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High winds raked the South Plains earlier this week, whipping flags and peppering people with dust. Winds gusts Tuesday were reported at 30-40 mph. A grass fire east of Post kept firemen busy as the high winds swirled.

\$2 million requested for courthouse renovation

by Wes Burnett

A \$2 million renovation to the Garza County Courthouse will get underway this summer if the county's application for a state grant is approved. The Garza County Commissioners' Court agreed Monday to submit an application for the \$2 million grant.

The county will pledge \$400,000 toward the project, which is administered by the Texas Historical Commission. "There is fierce competition for the limited funds," Parkhill, Smith & Cooper project manager Mary Crites told commissioners at the meeting. "There are 73 submissions that we know about."

By pledging 20 percent of the cost, Garza County will get extra points in the scoring process.

The county is also expected to agree to a deed restriction, requiring the county to get state approval for any changes during the deed restricted period. "That will help with more points when it comes time for scoring the grant applications," Crites added.

The major theme for the grant application will emphasize restoration of the county courtroom on the second floor. In order to accomplish that work, major mechanical and electrical renovations for the entire courthouse will be required. An elevator, along with central air and heat are included in the grant application.

The application is due in Austin on March 15, with a decision

expected sometime in April. The county's portion of the grant could be included in two stages over a two year period.

In a related matter, the court approved an application to the National Historical Commission to include the Garza County courthouse in the National Registry of historical buildings.

In other action, the court appointed Dr Larry Mills to serve as local rabies control officer; approved a resolution designating Poison Prevention Week and renewed a contract with Allied Compliance Services for drug testing.

The committee studying insurance premiums for retiree insurance will present its recommendations at the March 13 meeting.

Sheriff's Deputy J.W. Jolly reported to the court that the emergency management plan is being revised, and that an outline was prepared. He said that the plan is being coordinated with the Department of Public Safety and officials at the Dalby Correctional Facility.

A contract for reapportionment was approved with Allison, Bass & Associates, which will conduct the realignment of precincts following the 2000 census.

Judge Giles Dalby informed the court that the officials of U.S. Bureau of Prisons are at the Dalby Correctional Facility this week conducting an audit. Dalby said he expects the prison to be at capacity later this year.

County in 'extreme fire danger'

Garza County is included in those parts of the South Plains and Panhandle areas of the state that are under an "extreme fire danger" warning, according to Les Rogers, regional fire coordinator for the Texas Forest Service.

Current high winds, low humidity and a heavy fuel load have created the potential for wind-driven fires.

Rogers asked that beginning immediately, area residents postpone all outdoor burning.

"The South Plains and the Panhandle will not be out of extreme danger until significant rainfall and spring green-up has occurred," he said.

Rogers said that smoking materials should be distinguished in vehicle ashtrays rather than tossed out of a window and onto the ground.

Also, it should be noted that hot

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McDonald's not sure about Post

by Sheri Lewis

The building permit has been issued, but it remains unclear as to whether or not the Golden Arches will be coming to Post.

Property for the McDonald's site has been placed under contract and building and curb cut permits have been applied for. But the decision as to whether McDonald's comes to Post could rest with City Council action.

In a faxed letter last week from Post City Manager Fred Stephens, McDonald's representatives were notified of several suggested modifications to plans for the restaurant. Among those suggestions was a request that the restaurant's exterior feature "earth tones" to fit into the city's "formally designated historical district."

Instead of the traditional McDonald's red roof, the letter asked that the restaurant use a dark brown roofing material. Light tan walls should be substituted for the usual white-colored walls, and "mid-tan or flat yellow" should be used in lieu of bright yellow walls.

"Post is one of the few small west Texas cities with a formally designated historical district," the letter stated. "Implicit in the designation is the preservation and promotion of architectural integrity within the district.... We request the listed modifications to your exterior color scheme in order to further perpetuate the existing theme of the area."

The letter went on to state that a large number of exterior color schemes are used in the construction of McDonald's buildings throughout the state.

"The red-and-white building, it's worth a lot of money to us," said McDonald's Barry Leigh of Oklahoma City, Okla. "All over

the country, one of the McDonald's initiatives is to get back to the basic corporate colors. The reason I want that red-and-white so bad is that people will see that, recognize it and stop in. It's like a sign, if you will."

McDonald's officials plan to request a variance from city officials in hopes of maintaining the traditional red and white exterior. No variance had been requested as of late Tuesday.

"We hope to impress upon them how important it is to us to have these colors," Leigh said. "We realize they want to keep their historic look.... It's a beautiful town."

If the variance is granted, plans call for the construction of a new concept McDonald's similar to those seen in Houston. The new concept includes a full-sized dining area and a reduced "back area," enabling restaurants to be built in smaller spaces than in the past.

"It gives us small-town approachability," Leigh said, "but as far as the customer knows, it's a full McDonald's experience."

A full menu would be featured, but the restaurant would not include a "play place."

Approximately 30-50 employees would be hired. Most would fill minimum wage, shift positions.

If city officials approve the planned variance request, Leigh said construction on the restaurant would begin in mid-April and might open as early as July.

"We're hoping that we're coming," Leigh said. "The city's been very cooperative."

If the variance is denied, McDonald's officials will be forced to reconsider coming to Post.

The proposed site at the northeast corner of Main and Broadway is the most desirable location within the city, Leigh said. Other locations have been considered, but costs associated with these sites were not feasible.

Primary election here sees three contested spots

Garza County residents who choose to vote in the March 14 Democratic primary will have three contested local races to decide.

A three-way race has evolved for the position of Precinct 1 commissioner. Incumbent Lee Norman is being challenged by Jim Jackson and Lance Egbert, according to the county clerk.

In Precinct 3, incumbent John Valdez is being challenged by Ted Brannon for the commissioner's seat.

Two individuals are vying for the Democratic candidacy in the race for county sheriff. Incumbent Kenny Ratke is being challenged by one of his deputies, Ramon Holguin.

Winner of the Democratic party sheriff's race will face a Republican challenger in the general election. Jon Smith is running unopposed in the Republican primary.

Post Notes

Summer baseball sign-ups March 6

Sign-ups for T-Ball, Baseball and Softball will be held March 6 after school at the elementary gym. Another sign-up will be held March 7 after school, also in the elementary gym. Those who miss the first two sign-ups may register at Mad Dads thru March 20th. There is a \$15 per child and \$10 for each additional child entry fee. Birth certificates must be presented for registration.

Elementary School Open House

The Post Elementary School will host an open house Tuesday, March 7 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The Third Grade play begins at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Everyone is invited.

"Boeing Boeing" at Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre opens a nine performance run of "Boeing Boeing" March 17 and continues on weekends through April 2. The play is directed by Rick Fay and features Jeff Conner, Jeremy Danial, Anna Wilson, Valerie Burelsmith, Tracy Polk and Mickie Klafka. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

Garza water district seeks candidates

Garza County Underground & Fresh Water Conservation District (U&FWCD) will hold an election for board of directors and is seeking candidates for Precincts 1 and 3. Incumbents are Ferrel Wheeler (Pct 1) and Lester Josey (Pct 3). Deadline for filing is March 22. Contact the office at 495-4425 for more information.

Little League coaches' meeting

A meeting of Little League coaches will be held March 23 at Norwest Bank community room at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in managing or coaching a team or helping in any way should plan on attending this meeting.

Church collects books for Head Start

The First United Methodist Church and Post High School National Honor Society members are collecting easy-to-read books for the Head Start reading program. If you would like to donate any beginner books or have further questions, contact Amy Easterling or Pixie Grisham. The book drive continues through the month of March. Books may be delivered to the church office or at 123 N. Avenue K.

World Day of Prayer March 3

The Post Ministerial Alliance invites the community to observe World Day of Prayer with a quiet time of prayer any time during the day on March 3. The "heritage" church building on the corner of 10th and Avenue K will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the convenience of the whole work force. For over a century a call has gone out around the world and a growing number of men, women and children are joining together the first Friday of March for a time of "informed prayer and prayerful action," the motto of the World Day of Prayer.



The Ranch Dance Fiddle Band will entertain at the March 10 Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau (CTB) annual banquet. Tickets for the event are \$15 per person, which includes a catered dinner, and may be purchased at the CTB office.



Recently inducted to the Post High School National Honor Society were (left to right) Meagn Mills, Lauren Webb, Tandi Humble, Mandy Terry, Laci Williams and Marcus Lopez. (See story on Page 3)

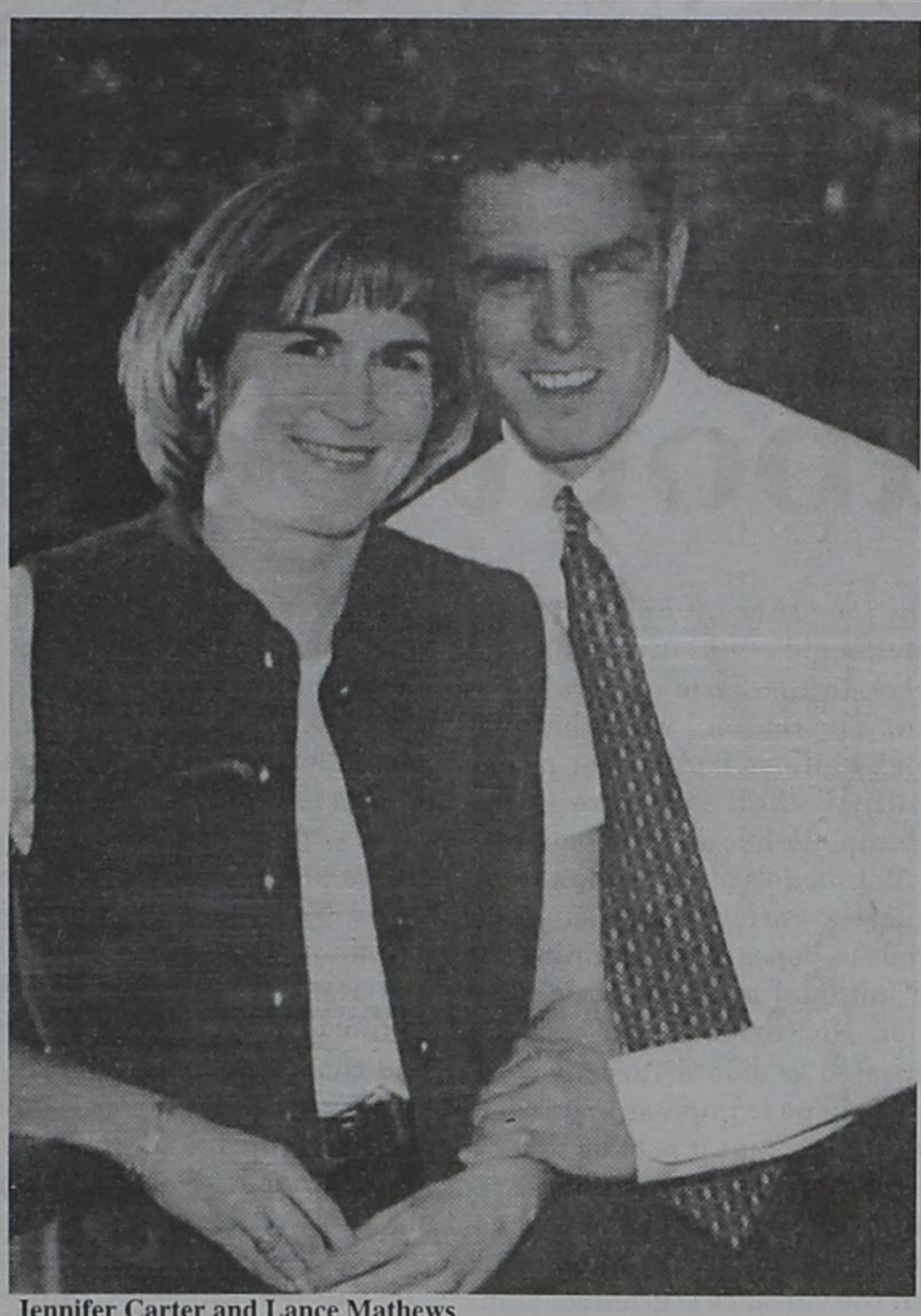
Carter, Mathews plan April wedding

Jerry and Condy Carter of College Station are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Christine Carter to Lance Mathews.

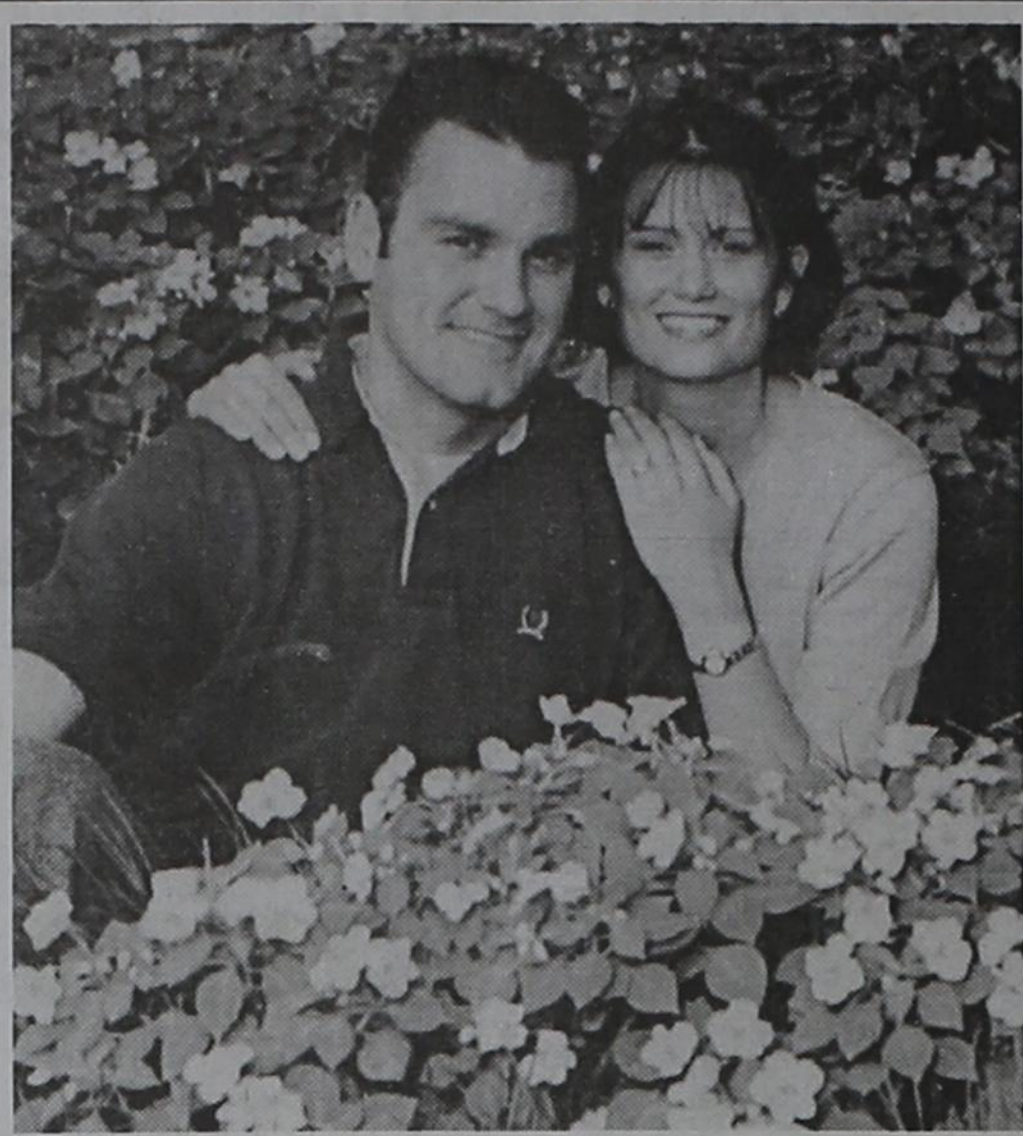
Lance is the son of Phil and Wendy Mathews of Post and Wanda and Bill Dorman of Valley Mills, grandson of Marion and Nell Mathews and the late Sam and Ethyleen Heintz of Post.

Jennifer is a graduate of Texas A&M University, Lance attended McLennan Junior College and is currently a police officer in Bryan.

The wedding will take place April 8 at 6 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Bryan.



Jennifer Carter and Lance Mathews



Chester Williams and Lisa Larimer Mason

Mason, Williams announce engagement

Mr and Mrs Jack Mason of Magnolia proudly announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Larimer, to Chester G. Williams Jr of Houston.

Williams is the son of Mrs Carol Shaw of Ingleside. Lisa is the granddaughter of Mrs Evalyn Mason of Post and the late T.B. Mason. A June 10, 2000 wedding is planned in St Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

McKim feted with bridal shower

Alisha McKim, bride of Wayne McKim, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday, Feb. 19, at the Methodist Church.

About 32 guests attended the event.

The serving table featured the bride's colors of purple and white and was adorned with a fresh tropical flower arrangement. Guests were served coffee and juice, along with sausage balls, pigs-in-a-blanket, muffins and fruit.

Special guests for the occasion were the bride's mother, Meg Nelson, and maternal grandmother, Marita Reed, both of Post, and the groom's mother, Neva McKim of Missouri.

Hostesses presented the couple with a comforter and linen set.

Hostesses for the event were Linda Martinez, Jayta Cravy, Michelle Wischkaemper, Carolyn Hair, Angela Melton, Sheila Melton, Melinda Mason, Diane Josey, Pixie Grisham, Ada Lou Bird, Carol Payne, Jana McCallister, Jody Whisenhunt, Jackie Gonzales, Marinette Tyler, Trevah Yarbrow, Trince Fondy and Lu Anne Terry.

Births



Isaiah Soto

Great grandmothers are Francisca Ayala and Isabel Soto.

Great grandfather is Felipe Guierrez.

Thaddeus Davin Basquez

Tommy and Trudy Basquez are proud to announce the birth of their son Thaddeus Davin.

Thadd was born February 20, 2000 at 1:15 a.m. in Covenant Medical Center.

He weighed eight pounds, four ounces and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are David and Trena Woods. Great grandmother is Tommie Woods. Great-great grandmother, Louzell Chandler.

Paternal grandparents are the late Antonio and Cresencia Basquez.

Thadd is welcomed home by two brothers, T.J. and Drew and sister Tye.

Isaiah Soto

Vernon and Mandy Soto are proud to announce the birth of their son, Isaiah, born February 26, 2000 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He weighed six pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 and 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Pat and Anita Ayala.

Paternal grandparents are Ray and Norma Soto.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush



This has been a sad week for our household. My mom lost her sister, Annie Mae Ready of Tallassee, Ala. Sunday morning.

This was my moms last sister, and for me the closing of lots of wonderful memories.

When we moved to Post I was only four years old. Going back to Tallassee each year was such a treat. My sisters, Jane and Kay and my brother Jack were the grandkids from Texas that the relatives only got to see once a year, so they made the visits so special.

My aunt Annie Mae and her husband Walter owned a grocery store for years and each year when we arrived they spoiled us rotten with treats. At that time, Alabama was the only place you ever saw chocolate drink in a bottle and aunt Annie Mae always had ice cold bottles in the drink box in their store that she always handed out to us. I just know that chocolate drink was the coldest and best thing I've ever tasted!

She was a wonderful person and lived to be 97 years of age. In August, when Jane, Mom and I made the trip to Tallassee, we were so amazed that she could recall every family members birthday and much more. She had some great stories and shared them with us on each visit. She will be missed.

Chamber Banquet Postponed

Don't forget the Commerce and Tourism Banquet has been postponed until Friday, March 10th, at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend, the entertainment and the food will be great, you will have a great evening.

Ten Commandments (Cajun Style)

1. Jus be one God in Heaven.
2. Don't have no idols.
3. Don't be cuss'n nobody.
4. Brought yo'self to church.
5. Listen to maw maw and paw paw.
6. Don't be kilt nobody.
7. Don't sleep with yo' brothers wife.
8. Don't yo took nothin'.
9. Always told the troot.
10. Don't yo wish fo you brother's piroque.

To the Girls

I just wanted to say to the Lady Lopes what a terrific job all of you did this year. I know many of you including your coach, have received honors and all of you should be so proud. What an honor for Post!!

Anger is a condition in which the tongue works faster than the mind!

Birthdays this Week

Friday, March 3; Lindsey Rudd, Mario Castillo and Ryan Graves; Saturday, March 4; Doug Campbell, Shanda Kelso, Jace Foster, Fred Humble, Whitney Morris and Aaron Cooper; Sunday, March 5, Nora Ratke, Trey Jones, Juan Tobias and Richard Fuentes; Monday, March 6; Sofia Martinez, Ginger Ahrens, Josie Whisenhunt and Sara Gonzales; Tuesday, March 7: Robert Wilson, Ruby Bostick, Tyler Ayala, Juanita Rivera and Tammy Self; Wednesday, March 8, Jamie Morris, Tim Pettyjohn, Willie Thurman, Domingro Bacheco, Carlos Leyva, Christopher Cruse, Blaise Lester and Kelly Line; Thursday, March 9, Gabby Piaz, Pamela Hogue, Cody and Garrett Lester.

If you fill your heart with regrets of yesterday and the worries of tomorrow, you have no today to be thankful for.

Happy 70

All of the Fluitt and Reno family joined forces Saturday to celebrate Harold's (Reno) birthday. It was the big 70. Was it o.k. for me to say that Harold?

We gathered at W.O. Fluitt's home and enjoyed cake and just good ole visiting. Those present were: Harold and Jeneice Reno, Roger and Darla Reno of Lubbock with daughter Lacy, Joe and Kay Reno of May, Jerry and Judy Bush, Ricky and Judy Bush, Trevah Yarbrow and boys Quinton, Clinton and Kale, Lucille Bush, Sally Bush, Jay Fluitt, Mary Jo Evans of Lubbock, Cody Reno of Lubbock and son Dylan, Pete and Juanelle Hays and of course Uncle Dub (W.O.) We all had a great time.

Get Well Sara

Sara Ault recently had surgery and is back home now. Ricky Welch of Austin was here the day she came home and stayed the week end. Sara you get well quick and let me hear from you.

Home is the place where we grumble the most, but are often treated the best.

Till Next Week

Hope you all have a great week end and hopefully we will get some rain. May God bless each of you. Please call with your news. Don't forget Old Mill this weekend. See ya!

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New NHS members inducted at Post High School

by Camie Payne

Six new members were inducted into the National Honor Society on Feb. 3 at the annual ceremony at the First Baptist Church.

Inductees included sophomores Tandi Humble and Meagan Mills; juniors Laci Williams and Mandy Terry; and seniors Marcus Lopez and Lauren Webb.

"The National Honor Society is an elite group of students," Webb said. "I am very proud to be a part."

The Honor Society was established to reward students who maintain a 90 or above average and who possess certain characteristics. They must exhibit qualities of leadership, scholarship, character and service.

To be eligible to become a member, a student must have at least 40 hours of community service and, once inducted, a minimum of 20 hours of service per year.

"You have to work hard for community service, but it is rewarding in the end when you are finally inducted and accepted as a member," Lopez said.

Two weeks prior to the induction ceremony, members notify new members of their selection through a 'tapping formality.' Members walk up and down the halls of the school, ringing a bell and presenting new members with tags of acceptance.

The induction ceremony is a formal event for members, parents and teachers. This year's ceremony began with a Mexican food buffet, followed by the installation of new members in a candle lighting service. The evening's events concluded with guest speaker Donny Payne, a former Post High School student who works as an engineer in Lubbock.

In addition to the new members, the National Honor Society is made up of Lindsey Rudd, Kelci Hart, Kelli Collier, Laura Tobias, Kelsey Wimmer and Josh Fumagalli. Officers include Scotty Gaydos, president; Erin Gregory, vice president; Luke Williams, secretary; Camie Payne, reporter; and Davida Gregory, Student Council representative.

"We're very proud to see people striving to be a part of our organization," Gaydos said. "I have no doubt that the new members will continue the tradition with pride."

Bartlett addresses Amity Study Club

by Louella Bilberry

Amity Study Club met Feb. 22 in the home of Ginger Carlisle with 14 members present and a surprise guest, Janet Hall, who is a former member.

We answered roll call by having to tell a little something about George Washington (beside the cherry tree episode) or tell of a "white lie" we are guilty of having told at some time. We didn't learn much about George, but we did get some good tips on unwanted phone calls and visitors.

We had no business to discuss so we settled back and gave our attention to Kenda Bartlett. Kenda had spoken to our group in October 1998. Our nation, at that time, was embroiled in the Clinton scandal and talk of impeachment.

Kenda went to the ultimate source — the Constitution — and explained the technicalities of the impeachment process. This time her presentation was of a more personal nature. In 1979, Betty Friedan was getting mass media attention with her

organization, NOW, and its anti-family, anti-God agenda and its claim to be speaking for the women of America.

Mrs. Beverly LaHaye listened to one of those interviews and said, "No! She is not speaking for me!" She discovered there were thousands of women who felt as she did and so organized Concerned Women for America. One of those women was Kenda. She called Mrs. LaHaye and said, "I want to help."

For eight years as a volunteer she visited state legislators and lobbied for causes advanced by CWA. She is now a paid, full-time staff member and two weeks of each month she visits with organizations that believe in and support the goals of CWA.

CWA has organizations in 35 states. Because of our size, Texas is divided into three regions. CWA is twice as large as NOW, but who gets the most mass media attention?

Borden County school reunion set Aug. 4-5

The five-year all-school reunion for the Borden County Independent School District will be held in Gail Aug. 4-5.

Former students and teachers, as well as family members, are invited to attend.

For the Memorial List, the planning committee needs information on the deaths of any Borden County student, teacher or employee. Please send the person's name, year of death and, if an ex-student, their graduation year.

Anyone who has not sent his or her address or who knows someone who might like further information about the reunion should contact the following address as soon as possible: Borden County ISD Reunion Committee, c/o Judy Kingston, Route 1, Box 118, O'Donnell, Texas 79351, or call 806-439-6686.



PHS debate team members earning berths at state competition March 11-15 in Austin are (left to right) Scotty Gaydos and Kelci Hart (first place), Russell Eaton and Priscilla Gonzales (3rd place and first alternate) and Kenda Josey and Colby Miller (4th place and second alternate).

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by Terri Cash

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One key issue is that health insurance premiums are included as a medical expense — and those premiums are high. And even with health insurance, there can be sizeable out-of-pocket costs, from the standard co-payment for each visit to those when an insurer finds a doctor's fee is over their "usual and accepted" designation.

Prescription drugs may not be covered by insurance, especially drugs such as birth control pills or Viagra, or others considered "experimental." Insurers often bar payment for new medical procedures not yet widely accepted. The companies also may limit the number of visits covered to mental health professionals.

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Obituaries

Annie Mae Ready

Graveside services for Mrs. Annie Mae Ready, 97, of Tallassee, Alabama, were held at the Rose Hill Cemetery at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 28, 2000, with the Rev. Ed Glaize officiating. The Jeffcoat Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She died Sunday morning, Feb. 27. Born Sept. 11, 1902, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Tallassee for a number of years. Survivors include one son, Richard E. Ready of Tallassee; one daughter, Evelyn Carmichael of Thorsby, Alabama; one sister, Fannie Ballentine of Post; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter, and four sisters and one brother, all of Tallassee.

Charles Travis Hudman

Services for Charles Travis Hudman, 69, of Crosbyton, formerly of Post, will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 2, 2000, at the Crosbyton Church of Christ. Burial will follow in the Crosbyton Cemetery under the direction of the Adams Funeral Home of Crosbyton and the Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

He died Tuesday, Feb. 29. Born May 7, 1930, he began working for Hudman Furniture and Hudman Funeral Home in Post in 1945. He graduated from Post High School in 1947 and married Sue Nell Carpenter Feb. 5, 1950, in Tahoka. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1952 to 1954 during the Korean War. In April 1955, he and his wife opened Hudman Hardware & Furniture in Crosbyton.

A member of the Crosbyton Church of Christ, he was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite and the Crosbyton Masonic Lodge 1020. He served as a city councilman for 14 years and was former chairman of the Municipal Airport Board. He was instrumental in securing the city farm property and the municipal airport. This property was essential for the solar research project and the Industrial Park.

He was a leader in the Crosbyton Volunteer Fire Department and was one of the original owners of the White River Lake Marina. He served in the Lions Club and spent two years as president of the Jaycees. He was involved in outside school activities and anything that benefited his community. In 1995, he was recognized as Crosbyton's Citizen Through the Years.

He retired in February 1997. Survivors include his wife, Sue Hudman of Crosbyton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and John Carlisle of Rosemount, MN, and Laurie and Mark Bandy of Lubbock; three grandchildren, Cody and Samantha Scott of Rosemount and Alexis Bandy of Lubbock; and his mother, Julia Faye Hudman of Post.

Fort Worth Star Telegram features Post

The Post Tourism & Commerce Bureau reports that the Fort Worth Star Telegram will feature Post in its Sunday, March 5 edition. A reporter from the Fort Worth newspaper was in Post recently for several days, preparing for the feature article.

City, school, hospital district candidates file

No new filings were recorded during the past week in the Post Independent School District and the Garza Hospital District, but one was reported in the City of Post.

Councilman W.G. (Bill) Pool has filed as a candidate for the Ward 4 seat he currently holds.

According to city officials, no other filings were recorded.

Seats currently held by John Redman, Ward 3, and Harold Craig, Ward 5, also will be filled in the upcoming election.

In the Post Independent School District, three positions will be filled in the election.

All three incumbents — Mark Short, Rex Cash and Diana Looney — have filed as candidates for the board of trustees.

The candidate filing period for both the City of Post and the Post Independent School District opened Feb. 21. The final day to file for a place on the ballot will be March 22. Final day for a write-in candidate to file is March 27.

Early voting will run from April 19 through May 2.

In the hospital district, two seats on the board of directors are due to be filled May 6.

The positions are currently held by David Tyler and Mike Travis.

Candidate filings will be accepted through 5 p.m. April 10.

Further information regarding the hospital district election will be printed at a later date.

The city, school district and hospital district elections will be held May 6.

A&M Sea Camps offered

Scientists in a nearby boat look for identifying features as dolphins break the surface of the water. Nets are hauled aboard a small research vessel as the secrets of the oceans are about to be revealed. Feathers flutter as the great blue heron takes flight.

No, it's not an adventure magazine photo shoot. It's another day in the life of participants in Sea Camp at Texas A&M University, Galveston.

This summer's 15th annual Sea Camp will give youths the chance to experience the wonders of the marine environment first-hand. Participants in the one-week camp have access to Texas A&M research vessels, oceanographic equipment, laboratory facilities and staff.

Sessions run through June and July.

Sea Camp 1 gives a great overview of marine biology, concentrating in and around Galveston Bay. This camp is open to youths ages 10-18. Sea Camp 2, open to campers ages 13-16, builds upon the adventures of Sea Camp 1.

Sea Camp 3, or Fish Camp, is a specialty session which concentrates on fishing techniques and fisheries management. Sea Camp 4, or the Marine Mammal Workshop, is a specialty camp for students with the

desire to learn about all aspects of marine mammals. Sea Camp 5, or Coastal Ecology Camp, is a specialty session that explores the wonders of the ecology of the Texas coast.

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Loss comes in many forms. Losing a relationship, a job, a beloved pet, or some aspect of your health are all capable of causing pain and grief. Losing someone you love is perhaps hardest of all. Grief is a natural response to life changing loss. We all grieve differently, but the ultimate goal is the acceptance of new circumstances.

Grief is a process that has several phases, which may happen all at once, or one after the other. Shock and denial are often the first reaction to loss. Other powerful emotions may include guilt, anger, and extreme sadness. All of these reactions are part of the process and should not be ignored or avoided. Grief can affect both your physical and mental well being. Step up to your grief, meet and embrace it. Below are some ways to deal with grief and to help others deal with theirs.

When coping with your own loss. Take a break from your routine responsibilities. Cancel obligations for a few days and ask family for specific kinds of help, such as meal preparation or childcare. Talk about your feelings with others. Dealing with grief requires expression, suppression of your feelings may prolong the process. Allow yourself to cry. Some cultures frown on strong displays of emotion, but crying is a natural response to pain that can lead to emotional release of grief. Take care of yourself. Grief depresses the immune system. Eat right and remain physically active. Make time for extra sleep and rest during the initial grief process. Make time for diversion and fun; also transform your grief into action. Give yourself permission to take a break from grieving and enjoy yourself.

It's natural to want to help others when they grieve, yet many are unsure of how. Offer support. If you live far away call or write. Listen without giving advice. Don't tell the person what they should feel and don't claim to know how they are feeling. Offer specific help. Preparing meals, helping with chores, running errands. Stay in touch. Especially during the difficult times such as anniversaries, birthdays, and holidays.

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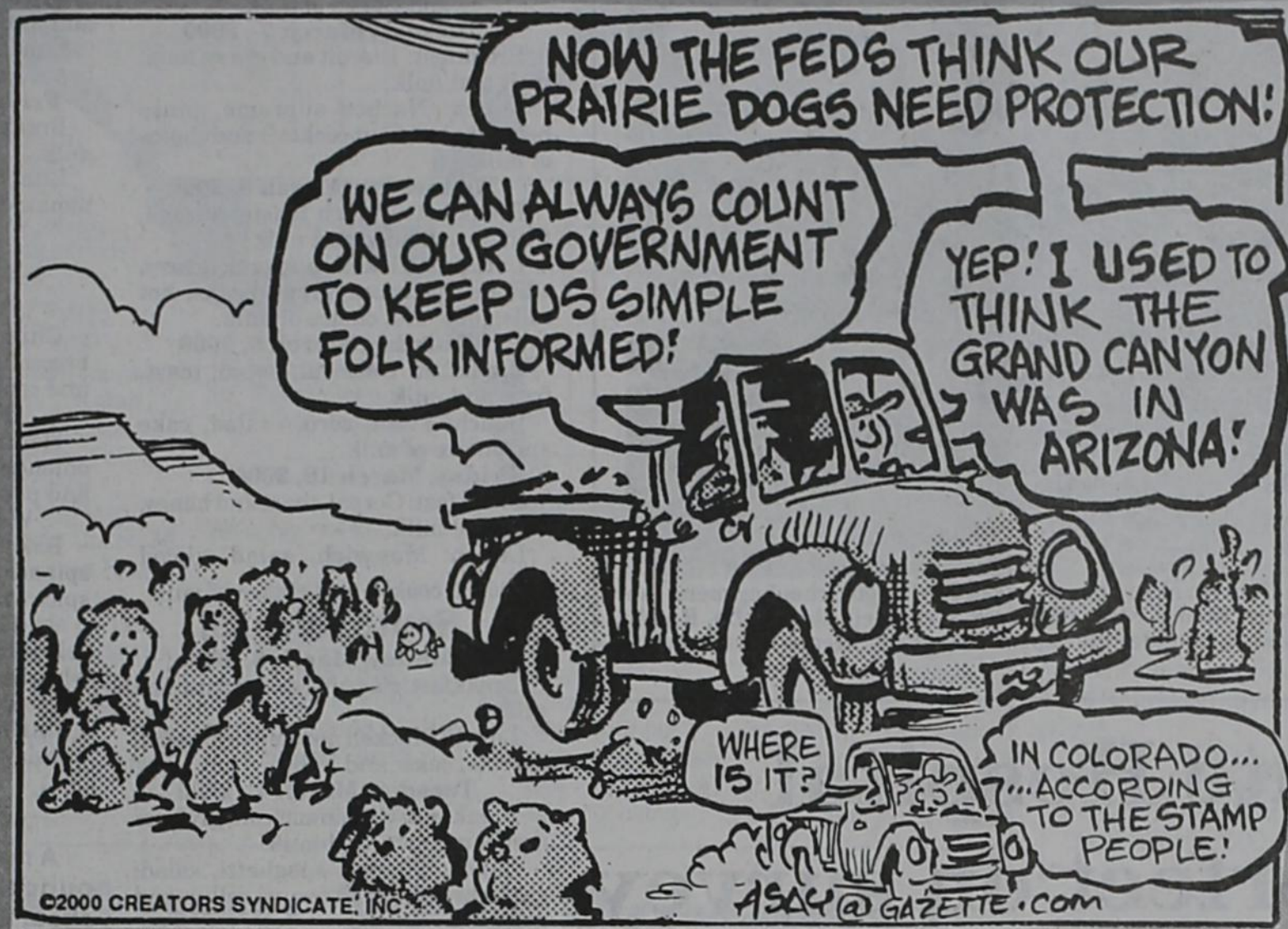
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The birth of a nation

by Wesley W. Burnett
 Today (3/2/2000) marks the 164th anniversary of a momentous event in world history ... on this day in 1836 a small group of dissident Mexican citizens dared to declare their independence from Mexico.

A rag-tag group of Texans met at Washington-on-the-Brazos, disregarded the obvious threat to their well being, and audaciously drafted a constitution for the Republic of Texas.

It was a hurried constitutional convention, because the men who gathered there from various parts of Texas knew that a well armed and well trained army was bearing down on them.

They listed their grievances, primary among them was that their own government refused to abide by its constitution. They had exhausted political avenues for remedy. Their demands that the government adhere to the 1824 Republic of Mexico constitution were ignored.

How different things would be today, had the Mexican politicians simply insisted on following their own constitution and the restraints it placed on government. We might today still be a part of Mexico.

But like all governments which ignore constitutional restraints, they will suffer defeat, because sooner or later the subjects under that tyranny will put aside their fear and take whatever action they feel appropriate to set things right.

That's what a handful of our Texas ancestors did on this day in 1836, and the months following. Most Texans fled for their safety, leaving a few behind to stand up to the bully from south of the Rio Grande. Those who chose to stand and fight were ridiculed and scorned for their stupidity and radical views.

It was only later, after the rag-tag Texican army defeated Santa Anna, were those few to be hailed as heroes. They were avoided like a plague by most Mexican citizens living in Texas at the time. But their cause for freedom and liberty was just, and time honors those few for having the guts to put aside their fear and stand against tyranny.

We need more like them today. When I read the list of grievances outlined by those Mexican citizens in 1836, I am reminded of similar grievances we have against our own government today. And like then, there are very few Texans willing to speak out against the tyranny which engulfs us. Little by little, the liberties for which our ancestors bled and died, are surely fading away into oblivion.

The memory of those who stood to make sure we enjoyed the fruits of their sacrifice must not be ignored. Will we be the ones in our time to stand against our government when it degrades our liberty?

Which of us will stand trembling in the face of the tyrant so that our grandchildren will be able to enjoy the fruits of liberty? If history is a lesson, then we can safely say that only a few will do so, and with God's will, those few will save liberty for the many who are too fearful to make a noise.

What exactly are Texas boundaries?

by Wesley W. Burnett
 Most Texans have no idea that the geographic boundaries of Texas are not defined by law or the constitution.

In a way this is about as astonishing as the revelation that Texas citizenship is not defined (see The Post Dispatch 2/24/00). The fact that the boundaries of Texas are not to be found in any one collection of law is just unbelievable.

The boundaries are defined, but they are not defined by statute nor in the current Texas constitution. Definitions of the boundaries are found in various U.S. and Republic of Texas treaties, and in court cases.

When delegates to the Texas Constitutional Convention of 1997 began researching this matter, we were surprised, as we were about the citizenship issue, that there was no clearly designated boundaries for Texas. The State of Texas Land Office provided assistance for the research, which resulted in Article 8, Section 6 (see below).

So, the next time you cross the Texas "border," thinking you are in Oklahoma, Louisiana or New Mexico, think again ... you might still be in Texas, at least as far as the law is concerned.

When Texas Constitution 2000 is ratified, there will be, for the first time ever, constitutionally defined geographic boundaries for Texas, an issue which should have been settled years ago.

If you look at a current Texas map, you'll find the definitions listed below follow very closely along the standard map outlines.

We felt it critical that our boundaries be lawfully defined.

Texas Constitution 2000

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Article 8. General Provisions
 Section 6. Texas boundaries shall be as herein defined. Begin at the geographic center of the eastmost part of the Sabine River. Follow the geographic center northerly through Sabine Lake and Sabine Pass to 32° Latitude. All islands existing prior to April 8, 1812 are a part of Louisiana. All islands formed after April 8, 1812 on the west side are a part of Texas and on the east side are a part of Louisiana. Continue due north to the Red River. Follow the geographic center of the Red River westerly to the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River. Continue westerly along the Prairie Dog Town Fork to 100° Longitude, proceed due north to 30° 36' Latitude, due west to 2 miles west of 103° Longitude, due south to 32° Latitude, and then due west to the Rio Grande River otherwise known as the Rio Bravo del Norte. Follow the Rio Grande along its deepest channel to the Gulf of Mexico. Follow the Gulf of Mexico easterly to the geographic center of the Sabine River. All islands along the coastline of Texas are a part of Texas.

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Political exploitation of ignorance

by Walter E. Williams
 Ignorance gives politicians a free hand to exploit the politics of envy. Our education system creates a growing surplus of that ignorance. Politicians like Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and John McCain, R-Ariz., who see high income earners as "winners in the lottery of life" carp that Republican tax cuts will be on the backs of the poor to benefit the rich.



You'd think a media person might query: How much taxes do the rich pay, and how much do the poor pay? But media people are also products of our education system.

"OK, Williams," you say, "how much taxes do the rich and poor pay?" Using preliminary 1997 data from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), the Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation reports that the top 1 percent of income earners are people with adjusted gross incomes of \$250,000 and over.

These people earned 17.4 percent of all reported income. So what's their "fair" share of federal income taxes? I don't know what's fair, but the fact is they paid 33.2 percent of all federal income taxes. By the way, earning \$250,000 is nice, but it's hardly what you'd call rich — it's not even yacht money.

What about the lowest 50 percent of income earners, people with adjusted gross incomes \$24,000 and below? Gephardt and McCain call these the "working class" people upon whom's backs George W. Bush's proposed tax cuts will rest.

It turns out that the lowest 50 percent of income earners earned 14 percent of all income and paid 4.3 percent of all federal income taxes, a trifling part of the cost of government. The top 5 percent of earners (income over \$108,000) paid 52 percent of federal income taxes, the top 10 percent (income over \$79,000) paid 63 percent, and the top 25 percent of income earners (income over \$48,000) paid 82 percent.

I'd like one of these Americans, who might be paying a mortgage, a car note and college tuition for one or two youngsters, to stand up and say,

"I'm rich!"

After playing the envy game, presidential contenders call for health-care reform. That translates into more government control. Before we buy into their promises of better health care with greater government control, we ought to look around.

Politicians used to sing the praises of Britain's National Health Service (NHS). A recent study by David Green and Laura Casper, "Delay, Denial and Dilution," written for the London-based Institute of Economic Affairs, concludes that the NHS delivers health-care services that are just about the worst in the developed world.

The head of the World Health Organization calculated that Britain has as many as 25,000 unnecessary cancer deaths a year because of underprovision of care. Twelve percent of specialists surveyed admitted refusing kidney dialysis to patients suffering from kidney failure because of limits on cash.

Waiting lists for medical treatment have become so long that there are now "waiting lists" for the waiting list. You say, "Williams, Canada's government health-care system is what we should have!" Canada's government system isn't that different from Britain's.

For example, after a Canadian has been referred to a specialist, the waiting list for: gynecological surgery is 4 to 12 weeks, cataract removal is 12 to 18 weeks, tonsillectomy is 3 to 36 weeks and neuro-surgery is 5 to 30 weeks.

Toronto-area hospitals, concerned about lawsuits, ask patients to sign a legal release accepting that while delays in treatment may have jeopardized their health, they nevertheless hold the hospital blameless.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out why Canadians flock to American hospitals and Americans don't flock to Canadian hospitals.

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Celebrating America's first Bolshevik

by Vin Suprynowicz
 A survey of 58 historians "from across the political spectrum" released by C-Span Feb. 21 ranked the "leadership qualities" of American presidents, placing Lincoln first, followed by Franklin Roosevelt.

Needless to say, presidents who avoided warfare, obeyed their oath of office, and concentrated on preserving American liberties did not fare well: Among them, Jefferson ranked highest at seventh.

In "America's Two Just Wars: 1775 and 1861" (in which the author argues that the just cause in 1861 was that of Southern independence), Murray Rothbard, intellectual heir to Ludwig von Mises and late of the UNLV Department of Economics, describes the onset of Republicanism under Lincoln:

"Lincoln signed no less than 10 tariff-raising bills during his administration. Heavy 'sin' taxes were levied on alcohol and tobacco, the income tax was levied for the first time in American history, huge land grants and monetary subsidies were handed out to transcontinental railroads (accompanied by a vast amount of attendant corruption), and the government went off the gold standard and virtually nationalized the banking system to establish a machine for printing new money and to provide cheap credit for the business elite. ... A huge army was conscripted, dissenters and advocates of a negotiated peace with the South were jailed, and the precious Anglo-Saxon right of *habeas corpus* was abolished for the duration."

Slavery? "In every other part of the New World, slavery was peacefully bought out by agreement with the slaveholders," Rothbard asserted in the 1994 talk on which this essay is based. (Actually, Haiti was the other violent exception.) "But in these other countries ... there were no Puritan millennialists to do their bloody work, armed with a gun in one hand and a hymn book in the other. ... The Yankee fanatics were the Bolsheviks of their era."

Lincoln's "character"? Rothbard notes that Lincoln was the perfect model of the modern "reform liberal" ... whose heart bleeds for and yearns to "uplift" remote mankind, while he lies to and treats abominably actual people whom he knew."

Lincoln declared that the Union was "a family, bound indissolubly together by the most intimate organic bonds," Rothbard points out, while meantime acting "viciously toward his own humble frontier family. He abandoned his fiancée in order to marry the wealthier Mary Todd ... he repudiated his brother, and he refused to attend his dying father or his father's funeral, monstrously declaring that such an experience 'would be more painful than pleasant.'"

The most thoroughly researched fresh look at Mr. Lincoln's War is Jeffrey Rogers Hummel's 1996 "Emancipating Slaves, Enslaving Free Men" (Laissez Faire Books; 800-326-0996).

Hummel notes: "The Lincoln Administration imprisoned at least 14,000 civilians throughout the course of the war. ... The federal government simultaneously monitored and censored both the mails and telegraphs. ... It also suppressed newspapers. Over three hundred, including the Chicago Times, the New York World, and the Philadelphia Evening Journal, had to cease publication for varying periods."

Former Democratic Congressman Clement L. Vallandigham of Ohio,

running for governor, "delivered a speech in May 1863 that accused the President of unnecessarily prolonging the conflict. The Union commander in Ohio roused Vallandigham from his home at night and jailed him. A military court handed down a sentence of confinement for the war's duration, but public indignation forced Lincoln to commute the sentence to exile behind Confederate lines."

Slavery? Hummel concludes "Slavery was doomed politically even if Lincoln had permitted the small Gulf Coast Confederacy" — the states that had seceded by the time of his inauguration — "to depart in peace. The Republican-controlled Congress would have been able to work toward emancipation within the border states, where slavery was already declining. In due course the Radicals could have repealed the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850. With chattels fleeing across the border and raising slavery's enforcement costs, the peculiar institution's final destruction within an independent cotton South was inevitable."

So the war wasn't even necessary to end slavery — while the "great emancipator" never tired of offering to let the southerners keep their slaves, if only they'd rejoin his precious union.

What Lincoln and his party achieved was to convert this land from a Jeffersonian republic of limited government to a monstrous and ever-growing welfare/police state, taxing and regulating everything in sight, dreaming up monopoly government licensing schemes for everything from the practice of law and medicine to peaceful travel of the highways, and most insidiously of all creating a vast tax-supported bureaucratic cadre to propagandize the nation's youth — education being an arena in which no role for government had previously been contemplated — teaching them precisely that their heroes should be none other than those most successful betrayers of the American Revolution, Lincoln the First and Roosevelt the Second!

The messianic "reform" movement which began with the Whig-Republican coalition of the 1860s has never really gone into eclipse. This is the gang who still seek to use the usurped powers of the central state to ban outright such previously well-accepted forms of commerce as prostitution, gambling, and the traffic in alcohol, medicines, and pain-relieving drugs, with the result that America today has the highest rate of incarceration — slaves to the state, a whopping plurality of those rotting behind bars being black men who have never committed a violent crime — ever seen in the history of mankind.

Yet we are assured, in the ironic words of Broadway librettists Ragni and Rado: "We're free now, thank to yo Massa Lincoln, emancipator of the slaves!"

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 "The evils of tyranny are rarely seen but by him who resists it." — John Hay, 1872

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Big Spring State Hospital scores near-perfect on survey

Big Spring State Hospital scored a 95 out of a possible 100 during last week's survey of the mental health facility by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

The three surveyors heaped praise on the hospital before leaving Friday afternoon for their home base in Chicago, Big Spring State Hospital CEO Ed Moughon said.

"They left a preliminary report that was outstanding," he said. "They were really impressed with how caring the staff was and how they knew all the patients. They could tell that our nurses, direct care workers, social workers and doctors knew about our patients and cared about their recovery."

"It's especially important in psychiatric care that patients have people around them who are sensitive to the patient's needs."

Three surveyors, who are specialized in three areas - nursing, medicine and administration - toured patient care units and talked to patients and employees; interviewed treatment teams and department heads; inspected living conditions; and poured over volumes of patient, organizational and procedural charts.

"Our patients and employees don't know if the surveyors will talk to them," Moughon said. "They may see them in the recreational area and say they want to talk to that patient and see his or her chart."

"They may quiz the employee about fire drills or procedural matters. It's nothing we can prep them for. It's something they must know all the time to care for our patients."

Their Joint Commission's review is so thorough that they searched through employee files before finding a handful of employees whose job performance review wasn't evaluated in a specific time period, Moughon said. "It is so intense. We have 670 employees and to find that shows how far they dug."

"Those were the small things we were marked off for in our survey."

Big Spring State Hospital and other health care facilities are reviewed every three years by JCAHO - an independent, not-for-profit organization.

Big Spring State Hospital's score of 95 improved from a score of 88 in their survey in 1997. That's despite the implementation of more stringent JCAHO survey guidelines since then, Moughon said.

More attention has been focused on mental illness since December when U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher released the first-ever report on mental health.

The new regulations put into effect this year placed a greater emphasis on patient care, Moughon said. And that was what the surveyors found was Big Spring State Hospital's greatest strength.

"They really liked our team approach. Each patient is assigned a team of dietitians, social workers, physicians, nurses and direct care workers. That team meets regularly and decides what's best for the patient in all aspects of care."

"That way nothing is overlooked and the patient is well taken care of as they work together in concert."

JCAHO evaluates and accredits nearly 20,000 health care organizations in the United States in an effort to ensure the quality of health care. If facilities are found sub-par, health care funding from the federal and state governments, and commercial insurance could be halted.

"I can't thank my employees enough for preparing for this survey and all the work they have put in during the past three years since the last survey," Moughon said. "The surveyors look back at everything since the last survey, and I think that speaks highly of our staff. We just don't prepare for a survey; we take care of our patients."

Administrators from the other seven state hospitals in the Texas Department of Mental Health Mental Retardation system were on-hand to observe the surveyors in preparation for their upcoming surveys. Big Spring State Hospital is operated under the auspices of TDMHMR.

Fort Worth Star Telegram features Post

The Post Tourism & Commerce Bureau reports that the Fort Worth Star Telegram will feature Post in its Sunday, March 5 edition. A reporter from the Fort Worth newspaper was in Post recently for several days, preparing for the feature article.

Rural carrier associate exam to be offered

The rural carrier associate examination for the Crosbyton Area Eligibility Register (AER) is open for public application.

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Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, sausage link, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Frito pie, Ranch Style Beans, broccoli, cornbread, brownie and choice of milk.

Tuesday, March 7, 2000
Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, ham, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Nachos supreme, pinto beans, salad, fruit cocktail and choice of milk.

Wednesday, March 8, 2000
Breakfast: French toast, sausage, fruit, grape juice and milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello and choice of milk.

Thursday, March 9, 2000
Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Pizza, corn, salad, cake and choice of milk.

Friday, March 10, 2000
Breakfast: Cereal, toast and honey, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Manwich, salad, sliced peaches, cookie and choice of milk.

Southland ISD

Monday, March 6, 2000
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, salad, carrots, cake and milk.

Tuesday, March 7, 2000
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, graham crackers, juice and milk.
Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, green beans, rollup and milk.

Wednesday, March 8, 2000
Breakfast: Sausage, egg, potato and cheese burrito, juice and milk.
Lunch: Meatloaf, creamed potatoes, corn, rolls, cookie and milk.

Thursday, March 9, 2000
Breakfast: Toast, jelly, bacon, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Chili cheese burritos, salad, beans, jello and milk.

Friday, March 10, 2000
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, lettuce/tomatoes, fries, cake and milk.

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Monday, March 6, 2000
Chili and beans, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, cornbread, pears and cookies.

Tuesday, March 7, 2000
Hamburger, cheese/lettuce/tomato/onion/pickles, tator tots, 3-bean salad and peaches.

Wednesday, March 8, 2000
Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, spinach, salad, wheat roll and fresh spice cake.

Thursday, March 9, 2000
Roast beef, potatoes, carrots, salad, wheat roll and cinnamon cake.

Friday, March 10, 2000
Catfish, baked beans, greens, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

A man's heart weighs about 11 ounces and a woman's heart about 9 ounces.

Seven arrests reported...

Seven people were booked into the Garza County jail during the past week, according to Sheriff's Department records.

Those arrested included a 40-year-old male, possession of marijuana/under two ounces (\$1,500 bail bond); a 24-year-old male, application to revoke community supervision; a 25-year-old male, assault/family violence and injury to a child; and a 23-year-old male, Potter County warrant.

Also, a 28-year-old male, driving while license suspended (\$1,500 bail bond); a 57-year-old male, indictment; and a man, age unlisted, driving while intoxicated/first offense.



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GARZA COUNTY
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MARCH 14, 2000

Jim Jackson and family chose to live and make a living in Garza County. Residence in Post since 1956 has been a matter of choice not an accident of birth.

Jim Jackson is experienced in matters of local government by:

- Having served six years on Post City Council
- Serving as Mayor of Post for eight years
- Participating in inter-governmental affairs with South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG)
- Serving as President of Post Chamber of Commerce
- Helping in the establishment of the sale at the Garza County Stock Show
- Giving active leadership to the creation of Old Mill Trade Days in 1994
- As Mayor, pushing the creation of the local land fill, to save costs of hauling trash to other cities
- Supporting the growth of arts and culture in Post
- Being continually active in his local church as minister of music and deacon and other functions
- Being a member and promoting Post Lions Club, providing eye glasses and other need to the disadvantaged
- Being active in business as co-owner of Jackson Bros. Meat Packers, building and operating the Chaparral Restaurant and operating the Hungry American Bar-B-Que at Old Mill Trade Days
- The Jackson's two children, Benny and Darla, finished high school in Post and attended Texas Tech. Both are in successful business and have given four grandchildren for the Jacksons.

Award Jim Jackson's leadership and contributions to the community by making him your next commissioner of Precinct 1. Pd Pol. Adv. paid for by Jim Jackson, Post, Texas 79356

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5 TX Willie wrote "Night" for Ray Price

6 this Meharg was 1st female TX secretary of state

7 TXism: "jump" (escape)

8 TX Willie was an _____ salesman before music

17 Aransas Pass festival "Shrimpo" _____

18 knife wound

21 this Watson sang "Raisin' Cane in Texas" (init.)

22 Marshall is in _____ TX

23 aviator Earhart

24 intriguingly unusual the way out

30 Seminole FM

31 Rick Perry is TX _____ Gov.

32 Astro outfielder in '94

34 TX-filmed "Pee _____ Big Adventure"

35 Dallas univer. _____

36 those learning the ropes

37 TXism: "gave up the ghost"

38 TXism: "does a cat have a climbing _____?" (yes)

39 restored Galveston mansion: _____ Villa

40 7-11's "Big _____"

41 good night girl

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1 site of A&M's "branded stairway"

2 TXism: "I'll slap _____ hat size!"

3 TX Horton Foote screenplay: "_____ and Men"

4 in Austin Co. on 36

9 TX Phylcia Rashad was _____ Huxtable on TV

10 TXism: "headed for the _____ roundup"

11 State Fair mo. _____

12 sch. activity

13 TXism: "wiped the slate clean"

14 matrons

15 bit of gossip

16 TXism: "take sick"

19 TXism: "popular as _____ daughter"

20 buffalo hangout: Fort Worth _____ Center

22 song: "All My _____ Live in Texas"

24 TXism: "never let _____ see you sweat"

25 famous TX ranch that was once biggest in world

26 veggie fried in TX

27 iced and lipo

28 TXism: "if _____ a dime every time ..."

29 TX town and Bible garden

30 TXism: "_____ it under your hat"

33 Texan born "tween July 23 & Aug. 22

34 early TX oilman

35 TXism: "works from can't _____ can't see"

37 beach vehicle

38 fireplace frame

40 TX judge's mallet

41 a long Dallas Stars shot _____ the puck

44 TX Kenny Rogers' "_____ I Can Make It On My Own"

45 TXism: "camps out in the _____ corner" (religious)

48 TXism: "skunk eggs"

Pointers For Parents

How To Stimulate Pre-School Reading Skills Using The Computer

by the PC Dads™

(NAPS)—Kids seem to absorb spoken language naturally. But learning to read involves more complex mental and visual skills. Much as hearing a parent's voice stimulates an infant's ability to speak clearly, being read to at an early age develops a child's pre-reading skills. Studies show that kids who are read to as little as 15 minutes a day learn to read quicker and generally perform better in school.

While a PC can't take the place of Mom or Dad, it can supplement your efforts in unique ways. Like the real world, the PC has multi-

media capabilities that can grab your child's interest, by combining the text and graphics of a book, with sound and motion. Here are some ways to begin.

- **Interactive Reading Programs:** Start with programs such as Broderbund's *Living Book Series* (example: *Just Grandma and Me*), *Arthur* books (like *Arthur's Teacher Trouble*), or the *Dr. Seuss* books. These programs are books with charming characters who come to life when you click on the screen. Mark's five-year-old daughter delights in seeing the words highlighted on the screen, and then going back to click on them again
- **Balance the multi-sensory with the feel of print:** Don't overwhelm your child with bells and whistles. Moving images and sound effects are fun, but remember that when you read to a child, part of the satisfaction comes from the imaginary pictures formed in their minds. Some children need more visual aids than others to remain attentive. Experiment until you come up with an approach that helps your child stay interested.
- **Let the kids take the lead:** As they get older, they can point to words or fill in the blanks after you read a few sentences. Be patient if they don't want to read, or fail to recognize words. Instead, talk to them about what they're seeing, or what they think about the story and its characters.
- **Bring traditional books into the picture:** Find software programs that are based on storybooks. Then, after you've played the computer game with your child, head to the library to look for the book it is based on. *Curious George*, for example, is a story about a mischievous monkey that children have loved for decades. Now George has gone digital, with a program that teaches kids letters and their sounds. Children like to express their opinions, and the opportunity to discuss the differences between the book and the computer version of the story provides a platform for older preschoolers.

Above all, use your time with your child to explore and enjoy the magic of the written word. If you enjoy reading, it's a good bet that your child will too.

Mark Ivey and Ralph Bond, the PC Dads™, are Technology Education Managers at Intel Corp., who help families get all they can from their PCs. Find their advice at <http://www.intel.com/intel/go/pcdads> or pick up their new book "The PC Dads' Guide To Becoming a Computer Smart Parent," (Dell Publishing) (E-mail: TheDads@aol.com)



Walter Smiths are honored on 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith of 410 N. Ave. 9 were honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception in their home Friday evening, Feb. 22.

Hosts and hostesses for the event were the couple's children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. (Pete) Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tanner, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith all of Post. They also have a son Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Smith of Carlsbad, N.M.

The former Ida Karl and Smith were married Feb. 22, 1930 and moved to Post from the Central Texas area in 1946.

They also have 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

From The Post Dispatch, February 28, 1980



THREE BIRTHDAYS—ONE CAKE

Three sisters with the same birthday display the cake that was the center of attraction at their birthday party here Saturday in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Pierce. From left are: Mrs. Janice Grape and Mrs. Patsy White, both of Austin, and Mrs. Sharla Wells of Post.

From The Post Dispatch, March 5, 1970

Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

March 7, 1990 10 Years Ago

Post Art Guild members Linda Puckett, Gayla Leary, Jane Mason, Ann Bratcher, Geraldine Butler and Marie Neff were in Plainview for a March 1 Plainview Arts Council membership reception at the Llano Estacado Museum.

The PAG had been invited to hang a showing for the reception and for the month of March.

Jeff and Kim Stalcup of Plainview are proud to announce the birth of their son, Steven Chase, who was born Friday, February 23, 1990 in Hi-Plains Hospital at Hale Center. He weighed seven pounds and eight ounces.

Michelle May, daughter of Patricia and Eldon May of Austin, and granddaughter of Pat and Mary Martin of Post, is a member of Austin's James Bowie High School's "Silver Stars" Drill and Dance Team.

The Post varsity girls' track team placed first at last Saturday's Whirlwind Relays at Floydada, scoring 185 points.

March 5, 1970 30 Years Ago

Bryan Williams, Post Girl Scout booster, made the first purchases in this year's Girl Scout cookie drive from Cindy Kirkpatrick and Terri Clary, last year's top cookie sellers.

Tommy Young of the Post Jaycees was elected as one of the three state vice presidents at a district meeting in San Angelo.

Opponents of the PHS girls' basketball team who have had "double trouble" on the court for the last four years might as well get set for four more years of the same. High-scoring Windham twins, Sharon and Karon, are graduating, but the Bird twins, Cindy and Lindy, are coming on to replace them.

Mrs. Joe Callis was honored on her 75th birthday Sunday, March 1 by her daughter and grandchildren with a weekend family gathering in the home of her grandson, R.J. Trammell, and family, of Pecos.

"Genius Kit" contest winners were announced at the recent Blue and Gold Cub Scout banquet. The over-all first prize winner was Daniel Morrow who, with the assistance of his father, Charles Morrow, built a circus with his "Genius Kit." Second prize was awarded to Kelly Mason and his father, Jody Mason, who constructed a pontoon boat.

March 3, 1960 40 Years Ago

The Post vicinity shivered into its ninth day of severe Winter weather Wednesday as streets and roads remained icy, with some school buses still unable to make their runs.

New senior directors for the Post Junior Rodeo Association are Roy Josey, Walter Josey, Noel White, Sue Stephens, Billie Mears, Nathan Little, Boy Hart, Sid Cross, Bus Pennell, Junior Morris, Glenn Davis and Lester Nichols.

Last rites for W.O. Fluitt, Sr., a resident of Garza County since 1923, were conducted Thursday, March 3 in the First Baptist Church.

The Glenn Wheatleys were honored with a housewarming after moving from the Close City com-

March 9, 1950 50 Years Ago

Mrs. W. H. Childs was honored with a layette shower in the home of Mrs. Chester Morris yesterday afternoon.

Cohostesses included Mrs. Will Teaff, Mrs. George Fulton, Mrs. L. H. Peel, Mrs. V. L. Peel, Mrs. Ray Young and Mrs. Delmo Gossett.

Forty guests called and several others sent gifts. Refreshments served included pink punch, pink and blue cakes, mints and nuts.

Birthdays today are:

Mrs. Tol Thomas
Mary Dodson
Alarah Pierce
Alford Beauchamp
Mrs. James Dietrich

Dan Altman, player-manager, has called an organization meeting at city hall for players and fans of the Post Millers baseball team.

4-H members Jerrell Stone, A.J. Stone and Jimmy Peede are this year's Sears Foundation winners.

Graham correspondent Juanella McClellan reports that Carolyn Moore, Leta Stone, Wayland McClellan and Janie and Judy Gossett have all been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. J. H. Babb and Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Boyd and their son, Don, visited Mrs. Babb's sister, Mrs. Seily Hiser in Putman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Horning of Lubbock were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reese Carter, Jr., and daughter.



Bad weather this week failed to completely halt open house activities at Post Elementary School during this week's observance of Texas Public Schools Week. Shown here are three visitors, a school administrator and two open house hostesses from the P-TA. From left to right, standing, are George Booher, Mrs. Charlie Cooper, Principal James West and Mrs. Terrell Brown. Seated are Mrs. Odean Cummings (left) and Mrs. Tom Power. (Staff Photo)

From The Post Dispatch March 3, 1960

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

—George S. Patton

One of the best rules in conversation is, never to say a thing which any of the company can reasonably wish had been left unsaid.

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James and Laverne Aten
Terri and Randy Williams
Mike and Julie Aten

Thank all of you so much for all of the calls, cards, flowers, food and mostly your prayers since my surgery and my return home.

What a great place to live.
Thank You,
Sara Ault

I would like to thank those who visited me during my short stay in the hospital and for the cards, visits and food after returning home. It was appreciated.
Jewell White

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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Help Wanted

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looking for a person or couple to provide security and do general maintenance work on airport grounds in exchange for furnished housing and utilities. Deadline for application, March 16, 2000. Submit resume to: Drew Kirkpatrick, 307 Osage Drive, Post, Texas 79356. Equal Opportunity Employer

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House for sale: 2 + bedrooms, 1 bath, separate dining. Glassed in back porch. 109 E. 14th. Call 495-2303.

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Miscellaneous for Sale

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Garage Sales

Yard sale, Saturday, March 4th, 8 am till 11 am. 815 West 8th. No early callers.

Yard sale, Saturday, 8 am till noon! 601 West 4th. Plus size and infant clothing. New and used items, material and craft items.

Saturday, 9:00 am till ? 211 West 12th. Baby and Kid stuff.

Friday and Saturday, 8:30 am till noon. 906 West 13th. Saturday everything one half off.

Estate Sale at 404 Osage; March 4th, 8 am until all gone. Household items, handyman's heaven, clothing and furniture.

Indoor garage sale, 909 West Main. Saturday, March 4th. Sofa sleeper, household misc and junk! 7:30 am till 2:00 pm.

Thursday, 8 am till ? 602 West 11th. street. Baby things, decorations, children things, toys, ect.

315 E. 10th, Friday and Saturday, 9 am till ?

Vehicles for Sale

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Commercial Property

Commercial building for lease. 30x140. Call 495-2588.

Legal Notices

Notice of Application

Notice is hereby given that the Cholla Petroleum Inc, 5949 Sherry Ln Ste 850, Dallas, Texas 75225 has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37) Applicant seeks exception lease lines to drill Well No. 7, Connell Lease, 334.5-Acres, Sec. 64, Bk. 5, G. H. & H.R.R. Co./W. A. Corbett Survey, A-634, Arlene (San Andres) Field(s), Garza County, being 8.5 miles in a east direction of Post, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

300' from the south line and 440' from the west line of lease
2,450.49 from the north line and 440' from the west line of survey

Field rules for the 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 or 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 Protestant 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, Production Analyst, at 214-692-7052. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6899.

If you wish to request a hearing on this application, an intent to appear in protest must be received in the Railroad Commission's Austin Office by March 24, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. If no protest is received within such time, the requested permit may be granted administratively.

Ordinance

O-03-2000A

An ordinance providing for the erection and maintenance of traffic control stop signs creating a 4-way stop at the intersection of North Ave. S and West 13th. street in order to control traffic entering that intersection from all directions: Providing severability, providing a penalty, declaring an emergency, providing for publication, and providing an effective date.

Section Five. Penalty. Any person who shall fail to stop as directed by such traffic control device shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not exceeding \$200.00

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Request for Proposals

Sealed proposals, addressed to Dr. Bobby Bain, Superintendent, Post Independent School District, P.O. Box 70, Post, Texas 79356 are being received for separate trade proposals for a new Gymnasium. Proposals will be received in the office of the Construction Manager until 5:00 p.m., April 3, 2000. Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on April 4, 2000, at the office of the Post I.S.D. Superintendent at which time the proposals will be opened and read publicly in the Post I.S.D. Board Room at Post, Texas. All proposals mailed prior to this date and all inquiries should be to the Construction Manager. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring of 2000 and be completed in summer of 2001.

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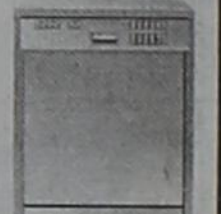
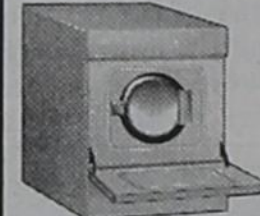
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'96 Chevrolet Caprice, 4 dr., like new, one owner, 13,000 miles.....	\$12,500
'97 Ford Expedition, Eddie Bauer Pkg., one owner, 3 seats.....	\$20,500
'96 Chevrolet Short Wide-Bed Pickup, darkblue, 350 Auto, AC, leather.....	\$ 9,250
'95 Chevy 1/2 Ton Reg. Cab 4x4, 350 Auto, one owner, 52,000 miles.....	\$10,900
'97 Chevy 1/2 Ton Ext. Cab, short bed, one owner, nice.....	\$14,250
'97 Chevy Suburban, demo, 2 wheel drive, LT pkg., beige w/ tan leather.....	\$22,900
'94 Buick Skylark, 4 dr.....	\$ 4,750
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The schedule of events includes: 8:30-9 a.m., registration; 9-9:30 a.m., welcome and overview of TSTC programs and student life; 9:30 a.m. to noon, campus tours; noon to 1 p.m., lunch and question-and-answer session; and beginning at 1 p.m., personal tours and admission/financial aid assistance.

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Keeping an eye on government

by Wes Burnett
Just so you won't say we didn't tell you ...

1. The Post City Council is considering installation of four-way stop signs on North Avenue S and 13th Street. Seems a couple of citizens were so perturbed at speeders in that area, that they convinced the council the signs were necessary. There's going to be a lot of griping when those signs go up. Whether or not it stops those few idiots who drive too fast is yet to be seen.

2. Area truckers were surprised Monday morning when the state police showed up for another one of their infamous raids. Hmmm, two visits here in less than two weeks. Is there a trend here?

3. The Garza County Hospital District board of directors meets at 6 p.m. tonight (3/2/00) at Citizens Bank community room. Expect to see questions about last year's audit and the monthly spat between board members on paying tax funds to a privately operated clinic.

Fire danger...

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catalytic converters can ignite dry vegetation, whether in a field or on the side of the road. Outdoor welders should also be sure to water down the surrounding work area and have a fire extinguisher nearby.



PHS Ag Mechanics class students (left to right) Randy Moore, Hector Reyna, Matt Norman, Adrian Gonzales, Frank Shultz and instructor Perry Smith designed and manufactured a special 8 ft. basketball backboard and net for first and second grade little dribblers. The backboard can be lifted into place over the existing standard basket at the middle school gymnasium. (Instructor Lance Dunn was not available for the photo).

The warmest temperature ever recorded in the United States was 134°F, at Greenland Ranch, California, July 10, 1913.

All-District honors go to Lady Lopes

by Wes Burnett

The Post Lady Lopes and their coach have been recognized with top honors for District 3-AA basketball. Coach Ron Taylor was named Coach of the Year, Meagan Mills was selected as Most Valuable Player and Kelly Moore got Newcomer of the Year.

First team All-District players were Erin Gregory, Davida Gregory and Kenda Looney. Second team selections were Emily Smith and Manuela Hernandez. Yvonne Lopez was among the Honorable Mentions.

Letters to the Editor

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

Government assaults local churches

It's absolutely amazing, and very scary, to see how many recent college graduates that I talk to who have absolutely no idea how to recognize the various tenets of a given philosophy, especially a philosophy that is in direct opposition to our own "Early American" philosophical way of life.

Given the fact that these young people of today will be our masters (rulers) of tomorrow, then how shall they rule; "if one does not know what one has, then it is not possible for one to know what one has that is being taken away."

There is ONLY ONE organization in America that can rectify this situation and that organization is the local church. However, we are having some serious problems in that area also. Let me explain it in these simple terms.

Not long ago I was visiting with a long time Baptist Pastor friend of mine. The conversation drifted from one subject to another until I said something to the effect "do you really know what the United Nations plans to do with the local church in the near future?"

My Pastor friend of quite a long time, quickly placed his hands over both ears and said "NO and I don't want to know either." I was suddenly reminded of three monkeys from long ago; one with his hands over his ears and the caption "hear no evil," the second one with his hands over his mouth and the caption "speak no evil," and the third one with his hands over his eyes and the caption "see no evil."

I am by no means inferring that my friend was, or is, a monkey. However I am saying that my friend and at least one of the monkeys have one thing in common. Both the monkey and my friend (and he is still my friend) embrace the attitude that if they don't know about "it," they won't have to respond to "it" and "it" will then go away.

Unfortunately that is not the case. Appendix pages A34 and A35 of the US Congressional Record dated 10 January 1963, are listed 45 Current Communist Goals in America. Of those 45 goals, goal #27 reads as follows.

"Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with social religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a religious crutch." I am afraid that today we have too many Pastors (and other Americans) who have retreated to the position of the three monkeys.

In as much as they "don't want to see" what the UN has planned for the local church, and they "don't want to hear" what the UN has planned for the local church, and they certainly "don't want to speak out against" what the UN has planned for the local church, and thus by remaining ignorant "it" will just simply go away and they won't have to confront the issue.

Communist philosophy and thus "Communist regimes assume that if people are not permitted to receive religious instruction or even hear views that are favorable to religion, and if only a few churches are allowed, then the ceaseless anti-religious propaganda of government and party in the school, factory, and press will eventually eliminate religion as a living force —." (Source: US Department of Defense Training Manual, "Two Ways of Life: The Communist Challenge to Democracy"), (DoD GEN-9, page 164, par 1 & 3).

I said what I said above, and I said it very bluntly, simply because the local church is the only organization in America that has the power (spiritual and physical) to stand up against such aggression as espoused by the proponents of a One World Government (OWG) and a One World Religion (OWR).

Those of my brethren who hide behind the pulpit and steadfastly refuse to stand up and be counted and to lead those in front of the pulpit, are simply facilitating the imposition of the following philosophy which will — eventually eliminate religion as a living force." Not only in America but the world as well.

So... why should Americans be concerned about the imposition of communist philosophy pertaining to "The Local Church?" The Local Church (which must be the center of all activity with any given community) is being dismantled little by little, "Rock by Rock."

Even though the U. S. Constitution forbids the government from establishing a national religion, the government in response to UN objectives, is in fact doing just that, but in a way that most Americans don't realize it. Simply put, when a young child grows out of the crib and play pen and begins to crawl around and explore his new and enlarged world, most parents define what that child is allowed to do by first teaching him what he is not allowed to do.

Most parents define what the child is allowed to touch and play with by first teaching the child, "No, you may not play with electrical outlets; no you may not play with glass lamps, no you may not play with bug spray."

In other words the child is, unconsciously, being taught what he is allowed to do by default, simply by being taught what he is not allowed to do.

That's what government has been doing for years, and is silencing churches simply by outlawing those aspects of the most prominent religions that are contrary to those espoused by the United Nations.

What will be left, after the federal government has slowly and methodically eliminated "stone by stone" those religious aspects that are contrary to the UN ONE World Religion, will in fact be a national (international) religion which is strictly forbidden by the US Constitution.

The problem is the vast majority of Americans don't realize this simply because our Pastors are not informing their people on these matters that target the local church.

Here are but two examples:

1: GOVERNMENT REGULATES CHURCH OUT OF BUSINESS. A confrontation is shaping up in Indianapolis as Temple Baptist Church of Indianapolis prepares to defy a court order to vacate. The 7th Circuit Court has ordered the church to vacate and allow the government to confiscate the church on April 10, as a result of failure to pay/withhold taxes. The church is not a "501c3" and has not registered as a church or school, but has continued to operate as a free and independent church and school.

The Baptist Temple Church, 19 Judicial District 2711 SE, Indianapolis, has a Sunday attendance of about 1,000 and has been in operation of 50 years or more.

2: GOVERNMENT PLACES LIMIT ON CHURCH ATTENDANCE. The State vs. the Church in Oregon. Elizabeth Normand, a Portland land use hearing officer (which, in Oregon is the equivalent of a judge) issued a decree last month so restricting the ability of Sunnyside United Methodist Church, which has a capacity of nearly 400, to operate, that she has absolutely infringed on freedom of religion.

In addition to restricting what the 100-year-old church can do about their program to aid the poor, Miss Normand restricted to 70 the number of people who can attend Sunday services. She also restricted Wednesday night Bible classes and virtually every other use of the church facility.

If a church that can hold 400 people can be restricted to 70, and if the use of the church for helping the poor and studying the Scriptures can be restricted, the state then has effective control over the church. This ruling, if upheld, will, for all practical purposes put Sunnyside United Methodist Church out of business.

The judge didn't attack the doctrines or beliefs of Sunnyside Church; she just regulated how those beliefs can be put into practice to the point where the church can't function.

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