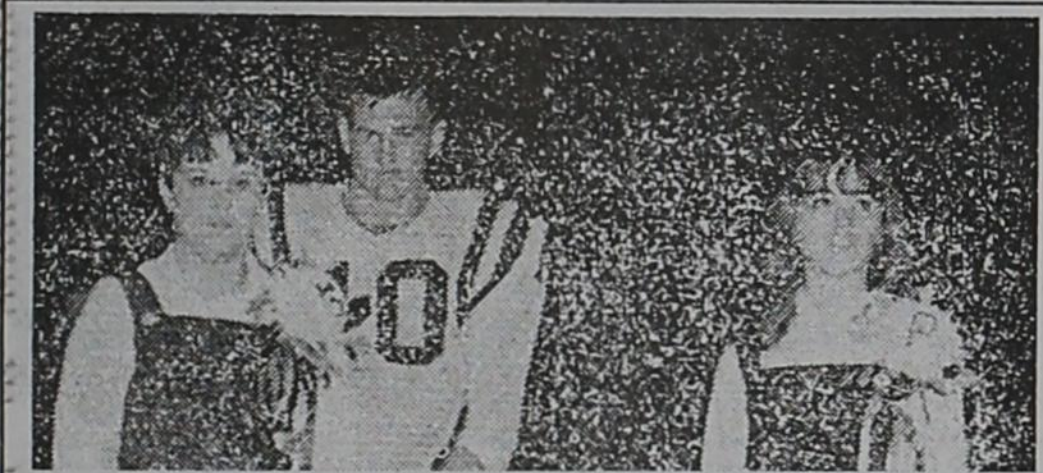
Friday, Nov. 6, 1998
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Manwich Sandwich, curly fries, pork n beans, Eagle cake and milk.

Monday, Nov. 9, 1998
Breakfast: Cream of wheat, toast, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, French fries, salad fixins, cherry cobbler and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1998
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, oatmeal cookies and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1998
Breakfast: Cheese toast, hashbrowns, juice and milk.
Lunch: Soft beef tacos, tossed salad, beans, brownies and milk.

Thursday, Nov. 12, 1998
Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup, sausage, juice and milk.
Lunch: Pig in a blanket, tator tots, pork n beans, jello and milk.



PEP SQUAD BEAU

Jerry Crenshaw, senior end on the Post Antelope football team, was "crowned" Pep Squad Beau at the homecoming game Friday night. Jerry was crowned by Sue Harrison (left), Pep Squad president. At the right is Pep Squad member Barbara Lucas.—(Staff Photo)

From The Post Dispatch, Oct. 31, 1968



MRS. DARREL RAY NORMAN
(Nancy Mosley)

Nancy Mosley, Darrel Ray Norman wed in double ring ceremony

From The Post Dispatch, Nov. 6, 1968



PHS STUDENT COUNCIL representatives (left to right) Dustin Ammons, Melinda Curry, Rosa Gonzales, Sarah Williams and Jacob Busto spearheaded a project to paint and spruce up the pump jack located on the parking lot just west of the gymnasium.

From The Post Dispatch, November 9, 1988

MAD DADS works with youth on problems

by Rodney Tidwell

To many in our community, young and old alike, MAD DADS has become a place to come with whatever problems they may have. We have been asked for help with many of the social problems that we are faced with here in Post, Texas. MAD DADS has become a haven — somewhere people know they have a friend who will be there for them, even if their problem has no immediate answer.

We are not only here for those who have problems, we are here for anyone that may just want to kill a little time. I have had many young people come in to talk, not that there was a problem or anything, just to talk, give suggestions, or just hang out for a little while. This organization has been beneficial to our town, it has pulled other organizations together, helped raise awareness of the drug and alcohol problem (which we still have, by the way) and has given the youth in our town a place to call their own.

It would be hard to list all the things that MAD DADS Inc. is involved in. We have many different people that are active in our organization. This gives us lots of different talents that we can use to help make a difference in someone's life. The young people are our main focus and we will not back down when it comes to helping out any way we can.

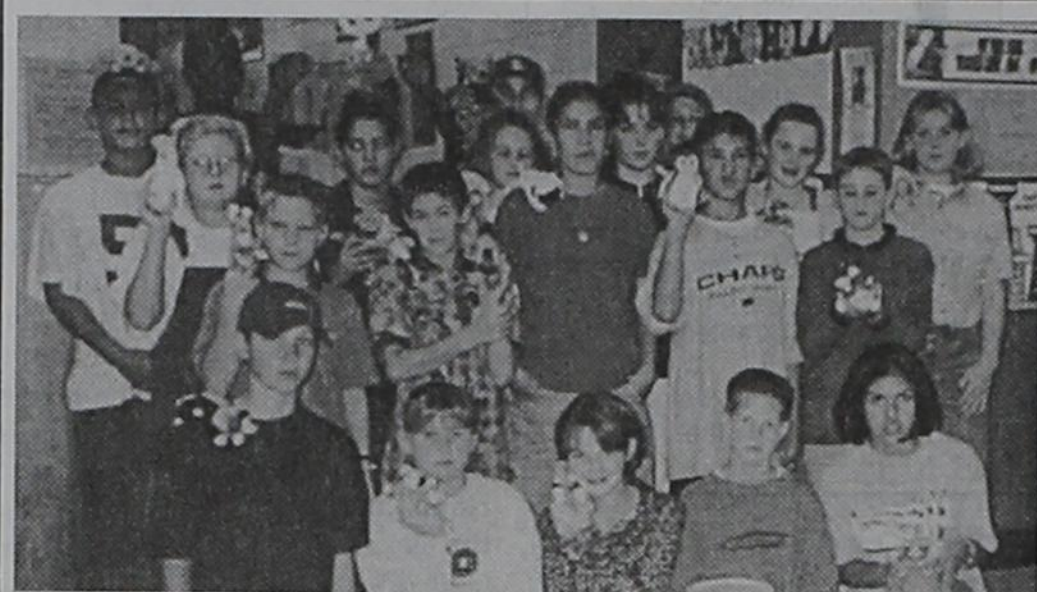
Several young people in Post have made bad choices and are now suffering the consequences of their actions. No one wants to see young people get into trouble. But it happens if they make the wrong choices. We often hear, "Kids are going to drink and do drugs. Why not just leave them alone? They will grow out of it." Well, what will we say at their funeral or 20 years later when they have not made anything of themselves because we said, "Let's just leave them alone?"

We have a responsibility here. We need to take it very seriously.

If you want to get involved, give us a call at 495-1244. You can make a difference in a young life right here in our town.



Steve Norman (left) and Aaron Cooper got the loudest round of applause at last Friday's PHS pep rally to win first place in the student halloween costume contest. Guess who they represented.



Sharing the fun in last week's Red Ribbon campaign at the Post Middle School are (back row, left to right) Bryan Looney, Jerrison Moore, Jordan Smith, Smiley Estrada, Ronnie Parrish, (second row from back) Amanda Morris, Lisa Soto, Xane Mason, Jessica Mason, Courtney Short, K'Leigh Babb, (second row from front) Michael Lambert, Trent McDonald, Mirna Gomez, Felix Valdez, Ryan Babb, (front row) Jordan Nelson, Kristin Morris, Jerica Tyler, Sean Kenny and Regina Collazo. (Photo by Dedra Adams)



S.T.A.R.S. co-presidents Nicole Gray and Noah Gutierrez display the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation. (Photo by Dedra Adams)



Best hat design during Post Middle School's "Put a lid on drugs" campaign went to (back row, left to right) Xane Mason, Kristine Morris, (front) Nicole Gray and Jessica Mason. (Photo by Dedra Adams)



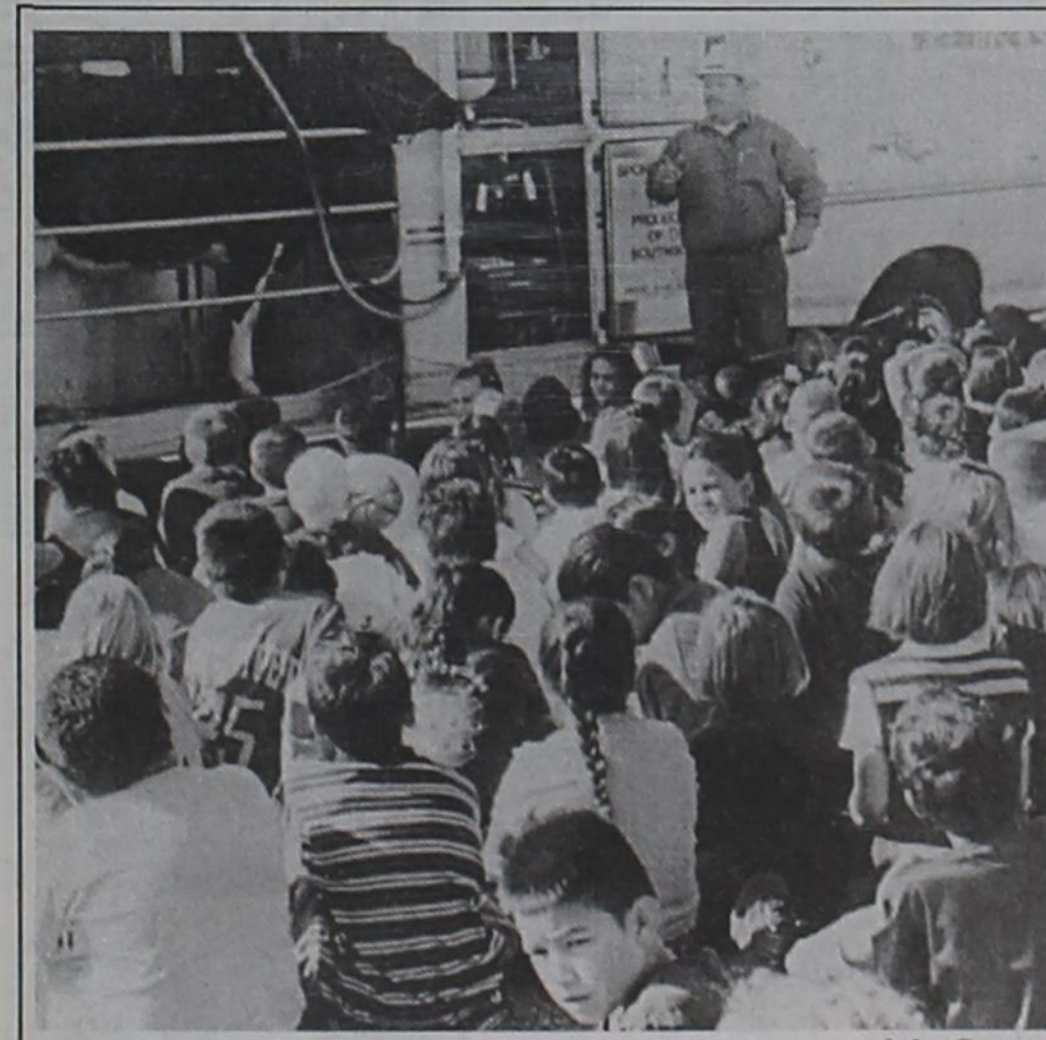
Mirna Gomez with the best dressed bear at Post Middle School's "Drugs are Unbearable" campaign. (Photo by Dedra Adams)



Dressed from out of the past at Post Middle School are (left to right) Chase Miller, Noah Gutierrez, Adam Nobles and Jerrison Moore. (Photo by Dedra Adams)



Post Middle School S.T.A.R.S. members tagged downtown Post last week with red ribbons during the Red Ribbon Week campaign. (Photo by Dedra Adams)



The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Garza County and the County 4-H and Youth Committee sponsored the mobile Dairy Classroom last week for Post and Southland elementary students. The dairy classroom is sponsored by Southwest Dairy Center and Museum in Sulphur Springs. Traveling with the classroom is Todd Griffin and "Annie," a Holstein dairy cow.



Kenny Ratke (back) and Adam Nobles demonstrate "how low can you get" in the limbo contest. (Photo by Dedra Adams)



Jerrison Moore (left) and Post Middle School principal Marita Jackson "push drugs back in time" during last week's Red Ribbon observation. (Photo by Dedra Adams)

S.T.A.R.S. Red Ribbon Contest Winners

Post Middle School's STARS organization, in conjunction with its recent Red Ribbon Week anti-drug celebration, conducted several contests open to students. Winners of each of the contests were awarded Beanie Babies as prizes.

Winners in each contest, as provided by the STARS organization's sponsor, were as follows:

- Poster Contest — Smiley Estrada, first place; Felix Valdez and Lance Curtis, second place; and Ronnie Parrish and Jordan Nelson, third place.
- Best Costume at the Dance — Courtney Short.
- Hat Contest — Amanda Morris, sixth grade; Kristen Morris, seventh grade; and Jessica Mason, eighth grade winner.
- Wild Socks Day — Trent McDonald, sixth grade; Lisa Soto, seventh grade; and K'Leigh Babb, eighth grade winner.
- '50s, '60s and '70s Wear — Xane Mason, sixth grade winner; Jay Cooper, seventh grade winner; and Jerrison Moore, eighth grade.
- Spirit Day — Ryan Babb, sixth grade; Bryan Looney, eighth grade (no seventh grade winner listed).
- Best Dressed Bear Contest — Michael Lambert, sixth grade; Langley Cough, seventh grade; and Mirna Gomez, eighth grade.
- Legs Congest — Jessica Amson and Regina Collazo.
- STARS selling the most lollipops — Will Todd and Jerica Tyler.
- Blow Away Drugs Contest — Sean Kenny.

Elementary students "cream" teachers in math contest

Several Post Elementary School fourth grade students had the opportunity to "cream" their teacher with a pie in the face Friday.

The students earned the privilege by defeating their teachers' times on a math fact practice sheet. The students had to accurately answer 98 percent of 100 multiplication facts in less than one minute and 18 seconds.

Students earning the right to "cream" Mrs. Marts were Kylie Easterling, Wilson Cash, Wes Mason and a former student, Jordan Nelson. Allison Blevins, Abby Ayala and LaRissa Halford earned the right to toss a pie in the face of Mrs. Howell. Mrs. Lott's pie-throwers were Steffi Norman and Laura Pederson.



"Pushing drugs back in time" at Post Middle School last week were staff members Debbie Palmer (left) and Sue Cash. (Photo by Dedra Adams)



Helping youth help themselves
by Rodney Tidwell

A giant garage sale and bake sale is scheduled for the weekend of Nov. 14 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the 4-H barn just north of the city on U.S. 84.

Anyone with items they would like to donate should call MAD DADS and someone will come out and pick the items up. MAD DADS also has donation slips to show that donations were given to the organization.

MAD DADS is currently involved in several activities in its ongoing efforts to support the youth of the community.

We just concluded the Post Flag Football League Superbowl III, conducted last month, which was a great success.

If you did not get out to see the games you really missed a treat. The first game between the Packers and the Roughriders was a hard fought game. It even went into two overtimes before the Roughriders finally won.

The Senior League Broncos and Wolfpack played the longest game of the season.... This game went into six, seven or eight overtimes. It is still a blur. The Broncos finally won this game with a long run around the right side.

All four teams played the best games they have all year. Great job.

Following the games, all league players received trophies and recognition on the field. All coaches and sponsors were recognized.

A total of 139 youths in grades 1-6 participated this year.

It was a great year and we are looking forward to next year.

I would like to take this time to thank all the coaches and parents that made our third annual Post Flag Football season possible. Without naming you all, you know that you are the reason this season was possible.

You have made a positive difference in the lives of many children in our town. I want to quote John Foster in saying, "You make a living by what you get but you make a life by what you give." You have given a great deal of time and energy, and I thank you."

Also, a special note of thanks to **Made to Order** for the T-shirts and trophies.

Special thanks to the following for helping us with the flag football season and superbowl:

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And to our team sponsors: Higginbotham-Bartlett, Handy Oilfield Supply, Holly's Drive-In, Norwest Bank, Citizen's Bank, Post Auto, B3D and Brady's Package Store.