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# The Post Dispatch

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# Democrat incumbents win

## Voters pick Ratke, Norman and Valdez

by Sheri Lewis

Garza County voters in Tuesday's Democratic primary elected Kenny Ratke as the candidate to face Republican Jon Smith in November's general election.

Ratke, who currently serves as sheriff, defeated challenger Ramon Holguin, a deputy in the Garza County Sheriff's Department, by a vote of 700 to 562.

Ratke carried all but three of the voting boxes. Holguin carried the early voting box by eight votes and Voting Precinct 3 by 17 votes. The candidates tied with 16 ballots each in Voting Precinct 5.

A total of 1,288 ballots were cast in the local Democratic primary. A breakdown of voting precinct totals in the Democratic primary follows:

- Early voting — Ratke 186; Holguin, 194; 389 total votes cast.
- VP 1 — Ratke 107, Holguin 74; 185 total votes cast.

- VP 2 — Ratke 32; Holguin 8; 42 total votes cast.
- VP 3 — Ratke 48; Holguin 65; 115 total votes cast.
- VP 4 — Ratke 19; Holguin 6; 25 total votes cast.
- VP 5 — Ratke 16; Holguin 16; 36 total votes cast.
- VP 6 — Ratke 34; Holguin 11; 46 total votes cast.
- VP 7 — Ratke 80; Holguin 72; 154 total votes cast.
- VP 8 — Ratke 95; Holguin 74; 172 total votes cast.
- VP 9 — Ratke 83; Holguin 42; 124 total votes cast.

In the Democratic primary race for county commissioner, Precinct 1, incumbent Lee Norman defeated opponents Jim Jackson and Lance Egbert. Norman had 220 votes, Jackson earned 100 votes and Egbert had 48.

Norman carried all of the voting precincts.

Incumbent John Valdez won the Democratic bid for commissioner, Precinct 3, by defeating Ted Brannon by a vote of 213 to 120.

Valdez carried all three of the voting precincts.

Voting precinct totals were as follows:

- Early voting, county commissioner, Precinct 1 — Jackson 35;

Norman 67; Egbert 12.

- VP 1 — Jackson 58; Norman 97; Egbert 26.

- VP 2 — Jackson 1; Norman 35; Egbert 3.

- VP 5 — Jackson 6; Norman 21; Egbert 7.

- Early voting, county commissioner, Precinct 3 — Valdez 68; Brannon 28.

- VP 3 — Valdez 70; Brannon 41.

- VP 9 — Valdez 75; Brannon 51.

There were no local contested races on the Republican primary ballot.

## Post Notes

### Antelope Booster Club meets Monday

The Post Antelope Booster Club meets Monday, March 20 at 7 p.m. in the high school commons. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize plans for the concession stand the booster club will operate during the Middle School track meet March 23 and 24 and the Caprock Relays on March 25.

### Taco dinner fund raiser

The ladies of the Church of God of Prophecy are selling menudo and taco dinner plates Friday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 602 W. 14th. Funds from the event help with the ladies' retreat in Colorado. Call 495-3644 to order.

### Turkey Shoot Saturday

A Turkey Shoot will be Saturday beginning at 11 a.m., nine miles west of Post on U.S. Hwy 380, just behind Mason's Farm and Ranch Supply. There is a \$4 per game entry fee, one buy-back included, 1/2 back to winner. The Annie Oakley Championship will begin at 1 p.m. with a \$20 entry fee (100 percent pay-back). Garza County 4-H Shotgun Sports will host a concession stand and shells will be available. Proceeds will benefit Garza County 4-H Shotgun Sports. For more information call Ray Mason at (806) 495-2776.

### Phelps Ministry at Nazarene Church

Phillip Phelps Ministries will present a special program at the Church of the Nazarene, 202 W. 10th, on March 19 through March 22. Services begin at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and nightly at 7 p.m. "Sharing God's Power and Love through Word and Song" is the theme of the services.

### 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.

### Booster Club concession stand

The Post Antelope Booster Club will operate a concession stand for the March 23-24 Middle School track meet and for the Caprock Relays on March 25. Volunteer workers are needed on all three days.

Two shifts are needed on the 23rd and 24th (3:30 to 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.)

Four shifts are needed on Saturday: 10:30 to 12:30, 12:30 to 2:30, 2:30 to 4:30 and 4:30 to 6:30. Anyone in the community interested in helping support our athletes is asked to contact Jana McCallister at 495-2371 or 495-2057 to volunteer.

### 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.

### Oral history workshop March 30

The Southwest Collection Library at Texas Tech University is sponsoring an oral history workshop March 30 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., with lunch served to participants. The project features training for people interested in collecting quality interviews and preserving history. Call (806) 742-3749 for more information and to register.

### Magic of Sebastian Tickets

The Post Lions Club has started soliciting help from area businesses for its annual fund raising event, "Magic of Sebastian." The magic program will be presented May 6. Tickets purchased by businesses are distributed to children to attend the magic show.

### Arts a La Carte March 17

The Caprock Cultural Association is hosting "Arts a La Carte," a buffet supper fund-raising event Friday, March 17 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Reservations for the \$7 per plate event may be made by calling 495-4148 or 629-4246.

## McDonald's set to build restaurant at Main & Broadway

McDonald's Corp. purchases land for new restaurant here

The McDonald's Corp. of Oklahoma City last Thursday purchased parcels of land at the northeast corner of Main Street and Broadway for the building of a new restaurant here. "I am very pleased to have helped in this project," Post Insurance owner Terry Hoover said.

He and Rip Griffin of Lubbock were the only property owners involved in the transaction. Commercial real estate broker Gene Hamill of Lubbock coordinated the project.

"McDonald's is going to really enhance our town, and they will be hiring a lot of local folks," Hoover added. "We've been working on this for about two years."

Hoover said he will be moving Post Insurance to 128 E. Main, formerly Happiness Is. "It'll take a month or so to get the building ready," he said, "and after we move then McDonald's will begin their construction."

McDonald's is aiming at a summer opening.

## County issues 90 day ban on outdoor burning

by Wes Burnett

A 90 day ban on outdoor fires has been imposed by the Garza County Commissioners' Court following action at the regular meeting Monday morning. County Judge Giles Dalby explained that the extended dry period and high winds has resulted in several nasty range fires lately.

Post Volunteer Fire Department chief Ivan Line presented information about the ban, saying that he understood the hardship this might put on some land owners, "this is really a dangerous situation."

The ban prohibits burning any combustible materials outside of an "enclosure which serves to contain all flames and/or sparks, or orders such burning by others."

The ban affects "all unincorporated areas of Garza County."

The commissioners' court may extend the ban at the end of 90 days if conditions warrant such an extension.

In other action, the court approved changing insurance companies for retiree medical benefits, saving 125 percent on the monthly premiums.

Wayne McKim presented a request on behalf of the Victims' of Crime Act (VOCA) for a resolution to continue the \$32,247 grant from the governor's office. The court approved the resolution.

A request for \$2,046.25 in furniture for the extension service office was also approved. Commissioner Lee Norman pointed out that old furniture from the office would be used at the county's service center.

A proposal to assist in repairing the city/county park basketball court was postponed until the city council reviewed the request. The county and city share park maintenance expenses.

No action was taken on a suggestion by treasurer Ruth Ann Young regarding increasing worker's compensation insurance coverage for county volunteers. There are currently five reserve deputies who would be affected by the increase.

## Post ISD approves technology plan

In a brief meeting held March 6, Post Independent School District trustees adopted a new technology plan for the school district.

School board members also approved a tax refund and adopted a new employee leave policy which will change the use of personal leave days.

The board's next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 21.



Gina Lott was awarded Citizen of Year award at last Friday's annual Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet. (See details on Page 12)



Teressa Doggett and Jackie Cruse accepted the Business of the Year award on behalf of J & T Designs at last Friday's annual Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet. (See details on Page 12)



"Chief" Frank Runkles and volunteers are getting ready for the annual Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony, which will be sponsored again this year by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau. The event begins before sunrise at south lake, just off the Snyder Hwy on Wednesday, March 22.

## Opal Williams celebrates 90th birthday

Opal Williams, a longtime resident of Post, recently celebrated her 90th birthday.

Forty guests shared in the celebration, which was held in the home of Williams' daughter and son-in-law, Tommie and Jack Coulter, in North Richland Hills. Lunch was served, as well as cake and punch. Crystal bud vases which served as part of the table centerpiece were given to each family as party favors.

A memory book which contained photos of family and friends, both past and present, was prepared for and presented to the honoree. The book also contained letters of encouragement and stories of memories past.

Williams has lived in Post for about 50 years. She and her late husband, Tom Williams, operated Tom's Place, serving school children and members of the community lunch every day.

Guests at the celebration included Jackie, Horace and Sheila Bowden, Tommy and Jack Coulter, Keith Coulter, Charles and Serena Coulter and three children, Forrest and Jenney Coulter, Joe, Mary Ann, David and Jodi Dowell, Jeff and Denise Dowell and two sons, Fern Jones, Marianne Hart, Mike and Ann (Pennington) Collier, Jim and Pauline Medford, Dorinda Mays, Brent and Kristy Polley, Jody and Marilyn Mason, Joe, Melinda, Ashley, Colt, Heather and Carson Mason.



Opal Williams

## Green Thumb meeting

by Sybil Cockrum

The Green Thumb Garden Club met Thursday night at the Citizens Bank with Maurine Hudman and Jewel White as hostesses.

Dr. James Bell, guest speaker, told of his trip to to Russia in April 1999 with a global mission team. He gave a brief review of earlier religious rule under communism before showing slides he made while there. The slides were of Russian people in different cities where he and his teammates worked. He stated that their missions or churches are growing and he hopes to go back again. A very interesting program and enjoyed by all.

A short business meeting was held.

Refreshments were served to the following: Jan Acker, Louella Bilberry, Fleta Caffey, Sybil Cockrum, Annie Laura Francis, Ida Jones, Carlene Markham, Edna Owen, Marion Wheatley, Naomi Matsler, Betty Hill and Dr. and Mrs. Bell.

Our family would like to thank all of those involved in choosing us for the wonderful award of Conservationist of the Year.

To the committee of the Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District, thank you for the honor.

To the Commerce and Tourism Board, thank you for a most enjoyable evening.

We have been a part of this community for 50 years and would not want to be anywhere else.

Once again, thank you for the award and recognizing our family. Riley and Mary Miller

## Photo exhibit on display at Caprock Cultural Assn.

The Caprock Photographers' rotating exhibit at the Caprock Cultural Association building features Margaret Hamilton's "Of a Feather" exhibit during the months of March and April.

Hamilton, a longtime member and former president of the Caprock Photographers, said she is fortunate to have been able to combine two of her passions — photography and nature.

"Throughout my lifetime, I have been drawn to the natural world, both to its beauty and logic," she said. "Like many North American children, I also experimented from an early age with photography, in part recording my life and life around me, but always trying to see that life in a slightly different, unique fashion that would say something about what I saw. Much later, a real camera with a good lens broadened this perspective mightily, and with a lot of practice, countless mistakes and the generous input from many who know better than I, the lens began to reflect what I saw in my heart."

The exhibit is available for viewing during regular business hours — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week. However, the CCA office is a one-person operation, so visitors who drop by and find the office closed should call again.

Author Mark Twain held three patents—one for garment straps, one for a scrap book with adhesive-coated pages, and one for a game to help children remember history.

## Goodwins feted with reception

Steve and Mary Goodwin were honored at a March 4 reception at the Hotel Garza.

The Goodwins have been married 55 years, but also were celebrating Mary's 80th birthday which is on March 22.

The couple's children, Tim and Sue Goodwin of Gainesville and Tom and Mary Charlene Carter of Springtown, were hosts.

The Goodwins have four grandsons, one granddaughter and six great-grandchildren.

Friends and relatives came from Victoria, Amarillo, Azle, Brownwood, Fort Worth, Grapevine, Midland, Clovis, New Mexico, and Edgewood, New Mexico.

## Hardin named to President's List at UNT

Kasey Hardin, a Post High School graduate, has been named to the President's List after having earned a grade point average of 4.0 on her fall 1999 course load at the University of North Texas.

In addition to being included on the President's List, Hardin's name has also been submitted for publication in the National Dean's List, a volume which recognizes outstanding academic achievements of students throughout the United States.



American adventurer Jim Bowie, who fell at the Alamo in 1836, actually adopted Mexican citizenship in 1830, two years after moving to what we now know as Texas.

## Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Boy have I got spring fever today! I don't know but I betcha we have another cold spell.

I can remember growing up that I always wanted a sleeveless dress for Easter, but my mom would always say, "NO!" cause it will be cold Easter Sunday! She was usually always right. So lets hope for a warm Easter this year.

### Commerce and Tourism Banquet

For those of you who missed the banquet Friday evening, you missed a really good night.

The food was great and I heard some of the best fiddle playing I've ever heard. The band was wonderful.

### Happy 83

Mr. Dillard Morris will celebrated 83 great years Tuesday. Well he actually celebrated on Sunday with all of his family but the official day is Tuesday.

Whatever! Happy birthday Dillard.

### Spring Break

All of our school kids are enjoying a week of vacation. I have never seen as many bicycles Monday.

Hope all of you have a great week. Before you know it summer will be here.

### Track Meet

This week and next I will be reminding everyone of the track meet which will be March 23, 24 and 25th.

Thursday (23) and Friday (24) will be Jr. High, meet starting at 3:30 after school. Thursday, field events and Friday, running. Saturday the 25th will be an all day affair with our high school kids.

The Antelope Booster Club will have a concession stand at the meet, with I might add a great price for a meal. Sonic is providing the burgers and you also get chips, candy and a drink all for \$4.00.

You can't beat that with a stick and it benefits the Booster Club which is so important to our kids. So, go enjoy a burger, a great track meet and help out a great organization all at the same time!

I do not fear tomorrow. I have seen yesterday and I love today.

### E-Mail

Tax-Return  
April 17, 2000  
Internal Revenue Service  
Washington, D.C.

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is my 1999 tax return and payment. Please take note of the attached article from USA Today. In it, you will see the Pentagon pays \$171.50 for hammers, and NASA has paid \$600.00 for a toilet seat.

Please find enclosed four toilet seats (value \$2,400.00) and six hammers (value \$1,029.00). This brings my total payment to \$3,429.00. Please note the overpayment of \$22.00 and apply it to the "Presidential Election Fund" as noted on my return.

It has been a pleasure to pay my tax bill this year, and I look forward to paying it again next year.

Sincerely,  
A Satisfied Taxpayer

### Birthdays this Week

Friday, March 17: Jarrod Greene, Daniel Redman and Larry Paul; Saturday, March 18: Alvin Vernon, Erick Lopez, Jonathan Hadderton, Jimmy Norman, Mitch Holly, Joe Cimental, Allison Blevins and Susan Boren; Sunday, March 19, Old friend, Carroll Cowley, Delbert Rudd, Shannon Davis, Veronica Chapa, Neal Clary, Meagan Moreman, Zane Harris, Daniel Garcia, Joyce Nelson, Sandy Nelson and Ben Mason; Monday, March 20: Dana Babb, Ronnie Braddock, Michelli Duran and Jacky Harp; Tuesday, March 21: Janell Jones; anniversary, Isidro and Kim Rodriguez; Wednesday, March 22, Joey Quintana, Nancy Norman, Kristy Shifflett and Victor Ashley; Thursday, March 23, Aaron Davis, Evette Rodriguez, Wanda Musick and Carol Tobias; anniversary, Steven and Jamie Cooper.

### Till Next Week

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## Girl Scouts celebrating 88th anniversary

Girl Scouts across the South Plains and around the country will mark the 88th anniversary of their organization's founding during Girl Scout Week, celebrated this year from March 11-17.

Throughout nine decades, the Girl Scouts have remained true to founder Juliette Gordon Low's vision: helping girls grow strong. Now with more than 3.6 million members nationwide, Girl Scouting is giving more girls than ever the opportunity they need to grow strong in mind, body and spirit.

The Girl Scouts of Caprock Council will dedicate the first Girl Scout Week of the new millennium to activities that reflect the strength and vitality of the contemporary Girl Scout program while honoring the program's heritage.

"As we enter the 21st century, the timeless values of Girl Scouting are as true today as they were in 1912 — courage, strength, service and leadership," said Lynn Buxkemper, interim executive director of the Caprock Council. "As we celebrate

the anniversary of the Girl Scouts' founding, we renew our commitment to helping today's young women become tomorrow's leaders."

Girl Scouting has produced numerous leaders throughout its 88 year history. Two-thirds of the current female members of Congress are alumnae. Additionally, two-third of women professionals polled in a recent study reported they were once Girl Scouts. They study also showed that the Girl Scouts organization had a positive impact on most adult women's lives, including their ability to work with others and make friends, to develop moral values and self-confidence and to serve as volunteers.

Some well known Girl Scouts include Sandra Day O'Connor, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; actresses Candace Bergen and Carrie Fisher; television personality Martha Stewart; model Cheryl Tiegs; and Olympic speed skater Bonnie Blair.

For more information on Girl Scouting, contact the Caprock Council at 806-745-2855.



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### Extension Extras

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

#### Turkey Shoot

There will be a Turkey Shoot, open to the public, at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 18, nine miles west of Post on Highway 380, behind Mason's Farm & Ranch Supply. 4-H Shotgun Sports will sponsor concessions and have shells available. Proceeds will benefit 4-H Shotgun Sports. For more information, call Ray Mason at 495-2776.

#### 4-H Shooting Sports Project

Any youth interested in participating in the 4-H Rifle project need to attend project meetings scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, March 20 and 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the show barn. There will be a one-time fee of \$15 to cover the cost of shells and equipment. For more information, call Bruce Ledbetter at 495-3139.

#### 4-H Livestock Judging

Any youth interested in participating in the Livestock Judging competition need to call 495-4400 to sign up. The first two practice sessions scheduled are Tuesday, March 21 and Tuesday, March 28, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Newly hired Extension Agent, Greg Jones, will be here to work with you.

#### Ag Waste Pesticide Collection Programs

There will be free and confidential Agricultural Waste Pesticide Collection Programs April 3, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder, and April 5, at the Birdsong Peanut plant at Brownfield. Also includes acceptance of the following recyclables: lead acid batteries, oil, oil filters (2 drum limit), empty and rinsed plastic pesticide containers. For more information come by the Extension Office.

#### Lost & Found

Items found after stock show include three keys, a hair clip and a glass baking dish. These may be picked up at the Extension Office.

#### Lawn & Garden Update

If you would like a copy of the March "Lawn and Garden Update", come by the Extension Office at 102 South Avenue L, Post. This month's issue contains articles on Weed Control in Turf, Propagating Pecans, Pruning Peach Trees, Vegetable Varieties for Texas Gardens, Seasonal Color...Care & Management, List of Flowering Annuals, Garden Checklist for March, and special articles on the Texas Mountain Laurel and the Louisiana Iris.

#### Weed Control Clinic

There will be a multi-county Pre-emerge Weed Control Clinic held on Monday, March 20, 2000 at 8:30 a.m. at the Fluvanna Community Center. Dr. Peter Dotray will be on hand to present updated information on herbicide for pre and post emerge weed control in cotton.

Please pass this information on to any interested producer that you may have. If you have any questions, call Dennis Poole at (806) 756-4336.

## Knowles returns from Bond Agent Winter Conference

Kenneth Knowles, owner of Central Bail Bonds at Post, just returned from the 2000 Winter Conference of Professional Bond Agents of the United States.

The conference was held at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas. Knowles is president of Professional Bondsmen of Texas and a founding member of the Professional Bond Agents of the United States in 1981. He is presently on the president's council and committee member for private sureties.

There are more than 800 bail bondsmen throughout the U.S. who attended the Las Vegas conference.

The group meets twice a year to exchange ideas and information and for continuing education.

Central Bail Bonds is the state's largest bail bond company, with 26 offices and 36 agents.



Oldtimers around these parts say that last week's major dust storm had to be one of the worst events since the big drought of the 1950s. The dark cloud moved

swiftly from west to east near mid-day, turning the sky dark and limiting visibility to not much more than one block. We did survive, but it was quite a sight.

## Miller welcomed as new NARFE member

Members of Chapter 2160, National Association of Retired Employees, met March 9 at the Senior Citizens Center in Slaton. Leon Miller of Post was welcomed as a new member of the organization.

As is customary with new members, Miller was asked to provide the program by relating some of his experiences during his career in federal government service.

Since many of the Federal Employee Government Health Insurance companies have drastically increased their co-payments on prescription drugs, members were advised to check with their local pharmacies to see if the costs might be less than to use the required mail-order pharmacy companies with the added co-payments.

House Majority Leader Dick Army of Texas recently told a health care policy panel that a compromise between the House and the Senate passed versions of managed care

reform-patient protection legislation will be coming soon. He advised that Medical Savings Accounts (MSA) may well be a part of the bill that could be presented to the president. Members were advised that MSAs will be disastrous for older Americans. Senator Gramm and Congressman Archer are the Texas members to this conference committee.

Get well cards will be sent to Donna Smith, Idalou, and Uvaughn Davis, Slaton.

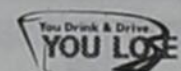
The group's next meeting will be May 11.



Jackie Esworthy was killed by a drunk driver one week after her high school graduation.

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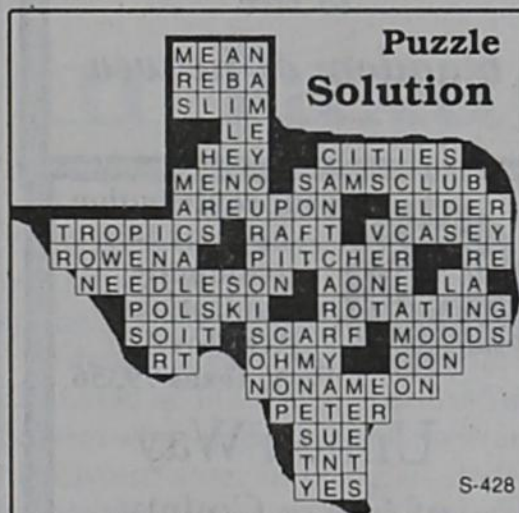
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There are no shortcuts to the treatment of warts. The simplest and least expensive method is to cover the wart with adhesive or duct tape. Remove the tape once a week and wash the skin, after drying replace the tape. This process may need to be continued for 8-10 weeks.

Another method is by applying one of the over the counter preparations, usually a weak acid. This involves soaking the wartin warm water for 10-15 minutes, 2-3 times a week and cutting of the dead skin. Covering the wart, as mentioned above, shortens this method.

Perhaps the safest and sometimes quickest method is to see your medical provider and have the wart frozen off with liquid nitrogen. This will require more than one visit, depending on the size of the wart.

While warts are not very contagious to other people, they can be spread to other parts of the body by chronic picking or sucking on the lesion. For this reason keep warts on children covered if they persist in handling them.

Keep in mind that the rules of treating a wart change if you are a diabetic. Do not self-treat a wart if you have diabetes. Also, see your provider if you are not positive what you are dealing with is a wart. If the lesion is on your face, genitals or foot. If the wart becomes open and looks infected. If new warts develop after 2 weeks of treatment or persist after 8 weeks of treatment.

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# Obituaries

### Billy Meeks

Services for Billy Lowell Meeks, 62, of Scroggins were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, 2000, in the Beaty Funeral Home in Winnsboro with the Rev. David Taylor officiating. Burial followed in the Restland Cemetery in Dallas.

He died Sunday, March 12, at a Tyler hospital. Born in Garza County June 16, 1937, he was an auto salesman. He moved to Scroggins 12 years ago from Rowlett.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary Meeks of Scroggins; his mother, Evelyn Webb Meeks of Winnsboro; two daughters, Kathy Norden of Columbia, S.C., and her husband, Randy, and Holly Carter of Lubbock; two stepdaughters, Dr. Roseanne Bishop of Clarkston, MI, and her husband, Dr. Joseph Bishop, and Mary Elizabeth Tucker of Denton and her husband, Timothy; one brother, Jack Meeks of Lubbock; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alfred Allen "Jack" Meeks, and one son, Brandon Meeks, in 1975.

### Ralph Carpenter

Services for Ralph W. Carpenter, 82, were conducted at 10:30 a.m. March 13, 2000, in San Antonio's Mission Park South with John McKay officiating.

He died March 10. Born in Fort Worth March 8, 1918, he moved to Post with his family at the age of five, graduated from Post High School in 1936 and later lived in Post, working for Bryant Line Company. He and his wife, Elvy, were married in 1939. She preceded him in death in 1998. He was employed by the John Deere Plow Company and was transferred to San Antonio in 1952. He retired from the company after 30 years on Oct. 30, 1980. He was an active and charter member of the Highland Hills Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Darlene Jeffrey and husband, Donald; three sons, Gerald and wife, Mary Ann, Ronnie and wife, Jackie, and Dennis and wife, Amy; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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**Tuesday, March 21, 2000**  
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**Wednesday, March 22, 2000**  
Beef roast, brown gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, cornbread, pineapple and jello.

**Thursday, March 23, 2000**  
BBQ chicken, corn, green beans, coleslaw, biscuit and raisin pie.

**Friday, March 24, 2000**  
Pork chop, butter beans, beets, salad, hot roll and pumpkin bars.

### Post ISD

**Monday, March 20, 2000**  
Breakfast: Breakfast taco, fruit, apple and milk.

Lunch: B-B-Que rib patty on bun, corn on cob, onion rings, cake and choice of milk.

**Tuesday, March 21, 2000**  
Breakfast: Scrambled egg, bacon, toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Ravioli/meat sauce, salad, California mix, garlic toast, applesauce and choice of milk.

**Wednesday, March 22, 2000**  
Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Burrito, salad, pears, Snicker bar and choice of milk.

**Thursday, March 23, 2000**  
Breakfast: Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Chicken patty, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding and choice of milk.

**Friday, March 24, 2000**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Fish, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, peas, hushpuppies, sliced apples and choice of milk.

### Southland ISD

**Monday, March 20, 2000**  
Breakfast: Cereal, Graham crackers, juice and milk.

Lunch: Corn dogs, corn chips, salad, pork-n-beans, chocolate pudding and milk.

**Tuesday, March 21, 2000**  
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, juice and milk.

Lunch: Chicken strips, cream potatoes, green beans, cake and milk.

**Wednesday, March 22, 2000**  
Breakfast: Toast, bacon, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Beef stew, crackers, cheese sticks, fruit and milk.

**Thursday, March 23, 2000**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Nachos, salad, corn, cookies and milk.

**Friday, March 24, 2000**  
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice and milk.

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## Why the primary election system es no bueno por nada

by Wes Burnett

Americans, and Texans, have been fooled for the past 60 years into believing that democracy works. Well, yes, democracy does work, but not for the benefit of freedom loving people.

The recent political party primary elections are an excellent example of why democracy destroys liberty, and eventually eats its way through its victims until there is nothing left but a carcass.

Democrats and Republicans hold these wide-open elections every two years, in some kind of foolish attempt to get more people involved in the political process. In effect, what the primary election system has done is to strip away any pretense of a republic form of government. In the process, the two major political parties have virtually given up control of candidate selection, by inviting anyone to participate.

Candidates then, instead of being selected for their philosophical and political beliefs related to the party platform, are instead chosen in a popularity contest. Is it any wonder then, that once elected, these folks can never be held accountable to a consistent political philosophy?

And they have to raise lots of money in order to campaign effectively. This campaigning is not aimed at the party faithful, but to the mob. Candidates can't get elected in this system on their party platform, because the primary elections allow anyone to cast ballots on either party ballot.

So Republicans vote for Democrats and Democrats vote for Republicans and "independents" vote for either one. It's the ruin of the electoral system in this country. I remember when it began to fail, when political leaders succumbed to the socialist notion of "one-man, one-vote" principle.

Both Republicans and Democrats need to throw away the primary election system and return to the traditional precinct, county, state and national convention process. Only then will candidates accurately reflect the philosophy of the political parties.

There is at least one political party in Texas that still practices selection of its candidates at county conventions. The Libertarian Party of Texas conducts its business the old fashioned way, which has a lot of advantages. One of those is that there is absolutely no cost to taxpayers.

Believing that the political parties are in essence private associations, libertarians refuse to conduct their private business at the expense of taxpayers.

Let's hope that democrats and republicans will come to their senses and return to the traditional convention system for selecting their candidates. Everyone will benefit from such a change.

Continuing the primary election process, at the current rate, will accelerate the erosion of voter confidence in the electoral system. The end result of such a system is best described in this paraphrase of an old Russian proverb, "We pretend to vote, they pretend to serve us."

## Do elected officials actually read our constitutions?

by Wes Burnett

Every year elected officials stand in a solemn occasion following elections, hold up their right hands, and repeat an oath of office. They verbally promise to uphold the laws and defend the constitutions of the U.S. and the State of Texas.

I wonder how many of them have actually read either or both constitutions. Sometimes I see evidence that some, maybe even most, demonstrate a surprising lack of knowledge about the documents that they are to uphold. Let's take, for example, the U.S. Constitution's simple, yet profound declaration that Congress shall make no laws abridging the right to keep and bear arms. The next time you try to strap your pistol on your belt and roam around town, you'll find out fairly quickly I predict, that Congress and the State of Texas have ignored that little tidbit.

You'll also discover when you go to buy a pistol or rifle that private businesses will not sell to you unless you agree to abide by a bundle of regulations. Those regulations, of course, come from the U.S. Congress and the State of Texas.

So, what's a feller to do when elected officials simply ignore the restraints placed on them by the constitution? Fact is, right now there is no recourse for us ordinary folks to secure our liberties and inherent rights. The tyrannical practice of "sovereign immunity" protects government agents from accountability when they violate our rights.

That's why Texas Constitution 2000 includes a method for abused victims of government to seek effective redress of grievance. Article 8 sets a high standard for every appointed or elected government agent. Ignoring the restraints on their office will carry potentially swift and heavy punishment through a court system designed for easy access by non-government people.

It's time we demand government agents put our constitutional rights ahead of statutory (regulatory, legislative) rules and regulations. We should not have to go the expense of hiring lawyers to defend ourselves against aggressive and abusive agents of government.

They should be the ones seeking defense for their actions when they ignore our inherent rights. As Thomas Jefferson wrote, we have these inalienable rights ... life, liberty and ownership of property.



## 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.

To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## Thugs still reign in Taxachusetts

by Vin Suprynowicz

At midday Wednesday, March 1, a 53-year-old Registered Nurse Anaesthetist with the same name as actress Linda Hamilton—a grandmother who's been licensed by the commonwealth to carry a handgun for the past 10 years (fingerprints, FBI check, etc.) was headed eastbound on Route 2 through the village of North Adams.

"At which point I noticed an 18-wheeler looming in my rearview mirror," Ms. Hamilton writes. "He drove up to within 10 feet of my Blazer, and then lunged his truck at my vehicle as if he was going to ram it. He pulled out as if to pass me—we were on a two-lane road—and then pulled back in behind me. He repeated this behavior four times.

"I was in fear for my life. For over a quarter mile there is no place to pull over. There were no other people around."

So, Hamilton took out the snubnosed .38 Rossi she's licensed by the state to carry. "I put it in my right hand and put my hand back on the steering wheel. The truck driver immediately backed off. I pulled in at the first place there were people and a pay phone. I called the Shelburne State Police barracks and told them of the incident, thinking, of course, that they could intercept the trucker before he hurt someone.

"As soon as I mentioned what I had done with my gun, I was put on the defensive by the officer on the phone. Instead of thanking me for handling the situation in a responsible way, which protected me and hurt no one, the issue suddenly became the gun and only the gun, and not the fact that lives were in jeopardy from an out-of-control trucker. The trooper said to me, 'You should not have drawn your gun; a complaint could be filed.' " "Excuse me," Ms. Hamilton writes, "but why on earth am I carrying a gun? To keep my hip warm?"

The cops know who the trucker was, but won't tell Linda Hamilton or her husband Russ. Instead, a couple of lady troopers named Robertson and Curran flagged Ms. Hamilton down, asked her permission to search her vehicle, searched it anyway when she refused permission, found and seized her legally licensed revolver.

Fortunately, Russ Hamilton tells me Massachusetts (unlike many states) has no easily misinterpreted law against "brandishing" a weapon. The Gun Owners Action League referred the Hamiltons to attorney Robert Chesbro in Williamstown. The Hamiltons plan to sue the state for assault and battery (Mrs. Hamilton was frisked without evidence of any crime), theft of her revolver (which the police still have) and concealing the name of the truck driver who started the whole thing.

"I put them on notice they were leaving me defenseless, and that I wanted a police escort home," Mrs. Hamilton adds. "They refused."

Taxachusetts, of course, has so far abandoned the tradition of Lexington and Concord (where Redcoat efforts to seize civilian arms were not well received) that their welcoming billboards now read: "Have A Gun, Go To Jail."

While Russ Hamilton says the cops are dead wrong—"Under Massachusetts law you can keep a loaded firearm in your vehicle if you're a licensed owner; you can have it taped to the window if you so desire," he also admits: "We stopped one mile short. We found a piece of land we liked, but it's one mile short of Vermont. In Vermont there are no gun laws whatsoever, and it has the lowest crime rate in the U.S. We kick ourselves in the butt that we missed it by one mile."

Tina Terry offers more—including a photostat of Linda Hamilton's handgun permit—at [www.sierratimes.com/artt030600.htm](http://www.sierratimes.com/artt030600.htm).

Meantime, maybe the Second Amendment isn't dead in courts, after all. The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals—which overturned the original "gun-free school zones" law—has announced it will hear oral arguments this spring in the Emerson case.

Federal Judge Sam Cummings of the Northern District of Texas last year dismissed an indictment against Timothy Joe Emerson for possession of a firearm while under a temporary restraining order routinely issued during his divorce case. In doing so, Judge Cummings specifically rejected the government's claim that the Second Amendment is some kind of "collective" right pertaining only to the National Guard.

Judge Cummings' ruling refutes the bogus "collective rights" theory, and demonstrates in detail why the individual-right interpretation, significantly known as the "Standard Model" in the academic literature and now embraced even by liberals like Harvard's Laurence Tribe, is proper.

Specifically, Judge Cummings ruled that the subordinate "militia" clause in no way negates or limits the independent "right of the people" clause, and further notes the U.S. Supreme Court has determined "the people" should be interpreted similarly in the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, and Ninth amendments.

"This decision helps protect gun owners from the ever-increasing classes of people prohibited from gun ownership," comments Alan Gottlieb, head of the Second Amendment Foundation. "Without a court willing to step in and put a halt to this practice, eventually anyone with a parking or speeding ticket could be prevented from gun ownership. This could be the pure Second Amendment case that gun owners have been praying for over the past half-century."

More details: [www.saf.org/EmersonViewOptions.html](http://www.saf.org/EmersonViewOptions.html).

## Texas Constitution 2000

Based fundamentally on the principles defined in the American Declaration of Independence

### Article 8. General Provisions

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The five-year study, called "Rx Laughter," will include participants of all ages, cultural back-

ground and socio-economic groups. Using carefully selected cartoons, Comedy Central programming and classic films—featuring Abbott and Costello, the Marx Brothers, Charlie Chaplin, etc.—the study will be comprised of three elements: research, health education and therapeutic entertainment.

The goal is to further the knowledge about the relationship between humor and health, and in using this knowledge in the treatment of people with both serious and minor illnesses.

The research element will at-

tempt to verify that laughter can actually aid in the healing process and in pain management. Specifically, there has been some suggestion that laughter can help the immune system fight disease.

The health education element will concentrate on educating and instructing patients about their illness and treatment in an energetic, interesting and, most importantly, comedic fashion. The objective is to make the patient a more active participant in his/her treatment by making it more interesting.

The third element, therapeutic entertainment, aims to alleviate the stress of illness and to reduce pain for patients and their families through the use of humor. In 1998, Comedy Central partnered with affiliates to start the "Comedy Rx" program, in order to heighten awareness of the positive effects of laughter, and make positive contributions to local communities. Affiliates can choose a "Heavy Dose" by creating a comedy event with the proceeds benefiting a hospital, hospice or similar healthcare facility; a "Medium

Dose" by sending a comedian to perform at a hospital or similar care-giving facility, or by collecting books and video tapes for a "laughter library"; or a "Light Dose" by running "Comedy Rx" public service announcements or selling a sponsorship.

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## Middle school 'Lopes post improvements

The Post Middle School Antelopes showed improvements at the March 9 track meet held at Cooper Junior High in Lubbock.

No points or team championships were named at the meet, which drew primarily 3A schools.

The following results represent places in field events and times in each heat of the running events:

### 7th Grade Boys

Field events — first place, pole vault, Ryan Babb, 8'; third place, discus, Dawan Hill, 75'9" and high jump, Jett Lott, 4'10"; fourth place, discus, Teodoro Paiz, 75' and long jump, Jett Lott, 15'; and fifth place, shot put, Dawan Hill, 29'5".

Running events — 2400 meters, Andrew Esinosa, 9:37, Jesse Soto, 9:58, and Colton Valdez, 10:10; 400 m. relay, Eric Gonzales, Quinton Odom, Cody Marts and Jett Lott, 53.09; 800 m. relay, James Soto, 2:45, Chris Thurman, 2:56, and Matt Perez, 3:27; 110 m. hurdles, Jerrad Grisham, 21.2, Eric Gonzales, 21.5, Eric Pederson, 22.99; 100 m. dash, Quinton Odom, 13.08, Martin Garcia, 13.18, and Jett Lott, 13.35.

Also, 400 m. dash, Trent McDonald, 1:09, Jordan Tatum, 1:19, and Brady Wuensche, 1:21; 300 m. hurdles, Jerrad Grisham, 52.5, Martin Garcia, 54.9, and Josh Hair, 55.06; 200 m. dash, Cody Marts, 27.6, Jett Lott, 28.07, and Ryan Babb, 29.9; 1600 m. run, Andrew Espinosa, 6:10, Zachary Lopez, 6:28, and Edgar Saucedo, 6:52; and the 1600 m. relay, Martin Garcia, Cody Marts, Quinton Odom and Eric Gonzales, 4:27.

### 8th Grade Boys

Field events — discus, Kris Hernandez, 106', and Owen Gilbert and Chessuaf Garcia; shot put, Mark McCallister, Adrian Loredo and Owen Gilbert; long jump, Kris Hernandez, 14'1", Francisco Duran, 12'7", and Kyle Gunn, 11'9"; and high jump, Josh Cross, Zane Marts and Brody Conner, each with results of 4'8".

Running events — 2400 meters, Ricky Reyna, 9:16; 400 m. relay, Langly Couch, Zane Marts, Mitchell Mills and Josh Cross, 50.13; 800 m. run, Jay Cooper, 3:02; 110 m. hurdles, Francisco Duran, 21.7, and Brody Conner, 22.6; 100 m. dash, Langly Couch, 12.5, Mitchell Mills, 13.01, and Kyle Gunn, 13.6; 400 m. dash, Mark McCallister, 1:02, and Kris Hernandez, 1:04.

Also, 300 m. hurdles, Francisco Duran, 53.9; 200 m. dash, Josh Cross, 26.14, Zane Marts, 26.4, Kris Hernandez, 27.4; 1600 m. run, Ricky Reyna, 5:53, and Joseph Espinosa, 6:42; and 1600 m. relay, Mitchell Mills, Zane Marts, Langly Couch and Josh Cross, 4:15.



Post Lady Lopes earning All-District honors are (back row, left to right) Erin Gregory, 1st Team; Kenda Looney, 1st Team; Davida Gregory, 1st Team; (front row) Yvonne Lopez, Honorable Mention; Meagan Mills, Most Valuable Player; Kelly Moore, Newcomer of the Year; Emily Smith, 2nd Team and Manuela Hernandez, 2nd Team.

## Conner boosts Trinity offense

Braden Conner of Post provided a big offensive boost Saturday to help his Trinity Christian team defeat Fort Worth All Saints in the opening series of TAPPS District 2-4A play.

Trinity won the games with scores of 25-0 and 15-1. Both games ended due to the 10-run rule.

In the first game, Conner got four hits, including three home runs, and eight RBIs.

The wins put the team at 6-1 overall and 2-0 in district play.



## Helping Superman to walk and other miracles on horizon through brain research

(NAPS)—A cure for paralysis due to spinal cord injury; the prevention of cognitive decline in the elderly; the replacement of diseased brain tissue...These are just some of the medical miracles brewing in neuroscience research laboratories today with the potential for clinical applications in the not-too-distant future.

Neuroscientists, or researchers who study the brain and nervous system, are nearing ever closer to revolutionary new treatments for diseases and conditions affecting millions. Nowhere is the potential of neuroscience research more apparent than in the treatment of neurological injury. Scientists have achieved something once thought impossible, the regeneration of nerve cells in the laboratory. This exciting breakthrough holds great promise for individuals paralyzed by spinal cord injury. Actor Christopher Reeve commented on these promising advances during a special award program held in his honor last spring by the Society for Neuroscience. "We have proven the regeneration of nerves in the spinal cord is possible in the adult mammal, shattering literally centuries of belief to the contrary," said Reeve.

Neuroscientists are also unraveling the mysteries of the healthy brain and the way we experience

our world. For example, neuroscientists have discovered that the brain is not hard-wired by age two or three, but that it is constantly changing and remodeling itself in response to experience, learning, injury and aging. This finding has important implications for everything from improved learning and optimizing fitness of the aging brain to the treatment of symptoms related to stroke.

These examples are just the tip of the iceberg. Neuroscience research impacts virtually every aspect of human health and well-being—from how we learn and process memories to the management of chronic pain. According to the Society for Neuroscience, addiction, learning disorders, stroke, depression, multiple sclerosis, sleeping disorders, Huntington's disease, and epilepsy are all examples of brain-related diseases or disorders. In all, disorders of the brain and nervous system affect an estimated 50 million Americans each year.

Additional areas where neuroscience is changing the landscape of modern medicine include the following:

**GENETICS**—Identification of key genes underlying neurodegenerative disorders such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's has provided new insights into

underlying disease mechanisms and is beginning to suggest new treatments.

**BRAIN IMAGING**—Revolutionary imaging techniques, such as PET scans and MRIs, allow scientists to observe the brain in action, revealing which areas of the brain are activated for our every function—from processing a memory or emotion to listening to the symphony. Imaging is also helping to identify what goes awry in conditions such as schizophrenia and depression.

**LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT**—Neuroscientists have identified specific "time windows" and activities to stimulate neuron growth in the young mind, particularly in the first three years. The discovery of the brain's plasticity demonstrates that "brain building" can take place at any age. At the same time, research on learning disabilities has increased hope that they can be ameliorated by treatments later in life.

**ADDICTION**—Advances in neuropharmacology have provided a new understanding of the mechanisms of addiction and have led to the discovery of agents that block addiction to certain substances such as cocaine.

**MEMORY**—Development of treatment strategies that can help to optimize "fitness" of the aging brain. In particular, researchers

are demonstrating that severe memory impairment with aging is not inevitable, and new treatment strategies are being developed to slow cognitive decline and improve quality of life.

**NEW GENERATIONS OF PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS**—New medications for conditions such as depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder are helping millions, aided by powerful tools of brain imaging.

**PAIN MANAGEMENT**—Neuroscience is delivering important treatments for pain relief, from the acute pain of the dentist's chair to chronic, intractable pain related to injuries and illnesses such as cancer.

**WHAT MAKES US TICK**—Neuroscience is helping to unravel the mysteries of human consciousness, from how we process emotions and dream to why some are predisposed to violence.

For More Information: The public can learn more about the latest advances in neuroscience research during National Brain Awareness Week, held annually in March. Visit the Society for Neuroscience campaign website ([www.sfn.org/BAW](http://www.sfn.org/BAW)) for a list of public lectures and other free educational activities offered throughout the U.S. and Canada.

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# PHS students win academic meet

Post High School students won the University Interscholastic League academic meet held locally last Thursday.

Post logged a total of 236 points to top the competition, followed by Idalou with 189 points and Sundown, 154. Other points totals included Shallowater, 142; Denver City, 117.5; O'Donnell, 101; Colorado City, 58; Borden County, 40.5; Sudan, 34; and Roosevelt, eight points.

Individual finishes posted by PHS students, according to information supplied by school officials, were as follows:

- Literary criticism — Kelsey Wimmer, fourth place.
- Editorial — Kelci Hart, third place, and Laci Williams, fifth place.
- Persuasive speaking — Scotty Gaydos, second place, and Raymond Silva, sixth.
- Reading writing — Kelci Hart, second, and Laci Williams, third.
- Current events — K'Leigh Babb, third place; Josh Fumagalli, fourth; and Laura Tobias, sixth place. The

team composed of these three PHS students took first place in the team competition.

- Poetry — Heather Bullard, fifth place.
- Newswriting — Laci Williams, second, and Jessica Garza, sixth.
- Spelling — Teresa Salas, tied for first place; Meagan Mills, third; and Tandi Humble, fifth. The team composed of these three PHS students took first place in the team competition.
- Prose — Scotty Gaydos, second place.
- Calculator — Scotty Gaydos, tied for first place; Jennifer Morgan, fourth; and Jason Fields, fifth place. The team composed of these three students finished in first place in the team competition.
- Number sense — Scotty Gaydos, fourth place.
- Computer application — Davida Gregory, second place, and Meagan Mills, fifth place.
- Feature writing — Kelci Hart, second place.



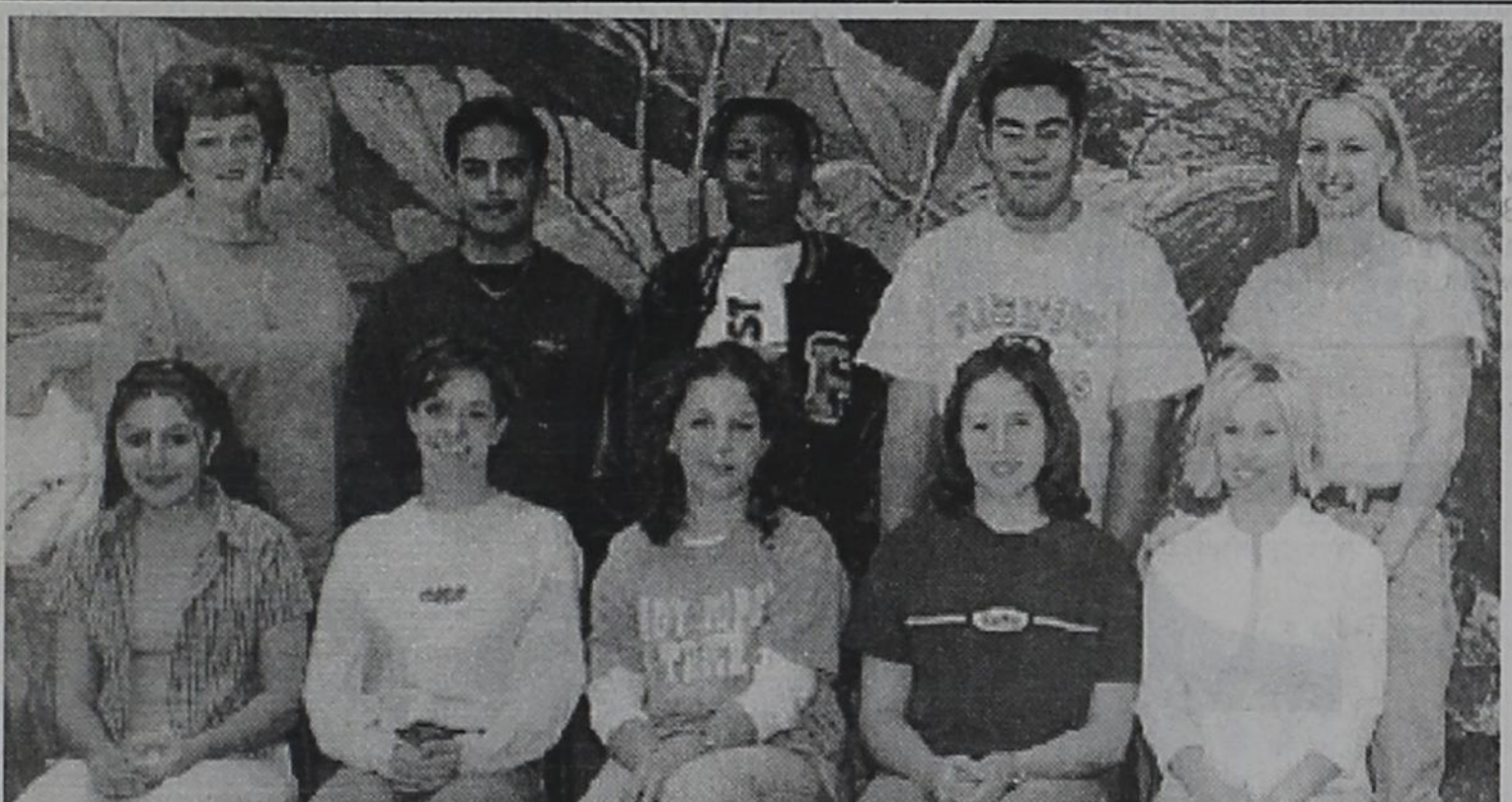
PHS SPEAKING EVENTS U.I.L. competitors are (back row, left to right) coach Candace Boland, Seth Redman, Raymond Silva, Amanda Workman, Scotty Gaydos, Kenda Josey, K'Leigh Babb, Chase Tatum, (front row) Heather Bullard, Tisha Cowley, Amy Pedersen, Yvonne Lopez, Mandy Terry and Shanda Kelso.



PHS CURRENT EVENTS U.I.L. competitors are (back row, left to right) Jennifer Morgan, coach Melvena Moore, Davida Gregory, coach Christy Daily, Meagan Mills, (front row) Luike Williams, Erin Gregory, Laura Tobias, K'Leigh Babb, Josh Fumagalli and Lauren Webb.



PHS WRITING EVENTS U.I.L. competitors are (back row, left to right) Steve Norman, Aaron Cooper, coach Sandra Alexander, Channa Cruse, coach Amy Easterling, (front) Kelsey Wimmer, Jessica Garza, Laci Williams, Camie Payne, Kelci Hart and Heather Bullard.



PHS SPELLING AND ACCOUNTING U.I.L. competitors are (back row, left to right) coach Doris Giddens, Ricky Alvarez, Channa Cruse, Eric Montanez, coach Ralynn Kirkpatrick, (front) Teresa Salas, Meagan Mills, Jessica Mason, Tandi Humble and Kelci Hart.



PHS MATH AND SCIENCE U.I.L. competitors are (back row, left to right) Laura Tobias, coach Kim Mills, Brice Easterling, coach Delton Moore, Amy Pedersen, (front row) Tye Mason, Davida Gregory, April Line, Scotty Gaydos, Jennifer Morgan and Jason Fields.

## Spring exhibit open at OS Museum

"Interpretations of Spring," the latest exhibit at the OS Museum, is now open.

The exhibit, a view of "beautiful eggs and sculpture" from around the world, features samplings such as Fabergé, Waterford, Swarovski and Wedgwood. Hand-decorated real eggs also are displayed.

The exhibit is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-5 p.m.

The museum is located at 201 E. Main Street in the upstairs portion of the building. An elevator is available for use.

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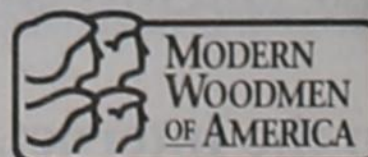
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# Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

March 21, 1990  
10 Years Ago

The Garza County Senior Citizens Spelling Bee was held March 2 at the Senior Citizens Center.

Coordinators were Marion Wheatley, Maxine and Lewis Earl. Those spelling for fun were Jewel White, Mary Tillman, Juanita McAdams, Lorene Gerner, Cleo Sappington, W.C. Knox, Marietta Pruitt and Jean Tipton.

Tonya Basinger is among several Hardin-Simmons University students teaching in Abilene area schools. Tonya is teaching at the elementary school level, according to information received from Hardin-Simmons.

Congressman Charles Stenholm has informed us that Sara Hudman is one of the page finalists for the Omar Burleson Congressional Intern Program and the LBJ Intern Program.

Mike Mitchell is recovering in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital following surgery last Thursday to remove a blood clot in an artery. "Everything went real well, and Mike is doing just fine," son-in-law Larry Mills reports. Mike is expected to be at home this week.

Mr and Mrs T.J. Wardlow were in Post last week, visiting her brother, Richard Lewis and his wife Maxine. Mrs Wardlow recently "graduated, I mean retired," from the Harlingen public schools, where she had worked since 1960 as secretary to the high school principal. They live in San Benito. She is a 1937 graduate of Post High School.

March 20, 1980  
20 Years Ago

Shelley Haney would like to announce the arrival of his baby brother, Tye Reed. Tye made his arrival at 11:55 p.m., Wednesday, March 12, in Garza Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and measuring 21½ inches in length. His parents are Max and Rebecca Haney of Post.

Glad to see Jeff Williams is back in the swing of things again and out of the hospital.

Funeral services for John William Putman, 84, of Mineral Wells, and formerly of Post were held Tuesday, March 11, at 2 p.m. at Baum - Carlock - Bumgardner Funeral Chapel with Cleburn Martin officiating. Interment was in Staggs Prairie Cemetery.

Mr. Putman is the father of Opal Montgomery of Post

Birthdays today are:

- Billy Smiley
- Roy Newberry
- Delores Odum
- Linda Messer
- Carl Yarbrow
- Roy Abernathy
- Charlene Smiley
- Janna Beth Lee
- Lupe Greathouse
- W.C. Breed
- Dana Babb

March 19, 1970  
30 Years Ago

U. S. ARMY, Vietnam —Army Pfc. Larry D. Johnson, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. R. King of 119 Ridge Road, Post, Tex., was assigned as a powerman with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade in

Mrs. Ronald Storie entertained with a birthday party for her daughter, Rhonda, who was four years old last Saturday.

Cake and punch were served to the following guests who arrived at the following guests who arrived at 3 o'clock.

Keith and Kerry Hart, Renee Mock, Michele Hill, Jenny Mock, Cindee Jackson, Penny Williams, Becky Cook, Nancy Reno, Joni, Jim and Anita Hays, Beth Green, Amy Thuett, Phil and D'Linda Tyler, Tina Bevers and Gregory Storie.

Special guests were Rhonda's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Isaacs, and her aunt, Mrs. Ronald Wicker, and Renee of Midland.

The Post Jaycees will sponsor a "Know Your Candidates Night" program at 8 p. m. Wednesday, March 25, in the primary school auditorium, with city council school board and hospital district candidates given an opportunity to be interviewed by a Jaycee moderator.

Miss Mickey Saldivar, bride-elect of AIC Raol Salinas, was honored with a bridal shower Monday night in the Community Room.

In celebration of her fifth birthday last Thursday Becky Cook was honored with a birthday party when her mother, Mrs. Joe Cook, entertained at their home at 305 North Ave. P from 2 until 3 o'clock.

Children attending were: Greg Poole, Greg and Rhonda Williams, Kurt Robison, Brad Mason, Steve Fluitt, Keith and Kerry Hart, Tadd Knight, Ken Young, Cindee Jackson, Jennifer Wilson, Starlett Reidel, Tina Bevers, Bobbie Jo Hadderton, Debbie Gordon, Donna Boudlough and Rhonda and Gregory Storie. Mothers present were: Mmes. Lewis Mason, Kenneth Williams, Delynn Fluitt, Royce Hart, Taylor Knight, Frank Hadderton Jr., and Ronald Storie.

Special guests were Becky's great-grandfather, Raymond

Levy, of Lubbock, a great aunt, Miss Velma Cook of Canyon, and her grandmother, Mrs. Keith Kemp.

March 24, 1960  
40 Years Ago

Mrs. Vada Clary was elected neighborhood chairman for Garza County's Girl Scouting organization in an organizational meeting last Wednesday of Girl Scout workers in the Girl Scout Little House.

R. E. Josey of Post compiled the best average last weekend at a roping event in Asperment, with second best time on each of two heads of calves.

Two other Post ropers, Jack Kirkpatrick and Ed Sims, competed, with Kirkpatrick having second best time on one calf, and Sims best time on one calf.

Kim and Tim Owen are visiting in Lubbock with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Russell. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Owen.

Natha Jo Means, nine-year-old barrel racer, took part Saturday in opening ceremonies at the new Davis Arena. Natha Jo has been invited to Sweetwater April 15 and 16 to take part in an indoor junior riding show.

March 23, 1950  
50 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bussard and their families left Saturday to make their homes in Seagraves. They are with the Rayflex Exploration company.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Norris and children spent the weekend in Colorado City.

Mrs. Olin Harper and son arrived home Saturday from Lubbock Memorial hospital. Sunday visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Harper and Clara Harper of Tahoka.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Duren and son, Paul jr., Mrs. Hettie Mae Robinson and Mrs. David Schultz and daughters were in Brownfield Sunday night.

Mrs. J. I. Northcutt returned Saturday from an extended visit in Abilene and San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kendall spent the weekend in El Paso.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Brown and son, Randy, of Canyon and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Weathersbee and son, Tommy, of Floydada were weekend visitors in the C. W. Terry and Reese Bivens homes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Propst left Thursday to visit her father who is in a Fort Worth hospital. From there they planned to go to New Orleans, La.

## ACROSS

- TX Orbison's "Woman Blues"
- country singer McEntire
- noted TX gambler "Amarillo"
- noted TX black golfer Lee (init.)
- song by TX duo: "Paula"
- Dallas & Houston ex-TX Education Commissioner "Skip"
- discount retailer with stores in TX (2 wds.)
- "The eyes of Texas you"
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- Waco is site of "Great Texas Race"
- Dallasite Albert led clean-up of S & L mess
- Bonnie Parker was born in this Runnels Co. town
- Watteland position "Do Mi"
- poem "Hell in TX" says the devil put cactus
- TXism: "busy as legged man in a butt kicking contest"
- Porte, TX
- Bremond's "Dzien Festival"
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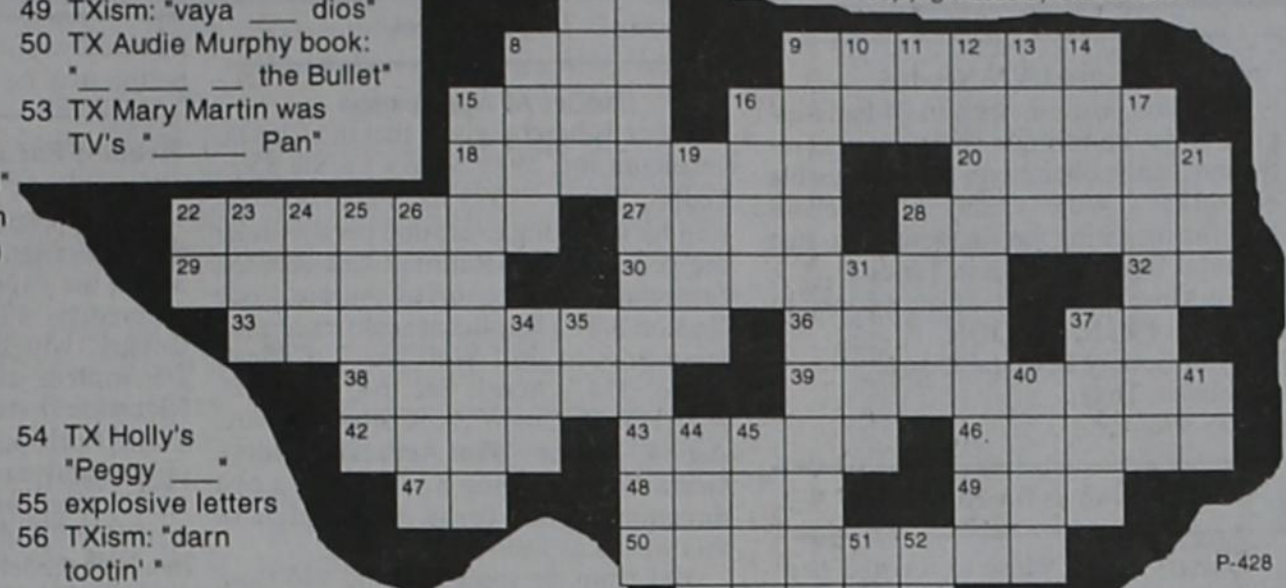
## DOWN

- TXism: "missus"
- snake-like Gulf fish site of the West Texas Fair
- TXism for choose your drink
- towel moniker
- TXism: "no foam"
- what a doctor calls "discomfort"
- an old cow-hand
- ex-Cowboy pres. Schramm (init.)
- TX's Blue Bell
- TX Mae Morse sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"
- beer slangily
- TXism: "whatcha (gadget)"
- TXism: "as a baby's bottom"
- TXism: "he's all"
- TX Billy Olson set 11 world pole vault records
- AC exit
- TXism: "shake a (dance)"
- Sen. Hutchison's office time (abbr.)
- this King created "Carrie," portrayed by TX Sissy (init.)
- TX Doak Walker was one in Detroit saloon repository: spit
- TX singer Strait (init.)
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- TX legislative grant to "Pa" Ferguson
- "The Texan"
- Calamity Jane" (50)
- TV medical drama

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## Note-worthy Ideas

### The Benefits Of Music And Child Development

(NAPS)—It has been said that music soothes the soul. New studies show that music also stimulates a child's development.

The recent scientific studies reveal that music can build brain power in children by enhancing vital intellectual skills.

Taking this information to heart, many hospitals have started including music education literature and classical CDs with the materials they give to new mothers to take home with their infants.

Gymboree, an interactive parent-child play program realizes the importance of music as well, and has developed a new set of CDs for the Gymboree Play and Music Programs, located nationwide. Beginning in fall 1999, the new music program, taught by trained professionals, will incorporate rhythm and movement, singing, listening and playing instruments with encouraging social, physical intellectual and musical development in youngsters.

"The evidence that children's exposure to music enhances their success in academics for the rest of their lives is now overwhelming," said Bob Campbell, president of Gymboree Play and Music Programs. "We believe that young children learn best when they're having fun, and we have created Gymboree Music to maximize the educational benefits of music by avoiding the didactic and focusing on the joy that children experience when singing, dancing and playing."

The line of new CDs from the Gymboree Music Program features styles such as rock and roll of the '50s and '60s, country, marches, Motown classics, folk songs, classi-

cal pieces, jazz and big band music. The program's two educational levels include "Half Notes" (16 to 30 months) and "Whole Notes" (2.5 to 4 years).

Gymboree Play Programs is the founder and worldwide leader in interactive parent-child play programs with more than 400 locations in 10 countries around the world.

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From The Post Dispatch, March 19, 1970



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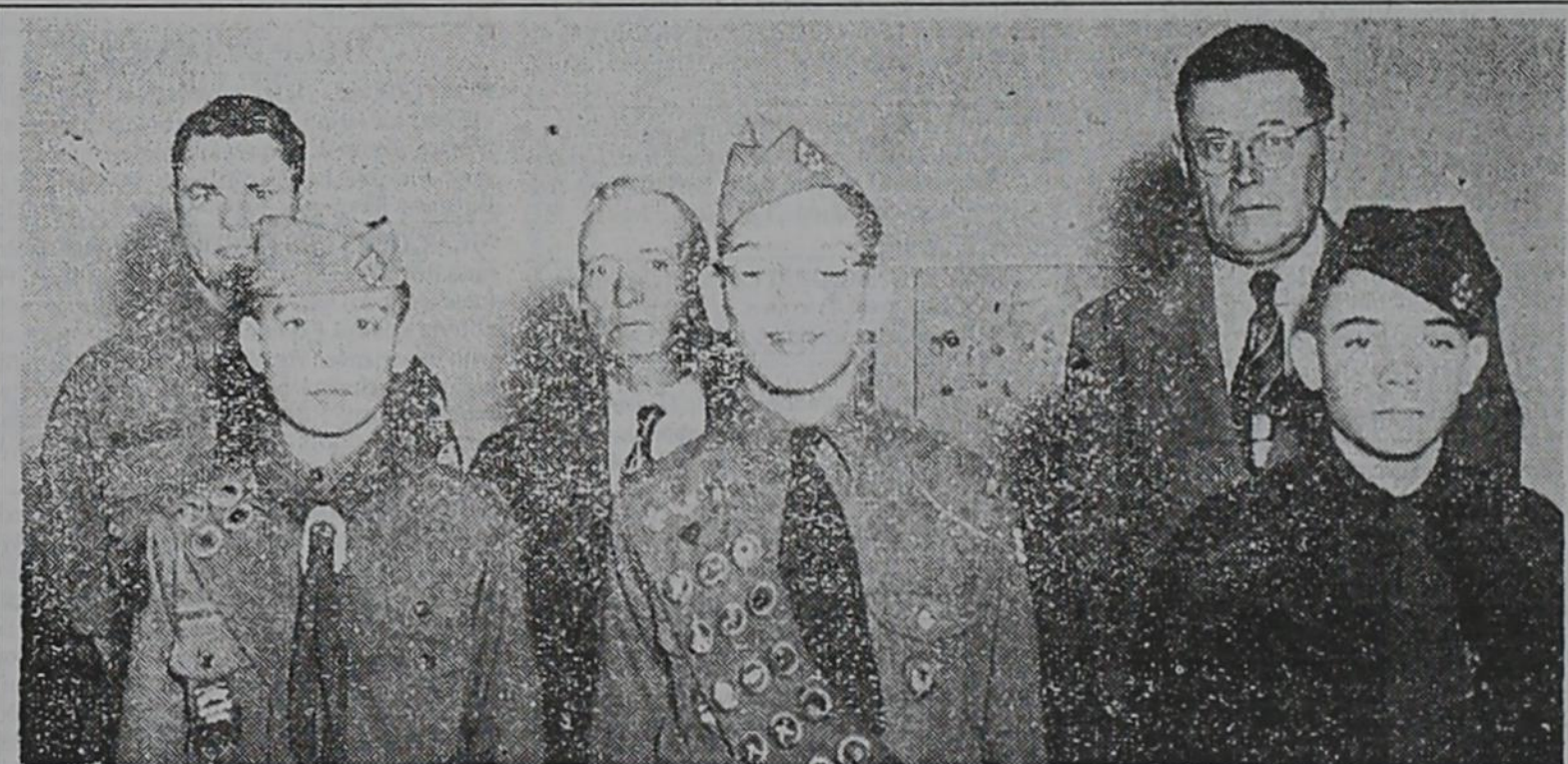


Food was first served on a commercial airplane in 1919.



**NAMED ALL-DISTRICT** — Marinette Hays, junior forward on the Post Does, was named to the all-district 5AA team last week by district coaches. Donna Baumann and Luann Kennedy received honorable mention. No Lopes were named to the all-district but Mike Macy and Larry Rodriguez also received honorable mention for having received all-district votes. — (Staff Photo by Norma Baumann)

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**PLAN TRIP TO VALLEY FORGE**—Three scouts and leaders pictured above are centering their summer plans around the second national Boy Scout jamboree to be held in Valley Forge, Pa., June 30 to July 6. Scouts in the first row are Jack Lott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lott of Post; John Andrewartha, Abernathy; and C. L. Turner, Lockney. Leaders in the back row include John Lott, Mose Hood of Lubbock and R. L. Price, Lamesa. Two other Post scouts may attend (Photo courtesy Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.)

From The Post Dispatch, March 24, 1950



**TO PRESENT 'BAMBI'** — These four third grade music students are part of the cast of Bambi, which will be presented to the general public, Friday, March 21 at 7 p. m. in the Primary Auditorium. There is no admission charge for the performance. Shown 1 to r, Cody Tidwell as the bat; Trevor Thuett, Bambi; Jumper rabbit, Teresa Yarbrow and the bird, Lisa Shults. The students are under the direction of Marita Jackson. — (Staff Photo)

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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.

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### Request For Bids On Texas Highway Construction

Sealed proposals for 0.100 mi of exterior rehabilitation of Algerita Hotel on US 380 at the Algerita Hotel in Post, Texas covered by STP 95 (123) TE in Garza County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas until 1:00 P.M., April 4, 2000, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

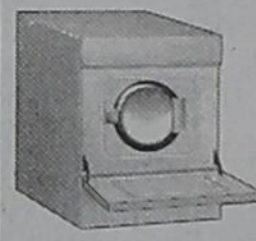
This contract is subject to all applicable Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Ted Moore, Area Engineer, Lubbock, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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## Trailblazers issue big thank you

by **Kyran Moore**  
The center received a most gratifying letter this month. It reads as follows:

"Hi Kyran, Mom is enjoying the food. I forgot last week. Here is payment for that week and week of 24-28. She enjoys the sweet lady who delivers as much as the food. Thanks, Delores Redman."

Clients' birthdays in February — Betty Stanley, Roberta Fluitt, Eleanor McCrary, Don Tatum, Mary Welborn, Dale Nichols, T.J. Wardlow, Harold Reno, Bob Palmer, Leroy McCrary, Martin Nichols.

Special thanks to all who help support our center and these thoughtful persons and/or groups of individuals:

- Garza County — annual cash donation that we deeply appreciate and depend upon.
- Garza County Livestock — donated assortment of overestimated perishable inventory.
- Rodney Tidwell with the Post Volunteer Fire Department — for donating your time to conduct our mandatory fire drill.
- United Supermarket — for your continuous donations of perishable fresh fruit and bakery goods.
- Covenant Home Health Care — free weekly blood pressure checks.

Thanks to everyone that helped with the bake sale on Feb. 12 for Trailblazers. To all who baked cookies and helped at United and everyone that bought cakes and pies, etc. And thank you United. We raised \$597.25 to help us out. You are all wonderful. We appreciate you — Wanda Blacklock and the Garza County Trailblazers.

Garza County Senior Citizens, Lunch, Recreation and Fellowship Organization, known as Garza County Trailblazers, would like to express our deepest appreciation to your United Methodist Youth Group for their generous and thoughtful donation. Special gifts such as yours help to keep our center running. Your thoughtfulness means so much to our Post Senior Citizens, you have succeeded in reminding them that our Post local youth are kind, generous and most of all that you care about their well being. We would also like to thank the persons working

with these young adults. Evidently, they are getting some excellent guidance. Sincerely — Garza County Trailblazers, Kyran Moore/Director.

Please keep in mind that we welcome all persons to our center that would enjoy a very nutritious, well-balanced home-cooked meal. We are here for our senior citizens to receive these services, along with the enjoyment of others' companionship. We are located at 103 S. Avenue I. Lunch is served at noon and we also welcome all ages to join us. If you need more information, please call Kyran Moore at the center at 495-2998.

Thanks again for your ongoing support!

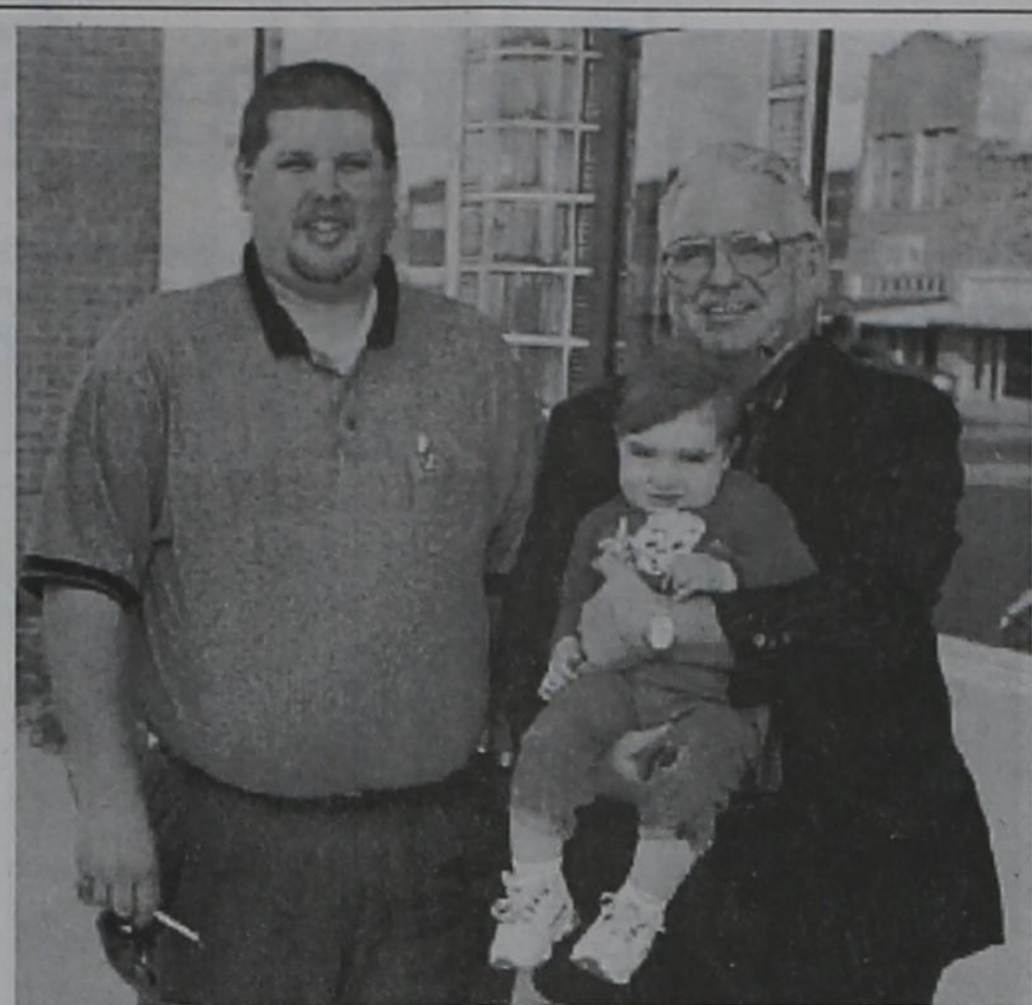
## Sales tax shows big increase

The city's sales tax payment for the month of March was considerably higher than that received a year ago.

According to a report from the state comptroller's office, this month's payment to the City of Post was \$20,531.01, compared to \$13,904.70 received in March of 1999. The difference represents a hike of 47.65 percent.

March's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected by monthly tax filers in January and reported to the comptroller's office in February. Statewide, a 13.4 percent increase was realized.

Year-to-date payments to the city are also ahead of last year's totals, with \$64,067.94 received in the first three months of this year, compared to last year's three-month total of \$50,985.29.



Post Lions Club member Jim Graham (right) visits with Mahlon Richardson, who is contacting local businesses to support the Lions Club annual fund raiser, "Magic of Sebastian." Tickets purchased by businesses will go to Garza County children to attend the magic show. Helping Graham is his granddaughter, Meaghan.

## Dirt Trackers Parade, Car Show set in Lubbock Mar. 18

Women's Protective Services of Lubbock will join the I-27 Dirt Trackers in presenting the Parade and Car Show March 18 with a parade beginning at 11 a.m., followed by a car show.

The parade will begin at 2001 N. University and finish at the Midnight Rodeo parking lot, 7301 S. University, for the car show.

The purpose of the two events is to promote the upcoming Benefit Demolition Derby March 31 from 7-10:30 p.m. at the I-27 Speedworld (formerly West Texas Speedway), located on I-27 and 1585.

Advance tickets for the derby and embroidered WPS/I-27 Speedworld caps will be sold at the car show. Derby tickets will cost \$6 for adults and \$2 for children 10-13. Admission will be free for children under the age of 10.

To participate in the parade, drivers must register and pay a \$10 entry fee. Proceeds from derby ticket sales will go to Women's Protective Services. The mission of WPS is to create an environment of empowerment for women, children and families and to eliminate family violence.

For more information on the events or to purchase tickets, call Kelley at 748-5292.

## Father Neyland addresses Rotarians

Introduced by Rotarian Giles McCrary, Father Malcolm Neyland of Lubbock spoke to the Post Rotary Club at their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 7.

Father Neyland announced that the Vatican City Art Exhibit will appear in Lubbock in 2002. Scheduled to be on display at the Texas Tech Museum, the exhibit will include some of the priceless artifacts presently found only in Vatican City.

This will mark the first time in 1,200 years that a city the size of Lubbock — fewer than 200,000

population — had hosted such a display. The artifacts will be shipped directly from Italy to Lubbock and will not travel to any other locations while in the United States. This will also mark the first time a non-Catholic institution of higher education has displayed such Vatican City treasures.

Substantial interest throughout the western hemisphere is anticipated and it is estimated that 1,400 to 1,800 people will tour the free exhibit each day during its four-month stay in Lubbock.

## 15 booked into county jail

A total of 15 individuals were booked into the county jail during the past week, according to jail reports.

Arrests included that of a 48-year-old male, DWI/3rd or more; a 42-year-old male, bench warrant; a 24-year-old female, Dallas County warrant/fraud (released on \$500 bail bond); a 25-year-old female, Potter County warrant/theft (released on \$750 bail bond); and a 21-year-old male, possession of a stolen firearm.

Also, a 33-year-old male, forgery indictments; a 35-year-old male, bond forfeiture/DWI felony; a 40-year-old male, DWI/2nd (\$2,500 surety bond); an 18-year-old male, Dallas County warrant; and a 24-year-old male, possession of marijuana (\$1,500 bail bond).

Also, an 18-year-old male, DWI/1st (\$1,500 PR bond); male, age unlisted, DWI/1st (PR bond); a 27-year-old male, possession of marijuana/under two ounces; a female, age unlisted, possession of marijuana/under two ounces; and a 20-year-old male, possession of marijuana/under two ounces.

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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a proposal with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The Company proposes to change its environs rates to the same level as the Company is proposing for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The environs rates will not change until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities change. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. The proposed changes will affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the sixty-seven West Texas Cities. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa. The new environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services of all municipalities served by Energas in the same county.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section  
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Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than April 7, 2000.

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## Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash

### Pensions Are Portable

Maybe dad stayed in one job all his life, but today, the average American worker changes jobs five times. Another change: instead of a company pension, today's worker is more likely to have a 401(k) made up of personal contributions plus a company sweetener.

What happens at a job-change time? It's tempting to turn the money into a new car or a super vacation, but that can get very expensive. Cashing out can cost 20 percent withholding plus a 10 percent penalty for anyone under 59 1/2. There are better options.

• Leave the money in the company's plan. Investment choices and access to the funds may be limited, though. Is the company safe?

• Roll it over to the new employer's fund. But the worker may not be eligible to participate right away, and rollover may be slow.

• Roll it over to a separate IRA which can be rolled over again into an employer's fund at a later date. Meanwhile, investment options are broad and the money is still tax-deferred.

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# Awards, entertainment at banquet

by Wes Burnett

Awards for Citizen of the Year, Business of the Year, Pioneer Cowboy and Conservationist were presented at last Friday night's annual Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet.

Gina Lott was recognized as Citizen of the Year, which was presented by last year's citizen of the year Gladys Blair. Lott was honored for her wide variety of volunteer activities, highlighted by special programs at Post ISD schools.

J&T Designs was awarded Business of the Year, with Teressa Doggett and Jackie Cruse accepting the spotlight. Doggett and Cruse create and manufacture specialized decorative Santas and other ornaments, shipping products world wide. Last year's Business of the Year representative Danny Guthrie of Golden Plains Care Center made the presentation.

Pioneer Cowboy recognition went to the late James Morris Neff (see related story on page 11). Marie Neff and her son Jim accepted the award on behalf of the late Ed Neff. Ronnie Dunn made the presentation.

Riley Miller accepted the Conservationist of the Year award, which was presented by Shug Thomas on behalf of the Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District. Miller was honored for his years of dedication to preserving wildlife and the environment at the ranch (see related story on page 11).

Musical entertainment for the evening was performed by Lanny Fiel and the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band. Local fiddlers Lilly Hart and Wes Mason joined the band in rousing renditions of old Texas swing standards.

The steak dinner was served by members of the Post High School National Honor Society, catered by Babb's Bar-B-Q.

Outgoing president Brady Sanders expressed appreciation to outgoing directors Patty Kirkpatrick and Jim Plummer, then introduced newly elected president Judy Bush. She introduced this year's directors Marie Neff, Gladys Blair, Mike Babb, JoAnn Stelzer, Fred Myers, Danny Cooper, Mike Macy and Tommy Young.

Women's Division outgoing president JoAnn Stelzer thanked members of the group for their work this year and introduced newly elected president Carolyn Halford. Halford introduced officers first vice president Jan Acker, 2nd vice president Jennifer Fumagalli, secretary Pauline Clinesmith, treasurer Betty Posey and parliamentarian JoAnn Stelzer.



Newly elected Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau president Judy Bush (left) joins outgoing directors Patty Kirkpatrick (center) and Brady Sanders following banquet ceremonies last Friday evening at the community center.



Carolyn Halford (left), new Women's Division president, was introduced by JoAnn Stelzer, outgoing president.

## Riley Miller chosen as Conservationist of the Year

Remarks by Shug Thomas at the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau Banquet

1929 saw the great crash of the stock market and the beginning of the "Dirty '30s." On May 28 of that year, R. Clyde Miller and Bessie Miller had another son whom they named Riley. He grew up working with his father in the cattle ranching business, initially in Borden and Garza counties of Texas and later in New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

The rapid settlement of West Texas during the end of the 19th and early 20th centuries combined with the long years of drought of the 1930s found much of West Texas carrying remnant wildlife populations. The frailty of the semi-arid ecosystem had not been realized until it was too late. Poor farming practices and subsistence living off the land had taken a toll. By the start of the second World War, about the only wildlife left on the Borden and Garza county landscape was a very small population of pronghorn antelope, blue (scaled) quail and the ever-present coyote.

Riley and his father began to discuss the chances of reestablishing native species to the area. Clyde had told Riley of the great herds of antelope the family has encountered when moving to Borden County in 1900, and of the whitetailed deer antlers found in the campsites of the Indian tribes. The two reasoned that if the game had been here at one time, it could be again.

It soon became apparent that the neighboring Slaughter ranch had been successful in restocking the whitetailed deer. Riley and Clyde contacted the Texas Game and Fish Commission, inquiring into the possibility of acquiring deer for restocking. On June 27, 1956, the project started. With the cooperation of neighboring ranches, the transplant was successful. At the same time, a release was made of the little desert pigs known as the javelina or collared peccary. This transplant didn't work as well, through there are still a few of them around.

Since those early restocking projects, Riley has worked on other introductions as well, including Rio Grande Wild Turkey, a 1974 transplant of Pronghorn Antelope; the Aoudad (barbary) sheep of North Africa; Nubian Ibex; and currently, Red Deer. Riley has also continued to maintain a herd of buffalo, first started by his father in the 1930s.

Riley made another change in his ranching practices in the early '70s. The family had always raised Hereford cattle, but the harsh West Texas environment had proven to be less than ideal for this breed. Riley began to experiment with Brahman Crossbreed cattle. He says the Brahmans are better foragers and that if there is a blade of grass on top of a hill, they'll climb up there and get it. They can live on mesquite bark if they have to.

Another change Riley made was the removal of most of the cross fencing on the ranch. He realized that if cattle were allowed to move about, they were not as apt to overgraze. He says the best way to not have wildlife is to overstock.

Riley continues to work on various range improvements with the idea always being to not overlook the impact the changes may have on the wildlife. The clearing and planting of small grain food plots, which benefit both cattle and game, and the continuous task of keeping all parts of the ranch watered are major projects.

"The first thing you did of a morning was saddle your horse in case you had to go get the doctor or the buffalo got out," Riley once said. "Being the great migrators that they are, you just never know when they're going to decide to leave. I've hunted buffalo all my life."

Though always interested in improving wildlife populations and habitat, Riley has also been interested in better ranching practices. He has found the two usually go hand in hand. Extreme overgrazing during the early part of this century led to virtual takeover by the mesquite. After years of fighting brush by various root plow methods and herbicide applications,

Riley came to a few conclusions. Root plowing worked if conditions were right, but too many times the rains didn't come on time so not only did you kill the brush, but you killed the grass as well and the brush came back before the grass. A limited use of herbicide seemed to be a better alternative. Standing cover is necessary for good wildlife habitat. Whether the brush is dead or alive doesn't seem to matter much. Although brush that has been sprayed will usually come back, the time that it is set back gives the turf time to rebuild.

Over the past 70 years many people have influenced Riley's outlook toward conservation. Clyde Miller, his father, shared his desire to restore the land to its original state. Dr. Harry Tubbs taught him to appreciate the incredible variety of flora of the area. His late Oklahoman friend, Jim Jordan, taught him the value of keeping the land as God designed it.

"I just want to leave it better than I found it," Riley has often commented.



Riley and Mary Miller (front, center) joined by family members and Willie Moreno following the presentation of Conservationist of the Year at last Friday's Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau Banquet. At the event were (back row, left to right) Clay Miller, Ben Miller, Willie Moreno, Brent Smith, (front row) Paula Miller, Venessa Miller with Channing Miller, Mary Miller, Riley Miller and Jennifer Smith.



The Ranch Dance Fiddle Band performed old Texas Swing favorites at the Commerce & Tourism Banquet last Friday night.

## James Morris Neff chosen as Garza County Pioneer Cowboy

Remarks by Ronnie Dunn at the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau Banquet

James Morris Neff was born Aug. 25, 1890, in McGregor to Edward Lewis and Patsy Winn Neff. When he was 15 years old his father died, leaving his mother with three children to raise alone.

Since Morris was the oldest, it was his responsibility to help take care of his mother and the two younger children. His dream was to be a cowboy, so he packed a bag and came west to find a job.

In 1905, he landed at the Slaughter Ranch and signed on to be a cowboy. His pay was \$20 a month. He saved \$1 and sent the balance back home to his mother each month. In the spring of 1907, he moved to the OS Ranch and his pay went up to \$25 per month. He continued the rest of his mother's life to send her money each month.

During round up time he helped fill in as chuck wagon cook, and the rest of the time he was one of the cowboys. He received a lot of training from the likes of Cap Roy, Ed Scott, Russell Wilks, Sam Wilks and, of course, Mr. Connell. He was working at the OS when the town charter was written and when the first county officials were elected. His name appears on the plaque in front of the OS Ranch house.

He met and courted Evelyn Sue Nance and when she came home from college, they set the date. They married in July of 1913 and moved to the Moore Draw Camp to work for the Double U Company.

At UU, he worked with such friends as Jake Morrow, Claud Cash, George Henry, Oscar and Perry Graham, Charlie Morrow and others. One time, he, Charlie Morrow and Perry Graham were to take a load of cattle by train to Colorado and they had to ride in the cars with the cattle. The train stopped in Slaton and Charlie said, "I'm thirsty." There was a sprinkler going nearby so he got out and started chasing the sprinkler water, trying to catch a

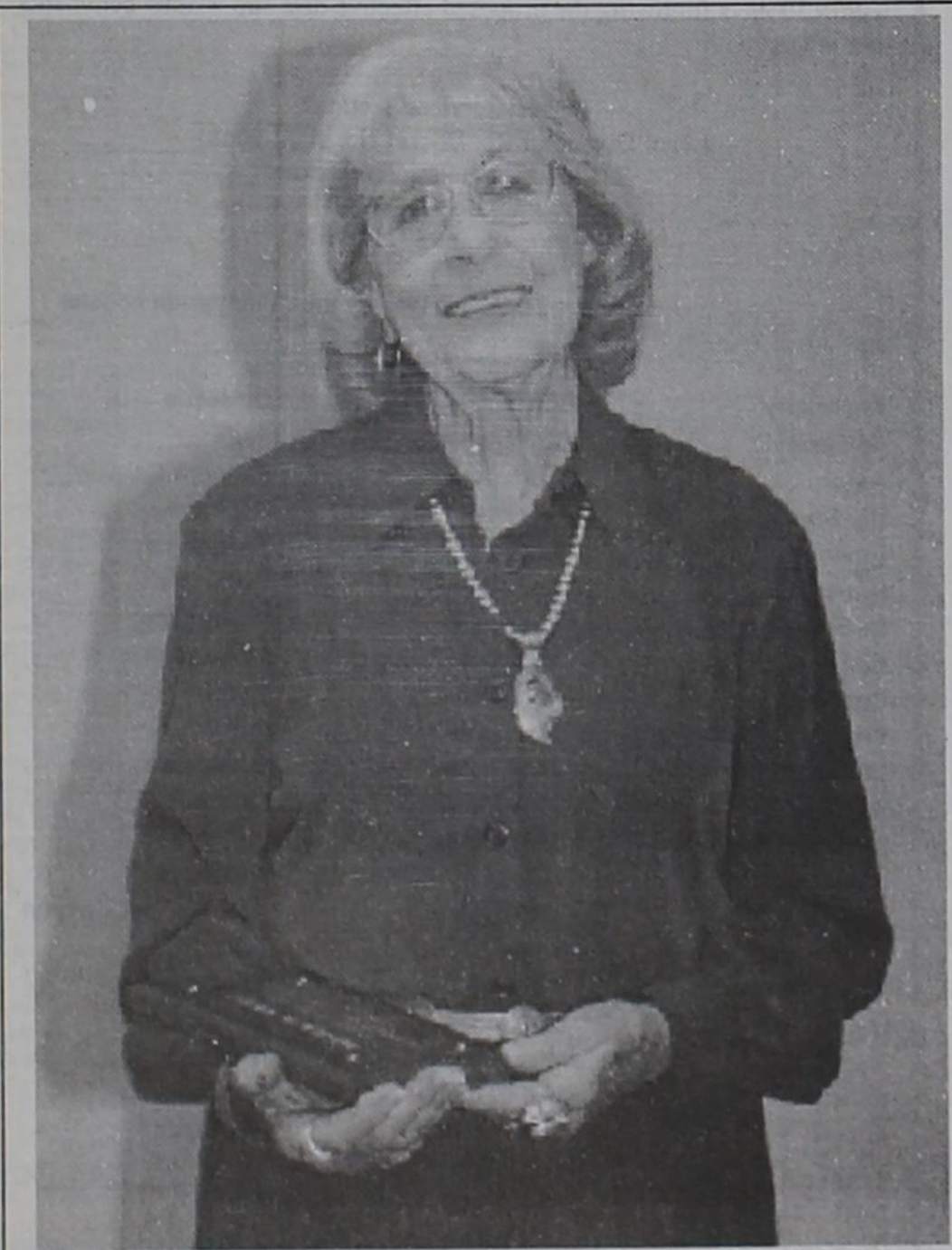
mouthful. Walking by were some young ladies and they got scared when they saw a "crazy man" acting like that. They ran away. Morris, Charlie and Perry were close friends and pulled many pranks together or on each other.

In 1918, Morris took over a lease that the UU Company had in Colorado. In 1919, a son was born to Morris and Evelyn, but he only lived a short time. Morris maintained the lease until January of 1920 when they moved back to Texas and leased the Baxter Scoggins ranch seven miles east of Justiceburg, where they became fast friends with Wilson and Elizabeth Connell. In 1922, a second son, Edward Lewis, was born. The family stayed there until 1924 when Morris took over the Nance Ranch for Evelyn's mother. There they stayed until 1937 when Morris purchased the Babb Ranch in Post. This ranch had belonged to Tom Power's grandfather.

Morris loved the cowboy life and all the people associated with it. He had very definite ways of doing things, like the way he counted calves when branding. He put small rocks in his pockets. Left for heifers, right for steers. When his youngest grandson was about to start school, Charles said, "I don't want to go to school. I just want to go to the river and count rocks like Pop." Morris had a lot of explaining to do so Charles would go to school.

His life was hard work, but there was time for fun and lots of good friends. Morris owned a mare mule and she was the "mood forecaster" for the family. In the mornings, she would be in the water lot with the calves, and if Morris was in a bad mood and took it out on her, she would go to the far end of the lot and bray loudly for the whole world to know she was displeased. The family all knew his mood by her braying, and at some point in the day she would find a way to get back at him.

In July 1953, Morris died, but the ranch stayed in the family. He was a true pioneer of Garza County and loved the land and the people. Marie Neff and her sons still own the ranch, and she continues to live there.



Marie Neff accepted the Pioneer Cowboy award recognizing the late James Morris Neff.