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First prisoners arrive at new pris

by Wes Burnett

The first set of prisoners for the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility arrived in Post Tuesday morning, as Warden Terry Bartlett had told the Garza County Commissioners Court Monday afternoon at the regular meeting.

The prisoners, all from foreign countries, arrived here from Big Spring and are serving sentences on various federal convictions. When their time has been served, they will be deported to their countries of origin, mostly from Central and South America.

Warden Bartlett also informed the court that more prisoners will be arriving later in the week from Oklahoma City, then in the following weeks a regular schedule will be maintained until the prison

is full.

Training is continuing at the site, as well as additional construction to meet federal standards. "We're ready to go," Bartlett said.

Bartlett also presented a plaque with the first official Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility officer's badge.

In other action, the court began the process toward renovations at the courthouse by appointing the firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to provide services related to restoration of the building.

Oller Engineering was selected for work at the airport as part of the state and federal grants for improvements.

Three delinquent tax cases were removed from the tax rolls as a result of clarification of ownership and values. Tax assessor Jeanette Hodges presented information to the court about the three cases, showing that a mobile home was not in the county and that another piece of property had the incorrect owner, and mineral values on an producing well had been miscalculated.

No action was taken on bids received for a new dump truck. Shamrock Chevrolet submitted the apparent low bid at \$36,643, while Smith Ford proposed \$39,919.75. Commissioners are expected to

make a decision at the November 8 meeting.

Two Garza County people were granted public assistance, with one applicant being rejected due to exceeding financial guidelines for needy. One grant was for \$165 and the other \$150, to assist with rent and utilities.

An agreement with the South Plains Association of Governments was renewed for 911 services.

Judge Giles W. Dalby presented Bob Macy with a desk set in appreciation for his leadership and work with the Garza County Public Facilities Board. Dalby praised Macy's diligence during the past three years of development of the new prison.

Commissioners approved a request from the Victim's Assistance Program to participate in a grant application from the Criminal Justice Department. Michelle Wischkaemper explained the grant and county participation. A resolution is to be considered at the November 8 meeting.

Dalby announced that county officials from Upton County will visit Post to study the possibilities of duplicating the prison project in their county.

Post Notes

'Haunted House' October 30

A "Haunted House" will be open Saturday, October 30 beginning at 7 p.m. at the old Santa Fe Depot building. The event is sponsored by the Garza County Probation Dept. and MAD DADS Inc. Admission is \$2 per person.

Hot check seminar October 28

The Garza County Attorney's Office, Constable and Justice of the Peace are sponsoring a "Hot Check" seminar on Thursday, October 28 at the Post Community Center, beginning at 6 p.m. All merchants are urged to attend this important meeting, which is designed to assist law enforcement and merchants in coordinating control and collection of "hot checks."

Ladies' Division garage sale Nov. 6

The Ladies' Division, Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau, will hold a garage sale Saturday, November 6 starting at 7 a.m. in the Community Center youth room. Call JoAnn Stelzer at 495-3393 to donate items for the sale. Proceeds will go toward the scholarship fund.

Lighted Christmas parade entries

The Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau is accepting entries for this year's lighted Christmas parade, which is set for Saturday, December 4 at 6 p.m. A total of \$1,000 in prize money will be awarded to winning entries. Call 495-3461 or contact the bureau for entry forms.

Borden County haverst festival

The annual Borden County Harvest Festival will be held Saturday, October 30 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the show barn.

Bold Gold Week Nov. 1-5

The Post Antelope Booster Club has announced that Bold Gold Week will be observed November 1-5 and is requesting all businesses and employees wear school colors during the week and display the Antelope flags every day.

Dance Club slates Saturday event

The Town & Country Dance Club in Slaton is taking applications for membership for the 2000. The dance club features live country music, copulse only and non-smoking environment. The next dance is October 30, 8 p.m. to midnight with Larry Johnson. Call 495-2198 or 495-3021 for more information.

Church sets Halloween carnival Sat.

Holy Cross Catholic Church will host a Halloween Carnival at the church Saturday, from 6 to 10 p.m. Food, drinks and haunted house will be featured with a Halloween homemade costume contest.

Benefit set for Yadira Diaz Ruiz

A benefit to help with medical expenses will be held at the Holy Cross Catholic Church, serving plates of gorditas, rice, beans, salad and tea for \$5 each. A garage sale is also scheduled.

Methodist youth offer "Slave Sale"

The First United Methodist Church youth are conducting a "Slave Sale" Saturday, October 30. The youth are available for odd jobs. Call the church office at 495-2942, Randy McCallister at 495-2371 or Jona Jones at 495-3482 to reserve your "slave." All proceeds go toward the annual youth ski trip during spring break.

'Spookhouse' and free candy

The Post Subway store will offer a "Spookhouse" and give candy to children Saturday before Halloween.

PHS combined reunion in 2000

The summer of 2000 will be the next combined Post High School reunion, and now is the time to begin planning this major event. About 300 PHS grads, representing classes from 1926 to 1996, attended the first such reunion in 1997, and PHS Reunion 2000 can be even bigger and better. An important planning meeting will be held Tuesday, November 9 at 7 p.m. at Citizens Bank community room. All PHS grads interested in helping are urged to attend.

Bonfire Thursday for pep rally

The Post High School cheerleaders are inviting all Post Antelope fans to a special bonfire and pep rally Thursday evening following the middle school football games. The event will be at the practice field just south of the field house. Fans are encouraged to wear the Black and Gold and express their support for the football team as it prepares to challenge Stanton Friday night.

NRCS office hours changing

Office hours for the Garza County Natural Resources Conservation Service will be from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For immediate attention, call 998-4507, extension 3.

Volunteers needed to teach reading

Anyone interested in being a volunteer in assisting a child or an adult in learning to read, please contact Patricia Boone of MHMR at 495-2813 or Jayta Cravy of Victims' Assistance at 495-2479.

Back to Basics Revival Nov. 8-12

Lighthouse Christian Center Church of God and pastor Les Rutherford present: Back to the Basics Revival with Rev. Aubry Irons. From November 8th thru November 12th at 7:00 pm nightly. Services will be held at 314 N. Ave. I, Post. Everyone is welcome. Bring your faith and let God supply the rest.

Top notch stock traders

by Wes Burnett

A group of Post Elementary School fourth graders made international news this week, as they found out Monday (10/25/99) that they were first out of 4,150 other school groups competing in the CNBC sponsored "Student Stock Tournament."

Led by their teacher Pam Gorman, participating students were listed in eighth place as of Tuesday (10/26/99). The program includes competitors in elementary, secondary or high schools in the U.S. or Canada.

"Post Pacesetters" have made a big mark with their tournament stock market transactions.

The CNBC announcements are made daily after the close of the stock markets. The program is designed to be a "fair, representative contest for students' ability to earn money with a portfolio of stocks trading on the U.S. stock exchanges," the entry form explains.

Awards are presented to weekly, quarterly and semester winners in the contest.

"We are particularly proud of these young people," Mrs. Gorman said, "they are learning lots of important skills, and having fun too!"

Haunted House Saturday at Santa Fe Depot

The Second Annual Garza County Probation Department/MADDADS Halloween Haunted House will be held this Saturday evening at the Old Post Train Depot.

Tours will begin at 7 p.m. and admission will be \$2.00 per person. The Haunted House has had some spooky and scary new additions this year and has been expanded in size, so we caution those weak of heart to be very careful, because you never know what might be lurking around the next corner.

Ooops

by Wes Burnett

It's a bit late, but I hope that our readers, the Garza County Hospital District board of directors and hospital administrator Gina Norman will accept my sincere apology for the error about the administrator's salary in the October 14 edition of The Post Dispatch.

Embarrassed is not quite strong enough to describe my chagrin at the error in the story I wrote.

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Getting national and international attention with their stock market skills, Post Elementary students Virginia Esparza (left to right), Claire Kirkpatrick, Sandra Ortiz, Natasha Scroggins, Gabby Paiz, Allison Blevins, Wilson Cash, Adrian Nava, D.J. Rivera and Zackary Perez are joined by volunteer Lisa Kirkpatrick and teacher Pam Gorman.



Caprock Cultural Association volunteers making last Saturday evening's "Bon Voyage" party a big success were (left to right) Jan Acker, Jennifer Fumigalli, Cathy Whitten, JoAnn Mock, Linda Pucket and Sheri Reidel. The event was staged to support renovation of the Algeria building.



All geared up for the final weekend of "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" are Garza Theatre cast members (back row, left to right) Greg Nelsen, Ric Wells, Rick Fay, Clint Hall, Steve Berry, (front) Tim McIntire, Bfett Aicken, Cordell Green, Jake Haning and Chris Bohannon. Tickets may be reserved by calling 495-4005.

Women's Division Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau reports activities

by Louella Bilberry
The Women's Division met Wednesday, Oct. 20, in regular session with 23 members in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

President JoAnn Stelzer thanked all the members who worked our table at the Founders Day sidewalk sale celebration. She reported we made \$277.50 on the sales of our cookbooks and candles. Our thanks, again, to Sue Trammel for furnishing the candles. It really was a day of celebration — lots of meeting and greeting of old and new friends. (We hope you noticed how spiffy we looked in our new matching shirts.)

Glady Blair announced our Senior Mrs. Texas, Marie Neff, would be in the Texas Tech Homecoming parade.

Some of our members reported on the impressive tour of the new prison. Mr. Bartlett even arranged for a later tour for the ladies who missed the first one because of working downtown.

Our next project will be a garage sale Saturday, Nov. 6, in the youth room at the Community Center. Come check it out. Two of our cookbooks have been slightly damaged and these will be sold for \$5.50 each — that's a real bargain!

Our program for the day was in financial planning, presented by a very personable young man, Christopher Johnson of Morgan, Stanley, Dean Whittier of Lubbock. I was impressed by the investment savvy of our ladies. They knew the ins and outs, the advantages and the disadvantages of Roth's, IRAs, CDs and stock investments. He reminded us that Social Security will not be enough! Plan ahead so that your golden years will be golden!

John Dennis remembered

Editor's Note: The obituary for Mr Dennis was published October 21, the following is additional information about his life here.

John Webb Dennis passed on at the ranch Tuesday Morning October 19, 1999. He was born in Farmers Branch, Texas on March 9, 1917. His parents were J.S. and Lela May Dennis.

As a youngster, the Dennis Family made their move to San Angelo, Texas where John attended and graduated from San Angelo High School and San Angelo Junior College receiving numerous honors in basketball, track, and baseball.

Love of ranching and being a #1 Goat Roper came early in life as John worked with sheep and goats on his relative's ranches. (The Mims and Demere families). This early experience led eventually to John's ranching career and original

Ramages honored with baby shower

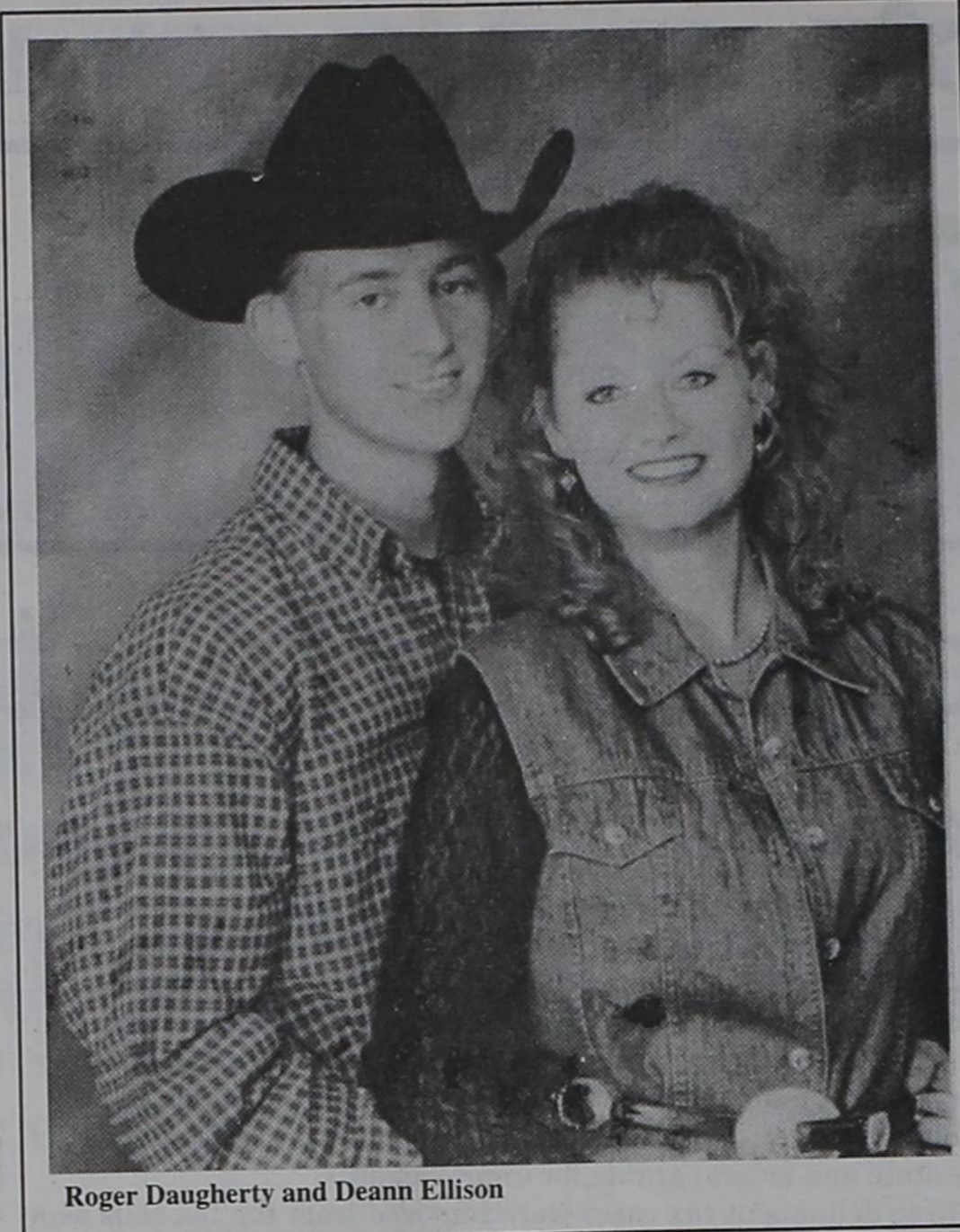
Family and friends gathered in the home of Robert and Patsy Craig on Sunday "afternoon," Oct. 24, to celebrate the impending birth of Emily Ann Ramage and to honor her parents, Kevin and Shelly Ramage.

Special guest for the afternoon was Shelly's mother, Sharla Wells.

Upon Shelly's arrival, hostesses presented her with a Three In One Pac 'n Play.

The serving table was decorated with the pastel chenille quilt that the baby's mother and grandmother made for the nursery. Nostalgic dolls from Shelly's childhood adorned the table, along with a floral centerpiece of mixed pink and white flowers. Refreshments of wassail and cookies were served.

Hostesses included Linda Lewis, Patsy Craig, Joy Pool, Suzanne Hudman, Joleta Edinburgh, Betty Breithaupt, Cindy Mitchell and Kay Hays.



Roger Daugherty and Deann Ellison

Ellison, Daugherty announce engagement

Brooks and Belinda Ellison have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christy Deann Ellison, to Roger Shane Daugherty of Post, son of Ila Workman of Lubbock and Steve and Linda Daugherty of Fluvana.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Wade and Jan Collier and Frankie Ellison of Crosbyton and the great-granddaughter of Clara Hollis Basham of Owensboro, Kentucky.

She is a 1994 graduate of Crosbyton High School and a 1996 graduate of Vogue College of Cosmetology. She is presently employed as a hair stylist with Shear Talent in Lubbock. Her fiancé is the grandson of Syble Workman of Post and Margaret Bley of Del Rio.

He is a 1995 Post High School graduate and is presently employed by Redman Redi-Mix of Post. The wedding ceremony is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Christ in Crosbyton.

Terry Ellison, the bride's uncle, and Paul D. Jones of Post will conduct the ceremony. All friends of the families are invited to attend.



Popular radio Lubbock personalities from "Z102" (back row, left to right) Jay Shannon, Chris Kelly and Dina Morales join First United Methodist Church volunteer Pixie Grisham and church youth (front row) Josh Payne, Jerrad Grisham, Ashley Scroggins, Mariah Couch, Kayla Morris, Kyle Gunn, Mark McCallister and Langly Couch in a "Make A Wish" donation by the youth and the church. The young people raised \$441.98 during a recent car wash, and church members contributed another \$270 for the \$711.98 donation. Radio station Z102 provided the group with various CDs, t-shirts and Z102 bumper stickers, which were given away at the car wash.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

I start out on a sad note this week. For those of you who remember her, Brenda Mason, wife of G.T. Mason and daughter of Fannie Richards, passed away this morning. She has fought a long battle and remembering Brenda as I do, I know she did it bravely.



She and G.T. both were in my graduating class and both were loved by everyone. I want G.T., Fannie and Brenda's kids to know that they are in our thoughts and prayers. What an angel God got this time.

A Memorial fund for Brenda has been established at Citizen's Bank.

Spook House

Everyone remember that Mad Dad's and the Probation Office are once again sponsoring the "Spook House" for all of the kids in town.

These folks (Rodney and Michelle and all the kids) work very hard to pull this off so please take you kids out and let them have a good time. It will be held in the old Depot, at 7 pm Saturday night. Go have fun!

Old Friend Back Home

I have failed to mention to everyone that Cleo Sappington is back home where she belongs, now at 701 Caprock Dr., and I am so happy to know that.

She is in a great neighborhood where a big bunch of sweet folks all look out for each other. Welcome home Cleo, you stay put!!

Tailgate "2"

Our Antelope Booster Club is holding another Tailgate party this Friday before the Stanton game, once again with their great tasting sausage wrap and drink for \$2.50.

Everyone go out and support the Lopes and our Booster Club. They need us!!!

More Booster News

Also, November 1-5, the Booster Club is sponsoring a School Colors Week, asking all business folks, (employers and employees) to wear the good ole Black and Gold and also to fly your flags.

Let's all let the Lopes know that we are behind them 100%.

Birthdays this Week

Thursday, October 28; Kim Burnett Dolberry, Heather Palmer, Jay Cooper, David Conoly and Debbie Line; Anniversaries; Lupe and Adelina Quintana and Cecil and Estella Martinez; Friday, October 29; Chris Belongia and Virgil Bilbo; Saturday, October 30; Luke Williams; Anniversary; Ricky and Judy Bush; Sunday, October 31; Donald Crenshaw, Cathy Bland and Sharon Skonetski.

Monday, November 1; Mark Short and Michael Tackitt; Anniversaries; Daniel and Ami Garcia and Jim and Susan Fumagalli; Tuesday, November 2; Carlton Jolly, R.H. Whitten, Lori Jones and Victoria Hampton; Anniversary; Daniel and Maria Gonzales; Wednesday, November 3; Johnnie Melton, Ricky Bush, Danny Nelson and Rebecca Horton.

Old Mill Trade Days

Everyone remember Old Mill Trade Days comes around this weekend as well as "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" at the Garza Theatre.

That's lots of entertainment for all of you. Get out "Postite's" and enjoy the good times our town has to offer!

Till Next Week

Hope everyone has a great weekend. You know what is scary? I received the menus from the school today, it has the Thanksgiving holidays on there!!!!!! Guess what comes next??? May God bless each of you.

Our "little bundle of Joy" is still our "little bundle of Joy" ... 'cept now she's got four of those little bundles of Joy of her own!



Happy Birthday, Kimberly

We love you dearly!
Mom and Dad, Tim, James and Gail

We've been to market and have lots of new items!

- New Ladies' Purses • New Texas made candles
- New Judy Boisson Rugs (as seen in Cowboys & Indians) • New Power Beads, Sterling Jewelry & Watches • New Picture Frames (Lots of Pastels)
- New Children's Books • New Firestarters
- New Millenium Crosses

COMING SOON: Willowbrook Potpourri, Room Spray and Candles

Baby Gifts and Keepsake Dolls, Novelty Sweaters, Novelty Trouser Socks, Wooded River Coats and Jackets, and NEW Ladies' Gift Items. Also NEW & DIFFERENT cookbooks, aprons, napkins, kitchen gifts of all kinds and customized gift baskets.

Selections for Shelly Ramage



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1949 and 1950 class reunion held October 9

The reunions of the 1949 and 1950 Post High School classes were held Saturday, October 9, at Garza Hotel Bed and Breakfast. Visitation was held from 2:00 pm until 6:30 pm with dinner following. Robert Craig offered the prayer and a business meeting was held after dinner. The '49 and '50 classes decided to have another reunion in two years in Post. Special guests were Bing and Jean Bingham of Lubbock, N.R. (Jiggs) King and Beulah White of Post. Other guests attending were Iris (Floyd) Truelock, Jody and Marilyn (Curry) Mason, Roberta (Boswell) Miller all of Post, Joe and Mildred (Boren) Sentell of Snyder and Glada Baker of Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Class of '49 observe their 50th class reunion

Out of town class members attending were: Don and Carolyn (Boren) Adams, Evergreen, Colo.; J.G. Cash, Austin; Fred and Georgia Davidson, Gruver; Royce and Minnie Jo (Dye) Mears, Winters; Barry Ford, Amarillo; Mack McCullough, Springtown; Shirley (Schmidt) Jackson, Stephenville; Bobby Dean Wood, Lubbock; E.O. and Barbara Young, Jr., Ft. Worth; Jimmy and Kay Puckett, Snyder; Wylie and Betty (Smith) Melton, Lubbock; Covey and Francis (Benson) Covington, Big Fork, Mont.; Margie (Freeman) Stribling, Midland and Am (Floyd) Mauer, Waco. Post members attending: Neal and Lanelle (Brown) Clary; Carol Jean (Long) Light; Kay and Patty Kirkpatrick; Troy and Joyce (Lofton) Nelson; Doris (Mason) Lester; A.J. and Judy McAlister; Janet (Stewart) Hall and Billie (Longshore) Cross. Gifts of Black and Gold medallions were presented by Billie (Longshore) Cross to Frances (Benson) Covington for traveling the longest distance from Montana to attend; to A.J. McAlister for changing the least; to Minnie Jo (Dye) Mears of Winters, for changing the most; to Betty Jo (Smith) Melton, of Lubbock, for being married the longest; to Kay Kirkpatrick for the most grandchildren and to Mack McCullough of Springtown for being the oldest in class.

We sincerely thank the following merchants for donating the door prizes which were drawn for and given out by Lanelle (Brown) Clary and Janet (Stewart) Hall of Post. Hudman Furniture, Norwest Bank, Bob Collier Drug, The Frame Shoppe, La Posta, Twins Fashions, Happiness Is, Family Dollar, Close City Gin and the O.S. Ranch Shop, Jenny Smith, Kim and Megan Mills and Melissa Johnson.

A very special thanks to Ruby Kirkpatrick and N.R. (Jiggs) King for their generous donation to the class of 1949 reunion fund. Also a very special thank you to Jim and Janice Plummer at the Garza Hotel Bed and Breakfast for the delicious dinner served.

Class of 1950 observe their 49th reunion

Out of town members were: Bob and Daisy (Holly) Martin, Norman, Okla.; Joy (Stewart) Huffaker, Denver City; Peggy (Wilson) Dobbins, Waco; Bill and JoAnne Sullivan, Basonville, Mo.; Donald Carpenter, Springtown; Bobby and Sue Pennington, Tucson, Ariz.; Jeanneane (Kiker) Brown, Carlsbad, N.M.; Sue Bell (Brister) Propst, Smyer; Betty (Mills) Hoover, L.A. Calif.; Janie (Shepherd) Smith, Flagstaff, Ariz.; James and Thelma Barnes, San Antonio; Charles and Mary Rose Bowen, Loraine; Maurice and Annie Mae Stelzer, Hobbs, N.M. and Jill (Welch) Ramsey, Plainview. Post members attending were: Bonnie (Gary) Duren; Bennie and Geraldine Wilks; Francis (Byron) Conrad; Robert and Patsy Craig and Wayne Thomas. Gifts of Black and Gold medallions were presented by Robert Craig to Bill Sullivan of Boonville, Mo. for traveling the longest distance and also to Betty (Mills) Hoover from Los Angeles, California. Also to James Barnes of San Antonio, for the most grandchildren.

Several door prizes were drawn for. 25 guests attended an early Saturday morning breakfast hosted by Robert and Patsy Craig with Tom Hurley of Post doing the honors of cooking.



PHS Class of 1949 members at the recent class reunion in Post are (back row, left to right) Janet (Stewart) Hall, Shirley (Schmidt) Jackson, Billie (Longshore) Cross, Lanelle (Brown) Clary, Carol Jean (Long) Light, Joyce (Lofton) Nelson, Minnie Jo (Dye) Mears, Betty Jo (Smith) Melton, (front row) Am (Floyd) Mauer, Carolyn (Boren) Adams, Frances (Benson) Covington, Doris (Mason) Lester and Marjorie (Freeman) Stribling.



PHS Class of 1949 members at the recent class reunion in Post are (left to right) Fred Davidson, Jimmy Puckett, A.J. McAlister, Bobby Dean Wood, Mack McCullough, Barry Ford, E.O. Young and J.G. Cash. Not available for photo was K.W. Kirkpatrick.



PHS Class of 1950 members at the recent reunion here are (back row, left to right) Bennie Wilks, James Barnes, Bill Sullivan, Charles Bowen, Robert Craig, Maurice Stelzer, (middle row) Janie (Shepherd) Smith, Sue Bell (Brister) Propst, Wayne Thomas, Frances (Bryan) Conrad, Jill (Welch) Ramsey, Joy (Stewart) Huffaker, Donald Carpenter, (front row) Daisy (Holly) Martin, Jeanneane (Kiker) Brown, Betty (Mills) Hoover and Bonnie (Gary) Duren. Not available for photo were Bobby Pennington and Peggy (Wilson) Dobbins.

CSST changes name to ERT

The C.S.S.T. will initiate a name change beginning Nov. 1. The team will be known as Garza Co. Emergency Response Team. It has been a good week not much going on weather wise just a little cooler and a little rain. We hope almost everyone is ready for winter and well prepared. If anyone has missed any of our winter weather tips please contact Arnold Fry. We have all the past articles stored and would be glad to print a copy for you. Dwayne Morris and Arnold Fry will attend an orientation class on Amateur (Ham) Radio for Emergency Service Support Nov. 4 in Lubbock. Emergency Communications is very important in managing any disaster when normal means of communications is lost due to electrical power failure.

Winter Weather Tips:
Avoid overexertion.
Cold weather puts an added strain on the heart. Unaccustomed exercise such as shoveling snow or pushing a car can bring on a heart attack or make other medical conditions worse. Be aware of symptoms of dehydration.

Frostbite and Hypothermia
Frostbite is a severe reaction to cold exposure that can permanently damage its victims. A loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in fingers, toes, or nose and ear lobes are symptoms of frostbite.

Hypothermia is a condition brought on when the body temperature drops to less than 90 degrees Fahrenheit. Symptoms of hypothermia include uncontrollable shivering, slow speech, memory lapses, frequent stumbling, drowsiness, and exhaustion.

If frostbite or hypothermia is suspected, begin warming the person slowly and seek immediate medical assistance. Warm the person's trunk first. Use your own body heat to help. Arms and legs should be warmed last because stimulation of the limbs can drive cold blood toward the heart and lead to heart failure.

Put person in dry clothing and wrap their entire body in a blanket. Never give a frostbite or hypothermia victim something with caffeine in it (like coffee or tea) or alcohol. Caffeine, a stimulant, can cause the heart to beat faster and hasten the effects the cold has on the body. Alcohol, a depressant, can slow the heart and also hasten the ill effects of cold body temperatures. **Till next week: Always Think Safety**

'Rocky Horror' showing set at midnight Sat.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show will return to the University Center Ballroom, Texas Tech University, Oct. 30 at midnight.

In the oddest, most off-the-wall cult film ever made, a young uptight couple in search of a phone stumbles into a castle inhabited by aliens lounging in lingerie from the planet Transylvania. As the evening progresses, the couple loses their earthly inhibitions while the aliens conspire to rule the planet and build the perfect race.

The film's all-star cast includes the talents of Tim Curry, Susan Sarandon, Barry Bostwick and Meat Loaf. A live-action cast courtesy of Legion West Role Playing and War Gaming Consortium brings the action right to your seat. Audience-participation kits will be available at the door to help get everyone involved in the action. Audience members are invited to dress in costume or as their favorite Rocky Horror character.

Tickets are available now at a cost of \$4 per Texas Tech student and \$6 for the general public. Kits will be sold at the door at a cost of \$2. For more information, contact the University Center Activities Ticket Booth at 742-3610.

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Home for the Holidays

The third annual Home for the Holidays program will be held November 8, at the First United Methodist Church, Post. This program is part of a multi-county program series offered by County Extension Agents from Garza, Borden, Lynn, Mitchell and Scurry Counties.

The series will be offered in all of the five counties on different dates throughout the month of November. Home for the Holidays is a fun and relaxed holiday program presented for the community. The evening will be filled with great ideas for the coming holiday season. Table settings, decorations, delicious recipes, holiday crafts, and so much more. There should be something for everyone. Penny Mason, owner of the Bee Hive, will be part of this holiday program. She will be giving us some wonderful tips on preparing for floral gifts.

A recipe book is again being compiled from the five County Extension Agents. The book will be filled with old family recipes as well as some new and interesting varieties. The recipe book will provide a selection of recipes for beverages, appetizers, breads, brunch items, main dishes, soups, side dishes, desserts/sweets, and miscellaneous recipes. Many of the recipes are great for those that are watching their weight or have diet guidelines to follow. We are excited about the recipes this year and hope that everyone enjoys the recipe book. For those that are looking for a little something extra to fill a stocking or give as a unique gift, the recipe book is an excellent idea!!

A craft section is being included again this year in the book. A variety of youth and adult crafts and decorating ideas will be in the book. We are sure that everyone will find the craft ideas to be useful and easy to create for this holiday.

Mark your calendars for the Home for the Holidays program to be presented on November 8, beginning at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 216 W. 10th. Please call and reserve your seat by November 5th at the Extension Office, 495-4400. Registration will be \$5 and payable at the door. You won't want to miss the great door prizes being given!

We look forward to visiting with friends and having a fun time. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to call. *Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, sex, color, religion, disability or national origin.*



Knowles elected president

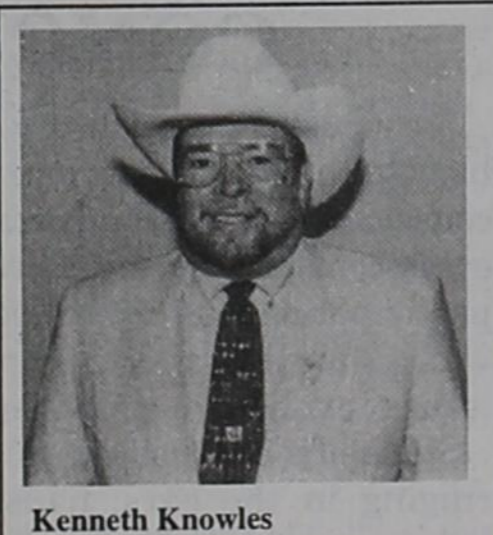
Veteran bondsman Kenneth Knowles, owner of Central Bail Bonds at 101 W. Main in Post, was elected president of the Professional Bondsmen of Texas during the state convention held Oct. 16 at the Radisson Hotel, South Padre Island.

As president of the state association, Knowles' main objective is to get an educational requirement passed by the state legislation in an effort to increase the credibility of bail bondsmen.

Knowles has been a member of the state association since 1978 and has served on several of the association's boards. He also is a founding member of the Professional Bondsmen of the United States, as well as the Wichita Falls Bail Bond Board. He serves as president of the Wichita Falls local association of bondsmen.

Knowles holds a Certified Bail Agent Degree, which is the highest education recognition in the state.

Central Bail Bond is the largest bail bond company in Texas, with 25 offices and 30 agents.



Kenneth Knowles

Highway revenue keeps growing

by Wes Burnett
September's take from travellers in Garza County netted \$33,162.25 as reported by the two Garza County justices of the peace courts. The September total brings the year-to-date proceeds from traffic violators to \$202,610.75.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 collected \$16,772.50 from 101 revenue victims, while Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 took in \$16,389.75 from 77 violators of the traffic code.

Most, if not all of these victims of highway theft, have no idea that they are part of a gigantic legislative scheme, which considers all who travel to be doing so within certain boundaries of an incorporated area, therefore the "subjects" are required to follow the corporation's rules.

Although most Texans think of themselves as free to move about as they wish, they discover their true status as a corporate "citizen" once they become victimized by the

corporation's policy enforcers.

The Texas transportation code is nothing more than a corporate policy, and since the State of Texas is a corporate subdivision of the incorporated U.S., then all who live or travel inside those boundaries are considered corporate subjects, bound to obey corporate policies.

One of those policies is the registration of privately owned modes of travel, such as cars and trucks. Once an individual voluntarily signs over ownership to the corporation (state), the driver or owner automatically agrees to abide by the rules of the real owner of the car or truck.

Notice that when you register your car or truck, you get a "certificate of title," not an actual title or manufacturer's certificate of origin. The real title is held by the real owner, in a vault somewhere in Austin.

Because of the extortionate

expense of defending the right of travel in the corporation's court system, most Texans meekly submit to the extortion and voluntarily gave up their right of travel by declaring themselves "motor vehicle" operators, through applications for certificates of title as well as "motor vehicle" licenses.

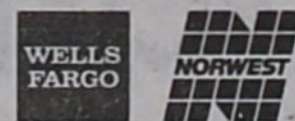
Although the Texas transportation code technically applies only to those people involved in commercial use of the highways, it is obvious that the vast majority of June's "criminals" tagged in highway traffic fines were paid by "volunteers." Very few, if any, of those victims realize that the cars and trucks they drive are not included in the regulations related to the transportation code, unless the original owner voluntarily submitted to the corporation policy.

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Obituaries

Sydney Green Bell

Services for Sydney Green Bell, 49, of Garland were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, 1999, at the First United Methodist Church in Spur with the Rev. Larry Burton officiating. Burial followed in the Dickens Cemetery under the direction of the Campbell Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Oct. 18, at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. Born Dec. 3, 1949, in Southland, she attended elementary school in Guthrie and later attended junior high school and high school in Spur, where she graduated in 1968. She attended McMurry College. She was employed by Texas Dental Art Lab, Garland, where she was a dental lab technician. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include one daughter, Seneca Bell of Garland; two sons, Robert Bell and Thomas Bell, both of Garland; one sister, Bobbie Rider of Denton; one brother, Roger Green of Lubbock; and her parents, R.C. and Theatus Green of Spur.

Zelma Moore

Graveside services for Zelma *** Moore, 90, of Post were held at 11 a.m. Oct. 26, 1999, in the Terrace Cemetery with Arthur Jackson officiating. Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She died Oct. 25 at the Fisher County Hospital in Rotan. Born Aug. 8, 1909, in Alabama to King Haynes and Alma McGray, she married Avery Moore Jr. Oct. 23, 1927, in Post. He died July 13, 1985. She was a rancher.

Survivors include one son, Jimmy Avery Moore of Post; one brother, Joe Bill Haynes of Granbury; one sister, Dorothy Altman of Lubbock; two grandchildren, Joe and Jack, both of Post; and seven great-grandchildren.

Brenda Darlene Mason

Services for Brenda Darlene Mason, 52, of Albuquerque, N.M., are set for 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 28, 1999, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Darold Baldwin, associate director of mission, officiating. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Oct. 25 in Albuquerque. Born June 26, 1947, in Spur to Richard N. Richards and Fannie Lou McAllister, she married G.T. Mason Dec. 31, 1965, in Southland. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, G.T., of Albuquerque; her mother, Fannie Richards of Lubbock; two daughters, Michelle (Mrs. David) Baldwin and Julie Mason, both of Albuquerque; one son, Michael Mason of Lubbock; and one brother, Rick Richards of Arlington.

Thomas L. Reed

Services for Thomas L. Reed, 63, of Post will be held Friday, Oct. 29, 1999, at 11 a.m. Burial will be in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Oct. 26 at his home. Born Nov. 22, 1936, to Mack Reed and Julie Parramore, he was a plant worker in the food industry and a widower.

Survivors include two sons, J.P. Reed of Post and Jim Hansen of Belvedere, Illinois; one daughter, Debbie Miranda of Belvedere; one sister, Margie Curtis of Post; one brother, Everett Reed of Austin; and one granddaughter, Destainie Hansen of Belvedere.

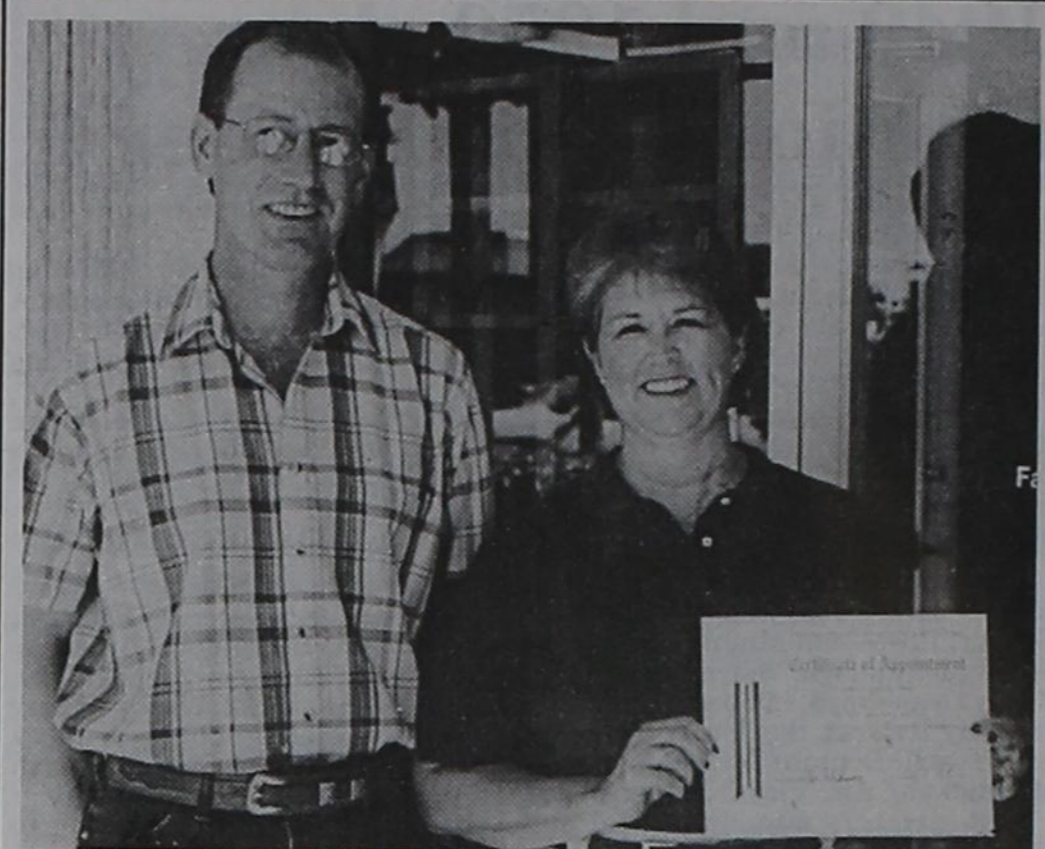
Leslie Hoyt Hill

Services for Leslie Hoyt Hill of Carlsbad, California, will be held Oct. 29, 1999, in San Diego.

He died Oct. 17 in San Diego from a sudden massive heart attack. Born Oct. 10, 1911, in Paducah to Everett and Bertha Hill, his family moved to Post in 1922. He was a World War II veteran, being the first soldier from Garza County to be drafted in 1941. He was discharged in 1945. He was a member of the Third Armored Division stationed in Italy, Iceland and North Africa. He met and married Margo Lipoid of Germany in 1956. He was a farmer and worked in the PostTex textile mill prior to moving to California in 1970.

Survivors include his wife, Margo; two daughters, Ursulo Torres and Petra Robinson, both of California; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Surman of Houston and Ples of Post; three sisters, Juanice Surface of Del City, Oklahoma, Loyce Poudner of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Wanda Morris of Post.

He was preceded in death by his parents, E.C. and Bertha Hill; two brothers, Wiley and Melvin Hill; and two sisters, Deannie Herman and Letha Parks.



Nancy Thuet (right) has been appointed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman and Farm Service Agency Administrator Keith Kelly as the minority advisor to the Garza-Borden FSA County Committee. Presenting the certificate to Mrs. Thuet is Victor Ashley, Executive Director of the local FSA office.

Lunch Menus

Trail Blazer

Friday, October 29, 1999
Catfish, potato salad, spinach, fresh tomatoes, cornbread and chocolate cake.

Monday, November 1, 1999
Meatloaf, corn, green beans, coleslaw, wheat roll and dryjello salad.

Tuesday, November 2, 1999
Beef enchilada, Mexican corn and beans, tossed salad, tortilla chips and chocolate cake.

Wednesday, November 3, 1999
Salmon patty, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, salad, cornbread and pudding.

Thursday, November 4, 1999
Baked ham, navy beans, carrots and zucchini, salad, cornbread and pineapple cake.

Post ISD

Friday, October 29, 1999
No school

Monday, November 1, 1999
Breakfast: Pancake-on-a-stick fruit and milk.

Lunch: Hot sandwich, salad, black-eyed peas, M&M's and choice of milk.

Tuesday, November 2, 1999
Breakfast: Funnel cake, sausage link, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, California mix, garlic toast, brownies and choice of milk.

Wednesday, November 3, 1999
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit,

orange juice and milk.
Lunch: B-B-Que on bun, pinto beans, onion rings, Rosey applesauce and choice of milk.

Thursday, November 4, 1999
Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Chicken strips, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding and choice of milk.

Southland ISD

Friday, October 29, 1999
Breakfast: no menu
Lunch: no menu

Monday, November 1, 1999
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, Graham Crackers, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Pig-in-a-blanket, chips, pinto beans, pineapple chunks and milk.

Tuesday, November 2, 1999
Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, sausage, juice and milk.

Lunch: Fried chicken, cream potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruitjello and milk.

Wednesday, November 3, 1999
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, green beans, cake and milk.

Thursday, November 4, 1999
Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Tacos, Spanish rice, beans, taco fixings, Rice Krispy Treat and milk.

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A concussion is an injury to the brain, usually involving a blow to the head. Most of the time it does not involve loss of consciousness. It is important to understand that while not every concussion results in automatic removal from athletic participation, it is of paramount importance that coaches, as well as players and their parents understand the medical issues involving a concussion.

Signs of a concussion are headache, dizziness, confusion, ringing in the ears, nausea, vision disturbance, loss of balance, memory loss and difficulty concentrating. After a concussion the player should be watched for a stiff neck, severe headache, repeated vomiting and difficulty walking, speaking or using their arms.

A concussion is diagnosed by getting a thorough history of the accident and by obtaining an accurate account of how long the person had symptoms. The examiner will test your strength, sensation, balance, reflexes and memory. In more serious cases special x-rays may be needed.

Treatment includes rest and exclusion from sports for as little as 15 to 20 minutes for a mild concussion to as long as a month for a severe one. If you have had previous concussions you may have to stay out of sports a little longer.

Almost all people get better without permanent damage, although some may have symptoms for weeks or months. It is important to not return to early after a concussion as the risk of another concussion or something called "second impact syndrome" could result in serious injury. If a concussion has been sustained it is best to be cleared by your medical provider before returning.

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And thereafter, protecting black people

by Walter E. Williams

Having been invited to be the inaugural speaker for Valencia Community College's Millennium Lecture Series, I looked forward with considerable anticipation to my trip to Orlando, Fla. But en route to the airport, my secretary relayed a telephone message from Allen Byrd, a reporter for the Orlando Business Journal, that dampened some of my enthusiasm.



The reporter, having just learned of my Sept. 29 lecture the previous day, was wondering why the college had not sent out its usual plethora of press releases and media faxes, especially considering that the lecture was the first of a major lecture series. According to Byrd's interviews, reported in the Oct. 4 edition of the Orlando Business Journal, there were two explanations.

The first, from the college's public-relations department, said that, "Williams is so popular that to have publicized the visit would have created an overflow crowd." That led Byrd to conclude, "Indeed, the college was so concerned it did not even tell its own public-relations department that Williams was coming. Orlando Business Journal did."

Byrd says, "The second, entirely unofficial and completely off-the-record reason came to our attention by way of a quote: 'We do not want to give the appearance that Valencia shares his (Williams) views and that we believe this is the way African-Americans should act.'"

Valencia College staffers were acting under the instructions of college president Paul C. Gianini to keep a lid on my appearance. The president's response to his faculty electing me as guest lecturer is just another example of today's deceit, dishonesty and cowardice that has become part and parcel of America's institutions of higher learning.

As such, it's more evidence that colleges and universities are undeserving of American trust and generosity. The public-relations story about overflow crowd was a bald-faced lie. The lecture was held in the college's gymnasium. There were about 700 students and faculty in attendance.

The gymnasium's capacity is about 2,000. The true reason for the president's actions was that he feared angering Central Florida's black community with my libertarian ideas. But look at it. Conservative William Buckley has ideas that anger white people. I seriously doubt that, had Buckley been the speaker, Gianini would have kept his visit secret out of fear of offending Central Florida's white community.

He probably sees white people as mature enough to accept differences of opinion, whereas for blacks it's a different matter — we need the sheltering and protection from ole massa. Gianini was out of the country during my visit, but I couldn't have been treated more courteously and warmly by Valencia's faculty, students and the administrative staff.

There were many black faculty and students in the audience, many of whom stopped to chat and ask questions after my lecture. Black and white students lined up for me to autograph their program guides both before and after the lecture. Gianini's actions, though possibly well-intentioned, are a wholesale affront and insult to the black residents of the Orlando community.

It constitutes one of the more debilitating forms of racism. Black people succeeded well in weathering the malevolent racism of the Bilbos, Wallaces and the Klan. It is the demeaning, condescending, benevolent protective racism of people such as Gianini that's so destructive today. Gianini's message to Orlando's black community doesn't differ from one that says: Whites are mature enough to handle controversy, but for blacks I know what you want and need to hear.

That's a message that blacks ought to reject out of hand. But to give Gianini the benefit of the doubt, there's a possibility that he could have been mau-maued into his decision by Geraldine Thompson, Valencia College's affirmative action lady.

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Thoughts on the occasion of the October moon

by Vin Suprynowicz

Halloween approaches, the day when many an American parent will suit up the little ones in black robes, matching 17th century conical hats, and oversized warty noses, sending them off to delight the neighbors with this impersonation of a witch, as traditionally represented from 17th century Austrian paintings of the Hexensabbat right up through Disney's "Snow White."

Even the newspapers generally play along, running the results of polls that ask Americans how many actually believe in such mythological creatures as ghosts, trolls and witches.

But witches are not mythological creatures, of course. They were the very real practitioners of a religion which pre-dated Christianity in Europe, and which had coexisted quite peacefully with the new Christian church for more than 1,000 years, from the Council of Nicaea until the fateful year 1484 A.D., under the quite sensible rule of the Canon Episcopi, which instructed Christian clerics through all those years that — in cases where sorcery or commerce with the devil was charged but could not be proven — it was the accuser, not the accused, who was to suffer the penalty for those crimes.

Needless to say, this held false charges to a minimum.

All that changed after 1484, when an ambitious but ethically challenged Dominican friar and embezzler by the name of Heinrich Kramer managed to convince Pope Innocent VIII to set the Holy Office of the Inquisition onto the witches, using torture to extract confessions, authorizing anonymous accusations without any right for the accused to face her accuser, and granting the soon-busy witch-hunters the rights to seize and divide the estates of the accused (who were always found guilty), an invitation to systematic legal looting so foul that it was never allowed again in Western history ... until our current War on Drugs, of course.

Millions of persons — some doubtless practitioners of the Old Craft, but many, especially in later years, just as doubtless falsely accused — were burned or hanged before the burning times faded away with a kind of embarrassed shrug in the early 1700s.

The crime of which they were accused? Worshipping a female deity, a goddess of the earth, and her male consort, the goat-horned male god of fertility.

Christian clerics, themselves mostly illiterate, called this female deity "the abomination," which has subsequently been interpreted to mean the horned devil of Hebrew tradition. But practitioners of a fertility cult would have had little reason to mock the late-comer Christianity by hanging crosses upside down or reciting masses backwards. "Satanism," to the extent that it ever existed (and I suspect more black masses were chanted on London film sets in the 1960s and '70s than anywhere in the four centuries preceding), is a very different thing.

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Why should we care about the fate of the witches? For starters, it appears the witches stressed not the superiority of either sex over the other, but rather a balance between male and female principles — an obvious notion for early agriculturalists trying to come to a metaphorical understanding of the germination of crops in the "mother" earth thanks to the intervention of those primeval "male" agencies, the sun and the rain.

But the culture which destroyed the witches was not merely male-dominated. The history of our European ancestors of the 16th and 17th centuries presents a spectacle of bloodthirsty intolerance, a perverse catalogue

of self-flagellation and repulsion at sexuality which found outlet only in the frenzied drive to conquer and enslave both the natural world and any other culture that presented itself. No matter how we may celebrate their competitive superiority from a safe distance, this was clearly a bunch of sick puppies.

Was it the plagues, which quite often left the continent literally in the hands of teenagers? Whatever the reason, using their superior technology of sail and cannon, and helped mightily by bacteriological allies to which they had developed at least partial immunity, the Europeans didn't merely conquer the indigenous populations of the Americas, they ruthlessly eradicated whole cultures, and with them any medical or other knowledge they might have had to offer, sweeping all aside as the "spawn of the devil."

Meantime, European women were being stripped of their property and other rights (many "witches," curiously, were widows of independent means), at precisely the time when their presence in the councils of church and state might have maintained some semblance of sanity.

The Europeans of the time adopted little of our hypocritical modern-day pretense of being horrified at "drug use" per se — they happily imported coffee, tobacco, opium, and cocaine. In fact, they forced the opium trade on China when it proved to be the only thing for which the Chinese would trade silver bullion.

But while they reveled in novel forms of drunkenness, what did horrify those brave conquerors was the use of any hallucinogenic substance as a means to religious revelation, a superstitious dread of alternative paths to spiritual enlightenment which still hangs on in our aforementioned and thoroughly irrational "War on Drugs."

(Which drug is involved in more incidents of spouse battery and inter-family murder by a factor of millions-to-1: alcohol or LSD? Which will get you 20 years in the federal pen, while the other now comes in convenient "wide-mouth 12-packs"?)

The wholesale eradication of the cultures of the Aztecs and the Incas was justified not because of their practice of slavery and ritual slaughter — Pizarro and Cortes would have found those familiar enough — but because they were found to be using peyotl, hallucinogenic mushrooms, and olluquiqui (a variety of morning glory seed) in their religious rituals, sure signs of "witchcraft," and coincidentally a method of seeking direct revelations from the gods which really delivered the goods — hardly fair competition for the modest little Spanish communion wafer.

Why did the conquistadors relate such practices to the witches back home? Because the witches, too, in a triumph of empirical science (Northern Europe has no reliably safe natural hallucinogens), had found ways to turn such normally deadly poisons as henbane, monkshood, and belladonna into an externally-applied ointment which would promote religious revelation by inducing a sensation of flying, followed by ecstatic visions.

(The stuff worked best when applied to the mucous membranes with a smooth wooden rod or staff — the "witch's broomstick" of our modern Halloween.)

This was the great evil of the witches, and the justification for destroying millennia of the *materia medica* which they had gathered — the traditional folk knowledge of medicinal plants which was largely destroyed with the Wise Women of 16th and 17th century Europe, and which we are only painfully piecing together again today.

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Hate-Crime Laws Threaten Our Liberty

by Jeffrey A. Singer

Recent front-page news stories about racist gunmen attacking innocent minorities in Chicago, Los Angeles, and Las Vegas have led to calls for new federal hate-crime legislation, and for the expansion of hate-crime laws already on the books in many states. In short, these laws place additional penalties on those found guilty of committing a crime if the act was motivated by racism, sexism, homophobia, or other forms of bigotry.

To a nation founded on a commitment to tolerance, the notion of such anti-hate crime legislation might, on first thought, seem like a good idea. But on closer inspection, hate-crime laws present real problems, both in terms of practical implementation and moral precedent.

Take the supposedly simple matter of defining an act as motivated by hatred. By what standard is it determined that a negative opinion about a racial or ethnic group, for example, constitutes hatred? Is that determination made by a committee? If so, does that committee include adequate representation for the unpopular, allegedly bigoted viewpoint under scrutiny? Serious difficulties in objectivity arise when the classification of certain opinions is subjected to political consensus and majority rule.

Nazis and white supremacists are unpopular and generally despised by most Americans — and rightly so. Suppose a Nazi activist is peacefully demonstrating in support of white supremacy, in a public place near a predominantly minority community center. A person attending the community center who is a member of a racial minority becomes incensed at the actions of the Nazi. He assaults and brutally beats the Nazi. Police arrest the assailant and charge him with assault and battery. Should this be classified as a hate crime and thus be subjected to a more severe penalty? After all, the assault was motivated by a visceral hatred for Nazis and their beliefs. Or are there politically correct and incorrect forms of hatred?

Or take the matter of meting out penalties for hate crimes. How much greater should the penalty be for brutally beating an Asian immigrant than brutally beating, say, a four year old innocent child? By what standard is the proper penalty decided?

A society that respects an individual's right to life, liberty, and property is a society that recognizes the requirements for human prosperity and happiness. It is a realistic, practical, and moral society. If the goal of public policy is peace, prosperity, and happiness, then there can be no conflict between policy that is moral and policy that is practical. When a public policy creates practical dilemmas, that policy rests on an unsound moral foundation. Hate-crime laws fail to respect the rights to freedom of thought and freedom of speech. Therein lies the root of their practical inconsistencies.

When the penalty for a crime is conditioned by the opinions of the perpetrator, then certain opinions are in effect illegal. An action that violates the rights of others, such as physical assault or robbery, should be penalized by the criminal justice system. But philosophical or religious convictions are not infringements on the rights of others. While certain beliefs unfortunately may cause a person to decide to initiate force against another, it is only this initiation, and not the belief, that constitutes a violation of individual rights.

Everyone has the right to hold an opinion and peacefully express it. The First Amendment to the US Constitution was not ratified in order to protect non-controversial speech. Such speech needs no protection. Yet it is controversial speech that is under assault when hate crime laws are proposed.

The hate-crime laws already on the books generate numerous questions which threaten their practical implementation, and are likely to get bogged down with legal challenges. But more important than their practical consequences, these laws set a dangerous precedent and threaten the basic foundations on which a free society stands.

Meanwhile, ambitious politicians pander to constituencies who have been the victims of intolerance by advocating more hate-crime laws. They must be told, loud and clear, that hate crime laws equal thought-crime laws.

Jeffrey A. Singer is a general surgeon in Phoenix, Arizona, and a director of the Maricopa County Medical Society.

Capsule Commentaries

"Texas Gov. George W. Bush has announced nearly \$500,000 in state grants to Christian groups. Bush said, 'America will be changed because people of faith and good heart are willing to help people in need.' Where exactly is the goodness in this? The Texas state government collects taxes from the people of Texas. If they refuse to pay the taxes, they're punished by the state. Using the tax money to help Christians, Bush implies that the Texas taxpayers have engaged in a saintly act. Hasn't Bush instead denigrated the Christian concepts of free will and 'Thou Shalt Not Steal'?" —by Jacob G. Hornberger, president, *The Future of Freedom Foundation*

Quote of the Week

"Each individual, according to our understanding of the natural order of things, is the owner of himself, the ruler of his own person. Preservation of this self-ownership is essential for the proper development and well-being of man. The human rights of the person are, in effect, a recognition of each man's inalienable property right over his own being; and from this property right stems his right to the material goods that he has produced. A man's right to personal freedom, then, is his property right in himself." —Murray N. Rothbard

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Cowboys stun 'Lopes in 15-14 struggle

by Wes Burnett

A spirited come-from-behind effort by the Post Antelopes came up one point short at Plains last Friday night, as the Cowboys took a 15-14 lead early in the fourth quarter, and held the 'Lope offense out of the end zone with the final seconds ticking off the clock.

After scoring two touchdowns on their first two possessions in the second half, the 'Lopes took a 14-12 lead. Then the Cowboys marched smartly toward the end zone, and on fourth down from the 12 yard line, the Cowboys ended the scoring with a field goal, retaking the lead at 15-14.

With 10:15 left in the game, the Antelopes mounted a clock-eating drive from their own 22 yard line, getting to the seven yard line before running out of steam. With 41 seconds remaining in the game, the offense lined up for what would be the winning field goal. John Radle snapped the ball to

Justin Gorman, who put it on the ground and Rocky Gomez hammered the football toward the goal posts. Fans and players alike sank in spirit as the ball sailed too wide to the left.

The Cowboys took possession at the 20, the 'Lopes called time out twice, but were unable to wrest the ball from the Cowboys, sealing the loss after three plays.

The 'Lopes trailed 12-0 at halftime, unable to get an offensive attack untracked. The defense was shocked by a 72 yard scamper by Cowboy running back Jared Bell late in the first quarter, and another Bell touchdown late in the second quarter at the end of a sustained Cowboy drive.

Second Half Action

The Antelopes took the second half kickoff and ripped off a 10 play drive from their own 21 yard line to the end zone, scoring with 7:20 left in the third quarter. Jeremy Baker carried seven times, sharing running chores with Raymond Jefferson. A key factor in the drive was a fourth down conversion at the 43, when Baker lunged over right guard to the 47 for a first down.

Baker ripped through would-be tacklers behind excellent blocking, setting up a first down at the 18. Jefferson got the call, and with great blocks by Luke Williams and Johnny Jefferson, cleared the end zone. Gomez kicked the extra point, cutting the Cowboy lead to 12-7.

The Antelope defense took command and held the Cowboys to four downs. Ruben Gomez, Billy Crawford, Baker and Matt McCallister played key roles in the defensive stand. On fourth and inches, Josh Bell was unable to get to the marker, with Ruben Gomez underneath the pile of Antelopes standing in the way.

Taking over at the Plains 31 yard line, the 'Lope offense score four plays later, with Raymond Jefferson breaking away from what looked like a fourth down trap behind the line of scrimmage. The fleet-footed tailback reversed direction with three Cowboys on his trail, cut back left, then broke through two more would-be tacklers, then cut back to his right splitting defenders as he raced into the end zone. With 2:57 left in the third quarter, the 'Lopes led 14-12 after Gomez kicked the extra point.

Now all they had to do was to hold the Cowboys one more time. It looked like success, when on fourth down the Cowboys were forced to punt. Then disaster struck when Crawford raced into the backfield to block the punt, missed the football, but fell into the kicker. The yellow flag hit the dirt, and the 'Lopes were penalized 15 yards for roughing the kicker.

That gave the Cowboys new life, and eight plays later the field goal from the 12 yard line settled the score at 15-14.

The final 'Lope offensive drive was a 17 play effort, featuring Baker, Raymond Jefferson, Johnny Jefferson and Tyrone Jefferson running, with a Gorman pass to Baker setting up a first down at the 12.

The 'Lopes, now 2-1 in district play, host district leader and undefeated Stanton this Friday.

'Lopes regroup for Buffaloes

by Wes Burnett

"We're just gonna have to put last week's game behind us," Post Antelope head coach Richard Gorman comments about the 15-14 loss at Plains. "We didn't play very well, but that's history, we've got a very good chance to win this district, and our players have got what it takes."

Gorman said it was a bit frustrating to see the team rack up more than 400 yards offense with no turnovers, but not be able to get to the end zone on several opportunities last week.

No big changes are planned, but the coach did move Bryan Looney from the junior varsity as back-up center to replace Obed Diaz, who was injured during last Saturday's band trip to Odessa.

Gorman says that Stanton's game plan is the basically the same it's been, "they just pound away, and then slip in a reverse, or an option run of a long pass. They look for the big play to get them out front." The Antelope coach stated the obvious, "we've got to play smart and tough defense, stop the run and be ready for their big plays."

The Buffaloes, like the Antelopes, have garnered much success this year with stiff defenses, which keep the opponent bottled up, giving the offense good field position. "We must execute well, and we know we've got great players who know how to win, it'll just be one of those great matchups."

Although the 'Lopes can technically advance to the playoffs with two losses, "We're aiming at winning these last two games," Gorman emphasized. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Antelope stadium.



Raymond Jefferson dodges Cowboy defenders on the way to a touchdown in the second half at Plains last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Ruben Gomez (70) smacks a Cowboy running back with teammates Jeremy Baker (30) and Billy Crawford (44) coming in on the play. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Tyrone Jefferson (32) returns a Cowboy kickoff, setting up good field position for the Antelopes in the third quarter. The offense went on to score. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Micahel Huff (12), Jeremy Baker (30) and Clinton Curtis (84) converge on a Cowboy running back for the Antelope defense at Plains last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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8th grade slaps Plains 52-34

"This was a wild one," eighth grade coach Darrell Radle says of last week's 52-34 win at Plains. "We took turns scoring with Plains, trailing them 34-26 at the end of the third quarter. Then we scored 26 points to win 52-34." Radle praised offensive linemen for their "super effort." Linemen getting recognition were Will Todd, Owen Gilbert, Langley Couch, Chesnauf Garcia and Jerry Curtis. "Eddie Gutierrez came in for Couch at center and played very well," the coach adds.

Juan Hernandez, Francisco Duran and Brody Conner also played well on offense.

Kris Hernandez carried 13 times for 77 yards and one touchdown. Mitchell Mills carried 25 times for 195 yards and five touchdowns. Mills returned kickoff 73 yards for a touchdown and returned an interception 35 yards for another score.

"Good offense by Jerry Curtis, Chesnauf Garcia, Mark McCallister, Langley Couch and Brody Conner made a big difference," the coach says. The team hosts Stanton Thursday.



Flag football players for the Longhorns and Raptors fight for the football during a game last Saturday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Flag football Broncos make a run for it during action last Saturday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

7th grade rips Plains 26-0

Four touchdowns, one in each quarter, led the Post seventh grade football team to a 26-0 win at Plains last Thursday. Jett Lott led the team with 108 yards on 12 carries, followed by Israel Landa with 44 yards on six tries.

Jared Grisham threw four passes, completing two, one a 26 yard touchdown toss to Trent McDonald.

Lott scored the first touchdown on a two play, 45 yard drive, going 30 yards to the end zone. The conversion attempt failed.

In the second quarter Lott scored again, this one on a 14 yard scamper at the end of a three play, 30 yard drive. Landa took the ball in for the two point conversion.

McDonald caught the 11 yard pass from Grisham in the third quarter after the four play, 15 yard drive.

The final score came at the end of a seven play, 60 yard effort, capped by Quinton Odom on a four yard run.

On defense, Steve Rivera and Grisham were credited with fumble recoveries and Grisham intercepted a pass. The coach praised linemen Travis Hopper, Tony Apolinar and Evan Montanez. Kam Baker and Jaime Valdez were recognized for their effective back-up roles.

The team hosts Stanton Thursday.

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One of the best high school bands in Texas

Although the Pride of Post Band didn't reach its goal of being one of the two top marching bands at the area competition last Saturday, the band does hold the honor of being one of the best bands in Texas.

Placing ninth out of 13 competing bands out of the four regions in the competition, puts the PHS band in an elite category. Class AA bands from Regions 6, 16 and 22 were represented, every one bringing with them a Division I rating.

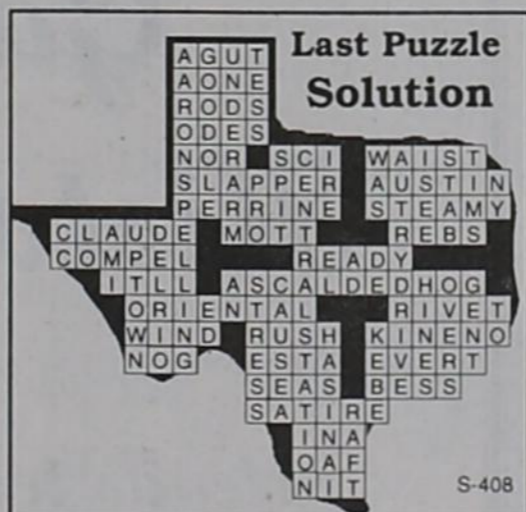
Forsands and Sundown took the top two spots to advance to the state finals. Class A and AA schools will compete again in 2001. Other participating AA schools included Idalou, Iraan, Van Horn, McCamey, Clarendon, Canadian, West Texas, Plains, Lockney and Stratford. Seagraves was scheduled to compete, but was disqualified.

District 3-2A

Team	Season	District
Stanton	8-0	3-0
Post	7-1	2-1
Seagraves	7-1	2-1
Plains	4-4	2-1
Coahoma	5-3	0-3
Tahoka	2-6	0-3

***Lope Game Stats**

Rushing	Carries	Yards	
R. Jefferson	18	150	
Baker	18	125	
Sims	9	41	
Total		305	
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Int.
Gorman	9	2	
Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	
Rocky Gomez	1	33	
Baker	1	9	
Total Offense		347	



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Post Middle School STARS celebrate Red Ribbon Week

by Jordan Tatum
Post Middle School STARS organized and carried out a fun week at the middle school in celebration of Red Ribbon Week.

Red Ribbon Week was Oct. 22-30 and is a week that is observed locally and nationwide to encourage a unified and visible commitment to create a drug-free Texas and Post.

STARS (Students, Teachers, Adults Reaching Solutions) is a program that supports students in their drug-free choices.

The Red Ribbon campaign began as a passionate, grassroots expression of concern, initiated by a group of parents in Illinois and Virginia in 1985 in response to the brutal murder of drug enforcement administration agent Enrique Camarena by drug traffickers. Red Ribbon has grown into a nationwide

movement and is considered by many the model of a successful community-wide awareness campaign.

The week started early, as STARS brought in Justin Lookado on Friday, Oct. 22. Justin presented programs starting with pre-kindergarten and going through the 12th grade. After these presentations, Justin went to the detention center and presented a program.

The town was next on the schedule. STARS met and turned the town red on Saturday by tying red ribbons from the courthouse to the railroad tracks. Ribbons reading "Mission Possible — Drug-Free Community" were passed out to merchants and they were asked to wear them all week for Red Ribbon Week. This is one way we can show that we are all working together to have a drug-free

school and community.

After decorating the town, the STARS returned to Middle School and decorated it, inside and outside. On Saturday evening, the group sponsored a dance for all Middle School students to kick off the celebration.

Monday through Thursday, the students and faculty took part in activities to help mark Red Ribbon Week. They included, on Monday, "Drugs Turn You Inside Out," with everyone wearing shirts inside-out; Tuesday, "Real Friends Don't Let Friends Use Drugs," with students and faculty picking friends and dressing as 'twins'; Wednesday, "Black Out Drugs," with students wearing all-black clothing; and Thursday, "Show Your Bold Gold Pride — Don't Use Drugs," with students wearing all school colors.

Prizes of yo-yos, Frisbees, footballs and water bottles that carried drug-free messages were given out as prizes all during the week.

Contests went on all week. Some of them were "We Were Born to Be Drug Free," and basketball girls brought baby pictures and everyone tried to guess who they were; "Too Hot to Do Drugs," a large number of hot tamales were put in a container and everyone guessed the amount (the winner not only got the hot tamales but the hidden money inside); and a costume contest at the dance for the best Halloween costume.

Red Ribbons were passed out to all students and faculty to wear during the week. The message on the ribbons was "I've Got Better Things to Do Than Drugs!"

Ribbons were tied on cars and on lockers that read "Celebrate a Drug-Free Life." Stickers were also put on all lockers that said, "Winners Don't Do Drugs."

Posters generated during a recent drug-free poster contest were used to decorate the doors at the school. Balloons were also used that read "A Drug-Free School is Cool."

STARS also performed over the P.A. system during the week. Speeches from Life Skills classes and drug-free chants were used.

Middle school students are already showing that drug-free is the way to be by volunteering to take the drug test. Drug-free cards will be given to all students enabling them to receive discounts from many Post merchants.

Crime Victims Assistance program serves 182 here

A total of 182 victims were served through the Crime Victims Assistance Program's first year, according to statistics from officials with the program.

From September 1998 through June of this year, 182 victims were served and 64 individuals were served on a consultation basis — that is, no formal charges were filed but these individuals needed advice as to where to turn to for assistance.

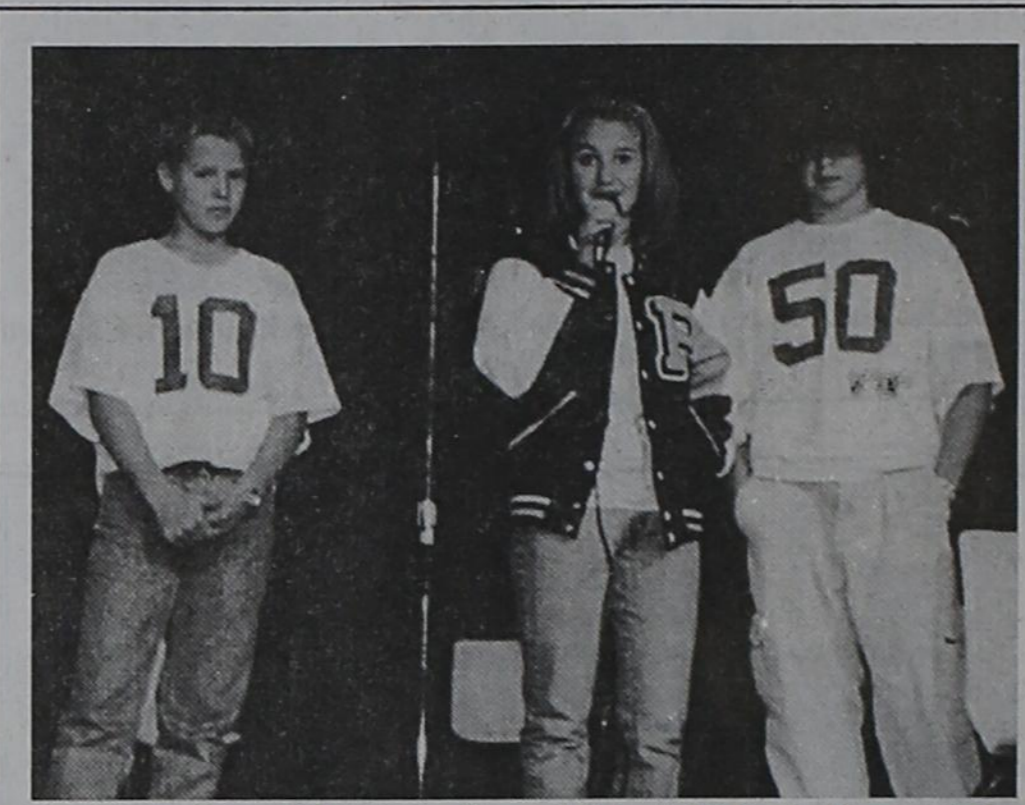
The types of crimes served, according to the program's report, included three child victims of physical abuse; 32 child victims of sexual abuse; 52 victims of domestic violence; five adult victims of sexual assault; 29 victims of robbery/theft;



Post Middle School S.T.A.R.S. took time out last Saturday from their downtown "Red Ribbon" project on East Main Street. The students devoted their time to bringing attention to drug abuse awareness here.



Justin Lookado entertained and informed Post ISD students last week during drug abuse awareness programs.



Post Middle School S.T.A.R.S. officers (left to right) Brody Conner, Jerica Tyler and Mark McCallister introduce special speaker Justin Lookado at the Elementary School auditorium during a drug abuse awareness program last week.

Big 'ooops'...

(Continued from Page 1)

The administrator's salary is based on an annual rate of \$24,000 ... not a monthly rate. From the calls we got on this error, it seems most folks recognized my mistake, and most got a big laugh about it. Through the years I've made just about every mistake known to a newspaper. I could blame it on aging, but the truth is, getting in a bit of a hurry was most likely the cause. The good news is that we discovered many of you are actually reading and finding my errors, hooray for that.

Lions Club planning Toys for Tots effort

The Post Lions Club will have its annual Toys for Tots drive this holiday season. The group is looking for assistance from anyone and everyone in the community to make this year's effort as successful as those in the past. Last year's program served 92 local youths. Watch for future announcement concerning this effort.

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Work to replace the weather-damaged roof at the Garza County Historical Museum began Tuesday, as workers started tearing off the old roof.

The structure's existing cedar shingles will be removed and then a plywood decking will be put in place. The roof will then be covered with 30-pound felt paper and AstonWood steel shingles by MetalWorks will be installed.

The new roof is designed to be lightweight, maintenance-free and strong, with a wood-look appearance. Designed to withstand winds of up to 110 mph, it has a Class 4 hail/impact rating and is environmentally friendly, made from 100 percent recyclable material.

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Lubbock is handling the job.

The existing roof on the museum was damaged in May by "giant hailstones," Linda Puckett said. Insurance is covering the cost of the new roof.

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by Terri Cash
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CLASS OF Gertrude Sh Hancock, He Jimmie Cla Pickett, Dan McLendon, Pettigrew.

Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

October 25, 1989
10 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Postell are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Brenna Elizabeth, who was born at 5:06 p.m., Wednesday, October 18, 1989 at Methodist Hospital Birthing Center. She weighed eight pounds and two ounces.

September 5 started a new adventure for 16 girls and two adults, when the new Daisy Girl Scout Troop of Post met for the first time.

Bessie Van De Valde is the troop's Senior Girl Scout assistant; Debbie Morris is the leader; and Evelyn McDougale is assistant leader.

Bachelors beware! Ladies take note! Sadie Hawkins Day is not dead. It's just being revived and is now being revived and is right around the corner. It's the first Saturday in November, to be exact.

October 25, 1979
20 Years Ago

Ruby Brown was presented with a real pretty birthday cake and presents from her daughter Charlotte Scrivner. Happy Birthday Ruby.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Davis were honored Wednesday, Oct. 24, on their 60th wedding anniversary with a dinner in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Davis, Jr. here in Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were married in Dickens County in 1919. The couple has 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Vicki Kay Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Long, is the new secretary of the Post Chamber of Commerce.

October 23, 1969
30 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams of the Close City community, who were married 63 years ago on Halloween, will observe their anniversary with a family dinner at their home Sunday.

Jack Hair and Surman Young returned last weekend from a successful hunting trip to Gunnison, Colo. The two hunters bagged a deer and a four-point elk.

Lt. and Mrs. Joe Cook are the parents of a daughter, Jana Alane, born Sunday, Oct. 26, at West Texas Hospital in Lubbock, weighing 9 lbs., 1 oz. Jana is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kemp, and her father left a week ago to begin a tour of duty in Vietnam.

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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The Original

52 Houston's Zina Garrison eliminated Chris from U.S. Open ('89)
53 oceans
54 TX Barbara Jordan received the '92 Wallace Truman Award
55 TX writer Molly Ivins humor style
57 TXism: "don't get your shorts _ _ knot"
58 stupid or clumsy person
59 TXism: "wit" (idiot)

DOWN

1 famous SMU alum TV producer
2 TX Tommy Lee's "The _ _ Boys" softball pitch
3 Harper of "Tender Mercies" now lives in Dallas
9 TXism: "would have to prime my mouth to _ _ (thirsty)"
10 TX Rip Torn's "A Stranger is Watching" was set in NY's Grand
11 anger
12 TXism: "the fur _ _ flying" (fight)
13 Tioga, TX street named for its singing cowboy Gene (2 wds.)

14 TX Tanya's "Can _ _ You Tonight?"
15 TXism: "take a _ _ at it" (try)
16 TX Heisman winner Brown, et al.
18 Astro, Star or Spur home of Rangers
20 home of Rangers Yankees foe (abbr.)
23 pres. Calvin (init.)
24 Yo _ _ Digo Creek
25 TX Jim Reeves' " _ _ Losing You?"
26 TX Orbison tune
27 Val Verde Co. seat
32 peak: _ _ Capitan

38 TXism: "just _ _ chicken has wings don't mean it can fly"
39 gourmet Duncan _ _ wed in Port Aransas' Tarpon Inn meal left-
40 author Pete of "North Dallas Forty"
43 "Too Tall" Jones
45 "Gone _ _ Texas"
48 tribe of the TX Caddo Indians
49 Jacksonville radio
56 Waco has the "Great Texas _ _ Race"

ACROSS
1 TXism: "bust _ _ (try hard)"
5 TXism: " _ _ loop man" (good roper)
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7 TX poets products
8 TXism: "couldn't find hide _ _ hair of it"
9 TX Roddenberry genre: _ _ fi
12 a Stars "high stick" is above the _ _
17 TXism: "a knee _ _ (funny)"
19 TX capital
21 TX actress Valerie
22 TX Sandra Brown is known for her _ _ novels
23 seat of Armstrong Co.
28 in McLennan Co. off I-35: Elm
29 confederates
30 to bring about by force
31 TXism: "primed and _ _ (prepared)"
35 TXism: " _ _ warm your gullet" (nice)
36 TXism: "naked as _ _"
42 Garden of Austin's Zilker Park blue jeans feature: copper
46 TX Keyes' "Gone With the _ _"
47 conservative Limbaugh
49 name for a King Ranch employee
50 X-mas egg drink
51 TXism: " _ _ bien" (is good)

Use empathy to connect with Alzheimer's patients

Care givers and family members should use empathy, understanding and compassion to connect and effectively communicate with elderly people suffering from Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia, said Naomi Feil, a nationally-known health care professional.

Feil addressed an audience of about 200 attending the Oct. 5 "Breaking Through the Barrier of Alzheimer's Disease" seminar sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The seminar presented new perspectives on gerontology care to care givers, health and human service workers and others who regularly deal with the elderly.

"The very-old elderly often loosen their control of strong emotions they have kept bottled up inside," said Feil, creator of Validation Therapy. "When these people emot strongly and loudly, they are unpacking these buried emotions and seeking resolution. Hate, love, passion, jealousy, etc., come spilling out after they are triggered by a symbol such as person, thing or situation."

"We must validate their need to resolve these emotions by listening compassionately, by acting as sounding boards, and by treating them with respect. We respect their struggles to resolve past, often painful issues, and in doing so we help them reduce stress and enhance their dignity and happiness as they fact their last journey in life. By venting these emotions, they are in a sense of unpacking before their last journey."

The elderly can pass through four distinct stages — mal-orientation, time confusion, repetitive motion and vegetation — during their resolution struggles. Guiding them toward successful resolution before vegetation occurs is a chief goal of validation, she said.

"Emotional health is as important as mental or physical health, and we know that one readily effects the others. By helping them achieve resolution, we can prevent vegetation, enable them to stay in their own home longer, reduce their dependence on medication and bring out the life wisdom they have to share with us," said Feil. "We cannot heal their dementia, but we can use verbal and nonverbal validation to build and continue an honest relationship with them — a relationship that improves their quality of life on several levels."

Alzheimer's is the most common type of dementia, and is characterized by a progressive loss of short-term memory and independent functioning, said Dr. Carol Rice, extension health specialist and associate professor of public health with Texas A&M's Health Science Center School of Rural Health.

Alzheimer's shrinks the brain, and scars it with abnormal proteins that destroy or block its synapses, she said.

"Early Alzheimer's, which is characterized by abnormal forgetfulness, can last from two to four years. The second stage can last from two to 20 years and the terminal stage often lasts only one to three years," Rice said. "In the first two stages, those affected will lose belongings, get lost easily, let their bills and finances lapse, forget how to perform simple tasks such as writing a check, neglect personal hygiene, engage in repetitive behavior (a coping mechanism) and eventually lose their grasp and memory of recent events."

"After this type of behavior is confirmed, families have to have their loved one properly diagnosed to rule

out other medical conditions. The diagnosis must be accurate and thorough, based on the person's medical and family history, sound physical, neurologic, and psychiatric exams, mental status evaluations and lab tests."

There is no cure for the disease, but there are several maintenance medications available to less its effects. There also are preventative measures that can lessen the risk of Alzheimer's and dementia, she said. "Regular exercise, daily use of NSAIDS such as ibuprofen, naproxin and indocin, and a diet high in Vitamin E and antioxidants are recognized as good preventatives," Rice said. "It is also important to stay mentally fit, and to control treatable medical conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes. These preventative measures are particularly important for those families who have a history of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia."

More information on the disease and Validation Therapy is available at <http://www.vvalidation.org> and <http://www.mayohealth.org>.



WW I VETERANS HONORED

Fourteen veterans of World War I, shown at the table, were among the turn-out Saturday night when John Miller Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797 honored the WW I veterans. In the picture are: O. L. Weakley, Roy J. Baker, John W. Shedd, Guy C. Peterson, Oliver P. Basden, Ray N. Smith, M. Hester, D. C. Williams, Cecil Smith, A. L. Branson, John S. Nichols, H. T. Rogers, T. L. Jones and Dr. L. E. Andrews. — (Staff Photo)

From The Post Dispatch October 22, 1959



CLASS OF 1940 - On hand for the recent reunion of the Post High School graduating class of 1940 were (front row, left to right) Gertrude Shepherd Hopkins, Evelyn Parr Elmer, Allene Stephens McWhirter, Henrietta Landtroop Thomas, Christine Hagood Hancock, Helen Mathis Jones, Laruth Walden Wood, Loma Beth Hardin Buck, Ida Mae Campbell Wilks, Hope Hitt Robinson, Jimmie Clarkston Pettigrew, Roy Gilmore and A.P. (Pete) Graves; (back row, left to right) Burnell (Junior) Haws, Oleta Berdine Pickett, Dan Rodgers, Henry Bartlett, Travis Thomas, Wagoner Johnson, T.H. Tipton, Ruth Lucas Reno, Mary Abble Simms McLendon, Wilma Johnston, Kathryn Baker Outlaw, Hazel Shaw Ingle, Juanita Cook Ivey, Martha Polk Pettigrew and Tom Pettigrew.

From The Post Dispatch, October 18, 1989

October 22, 1959
40 Years Ago

Garza County's cotton harvest was in full swing this week after eight days of virtually perfect autumn sunshine.

Speaking of cute clothes, Judy Morris and Danny Jones took the prizes at the Beatnik Ball the other night. The Beatniks took the prizes at the Beatnik Ball the other night. They wore entire black and let her hair down and Danny wore dirty levis, sweatshirt, and tennis shoes. Wild, man, wild!

Mrs. Arda Long was elected president of the Barnum Springs Home Demonstration Club when the club met Friday in the home of Mrs. Johnny Ray.

Postmaster Harold Voss appealed again today to postal patrons who want residential mail delivery to get down to the postoffice and sign up for it.

Shirley Masters was honored with a birthday slumber party at Wallace's Friday night. Those there were Shirley, Shirley, Kay S., and Minnie.

October 27, 1949
50 Years Ago

Two ex-students of Southwest Texas State Teachers College now living in Garza County this week are being invited to attend the college's annual Homecoming in San Marcos, Nov. 4 and 5. They are Mrs. F. J. Byrd and Mrs. Allen Lucas.

Mrs. J. A. McCartney of San Antonio, daughter of Mrs. J. H. Babb, is spending a month in Lima, Peru, with her son, Neilson Grisham, a Braniff Airways flight engineer, and his family.

Clifton D. Wells, who has been stationed at Camp Chaffee, Ark., arrived here Friday morning to spend a 10-day army furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wells. He will report to Camp Hood after leaving here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Josey spent the weekend in Lubbock with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Summers.

Kay Gordon was honored on her 7th birthday Saturday when an afternoon party was given at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Gordon.



FIRST BALE GINNED

Frank Hadderton Jr. (right) brought in the county's first bale of cotton ginned here Wednesday of last week to Planters Gin. Ginner Bill Lentz is at the left. The finished bale weighed 480 pounds.—(Staff Photo)

From The Post Dispatch, October 16, 1969



Mr & Mrs Howard Rankin Honored With Luncheon

Katherine and Howard Rankin were honored Sunday, October 29, 1989 with a family luncheon to celebrate the couple's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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We greatly appreciate all of the cards, calls, visits and flowers. Most of all the prayers that were said for Faye while she was in the hospital and at home. Thanks to all the churches that had special prayer. Also to Bro. Bill and Bro. Paul for their visits and prayers.

Thanks to Betty, John and Ivan for their good care.

And to our children for taking good care of us.
May God bless each of you.
Thurman and Faye Maddox

Personals

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

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous
Meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday of the month, which is an open meeting. Door opens at 7 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. cake and coffee following the meeting. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-4152, 495-4185 or 629-4393.

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430' from the south line and 1,407.1' from the west line of lease.

2,321' from the north line and 1,407.1' from the west line of survey.

Field rules for the Arlene (Glorieta), Arlene (San Andres) fields are 440/1000, 40 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 3,300 feet.

Pursuant to the terms of Rule 37 (h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record

and the operator of lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative Tom Obenchain, at 214-692-7052. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

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An example of the art on display at the Garza County Historical Museum beginning October 30.

Rhonda Bailey featured artist at Historical Museum

The guest artist at the Garza County Historical Museum beginning Oct. 30 will be Rhonda Bailey.

The artist resided in Post in the late '60s with her parents, Joe and Nell Bailey, while the Baileys owned and operated JELCO Supply. Her roots run deep in this area. Her grandparents are Archie and Chess Bailey of Ira and Loyd and Eva Murphy, formerly of Borden County. She now resides in Higgins with her husband, Rick, and three children—Loyd, Joe and Mary Emilie.

Like so many residents of small communities, Bailey wears many hats. Presently she is the Higgins reporter for the county newspaper, president of the Higgins Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary and a contract mail carrier with the Higgins-Lipscomb route. And those are just the jobs with titles. It was due to the mail route that she first discovered an outlet for her lifelong desire of art.

"Less than two years ago I would have bet the house and the kids that I had no artistic talent in my body," said Bailey. "I have a two-hour break in Lipscomb and in a town of 48 people and 157 turkeys, after a few years you are really hunting for something to do in that time. It was more out of pity, I believe, that they offered to let me sit in on the art classes there."

Until that day, Bailey's only adventures into art were a seventh grade art class in Perryton and her third grade teacher in Post who taught the class how to draw a tree and a box. In the past 18 months, she has studied under several instructors, including Amy Winston, PSA; Kathleen Cook, PSA; and Janie Hathoot. Her work has received good

reviews from such noted artists as Doug Ricketts, Jan Hurlley and Don Ray.

"As long as I can remember I have wanted to be an artist but in my mind it was just too big of a leap for this girl to consider," said Bailey. "I do remember that in the third grade in Post one of the kids in my class could really draw. I believe that his name was David Morrow, and I really envied his talent."

"When I went to my first class in Lipscomb, I was filled with dread because I just knew that these talented ladies would be having a good laugh at my expense. I was so sure of my lack of talent that I did not even doodle. But with one swipe of that pastel I knew that I had finally found my gift from God and that this was what I was meant to explore in life."

Bailey said she believes that God gives everyone "at least one talent" and that individuals who are unhappy with their lives are the ones who have "not found theirs yet."

"My first mission in life is and always will be my children, but my great passion is now my art and it is a passion that I love to share with everyone," she said. "This is a whole new adventure in my life and I still struggle with new techniques and challenges."

Although she routinely does landscapes, Bailey has ventured out occasionally with scenes of buildings, old trucks and florals. She paints primarily from photographs and likes to stick with subject matters with which she is familiar.

"I don't paint anything because I think it will sell," she said. "I paint the scene because it is one that I want to share with people. And if

they like it enough to take it home, that makes it even more special.

"This past summer I slipped down to Post and took some photographs of things that had really stuck in my memory. The place I headed first was the depot. This was where I boarded the train for my one and only train ride, and it is a memory that I will never forget."

While she's painted for only about a year and a half, Bailey has sold more than half of the paintings she has completed.

"It is such a great honor when someone likes your work well enough to hang it in their home, but when they like it well enough to have two,

that is exceptional," she said. "This honor is even grater when it is someone that doesn't normally purchase original art or they themselves are artists."

Bailey's work is part of the collections of two area museums, the White Deer Land Museum and the Museum of Plains. Her works are only display t the Naturally Yours Gallery in Lipscomb, and she has had four shows in West Texas communities. During her last show in Pampa, she was the featured artist for the White Deer Land Museum Street Dance.

Bailey will be showing at the Garza County Historical Museum Oct. 30 through Nov. 27. A reception honoring the artist is set for Oct. 30 from 1-4 p.m.

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Main Street Mercantile celebrates grand opening

A special grand opening observance for Post's newest — and "oldest" — retailer is set for Saturday at 231 E. Main.

Main Street Mercantile, which opened its doors Oct. 9 in the former Handy Hardware location, will celebrate its first few weeks of business in historic style. A chuckwagon will be set up outside of the business, serving beans, biscuits and coffee, while hourly door prizes will be given away.

"The old really does meet the new here," said Judy Sanderson, one of the eight partners involved in Main Street Mercantile. "We're the newest business in town, operating in the first building, or one of the first buildings built in Post."

The Main Street Mercantile location was erected in June 1907 and originally housed the community's first mercantile store. The contents of the 1907 shop

were probably quite different from those offered today. Main Street Mercantile offers a broad assortment of items, all of them perfect for gift giving.

"We try to cater to every age bracket and to every taste," Sanderson said.

The shop's partners and their offerings include:

- Lisa Kirkpatrick — tabletop and kitchen items such as placemats and kitchen towels, stationery, rugs, doormats and "elegant decorative pieces." Kirkpatrick labels her own items as "a varied mix."

- Kelly Griffin — Mexican imports and "beautiful furniture pieces," including accent tables, metal cabinets, wardrobes, tables and chairs and other furnishings, "all in a good price range."

- Donna Degan — rustic tinware, designer embellished clothing, handmade decorative items and

"really unique candles." Degan also operates booths at Old Mill Trade Days and at KK's in Lubbock.

- Judy Sanderson — sliced soap, Yankee candles, Root candles, Aromatique candles, Aromatique bathline and potpourri products, other bath lines and a variety of children's gift items.

- Traci Stevens — gourmet food items, candies, Timberline Farms-brand soups and dip mixes and Neighbors Coffees (whole beans ground fresh while the customer waits). Samples of some of Stevens' goodies will be offered during Saturday's grand opening. In addition to her delectable edibles, Stevens also operates "Nails by Traci" and offers manicures.

- Karleen McDougal — Christian gift items, computer software, Bible covers, books, Bibles, a Millennium Bible and affordable Dayspring cards. It will be McDougal's husband, Larry, who will serve as chief cook at Saturday's chuckwagon activities.

- Sherry Pollard — beautiful quality antiques.

- Willene Tyler — quality silver jewelry, such as that offered in Tyler's Trade Days booth, Silver Cloud. Toe rings, necklaces, charms and an assortment of jewelry items is available. Also offered are the newly-popular power beads at a cost of \$6.95 each. One of the newest items offered, power bead rings, are also available.

Of the eight partners involved in Main Street Mercantile, two are from Lubbock, one is from Calgary and the others are from the Post and Southland areas.

Sydney is the largest city in Australia.



Celebrating the grand opening this week at Main Street Mercantile are (left to right) Judy Sanderson, Traci Stevens, Kelly Griffin, Donna Degan, Karleen McDougal, Lisa Kirkpatrick and Donna Smith. Sherry Pollard and Willene Tyler were not available for the photo.

"A labor of love... brought us together," Sanderson said. "We're all equal down there... It's a wonderful group of women to work with. Everyone has different tastes and talents."

Assisting the partners in the operation of their new business is Donna Smith, who Sanderson described as the "backbone" of Main Street Mercantile.

Planning for the new store began during the summer, and work on the building, which belongs to partner Sherry Pollard and her husband, began several months ago. The old hardware store was completely refurbished from top to bottom and the partners take great pride in having done the work themselves.

"It was a labor of love that brought us all together," Sanderson said.

Their work has paid off, giving Main Street Mercantile a fun and homey atmosphere. The shop is open Mondays through Saturdays from 9:30-5:30 p.m. "Partners" are in the shop on Mondays and Saturdays, with Smith filling in the gaps.

SWCDs support effort to protect rangeland

Directors representing Texas' 216 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) at their 59th annual meeting last week put their support behind agricultural producers in the Texas Panhandle who want some type of regulated control of the black-tailed prairie dog population.

"That large concentrations of these animals can compete with livestock or damage cultivated crops cannot be questioned," said Eddie Harlan of Skellytown, member of the Hutchinson SWCD. "Therefore it is very important that an effective and comprehensive plan for controlling these animals be devised."

Prairie dogs are somewhat large, ground-dwelling squirrels now found mainly in the Panhandle of Texas. They live in colonies or "towns" that vary in size from a few animals to thousands. Prairie dogs favor short-grass prairies to build their homes, which are composed of a system of

burrows 7-10 centimeters in diameter stretching two to five meters below the ground.

Prairie dogs construct crater-like mounds, often 30 centimeters high, of packed soil around the entrance to their burrows to protect them from floods and to serve as lookout posts. Their primary food sources are low-growing grasses and weeds.

During the meetings, SWCD directors voted in favor of a resolution sponsored by the Hutchinson SWCD that seeks to form a plan of action with appropriate state and federal agencies for controlling the animals and for making sure they are not considered as a candidate for the endangered species list.

Approximately 600 SWCD directors representing the state's 216 SWCDs and other conservation leaders attended the 59th annual state meeting held Oct. 18-20 in Lubbock.

October Moon...

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It's commonly held that this order of midwives and herbal healers were a superstitious lot, rejecting the more "scientific" advances of the academically trained doctors of their time.

The truth is just the opposite. What could be more scientific than carefully observing and noting the effects of medicinal herbs over a period of generations? What could be a more superstitious pile of nonsense than the theories of the 2nd century quack Galen, whose theory that health is dominated by the "four humours" remained gospel for centuries, refined with the addition of harsh purgatives and the exquisite nonsense of blood-letting?

So fatal was the standard practice of medicine in the centuries after the witches were eliminated that most leading statesmen of the time — George Washington included — died while being bled by doctors. (Washington woke up with a sore throat at the age of 67, and died within 48 hours after receiving a cathartic enema, being dosed with poisonous mercury and antimony, and having literally half his blood — four pints — drained from his body, all in keeping with the best medical advice of the day.)

All three of Louis XVI's elder brothers were killed by the blood-letting of physicians during youthful illnesses. The last direct heir to the Bourbon throne was preserved only after the queen mother bundled him away to a locked room and refused on pain of death to let any of the court physicians have at him.

Superstition? Ask most modern patients whether they would rather be injected with a purified white extract, or swallow a tea made from the same herb, and see whether there isn't a "superstitious" preference for the power of the magic syringe or even for surgery over the remedy in its naturally-occurring form, even when the latter offers better control of dosage and side effects. Chew up a bunch of bug-eaten leaves? How primitive!

The ancient Egyptians were fighting infection with fruit molds as early as the date of the Ebers papyrus, but thousands had to die of pneumonia, puerperal fever and meningitis, all through the late Middle Ages and right through the 19th century, before Fleming could get anyone to take another look at penicillin. It was with similar reluctance — and not until 1795, when Napoleon seemed likely to put them all out of business unless they got practical in a hurry — that the established brotherhood of "scientific" physicians finally acknowledged that the "old wives' remedy," lemon juice, was a better cure for naval scurvy than all their acids and caustic salts put together.

This is the tradition of ignorance, intolerance, and futility which we honor when we dress up our children to ridicule warty old witches, or when we protest (as parents groups in Le Mesa, Calif. and elsewhere continue to do every year) that Roald Dahl's book "The Witches" should be banned from school libraries because it "portrays witches as ordinary-looking women."

Only the dimming effects of time — and the fact that the Inquisition pretty much got them all — render this outrage acceptable. To find a modern parallel, imagine the (fully appropriate) public outcry if it were discovered that some small town in Bavaria, from which for some undisclosed reason all the Jewish families disappeared in 1942, had since decided to launch a new Halloween custom, in which many of the town's blonde-haired little children were dressed up in yarmulkes and artificially large beaked noses, and sent out to play pranks and demand loot under the guise of being "nasty little Jews." Imagine further that the more religious local townfolk demanded the removal of certain children's books from the local library, because they depicted Jews as "people of ordinary human appearance."

A healthy skepticism about many of our modern-day "witches" and some of their New Age mumbo jumbo may be in order... though surely it's not up to us to choose which of their exotic notions it's "acceptable" to explore.

But shall we extend our inherited intolerance to the many serious researchers now trying to rediscover the healing properties of plants, to overcome centuries of medical libel designed to convince us that mild-mannered natural remedies which can take weeks to rebuild our immunities are not worth our time, that the only valuable medicines are purified (and thus patentable) toxins that kill "bad" cells in a test tube, no matter how much damage they cause the "host organism" in the process?

Excepting the odd mountain hamlet in Gwynedd, the Tirol, and the Hebrides, our direct links to the Wise Women of old are probably lost for good. But rediscovering their worldview, a beneficent vision of humankind inextricably balanced in nature's mandala, is a journey well worth beginning anew — perhaps even on the night of the Samhain moon.

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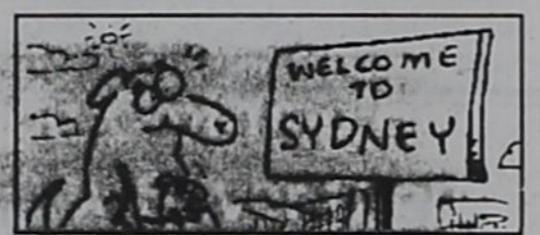
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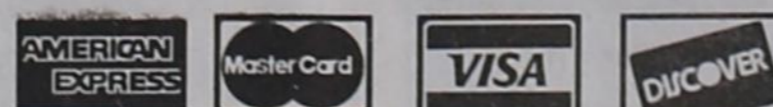
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