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★ PHS All-Class Reunion July 1-2 ★

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Women's Division hosts bake sale
The Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau's Women's Division will hold a bake sale Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. in front of the OS Ranch Shop at 201 E. Main. Cookbooks will be sold, although the supply is limited.

Turkey shoot Sunday benefits 4-H
A Turkey Shoot will be held Sunday, June 18 beginning at 1 p.m. to benefit the 4-H shotgun sports program. The event will be held nine miles west of Post on U.S. Hwy 380 behind Mason's Farm & Ranch Supply at Monk Palmer's 2 Lazy 2 P Gun Club. Annie Oakley Championship will begin at 3 p.m. with \$20 entry fee and 100 percent payback. A concession stand with homemade ice cream and shells will be available. Contact Ray Mason at 495-2776 for more information.

Elementary supplies available
Parents of Post Elementary School students are advised that supply packs are now available at the school. The office is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Post Jr & Sr Baseball Raffle
Post Junior and Senior League baseball players are sponsoring a raffle for four tickets to a Texas Ranger baseball game. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and may be purchased from any Junior or Senior League team member. The drawing will be held during closing ceremonies in June. The winner will be able to choose from any Texas Ranger home game in June, July, August or September that they prefer.

PHS Reunion 2000 registration
It's not too late! You can still register to attend the Post High School Reunion 2000, to be held July 1 and 2. The \$20 per person registration covers everything - Saturday morning reception and Saturday night dance at the Post Community Center, and a Sunday barbecue lunch at the Post City Park. There have been 192 former classmates and their spouses registered from as far away as Orange, Calif.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Atkins, Ark.; Mesquite, Granbury, Waco, Houston, Beaumont and Whitehouse. If you don't attend, we'll talk about you. Contact Leslie Acker, 122A East Main, Post, Texas 79356 or call (806) 495-3537 for registration information.

Volunteers needed
The Victim's Assistance program is seeking volunteers to help in various capacities. To find out how you can help, contact Jayta Cravy at 495-2479 or visit the Victim's Assistance Program office at 225 W. Main Street in Post.

SHAPES Headstart applications
Applications for the 2000-2001 school year for SHAPES Headstart registration are being accepted at Shaping Success at 212 S. Avenue E in Post. Registration is available from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through June 30. A birth certificate must accompany the registration, along with income verification, Social Security Card, Medicaid and updated shot record. Call 800-658-0632 for more information.

Post athletics room at museum
A special room at the Garza County Historical Museum is under construction which will recognize Garza County athletic history. Funding for the project is needed, and those who wish to contribute should designate the donation to the Garza County Museum Athletic Room. For more information or to assist with the project, call Jimmy Redman at 495-2141.

Sports room open house July 1
An open house will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 1 at the Garza County Historical Museum to formally open the "Post High School Athletic Room," honoring the history of PHS athletes. Members of championship teams are encouraged to attend the event, which will feature special displays for the football teams of '28, '48, '66, '75, '76, '82, '83, '84, '85, '89, '90, '93, '94, '96, '97, '98 and '99.

Library summer reading program
The Post Public Library Summer Reading Program will be held July 3 through July 28. Videos will be shown Thursdays at 3 p.m. Drawings for prizes will be held following video showings. Reading certificates will be awarded at the end of the program to children who complete the required reading. Blue Bonnet books will be available for check out in June.

3rd annual July 4th bash
Plans are now being finalized for the Third Annual July 4th Bash in Post. Those organizations or individuals interested in setting up booths at the park should call Michelle Wischkaemper at 495-4442 or Rodney Tidwell at 495-1244. Food, fun and fireworks will again be featured. Events begin at 2 p.m., with music set to start at 4 p.m. Area bands are urged to call soon to sign up for performance times.

Early deadline for July 4
The Post Dispatch will be closed Tuesday, July 4, and has set a deadline of noon on Monday, July 3 for all copy and advertising. "We will print as usual on Wednesday morning," publisher Wes Burnett said, "but we need help from our contributors and advertisers to meet this early deadline."

Summer reading program
All sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are welcomed to join in the summer reading fun at Post Middle School. Read books of your choice and earn accelerated reading points for next school year. Call the Middle School at 495-2874 for details.

Guthrie seniors host team roping
Guthrie High School seniors will host a team roping June 17 at the L.A. Withers 4-H arena, located in Guthrie at the community complex. A Novice - 2 1/2 and a 3 1/2 will be offered. Books open at 12 noon and roping begins at 1 p.m. For more information contact Suzy or Travis Adams at (806) 596-4601 or Suzy Adams at (806) 596-4319.

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County issues fireworks ban

by Wes Burnett
A limited ban on fireworks use was ordered Monday by the Garza County Commissioners' Court following the recommendation of volunteer fire department chief Ivan Line.

The court approved an order restricting use of fireworks, specifically "Skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins." Common fireworks, "small in size classified as Class C explosives" are exempted from the ban. The order is effective for all unincorporated areas of the county.

The incorporated City of Post already has an ordinance restricting use of fireworks inside the corporation's borders.

Line cited continued dry conditions in the county in requesting the ordinance. Judge Giles W. Dalby said that the order would be in effect until the Texas Forestry Service removes Garza County from the official drought category.

The order will not affect the July 4th fireworks at the city/county park. "We're taking special precautions this year," Line said, "including cutting the grass short and watering ahead of time, and of course, we'll have plenty of equipment on hand in case of problems."

Line also informed the court about a small fire at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility on Saturday evening. "It was inside a small storage room and the steel doors kept it enclosed," the fire chief said. Line said that prison officials think it may have started through combustion, "but I think it had to have been started by some other means," Line said. There was no major damage and prison officials are continuing to investigate.

"They have security cameras, so they should be able to see who was the last one in that room," Line added. Steve Sawyers presented an audit on the Dalby Correctional Facility, saying that the books were in good order and that the facility

has excellent accounting procedures. The audit covered the two months of operation through December 31, 1999.

Judge Dalby informed the court that payment from the facility is expected to begin in February 2001. "We're going to have to take a serious look at the budget," he said, "we won't have the revenues we expected and may have to use some of our reserves."

In other matters, the court heard a presentation from Jake Montoya Agency and a representative of American Public Life for supplemental life and health insurance programs. No action was taken pending further inspection of the proposals.

A water usage agreement form was approved, which Dalby said would be distributed to selected property owners for fire hydrants in the county.

City council works on treatment plant

The Post City Council took its first steps toward making improvements to its wastewater treatment facility during the June 6 regular session.

Council members discussed making application for a Community Development Block Grant to help fund improvements to the wastewater system. The improvements are needed, primarily to accommodate the increased production of wastewater in Post in recent years, City Manager Fred Stephens said. A sizable portion of that increase can be attributed to the opening of the local prison.

The city's next step in pursuing the grant money is to engage an engineering company, the city manager said. Officials with the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) have agreed to assist in the development of the grant application.

In other business, the council heard discussion about two separate proposals that could impact the flow of traffic in the downtown area.

The first proposal involves the possible rerouting of a portion of US 380. Heavy truck traffic on that highway between Broadway and the railroad tracks is causing deterioration to the brick streets in the downtown area, and city officials are eyeing the possibility of working toward the rerouting of the highway.

The plan, which is still in its conceptual stages, calls for rerouting the highway from Town & Country eastward on 8th Street to the railroad depot area, turning left and then across the railroad tracks. Such a move would divert heavy truck traffic off of the downtown brick streets while placing the depot building on a US highway, which should lend more importance to the historic structure.

The other traffic-related proposal discussed involves the addition of turning signals to the Broadway/Main Street traffic lights.

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In preparation for the PHS All-Class reunion July 1-2, Janet Hall shared her copy of The Post High School "Caprock" in 1949, which included a photo of these classmates, Buddy Davis and Lois Ritchie. "Buddy, the son of Mr and Mrs Lee Davis, came to PHS in 1942. He has become quite well known for his comical grin and quaint humor," the photo caption read. "Lois, the daughter of Mr and Mrs A.A. Ritchie, entered PHS this year. Her studious attitude in class and her ability to make friends is placing her near the top in popularity."

Forensic shows bone to be animal

The piece of bone found in the demolition of a missing Post woman's home has been determined to have been that of a young pig.

Officials with the Garza County Sheriff's Department indicated that a pathology report on the bone, completed last week in Lubbock, indicated the bone was not human in origin. Instead, the bone appears to be that of a juvenile pig.

The bone, found on property belonging to Edna Blodgett at East 12th and Avenue H, is approximately 9-10 inches in length and appears to have been cut at one end. It was discovered in loose dirt May 17 when city workers were using heavy equipment to demolish the Blodgett house. The structure, which had been condemned, had been destroyed by fire several months ago.

Sheriff's department officials immediately halted the city's demolition project.

City officials said they learned the results of the pathology reports Tuesday and indicated the demolition work on the property will resume as soon as possible.

Blodgett was last seen on or about June 3, 1993 and was declared missing after MHMR employees were unable to locate the 76-year-

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Enjoying the recent trip to Washington, D.C. were Post Middle School students and their sponsors (back row, left to right) Rodney Tidwell, Dedra Adams, MaDawn Sherrin, (second row from back) Cody Marts, Courtney Short, Mark Norman, Jay Cooper, Zane Marts, Kaycee Gorman, Josh Hair, Breanna Heckaman, Jett Lott, Travis Hopper, Clinton Yarbro, Jerrad Grisham, Kyle Kirkpatrick, Mark McCallister, Mitchell Mills, Jordan Tatum, Xane Mason, (third row from back) Jennifer Reiter, Kam Baker, Casey Williams, Keitha Palmer, Callie Smith, Donae Dalby, Cole Easterling, Hilary Smith, Quinton Yarbro, Rayn Babb, Colt Vernon, Justin Williams, Will Todd, Cody Bullard, Sierra Reiter, (front row) Trent McDonald, Kayla Dunn, Christin Collier, Lyndee Strawn, Meagan Hoover, Jerica Tyler, Kyle Gunn, Anthony Merrell, Jake Lott and CoCo Valdez. (Photo courtesy Dedra Adams)

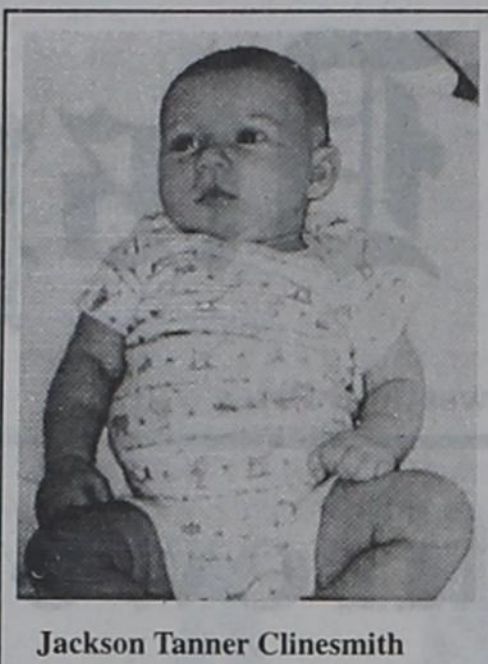
Births

Jackson Tanner Clinesmith

Curtis and Penny Clinesmith are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jackson Tanner, born April 25, 2000 in the Denton Regional Medical Center in Denton. Jackson weighed eight pounds, nine ounces and was 21 inches long.

He is the grandson of Pauline Clinesmith and the late Jack Clinesmith of Post and Darwin Peek of San Antonio and Pat Peek of Schertz.

Great grandparents are Analu Clinesmith of Olney, Dorothy Peek of San Antonio and Gertrude Tanner of Austin.



Jackson Tanner Clinesmith

Kara JoAnn Dotson

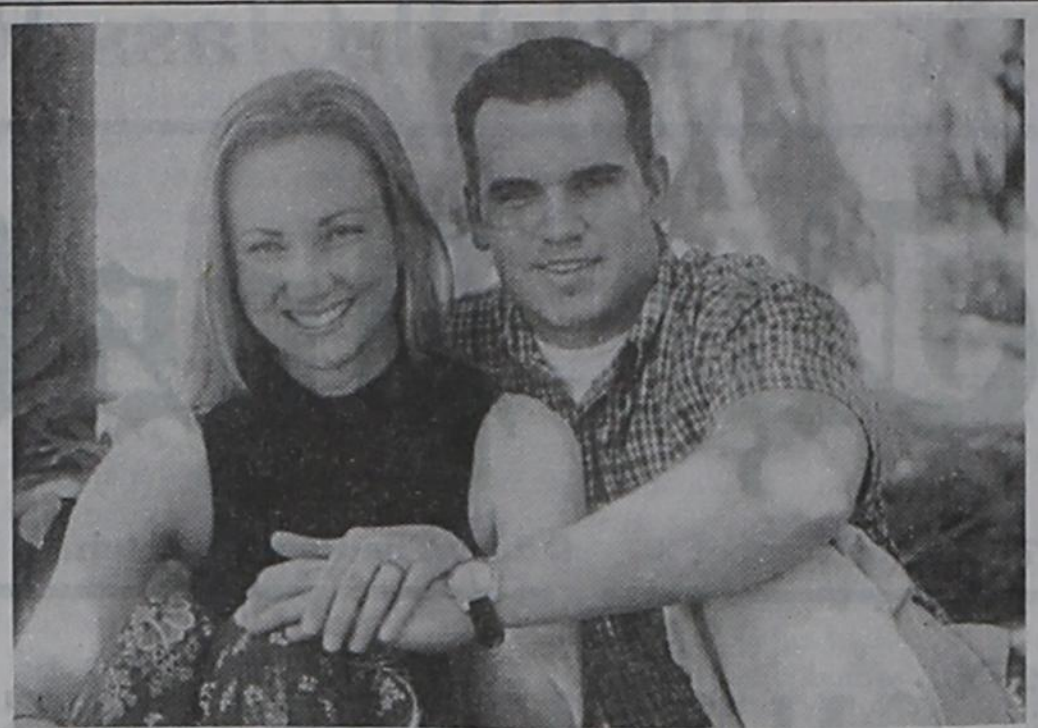
Chris and Patricia Zachary Dotson, of Junction City, Kansas are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Kara JoAnn Dotson.

She is welcomed home by her big sister, Lezley. Kara was born

June 6, 2000 in Junction City and weighed seven pounds, eight ounces.

Proud grandfather is Thomas Zachary of Post. Maternal great grandmother is Joyce Siewert of Post.

Maternal grandmother is Valarie Watson of Dora, New Mexico.



Heidi Wiechmann and Tray Payne

Wiechmann, Payne announce wedding plans

Don and Jenny Wiechmann of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Heidi to Tray Payne, son of Don and Carol Payne of Post.

Hedi is a 1996 graduate of University of Oklahoma and is employed as an Occupational Therapist for M.P. McCarty Hospital in Norman Oklahoma. Tray graduated Oklahoma City University with a law degree.

The couple plan an August 19, 2000 wedding.



Enjoying Lake Tahoe recently were (left to right) Michelle and Eddie Raelye with daughter Ashlyn, Patricia and Cebo Roundtree and Pat Martin.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush



The grass is green and the farmers and ranchers are smiling! What about that rain?

Class Reunion

Don't forget the "All School Reunion" which is to be held July 1 and 2. (Three more weeks) Are you tired of the reminders? I just know yall will be sorry if you don't attend. The \$20 fee covers all activities, plus a free ticket to Old Mill Trade Days. Activities include registration 9 am Saturday with coffee, juice and breakfast treats. A dance at the Community Center Saturday night at 8 pm and last a BBQ lunch at the park Sunday at 1 pm.

You can call in to register and pay your fee when you get here. The list is really growing so come on and join the fun.

Received the following from a friend. I think everyone hates answering machines and voice mail. What if voice mail were installed in Heaven. Just imagine if you were praying and heard the following:

Hold Please

Thank you for calling My Father's House. Please select from the following.

- Press 1 for requests
- Press 2 for Thanksgiving
- Press 3 for complaints
- Press 4 for all other inquiries

What if God used the familiar excuse: "I'm sorry, all of our angels are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer will be answered in the order it was received, so please stay on the line."

Imagine getting these kinds of responses as you call in prayer...

- If you would like to speak to Gabriel, Press 1.
- For Michael, Press 2
- For a directory of other angels, Press 3
- If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm while you are holding, Press 4.

To find out if a loved one has been assigned to Heaven, Press 5, enter his or her Social Security number, then press the # key. (If you get a negative response, try area code 666)

For reservation at "My Father's House," please enter J-O-H-N followed by 3-1-6.

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive here.

Our computers show you have already prayed once today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow.

This office is closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday. Please try again Monday after 9:30 am. If you need emergency assistance when this office is closed, contact your local minister.

Moving Right Along

Out new McDonald's is moving right along. I am always amazed when I come to work each morning at how much they get done everyday. I know they are over there working, but I don't really notice the progress until the next morning.

It won't be long till I can walk across the street for a cup of coffee. YEA!

Birthdays this Week

Friday, June 16; Ruben Soto; Anniversary, Billy and Sherry Dornier; Saturday, June 17; Rochelle Jones, Blake Boren and Judy Sanderson; Sunday, June 18, Happy Fathers Day! Debbie Sneed, Grandpa Pablo and Valerie Moreno; Anniversary, Darrell and Ruby Jones; Monday, June 19, Jessica Morris and Jesse Barboza; Tuesday, June 20, Blake Davis, Linda Rivers, Ross Babb, Joel Poe IV and Rachel Hubble; Anniversaries, Lupe and Cindy Aguilar, Kenny and Carla Reiter, don and Ruth Walls and Dennis and Debbie Mason; Wednesday, June 21, Dominic Pequeno, Russ Rainey, Cameron Josey, Melissa Adams and Justin Terry; Anniversary, Craig and Jeanie Lambert; Thursday, June 22, Melina Quintana, Roland Castaneda, Richard Vega III, Roxanne Osborn, Erik Gomez, Delores Redman and Virginia Bevers; Anniversaries, Bruce and Debbie Ledbetter, Pat and Janie Ayala and our daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Stephen Quisenberry;

A really special happy birthday to my friend Doris Lester. Don't know how old she is but I do know she got one year older on June 14th.

Hope you had a great day Doris!

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

What A Trip!!

My best buddy Pat Martin was treated to a great trip by his kids, Patricia and Cebo Roundtree of Austin.

Those three, along with Patricia's and Cebo's kids, Michelle and Eddie Raley and daughter Ashlyn, all took off from Austin on May 26th to Lake Tahoe.

Pat came by with the pictures (see inside photo) and that has got to be the most beautiful scenery I have ever seen!

Patricia and Cebo have a condo there at Lake Tahoe and that in itself would have been a nice trip, but they toured some great places.

Just a few of the hot spots; Virginia City, Carson City, the famous Ponderosa Western studio and theme park., the Virginia and Truckee Rail Road and a cruise on the M.S. Dixie II which is a tour of the 72 miles of shore line of the lake.

Pat came in with the biggest pine cone I have ever seen. Now I don't know why he did not bring me a whole sack full to decorate for Christmas with but he didn't.

This bunch is such a neat family and Patricia reminds me so of her mom. I know she really enjoyed having her dad and I know he had a great time.

See Ya Next Week

That will wrap it up this week. Please remember to plan for the All School Reunion. God bless each of you, see ya next week!

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Post Middle School students taste history in Washington, D.C. trip

by Dedra Adams

History came alive for a group of 43 Post students and their tour guide, Dedra Adams and chaperons-MaDawn Sherrin and Rodney Tidwell. This is the 16th group that Dedra Adams has taken to tour the Nation's Capitol. The group spent the first part of their summer vacation touring the Nation's Capitol and surrounding area.

The students left for Washington, D.C. during the pre-dawn hours on Friday, June 2. While there, they stayed at the Holiday Inn Dulles in Dulles, Virginia. They toured the D.C. area and returned to Post in the wee morning hours of June 6. Parents of the students helped shuttle the travelers to and from the airport in Lubbock.

The group began their tour the minute they stepped out of the plane. Their first stops were the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Korean Memorial, Einstein statue, Supreme Court and the Library of Congress. Then they went to Union Station for their meal and tour of the original train station. Union Station is still being used today and shares a lot of history with the D.C. area.

The second day of their tour began

very early with a picture stop at the White House. The group then toured Embassy Row in the comfort of their tour bus, with driver Silva Severino pointing out all the sites.

The next stop was the National Cathedral. This was an awesome site, enjoyed by all. The Cathedral was under construction when the Post groups first started touring D.C. and it is now finished. After leaving the Cathedral the group headed to Arlington Cemetery.

The Arlington Cemetery visit was a very special one for the Post group. They toured the Kennedy Gravesites, the Challenger Memorial and various other grave sites, as well as watching the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. They Post group took part in a Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. Those representing Post were Kaycee Gorman, Meagan Hoover, Travis Hopper and Cody Marts.

These young people represented not only the Post group, but Post, Texas in laying the wreath.

Next stop on their agenda, was the Holocaust Museum. While there, the group viewed Daniel's Story and the entire three floors of the Museum.

The Museum presents a narrative history using more than 900 artifacts as well as 70 video monitors and four theaters that include historical film footage and eyewitness testimonies. The exhibit is divided into three parts: "Nazi Assault," "Final Solution" and "Last Chapter."

The last stop on day two was to the Pentagon City Mall for food and shopping. After the group exhausted themselves, they went back to their hotel. At the hotel there was swimming and visiting with all of the other students on tour. One night the students enjoyed a dance with the other groups on tour.

Sunday, saw the group leaving the hotel early to get a start on their day of touring. The first stop was the Mount Vernon — Home of George Washington. They toured the house and the grounds of this beautiful estate. After leaving Mount Vernon, the group had a driving tour of Alexandria.

After lunch, the next stop was to The Awakening, USNB "Barry" — where the group toured the battleship. They next stopped at the Washington Monument for a picture stop. Wouldn't you know, it was closed until July 4th.

The group then went to the National Archives, where they viewed the original Declaration of Independence and the original Constitution. After dinner at Vie De France, the group went on a night tour of the D.C. area. The sites they visited were: Jefferson Memorial, FDR Memorial, Iwo Jima Marine Memorial and the Kennedy Center.

The last day of the tour also saw an early start. The group toured the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Next stop was Ford's Theatre, the place where President Lincoln was shot and then the Peterson House, the place where Lincoln died. While at the theatre, the group also visited the Lincoln Museum which is in the theatre.

The group had to say good-bye to their tour guide, Sandra Moore before lunch at the Regan International Trade Center. Sandra

had been the group from the start and made sure all the sites were viewed and told the group the history of the sites.

The Smithsonian Complex was next on the schedule. The group viewed the American History, Natural History and the Air and Space Museum. Upon leaving the Smithsonian's, the group traveled to the Reagan National Airport to fly back to Texas.

The tour was sponsored by Lakeland Tours out of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Those students touring from Post were:

Ryan Babb, Kam Baker, Cody Bullard, Christin Collier, Jay Cooper, Donae Dalby, Kayla Dunn and Cole Easterling;

Kaycee Gorman, Jerrad Grisham, Kyle Gunn, Josh Hair, Breann Heckaman, Meagan Hoover, Travis Hopper, Kyle Kirkpatrick, Jake Lott, Jett Lott;

Xane Mason, Cody Marts, Zane Marts, Mark McCallister, Trent McDonald, Anthony Merrell, Mitchell Mills, Mark Norman, Nikki Norman;

Keitha Palmer, Jennifer Reiter, Courtney Short, Callie Smith, Hilary Smith, Lyndee Strawn; Jordan Tatum, Will Todd;

And Jerica Tyler, Colton Valdez, Colt Vernon, Casey Williams, Justin Williams, Clinton Yarbrow and Quinton Yarbrow.

Special Father's Day Gift

Stuck for a special Father's Day gift? Here is an idea. Print out the following poem and glue it on a very large footprint cutout. Then have the child make a footprint over the words with watered down tempera paints. You can laminate it and put string on the back for hanging, or put it in a frame.

Footprints
"Walk a little slower daddy," said a child so small. "I'm following in your footsteps and I don't want to fall.


Sometimes your steps are very fast, Sometimes they're hard to see; So walk a little slower, Daddy, For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up, You're what I want to be; Then I will have a little child Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right, And know that I was true; So, walk a little slower, Daddy, For I must follow you."



Post Middle School students placing a wreath at Arlington Cemetery are (left to right, front) Meagan Hoover, Cody Marts, (back) Kaycee Gorman and Travis Hopper. (Photo courtesy Dedra Adams)




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Gradine honored at McMurry

Army J. Gradine, a junior from Post, was among students named to the Spring 2000 Dean's List at McMurry University in Abilene.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average while taking 12 or more credit hours.

Gradine is a finance major.



The first Father's Day was celebrated on June 19, 1910. The holiday was launched by the Ministerial Association and the YMCA of Spokane, Washington.

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Obituaries

Erminia P. Melton

Services for Erminia P. Melton, 96, of Clovis, N.M., were conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2000, in the Terrace Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Thomas of Amarillo officiating, assisted by the Rev. Babe Rogers of Abernathy. The Steed-Todd Funeral Home of Clovis was in charge of arrangements.

She died June 8 at her home. Born Oct. 1, 1903, in Coryell County to A.H. and Mauda (Smedley) Hood, she married Noble E. Melton in Post April 17, 1921. They were married 75 years. She was a homemaker. Survivors include one son, Bill B. Melton of Clovis; one daughter and son-in-law, Delia and J.O. Sayes of Kankakee, Illinois; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, N.E. Melton, and one son, Newell E. Melton.

Sheriff reports 12 arrests

A dozen arrests were recorded at the Garza County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff's Department records indicate a 26-year-old female was arrested on a warrant June 7.

Two arrests were made June 9, including that of a 65-year-old male for DWI and a 23-year-old male for no driver's license and Lubbock County and Lubbock Police Department warrants.

Three individuals were booked June 10, including a 30-year-old male for DWI, a 20-year-old male, DWI, and a 38-year-old male, public intoxication. Six arrests were made June 11. Those arrested included an 18-year-old man, possession of marijuana/under two ounces; a 21-year-old man, DWI; a 23-year-old man, public intoxication; a 31-year-old man, DWI, endangering a child, evading arrest and failure to identify; a 26-year-old man, DWI; and a male, age unlisted, DWI and warrants.

A very rare sight



A very rare sight in West Texas was captured by Jimella Simpson last week as Rain Lillies dressed up the neighborhood. (Photo courtesy Jimella Simpson)

Rare flower burst on scene

by Jimella Simpson
Post was treated to a rare and beautiful night by nature on Monday, June 5.

On the vacant lot at Avenue Q and the Tahoka Highway there were thousands of beautiful yellow rain lilies blooming. The vacant lot just east of the Presbyterian Church was also a beautiful yellow bouquet. On Wednesday and Thursday at the church there were also many white rain lilies blooming. This is a very rare occurrence.

The yellow or white six-petaled flower seems to pop up out of nowhere a few days after a good rain and conditions are just right. There are no leaves or plant to tell that a flower bulb is underground until the rain awakens the plant and a single flower appears on a long, thin stem. The flower begins to open slowly, about dark and is in full bloom the next morning. After the rain, if the weather is sunny, the flower lasts but a day, as was in this case; but if the weather is cloudy, the blossoms may last another day.

The seeds or bulbs may lay dormant for many years before conditions are right again for this magnificent flower to emerge and again thrill wildflower enthusiasts.

Golden Plains Care Center News

by Sandy Smith

Oh these lazy days of summer... or is that crazy days? Well at Golden Plains it's been both!

To begin with I announced our new residents last week and Faye Gopal had to Go... but Faye Ogle is here. Faye is the mother of JoAnn Stelzer and now we have double the fun with the two of them (not that JoAnn lives here but she visits). It really is great to have you with us Mrs. Ogle. We are also joined by Callie Strofer, I have known Callie all my life and she is such a sweet lady! Carl Jones has also joined us and now I am sure there will be some good domino games going.

Jim Taylor is back after a stay in the hospital, Jim it is really good to have you home again! I must tell everyone Jim was ready for a good cup of coffee when he got back but said he would wait on the fishing trip.

Get the pop corn ready for Jackie Odom and Dave Iles, they have really been enjoying the John Wayne movies this week! Dave wanted to know if I could move the T.V. to the smoking section...

As for volleyball, I want you to know we have some pros in our midst. Ella Mae Jones, Bernice Gribble, Vallie Daniels, Mable Robinson took on Evelyn LeMond, Marvel Pearson, Maxine Earl, and Ivy Young. Ivy (94 years young) continued to holler bring out the basketball! She was ready for some real action... In all the excitement we forgot to keep score but they are all winners anyway.

As for the 2000 class reunion I am so excited, we have several graduates, beginning with the class of 1928. LeRoy McCrary and Bill Thomas. We are all planning to attend, and LeRoy didn't think he could hold out 2 more weeks he was ready to go now! Everyone is so excited and to this very day Wilma Johnston continues to wear her class ring of 1936 now that is real school spirit! Betty Caffey is very excited to meet up with some of her classmates from 1932, she has not seen any of them since they were in school. What a great reunion this one will be.

Well I guess as far as the lazy days goes when you pass by just wave at us, because we will be sitting in the shade and relaxing on the front porch of our home,

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Who is this "health" writer?

I suppose by now that some of you may be wondering just who the heck this new "health" writer is, and where is the health information. First things first. Allow me to introduce myself.

As can be taken from the byline, my name is Winston Whitt. No, this is not some clever alliterative "nom de plume," but rather my birthname given me by my father, an ardent admirer of Lord Winston. While better than being named "Sue," it did present its own set of problems.

It is simply amazing the number of variations that can be made of that old ad jingle, "Winston tastes good like a cigarette should..." I'm not sure it made me any tougher, but it sure made it easy to choose brands when I started to smoke after high school. Not many folks had monogrammed smokes. So much for the name.

I was raised in Abilene after my father retired from the Air Force in 1959. You all have your own opinions about Abilene and I will not try to change them. It was home, though. Graduated Abilene High in 1973 and proceeded to travel for a couple of years, (which is a whole bunch of columns if I got into it) and finally settled down to college and became a Registered Nurse in 1979.

It was some eight years later that I decided to go to medical school. And here I am now, world famous medical columnist who doesn't include any medical info in his articles. I don't think they (my sponsors at UMC) are on to me yet, but I must continue to provide at least a tiny bit of medical information.

My wife of 19 years, Zenaida, has blessed me with two fine daughters, Bonnie, age 12, and Margaret, age 18. Zenaida likes to be called Dada and so I shall. She is a BSN and works at the Joe Arrington Cancer Center, one of the fine cancer centers we are blessed with in Lubbock. Margaret is away at McMurry College (oops), University and Bonnie starts Jr. High at Mackenzie here in Lubbock.

I am an Internist, that is, one who diagnoses and treats non-surgical diseases of adults: I am employed by the Physicians Network Service at KingsPark Family Health Center. Now for the medical stuff.

Do not smoke! It is bad for you. It more importantly allows your doctor to blame everything that goes wrong with you on you. Do not give your doctor this chance. Make your doctor earn his keep by actually figuring out what is wrong. You will then find that you are suddenly too fat. Not because you gained weight after quitting, but because that is the next excuse down the ladder for not being able to fix you.

Of course you know smoking is bad for you. You don't need a doctor to tell you. If you have but a small desire to quit though, talk to your physician (suddenly he is a physician, not just a doctor) about ways that are available to help you quit. It is a tough addiction but it can be licked! Thank you for spending this time with me.

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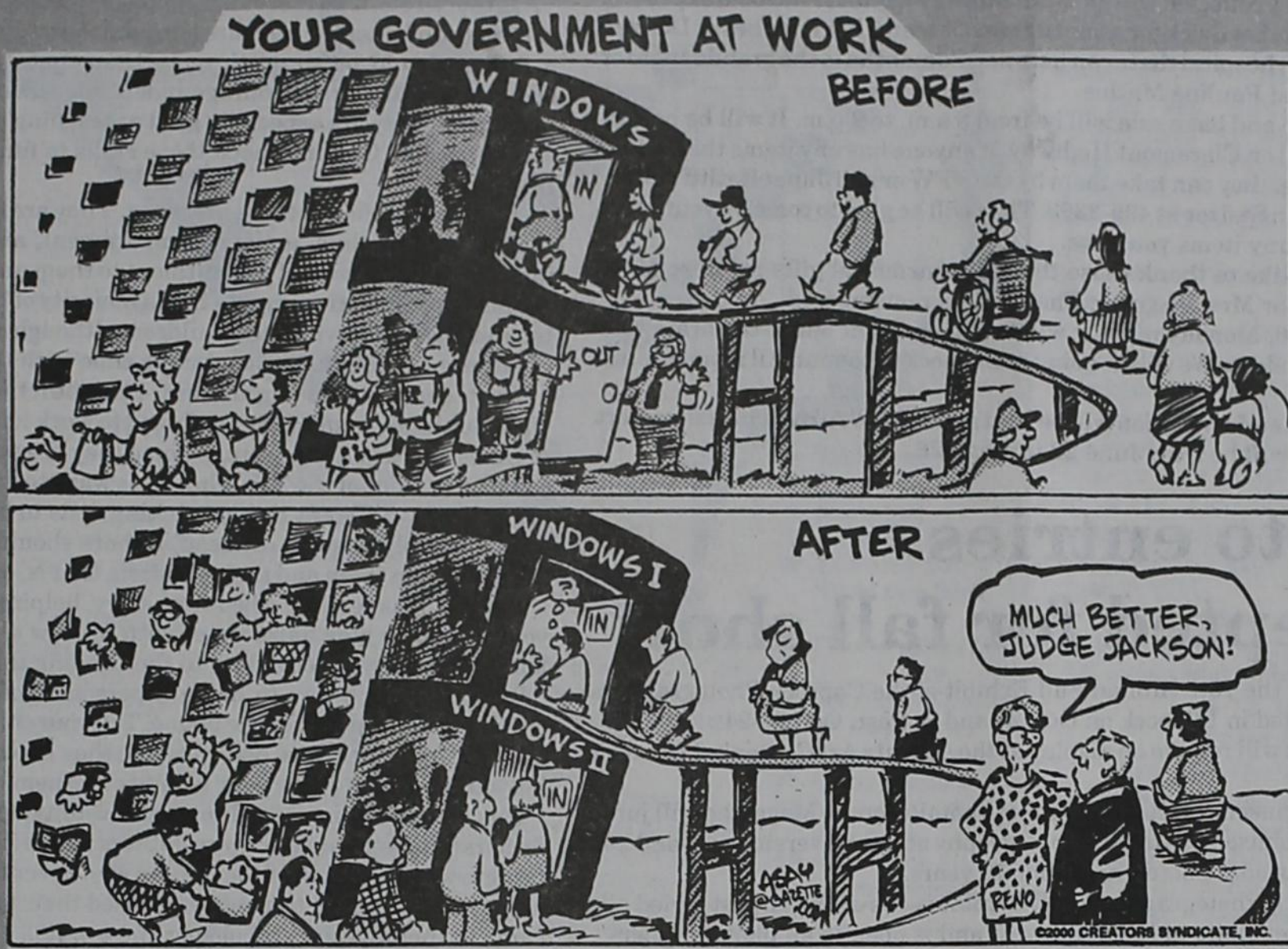
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Opinions



And thereafter, Economics 101

by Walter E. Williams

More than anything else, economics is a way of thinking. At the heart of economics are several simple and easily observable characteristics of humans and the world in which we live.

The first is that people prefer more of those things that give them satisfaction and fewer of those things that give them dissatisfaction. Second, when the cost of something goes down, people tend to take or do more of it, and when the cost of something increases, people tend to take or do less of it. Finally, having more of one thing requires less of something else.

Or, as my colleague Professor Milton Friedman puts it, "There's no free lunch." Let's apply these simple postulates to public-policy issues. With any public policy, there's a benefit and there's a cost. Intelligent public-policy discussion requires an examination to determine whether benefits outweigh costs.

For example, there'd be a clear benefit to mandating a national speed limit of 5 mph. The enormous benefit from doing so would be the virtual elimination of the tens of thousands of highway fatalities and injuries each year. But the costs of a 5 mph speed limit would be enormous.

We sensibly conclude, without saying so, that a 5 mph speed limit and the lives it would save wouldn't be worth the hassle. The lesson here is that we can't simply look at the benefits. If we only look at benefits, we'd do just about anything because everything has a benefit.

Our nation is in a frenzy about child victims of gun homicides and accidents. Many people are becoming increasingly shrill in demands for all manner of supposed gun-safety measures. First, let's put the magnitude of accidental gun deaths in perspective.

The following are Centers for Disease Control 1997 statistics for types of accidental deaths of children from birth to age 14: drowning (1010), auto (2,608), bicycle (201), pedestrian (675) and gun accidents



(142). Gun homicide in the same age group totaled 346. It turns out that among all the causes of accidental deaths of children, the chances of death by a gun accident are the remotest. That means the benefit of child safety locks might be 142 fewer accidental deaths in 1997.

Reported in John R. Lott's book "More Guns, Less Crime," 15 national polls, by groups such as the Los Angeles Times, Gallup and Peter Hart Research Associates, have found there are an estimated 760,000 defensive handgun uses to 3.6 million defensive uses of any kind of gun per year.

Crimes that have been prevented included robbery, car-jacking, burglary, assault and murder. I doubt whether these crimes would have been as effectively prevented if a gun owner, awakened by a burglar in the dead of night, or approached by a carjacker, had to first worry about scrounging around for the key to unlock the safety lock.

But you might say whatever it takes to prevent the accidental death of our children is worth it. Then I suggest that you prioritize things a bit. The number of children killed accidentally by guns is 142. We'd save more child lives (1010) by closing swimming pools, save 201 lives by banning cycling and 675 by banning pedestrian activities.

Again, if we only look to the benefit (saving lives), we might outlaw these activities, but what would be the cost? Our children would lose all the joy and entertainment from swimming, bicycling and playing in the streets.

Economics gives no clue about the motivation of people who push for one public policy or another. So I'm going to go out on the limb regarding the motivation of gun-safety-lock advocates: These people want ultimate gun confiscation, and gun locks are just another nuisance factor toward that end.

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There oughtta be a law, chapter 417

by Vin Suprynowicz

Some terrible things have happened when kids were left alone in cars.

Over the past decade, 82 children have suffered heat-related deaths in vehicle passenger compartments, while at least 20 have died after being locked in car trunks, according to the advocacy group Kids 'n Cars.

Five-month-old twin sisters from Missouri died after being left in a parked car while their grandmother helped a friend with a garage sale. A 9-month-old Virginia boy died after his father left him in the back seat, forgetting to drop him off at day care.

In February, 6-year-old Jake Robel of Missouri was dragged to his death when a man stole his mother's car. The boy had been left in his mother's sport utility vehicle while she ran into a store.

"What does it take for people to wake up and understand that leaving kids alone in a car is a tragedy waiting to happen?" asks Michele Struttman of Missouri, one of the group's founders, whose 2-year-old son Harrison was killed two years ago when toddlers aged 2 and 3 were left alone in an idling van as their parents stood outside talking. One child shifted the van into gear and ran down Struttman and her son as they sat on a park bench.

The Kids 'n Cars group launched a media campaign in the nation's capital last Tuesday, warning parents not to leave a child unsupervised in or around a vehicle. The group says it plans to send public service announcements to 2,000 radio stations and 10,000 newspapers.

All well and good. But will the activists be content to leave it there? Or will we soon hear the increasingly inevitable cry, "There oughtta be a law?"

At the group's June 6 press conference, researcher Anara Guard was already noting some states have laws against leaving pets unattended inside hot cars ... but not children. "The animal welfare activists have done a very good job," Guard said. "Sadly, the same cannot be said of most of the major child health and child welfare organizations."

We can hear the engine chugging. Hear the whistle 'round the bend. Can that be ... yes! Get on board, little children, here comes the bill-draft express!

Problem is, while eight deaths a year due to cars left running are of course individual tragedies, the Knight-Ridder Tribune News Service reports 30 children drown each year in mop buckets, and 150 die from fires they start with cigarette lighters.

The Centers for Disease Control report that between 1979 and 1997, 18 children aged 9 and under died in ladder accidents, and 1,839 young children drowned in bathtubs.

Yet no one would seriously propose banning ladders or cigarette lighters or bathtubs or mop buckets. (Well, to be strictly accurate, a federal safety agency **did** consider mandating a national mop bucket redesign for a time, but finally gave it up.)

Pass laws against leaving children in vehicles? What if dad gets stuck in a snow drift and decides to leave his disabled child in the car while hiking through the blizzard for help? A tough call, but does anyone imagine we can guide him in his decision by passing some one-size-fits-all law, never knowing what specific circumstances will prevail?

Not to mention the law of unintended consequences. Outlaw everything, and eventually even the formerly law-abiding will throw up their hands and cry: "Since I can't get through the day without breaking a dozen laws, anyway, I might as well just do what I damn well please!"

But the underlying problem here is the assumption that we can literally ban one-in-a-million tragic accidents by passing some enormous bank of statutes and ordinances which, in effect, require the use of common sense.

We already have laws against child abuse, and willful neglect. Nor do they sit unused — if anything, the tendency these days is towards overzealous enforcement, under what amounts to the presumption that the state owns our children, and will leave them in our care only so long as we're on our good behavior.

Leaving the car running while opening the door to check the mailbox is a very different thing from leaving infants locked in a car for hours in the summer heat. Such laws would stand little chance of actually preventing accidents before the fact. They can only be used to satisfy our vindictive hunger to punish someone — even someone who has just suffered the worst real-world penalty imaginable for a momentary lapse of judgment: the loss of a precious child.

Spread the news, by all means. Reward manufacturers who provide inside trunk latches and other safety devices by buying their products. But pass a law?

Don't forget to include "leaving the iron plugged in while answering the phone"; "leaving the toilet seat up"; "no padlock on the knife drawer" ...

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Taxpayers deserve answers

by Wes Burnett

I sent a letter to Mike Travis, president of the Garza County Hospital Board of Directors, on May 18 requesting answers to four questions. Mr Travis answered those questions on June 6.

Our questions and his answers:
 After reviewing Attorney General Opinion JC-0220, I respectfully request you to provide answers to the following questions:

1. Is there documentation to demonstrate that the hospital district board of directors satisfied the lawful notice requirement following its decision to close the hospital in October 1996? If so, please specify how and when that documentation may be inspected by the public.

Travis: Lawful notice requirement ... As I was not president of the board at the time of the hospital's closing, I am not familiar with a "lawful notice requirement." If you could provide me with more detail and references, I will ask Mrs Norman to review the minutes from that period.

Apparently Mr Travis is unfamiliar with the enabling legislation under which the hospital district operates. That statute sets out procedures for closing the hospital, including the provision for citizens to petition for an election prior to closing.

The State of Texas sets out procedures for lawful notice requirement in the Government Code. All that needs to be done is to look at the files in October or November of 1996 to discover if there is or isn't documentation showing evidence that a public notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in Garza County.

If a proper notice was published, giving citizens the opportunity to petition for an election, a record of that publication should be available. If the notice was not published, then the closing of the hospital was in violation of the law. The citizens of Garza County have the right to know whether or not the district performed its obligations according to the law.

We again request the district to provide evidence to support its decision to close the hospital. It is of no consequence who was or wasn't on the board at the time, it's a matter of public record.

2. Does the hospital district board of directors accept, and will it adhere to the lawful requirements expressed in AG Opinion JC-0220?

Travis: The district will follow the enabling legislation as to the District's directive, and will use the Opinion of the Attorney General to clarify any issue that it speaks directly to, as it is only an opinion, not a ruling from a Court of competent jurisdiction.

Mr Travis consistently agrees to follow the law, but at every meeting demonstrates by his action that he will only follow those parts of the law to which he wishes. He quotes portions of the law which support his position, but simply ignores those parts which offend or oppose his position. This is particularly true when it comes to abiding by the opinion of the Attorney General regarding the requirement by the district to recover full and actual cost of services from non indigent users of the tax supported health clinic.

At the public meeting Tuesday (6/6/00), Mr Travis said he supports the AG opinion, but his actions speak much louder than his words. By refusing to accept the restriction on the use of tax funds, Mr Travis once again demonstrates his arrogant disregard for the law.

3. Are there records demonstrating that non-indigent users of the tax supported clinic have paid "the full and actual cost" of care and maintenance to the district? (See page 11, paragraphs four and five). If so, please specify how and when these records may be inspected by the public.

Travis: If I understand the question correctly, these records would be the property of Covenant Healthcare Systems. You would have to contact their representatives to discuss the availability of those records.

Mr Travis dodges his responsibility as president of the board of directors of the hospital district. The requirement to recover full and actual cost is placed on the district, not the private healthcare provider. When tax funds are involved, the district is required to maintain records of where and for whom those funds are disbursed. The AG opinion unequivocally requires non indigent users of the facility to pay to the district (not the private provider) the full and actual cost of the services.

The full and actual cost includes the \$300,000 annual subsidy to CHS, according to the official hospital district audit.

4. How many Garza County individual residents were approved for indigent status for the Fiscal Years ending September 30, 1997, 1998 and 1999?

Travis: I have asked Mrs Norman to research this information for you and provide at a later date.

The primary and sole function for this hospital district, according to the State of Texas constitution and statutory law, is for the care of indigents. Knowing how many individuals were served as indigents should be at the administrator's finger tips. It is not a time consuming request.

At the last board meeting (6/6/00), the administrator announced that 11 citizens were designated as indigents. Considering that most years the district has no more than 20 indigents, it is difficult to understand why this information is not handy and immediately available.

Could be that district employees are so consumed with serving the non indigents, that they don't have time to concentrate on the essential purpose of their employment?

Based on the current indigent population, taxpayers here are spending \$51,424 per indigent per year. Considering that the direct cost for health care services for indigents this fiscal year is only \$20,398, it is apparent that the administrative overhead is in the neighborhood of \$535,164.

Any reasonable person should find this an exorbitant waste of money.

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Time For Grub Treatment

Cattle grubs are internal parasites and their damage is largely unseen, yet they cause greater economic losses to the U.S. beef cattle industry than any other insect pest.

While grubs are usually found on the back of infested animals during the winter months, that's not the time for control measures since the pests have already done most of their damage.

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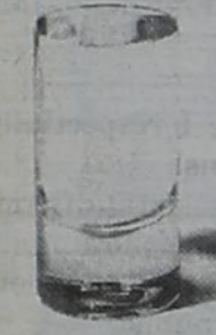
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VFW ladies hold sale to help Samantha

by Lana Comer

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW is going to have a garage sale and bake sale June 30, Friday, and July 1, Saturday. This will be a benefit garage sale.

The garage and bake sale will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will be held at the VFW Hall on Claremont Highway.

We would like to thank those that gave memorial gifts for Rose Mary Stelzer and for Mrs. Wagoner. They will be remembered.

On June 26, Monday night it will be a girls night out to celebrate that month's birthdays. We will be going to Lubbock to eat out.

Also, the state convention will be held at the DFW Airport in Dallas/Fort Worth. This will be from June 22 through 26.

Photo entries accepted for fall show

Entries for the 16th Annual Fall Exhibit of the Caprock Photographers will be accepted in Lubbock on Oct. 21 and in Post. Oct. 23-24.

The exhibit will remain on display at the Algerita Art Center in Post until Nov. 12.

William Johnson, executive editor of photoResource Magazine will juror the exhibit. Johnson has taught photography at the university level and has been a professional photographer for 19 years.

The Caprock Photographers' Fall Exhibit is one of the largest juried all-photography exhibits in the Southwest and is open to all photographers.

Awards will be given in numerous color and black and white categories.

For more information about the exhibit or the workshop, visit the exhibit web site at www.fineart-photography.com/cpfe.html or call the exhibit chairman at 806-996-5435.

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Father's Day Humor

The Top 10 Ways to Intimidate Your Daughter's Date When He Comes to Pick Her Up

- 10. Sprinkle some dust on your daughter before she leaves. Explain, "It makes fingerprinting easier." 9. Challenge him at arm wrestling. 8. Introduce him to your good friend Ken Starr. 7. Walk on stilts. 6. Casually show him your collection of five shrunken heads, then yell up to your daughter, "Number six is here." 5. Come to the door bare-chested. Do a lot of flexing. 4. Introduce him to the family by calling each family member to the living room using a whistle, then making them stand at attention and salute. 3. Answer the door in a straight jacket. 2. As they

leave, talk into a walkie-talkie. "Subject is wearing khakis and a blue polo shirt, driving a green ford." 1. Say, "Let's pray."

The Top 10 Things a Father Hates to Hear from His Son

- 10. "Can I borrow the car keys?" 9. "Here-I can't eat the rest." 8. "How do you like my tutu?" 7. "Wow! Look at that guy's new Air Jordans." 6. "Well, it is a grade higher than it was at mid-term." 5. "I'm calling from the police station." 4. "Do we have insurance on the car?" 3. "It's only a small tattoo. 2. "Don't bother-I already know all that stuff about girls." 1. "Mom spanks harder than that!"

Lunch Menus

Trailblazers

- Monday, June 19, 2000 Spaghetti, Italian vegetables, Waldorf salad and garlic bread. Tuesday, June 20, 2000 Chicken fried steak, grem gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll and oranges and bananas. Wednesday, June 21, 2000 BBQ sausage, potatoes, mixed vegetables, pimento cheese and celery, hot roll and pears. Thursday, June 22, 2000 Tuna salad, lettuce and tomatoes, bean salad, carrot sticks, pudding and cookies, crackers/bread. (First Christian Church) Friday, June 23, 2000 Sub sandwiches w/ham, cheese, wheat and white bread, lettuce and tomato, stuffed celery and strawberry shortcake. (First Christian Church) Trailblazers temporarily located at the Community Center, phone 495-3140. June 22, 23 and 30th, meals will be served at First Christian Church, 812 W. 13th.

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by Sara Wagner, CEA-FCS

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This Sunday, June 18, all over the country people will be remembering fathers who were always there, fathers who left without a backward glance, fathers who have passed on, fathers who never made them feel important or accepted, fathers who openly expressed their love, and fathers who always came to their special school/sporting events.

What kind of father will your children remember you as?

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Any youth 9 (or in the 3rd. grade)-18 wanting to sign up for the 4-H Clothing Project need to call the Extension Office by Monday, June 19 so plans can be made.

District Two 4-H Horse Show will be held Monday, June 26, at the South Plains Fair Grounds. Laci Williams will be participating in the qualifying show.

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

June 13, 1990
10 Years Ago

One visitor spotted in Post over the weekend was our West Point Cadet, Brook Capps. I didn't get to see him, but I heard he looked great.

Mr and Mrs George Reece would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Melanie Renee Reece to Russell Dillard Morris.

Rusty is the son of Mr and Mrs Jack Morris.

Gentry Owen, a 1989 graduate of Post High School, has been listed on the honor roll for the spring semester at Angelo State University. An art major at ASU, Gentry is listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll.

Ricky, Lana and Nicole Benton wish to announce the birth of their daughter and sister, Kara Dawn, on June 1, 1990.

Kara weighed seven pounds six and one-fourth ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth.

June 12, 1980
20 Years Ago

Noel and Orabeth White were recognized as the top adult leaders in District 2 (South Plains) of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, 4-H's parents organization.

Happy Birthday today goes to Mrs E.D. Jones, Floyd Byrd, Jr., Mrs W.T. Parchman, Mrs Tom Gilmore, Nancy Cobb, Rev Bernard S. Ramsey, Mrs Janey Peel and Bret Wheeler.

The home of Mrs Jerry Bush was the scene of a layette coffee Saturday morning, May 24, honoring Mrs David Joyner.

Jackie Wartes and Christie Haire were honored on their 13th and 12th birthdays with a swimming party at the city-county swimming pool.

Mrs Liberty Anthony, Postex plant employee, with more years in service than anyone else in the plant celebrates her 35th anniversary at Postex plant.

Suzanne Pass, Carita Dianna Wood and Jackie Lee Gordon of Post were among the students named to honors lists for the spring semester at Western Texas College.

June 11, 1970
30 Years Ago

Billy Hahn employed in Junior High position.

Larry Bilberry of the Post FFA chapter was elected Area II president at the area FFA Convention in Sweetwater.

L.P. Hancock, former Post resident, was honored on his 89th birthday last Sunday.

Visiting in the L.S. Edwards home Sunday and Monday were Mrs Winnie Edwards and her daughter-in-law, Mrs Travis Edwards and children, all of Garland.

Mr and Mrs Dan E. Cockrum and son Michael of Bullfrog Basin, Utah, has been visiting in the home

of his' parents, Mr and Mrs Dan Cockrum.

June 9, 1960
40 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs Marvin Hudman returned Sunday afternoon from Miami Beach, Florida where he attended the Rotary National Convention.

Mr and Mrs Herman Raphael are planning a deep sea fishing trip to the Gulf next week. Raphael is junior high school principal.

Cindy and Ricky Long are visiting this week in Lubbock with their grandmother, Mrs Reed.

Mrs Callie Cash of Levelland is visiting in the home of her son and family a few days, Mr and Mrs Bandy Cash and Clyde Allen.

Janene Haynie returned home Saturday from a week at Ceta Glen Christian Camp near Happy, Texas.

Judy, Mike and Freddy Huff of Post visited Cheryl and Joe Pennell last Friday.

June 15, 1950
50 Years Ago

Three members of Boy Scout Troop 16 and Scoutmaster, Jack Lott, leave for Jamboree at Valley Forge. The members are Jack Lott, Gene Young and James Dye.

A donkey softball game will be played in Miller Park Monday night sponsored by the local VFW post, Bob Pool, commander announced.

Post's face-lifting is continuing with added improvement being the paving of a 10 1/2 foot strip surrounding the courthouse.

Mr and Mrs James Minor and children plan to visit California. Minor will be attending the Shriner convention in Los Angeles.

Jan Herring was honored on her fifth birthday with a party given by her mother, Mrs Clint Herring.

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- "Vietnam Texas" actor Haing
- TXism: "spends his _____ looking for shade" (lazy)
- the "U" of UFO
- TXism: "fat as a boardhouse"
- satirical cartoon
- former Houston mayor Whitmire (init.)
- Alamo Heights AM
- Ray Roberts Lake park: Isle _____
- Corpus Christi is "The Sparkling _____ the Sea"
- TXism: "_____ to"
- TXism: "do-right boys"
- TXism: "belongs to _____ and the bank"
- TXism: "_____ you gotta pay the band"
- TXism: "spoiling _____ fight"
- nat. revolutionary party south of the border (abbr.)
- Texana library: _____ Barker History Center
- Comanche courthouse: "Old _____"
- TXism: "two _____ in a pod"
- wolf snare (2 wds.)
- TX Lois Chiles' agent in "Moonraker"

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- famous race won by 3 King Ranch horses
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- TX Hagman film: "Getting Away _____ All"
- TXism: "about as clear _____ River mud"
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- recedes
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- TXism: "y'all"
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- incompetent
- umbilical or spinal
- nat. wildlife refuge in TX: Santa _____
- TXism: "mighty _____ of"
- edible fruit
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- TXism: "spilled the _____" (told)
- quantity of TX land
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- tennis divisions
- "market" south of the border
- state of the Bush summer home



SOUTHLAND HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS - SHS 1990-91 cheerleaders are (left to right) Tina McCarl, Linda Carter, Angela New, Cori Weaver, Dora Anaya and Jennifer Smith. (Photo by Kim Burnett)

From The Post Dispatch, May 31, 1990



MEDAL TO TRACTOR CONTEST WINNER

A medal for winning the Post FFA Chapter tractor operator's contest is being presented Jimmy Hodges by Junior Gray, manager of the Garza Farm Store, dealer here in Ford tractors. Hodges finished first among the Post FFA members entering this year's contest.—Staff Photo.

From The Post Dispatch June 2, 1960



JAYCEE-ETTE OFFICERS INSTALLED

Mary Eckols (left), past Jaycee-ette president, installed new officers of the Post group at the Jaycee and Jaycee-ette banquet. From left to right: Anita Blanton, secretary-treasurer; Allane Ammons, historian, and Ruth Ann Young, president.

From The Post Dispatch, June 11, 1970



MISS KAREN CROOKS

Double ring ceremony to unite Karen Crooks, Burnis Young Jr

From The Post Dispatch June 2, 1960



SWIMMING POOL "SCENERY"

Warmer weather is improving things at the City-County Park Swimming Pool, including the scenery. Among the splashers at the pool one warm afternoon this week were these mermaids (left to right): Becky Dalby, Kim Mitchell and Mary Ann Wright. —Staff Photo

From The Post Dispatch, June 11, 1970

Little League Game Results

Indians 4, Dodgers 2

Batting for the Indians were Wilson Cash, one double, two walks and scored once; Damian Shelton, one on base by hit batter; Andrew Espinoza, two singles, one walk, scored once; Timothy Garza, two singles, one walk, scored once and had one RBI; Steve Hair, one walk and one on base by hit batter; T.J. Copeland, two singles and one RBI.

Pitching for the team was Andrew Espinoza, six innings pitched, two runs scored with 16 strikeouts.

Dodgers' batters included Colton Valdez, one single and a walk, scored twice; Cameron Shumard, one single; Clint Chapman, one single with a RBI; and Zach Perez, one single and one on base by hit batter.

Pitcher for the team was Colton Valdez, six innings pitched, four runs scored with 13 strikeouts.

Indians 12, A's 4

Batting for the Indians were Eric Reyna, one single, two doubles and scored three times; Wilson Cash, one single, two triples with three RBIs, scored three times; Andrew Espinoza, two doubles, two RBIs, scored once; Timothy Garza, two walks, scored once; Steven Hair, one walk, scored once; T.J. Copeland, two singles, scored once; C.J. Hosey, one walk, scored once; and Jesse Vera, one single with one RBI, scored once.

Pitching for the Indians was Eric Reyna, five innings pitched, four runs scored, 13 strikeouts, striking out the side two times.

A's hitters included D.J. Baiza, one single, one walk, scored twice;

Timothy Wilson, two walks, scored once; John Morales, two doubles, four RBIs; Davin Perez, one walk; and Orlando Diaz, one walk.

Game called after five innings because of time limit.

Astros 3, Cubs 2

Batting for the Cubs were Jarrett Blevins, one triple, scored once; Braden Bratcher, one inside the park homerun; Miles Gray, two singles with one RBI; Zach Witcher, one single.

Cubs' pitchers were Aaron Fox, 2 2/3 innings pitched, two runs scored with five strikeouts, and Braden Bratcher, 1 1/3 innings, one run scored, four strikeouts.

Astros' batters were Tyler Odom, one single, scored once; Pat Reiter, one double; Andre Boyd, one walk; Colt Mason, one walk and a homerun; Ridge Greathouse, two walks and a RBI; and Timothy Crenshaw, one single and an inside the park homerun.

Astros' pitcher was Pat Reiter, four innings pitched, two runs scored, five strikeouts.

Game called after four innings due to lightning.

Cubs 17, A's 5

Cubs' batters included Aaron Fox, one triple, one walk, one inside the park homerun, three RBIs and scored three times; Jarrett Blevins, one single, one RBI, scored once; Braden Bratcher, two singles, one RBI, scored twice; Miles Gray, two singles, one walk, one RBI and scored three times; Eric Soto, one double, one walk and scored once; Adrian Zubia, one triple, one on base by hit batter with three RBIs and scored once; Giles Dalby, one walk and scored once; Sadler Hair, one bases loaded walk with one RBI and scored once; Zach Witcher, one single, one double, one inside the park grand slam home run with four RBIs and scored twice; Angel Duran, one walk and scored once; and Cass Tatum, one fielder's choice single and scored once.

Cubs' pitcher was Eric Soto, three innings pitched, one run scored, nine strikeouts.

Batting for the A's were D.J. Baiza, one triple with one RBI and scored once; Timothy Wilson, one walk, scored once; John Morales, one double, one triple with one RBI; Kyle Windham, one walk; Jason Worthington, one walk, scored once; Davin Perez, one triple and scored once; Felix Torres, one walk; and Kenny, one on base by hit batter and scored once.

Little League Standings

	Win	Loss
Indians	8	3
Astros	3	5
Cubs	5	3
Dodgers	6	4
A's	2	9



Haley Poe expresses her appreciation to all those who have helped her in recent beauty pageants. She is planning to compete in the Nationals at Dallas July 1-4. Those who are able to help offset the \$1,100 expenses should contact Harriet Poe at 495-2202, Jennifer Bustoz at 495-4848 or Diana Poe at 495-2456.

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 - May 1 — Bombers 13, Saints 5
 - May 5 — Angels 15, Bombers 13
 - May 8 — Angels 15, Saints 14
 - May 11 — Bombers 15, Saints 6
 - May 15 — Bombers 15, Angels 14
 - May 18 — Angels 12, Saints 9
 - May 22 — Saints 13, Bombers 12
 - June 5 — Angels 10, Saints 7
 - June 8 — Bombers 14, Saints 11
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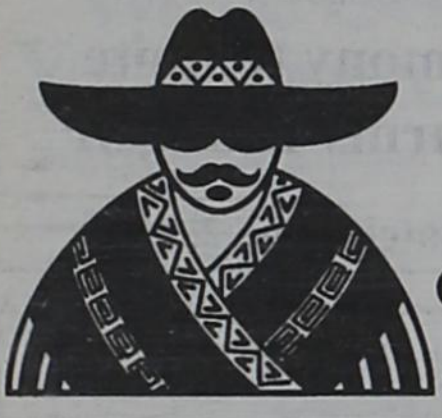
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AG specifies nonindigents must pay full cost of services to hospital district

by Wes Burnett

On what kinds of things can the Garza Hospital District spend its tax funds? That question came up again at the June 6 board meeting, when Mike Travis, president of the board, insisted that subsidizing Covenant Healthcare Systems is authorized.

Travis said, "The AG's opinion says that what we're doing is okay." Let's take a look at what the Attorney General has to say about lawful taxation by the hospital district

"Hospital district taxes may be levied and used only for the purposes authorized in Article IX, Section 9 of the constitution and a hospital district's enabling legislation. See *Bexar County Hosp. Dist. v. Crosby*, 327 S.W.2d 445 (Tex. 1959) (article 9, section 9 tax levied for bond debt service may only be used for that purpose); *Tri-City Fresh Water Supply Dist. No. 2 v. Mann*, 142 S.W.2d 945, 948 (Tex. 1940) (taxing power may be exercised only for purposes distinctly included in constitutional or legislative provision); *Tex. Att'y Gen. LO-97-004*, at 1 (use of hospital district taxes limited to purposes set out in constitution); *LO-95-088*, a 1 (same)." (Page 5 of AG Opinion JC-0220).

Taxes may only be used for purposes specified in the constitution (Article 9, Section 9) or the legislation establishing the district. So, what are those authorized purposes?

Here's what the Attorney General says:

"Article IX, section 9 authorizes a hospital district tax to be levied to meet the requirements of (1) debt service on district bonds issued for construction and improvement of hospital facilities and on obligations assumed by the hospital district that were incurred by cities, towns, or a county within the hospital district before its creation for hospital purposes;"

The Garza Hospital District does not have any bond service debt, so there can be no levy of taxes for that purpose.

"(2) the district's maintenance and operating expenses. (Page 6)

"Besides debt service payments, the hospital district tax is only expressly authorized to pay a district's maintenance and operating expenses. See *El Paso County Hosp. Dist. v. Gilbert*, 4 S.W.2d 66, 72 (Tex. App.-El Paso 1999, pet. filed) (hospital district ad valorem tax revenues generated for two enumerated purposes - payment of debt service and payment of maintenance and operating expenses).

"Consequently, the District may continue to levy the tax and use the proceeds to make the contract payments for medical care only if such purpose is encompassed within 'maintenance and operating expenses.' Article IX, Section 9 does not define these ex-

penses. Nor have we found any Texas cases that do so for the purposes of Article IX, Section 9, however, we conclude that 'maintenance and operating expenses' necessarily encompass expenses related to providing medical care to a hospital district's needy residents. See *Republican Party v. Dietz*, 940 S.W.2d, 86, 89 (Tex. 1997) (in construing state constitution, effect will be given to plain language, considering purpose of provision, its historical context, and the collective intent of the framers and people who adopted it)." (Page 6)

So, the Garza Hospital District is limited in its tax use to "maintenance and operating expenses," which include the care for needy residents. And remember, the AG specifically declares that indigent and needy are interchangeable and are the same.

Further, the AG emphasizes:

"The most significant lawful hospital district expense is that for indigent medical care. (In this regard we note, that 'needy inhabitants' is equivalent to 'indigent residents,' and we use those terms interchangeably for the purpose of this opinion. See *Tex. Att'y Gen. Op. No. H-703* (1975) (equating 'needy inhabitant' as used in Article IX, Section 9 to 'indigent resident' in Article IX, Section 4).

The AG opinion also found that the enabling legislation is consistent with the constitution, and provides the same authority as stated above. It is required to provide for the care of indigent (or needy) county residents.

"In sum, the District's maintenance and operating expense taxes may be levied and used to pay for needy inhabitants' hospital and medical care expenses after closure of the District's hospital. Because that care may be provided through a contract with a private hospital system, proceeds of the maintenance and operating tax may be used to make payments under that contract." (Page 10)

"Finally, we address an issue implicit in your second and fourth questions, namely, whether the District may through its contract with the private hospital provide medical care to county residents who not indigent. In other words, may Garza County residents be treated in the clinic operated by the private hospital system? Based on the constitutional and statutory scheme for providing hospital and medical care, we conclude that the District may offer medical care to nonindigent Garza County residents provided it collects from these persons the cost of the medical services." (Page 10)

"Accordingly, we conclude that the District may offer medical care to nonindigent county residents through the clinic, provided the District charges those persons the actual cost of the services." (Page 11)

Which brings us back to the primary question, what are the actual costs? The most recent Garza Hospital District audit contains a line item that reads:

Patient Care Services, \$409,384. This is in addition to operating and maintenance expenses, such as direct indigent care, which is on a separate line, showing the cost of direct medical costs for indigents.

The AG opinion clearly defines lawful tax use, and it does not include a subsidy for nonindigents. That is why I asked Mr Travis pointedly at the June 6 meeting to clarify who is getting the ben-

efit of the \$300,000 annual payment to the privately owned clinic.

I asked, "Who are the patients receiving the benefit of this tax money? Does the district maintain a record of the patients who are getting this care?"

Mr Travis replied that answering that question "is a low priority."

However, for taxpayers this question is a high priority, especially considering that if the money is not being used for the care of indigents, operating or maintenance expenses, and the district has not been reimbursed for those expenses, then it is a violation of the law.

If the \$300,000 is being used for the care of indigents, operating expense or maintenance, then surely there is documentation easy to find showing exactly how it was spent.

The auditor, who majority board members claim is the best there is, listed the \$300,000 as "patient care services." As bright as he is, and as competent as he is, we must assume that he had good reason to list the expense in that manner. There must be some evidence in the district's accounting books to demonstrate that the \$300,000 was used for patient care, or else the auditor would not have given it that designation.

Who are the patients getting this care? How many of them qualify as indigents? How many of them not qualifying as indigents have paid the district the full and actual cost of their services? If any of them are indigents, why would the cost of their service not be included in the indigent care service category?

We are waiting for answers to these questions from the district. And we remind district officers that the names of people receiving tax funds are a matter of public record.

Lacking evidence to demonstrate that the \$300,000 was spent for maintenance or operating expenses authorized by law, we must assume that the district has squandered more than \$1 million illegally since the closing of the hospital in 1996.

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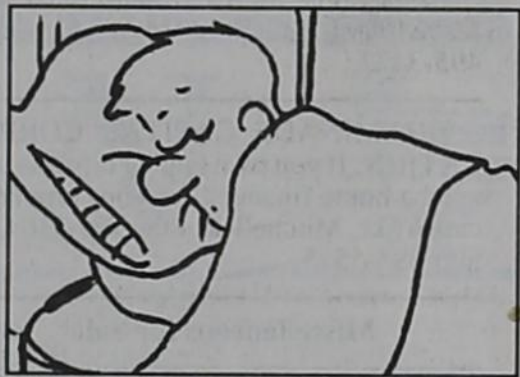
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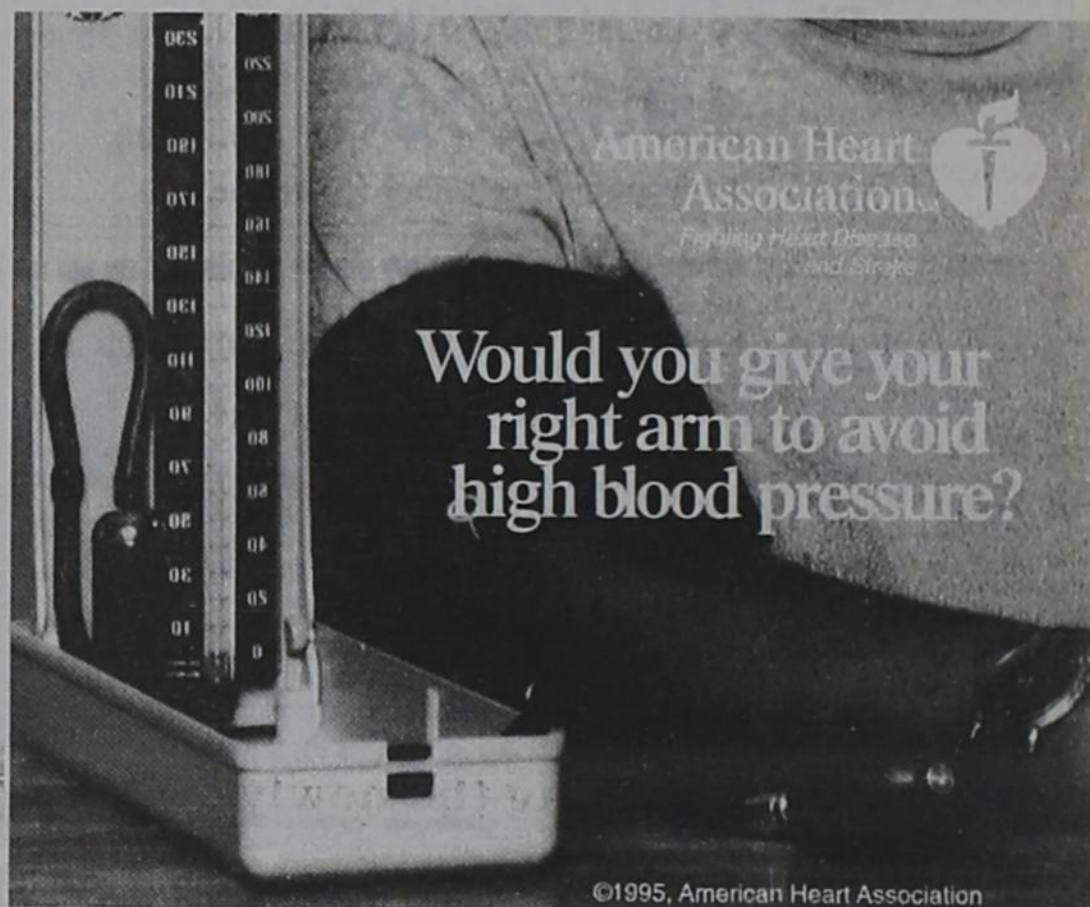
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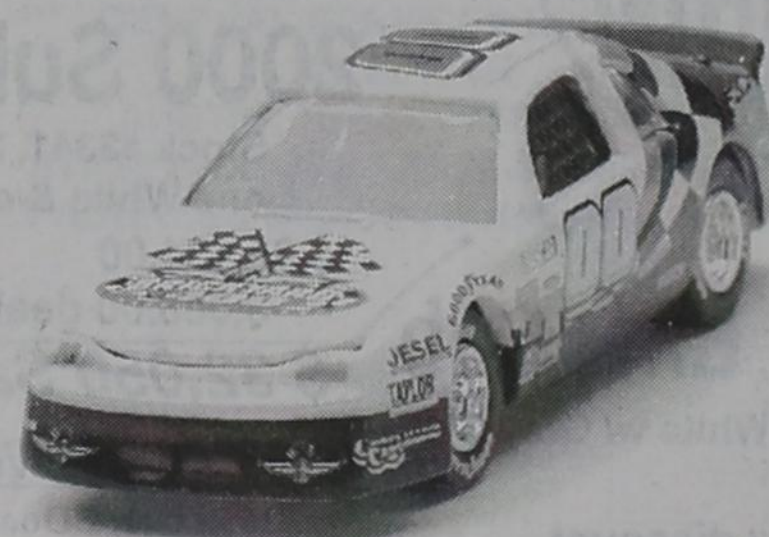
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We appreciate all the visits, prayers, calls, cards, letters, food, paper goods, stamps, flowers, memorials and the many acts that showed your kindness and love.

To the Post and Graham communities for serving the wonderful food to our large extended family.

To the dedicated EMTs and Ladell and Stacy for their efforts.

To Jim and Betty Curry for being chauffeurs and also other friends at the hospital.

To Dee and Janet Justice for their special love and dedicated service.

To Bro. Paul Jones and Reverend Buddy Payne, your words of comfort and peace will not be forgotten.

The music offering from Lee Ann Hodges and Nancy Gordon were exceptional.

It is a privilege to live in a community that hurts when you hurt and lifts you up when you need a lift.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and May God Bless you.
The Sonny Gossett Family
P.S.

A very special thank you to Glenn, Sherry and Steven Brosch and Clint Davis for planting the cotton.

We would like to thank our dear friends who shared their love and kindness by the visits, flowers, food and prayers at the loss of our sister Lone Hughes.

To the staff of Golden Plains Care Center, thank you for making her comfortable and being there for her.

To our ambulance crew, who make trips to UMC not knowing if she would make it, thank you so much. We are lucky to have our ambulance and such caring people to run it.

To the Church of God of Phophy, thank you for the wonderful meal.

To Dee and Janet, once again such a beautiful service.

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

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

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Commercial Property

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

Legal Notices

Request for Proposal
The City of Post will accept offers from financial institutions to serve as the Municipal Depository. Specifications and requirements may be obtained by contacting the City Manager at City Hall located at 105 East Main Street in Post, Texas 79356. Proposals are to be submitted by 3:00 pm July 20, 2000. The award and acceptance of a proposed offer is planned for the August 1, 2000 City Council meeting.

Notice of Hearing For Oil And Gas Well Permit

City of Post, Texas
Notice is hereby given that The George R. Brown Partnership, acting under and pursuant to Ordinance No. 238, which Ordinance amended Ordinance No. 89, passed on February 14, 1950, and relating to the drilling for, mining, or in any manner engaging in operations for the purpose of extracting oil, gas or other petroleum products for the City of Post, and correcting exhibit B in Ordinance No. 89, and allowing additional drilling within the territorial limits of the City of Post as same existed on February 14, 1950; Made, passed and entered on the 29th day of March, 1966, filed with the city secretary of the City of Post an application for a permit to drill a well for oil and/or gas upon lot number, section number 1225, of the town of Post, Garza County, Texas, according to the map or plat of said town of record in volume 13, page 1, of the deed records of Garza County, Texas, reference to which is here made: Such well to be in Section number 1225, as shown in said ordinance No. 238.

A hearing upon said application will be held at the City Hall in the City of Post, Texas on the 11th day of July, 2000, at 6:30 o'clock P.M., at which time and place all persons interested may appear and contest said application.
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Post ISD Accepting Bids
Post ISD is currently accepting bids on one (1) competition trampoline with storage frame and two (2) upright pianos. Sealed bids will be accepted until June 30th. These items may be seen at Post Elementary.

Request for Proposals

Post Community Housing Assoc., Inc., Post, Texas is requesting proposals for the following work to be performed at the 24 unit P.C.H.A property at 509 N. Ave. S, Post, Texas.

A. Remove, transport to appropriate waste management facility, roofing shingles, felt, paper, nails and related debris.

B. Tree trimming as necessary to facilitate the work to be performed and debris removal.

C. Replace roof according to following outlined specifications.

1. Install 30 lb. felt paper.
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3. Replace decking as required.
4. Replace valley-flashing as required.
5. Install new D-L roof edging.
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Reply to: Frances Conrad, Site Manager
Post Community Housing Assoc., Inc.
509 N. Ave. S
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(806) 495-2140 fax (806) 495-4901
Bonded contractor required. Work must conform to applicable local, state and federal codes.

Closing date for Proposal Consideration: June 30, 2000 5:00 P.M.

Bids on Storage Contents

South Broadway Storage will be accepting bids on contents of Space 20. Deadline, June 23, 2000. Mail all bids to P.O. Box 751, Post, Texas 79356.

Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

Wheeler Operating Corp., 6320 Southwest Blvd., Suite 100, Fort Worth, Texas 76109 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorieta formation, Post-Montgomery "20" lease, Well Number 6W, 7W & 8W. The proposed injection well is located 8 miles Northeast of Post in the Arlene (Glorieta) Field, in Hockley County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3450 to 3464 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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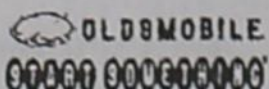
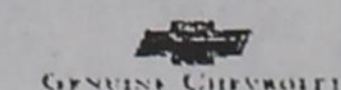
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In September of that year, a grand jury indicted Smith for Blodgett's murder based on an investigation by the local sheriff's department and state lawmen. In December 1996, Smith was found guilty of murder and received a life sentence.

During the murder trial, Smith was described as Blodgett's live-in boyfriend and was accused of having admitted to Blodgett's murder. A fellow inmate who served time with Smith after his forgery conviction testified that Smith told him of killing Blodgett, placing her body in a 55-gallon drum and burning it.

The 49-year-old Smith was found guilty of Blodgett's murder and was sentenced to life in prison. His conviction is currently being appealed.

Buddy Holly Center offers special exhibit

The Buddy Holly Center presents 16 Songs/Issues of Personal Assessment and Indigenous Renewal, an exhibition of artworks by Native American artist Hachivi Edgar Heap of Birds and 15 Australian Aboriginal artists.

The exhibition explores 16 word concepts conceived by Heap of Birds after participating in the Cheyenne Earth Renewal ceremonies held annually in Oklahoma during the summer solstice. The concepts — sky, earth, offering, patience, trees, strength, sing, new growth, green, four, awareness, resistance, solstice, for everyone, dance and water — were introduced by Heap of Birds to contemporary Aboriginal artists during his travels in Australia. The Aboriginal artists were invited by Heap of Birds to make artwork related to these themes and other cultural issues involving race relations, tribal sovereignty, the right of self-representation and the American/British custom of acquiring wealth.

Native American artist Edgar Heap of Birds, Oklahoma City, is an associate professor at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. His paintings, drawings and public artworks often use language to explore tribal identity and the fusion of white and native cultures. Common themes are the length of time that native/aboriginal cultures have co-existed with or fused with the white culture, and the sensitivities surrounding ethnic purity in both native and white cultures.

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4-Her's A Make Good Impression

I attended 4-H Leadership Camp with eight Garza County students. I was amazed how polite and kind all the 4-her's were, including our eight. The students were friendly towards one another, the staff, and the Extension agents in attendance. It was refreshing to see young people interacting with one another in a positive way. I was very impressed with all the 4-her's in attendance and I look forward to many more opportunities to work with the youth of Garza County.

Sara Wagner

"Historic" Algerita Hotel burned

I should think it's time the Trailblazers moved out of the Algerita Hotel. Almost a half a century ago, J.D. "Fuzzy" Windham and I stood across the street at the old "Day & Night Cafe" (the bus station) and watched the Algerita Hotel burn to the ground. We had rooms in that hotel.

Fuzzy lost a fifth of W.W. Weller. I lost a good fiddle. At that time, it was easier to get a good fiddle than a fifth of W.W. Weller in Post, TX.

We went to the Garza Hotel, located at 302 E. Main. There were no vacancies. We then went to the Amion Hotel and found rooms. The Amion Hotel was located above a corner grocery store (Graber's store) at 127 E. Main.

Doctors' office of Williams, Sherman and Tubbs were located on the lower floor of the Amion, on the back side on Avenue I. Graber's Corner Grocery was located on the lower floor in front of the Amion at 127 E. Main.

The only historical thing that occurred at 127 E. Main Street was when Mont Bridges killed Joe Levy in front of the American State Bank that was then located at 127 E. Main in the late '20s or early '30s. If anyone doubts my word, check the newspaper archives and the tax records of the city of Post and Garza County.

Today, west of the Algerita Hotel location there is a cute, little Algerita park. C. W. Post, as he surveyed the city of Post, had certain land reservations.

The Algerita Hotel was built on lot reservation #5, block 92. There were only two buildings on that land reservation: The Algerita Hotel and the Depot; because reservation #5 joined the railroad. Therefore, the Trailblazers can't be moving from the "historical Algerita hotel site" because their current location is not the actual site of the Algerita Hotel.

The attempt to identify a "historical location" where none exists is comparable to the current dilemma of the hospital district.

G.M. Chaffin

Maxine Earl is improving

There is hardly a way that I can express my thanks to all the people who have expressed concern and offered prayers for Maxine since her auto accident in Lubbock on March 29.

With her determination and your prayers, I think I can see some improvement each day. She has been in rehabilitation with good care at Golden Plains Care Center in Post for three weeks.

Maxine has shown more strength than a woman of her age and physical condition should have. She joins me in saying thanks to all of you who have sent get well wishes and expressions of concern. We could never reach all of you individually.

Lewis H. Earl

Exercise children's minds with summer reading

Are your kids looking forward to summer vacation? Great! But don't toss out those books and pencils yet — summer fun doesn't have to mean "dumber fun."

Exercising kids' brain muscles all summer brings big benefits in the fall. And not exercising them can mean a loss of hard-earned skills.

A wise parent of care giver can sneak a lot of learning into those lazy summer days. The good news is you don't need a lot of extra time or cash to give your kids a smarter summer. The trick is to make a game out of learning every day. Here are a few ideas:

- Challenge younger children to find letters of the alphabet on everyday items like street signs, cereal boxes or newspapers. By asking, "How many A's can you find?" you also exercise counting skills.

- Have an older child practice math by using grocery coupons to calculate the final price of items on your list. Challenge the child to guess the weight of produce before reading the scale, and to compute the correct change at the checkout.

- And daily reading, yes, even comic books, is good for your child's brain. A librarian can help your child select books on any topic — baseball or butterflies, horses or hurricanes. The secret is for the child to choose the subject, so that it doesn't feel like homework and he or she is truly reading for pleasure.

- Writing weekly letters to a pen pal or distant friend won't feel like schoolwork, especially if the contents are strictly private. And older kids won't care that crossword puzzles boost spelling and vocabulary if you make it a game while traveling or cooking dinner.

- Have kids "paint" their names with water on a hot sidewalk, then watch the letters disappear. To sneak in some science, have them guess how long it takes for wet footprints to evaporate, then time it. Challenge them to guess the melting time of ice cubes. Drop items in a pail of water to see if they sink or float. Have children record all guesses and results, and reward them with frozen treats.

- For more sly science fun, find two similar healthy plants. Have your child water one, but not the other, for a week or two. Observe daily. Make a leaf tattoo by gently clipping a small paper shape onto a large leaf. Remove the shape after a week. Discuss the results and have the child write it up to share the experiment with family members.

- Help your child make his or her own storybook. Make funny drawings, glue photos of family members onto silly magazine pictures. A younger child can dictate the story; older children can write it themselves. Let creativity rule.

City council

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With the opening of the new McDonald's restaurant on the corner of Main Street and Broadway later in the year, it has been suggested that the traffic flow in that area will be greatly impacted. The addition of turning signals on the traffic lights might help alleviate traffic flow problems, city officials said.

Other items handled by the council included:

- Appointments to the Community Center Board.
 - Mayoral council committee assignments.
 - Hearing several routine reports from the city manager.
- The council's next regular meeting is scheduled for July 11.

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Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash

Long-Term Care Coverage and Taxes

Now that premiums for long-term care insurance may be tax-deductible, more Americans are considering investing in this protection. But the deductions may not be worthwhile.

Current regulations divide the policies into tax-qualified and nonqualified. To get benefits from tax-qualified policies, the individual must be unable to perform at least two of the basic "activities of daily living" and a qualified health professional must certify that the conditions will continue at least 90 days.

But the maximum deduction—which may be low—is limited by the taxpayer's age and can be deducted as part of medical expenses only to the extent that they exceed 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income. Sometimes a nonqualified policy may have advantages.

Larger deductions would be available to business owners, the self-employed, even owners of S corporations, who all can deduct larger portions of their medical expenses.

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AGENDA:

1. The board will hear and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matters permitted by TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.
 - (1.) Real, Personal, Minerals & Utilities
Time: 9:00 A.M. until Noon
 - (2.) Certification of 2000 Appraisal Roll
 - (3.) Certification of Supplemental Records for 1999

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