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Post 9 & 10 Year Old Little League All Stars - (back row, left to right) manager Gary Blevins, Patrick Martinez, Jessie Vera, Timothy "Hollywood" Garza, Jeremy Short, Timothy Wilson, coach Mark Odum, (front row) Allen Heckaman, Timothy Crenshaw, Kameron Shumard, Tyler Odum, Sadler Hair and Jarrett Blevins. Not available for photo were coach Roger Jaquess and Giles Wilson Dalby.



Post 11 & 12 Year Old Little League All Stars - (back row, left to right) coach Rex Cash, Andrew Espinoza, Aaron Fox, Blake Nichols, coach Guin Miller, manager Greg Williams, (front row) Zachary Perez, Clint Chapman, Pat Reiter, Wilson Cash, D.J. Baeza and Eric Soto. Not available for photo were Coco Valdez, Andre Boyd, Colt Mason, Miles Gray and Eric Reyna.



Post Junior League All Stars - Angels team members and All Stars are (back row, left to right) coach Jeff Lott, Jay Cooper, Mark Norman, Coby Jones, Bryan Looney, Chris Hernandez, Mitchell Mills, Brody Conner, manager Leslie Looney, (front row) Patrick Gonzales, Joseph Espinoza, David Lee Rivera, Carlos Hernandez, Kyle Gunn and Mitch Holly. Not available for photo were coach Larry Mills and Jett Lott.



Post Senior League All Stars - Braves team members, also named as All Stars are (back row, left to right) coach Dan Nelson, Luis Zubia, Mark McCallister, Kenny Ratke Jr., Seth Redman, manager Randy McCallister, (front row) Cody Fox, Eric Soto, Jordan Nelson, Michael Huff and Brody Robertson. Not available for photo were John Eilenberger and Allen Bell.

GHD seeks to reclaim \$100,000 in grant funds

Officials with the Garza Hospital District are working to reclaim almost \$100,000 in state grant monies.

Earlier this month, the district received a letter from the Texas Department of Health, indicating the Primary Health Care Program grant the entity has received for five years would not be awarded to the hospital district in the 2001 fiscal year. The grant has boosted the district's budget by \$100,000 each year.

District administrator Gina Norman said a call to the TDH officials indicated the decision was final and had been based on a number of factors — "the demise of the hospital district," lack of community support and involvement and lack of participation on the part of patients.

But last week, hospital district officials learned the TDH has reconsidered and will allow the local entity to resubmit its grant application. Deadline for the application is July 31.

"I think we've got an equal shot at it," Norman said.

The Primary Health Care Program, which served individuals who don't qualify for Medicaid or

for indigent health care assistance, serves about 170 people through the Garza Hospital District.

Norman said TDH officials indicated that number needed to be higher.

"They want 300 in the program," she said, "and I think there's a lot of people out there that don't realize this program exists."

The program provides preventive health care opportunities (up to two physician visits per month); referral payments of up to \$50 each; prescription drugs, covering up to 100 percent of the cost, depending upon the income of the program participant; and, for income-qualified Medicare patients, the provision of up to three prescriptions per month.

Norman said the income guidelines are "very fair" and "flexible — I think they would encompass a large number of people in Garza County." She said she hopes more qualified individuals will come forward to take advantage of the

program and its offerings.

"Now that we've won the right to be reconsidered, we'll form a new advisory committee and make changes in the application to reapply for the grant," Norman said.

While she hopes for the best, Norman said she is already working on contingency plans in case the grant funds fall through.

"I'm looking at other grants to pick up these people," she said. "Without this funding... without these medications, some of these people could get acutely ill. Instead of being taken care of preventatively, they could become very sick and run up thousands of dollars worth of hospital bills.... In the end, what that may mean is that some people will make do without health care."

Anyone who believes they might be qualified for the program should call 495-2828. Anyone interested in participating in the advisory council is asked to contact Norman.

Post Notes

Trinity Baptist Church VBS

Vacation Bible School at Trinity Baptist Church will be held June 26 through June 30 at the church. Children ages pre-school through sixth grade are invited.

Help for the needy available

South Plains Community Action Association Inc. has announced its receipt of Enterp/Enterp Oil Over Charge funds to assist the needy in Garza County. The program provides assistance to eligible people experiencing an energy related crisis or energy related emergency. Priority will be given to eligible households with people 60 years or older and/or with handicapped people. This priority does not exclude other income eligible households. Apply at the office on S. Hwy 84 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Proof of income includes checks, check stubs, award letters, employer statements, other similar documents.

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.

Lady Lope basketball camp

The Lady Lope basketball camp will be held August 7-9 at the Post High School gymnasium. Girls entering the third through eighth grades are eligible to participate. Cost is \$20 per camper. Those interested in attending the camp should send in registration forms to Coach Daily by July 15 so t-shirts may be ordered. Form or information contact coach Christi Daily at 495-4178.

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.

PHS All-Class Reunion sets July 1-2 plans

Final preparations are under way for the Post High School All-Class Reunion, which will be held July 1-2.

Several activities are planned in conjunction with the reunion, including, on July 1 at 9 a.m., a welcome reception at the Post Community Center. At 8 p.m. that same day, the community center will be the site of a dance open to reunion participants.

On July 2 beginning at 1 p.m. at South Lake Park, a barbecue lunch will be served.

Numerous other activities will be taking place in Post that same weekend, according to Leslie Acker, one of the coordinators behind the reunion event.

As of Tuesday afternoon, more than 230 Post High School exes had registered to participate in the weekend's activities. Many of

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July 4 live broadcast from park

Post City Radio, operating on Classic Cable Channel 17 and on the Internet at www.postcityradio.com, will broadcast live from Post City Park on July 4, beginning at 4 p.m.

Live reports on the half hour from the park will feature Thomas Zachary at the microphone. The remote broadcast will continue until the fireworks show begins.

The Post City Radio booth will also feature taped popular music between live band performances. Old photographs from The Post Dispatch collection will also be available on a table, "first come, first served."

"We save up photos and negatives through the year," Post Dispatch publisher Wes Burnett said, "and we'd rather put these photos into the hands of people who want to save them." There is no charge for the old photographs.

Lori Hudman, Chad Marsh exchange wedding vows

In a 7 p.m. candlelight ceremony held June 17 in the First Christian Church, Lori Leigh Hudman became the bride of Chad Aaron Marsh with Pastor Jack Alexander leading the couple in pledging their double-ring wedding vows.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hudman of Post and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Marsh of Angleton. Honor attendants were the matron of honor, Mrs. Jana Mundine of Clyde, sister of the bride, and best man Brandon Marsh of Austin, the groom's brother.

The communion table was adorned with an arrangement of white gladiolas, mums and Queen Anne's lace. An arch candelabra and two brass pedestal candleholders held white candles to complete the altar decorations. Wrought iron sconces, which the couple had received as wedding gifts, decorated the brick wall of the church with additional white pedestal candles. Pew bows of navy and white marked the bridal aisle.

Guests were registered in the foyer of the church where a portrait of the bride welcomed their entry. A hand-embroidered cloth, created by the bride's grandmother, Wilma Landers, in the 1970s, covered the registry stand. The cloth helped carry out the bridal themes, serving as the traditional "something old." The bride's wedding gown was "something new," while her pearl earrings were borrowed from her sister-in-law, Lichele Hudman, as "something borrowed." "Something blue" was the bride's sapphire ring, which had been given to her by the groom.

Escorted by her father, the bride was attired in a formal gown of imported satin. Beaded lace accented her sweetheart neckline, bodice and long applied sleeves. The gown also featured beaded lace around the hemline and cathedral length train. The bride wore a veil of pencil-edged illusion, which was attached to her beaded headpiece. She wore white satin heels and a penny in her shoe and carried a bouquet of daisies.

Bridal attendants were Shana Bynum of San Angelo, Delaine Castner of Coleman and Beth Murray of Amarillo. They wore long navy dresses designed by Alfred Angelo. The dresses featured sweetheart necklines, short cap sleeves and bows tied at the back waist. The satin skirts were covered with navy chiffon overskirts. Each attendant carried a bouquet of mixed flowers.

Groomsmen were Brandon Palmer of Bryan, Brian Garrett of Lake Jackson and Paul Casey of Bullard. Ushers were Richard Hudman of Post, brother of the bride, and John Mundine of Clyde, brother-in-law of the bride.

The bridegroom was attired in a black formal tuxedo with white shirt and black tie and vest. Groomsmen wore matching black tuxedos with paisley blue and black vests and ties. All members of the bridegroom's party wore white rose boutonnieres.

Margie Maestas of Post provided organ selections for the ceremony.

Members of the house party included Margie Maestas, Sue Covert, Earline Bagby, Gwen Marrier, Lichele Hudman, Jana Mundine, Cindy Mitchell and Gayle Holder.

Grandparents of the newlyweds are Iva Hudman of Post, P.K. and Margaret Landers of Sweetwater, Ina Mae Marsh of Glen Rose and O.E. and Irene Dexter of Pasadena.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Hotel Garza June 16. Salads and casseroles were enjoyed by the attendants and families.

A backyard party at the bride's parents' home was held as a reception for the wedding. Babb's Barbeque catered the meal next to an original chuckwagon owned by Jimmy Redman of Post. Guests were seated at tables set up amid a navy and white theme accented with mini sparkle lights draped along the yard fence.

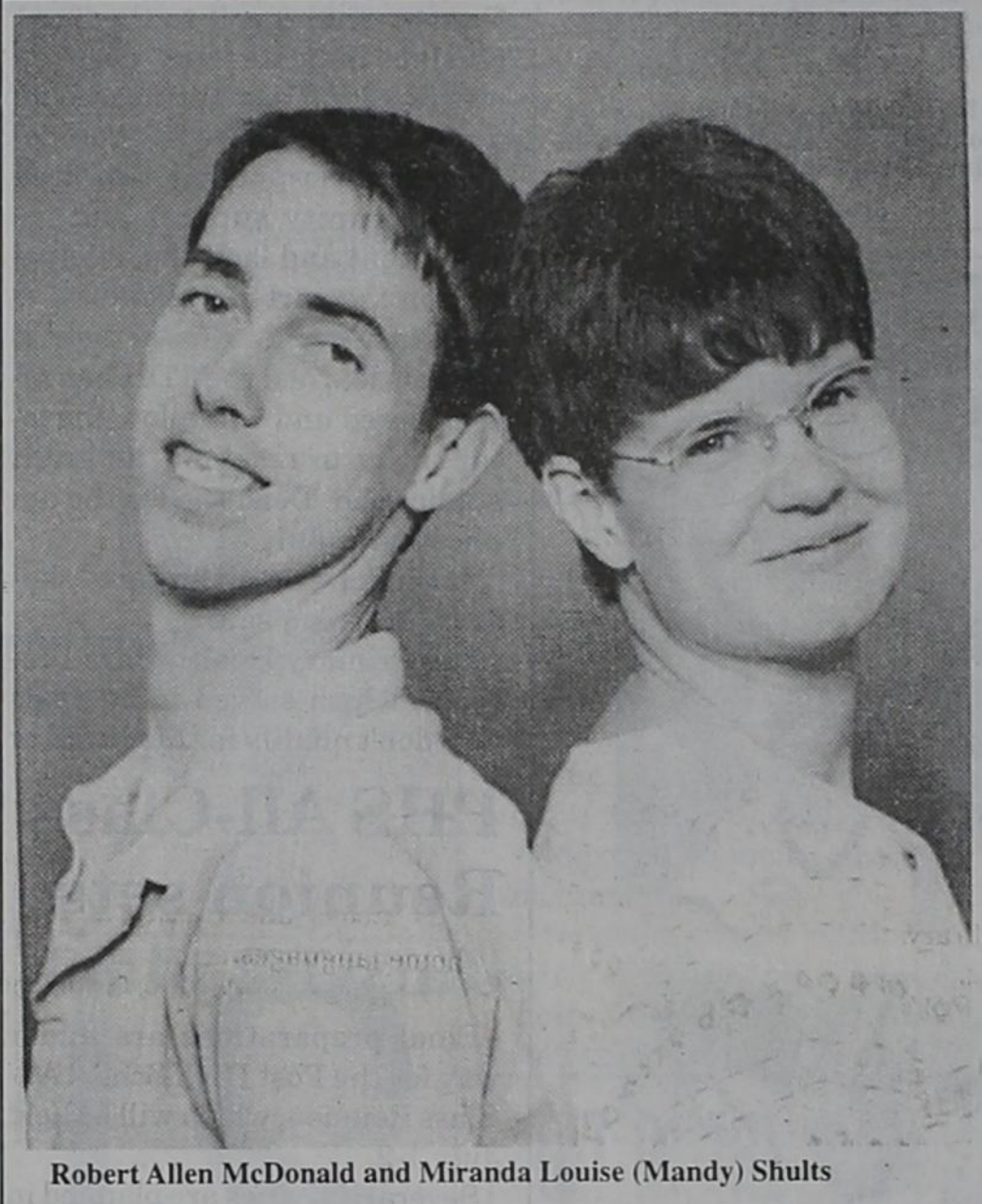
The bride's table held a three-tiered, scrolled wedding cake, punch, mints, a bridal portrait and an engraved wedding candle. The groom's table held a round chocolate cake with chocolate-covered strawberries, coffee, nuts and another decorated wedding cake.

The yard tables were topped with colored tin cans and barbed wire candleholders filled with scented candles.

Following a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Bryan where they are both students at Texas A&M University.



Mrs Chad Marsh



Robert Allen McDonald and Miranda Louise (Mandy) Shults

Shults, McDonald wedding set

John and Dretha Shults of Post have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miranda Louise, to Robert Allen McDonald of Fort Worth, son of David and Doris McDonald of Keller. The bride-elect received a Child Day Care Degree from the ICS Program.

Her fiancé received his doctorate from Baylor University in 1991 and is employed as an engineer in Fort Worth. The couple will exchange wedding vows on July 22, 2000, at 1 p.m. in the Shadow Hills Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Call Judy's Jabberin with your "jabberin" 495-2816

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush



What about this crazy weather. Hot one day, cool the next, windy, windy, windy, oh well, we received rain what more can we ask the Good Lord for? We love West Texas huh?

Class Reunion

DON'T FORGET!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Day at the Park

Don't forget the 4th celebration at the park. Rodney, Michelle and many others will be working hard to make it a great day.

If by chance you are interested in having a booth, call Michelle. If not, go on down and join the fun.

Things Only A Mom Can Teach

- My Mother taught me about ANTICIPATION
"Just wait till we get home."
- My Mother taught me about RECEIVING
"You are going to get it when we get home"
- My Mother taught me LOGIC
"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going into the store with me."
- My Mother taught me to MEDICAL SCIENCE
"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, the are going to freeze that way."
- My Mother taught me HUMOR
"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- And my all time favorite, JUSTICE
"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you...then you'll see what it's like."

Just a Note

This week at our Commerce and Tourism meeting the board members were treated to the video produced by Terry McCullough of McCullough Productions of Fort Worth. It is designed to promote Cultural and Heritage Tourism throughout Texas and is sponsored by Texas Travel Industries Association, Commerce on the Arts, Texas Department of Commerce and Tourism Division and The Texas Historical Commission. The tape, titled "Uniquely Texas" will have a first time distribution of 8000 to different travel industries.

Now altho there are many towns shown in flashes throughout the tape, there are only 5 featured towns or cities out of Texas as a whole. These towns are, Fort Worth, Galveston, San Antonio, Hidalgo and Post!

This is a great honor for Post and it was something to see us featured with these cities. Wanda is working on getting copies of the tape and hopefully it will be made available on channel 31 so that everyone may see it. I'll let you know.

We also completed plans to begin work on the depot this month.

Ray Home Visits

Melody Ray enjoyed a visit from her son, Donnie Hall of Casper, Wy. and grandson Austin Sellers of Greeley, Colorado recently.

Also over the weekend Janet and Jerry Ray, Sandra and Russell Benham and boys, Michael and Tammy Self and Justin of Petersburg and R.C. Ray dropped in.

Claborn Clan

Well I hear the Claborn Clan gathered on Saturday for their reunion. It was held at Citizens Bank Room.

Those attending: Patsy and Priscilla Mayhar, Evelyn Hamilton all of Odessa, Tommy and Nina Baker, Colorado City; J.R. Williams, Rebecca and Asa Hipp of Dallas; Marie Anderson, Roswell, N.M.; Gene and Mary Lee Claborn, Post; Peggy Claborn, Debbie Freedman, Norma Freedman and Leo Freedman all of Springfield, Ill.; Don and Linda Claborn, Renee Claborn, Billy Baker, Belinda Baker, Oscar, Lisa, Douglas, Jonathon and Ed Mendorf all of Lubbock. They had a great turnout and I bet they all had a great time too!

Birthdays this Week

Friday, June 23; Sandy Rodriguez, Dustin Poe, Rosanna Orona and Joe Gregory; Anniversaries, Billy and Shanda Kelso, Bobby and Nita Jo Heckaman and Joe and Staci Marts : Saturday, June 24; Justis

Smith, Mariana, Kayla Bland, Steven Quisenberry, Keylin Merritt, Haley Poe, Ricky Quinonez, Jr. and Bradley Benham. Anniversary, Bryan and Francesca Davies. Sunday, June 25, Yolanda Agnew, Tina Armstrong, Alma Williams, Quinton Yarbro, Clinton Yarbro, Jamie cooper, Terri Reed and Amy James: Monday, June 26, Socorro Storie Eva Gonzales and Ricky Quinonez, Sr.; Anniversaries, Kurt and D'Linda Chapman, Joe and Hope Salad and Gary and Jaquita Blevins: Tuesday, June 27, Bil Hedrick, Kris Hernandez, Adri'Anna Eustace, Leah Tackitt, Joe Sanchez, Kris, Debbie Martin and Jill Davis: Wednesday, June 28, Irene Celaya, Sue Maxey, Stan Everette, Tallen Burns, Bobby Robinson, Bud Jarrett, Jr. and Larry Don Paul: Thursday, June 29, Mike Babb, Karen Nichols and Rebecca Hubble.

A three-year-old boy went with his dad to see a liter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, There were 2 boy kittens and 2 girl kittens." How did you know", his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it's printed on the bottom."

Guthrie Reunion

Edna Bilberry came in Monday with news of the Guthrie Family Reunion held at Belton Dam on Saturday 17.

They had a big turnout and Edna reports that everyone had a great time.

Those attending: Edna Bilberry, Johni & Marisa Huffman, C.J., Michelle and Dillon Bilberry all of Post. David, Judy, Tressie and little David, Alisha and David Graves and Ann Marie Ezell all of Snyder; Lizz Shankles, Lelan, Shawn and Kirsten of Hermileigh, Don Gurrero and M-Kieson and, Bobby Saldivar and Dawn of Lubbock, John and Sandra, and Matthew of Jacksonville, Ark. (formally of England); 12 children of Raymond Guthrie from Belton and Temple and John Lonzo Guthrie and wife Mary Jane of Temple; Brandy Pettet of Fort Hood.

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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Kennedy family celebrates reunion

The family of B.W. (Doc) and Lela Kennedy met for their 15th family reunion on June 10-11 at Jack Kennedy's ranch.

We were joined by our cousins from the L.P. Kennedy Sr. family and the G.S. Kennedy family.

Thursday and Friday the men worked cattle, but the 10th and 11th were fun days, visiting and playing games. On Saturday night, a raffle was held to auction off crafts brought by each one. Money raised from the raffle is used for expenses for the next reunion. Sunday morning was church services, and we enjoyed a short devotional and specials by Caillin Walker and Sheli Reddix.

The barn where we meet was decorated by Karla and Gary, and the theme was western and it was very attractively done.

Those attending were Dick and Celia Kennedy, Clifton, Jay Connie, Taryn and Tate Kennedy, Big Spring; Donny, Phyllis and Caitlin Walker, Midland; Gary, Karla and Chase Richardson, Panhandle; Louann Kennedy, Fort Worth; Karen, Amanda

Reeves and Bryce Young, Austin; John Bill Hedrick, Hawley; Shawn Henderson, Denton; Randy, Jana, Jason, Jerod, Joray Kennedy, Shallowater; Butch and Pamela Cross, Mansfield; and Eddie and Judy Stephens, Arnold, Calif.

Also, Dolores Galabic, Sunnydale, Calif; Erik Galabic, Prescott, Ariz.; Nick Galabic, Scotts Valley, Calif; Bill and Donna Pass, Richardson, Pat, Sheli, Zachary, Jacob Reddix, Wylie; and Derik, Talia, Kaylee and McKenzie Short, Richardson.

Also, Delma and Wynona (Kennedy) Gossett, Lubbock; Layne Taylor, Lubbock; John, Diana and JayeDee Gossett, Lubbock; Kenneth and Judy Kennedy and Maverick, Anson; and Bill Hedrick, Jo Henderson, Jack Kennedy, Gene and Wynonne Kennedy, Bill and Willie McBride, Post.

Our guests were Christy Morris, Natalie Hubbard, Fort Worth; Katherine (Kat) Roper, Clifton; Wanda Meeks, San Angelo; Luke Bettinizz, Kerrville; and Katherine Johnson, Ricky and Judy Bush, Post.



The Kennedy family at the recent reunion were (back row, left to right) Chase, Gary and Karla Richardson, Butch Cross, Randy Kennedy, Donny Walker, Eddie Stephens, Kenneth Kennedy, John Gossett, Wynona Gossett, John Bill Hedrick, Bill McBride, Louann Kennedy, Wynonne Kennedy, Connie Kennedy, (second row from back) Pamela Cross, Jana Kennedy, Phyllis Walker, Willie McBride, Judy Kennedy, Maverick, Diana Gossett, Layne Taylor, Joyce Dees, (third row from back) Talia and Derik Short, Dolores, Golobic, Judy Stephens, Bill and Donna Pass, Jack Kennedy, Bill Hedrick, Jo Henderson, Amanda Reeves, Karen Reeves and Bryce, Gene Kennedy, (front row) Jorey, Jerod and Jason Kennedy, Erik and Nick Golobic, Kaylee and McKenzie Short, Caitlin Walker, Taryn Kennedy, Zachary, Jacob, Pat and Sheli Reddix. (Photo by Judy Bush)

SPC 2nd summer registration

July 10 is registration date for second summer term classes on both the South Plains College Levelland campus and the SPC Reese Center campus in Lubbock.

Enrollment times are 3-6 p.m. in the Women's Gym on the Levelland campus, and 3-6 p.m. in the Administrative Offices, Building 1, on the SPC Reese Center campus.

The SPC Reese Center campus, an educational extension center located at 9730 Reese Blvd. in Lubbock, offers freshman and sophomore college-level courses in academic transfer and selected technical areas during the late afternoon and evening hours. SPC Levelland, located at 1401 S. College Avenue in Levelland, is a comprehensive two-year community college which offers a wide variety of academic transfer and technical courses.

Late registration is July 11-12.

Classes begin July 11 at both locations, and final exams are scheduled Aug. 10.

SPC Lubbock offers one summer session, now underway.

To obtain a summer 2000 class schedule or find out more information, log on to the college web site at www.spc.cc.tx.us or phone SPC at 894-9611, ext. 2374 or 2375 or the SPC Reese Center campus at 885-3048, ext. 2902.

Luncheon honors Lori Hudman

A bridesmaids' luncheon honoring Lori Hudman was held at 11:30 a.m. June 17 in the parlor of the First Christian Church.

Honored guests included Julie Hudman and Glenda Marsh, mothers of the wedding couple, as well as grandmothers Iva Hudman, Margaret Landers and Ina Mae Marsh.

Tables were set with ecru cloths and napkins with the bride's chosen colors — maroon, navy and hunter green. Decorated baskets filled with muffins served as centerpieces.

Chicken salad, marinated carrots, fruit salad and layered dessert were served to guests Jana Mundine, Beth Murray, Delaine Castner, Shana Bynum, Gwen Marrier, Lichelle Hudman and Irene Dexter, and Billie Aldridge.

Hostesses were Ruby Kirkpatrick, Wanda Cox, Margie Maestas, Edna Owen, Sue Calvert, Barbara Hardin and Janie Davis.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a pewter tray.

Books, reading great summer fun

Imagine entering a plain brick building on a lovely summer day. You pass a dozen parked strollers and hear the giddy laughter of babies. To your right, toys are strewn on a soft carpet where mothers and toddlers play. Young voices sing "Four and 20 Blackbirds" with gusto.

At computers to your left, three boys work on their own online sports magazine. Two girls solve the design problems of a machine they created. An instructor guides some parents through the Web, in Spanish.

In a corner, care givers are coached on reading aloud "The Three Bears" with dramatic flair. Small children color the alphabet while their mothers learn about childhood nutrition. A woman arranges to send a Story Van to a housing project for a cultural festival.

In a meeting room, a half-dozen teachers learn how to make better use of the Internet. In an adjacent room, a toddler with frequent ear infections is tested for speech delay. And, oh yes, you see books. Lots and lots of books.

What is this place, you ask? An expensive child care center? A private computer school? A bilingual community center?

No, it's the local branch of a public library.

Gordon gets band award

Jenny Beth Gordon was recently named Outstanding Musician and Outstanding Brass Player at the band camp at Levelland.

Gordon plays the tuba. She is the daughter of Jack and Mary Ann Gordon of Slaton and the granddaughter of Lorene Gordon and Jim and Bessie Strawn, all of Post.

PHS reunion

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those were respondents to the more than 2,000 letters mailed out in March and April, Acker said.

Registration will continue right up until activities begin July 1, and registration may be completed at the 9 a.m. community center reception. The reunion is open to anyone who attended PHS. Cost for reunion participation is \$20 per person.

Anyone interested in registering should go by Acker's office.

Additional information about the reunion, including a list of registrants planning to participate, is scheduled to be published in next week's edition of The Post Dispatch.

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Tax 'n Facts by Terri Cash

New Pension Option For Smaller Firms

The 401 (k) seems to have become the nation's favorite pension system. It has brought millions of dollars into the stock market and other investments and turned ordinary working folk into rich capitalists. Trouble is, it takes a lot of expensive management to make the system work. Large companies can spread out the cost over hundreds or thousands of employees; small firms can't.

A low-cost alternative has been introduced by one financial institution (Fidelity) for companies with 20 to 80 employees, and more providers are expected to follow.

The new plan runs online only: employers enroll their workers and participants to manage their accounts entirely over the Internet. Each plan offers 25 preselected no-load funds, and there are a limited number of employer-matching formulas available. Cutting down on human interaction cuts costs tremendously; some small firms pay less than \$3,000 a year.

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Obituaries

Phyllis Jean McWhorter

Services for Phyllis Jean McWhorter, 72, of Post were at 3 p.m. Monday, June 19, 2000, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Buddy Payne officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. She died June 18 at Golden Plains Care Center.

Born Feb. 19, 1928, in Coquille, Oregon, she had worked at the Postex Cotton Mill. Survivors include two daughters, Connie Jones and Dana Holly, both of Post; one son, Ken McWhorter of Wolforth; four grandchildren, Brent Jones of Lubbock and Trey Jones, Rachelle Jones and Jenny Jones, all of Post; and four great-grandchildren, Alisha Jones, Ty Jones, Jessica Jones and Jesse James Jones.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Vista Care Hospice of VFV Ladies Auxiliary.

Clarence N. Hancock

Services for Clarence Nugent Hancock were held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 19, 2000, at Ellis Funeral Home with Dr. Steve Tims of Wilshire Park Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in the Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery.

He died Thursday, June 15, at a Midland hospital. Born July 12, 1904, in Erath County to Lewis Perry and Almada (Young) Hancock, he married Nennie Myrtle Nash in Post May 23, 1930. They moved to Midland in 1944 where he was a mail carrier on the Star Route from 1944-1947. He owned and operated Hancock Second Hand Store until retiring in 1965. He was a member of the Cuthbert Avenue Baptist Church and the Midland County Sheriff's Posse.

Survivors include his sister, Leta Davies of Midland; several nieces and nephews, LaRue Jones of Levelland, El Wanda Culvahouse of Midland, Charles Hancock of Hurst, Calvin Hancock of Midland and Kenneth Hancock of Ada, Okla.; his sister-in-law, Jewel Hancock of Midland; and a godchild, Shelley Marshall of Dallas.

He was preceded in death by his wife in June 1999; by his sisters, Talene Hancock and Ollie Stevens; and by his brothers, Clan and Lloyd Hancock. The family has suggested memorials be made to the Children's Miracle Network.

Edmond Presley Gill

Services for Edmond Presley Gill, 88, of Post were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, 2000, in the Church of Christ with Paul Jones officiating. Burial was in the Tilton Cemetery in Baytown at 11 a.m. Wednesday under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

He died June 17. Born July 10, 1911, in Dayton to Edmond Presley Gill and Mary Ellen Scott, he was a refinery worker for Exxon. He married Charlene Gill Aug. 25, 1937, in Baytown. She preceded him in death May 15, 1995. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Evelyn Hilton of Bangs and Susan Radle of Post; grandchildren Steven Hilton of Kansas City, Suzanne Cofresi of Bangs, Kristi Howard of Lubbock, Michael Radle of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., David Hilton of Fort Worth, John Radle of Post and great-grandchildren Trent Cofresi and Josh Cofresi of Bangs and Beau Howard of Lubbock.



Garza County earns safety award

Garza County has been awarded a 1999 Safety Award by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC), which administers a Workers' Compensation self-insurance pool for counties and other local governments.

The award was presented to Garza County May 10 at the TAC's annual County Management Institute in Austin.

The award was earned for the County's record of involvement and commitment to safety in the workplace, as well as for controlling their Worker's Compensation claims.

The honor means that Garza County, which participates in the counties' pool through TAC, is obtaining substantial savings for taxpayers as a result of their TAC

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- Recent loss history; and
- Improvement in the safety program since 1998.

Deputies arrest six last week

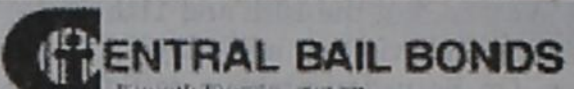
Six arrests were recorded on the books at the Garza County Jail during the past week, according to reports from the sheriff's department.

On June 14, two arrests were made, including that of a 28-year-old male on a warrant and a 19-year-old male on charges of driving while license suspended.

Two arrests were made June 15 as well, including that of a 30-year-old male for DWI and a 63-year-old male on a warrant.

A 21-year-old man was picked up June 16 on a traffic charge. A 25-year-old man was jailed June 17 for driving while license suspended.

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Dangerous organism

This is my attempt at writing a more serious piece of journalism. Bear with me.

There exists an organism on the South Plains that is responsible for many deaths each year. Statistics are kept by the local and state authorities on specifically how many victims there are annually, but they largely go unnoticed by the community.

The organism exists in a symbiotic relationship within a host that by itself is quite harmless. In its natural uninhabited state the host is docile and is feared by no one. However, once inhabited by the organism, it becomes a deadly, powerful entity that can be unforgiving and merciless when it's wrath is encountered. Pity the poor individual who tries to tame or domesticate the beast, which can be punished time and time again for the havoc it sows upon the countryside, and yet continue to kill and maim.

It must also be noted that the organism itself is considered generally harmless. It may occasionally cause great harm on its own, but generally coexists with other flora and fauna in peace.

The great tragedy here is that everyone knows about this killer and yet a certain level of apathy exists. When one hears of a death by this means it is noted but soon forgotten, unless the victim is known to them, perhaps a brother, or a friend. Only then does the pointlessness of it all really strike home.

If this was a new virus that killed twenty or thirty people a year in a city the size of Lubbock, marches on the capitol would be organized. Telethons would air and millions of dollars would be spent to find a treatment or cure. And yet our little symbiotic killer continues to ply its trauma daily.

This organism that I am writing of is no germ, friends. It is us. Homo Sapiens. When we get into our big shiny automobiles and hurtle down the road with more power at our command than we probably ever have in our daily lives, we become statistics waiting to be counted.

We do things we would never do as mere human beings. I don't see many folks at the mall cutting in front of me in line, speeding to get there just before I do. Not too many folks wave that peculiar wave of the angry driver as they pass me on the sidewalk going to church.

It is up to us, each one of us individually, to begin to take responsibility for this tragic problem. I have to quit pushing the limit on the amber lights. Me, big shot doctor! I have to learn to go ahead and stop before the thing has been red for five seconds. Me! I have to show my kids that I stop when the light turns amber, not red. Myself! I have to drive the speed limit. Just because I got started late to work doesn't mean I have the right to put you in harms way as I turn my car into a time machine hurtling through space trying to make a ten minute drive in under five. It's all on me. The police can't make me do it. Only me.

Thanks for spending this time with me.
Winston Whitt, M.D.

Opinions

IN REMEMBRANCE



And thereafter, trading things

by Walter E. Williams

With the recent demonstrations against international trade in Windsor, Canada, and Washington, D.C., not to mention the violent protests in Seattle, one might get the impression that trade — particularly trade imbalances or deficits — are evil.

Let's look at it. I go to my grocer and buy \$100 worth of merchandise from him. Should I or anyone else be upset? You say: "What's the beef, Williams? People do that every day!" Yes, but can't you see there's a trade imbalance?

I buy more from my grocer than he buys from me. That's just as bad as the Japanese. Americans buy more from the Japanese than they buy from us. Shouldn't Congress step in to do something about the Williams/grocer trade imbalance?

Actually, there's no more of a trade imbalance between my grocer and me than there is between the citizens of Japan and U.S. citizens. Here's the story about my grocer and me. Prior to entering his store, there was \$100 in my capital account (money) and zero in my current account (goods).

After the grocery purchase, my capital account fell by \$100, but my current account rose by \$100. My account is balanced. What happened to the grocer's accounts? When he sold me the groceries, his capital account rose \$100 and his current account fell by \$100. His account is also balanced.

Here's a question for you. Would the essentials of this transaction be any different if, instead of making purchases from the grocer down the street, I made purchases from a grocer across town? What about in another county, another state or another country?

Your answer ought to be: There'd be no trade imbalance no matter where transactions are made. Why do people trade anyway? The only answer has to be: both parties to any voluntary exchange benefit. I value the \$100 worth of groceries more than keeping the \$100 in my pocket.



Similarly, the grocer values getting the \$100 more than keeping the groceries. But if everyone gains from trade, how come tariffs, quotas and embargoes and other trade barriers are erected? The simple answer is that trade barriers permit the few to gain advantages at the expense of the many.

For example, my grocer and his employees might want higher profits and wages. They might create a political action committee to lobby and make campaign contributions to Pennsylvania legislators in an effort to get restrictions against Pennsylvanians shopping for groceries in New Jersey and a ban on New Jersey grocery imports.

That way, Pennsylvania grocers could charge higher prices, allowing them and their employees to earn higher profit and wages. Clearly, they would benefit. Pennsylvania grocery shoppers would lose. Politically, the grocery lobby couldn't get away with those restrictions if they made their true agenda known.

They'd have to conjure up something for public consumption. They might sponsor advertisements saying things like: "New Jersey's human rights record is despicable. Look at how they treat their children and pets. They don't enforce seatbelt laws."

Their senior citizens have to choose between food and having prescriptions filled. Plus, we just want a level playing field." Any excuse for the restrictions will do except one: We want to prevent New Jersey groceries from coming into Pennsylvania so we can charge higher prices and earn greater profits and higher wages.

Rarely, and understandably so, do we see coalitions of consumers lobbying for trade restrictions and against lower prices. If the political jurisdictions such as Pennsylvania and New Jersey used in my example were changed to Japan, England, Russia and, yes, China, the essentials of the argument wouldn't change one iota.

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Hose out the ant farm

by Vin Suprynowicz

The federal Department of Education, which disposes of a budget of more than \$32 billion and manages billions more in student loans, has paid grant winners twice and forgiven loans to fraudulent borrowers, federal officials discovered last month. This year, the agency sent duplicate checks to contractors and grantees totaling about \$150 million.

For good measure, the investigators also uncovered a \$1 million "employee theft ring" dealing in stolen equipment and falsely reported overtime, The Associated Press reports.

And that probe wasn't even a thorough audit by the General Accounting Office — a sensible step finally proposed by Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., and OK'd by the House Tuesday on a lopsided vote of 383-19.

That new probe is likely to focus on student loans; will examine all transactions instead of a small sample; and will check documents for forgeries, rather than "just accepting documentation at face value," says Gloria Jarmon, who handles education matters for the GAO.

Only Democrats opposed the Hoekstra bill, presumably at the behest of DOE officials who said a special probe is not warranted because its internal auditors have already cooperated with the FBI. "It is our position that the inspector general, whenever there is any question raised of wrongdoing or fraud, has thoroughly and promptly investigated," said Erica Lepping, spokeswoman for Education Secretary Richard Riley.

This despite the fact that independent auditors hired by the department to review the DOE's Fiscal Year '98 records concluded they "could not offer an opinion on the agency's accounting" — a polite accountant way of saying the books are such a mess no one can make head nor tail of them.

For once, in this case, the Democrats and their incompetent Education secretary are correct. A GAO audit of the Department of Education is not necessary, and is unlikely to do much good.

Why? Because the very process of an audit assumes there is some correct and constitutional way for the DOE to spend that \$32 billion a year, when in fact one may search Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution to the point of exhaustion without finding any delegated power for the federal congress to meddle in the schooling of the nation's youth — clearly a matter for the states or for the people in their private capacity as parents, under the unambiguous terms of the 10th Amendment.

The republic got along just fine — in fact, the average high school graduate was far better educated than today's — for nearly two centuries without any federal "Department of Education." George Washington had none; Abe Lincoln had none; even Lyndon Baines Johnson didn't see a need for one.

Yes, education is important. So is sunlight. Do we therefore need a Federal Department of Sunlight?

The Department of Education, created 25 years ago as a patronage hand-out to the teachers unions by a grateful Jimmy Carter, has never educated a single child. It operates no schools. It has never instituted a single innovation to make local education in America cheaper or more effective.

Quite the opposite, in fact — it has done little but inundate our local school districts in a blizzard of federal paper, requiring them to enlist massive new cadres of overpriced bureaucrats who never set foot in a classroom, who do nothing but shove up the federal paperwork and mail it back to Washington, either proving their "compliance," or seeking waivers from mandates of "compliance," or simply enclosing checks to pay our fines for "noncompliance."

Oh, happy days. Ronald Reagan, who at least talked like a constitutionalist, promised repeatedly to "zero out," to eliminate, to close the DOE. The excuse for the GOP's failure to do so in the '80s was always that a Democratic congress controlled the purse strings.

Then, aiming to capture Congress from the Democrats in 1994, the GOP again promised to shut down the DOE — and won election on the strength of that promise, as well as a similar promise to roll back federal gun control (score to date on the two promises: zero).

Well, the GOP controls both houses of Congress now, while the White House is occupied by a disgraced and discredited lying lecher.

When does the Republican Party think there will be a better time to pass legislation ordering the immediate closure of the federal Department of Education, with its current functions to be taken up by no one at all; the sum total of its authorizing legislation to be summarily repealed; its offices to be vacated and offered up for sale or lease to private parties no later than Jan. 20 of the year 2001?

Let them do so now, and if Bill Clinton chooses to veto such eminently sensible and constitutionally required legislation, then let President Bush sign it as his first act in office next year.

Why wait another day? Vin Suprynowicz is assistant editorial page editor of the Las Vegas Review-Journal. His book, "Send in the Waco Killers: Essays on the Freedom Movement, 1993-1998," is available by dialing 1-800-244-2224; or via web site <http://www.thespiritof76.com/wacokillers.html>.

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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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State of Texas lies to its people

"The State of Texas" is a liar, according to a book penned by Daniel Lee Schinzing of Cleburne.

The book is a compilation of approximately 75 different lies the state government, along with city and county governments, tell on a daily basis, according to Schinzing.

"The main reason they get by with this is because few citizens ever demand to read a copy of the law that backs up what some government official says the law says," Schinzing said in a press release introducing his book.

Schinzing was leasing an office in Arlington when two men from the state comptroller's office walked in and "demanded" to see his books and records. Schinzing countered their demands with one of his own — he wanted to see a copy of the law giving them authority to make such a demand. He told them he would study the law and get back to them.

Schinzing studied the law and said he determined the state only had the authority to review the books and records of foreign corporations. This, in turn, led him to discover the Texas sales tax is an occupation tax — not a sales tax — and only foreign corporations are required to pay. He said he figures that 80 percent of the sales tax is collected fraudulently.

About that same time, Schinzing was asked by the Texas Employment Commission to pay an unemployment tax. After studying that law, he said he learned "The State of Texas" was lying about that one also, as it only applied to companies involved in interstate commerce."

Schinzing followed up by researching the history of other state laws and said he found that many of these regulations "do not say what they say the law says." His research of the history of traffic laws documents that a "personal automobile" is not a "motor vehicle," except in a few circumstances such as taxis, limos, delivery vehicles, etc. In other words, Schinzing said a motor vehicle is one in which a person is attempting to operate a business upon the streets and highways, "so billions of dollars are 'extorted' from citizens yearly with misapplied vehicle and traffic laws."

"The State of Texas" lies so much that most people have just come to accept it by paying any fee or fine some government official says to pay just to keep from being hassled," the press release said. "And the lies and fraud are rampant at all levels of government."

Schinzing maintains that cities "lie about property tax, traffic tickets and 'cash register justice' in municipal courts, among other lies. The counties lie big time, about the property tax, auto registration and the auto sales tax."

"This book is not only important for Texans to read, but also people from other states can use this unique book to understand how to read the laws of their own state, as most state laws read basically the same," the press release said. "For people who knew the government was lying to them, but were unable to document just how they were lying, this book will be the starting point or at least a continuation of their search for the truth."

For more information on the various chapters of Schinzing's book, visit the web site at www.texasaliam.com.

Jefferson on perpetual debt

"...And to preserve their independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. We must make our election between economy and liberty or profusion and servitude. If we run into such debts as that we must be taxed in our meat and in our drink, in our necessities and our comforts, in our labors and our amusements, for our callings and our creeds, as the people of England are, our people, like them, must come to labor sixteen hours in the twenty-four, and give the earnings of fifteen of these to the government for their debts and daily expenses; and the sixteenth being insufficient to afford us bread, we must live, as they now do, on oatmeal and potatoes; have not time to think, no means of calling the mismanager's to account; but be glad to obtain subsistence by hiring ourselves to rivet their chains on the necks of our fellow sufferers..."

(Thomas Jefferson) THE MAKING OF AMERICA, p. 395 Blessings of Abundance and Health in all things Good.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Sara Wagner, CEA-FCS

Children and head injuries

Since it's Summer, children are out running a muck. Riding bikes, swimming, roller blading, and other childhood Summer activities are fun, but run a high risk for head injury, especially with little ones. More than one million children in the United States will sustain mild to severe brain injuries this year, of that one million, 30,000 will have injuries that result in permanent disabilities. Although the scalp and skull protect the brain, when a child receives a severe blow to the head, the brain shakes. This shaking causes bruises on the surface of the brain, tears nerves, and tears blood vessels. When the actual brain is injured it is irreversible, therefore, prevention is the only cure. The following are a few preventive measures that can be taken to protect your child from a head injury:



- Always wear a helmet when biking.
- Make sure children have a safe area in which to play.
- Provide adequate supervision for children of any age.
- Use appropriate safety equipment (such as helmets and seat belts) when involved in activities that could result in head injury.

Unfortunately, no matter the preventative, there will be a child who experiences a head injury. There are two types of head injuries, external and internal. External injuries include "goose eggs," cuts, and scrapes on the scalp. This type of injury usually causes a lot of alarm due to the profuse bleeding that occurs. Since the scalp is rich in blood vessels any cut will bleed abundantly and bumps can swell to be very large. If the child has sustained an external injury and is acting normally, apply an ice pack wrapped in a cloth gently to the swollen area.

Internal injuries are much more severe and the symptoms are much worse. If the child can't speak or see properly, falls unconscious, or has blood in the nose or ears, seek medical attention immediately. Other signs are a slow or irregular pulse or unequal size pupils. If the child cannot move, it is very important not to move them, this could result in paralysis. Wait until help arrives and let the professionals handle it.

Whether the child has sustained an external or internal head injury, monitor your child's behavior closely in the days following the injury and look for any of the symptoms outlined above, as they may show up later.

This may require waking your child periodically during the night to check for level of consciousness, normalness of breath and skin color, and if arms and legs are resting. Follow your instincts. If something doesn't appear to be normal, call a doctor, ambulance, or take your child to the emergency room.

It's better to be safe than sorry!



Garza County 4-H'ers and agents attending Leadership Camp at South Plains College in Levelland recently were (back row, left to right) Sara Wagner, CEA-FCS, Heath Fellhauer, K'Neil Dalby, Allison Blevins, Cora Crane, Greg Jones, CEA-AG, (front row) Allen Heckaman, Kadie Vernon, Josie Whisenhunt and Dionn Heckaman. (Photo courtesy Garza County Extension Service office)

Domestic Ticks Can Carry Deadly Livestock Disease

For years, ranchers, veterinarians and livestock health officials have been vigilant for foreign ticks capable of carrying dangerous animal diseases. That's not enough, admonishes Dr. Pete Teel, a Texas A&M University tick specialist who says Texas' homegrown ticks also could transmit deadly infections.

"If infected tropical bont ticks from the Caribbean introduced heartwater into Texas, our native Gulf Coast tick could become infected, making disease eradication extremely, if not nearly impossible, to wipe out," said Dr. Teel. He described heartwater as

an acute and usually fatal tick-borne disease that affects ruminants—chewing animals such as cows, sheep, goats and deer.

Dr. Teel is building a database and "mapping" the migration of native ticks, particularly the Gulf Coast tick. He pointed out that this tick lived only 50-100 miles inland until the 1960s, when it was detected in Kansas and Oklahoma. Since then, it has been found in 50 of Oklahoma's 77 counties, and in 19 of Kansas' 105 counties.

"We can fight an outbreak of a tick-borne disease more effectively, if we know where susceptible ticks live," said Dr. Teel. He urged livestock producers, veterinarians and others to send tick specimens for identification to the state federal laboratory of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "Adult Gulf Coast ticks, which prefer animals' head and ear regions, appear in June, and populations peak from August through October," he said. "It's 'prime time' for collection and submission." He reminded ranchers to check not only domestic livestock, but exotic hoofstock as well. Feral hogs, he noted, also are notorious tick "toters," known to carry Gulf Coast, Lone Star and American dog ticks.

Free "ectoparasite collection vials" or submission kits for ticks and maggots (worms) are available from TAHC inspectors or the TAHC Area 1 office in Amarillo at 1-800-658-6526, feed stores, county agents or veterinarians. The kits, which include a short questionnaire, are pre-addressed and may be mailed at no cost. Laboratory staff will identify the ticks, and if necessary, forward the specimen to other federal laboratories for further examination. If submitters provide a return address, a report will be provided.

Dr. Teel said heartwater disease was confined to Africa until 1830, when cattle carrying infected ticks were shipped to the Caribbean. Also migrating were cattle egrets. These birds "hang out" with grazing cows and have airlifted ticks to at least 15 islands... Dr. Teel said that statistics indicate five out of 50 Caribbean egrets carry at least 10 tropical bont ticks, some of which could transmit heartwater. Researchers during 1988-1991 tracked 720 dye-marked egrets from Antigua and 303 marked birds from Guadeloupe. The birds traveled among 14 islands, and one Guadeloupe-origin bird was spotted in the Florida Keys.

To become involved in a heartwater disease outbreak, Texas' native Gulf Coast tick, must be exposed as a larva or nymph (baby stage) and transmit infection in the next phase of its three-host lifecycle. Although young Gulf Coast ticks typically feed on ground-dwelling birds, Dr. Teel said immature ticks also can feed on cattle. If they select a heartwater-infected animal, the ticks would become infected and transmit heartwater to its next host, setting up a disastrous scenario.

"International livestock movements give us reason for concern about tick-borne diseases like heartwater," said Dr. Teel. A black rhinoceros shipped to Texas in the late 1980s, he said, was found to be carrying a potential vector of heartwater. In 1989, African-imported ostriches arrived infested with Hyalomma ticks, efficient vectors for a variety of diseases. Recently in Florida, a number of imported reptiles and tortoises have sported a variety of foreign ticks, he said.

"The introduction of a tick-borne disease like heartwater is always a possibility," said Dr. Teel. "We must be prepared to fight a foreign animal disease, that could be spread farther by our own pests."

Lunch Menus

Trailblazers

Monday, June 26, 2000
BBQ chicken, navy beans, zucchini, coleslaw, wheat roll and pudding.

Tuesday, June 27, 2000
Roast beef, brown gravy, potatoes, squash, salad, hot roll and spice cake.

Wednesday, June 28, 2000
Beef enchilada, Spanish rice, green beans, tossed salad, tortilla chips and jello salad.

Thursday, June 29, 2000
Turkey and dressing, green beans, fruit salad, wheat roll and pumpkin desert.

Friday, June 30, 2000
Ham-cheese, wheat and white bread, lettuce, tomato, onion, carrot salad, cookies and pudding. (First Christian Church)

Trailblazers temporarily located at the Community Center, phone 495-3140. June 30th, meals will be served at First Christian Church, 812 W. 13th.

Law enforcement classes at SPC

Registration deadline is June 30 for a course in Intermediate Inmate Rights and Privileges being offered at South Plains College in Levelland.

The course provides an overview of the evolution of corrections and includes case laws and information on the rights and privileges of those who are incarcerated. Classes will meet 8 a.m.-4 p.m. July 10-11 in the SPC Petroleum Technology-Law Enforcement Building, room 108. Cost is \$24 and instructor is Michael Lance Scott.

The course (#3502) has been approved by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

For more information, contact the SPC Law Enforcement Office at 894-9611, ext. 2291.

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RJ - 1 mile North of Mason's Farm Store	6
RJ - 1 mile North of Hwy. 380 on C.R. 212	0
RJ - 1 mile North of 380 on C.R. 212, 1/2 West	0
FM - 2 miles South of Southland, 1/2 East	5
FM - 2 miles South of Southland, 1 East	63
FM - 2 miles West of Close City	5
FM - 1 1/2 miles West Close City (near CRP)	10
RG1 - 5 miles NE on Hwy 651, 1 mile West	13
RG2 - 5 miles NE, 1 West, 1 1/2 North	151
RG3 - 5 miles NE, 1 West, 1 1/2 North, 1/2 East	168
RG4 - 5 miles NE, 1 West, 1 1/2 North, 1 East	215
TOTAL	679

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

June 20, 1990 10 Years Ago

Descendants of four brothers who settled in Garza County in the early 1900s met for a family reunion at the home of Jack and Selma Kennedy June 9 and 10.

Betty Pierce was treated to cake, ice cream and punch at home with her husband, Lewis when family and friends celebrated her 91st birthday June 14.

Amber Cooper captured the Grand Champion title with her first place registered Gelding at the Scurry County Mesquite Country 4-H Horse Show Saturday, June 9, in Snyder. In the same Halter class

Relatives and friends visiting in the Gene Claborn's home on Father's Day all enjoyed a cook out.

Those present were Letha Faye Adams, Joyce Bullard and Mable Weatherly, all of Lamesa; Katy Warren of Tahoka; T.W. Claborn of California; Marie Anderson of Roswell;

Cliff and Evan Laws of Grassland; Jan Churchill of Tahoka; Lance Claborn of Gail; Ruby Claborn, Irene Claborn, Cindy, Tasha and Destini Laws and Malecye ad Harold Johnston, all of Post.

June 19, 1980 20 Years Ago

Approximately 40 elderly Garza County residents were honored with a picnic in the park last Saturday. Lots of visiting was enjoyed and a band provided music during the afternoon.

Lena Walker was named Director of Nurses at the Garza Memorial Hospital.

Keith Hart and Jeff Lamb will leave Friday by plane, for Quincy, Ill., to compete in the national age group finals in acro gymnastics.

Dr Harry Tubbs competed in the 34th annual Texas State Championship Muzzle Loading Shoot in Brady Thursday and Friday.

The Post Varsity cheerleaders attended camp at Hardin Simmons. Those attending were Amy Thuet, Donna George, Marinette Hays, Holly Giddens, Dee Dee Redman and Karen Davis.

June 18, 1970 30 Years Ago

England's historic steam passenger train, "The Flying Scotsman" visits Post. Dozens of Post citizens toured the train during its 30 minute stop here.

Visiting last week in the home of Mr and Mrs Boy Hart were her nephew, Capt Roger Knowles who is stationed at Castle AFB, California, her sisters, Mrs Carl Knowles and Mrs Clarence Patris of Oxford, Ala.

Mrs Jim Wells was honored with a layette shower in the home of Mrs Bob Collier. Mrs C.K. Pierce, mother of the honoree, was a special guest.

Dr and Mrs B.E. Young left Friday for a trip to Iowa to visit their son, Gene Young and family.

Mr and Mrs Roy Robinett of Kalgary was given help by their community recently. The men planted his crop and the women furnished food. Mrs Robinett had been injured in a tractor accident recently and unable to plant

June 16, 1960 40 Years Ago

City Supt. Henry Tate is confined to his bed this week with a severe case of mumps.

opening day of the annual ABC Rodeo. They rode in the parade yesterday.

Billy Thomas Ramage is attending a baseball camp at Waxahachie.

Betty Mills, Bonnie Gary and Barbara Lusby attended the Clairemont Rodeo last weekend.

Mr and Mrs Max Tucker and family visited Sunday in Idalou with Mrs Tuckers' parents.

16 Rainbow girls go to Mineral Wells to attend the annual Grand Assembly. Those attending were Daisy Holly, Shirley Schmidt, Janie Shepherd, Billie Nichols, Agnes Dodson, Lou Ann King, Wilma Jean Welch, Jane Shepherd, Betty Huddleston, Mildred Boen, Deloras Beauchamp, Anita Kennedy, Joyce Short, Barbara Northcutt, Willie Ann Mathis and Gail Askins.

Happy Birthday! goes to Greg Davis, James Robert Kerfp, Jerry Morris, Gertie Mills, Gaylord Anderson, June Caffey and Mrs Dick Wood.

Birthday supper honors Weldon and Luther Reed at Justiceburg.

Mrs S.E. Camp and Mrs Duane Hill, homemaking teachers in Post High School, attended the Homemaking Teachers in-service training in Odessa.

Homer Cato, brother of Robert Cato, received his discharge from the Navy last week in San Francisco, California.

June 22, 1950 50 Years Ago

George Samson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Stamped Cowboys, represented Post yesterday at Lubbock at the



Some Pennsylvania farmers once believed they had to walk around a garden fence three times before 9:00 AM on St. Patrick's Day to keep moles out.



MR. AND MRS. RONNIE D. SHORT

Miss Charlene Alexander wed to Ronnie Dale Short May 28

From The Post Dispatch June 16, 1960

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "___ in your own juice"

5 TXism: "___ and watch" (observe)

6 flightless birds on some TX farms

7 TX group: "Asleep the Wheel"

8 ex-Astro mgr. Howe

9 Neiman-Marcus has "His ___" X-mas gifts

15 Houston FM radio

16 TX Nolan Ryan held opponents to many ___ innings

19 TXism: "packed like cows in ___"

21 "Texas" became the term for a steamboat captain's ___

22 ex-Astro pitcher

27 TXism: "___-loop man" (good cowboy)

28 Tex-Mex food

29 jumped

30 TXism: "does a bear ___ the woods?"

32 this Ames was "Daniel Boone" (init.)

33 in NW Cameron Co.

36 between Garza & Stonewall Cos.

37 this Gussie created the famous Kilgore Rangerettes (init.)

38 TXism: "laid ___" (buried)

39 TXism: "don't hang your dirty ___ on the line"

41 Valley plant

DOWN

1 TX George Jones: "___ Thinks I Still Care"

2 Notre Dame Heisman winner

3 Mexican bobsledder

4 Tames from Dallas

4 former name of A&M's University in Canyon

8 in Wood Co. on 69

9 TXism: "up ___ paddle"

10 TXism: "leave a dog with two tails"

11 ___ Pepper

12 TXism: "so deaf ___ thunder"

13 actor Jack of "The Texas Wheelers"

14 singer McEntire

15 leaping mammal

16 mentally sound

17 TXism: "___ a mummy's tomb" (quiet)

18 this Sam won the '45 Dallas Open

20 soft drink

22 TXism: "happy ___ a dog with two tails"

23 TX Willie "platters"

24 TX Gilley's "A Headache Tomorrow ___ Heartache Tonight"

25 San Jacinto loser: ___ Anna

26 Bayless book (93): "The ___ Story of the Dallas Cowboys' Season on the Edge"

28 TX fruit cake containers

31 loud bell ring

34 TX ABC news-woman: Lisa Mc ___

35 "JFK" director Oliver (init.)

37 UT's Harry Ransom Center has a rare ___ burg Bible

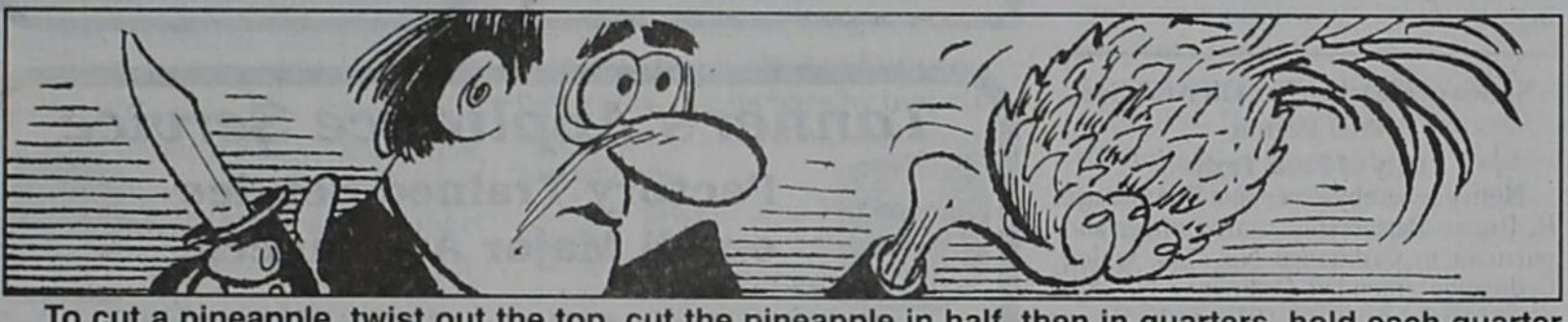
40 Jewel ___

43 Nolan's son or TX artist Ace

44 SW Texas mohair goats

50 TXism: "___ it with kid gloves"

51 TXism: "turn about ___ fair play"



To cut a pineapple, twist out the top, cut the pineapple in half, then in quarters, hold each quarter and slice the fruit from the rind. Cut out the core and remove any "eyes."



POST FAMILY ATTENDS TECH—Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Welch, teachers in the Post school system, are shown with two of their daughters, Jill second from right, and Twila, far right, as all four register for the summer session at Texas Tech in Lubbock. Bob Parker, left, and Fred Sparks are the Tech officials checking the family's registration forms. The Welch's have another daughter and son-in-law, now pictured who are attending Tech this summer, a daughter who has already graduated and a son and daughter who will be around as soon as they are old enough. The Welch family has one black sheep—Nathan Lee Welch, a graduate of West Texas State college at Canyon. (Photo courtesy of Lubbock Avalanche.)

From The Post Dispatch, June 8, 1950



POST QUEEN CANDIDATE

Mary Alice Valdez, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julio Valdez, represented the Post chapter at a meeting of District 13, American GI Forum, in Lubbock Saturday. Miss Valdez was the Post chapter's queen candidate at the gathering, which closed with a dance Saturday night at the Caprock Hotel.—(Staff Photo.)

From The Post Dispatch June 16, 1960



SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM BEGINS

Coach Waco Reynolds, director of the City of Post's summer youth recreation program which started Monday, gives batting instruction to a youngster during an early morning softball session in the high school gym. Approximately 400 boys and girls have signed up for the program, which is scheduled to continue through July.—(Staff Photo)

From The Post Dispatch, June 4, 1970

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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 Ione 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 Phophcy, thank you for the wonderful meal.

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

Stanley, Pauling and James Mathis Johnny and Estell Mathis and family Mavine Mathis and family Juanell Mathis and family

Personals

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

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

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Miscellaneous for Sale

The Agriculture Department of Farm Service Agency will accept bids on the sale of excess office equipment. Sealed bids will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. on June 12, 2000 to 4:30 p.m. on June 19, 2000. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on June 20, 2000, at the FSA office. The following equipment will be sold to the highest bidder:

IBM Selectric II Typewriter; Sharp EL1630A Calculator; Canon P1215 Calculator; Canon 1218 Calculator; Panasonic 780 Calculator; TI 5040 Calculator; Mosler Upright Fireproof Safe; Monroe 325 Calculator; TIE Ek612 Electronic Phone System.

Red, 1992 Honda 4-X Trax 200. Excellent condition. Call Snyder, 915-574-2346.

Big Screen TV for sale. Take on small payments. Good credit required. 1-800-398-3970.

Side by side refrigerator, ice maker, water dispenser, still in use. \$200. Come by 113 N. Ave. R.

Garage Sales

Needing clothes, toys, furniture etc. to put in sale to send Haley Poe to Nationals Beauty Pageant in Dallas. Drop off place for all items is 808 W. 11th. (Diana Poe) Sale will be June 23rd and 24th at the Ag. building on Hwy. 84.

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

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.
2. Install 240 lb. minimum shingles.
3. Replace decking as required.
4. Replace valley-flashing as required.
5. Install new D-L roof edging.
6. Re-seal all vents.
7. Repair truss-supports as needed.

Reply to: Frances Conrad, Site Manager Post Community Housing Assoc., Inc. 509 N. Ave. S Post, Texas 79356 (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 South-west 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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Little League game results

Indians 5, Cubs 2

Batting for the Indians were Wilson Cash, one single, one double, one walk, scored three times; Jesse Vera, one walk, scored one time; Andrew Espinoza, two singles, one triple with four RBIs; and Steven Hair, one double.

Pitching for the team was Andrew Espinoza, six innings, two runs scored with 13 strikeouts.

Cubs' batters were Eric Soto, one double, one walk, scored once; Aaron Fox, one triple with one RBI scored, scored once; Adrian Zubia, one single with a RBI; and Angel Duran, one walk.

Pitching for the Cubs were Braden Bratcher, two innings, two runs scored, four strikeouts, and Aaron Fox, four innings, three runs scored, seven strikeouts.

Cubs 6, Dodgers 3

Batting for the Cubs were Aaron Fox, two singles, one triple, one homerun with three RBIs and scored three times; Sadler Hair, one walk; Braden Bratcher, two walks, scored once; Miles Gray, one single; Eric Soto, one single, one double with one RBI; Giles Dalby, two walks; Zach Witcher, one double; Allen Heckaman, one double, scored once.

Pitching for the Cubs was Eric Soto, 5 1/2 innings, three runs scored, 10 strikeouts.

Batting for the Dodgers were Colton Valdez, one single, one walk, one double with one RBI and scored once; Cameron Shumard, one single and one reached base by hit batter; Zach Perez, one single, one double with one RBI; Jeremy Short, one single, scored once; Jovanni Garay, one on base by hit batter; and Robert Apolinar, one walk.

Dodgers pitcher was Colton Valdez, six innings, six runs scored, 10 strikeouts.

Astros 13, A's 2

Batters for the team were D.J. Biza, one walk; Timothy Wilson, one single, scored once; John Morales, one single, scored once; Davin Perez, one walk; Jordan Payne, one single with two RBIs; Kyle Windham, one walk.

Astros' batters were Tyler Odom, three singles, one RBI and scored two times; Pat Reiter, one single, one

triple, two RBIs and scored two times; Andre Boyd, one single with one RBI and scored once; Colt Mason, one single with three RBIs and scored once; Ridge Greathouse, one single, one inside-the-park homerun and scored three times; Blake Nichols, one double and one homerun with four RBIs and scored two times; Asa Rutherford, one single with one RBI, scored once; Timothy Crenshaw, one single, scored once.

Astros' pitcher was Colt Mason, four innings, two runs scored, six strikeouts.

Dodgers 9, Astros 6

Batting for the Dodgers were Clint Chapman, one single, one double, one walk and three scores; Cameron Shumard, one walk, one single with an RBI, scored two times; Zach Perez, two triples, one single, one on base by hit batter with three RBIs, scored once; Edgar Garay, one walk; Jeremy Short, one single; Robert Apolinar, two walks, one single, scored twice; Roosevelt Brown, one walk; Jovanni Garay, one on base by hit batter.

Pitchers for the Dodgers were Zach Perez, three innings, three runs scored, six strikeouts; Clint Chapman, three innings, three runs scored, seven strikeouts.

Astros' batters were Timothy Crenshaw, one single; Ridge Greathouse, one inside the park homerun, one single and scored two times; Pat Reiter, one walk, scored once; Blake Nichols, one triple, scored once with two RBIs; Asa Rutherford, two walks, one on base by hit batter, scored once; Jaime Gomez, two walks, scored once.

Astros' pitcher was Pat Reiter, six innings, nine runs, 13 strikeouts.

Little League Final Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
Indians	9	0
Astros	8	4
Cubs	6	6
Dodgers	5	7
A's	2	10

Livestock sale reports higher prices Monday

The Graham Livestock Commission sale Monday, June 19 reports 1,316 receipts with \$1 to \$1.50 higher prices. The sale included 339 packer cows, bulls, bred cows and cows and calves; 310 yearlings and 667 calves.

Packer cows were \$1 to \$1.50 higher, packer bulls were \$1 to \$1.50 higher. Cows and calves were \$10 higher, bred cows \$10 a head higher and in good demand.

There were 200 to 400 pound steers \$2, mostly \$3 higher. The sale reported 400 to 600 pound steers were \$2 higher and 600 to 800 pound steers were \$1 higher. Fleshy bull calves and yearlings were \$1 mostly, \$2 higher.

Some 200 to 400 pound heifers were \$2 to \$3 higher, very active with Oklahoma buyers. Regular buyers took five loads of cattle direct for Oklahoma, Kansas and the Texas panhandle.

The quality of cattle was reported to be excellent, with all customers reporting some rain.

Note: Report from Graham Livestock Commission, Graham, Texas, (940-549-9016).

Three 'Lopes named to All-District baseball team

Three Post High School athletes were named to the District 4-AA All District 2000 Baseball Team.

Michael Huff, a sophomore, was one of four pitchers named while Rocky Gomez, a senior, was one of three catchers tapped for the team. Roland Castaneda, a sophomore, was one of the eight outfielders selected for the all-district squad.

Only six sophomores were named to the team, and two of those individuals were from Post High School.

A complete list of the all-district selections includes:

- MVP — Delvin White, senior, Coahoma.
- Pitchers — Michael Huff, sophomore, Post; Aaron Cain, junior, Plains; Dustin Silhan, junior, Morton; Aaron Ovalle, senior, Coahoma.
- Catchers — Rocky Gomez, senior, Post; Jeremy Morphis, senior, Plains; Justin Turley, junior, Morton.
- Infielders — Gene Ford, senior, Hale Center; Leslie Soliz, senior, Olton; Jerry Rivas, junior, Plains; Eric Enriquez, senior, Morton; Travis McMillan, junior, Coahoma; and Colby Ditto, junior, Coahoma.
- Outfielders — Roland Castaneda, sophomore, Post; Robert Enriquez, junior, Morton; Luke Bowlin, junior, Coahoma; Mario Garcia, senior, Coahoma; Cody Teeler, senior, Coahoma; Blandon Hancock, sophomore, Tahoka; Martin Garza, sophomore, Tahoka; and Joseph Bernal, sophomore, Hale Center.
- Utility player — Carlos Rivas, senior, Hale Center; Andrew Pedroza, senior, Olton; Jared Bell, sophomore, Plains; and Walt Bordelon, senior, Coahoma.
- Designated hitter — Bryan Scott, senior, Hale Center; Josh Bell, senior, Plains; and Lance Monteleone, senior, Coahoma.

Fence advertisements available at PHS baseball diamond

The Post Independent School District, to supplement their effort to upgrade the local baseball field, has initiated a fence advertisement campaign.

The school district has started renovation of the baseball field where the Antelopes and the summer youth baseball teams play. An underground sprinkler system has been installed, and plans call for the infield area to be rebuilt with new grass and infield dirt.

All money raised through the fence ad campaign will be used for field improvement and/or maintenance and equipment purchase, according to information provided by the school district. The first area to be addressed will be the rebuilding of the infield.

Other improvements could include vinyl base covers; mount and home plate covers; infield protector cover for use during batting practice; wind screen; infield conditioning material (for drying puddles); mound and home plate clay and conditioner; grass seed.

Possible equipment purchases could include a portable batting cage for use not only by the high school team, but by the summer league participants; rakes; drag screens; batter's box template; mound builder template; diamond maintenance tool; and hoses and nozzles for spot watering.

Cost for acquiring a space for fence advertisement will be \$150 per year with a two-year minimum. Terms of payment will be the entire \$300 due on purchase of sign.

Sign placement will be according to order of purchase — first-purchased and paid will get choice of position. The only placement restrictions will be the area 100 feet either side of dead center and 80 feet inside either foul line.

Businesses will be responsible for the design, purchase and maintenance of their signs. Signs must be produced to specific dimensions — 8 feet wide by 4 feet tall by 1/2 inch thick — and must have grommets in place to secure to the fence. Grommets should be in each corner and in the middle of the top and bottom and in the middle of each side. This will ensure proper attachment to the fence.

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The Other Soldier' keeps audiences in stitches

by Louella Bilberry

Friday night, June 16, was the culmination of trial, tribulation and tribute for Lee Higginbotham, co-author, and Jeremy Danial, also co-author plus director of "The Other Soldier," an original play presented in memory of the old time tent shows at the Garza Theatre.

William (Bill) Kerns, entertainment editor for the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, wrote a splendid article in the Sunday edition of the paper. I hope you read it.

Mr. Kerns is a hard act to follow, folks! True to tradition, there was entertainment before the play began and between acts. Whitney Phipps, a lovely dark-haired young lady, was playing the piano as we came in to find our seats. She was playing the lovely old standards we are familiar with. Between the first and second acts, we had the wild candy sale with lots prizes being won. Mr. Peyton Fullingham amazed us with his sleight of hand card tricks and metal rings that kept joining and unjoining as he twined them 'round and 'round and up and down. He had another act I can't describe. White dots!

I was happy to see Stephen Whitmer back on stage as "Papa." He

is the man who had his debut in "Bus Stop" as the ladies-man bus driver. Jeremy Danial is great as the irrepressible Toby. Beautiful blond Kristyn Green is the petulant, grieving young lady who will not be comforted. Eric Allen is a scholarly but cowardly man who had hidden himself away in the forest to avoid being drafted for World War I. Our Jenny Conoly is delightful as the ditzy "Suzie." She keeps misusing her adjectives and adverbs! Now, as for Rick (hula-hula boy) Fay, this is the most subdued part I have ever seen him portray. Of course, he is the "reverend," after all! (I am not saying all preachers are subdued!) "Cory" is a very important part of this play, but we only meet him close to the end.

At the curtain call, Jeremy was presented with his first, very own director's chair by the emcee, Jeff Conner, crew and cast. You will remember Jeff from "Bus Stop." He picked his guitar and sang a beautiful song in that production.

So, Lee and Danial, "hail and farewell!" "Hail" for your play and its debut, and "farewell" on your move to California. May it be all you hope it to be. Godspeed.

Letters to the Editor

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

Railroad crossings are shameful

Your readers may not be too interested in this letter. It isn't about the hospital, sheriff's office or even the school.

But, I was wondering who is supposed to fix the railroad crossing on East Main Street. I'm glad I don't have to cross it everyday, it could cause major damage to your car.

Allane Ammons

Remembering Algerita Hotel burning

In regard to Mr Chaffin's letter (6/15/00), describing and naming the hotels of Post in earlier years, I remember them exactly as he described them. I have tried to pass this information on to some of our local residents, but have been told that I don't know what I'm talking about.

After all, how should I know? I've only lived here all of my life. Thanks to Mr Chaffin for the help.

Jewel Steel

Upset with Post ISD

I am very upset with the way our school board and superintendent have chosen to direct our school system. First, we seem intent on bringing new people in to teach our children, when there are many certified and qualified people living right here, paying taxes here and sending their children to school here, but teaching somewhere else.

I have talked to some of those teachers who live here and teach in other area schools. They tell me that they would love to work here, but are unable to get interviews. The reason?

We're not sure, but insiders have told us that the superintendent looks at teacher applicants presented by school principals, then marks through the names of those he doesn't approve.

If this is true, then we have to ask if that process is legal? Does it meet federal policies on equal opportunity employment (EEO)? Perhaps federal agencies should be notified of this apparent discriminatory policy by the Post ISD administration.

The same process must be in place to replace local teachers who are retiring, because these positions are being filled by out of town teachers, while local qualified teachers are waiting for interviews.

It seems to me that some of our board members and their superintendent have taken on the role of God, and started judging those who would like to work here more than the laws requires. I wonder what all we could find in their pasts. I bet they would put up more of a fight than those they choose to crush, by not even giving them a chance to show what they can do for their community.

I hope the readers of this newspaper are as ashamed as I am by the actions of our school board and superintendent. Maybe we could find replacements for them and put the shoe on the other foot.

Name withheld by request

Tobias, Propst doing the right thing

I am a regular reader of The Post Dispatch and a Garza County taxpayer. I am writing to express my thanks to Carol Tobias and Charles Propst for their service to the Garza County Hospital District.

I feel they accomplished a lot with limited voter support. Hopefully, other good citizens will come forward in the future to help.

Bowen Stephens, Plains

Summer is hottest time for vehicle thefts in Texas

The popular summer movie, "Gone with the Wind," is a story about the lives of two car thieves who are masters of their illegal trade. But according to the Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority/Texas Department of Transportation, the reality is that the typical car thief is a teen between 15 and 19 years of age — and car theft is hardly entertaining.

"In Texas, a car or truck is stolen every five-and-a-half minutes," said Gus de la Rosa, director of ATPA. "It disrupts people's lives, costs Americans billions of dollars and can be dangerous. In fact, vehicle thefts outnumber other property crimes in our state by three to one."

But de la Rosa says these numbers can improve if Texans use a little common sense.

According to theft prevention experts, the simple act of locking the car and taking the keys can do a lot to lower the theft rate. ATPA statistics show that half the cars stolen in Texas in 1998 were left unlocked.

"With more than 96,000 vehicles stolen in Texas in 1998, you could cut that number dramatically simply by locking your car," de la Rosa said.

The ATPA offers these other tips to keep vehicles from being stolen:

- Never leave your vehicle

unattended with the engine running;

- Always lock the vehicle. Take the keys;

- Keep valuables and packages out of sight;

- Use auto theft deterrents, such as car alarms, steering wheel and ignition column devices and kill switches;

- Always park in a well-lighted area;

- Never leave a regular or spare set of keys in your vehicle;

- Carry the vehicle's registration in your purse or wallet; file titles away at home.

Statistics show pickups, SUVs and family sedans are prime targets to be stolen. According to ATPA, pickups made by GM were the most stolen in Texas, followed closely by Ford pickups. Other makes and models rounding out the top 10 were the Olds Cutlass, GM Suburban, GM van, Dodge pickup, Jeep Cherokee, Toyota Camry and the Olds 88.

Nationwide, vehicle theft is the most costly property crime in America, with \$7.5 billion in annual losses.

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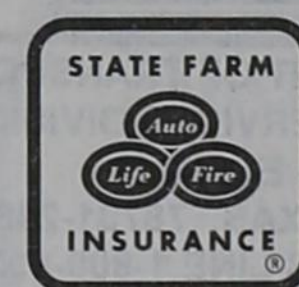
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