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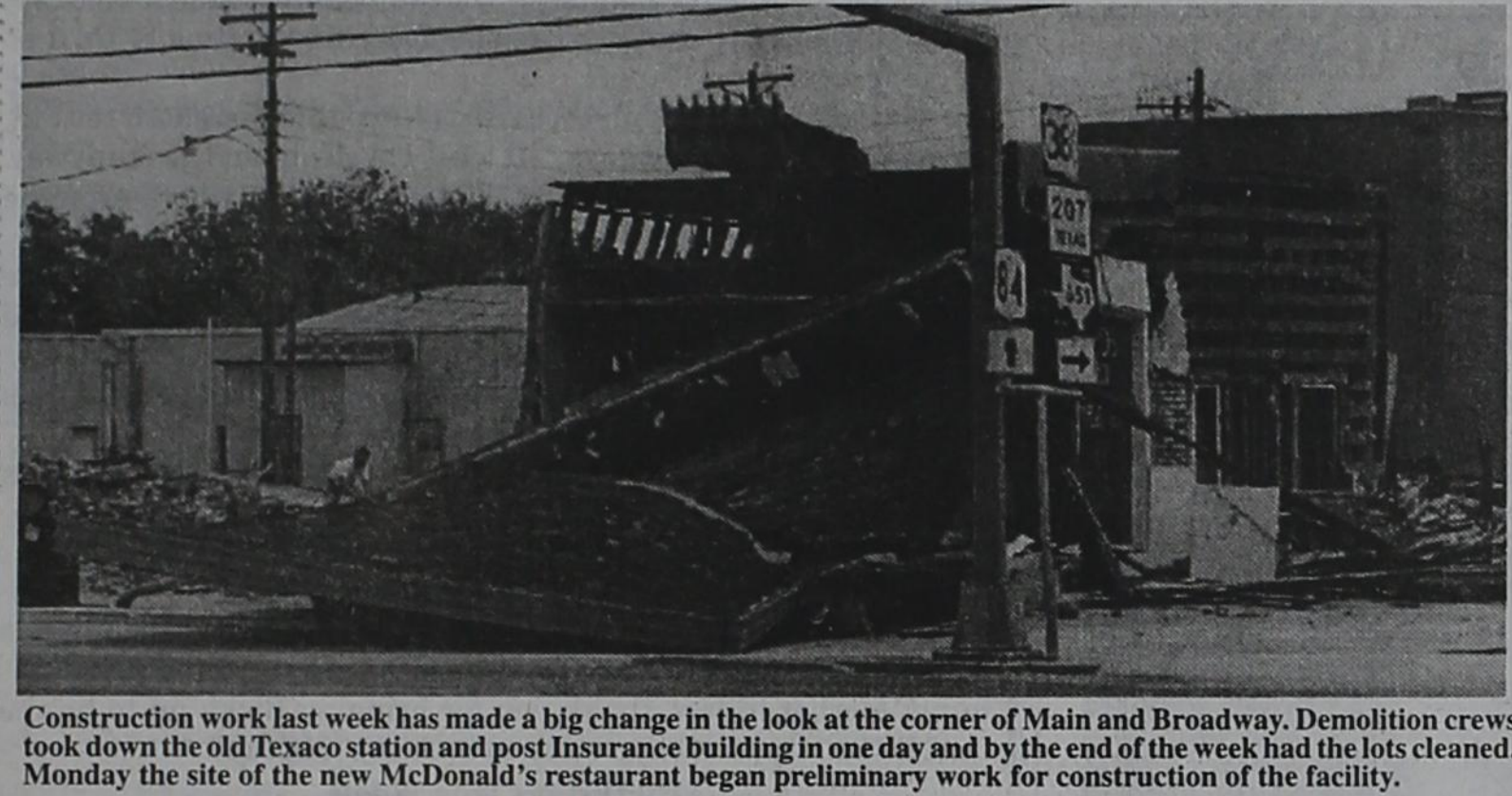
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State rejects courthouse renovation

The planned facelift for the Garza County courthouse has been put on hold after county officials learned their application for \$2.08 million has been denied. County Judge Giles W. Dalby reported to county commissioners Monday that the Garza County application had failed, but the court discussed the possibility of making a second application for the next round of funding to be awarded later in the calendar year. On Tuesday, Dalby said he learned the Garza County application was narrowly defeated, having earned 140 points in the Texas His-

torical Commission's grading system. A total of 141 points were required for approval. "There's been no decision made," Dalby said. "We can modify our request and resubmit. We've spent a lot getting this done and want to take a look at this before we make the final decision." Some \$60,000 has been spent in connection with the application, Dalby said. The most costly component of the effort was the county's creation of a master plan for the courthouse facility. According to the plan submitted to the Texas Historical Commis-

sion, administrator of the funds, funds are needed to assist the county with the addition of a new heating and air conditioning system; an elevator to bring the courthouse into compliance with ADA regulations; and new wiring throughout the facility. With respect to the historical aspect of the project, the plans also called for the restoration of the courtroom to reflect its original appearance. The courthouse, built in 1923, has never undergone a major upgrade. (Continued on Page 4)



Construction work last week has made a big change in the look at the corner of Main and Broadway. Demolition crews took down the old Texaco station and post insurance building in one day and by the end of the week had the lots cleaned. Monday the site of the new McDonald's restaurant began preliminary work for construction of the facility.

Incumbents garner big vote in hospital election

A heavy turnout during the early voting period boosted incumbents David Tyler and Michael Travis to victories in Saturday's hospital district election. Tyler and Travis garnered 587 and 584 total votes respectively to defeat the two challengers in the at-large election, Betty Striblin and Bertha Fuentes. Striblin collected a total of 309

total ballots, while Fuentes earned 284. A breakdown of ballots, as provided by hospital district officials, is as follows: Striblin — 62 early votes; 247 election day votes; 309 total. Fuentes — 56 early votes; 228 election day votes; 284 total. Tyler — 368 early votes; 219 election day votes; 587 total.

Travis — 567 early votes; 217 election day votes; 584 total. A total of 883 voters participated in the election, district officials said. That represents 29.4 percent of the district's 3,006 registered voters. Ballots from Saturday's election will be canvassed Friday at 8 a.m. by members of the hospital district's board of directors.

Post Notes

- Revival at First Baptist Church**
The First Baptist Church begins a revival Sunday, May 14, which continues through Wednesday. A nursery will be provided. Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday services begin at 7 p.m. Pastor Chester Sassman will lead the "Closer Walk" revival and music.
- First Baptist Church youth car wash**
Members of the First Baptist Church G.A.s will host a car wash for donations on Saturday at the church.
- Trailblazers host bake sale**
The Post Trailblazers will host a bake sale at United Supermarket Saturday, May 13 beginning at 9 a.m.
- Holy Cross Catholic youth car wash**
Members of the Holy Cross Catholic Church youth are sponsoring a car wash and vacuum project Saturday, May 13 at United Supermarket's parking lot, beginning at 10 a.m. Donations will be accepted with funds to support a mission trip to Santa Fe, N.M.
- Turkey Shoot Saturday at Mason's**
A 4-H benefit Turkey Shoot will be held Saturday, May 13 beginning at 11 a.m. nine miles west of Post on Hwy 380, behind Mason's Farm & Ranch Supply. The event will be at Monk Palmer's "2 lazy 2" Gun Club. The cost is \$4 per game, one buy back included, one half back to winner. The Annie Oakley championship will begin at 1 p.m. with \$20 entry fee and 100 percent payback. Garza County 4-H Shotgun Sports will provide a concession stand and shells will be available. Call Ray Mason at 495-2176 for more information.
- Elementary school out early Friday**
There will be no school Friday, May 12 at the Post Elementary School.
- "Bus Stop" at Garza Theatre**
The Garza Theatre is presenting "Bus Stop" in seven performances beginning April 28. Performances will be held April 28, 29, 30; May 5 and 6 and 13 and 14. The play stars Jeremy Daniel, Jessica Culwell, Laura Bryan, Anthony Burton, Jeff Conner, Valerie Burelsmith, Clent Hill and Stephen Witmer. Call the box office at 495-4005 to reserve seats.
- Elementary school awards May 22**
The Post Elementary School will hold its U.I.L. and TAAS awards May 22 in the auditorium at 10 a.m.
- Salute to the Class of 2000**
Reservations are now being accepted for the annual Post Dispatch and Post City Radio Salute to the Class of 2000. Graduating seniors from Borden County, Post and Southland high schools will be featured in The Post Dispatch special edition on Thursday, May 25. Interested businesses should call Judy Bush at 495-2816 to reserve a senior sponsorship. Post City Radio will be taping interviews with seniors, to be aired during the week of graduation.
- Spanish Region women's ministry**
The Women's Ministry of the Church of God of Prophecy Spanish Region is inviting all Spanish speaking ladies to attend a Ladies' Day on May 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Gethsemane Baptist Church located at 1421 S. 5th St., Tahoka. The cost is \$5 early registration and \$10 for walk-ins. For more information call Felicia Payano at 495-2006.
- Elementary school out early May 25**
Post Elementary school will be releasing students at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25 with busses running at that time.
- Summer rec registration June 5**
Registration for the summer recreation program will be held June 5 at 8:30 a.m. at the Middle School.
- Awards program may 15**
The Post High School annual awards assembly will be held May 15 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium.

Hospital board appears to be in violation of U.S. court order on elections

by Wes Burnett
The Garza County Hospital District board of directors may face another election in the near future, following disclosure this week that they have failed to implement a court order to change the method of elections. The order, signed by U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings of Lubbock, was signed on January 28, 1997, specified that an agreement had been reached between the hospital district and the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). That final agreement was filed in the court on August 21, 1997, establishing a plan to phase in an election by four voting precincts and one at-large, to begin with the May 1998 election. Three elections have been held without implementing the court order. "In my more than 20 years of practicing law, I've never heard of anyone ignoring a federal court order," San Antonio lawyer Rolando Rios commented about the situation. Rios represented LULAC in the original complaint, which was filed in the United States Dis-

trict Court Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division on April 22, 1996. "I suspect that the U.S. Department of Justice will be interested and will probably investigate this case," Rios added. "The hospital board has certainly not abided by the court order," Lubbock LULAC leader Roberto Lugo said. "We have contacted our lawyer about this situation and will take appropriate action," he added. Hospital district board members are to meet Friday morning at the district office to canvass voting from the May 6 election, with an added agenda item submitted by board member Carol Tobias regarding violation of the federal court order. The August 1997 agreement between LULAC and the hospital district was signed by board members Jack Alexander, David Tyler, David Nichols and Zoe Kirkpatrick and W. Calloway Huffaker as counsel for the hospital district. A signature "by permission" of (Continued on Page 12)

PHS spellers take first place... again!

The spelling team from Post High School captured a first place win at the State University Interscholastic League (UIL) Competition in Austin Saturday, May 6.

The team of Meagan Mills, Teresa Salas and Tandi Humble earned the top spot in the contest, which was conducted in Welch Hall on the University of Texas campus. Individually, Mills finished fourth place, Salas in sixth place and Humble in seventh place. Post High School has established a reputation for winning spelling UIL competitions, as evi-

denced by the many wins raked up over the past few years. In 1995-96 the team won first place, with team members Shelley Shifflett, Alisha Nelson and Macee Mills. The 1996-97 team also won first place with Shifflett, Mills and Kathy Gerner. In 1997-98 the team of Shifflett, Mills and Gerner won first place again. Last year (1998-99) Shifflett, Meagan Mills and Tandi Humble won first place. "Students who participate in UIL academics are as competitive and dedicated as any athlete or musician," said Bobby Hawthorne, UIL academic director. "They devote untold hours to practice and invitational meet competitions, and for many, these hours will be among the most important they spend during their high school careers. Over the years, we've heard from hundreds of students who claim that these contests were the most fulfilling and rewarding activities of their entire high school careers." UIL academic contests range from feature writing to accounting, and from computer science to poetry interpretation. Of the 2.2 million students who participated in UIL activities last year, 420,000 competed in one or more of the 22 general academic contests.

State Champs!



Post High School spelling team members took first place in last Saturday's State U.I.L. spelling competition in Austin. Members of the team are (left to right) Meagan Mills, Teresa Salas and Tandi Humble with their coach Doris Giddens.

Susan Tanner, Lee Ortiz announce engagement

Susan Renee Tanner and Lee Ortiz, both of Post, have announced their engagement. The couple plans to marry June 17 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Ray and Jean Little of Post. A graduate of Post High School, she is employed by the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Enis and Isabel Ortiz of Shallowater. A Shallowater High School and South Plains Association of Governments Law Enforcement Academy graduate, he is employed by American National.

Collier, McCallister honored

Seniors Kelli Collier and Matt McCallister were honored Sunday afternoon, May 7, with a Coke float party in the home of Donny and Donna Stelzer.

The table decorations included a centerpiece made up of black and gold balloons tied to a silver bucket that held a variety of Coke and ice cream treats.

Guests enjoyed Coke floats, brownies, Oreos and Class of 2000 cookies. Those in attendance included Erin Gregory, Luke Williams, Justin Gorman and John Radle. Special guests were Randy, Jana and Mark McCallister and Alexa and Christin Collier.

Hostesses for the event were Donna Stelzer, Voda Beth Gradine and Jane Odom.

Flannigan earns scholarship

During the Wayland Baptist University Business Division's annual Celebration of Excellence recognition and award assembly, Maggie Flannigan received the Norwest Bank Scholarship.

Flannigan is the daughter of Bill and Nancy Gordon of Post. Wayland Baptist University is located in Plainview.



Lee Ortiz and Susan Tanner

Ricky Reyna cited by USAA

Ricky Reyna of Post Middle School has been recognized by the United States Achievement Academy for his achievement as a National Leadership and Service Award winner.

Reyna's name will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Reyna is the son of Freddy and Tina Reyna of Post and the grandson of Mario and Rosa Reyna of Slaton, Bill and Debbie Strickland of Levelland and Galen and Sandy Powell of Grassland.



Paul and Trish Jackson offer special Mother's Day concert at the Post Church of the Nazarene at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, May 14.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush



What about this weather! I'm a little afraid to think about July and August. Hope this is not a preview of days to come.

Get Wells

I want to say get well soon to my best buddy, Lester Josey. I know he has been having a tough time of it. I think about him and Theona all the time. They are special folks.

Also, please keep Eloise Gordon, Maxine Earl and Roger Blair in your prayers.

Mother's Day

Well, this Sunday brings us Mothers Day. I received the following via E-Mail and thought this was a good week to run this. Enjoy!

Woman in Mirror

Age 8: Looks at herself and sees herself as Cinderella/Sleeping Beauty.

Age 14: Looks at herself and sees herself as Cinderella/Sleeping Beauty, Cheerleader, or if she is PMS'ing: sees Fat/Pimples/Ugly, "Mom, I can't go to school like this!"

Age 20: Looks at herself and sees "too fat/too thin, too short/too tall, too straight/too curly" but decides she's going anyway.

Age 30: Looks at herself and sees "too fat/too thin, too short/too tall; too straight/too curly" but decides she doesn't have time to fix it so she's going anyway.

Age 40: Looks at herself and sees "too fat/too thin, too short/too tall, too straight/too curly" but says, "At least I'm clean" and goes anyway.

Age 50 Looks at herself and see "I am" and goes where ever she wants'

Age 60: Looks at herself and reminds herself of all the people who can't even see themselves in the mirror anymore. Goes out and conquers the world.

Age 70: Looks at herself and sees wisdom, laughter and ability, goes out and enjoys life.

Age 80: Doesn't bother to look. Just puts on a purple hat and goes out to have fun with the world.

Maybe we should all grab the purple hat a little sooner!

I hope all of you "MOMS" have a wonderful day.

To my Mom, I hope that someday all of my children feel about me as they do their "Nana". Thank you for everything you have given me.

To my Mother-in-law, thank you for bringing Ricky up to be the person he is. Happy Mothers day to both my "MOMS"

Birthdays this Week

Friday, May 12; Gabriel Gonzales, Jr. and Isaac Schoover; Saturday, May 13; Dylan and Tray Payne; Sunday, May 14, Dorothy Watts, D.J. Pruitt and Kelsey Paul; Monday, May 15; Danny Saldivar, Jeanie Lambert, Patty Payne, Carolyn Cruse, Casey Merritt and Ted Paiz. Anniversary; Ruben and Eloise Rodriguez; Tuesday, May 16; Jim Boren, John C. Boren, Sr., Lynn Putman and Angela Parrish; Wednesday, May 17, Darby Person, Adelina Quintana, Pete Kane, Gordon Terry and John Boren, Jr.; Thursday, May 18, Jenee Lott, Raenell Sneed and Lewis Holly.

What a fitting tribute

Bill and Willie McBride saw to it that I got a copy of an article written by Ana Peacina Walker (wife of Paul Walker, former Post resident) who is the managing editor of the Longview-News Journal. I am so happy they sent it to me, as it was such a special story concerning layton Jack Kennedy, one of the 19 Marines to die in the April 8 helicopter crash in Arizona.

Ms. Walker relates of the really large crowd that attended the memorial at A&M and of all the wonderful stories recalled of Clay and what a wonderful person he was. A great friend to many, a great student, a lover of his family and God.

I know he could have not been any other way from the family he belong to. I can only just imagine how proud, Jack Kennedy, Gene and Yvonne, Clay's parents, Dick and Celia and Shari his wife of 6 months must have been of him.

Remember the clean-up, fix-up

Missed Last Week

I apologize to Alma and Joe Williams. I left out their visitors on Easter Sunday and I hate that. I am always asking you all to call with your trips and visitors and I don't like to leave one out.

So Alma and Joe I'm sorry. Their visitors on the holiday were David and Vicki McBride and boys from Lubbock, Shirley Ann McBride of Lubbock and Verle McBride of Post. I know they got some good visiting in.

Till Next Week

One more week, call me with your news. God bless each of you and I'll see you next week.

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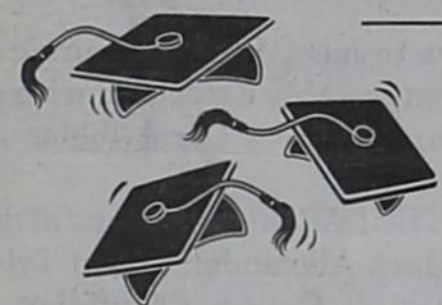
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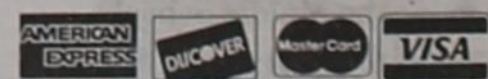
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Movie Hints

by Wes Burnett

Editor's Note: This column is strictly the opinion of the writer, and is provided from time-to-time for the enjoyment of our readers.

Recently making trips to the movies has been curtailed for us, but here's three we've seen lately.

Keeping the Faith - A delightful, sometimes funny movie with Edward Norton directing and acting. It's another of those romantic comedies that we enjoy. Three childhood friends, two boys and a girl, grow up, with one boy becoming a priest and the other a rabbi. The young lady, who had moved away during junior high days, returns and the threesome pickup where they left off, sort of.

My problem with this movie was trying to erase the powerful memories of Norton as the mad killer in "Primal Fear." Otherwise, it's a fun movie for teenagers and adults. At Cinemark's Movie 16 and Tinseltown.

The Road to El Dorado - We always have to take in a different kind of movie when our grandchildren visit. With the four year old visiting last week it was a trip to see the animated story of two swashbuckling dudes from Spain looking for the lost city of gold. I think Steven Spielberg and Elton John must have some kind of arrangement. The music sounds a bit too much like others he's done along this same line. Can't rave too much, but the four year old and her grandparents did enjoy the fantasy. At Cinemark's Movie 16 and Tinseltown.

28 Days - Another wonderful Sandra Bullock movie. The characters are well developed, and well, it's not an academy award winner, but it is worth seeing. The story is about a young alcoholic/drug abuser, who chooses rehab for 28 days over going to jail for a drunken driving incident during her sister's wedding. This one may be a "keeper," (you know, the one you'll buy the video when it comes out). Some very good acting, there'll be some tears with this one, punctuated with laughter of course. At Cinemark's Movie 16 and Tinseltown.

Movies we plan to see: *Where the Heart Is*, *Frequency* and *I Dreamed of Africa*.



Volunteers manning the ballot table during last Saturday's big voter turnout for the hospital board election were (back row, left to right) judge Cherry Echols, early voting clerk Shirley Taylor, (front row) alternate judge Gracie Hodges, clerks Frances Conrad, Janet Ratliff and Sofia Martinez.

Theta Eta Chapter meeting in Lubbock

The Theta Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met in the McInturf Center at U.M.C. in Lubbock May 1, 2000.

Pre-dinner entertainment was presented by the Singing Women of West Texas, directed by Donna Chambers. Dinner was served, hosted by the Post members. President Connie Flores presided over the business.

Fern Niles presided over the initiation of new members, Shayne Bowen, Jennifer Brunington, and Rachel Lehman.

Recognition was given to charter members Natalie Blankenship, Florene King, and Oleta Smith; twenty-five year members Carlene Markham, Donna Chambers, and President Connie Flores. Mary Rowlette, Texas Alpha State past president was guest speaker.

Fern Niles presided over installation of new officers. The meeting adjourned with the singing of the the Delta Kappa Gamma song.

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GCJLA to Host High Plains Jr. Rodeo

The Garza County Jr. Livestock Association will be hosting the High Plains Jr. Rodeo May 20 and 21 at the Post Stampede Rodeo arena. Performances will start at 11:00 a.m. both days. All gate and concession proceeds will go to GCJLA. Workers are needed to help with the concession stand and rodeo events. Please call Greg Jones at 495-4400 to sign up to help with this fundraiser.

Briskets for Graduation/Memorial Day

Garza County 4-H is selling Cooked Briskets that will be delivered May 26th, just in time for Graduation or Memorial Day company. Whole briskets are \$25 and halves are \$15. If you would like to purchase a brisket, please come by the Extension Office at 102 South Avenue L or contact a 4-H family to place your order. (4-H families may pick up sale slips at the office.)

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Obituaries

Charles Fredrick Leiby

Private graveside services for Charles Fredrick Leiby, 53, of Winstead, Minnesota, were held Tuesday, May 09, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. in the Terrace Cemetery. Burial was under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Leiby died Thursday, May 04, 2000 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri. He was born October 19, 1946 in Lubbock to Charles Fredrick and Opal Nevada (Rogers) Leiby. He had attended Post schools and was raised by his grandparents, Charlie and Winnie Rogers. He lived in Winstead, Minnesota where he worked as a water well driller.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Opal Wood, June 5, 1997 and also by a step father, Dale Wood, February 8, 1985.

Survivors include four sons: Charles Fredrick of Traverse City, Michigan; Cedric Marc of St. Paul, Minnesota; Glenn Clay of Missoula, Montana; and Derek Wayne of Traverse City, Michigan. One daughter: Jackie Jameson of Traverse City, Michigan. Two brothers: Krislin Wood and Kurt Wood; two sisters: Lisa Wood and Rita Parker, all of Slaton. His former spouse and good friend: Marcia Perosino of Suttons Bay, Michigan. An uncle; David Rogers of Post and two grandchildren; Austin Jacob Leiby and Whitney Glee Jameson.

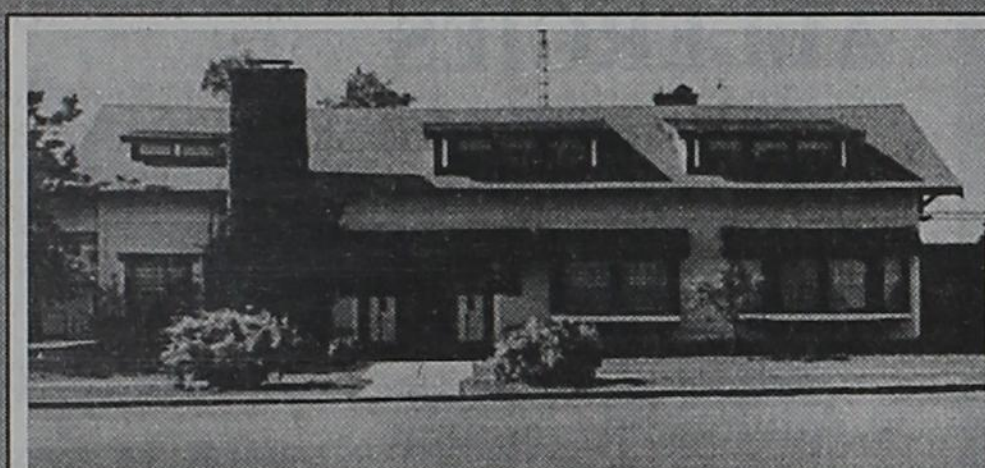
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This is for all the mothers who froze their buns, off on metal bleachers at soccer games Friday night instead of watching from cars, so that when their kids asked, "Did you see my goal?" they could say, "Of course, wouldn't have missed it for the world," and mean it.

This is for all the mothers who have sat up all night with sick toddlers in their arms, wiping up barfaced with Oscar Meyer wieners and cherry Kool-Aid, saying, "It's OK, honey, Mommy's here."

This is for all the mothers of Kosovo who fled in the night and can't find their children.

This is for the mothers who gave birth to babies they'll never see. And the mothers who took those babies and gave them homes.

For all the mothers of the victims of the Colorado shooting, and the mothers of the murderers.

For the mothers of the survivors, and the mothers who sat in front of their TVs in horror, hugging their child who just came home from school, safely.

For all the mothers who run carpools and make cookies and sew Halloween costumes. And all the mothers who don't.

What makes a good mother anyway? It is patience? Compassion? Broad hips? The ability to nurse a

baby, cook dinner and sew a button on a shirt, all at the same time?

Or is it heart? Is it the ache you feel when you watch your son or daughter disappear down the street, walking to school alone for the very first time?

The jolt that takes you from sleep to dread, from bed to crib at 2 a.m. to put your hand on the back of the sleeping baby? The need to flee from wherever you are and hug your child when you hear news of a school shooting, a fire, a car accident, a baby dying?

I think so.

So this is for all the mothers who sat down with their children and explained about making babies. And for all the mothers who wanted to but just couldn't.

This is for reading "Goodnight, Moon" twice a night for a year. And then reading it again. "Just one more time."

This is for all the mothers who mess up. Who yell at their kids in the grocery store and swat them in despair and stomp their feet like a tired 2-year-old who wants ice cream before dinner.

This is for all the mothers who taught their daughters to tie their shoelaces before they started school. And for the mothers who opted for Velcro instead.

For all the mothers who bite their lips, sometimes until they bleed, when their 14-year-olds dye their hair green.

Who lock themselves in the bathroom when babies keep crying

and won't stop.

This is for all the mothers who show up at work with spit-up in their hair and milk stains on their blouses and diapers in their purse.

This is for all the mothers who teach their sons to cook and their daughters to sink a jump shot.

This is for all the mothers whose heads turn automatically when a little voice calls, "Mom?" in a crowd, even though they know their own offspring are at home.

This is for mothers who put pinwheels and teddy bears on their children's graves.

This is for mothers whose children have gone astray, who can't find words to reach them.

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Rachel Bolton earns B.A. at ACU

Wes and Pat Burnett attended graduation ceremonies Saturday (5/6) at Abilene Christian University, celebrating the hooding of their niece, Rachel Ann Bolton of Wichita, Kansas.

Rachel is the daughter of Beverly and Dr. Ron Bolton of Wichita, who are also ACU graduates. Rachel's brother Zachary, a Church of Christ missionary serving in Siberia, Russia, is also an ACU graduate.

Rachel, an English major, plans to spend the summer in Wichita before moving to New York City for a career in web page designing. She graduated with honors, maintaining a 3.5 gpa during her four years at ACU. She was also a student in the honors program.

Sheriff reports 10 arrests

Ten arrests were recorded by local law enforcement personnel during the past week, according to records from the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

On May 3, a 28-year-old male was arrested on a warrant.

Two arrests were made May 4, including that of a 28-year-old male on a DPS warrant and that of a female, age and charges not recorded.

Three arrests were made May 5, including that of a 39-year-old male for a warrant; a 54-year-old male, DWI; and a 39-year-old male, public intoxication.

A total of four arrests were logged May 6, including that of a 28-year-old male, DWI; a 22-year-old female, warrant; a 50-year-old male, DWI; and a 40-year-old female, possession of marijuana/under two ounces.

County court...

(Continued from Page 1)

As part of the grant application, the county committed to pay 15 percent of the total cost of the project. Only a 10 percent match was required. The county planned to fund its portion of the project through reserve funds, plus some revenues received through the operation of the new prison facility.

With or without monetary input from the state, most of the planned renovations will eventually need to be done, Dalby said.

If county officials choose to resubmit their proposal, they will do so in the fall. The final round of funding will be made prior to the end of the year.

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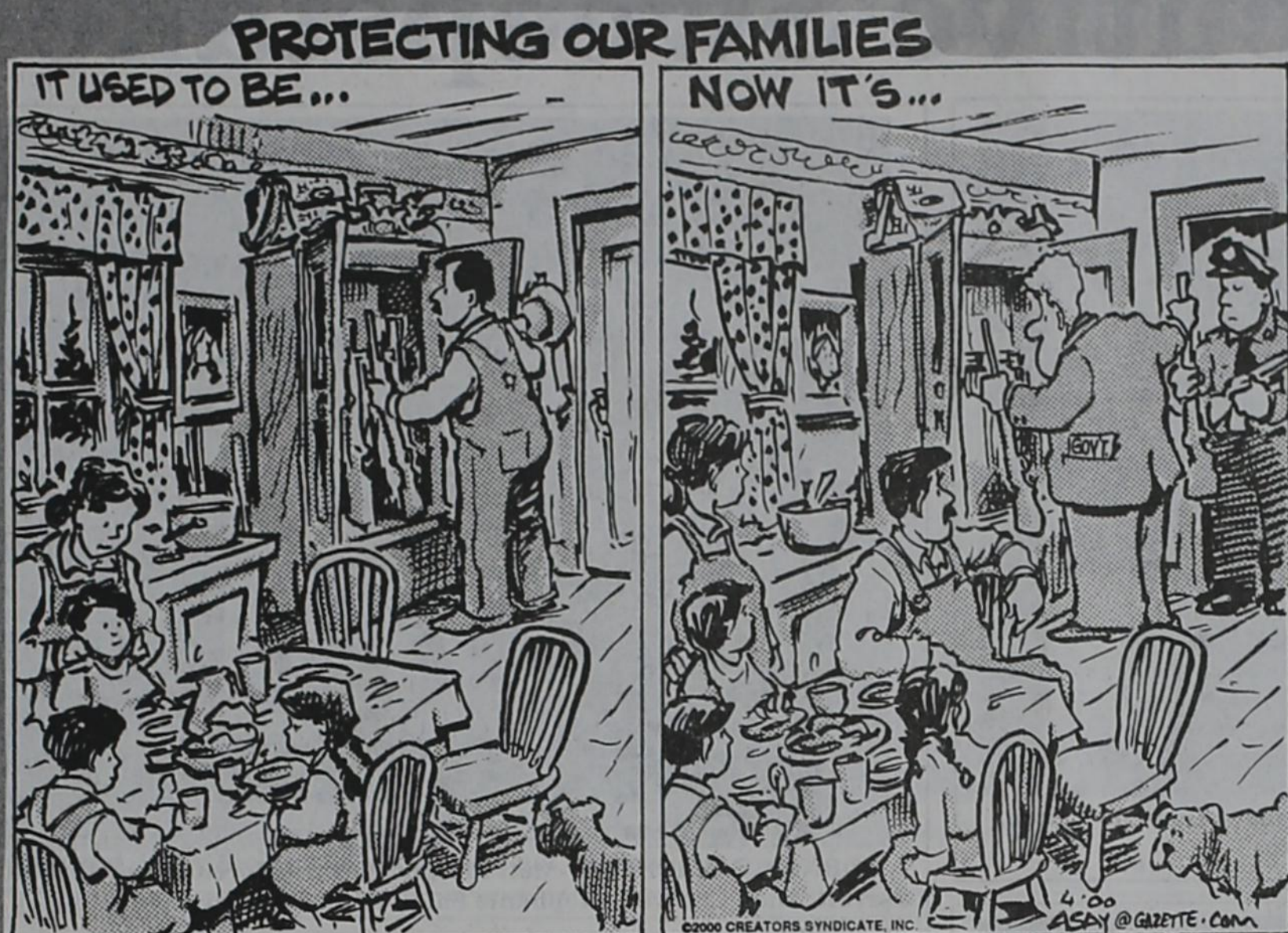
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Opinions



And thereafter, economic misunderstandings

by Walter E. Williams

The statist claim that a strong government is needed to protect the "weak" against the "powerful" is usually accepted as a matter of faith. But given just a tiny bit of thought, the claim turns out to be hogwash.

Dr. Donald Boudreaux, president of the Foundation for Economic Education, based in Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y., demonstrated that nonsense in the foundation's December 1999 issue of *Ideas on Liberty*. Do free markets favor the so-called powerful or the weak?

Boudreaux says no. Microsoft CEO Bill Gates' wealth is about 600,000 times greater than mine, but Gates has no more power over me than I have over him. You say, "Balderdash, Williams, you're up against a multibillionaire!" Well, let's see.

Can Bill Gates take my car? What about my home? Can he dictate how and where my children are to be educated? Can he force me to associate with people with whom I'd rather not associate? If I want to use Microsoft software, I must buy it from him just as if he wants me to mow his lawn or give him economic counsel, he must pay me.

Of course, both of us are free not to contract with, speak to or have anything to do with one another. So where is the power the rich have over the non-rich? Boudreaux says, "A person (or an institution) is powerful only insofar as he can use authorized force to compel others to act against their wills."

Gates can't force me to do anything I choose not to do. Neither can Gates imprison me for disobeying him. Guess who does have power to force people to act against their will? If you said politicians and government bureaucrats, go to the head of the class.

That's why liberals curse free markets and bless government. They want power over people. Free markets and limited government restrict the power that one person can have over another. Here's another misunderstanding of economics.

Suppose I told you that the way to create more good paying jobs is to

give a bunch of youngsters baseball bats and tell them to smash car windows. All kinds of jobs would be created in the auto repair and glass manufacturing industries. You say, "C'mon Williams, that's crazy."

You're right but look at the headline in the Sept. 17, 1999, *Wall Street Journal*: "Hurricane Floyd May Leave Robust Economy in Its Wake." Reporter Tristan Mabry reports Hurricane Floyd "may actually have churned up some economic activity."

Marilyn Schaja, chief economist at Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette Securities Corp. in New York, is quoted as saying "the storm may actually give the economy a boost." Dr. Thomas J. DiLorenzo, professor of economics at Loyola College in Maryland, writing in February's *Ideas on Liberty*, says that kind of thinking is a classic example of economic ignorance.

Yes, the hurricane will create some jobs, just as smashing automobiles windows does, but it will destroy others. That's because the money used for the repairs had to be diverted from other job creation uses.

Another example of this fallacy is when politicians, Chambers of Commerce and labor unions produce the self-serving argument that municipal stadium construction creates jobs. Yes, more jobs are created in the construction industry. But since there's no Santa Claus, government had to tax people.

Had the people not been taxed, they would have spent (invested) the money elsewhere. Where they would have spent (invested) that money, and didn't, represents jobs that were not created. Good economics training gives us ammunition to corner charlatans, demagogues and quacks.

Maybe that's why the nation's statist don't want economics as a part of our education.

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What's the life expectancy of a Waco investigator?

by Vin Suprynowicz

The lead lawyer in the Branch Davidians' wrongful death lawsuit against the federal government asked a federal judge Monday to impound all information relating to the 1993 Mount Carmel siege from a Washington-area office where a government infrared expert was found dead last month, reports Lee Hancock in *The Dallas Morning News*.

Attorney Mike Caddell of Houston said he wants to ensure all significant information was preserved from the Laurel, Md., office and home of Carlos Ghigliotti, 42. Ghigliotti's decomposed body was found in his office April 28.

Ghigliotti was hired by Rep. Dan Burton's House Government Reform Committee to review tapes of the Waco siege. He made headlines last fall by confirming for *The Washington Post* that government troops fired into the church on April 19, 1993. About 80 Branch Davidians perished that day.

Caddell had told the court last month that he planned to hire Ghigliotti to replace his principal infrared expert, Dr. Edward Allard, who suffered a stroke in March.

Oddly, Mark Corallo, a spokesman for the Burton committee told police shortly after Ghigliotti's body was found that the analyst's work for the panel ended "some time ago."

I decided to check with Tucson attorney David T. Hardy, who retired recently after a decade as headquarters agency attorney for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington, D.C. — a fellow whose credentials include letters of commendation for his "exceptional litigation support" from such anti-government extremists as the assistant attorney general of the United States.

Dave Hardy knew Ghigliotti's work and had visited him in his Laurel, Md., office.

"When gunshots on the FLIR (government Forward-Looking Infrared footage) were first seen, back in 1996, we took the tape to (CBS television's) '60 Minutes,'" recalls Hardy.

"'60 Minutes' said they wanted a second opinion, so they sent it to a firm called Infrasppection. It came back with a written report that said 'Yeah, those are gunshots, and we can see people moving around.' Then '60 Minutes' killed the story. ..."

"Afterward, Infrasppection refused to publicly confirm its findings, apparently because of potential negative consequences to the firm — I think those were the words they used. ..."

Instead, Infrasppection referred Hardy to Carlos Ghigliotti. But "Ghigliotti said that before he would put his name on an opinion, he would need a first-generation copy of the original FBI tape. ..." Hardy recalls. "At that point, the best we had were third-generation copies in VHS, so we had to let the matter go. ..."

"Then, on Sept. 1 of this past year, Carlos called me up out of the blue, said he'd been retained by the government committee, and said he needed some videos I had," Hardy went on to describe how, "Through the committee, Carlos was able to obtain a remarkable copy of the FLIR, a quantum leap above what anyone else possessed."

On that high-quality tape, Ghigliotti catalogued "nearly 200 suspected gunshots, and had done the work necessary to verify that many of these

were genuine. Understand that his idea of 'verify' wasn't just to see the image. He wanted to find the shooters, as well, and to plot their movement from one flash location to another. And he wanted to correlate the FLIR images to every possible ordinary video image. This man was thorough — no rushing to judgment. ..."

"Ghigliotti had no politics that I ever noted. He had no particular axe to grind with regard to Waco. ..."

"I remember talking to him outside his office, after the first visit, standing there in the parking lot after dark. He'd mentioned that the guy with Infrasppection Institute, who had analyzed the FLIR for '60 Minutes' back in '95 or '96, had been terrified. In fact, he'd sent copies of the tape to Carlos and to several others in the IR field, with notes saying, 'If anything happens to me, you'll know why.'"

I asked Hardy what he thought of the manner of Ghigliotti's death.

"There are three computer analysts on the side against the government in this case. The first one, Dr. Ed Allard, collapsed of a stroke in mid-March just before the re-creation test, so he couldn't attend. The second one, who was to be his replacement, a Dr. Siegel, collapsed in late March, unconscious; they diagnosed it as massive blood poisoning. After 10 days in the hospital he gets out. Now Carlos. ..."

"My last conversation with Carlos, he was trying to get that piece of footage of the helicopter (seen in Mike McNulty's new video 'Waco: A New Revelation,' firing at a Branch Davidian on the roof of the church just before the fire) which is in the hands of the Texas Department of Public Safety, so he could compare it with the FLIR. He said the committee wouldn't send him to Texas to get it; they wouldn't pay for the plane ticket. So you've got the man who's going to hand you everything on a platter, and they won't spring for the plane ticket."

"What really hacks me off is the committee saying, 'He hadn't worked with us for some time.' According to my notes he only had a dispute with them in mid-March, after he'd been working with them for seven and a half months. I know he was still briefing them on work he'd already done, as late as March 30."

Lee Hancock in *Dallas* reports Judge Walter Smith told both sides in the wrongful death suit last week that Vector Data Research, the American-owned British aerospace firm hired to stage the FLIR "re-creation," will submit its final report Monday, May 8. The judge said that report will provide "conclusive evidence" linking each flash to a specific cause ... such as sunlight reflecting off broken glass.

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

"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed — and thus clamorous to be led to safety — by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." — H.L. Mencken

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Majority of voters favor illegal government action

by Wesley W. Burnett

When the dust settles following last Saturday's Garza County Hospital District election, let's keep in mind that there still remain some very serious questions about the lawful conduct of incumbents Mike Travis, David Tyler and Zoe Kirkpatrick.

They apparently continue to believe it is okay to skirt the law when it comes to spending tax money to subsidize privately owned medical facilities. Although Travis and Tyler won a convincing and overwhelming majority of votes in the election, the result of that election does not mitigate their obligation to abide by the law.

At some point elected officials will be held accountable for their actions.

Majority rule, which is always a danger to liberty and lawful government, is not a license to ignore the law.

It is true that elected and appointed officials at all levels of government seem to be able to go merrily on their way, with little regard for constitutional restrictions. That does not erase the fact that they are violating their oaths of office.

Although outnumbered, there are still hundreds of people in Garza County who are very unhappy about how elected and appointed government agents pick and choose which law they wish to ignore. Those disgruntled taxpayers will continue to speak out against these abuses.

Socialism, in all its ugly forms, may be acceptable to the majority of voters here, but the vocal minority will not be silenced.

The recent election merely established that there are two basic political philosophies at odds in this county: (1) national socialism and (2) free enterprise. The majority who voted in this election chose to overlook the unlawful behavior of elected officials in favor of socialized medical services, in direct violation of established law.

Those who oppose those Marxist concepts may be outnumbered, but the rightness of their cause can not be swept under the rug.

As is often true in political matters, chapter three is yet to be written.

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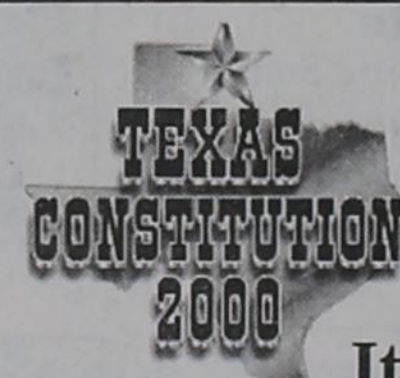
by Wes Burnett

When I was a young college student at Texas A&M, I had the good fortune of working at *The Bryan Daily Eagle*, which had the popular nickname of "Bryan Daily Buzzard."

One day the elderly publisher emeritus, Miles P. Walker, strolled by me, stopped and put his arm around my shoulders. "Son," he said in his deep southern drawl, "I'll tell you how to make in this business. First, you gotta save half of what you earn. Second, if you're not making half the people mad half of the time, you're not doing your job."

I've often thought about that, especially during times when this newspaper takes a firm stand against unlawful and corrupt government. And, well, these past few weeks have more than lived up to Mr Walker's observation.

At least I can say with some comfort, at least half of the folks here are also happy with our political stands about half of the time. Unfortunately, I've never been quite able to live up to the first of his golden rules.



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Addendum. Transition

This addendum is intended to facilitate a lawful, peaceful, and orderly process for transition to the ratified Texas Constitution 2000. The day that the constitution is ratified shall be known as Texas Freedom Day.

Article 1 - Immediate Action

Section 2. State of Texas government agents may continue administration of their duties which are not in conflict with Article 1 of this constitution for a period not to exceed 24 months after Texas Freedom Day.

Section 3. Upon ratification of this constitution, all taxes paid to foreign governments shall cease to be mandatory for all individuals in Texas.

- All State of Texas, county, and local taxes shall remain in full effect until after the first election.
- All funds normally accruing to the State of Texas from whatever source shall remain in Texas under the fiduciary responsibility of the treasurer of the Coalition Transition Government.
- All the Coalition Transition Government funds shall be transferred to and become the fiduciary responsibility of the national treasurer after the first election.

To be ratified at county ratification conventions.

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HORNS & SAXAPHONE - (left to right) Lazaro Morena, Joey Cimental, Alex Moreno, Wes Jarrett, Anda Criswell, Stephanie Saldivar and Tracey Cole. (Rodney Flores not available for photo).



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Middle School tennis team wins trophies

Post Middle School athletes walked away with several wins at the district tennis competition held earlier this month.

Finishing in the singles finals were Lyndee Strawn, second place; Cole Easterling, second; and Carlos Hernandez, fourth. Placing in the doubles competitions were Christy Shifflett and Tracy Nelson, second, and Kayla Dunn and Danielle Wright, fourth place.

Other participants for Post included Christin Collier and Dianna Ratke, seventh graders competing in singles, and doubles team Patricia Hester and Lacey White. Representing the eighth grade in doubles were Breann Heckaman and Tana Starkey.

KFLP reports live from Austin

Coverage of Post High School trackster Diana Williams' bid for a state medal in the 100m hurdles may be heard on KFLP-AM/FM.

KFLP, 900 AM and 95.3 FM, will be providing live coverage of the UIL state track and field meet from Austin Friday and Saturday. Live updates will be provided twice each hour on Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both the AM and FM stations. Live coverage will be offered on the AM station on Friday from 5:30-10 p.m. and on Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., according to information provided by the radio stations.

Williams is scheduled to compete in the Girls 2A 100m hurdles at 12:40 p.m. Saturday.

KFLP-FM is a country-formatted station, while its AM counterpart carries classic rock music.



The 2000 PHS golf team at a recent tournament: (back row, left to right) coach Chili Black, Jarrett Vickers, Justin Gorman, John Radle, Justin Norman, (front) Yvonne Lopez and Marcus Lopez. The boys were district champs and Yvonne was named district medalist.



Post Middle School tennis team members are (back row, left to right) Breann Heckaman, Tana Starkey, Christy Shifflett, Patricia Hester, Lacey White, Dianna Ratke, (front row) Danielle Wright, Christin Collier, Tracy Nelson, Kayla Dunn and Lyndee Strawn.

Little League Games

Cubs 4, Dodgers 9

Batting for the Dodgers were Clint Chapman, two singles and one walk, scoring three times; Cameron Shumard, one double and one homerun over the fence with four RBIs, scoring twice; Colton Valdez, two hits and two RBIs, scoring twice; and Edgar Garay, two walks.

Pitching the complete game for the Dodgers with 11 strikeouts was Zach Perez.

Batting for the Cubs were Aaron Fox, one walk and one triple; Sadler Hair, one hit with one RBI; Zach Witcher, two walks; Miles Gray, two walks and one inside the park homerun; and Braden Bratcher, two singles.

Astros 18, A's 4
Batting for the Astros were Tyler Odom, two singles and two walks, scoring three times; Pat Reiter, three singles and three scores; Andre Boyd, one single, a double, a triple, three RBIs and three scores; Colt Mason, three singles, one double, one triple, four RBIs; Timothy Crenshaw, one single, two walks and two scores; Chris Gomez, two walks; Ridge Greathouse, inside the park homerun, single, walk and five RBIs; and Asa Rutherford, one single, one score.

Pitching three innings each for the Astros were Colt Mason, giving up one run, and Pat Reiter, seven strikeouts and giving up three runs.

Batting for the A's were John Norman, two singles; D.J. Barza, one single, one double, one triple and two scores; Jason Worthington, two singles; Felix Torres, two walks; and John Morris, one double and a walk.

Cubs 1, Astros 9
Batting for the Astros were Tyler Odom, two walks, one inside the park homerun and three scores; Pat Reiter, one walk and one bases-loaded

double; Colt Mason, two singles; Blake Nichols, one walk and a triple; Ridge Greathouse, one walk and a single; Asa Rutherford, one walk and a single; Andre Boyd, one triple with a RBI; and Roman Daluna, one bunt single.

Pitching three innings each for the Astros were Colt Mason, no runs scored, and Pat Reiter, one run given up and seven strikeouts.

Cubs' batters included Zach Witcher, one single, and Allen Heckaman, two singles (received one RBI, knocking in Aaron Fox who walked).

Pitching to 10 batters in relief was Aaron Fox, giving up one run on an inside the park homerun.

A's 0, Indians 10
Batting for the Indians were Timothy Garza, one single and one base via hit batter by opposing pitcher, scored twice; Damian, one single; Andrew Espinoza, one single, one triple, two RBIs; Wilson Cash, two singles, scored three times; Eric Reyna, two singles, scored twice; Michael Morris, one walk and one single, scored twice; T.J. Copeland, two singles with two RBIs; and Steven, two walks.

Pitching well for a combined four innings were T.J. Copeland, Eric Reyna and Andrew Espinoza.

Little League Standings

Teams	Wins	Losses
Astros	3	0
Indians		2
Cubs	1	
Dodgers	1	
A's		1
	3	

Softball Game Reports

Bombers 13, Saints 5

The Bombers and the Saints clashed Monday, May 1.

Hitting for the Bombers were Kayla Morris, two hits; Anna Garcia, two hits; Sunnie Barbosa, one hit; Natasha Scroggins, one hit; and Gabby Paiz, one hit.

Hitting for the Saints were Shelly Gearheart, two hits; Cora Crane, two hits; Steffi Norman, two hits; and Erica Ruiz, one hit.

Pitchers for the Bombers were Ashley Scroggins and Kayla Morris. Saints pitchers were Rosanna Orona and Steffi Norman.

Angels 15, Bombers 13

The Angels and the Bombers went head to head Thursday, May 4.

The Bombers took an early lead in the top of the first by scoring five runs. The Angels answered in the bottom of the first with five runs. Bombers scored two runs in the second and the Angels were held to one run that inning when they were shut down by a double play by third baseman Gabby Paiz.

The Angels came back and went ahead 15-10 in the third. The Bombers brought in three more runs in the top of the fourth but came up short with the time limit up.

Hitting for the Angels were Keisha Odom, triple, single; Marsi Diaz, two singles; Jacklyn Curb, two doubles, single, four RBIs; and Laura Pederson, one single.

Hitting for the Bombers were Kayla Morris, single; Ashley Scroggins, two doubles; Martina Norman, double; and Sunnie Barbosa, two doubles, single, 3 RBIs.

Pitchers for the Angels were Keisha Odom and Allison Blevins. Pitching for the Bombers were Martina Norman and Kayla Morris.

Angels 15, Saints 14
On Monday, May 8, the Angels met the Saints and both teams ended the first inning with five runs apiece.

The Angels held the Saints in the second inning to no runs and scored five at the bottom of the inning. In the third, the Saints made up for the previous inning by scoring eight runs. The Angels scored three runs to tie the game and an extra inning had to be played to break the tie.

Hitting for the Angels were Laura Pedersen, homerun, two singles; Keisha Odom, single.

Hitting for the Saints were Cora Crane, single; Steffi Norman, single; Rosanna Orona, single.

Pitchers for the Angels were Jackie Hayes and Allison Blevins. Pitching for the Saints were Rosanna Orona and Steffi Norman.

Standings -	Wins
Bombers	2
Angels	3
Saints	0
	3

Golf Season is here at Caprock Golf Course

We are having scrambles on Thursdays @ 6 p.m. & Saturdays @ 9 a.m.



Coach Vick's Basketball camp opens May 30

Registration is now under way for Coach Vick's Antelope Basketball Camp, May 30-June 2.

The camp is open to students in grades three through nine and will run from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. each day. A coach or camp counselor will be in the gym during lunch each day, so participants are invited to

bring a sack lunch and stay all day. Cost for the camp is \$30.

Morning will be dedicated to working on fundamentals in all areas of the game, as well as competition contests. Afternoons will be devoted to games, with each player competing within a division.

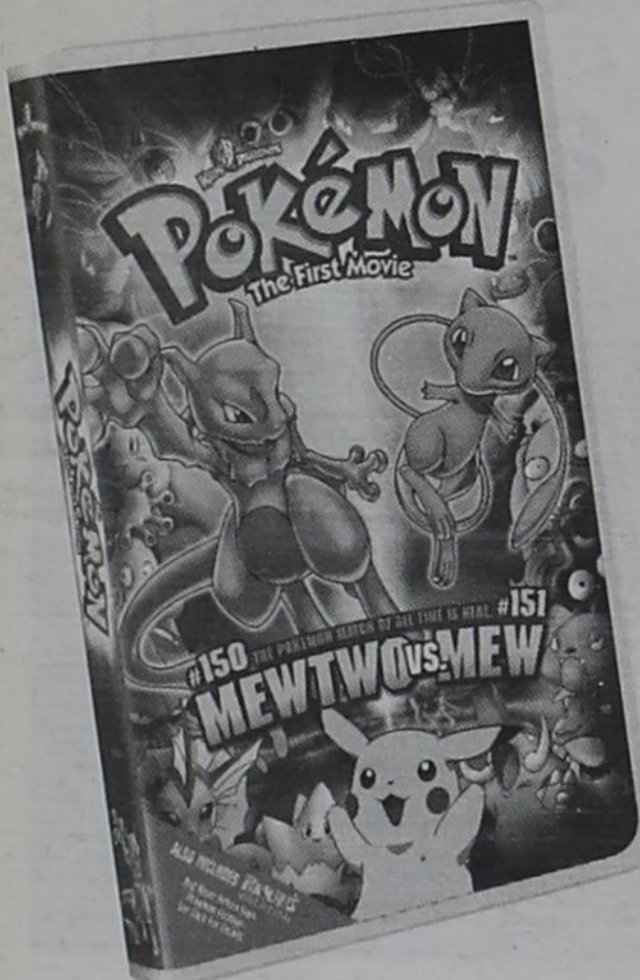
Requirements to participate in the camp include a water bottle, gym shoes, shorts, a light-colored T-shirt and "a great attitude." Money for refreshments such as PowerAid, etc., is optional.

Each camper will receive a participation award and will compete for the following awards in their division: Best Dribbler, Best Passer, Best Shooter, Best Rebounder, Best Offensive Player, Best Defensive Player, Most Improved Dribbler, Most Improved Shooter, Most Improved Rebounder and 3-point Champion. Also, Free Throw Champion, Hot Shot Champion, Ball Handling Champion, Lay Up Champion, Free Throw Runner-Up, Hot Shot Runner-Up, Ball Handling Runner-Up, Lay Up Runner-Up and 3-Point Runner Up.

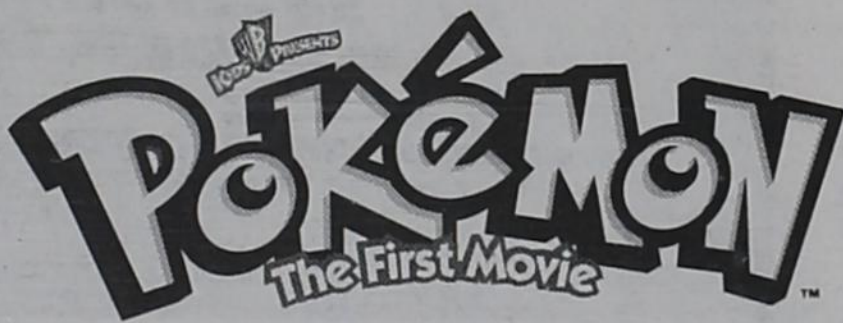
Only one camp MVP will be awarded.

An awards ceremony will be held Friday at 3 p.m.

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

May 9, 1990
10 Years Ago

The ranch home of Debbie Macy was the setting for a bridal shower honoring Angie Holleman, bride-elect of Mike Babb on Saturday, April 28, 1990.

Mrs David (Kelly) Davis was complimented with a layette shower Tuesday, April 24, 1990 at the Cross H Ranch home of Mrs Nelda Dalby.

The ranch home of Debbie Macy was the setting for a bridal shower honoring Angie Holleman, bride-elect of Mike Babb on Saturday, April 28, 1990.

Kelly and Kaye Edwards of Southland are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Kaye, born Friday, April 27, 1990 at 8:48 p.m.

Samantha weighed six pounds 15 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

May 8, 1980
20 Years Ago

The new Post Middle School Cheerleaders elected for the 1980 - 81 school year are Cynthia Samora, Channa Williams, Rhonda Williams, Traci Craft, Risa Willard and Bunny Miller.

Martin Nichols caught a 59 pound blue river catfish while on a fishing trip on Lake Texhoma out of the Rock Creek Camp. He said it was the fattest catfish he had ever seen.

Mr and Mrs Noah Gutierrez announce the birth of a baby girl, Melisa, on April 28, 1980 at 2:32 p.m.

Navy Operations Specialist 3rd Class Troy L. Gilmore, son of Troy Gilmore of Post, has departed on a deployment to the Mediterranean.



Horses don't breathe through their mouths.

May 7, 1970
30 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs R. B. Perrin and Mrs Wade Terry spent last Thursday and Friday visiting in the home of O.B. McCampbell at Hico.

Mrs Edna Blodgett announced a memorial flower bed project for Garza Memorial Hospital.

The Post's FFA Cotton judging team recently won two first place awards at a judging contests in Lubbock. Members of the team are Danny Lee, Ricky King, Vince Gribble and Tol Thomas. Their chapter advisor is Taylor Knight.

George "Shorty" Hester's pickup was destroyed by fire Sunday. The cause was apparently from a carburetor backfire.

Visiting last Friday and Saturday in the home of Mr and Mrs Gene Nowell was Gary Holly of New York. Nowell and Holly met while serving in Vietnam.

May 5, 1960
40 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs Weldon McGehee and son Dennis, are transacting business in El Paso.

Don Stewart and Fred Myers, students at Sul Ross College, were part of the winning SRC rodeo team in the recent Texas Tech rodeo in Lubbock.

Those helping Johnny Robinson celebrate his 18th birthday Saturday in the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs Don Robinson, were: Mr and

Mrs Elmer Nunley and Mary Beth of Graham, Billie Lou Hill, Wayne McFadden, and Mr and Mrs W.C. Caffey, Jr., all of Post.

A permit has been issued for a new 12 lane bowling alley to be located on the Tahoka Highway.

O.H. Hoover suffers a broken foot in a fall at Lake Stamford dam.

May 11, 1950
50 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs Charlie Brown and daughter, Lanell, and Neal Clary visited Sunday in Lubbock with Mr and Mrs Claude Miller.

Southland girls who attended the Garza County annual 4-H Club dress revue in Post, Saturday were Glenda Grantham, Sybil Smith, Kay Anderson, Libby Hill, Karen Gale Pennell, Don Etta Ellis, Linda Lee Davis, Nancy Robinson, Elsie Allbright and Barbara Wheatley.

Happy Birthday today to Ray Hodges and Dennis Earl Popham. G.H. Newberry will celebrate his birthday this Saturday, May 13.

Paul Duren, Jr. and Melvin King left Sunday for Lovington, N.M. to work.

Mr and Mrs Ted Shults entertained the larger children of the Close City school Wednesday night with a hay ride and wiener roast.

In good writing, words become one with things.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson



NANCY RENO
4-H Contest Winner

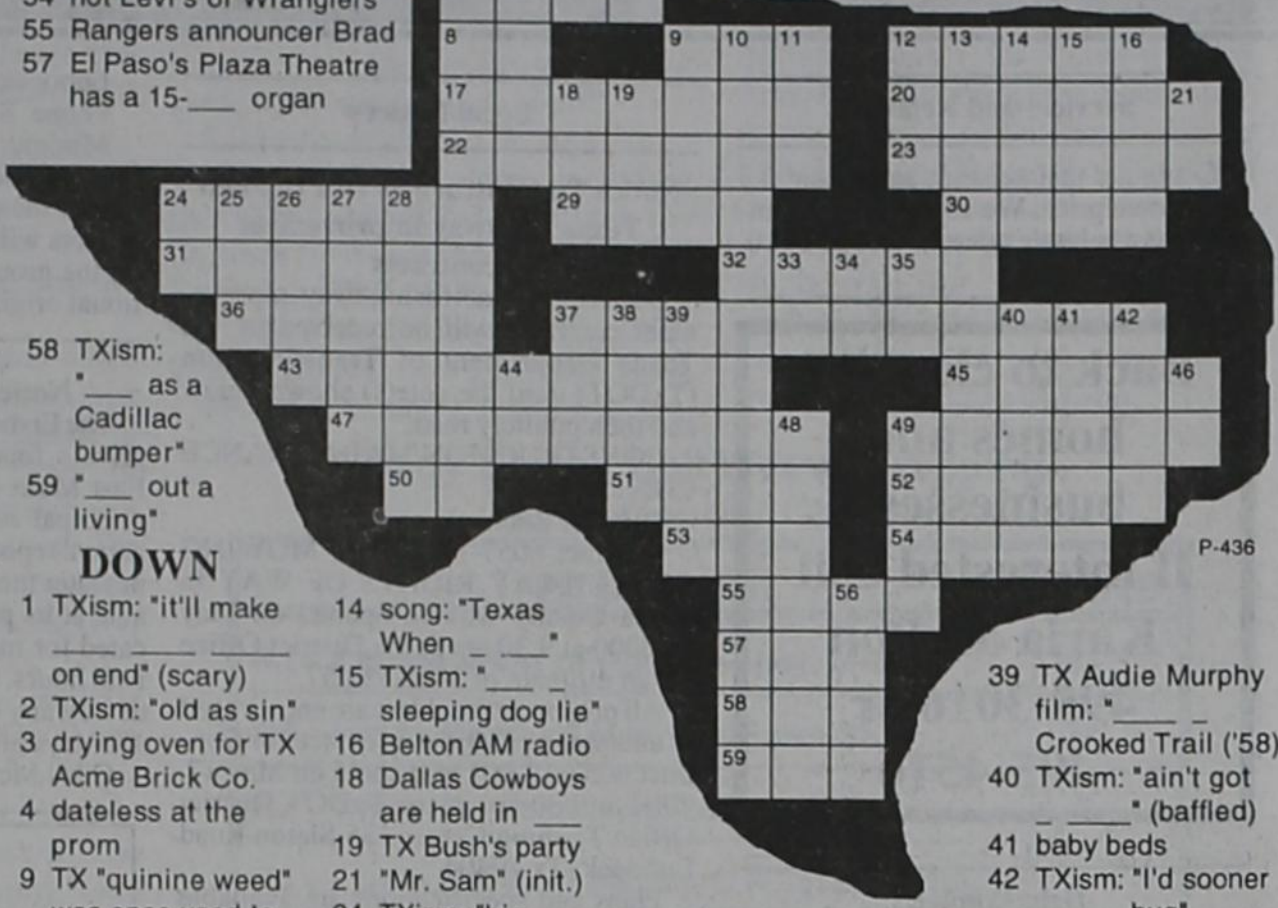
Garza 4-H Club girl is first place winner

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- ACROSS**
- 1 TX Stanley Marsh raises these exotic animals at Toad Hall
 - 5 TXism: "chew ___ awhile" (think)
 - 6 Aikman's alma mater
 - 7 Cowboys' "Super" piece of jewelry
 - 8 TXism: "what ___ don't know ain't worth learning"
 - 9 Fort Worth-based airline Corp.
 - 12 TXism: "can't make ___ purse out of a sow's ear"
 - 17 A&M student (2 wds.)
 - 20 A&M corpsmen
 - 22 TXism: "If it had been a snake ___ have bit you"
 - 23 Azle News VIP
 - 24 TXism: "busy ___ tender on payday"
 - 29 Texans call it a sword
 - 30 TX singer/sausage maker Jimmy
 - 31 TXism: "___, no fuss"
 - 32 in Nacogdoches Co. on 204
 - 36 this Robert starred with TX Garson in "Goodbye Mr. Chips"
 - 37 TX-sized book
 - 43 the "S" of TX
 - 44 Bush's SDI program
 - 45 Navy decided to ___ the USS
 - 46 Texas in '93
 - 47 in NE Starr Co.

- 49 courteous Texan
- 50 Cowboy objective
- 51 Cowboys signed ___ Deion" in '95
- 52 TX-based Grandy's has restaurant on this island
- 53 TXism: "dark ___ pile of black cats"
- 54 not Levi's or Wranglers
- 55 Rangers announcer Brad
- 57 El Paso's Plaza Theatre has a 15-___ organ

- DOWN**
- 1 TXism: "it'll make ___ on end" (scary)
 - 2 TXism: "old as sin"
 - 3 drying oven for TX Acme Brick Co.
 - 4 dateless at the prom
 - 9 TX "quinine weed" was once used to treat fever & ___
 - 10 TX Gary Morris hit: "___ Bedroom"
 - 11 TX Dr. ___ Duke
 - 12 "Cowpokes" Reid
 - 13 tenderfoot malady (2 wds.)
 - 14 song: "Texas When ___"
 - 15 TXism: "___ sleeping dog lie"
 - 16 Belton AM radio
 - 18 Dallas Cowboys are held in ___
 - 19 TX Bush's party
 - 21 "Mr. Sam" (init.)
 - 24 TXism: "big enough to shade ___ elephant"
 - 25 TXism: "___ buster"
 - 26 ___ & Andy
 - 27 strategic hits by Rangers & Astros
 - 28 TXism: "fast ___ up a rafter"
 - 33 TXism: "can't hunt with ___ empty gun"
 - 34 recording format for TX singers
 - 35 TXism: "___ to snuff"
 - 37 Studi in TX-filmed "Ned Blessing"
 - 38 TXism for against
 - 39 TX Audie Murphy film: "___ Crooked Trail" ('58)
 - 40 TXism: "ain't got ___" (baffled)
 - 41 baby beds
 - 42 TXism: "I'd sooner ___ bug"
 - 44 TX electronic corp.
 - 46 activity in TX public schools
 - 48 TXism: "wiggle like a worm ___"
 - 49 tree found in the Rio Grande Valley
 - 56 "___ up boys!"

Golden Plains Care Center News

by Sandy Smith
Oh those crazy days of summer! If you see a little white Dodge Van cruising around town with several of our residents in it be sure to wave and say hello.
They are very excited that we got a new van and last Thursday we all spent the entire afternoon taking turns driving down to Holly's Drive-In for a cherry coke and dragging main street. I loved it! (Thank you Mary Nell for the cherry-cokes) and a Big Thanks to Mike Mayo (the owner of Golden Plains Care Center) for the van.
Our men's club took a trip to Lake Allen Henry last Friday, the fish were biting and Mrs. Bertha Isles wife of David Isles caught her first fish ever at the age of 81 (actually she caught the most).
I don't have to tell you about the excitement. David made the comment he would rather watch her than fish

himself. Jim Taylor's fish (that he had to throw back) somehow grew from the distance of Lake Allen Henry to the home.
The great one that got away you will have to speak to Bennie Wilks about. Jackie Odom was cool sitting in the shade so he decided to get a little sun, he did all over his face...RED.
I do want to take this opportunity to thank Jerry Odom, Jon Smith and Ramey Holly for all their hard work in helping us get to our destination and toting all our fishing gear and picnic food. Jon & Ramey never heard of watermelon bait, until used by Jerry, didn't catch any fish but got plenty of laughs.
Hey, you would try it too if you ran out of minnows. I am only sorry that our pictures did not turn out. We have a really busy month planned a Golden Plains. May 22-26 is National

Nursing Home Week.
I will keep you updated on all the events that will be happening. May 22 will kick off the events and our Mayor Archie Gill will sign the proclamation at 4:00 that afternoon. Our day at the park will be Wed. the 24th of May.
This will also be Western Day and everyone will dress like we're from the ole west. We do need a few more cowboy hats if anyone out there has a spare (or a Spur) that we could borrow. Stay tuned till next week and I'll fill you in on the Wet T-Shirt contest and the residents are the contestants.
We are in desperate need of volunteers, if anyone would like to help me get together a program, please give me a call at 495-2848 Our new residents are Mrs. Betty Caffey, Goldie Pierce, and David Isles. We want to welcome each of you to our home...Until next week... Keep Smiling!



HIS BIGGEST CATCH — Martin Nichols, right, proudly displays the 59-pound blue river catfish he caught last week during a week of fishing on Lake Texhoma out of the Rock Creek Camp. Pictured with Nichols is Claude Miller of Lorenzo. The 59-pounder and the "fattest catfish" Nichols has ever seen.

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ROYAL VISITOR
Her Royal Highness Princess Jeanne of Rumania (right) visited in Del Rio last week with Mr. and Mrs. Gaylon Young and Mrs. Georgia Paul. Mrs. Young (pictured at the left) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Kennedy Jr. Mrs. Young met, the princess while attending the International Debutante Ball in Miami Beach, Fla., and invited the princess to visit Texas. The Young family was in Post this weekend to visit the Kennedys. The children participated in spring cattle roundup activities with their grandfather.

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STATE BIBLE DRILL WINNERS — These four Post youngsters were winners in the State Bible Drill Competition held in Fort Worth this past weekend. They represented the First Baptist Church and won the semi-finals in Lubbock recently. They are top row, l to r, Keith Craig, Roseann Smith, Donny Payne and bottom row, Golden Capps. Golden and Donny each received their Bible Drill Bible as an award for no mistakes. Parents of the youngsters are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Don Payne and Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Capps.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS — These six girls pictured above were elected by the Middle School student body recently to represent the school as cheerleaders for the upcoming football season. Pictured l to r, back row, Cynthia Samora, Channa Williams, and Rhonda Williams; front row, l to r, Traci Craft, Risa Willard and Bunny Miller. (Staff Photo)

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Lilly, Joe, Charles, Terry, David and Mark

There isn't enough time or words to tell everyone how much we appreciate every kind word, deed, thought and prayer that has been extended to us during this trying time.
Thank you all for caring and please keep us in your prayers.
Cherry and Roger Blair

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the people of Post who expressed their sympathy during our time of sorrow.

We were gratified and blessed by all of the flowers, cards, food and help during this time of our loss.
To the Post EMT's and the Garza County Sheriff's department for their prompt and professional services, and to all of the churches of Post that kept us in their prayers we offer a special thank you.
The family of Rosemary Stelzer

Personals

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Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous
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Sandy Fortenberry photos at CCA Office

The artwork of Sandy Fortenberry, a native of Lubbock with a taste for travel, is currently on display in the Caprock Cultural Affairs office, 127 E. Main.

Fortenberry's interest in photography enhances the excitement of new places while sharpening the eye for "enticements found in familiar places."

At an early age, Fortenberry's attention was captured by the box Brownie camera and its ability to "preserve the moment." Only in recent years, with the purchase of a 35mm camera, has the artist recognized that photography is not a passive recording but an "interactive, creative process."

"I found an outlet for artistic abilities not realized in other mediums," she said.

"Aperture, f/stop, shutter speed — I'm still on a learning curve with the technical side of photography," she said. "Many times it's frustrating not to capture on film what my mind's eye visualizes. The camera lens has sharpened my awareness of surroundings and focused my attention on rhythms and patterns. Landscape images lure me, either natural or architectural. My compositions are usually not vast vistas but rather individual components which tell their own story."

Fortenberry said that whether she is looking through the viewfinder or not, her photographer has added dimension to her life.

"Photography has been called

"writing with light," she said. "I think that color, shape and shadows are its punctuation mark, with a good image always an exclamation point!"

Fortenberry's work has been displayed in many places, including the 2000 Lubbock Arts Festival; the Caprock Photographers Annual Fall Exhibit, 1993-1999; West Texas Photographic Society, 1996, 1998, 2000; National Arts Program, 1992, 1998, 1999; Lubbock Garden & Arts

Center, 1998 and 1999; Caprock Invitational, 1998 and 1999; the Abilene Center for Contemporary Arts, 1998; Lubbock Arts Association Annual Class, 1996; South Plains Fair, 1998; and the Godbold Cultural Center Permanent Collection.

The local display of Fortenberry's work will be open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon and from 1:30-5 p.m. through the month of June.

Early Spring Boll Weevil Trapping Garza County - 2000

Trap Location	05/08
RJ - 4 miles West of Post on Hwy. 380	81
RJ - 1 mile North of Mason's Farm Store	31
RJ - 1 mile North of Hwy. 380 on C.R. 212	1
RJ - 1 mile North of 380 on C.R. 212, 1/2 West	6
FM - 2 miles South of Southland, 1/2 East	8
FM - 2 miles South of Southland, 1 East	30
FM - 2 miles West of Close City	29
FM - 1 1/2 miles West Close City (near CRP)	15
RG1 - 5 miles NE on Hwy 651, 1 mile West	40
RG2 - 5 miles NE, 1 West, 1/2 North	148
RG3 - 5 miles NE, 1 West, 1/2 North, 1/2 East	86
RG4 - 5 miles NE, 1 West, 1/2 North, 1 East	138
TOTAL	613



4-H Shooter Jr Team members are (left to right) Clinton Yarbro, Austin Ham, Trent McDonald and Kyle Kirkpatrick. (Photo by Trevah Yarbro)

Local 4-H'ers compete at Amarillo

Local 4-H'ers fared well at the Trap & Skeet Shoot held Saturday, April 29, at the Amarillo Gun Club.

Garza County 4-H Shotgun Sports members attending included, for the sub-junior team, Heath Palmer of Post, Wes Mason of Post and Kaleb Crutcher of O'Donnell, and on the junior team, Clinton Yarbro, Austin Ham, Trent McDonald and Kyle Kirkpatrick.

Receiving medals were Crutcher, second place individual, sub-junior class, and third place, two-man team, sub-junior class; McDonald, second place, two-man team, junior class; and Kirkpatrick, third place individual, junior class, and second place, two-man team, junior class.

The event was hosted by the Randall County 4-H Clubs.



4-H Shooter Sub Jr division are (left to right) Heath Palmer, Wes Mason and Kaleb Crutcher of O'Donnell. (Photo by Celia Mason)

Girl Scouts host workshop

The Girl Scouts of the Caprock Council will host a free babysitting workshop Monday, May 15, from 4-6 p.m. at the Girl Scout hut.

The workshop will touch on several subjects, including basic first aid, fire safety, no-cook snack preparation, child care and marketing tools. A certificate of completion will be awarded to participants.

The event will be free of charge and open to girls in grades 6-8.

For more information, contact Hilda Cordero at 745-2855 or Carol Tobias at 495-3057.



4-H members winning medals in recent competition are (left to right) Kaleb Crutcher of O'Donnell, Trent McDonald and Kyle Kirkpatrick. (Photo by Celia Mason)



Demolition crews didn't take long to bring down Post landmark buildings last week in preparation for construction of the new McDonald's restaurant at the corner of U.S. Hwy 84 (Broadway) and Main Street.

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Court order...

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Carmen Lopez, then president of the Garza County LULAC chapter, was cited as plaintiff.

The agreement cited that the hospital district's at-large election system "is in contravention of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1973 and the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution."

The two parties agreed to avoid litigation, signing an agreement that specified:

1. That the Hospital District has a total population of 5,143 with a Hispanic population of 1,454 or (28%).
2. That the Hispanic population is politically cohesive.
3. That the local community, as in virtually all communities in Texas, at one time in its history, discriminated against Blacks and Hispanics.
4. That there is socio-economic stratification along racial lines in the local community.
5. That minorities have not fared well in local elections as compared to non-minorities.
6. That the number of Directors of the Board for the Hospital District shall remain at five (5) members.
7. The Hospital District shall be divided into four (4) single member Districts with a Director representing each District, and each District shall be coterminous with the four (4) Garza County Commissioner Precincts.
8. All members of the Board shall be elected by plurality vote.
9. Each single member District shall elect one Hospital Board member.
10. The new election system shall be phased-in as follows: May, 1998 - Districts 1 and 3 shall elect 1 member respectively. May 1999 - Districts 2 and 4 each shall elect a Board Member respectively and the at-large Board Member.
11. A Director must be a resident of Garza Hospital District and reside there while in office.
12. That voters of each single member District shall be entitled to elect one (1) member of the Hospital Board. A candidate for a single member District does not have to be a resident of the District he/she seeks to represent at the time of filing for the position nor after being elected to the Board. However, only those residents living within such single member Districts shall be entitled to vote on the candidates for a Director to represent their single member District.
13. That the basic term of office for a member of the Hospital District shall remain unchanged. This new plan shall be phased-in as the present elected Hospital District members end their terms of office beginning May 1998.
14. That elections for Hospital District members shall be held on dates

provided by applicable state law. All elections shall be conducted in accordance with applicable state law, except when those laws conflict with the terms of this Settlement Agreement. When this Settlement Agreement conflicts with state statutes, the terms of this Settlement Agreement shall prevail.

15. That the location for the polling place shall be at such location or locations as set by the Board prior to the election.

16. That the District shall implement the electoral plan described and called for this Settlement Agreement, and shall cause such plan to be submitted for approval to the United States Attorney General pursuant to Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as thereafter amended. The Plaintiff hereby agrees to the appropriateness of this plan and will cooperate with the District in seeking expedited approval of the plan from the United States Attorney General.

Travelers pay big traffic fees to Garza County

by Wes Burnett

The first three months of 2000 have netted \$78,022.29 from travellers on Garza County highways, according to reports from the two Justice of the Peace courts.

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by Terri Cash

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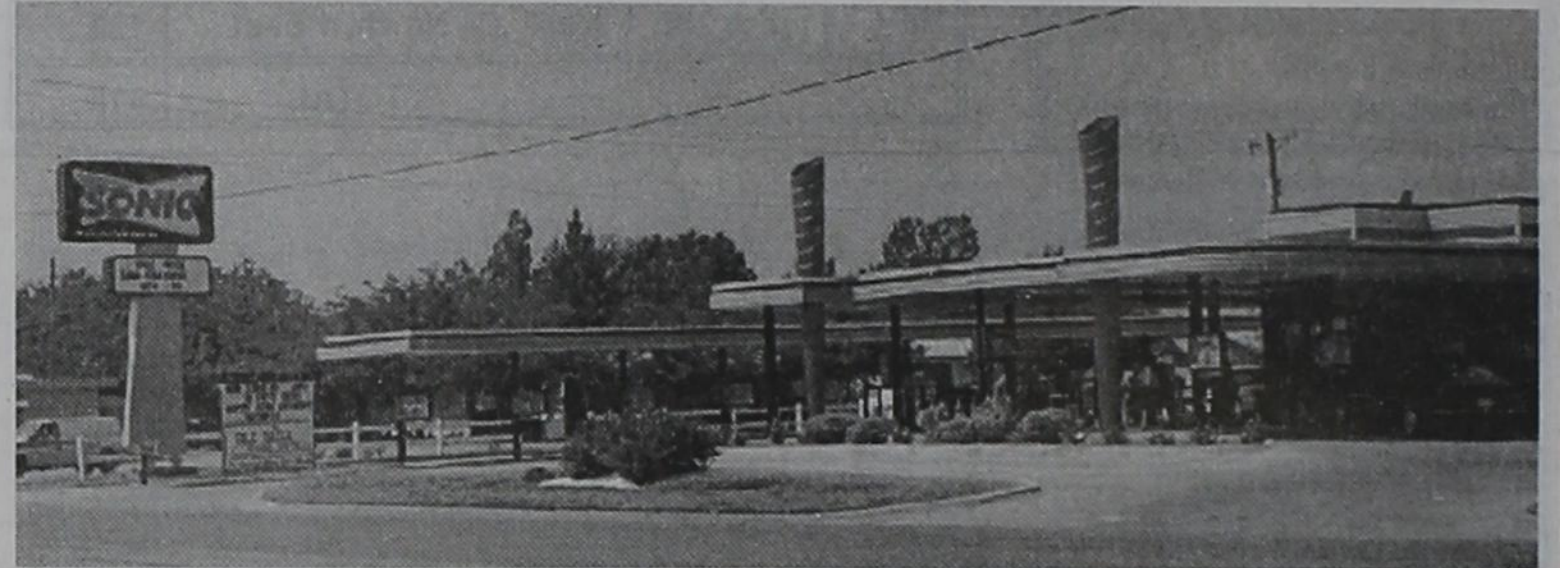
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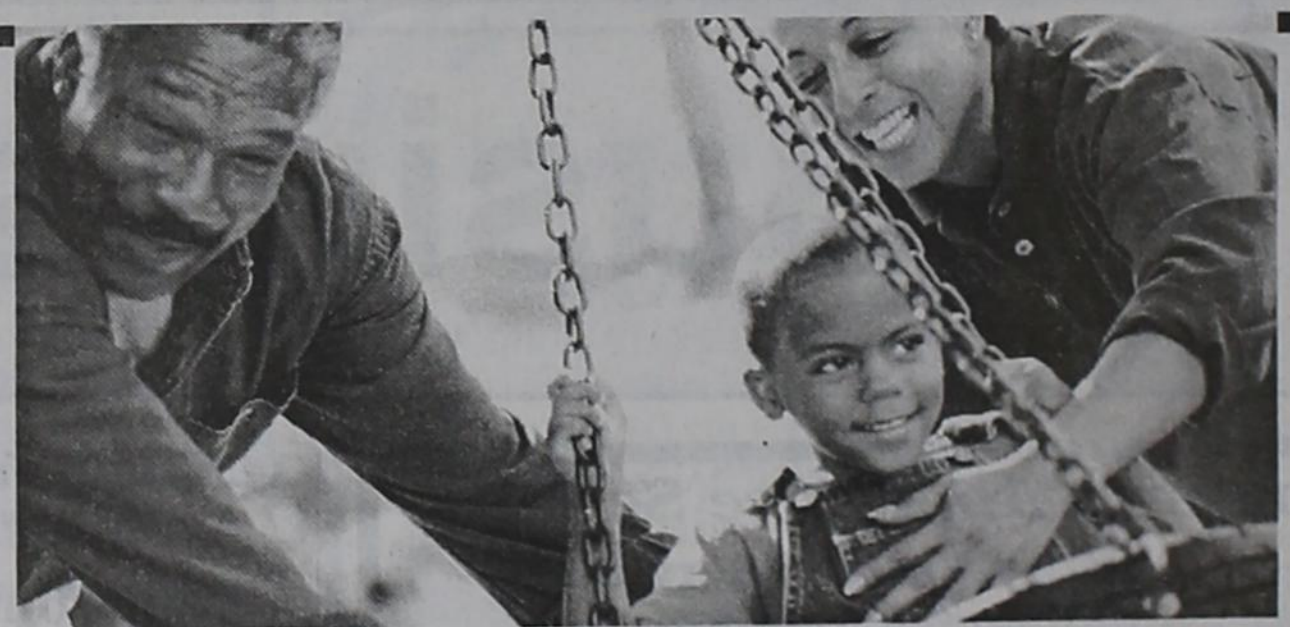


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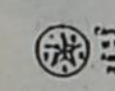
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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

Informal Review
You may call (806) 495-3518 to discuss your protest with a CAD employee & try to come to a settlement without meeting with the ARB.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to

review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 124 East Main, Post, Texas.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition with 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

Tax Payment
If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Garza CAD, 124 E. Main, Post, Tx 79356, (806) 495-3518. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or the ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice as mailed to you.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protest are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.