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Garza Theatre - Tickets on Sale Now!

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62nd Post Stampede Rodeo begins Thursday!

This year's TCRA-approved Post Stampede Rodeo, the 62nd annual event, will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8-10, at the rodeo grounds.

Billed as the "best rodeo in the West," rodeo performances will begin with the nightly grand entry at 7:45 p.m., followed by an 8 p.m. show time.

T-N-T Rodeo Co. of Anson will serve as this year's producer.

Scheduled events will include bareback bronc, one go-round, \$79; calf roping, one head, \$70; saddle bronc, one go-round, \$70; barrel race, \$70; team roping, open, \$140; bull riding, one go-round, \$70; girls' breakaway roping, \$70; and ranch bronc riding, \$100.

Admission to the rodeo performances will be \$5 for adults. Children ages six and under will be admitted free of charge.

Dances will be held on Friday and Saturday following the rodeo performances. Cowjazz will provide the music, and the dance will take place on the 100' x 150' slab at the arena. Tickets to the dance will be \$8 per person or \$15 per couple.

The annual rodeo parade will take place on Saturday at 3 p.m.

Sponsors for this year's rodeo events include Brady's Package Store, Caprock Cellular, Cavender's, Jenkins Electric, McDonald's, Monsanto, Subway, Tejas Motors and Town & Country.



Lane Jones of Post will be one of the local cowboys competing in the 62nd Annual Post Stampede Rodeo. The event opens Thursday and continues through Saturday, with dances each evening following rodeo competition. (See Page 10 for details).

KPOS Radio Colgate Country Showdown set for August 24

15 talented contestants on stage

KPOS Radio's Colgate Country Showdown, the biggest professional country music talent show in West Texas will be held in Post on August 24 at the Garza Theatre, featuring 15 qualified contestants.

"Last year was a huge success," KPOS Radio managing director Wesley W. Burnett said, "and the talent this year is certainly going to be a crowd pleaser!"

The popular band "The Classics" will provide backup music for the contestants. "The Classics are the very best," Burnett emphasized, "last year their performance ripped the roof off the theatre."

Qualified contestants are (in alphabetical order): Bailey Boyd, Idalou; Rhonda Dover, Lubbock; Priscila Fulcher, Bangs; Vance Guthrie, Post; Paul Aaron Hughes, Lubbock; Jose Ladinos, Post; Allison Mullins, Norman, Oklahoma; Debbie Nelson, Lubbock;

Raelin Ogle, Tahoka; Debra Lynn Osborn, Burleson; C.T. Robinson, Louisville, Kentucky; Jeff Stacey, Lubbock; Karla Todd, Lubbock; Junior Vasquez, Shallowater and the duet "When Boy Meets Girl" Danielle Powers of Borger and Barry Alan Bruce of Pampa.

"We are geared up to produce the premier West Texas professional country music talent show," Burnett added, "and our winner will advance to the state finals in Abilene."

Winners of the state finals will advance to regional competition and then to the nationals in Nashville, Tenn.

The 21st Annual Colgate Country Showdown is America's largest talent showcase. Some of country's biggest stars are part of the Country Showdown tradition, such as Barbara Mandrell, Kenny Rogers, Ricky Van Shelton, Lorrie Morgan, Mark Chesnut, John Michael Montgomery;

Kathy Mattea, Crystal Gale, Lee Greenwood, Loretta Lynn, George Jones, Tanya Tucker, Willie Nelson, Kris Kristofferson, Steve Warner, Neal McCoy, The Oak Ridge Boys, Ray Stevens, Billy Ray Cyrus and Sawyer Brown.

KPOS Radio's Collate Country Showdown starts at 7 p.m., Saturday, August 24. Reserved seating is \$5 per person and are available at the Garza Theatre box office, 495-4005.

"Better hurry, last year was a sell out," Burnett added, "and this is a chance for country music fans to be a part of perhaps the next big country star!"

Local sponsors for the event are CitizensBank, McDonald's, Old Mill Trade Days, Main Street Mercantile, Wells Fargo, Med Hunt for Turkey Ridge and North Mesa Vista, Hudman Furniture Co., Tea Rose Quilts & Gifts, Parmer Motor Company, Justice-Mason Funeral Home and The Post Beverage Barn.

'How the West was Fun' at Garza

The annual Harley Sadler Show, "How the West was Fun," will continue this weekend at the Garza Theatre.

Performances are set for Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Additional performances are set for Aug. 16-17.

Directed by Christy Morris, the play will include performances by Emily Hataway, Micah Robnett, Patrick Ryan Jones, Heather Bullard, Mickie Klafka, Katie McNeil, Melissa Stambaugh, Chris Davis, Ginny Andrews, Kathy Kidder, Kristie Thomas and Rocky Wilkins.

Tickets to the event are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12.

For more information, contact the theatre's box office at 495-4005.

Courthouse to get electrical renovation

by Wes Burnett

Major electrical rewiring at the Garza County courthouse will begin in September, according to plans approved by the commissioners' court at its regular meeting July 22. The project could take as long as 150 days and will be the first major overhaul of electrical wiring since the building was constructed in the 1920s.

The court approved advertising for bids and expects to evaluate the proposals at its August 26 meeting. There was some discussion

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Lubbock's KCBD News Channel 11 got a wildly enthusiastic welcome from Post and Garza County folks last Friday on the courthouse lawn. The live newscasts at 6 and 10 p.m. included (left to right) John Robison, Kaen McKay, Abner Eureshi and Emily Jones. The newscasts also included several local features, and live interviews. Post was one of five South Plains towns chosen for the live newscast promotion. "They really gave us some wonderful promotion," Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau directors said in praise of KCBD's live coverage in Post.

Post Notes

No 'Family Night' at pool Aug. 8

There will be no "family night" at the Post Public Pool Thursday, August 8.

Stained glass program Aug. 12

A stained glass program, teaching techniques from start to finish, will be offered Monday, August 12 at the Algerita Art Center. The program, free to all, begins at 7 p.m. Call 495-3493 for more information.

Antelope Booster Club meets Saturday

The Post Antelope Booster Club will hold an organizational meeting Saturday, August 10 at the high school commons beginning at 11 a.m. All Antelope fans, friends and family are urged to attend.

Bold Gold Rookie Cheer Camp

The Post High School cheerleaders are sponsoring a rookie cheerleading camp for grades pre-k through sixth. The camp will be held August 12 through 14 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the city park. There is a \$15 fee for the first child in a family and \$10 for each additional child. The fee includes a t-shirt and drinks.

Caffey 60th wedding anniversary

Walter (Dub) and Marjorie Caffey will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday, August 10. A reception will be held at their home, 907 W. 14th St from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The family encourages a note with brief memories or special thoughts.

Gospel Musical Saturday

The Sensational Armstrong Family of Garland, along with local talent, will be featured at Saturday's Gospel Musical Event at the Post Community Center. Sponsored by the Power House Church of God in Christ, the event begins with worship service at 2 p.m., followed by the musical at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each. For more information or to order tickets, call Jim Osby at 744-5916.

Reward offered to convict vandals

A generous reward has been offered to anyone providing information which leads the arrest and conviction of vandals responsible for damage to the historic building at 208 E. Main Street in Post. The destructive act early Monday morning included ripping bricks off the top of the building and tossing them onto the sidewalk covering, destroying signage on the building and strewing the broken bricks across East Main Street. Concerned citizens who have information to assist in bringing the vandals to justice are urged to call the Garza County Sheriff's Department at 495-3595.

Youth offering car wash August 10

A Baptist and Methodist youth car wash will be offered Saturday, August 10 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Methodist Church parking lot, 216 W. 10th. All donations are appreciated and will be used to support the Post EMTs. To make a donation, call Mike at 495-1074 or 441-1592.

Middle School orientation August 13

An orientation for all Post Middle School students will be held Tuesday, August 13 at 6 p.m. in the Elementary School auditorium. Class schedules will be distributed at the orientation.

Family Fun Carnival August 10

The Calvary Baptist Church is sponsoring a Family Fun Carnival August 10 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the church grounds, 6th and Avenue H. The event is for all ages, featuring games and entertainment.

Calvary Baptist Vacation Bible School

The Calvary Baptist Church Vacation Bible School is set for August 12 through 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church, 6th & Avenue H. The program is for children ages kindergarten through sixth grade and includes Bible study, crafts, fun and refreshments. Call 495-2342 or 495-3342 for more information.

Pre-enrollment at Elementary School

Classes start August 20 for Post ISD schools, and the Post Elementary School is now accepting pre-enrollment for pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and new students. The office is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Parents are reminded to bring children's birth certificates, shot records and social security cards.

School supply packs available

The Post Elementary School is offering supply packs at the office, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. The supply packs are for kindergarten through fifth grade and prices begin at \$15 for kindergarten.

Reward offered on downtown damage

The Garza County Sheriff's Office is offering a \$75 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for damage to the OS Ranch Shop on East Main Street. Call the Sheriff's Department at 495-3595.

Free Texas Forum August 20

The monthly Free Texas Forum will be held Tuesday, August 20 beginning at 6 p.m. at Chapa's Family Restaurant. All Garza County citizens interested in learning more about the ratification of a new Texas constitution are encouraged to attend. Call 495-0122 for more information.

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Post Church of Christ Spiritual Series

Each Wednesday in August the Post Church of Christ is hosting a series of spiritually uplifting lessons from the book of Philippians. Sessions begin at 7 p.m. Speakers for this series are Joe Keyes of Crosbyton, David Hooten and Ron Bontrager of Lubbock and Mark Hackett of Lamesa. The church is located at 108 N. Avenue M, the public is invited. For more information call 495-2326 or 495-0887.

PHS orientation for new students

A brief orientation for students new to Post High School will be held August 8 at 6:30 p.m. Incoming freshmen, parents and students new to Post High School are invited to attend. A short introduction will take place at the old gym, then students will be able to look around the school to become familiar with class location, lockers and other facilities. All 2002-2003 PHS students will report to homerooms at 8:15 a.m., Tuesday, August 20 for the first day of the new school year.

KPOS Radio

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Walter (Dub), Marjorie Caffey celebrate 60th anniversary Saturday

Walter (Dub) and Marjorie Caffey of Post will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 10, with a reception held from 2:30-4 p.m. at their home at 907 W. 14th St.

Marjorie Pettigrew and Walter Caffey were married Aug. 9, 1942, in Close City (Ragtown). Since 1957, the Caffeys have been members of the First Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and she worked in Sunday school.

Saturday's reception is to be hosted by the couple's family: Mr. and Mrs. Herb Germer of Port Arthur, Erin Germer of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Jon Germer and Trinity of Lewisville, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Hill of Youngstown, Ariz., and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Max Gordon and family of Post.

In lieu of gifts, the family would appreciate a note that captures brief memories or special thoughts about the Caffeys. These items will be used to compile a memory book.

If you want it worded as is (as requested), that follows: Walter (Dub) and Marjorie Caffey of Post, Texas, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this Saturday, Aug. 10. They invite you to come to a reception held in their honor at their home, 907 W. 14th St. in Post, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Rather than gifts, the family would appreciate a note with brief memories or special thoughts you have for them, which will be compiled in a memory book.

Dub and Marj are so grateful for these 60 years together and for the many friends with whom God has blessed them. It will be another such blessing to share this time with you, their friends and family.

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

Extension Extras

Rodeo Concession Stand

Garza County 4-H will have a drink and food booth at the rodeo this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. This is our major fund raiser so please call Jaquita Blevins, Lana Conner or 495-4400 to sign up for a one-hour work shift. Each 4-H family needs to furnish one dozen brownies or rice crispie treats individually wrapped. We need everyone to help to make this a successful fund raiser.

Clothing Project

If you are interested in participating in the Clothing project tours, activities and fun, call 495-4400 ASAP!

Fall Fair Entries

If you plan to exhibit at the South Plains Fair, Dallas, West Texas Fair or Permian Basin Fair, please come by the Extension Office August 12 to fill out entry forms.

Bob Benson Memorial Golf Tournament

Plainview, August 13 Four man scramble - \$50/man. Awards given. Sponsors 4-H youth programs. Call 495-4400 by August 5 if you are interested in participating.

4-H Budget Committee...

...will meet at 6:00 p.m. August 13 at the Extension Office.

Golden Plains Care Center News

by Christy Rutherford, Activity Director

My, my, my, how time flies by when we're having fun. Well, here is a quick recap of what has gone on for June and July 2002.

June started out with the residents and staff participation in the Relay for Life Cancer Walk. We walked ALL night long. Golden Plains Care Center raised \$300 for the cause.

The Friday before Father's Day we went fishing. Those who went along included Bennie Walks, Gene Hayes, Harold Stouffer, Eddie Moore and Dave Lies. Gene Hayes caught the most fish. He now has five more fishing stories to tell. We all enjoyed a hamburger lunch together for the afternoon. A special thanks goes out to Joann and Mike Travis at the Backside Beverage for the donation of the fishing worms.

On Sunday we celebrated our fathers with a cake and ice cream snack and all of the fathers received a cap as a gift.

The birthdays for the month included Bobby Allen, resident, and Helen Reed, employee.

In July we turned up the heat around here as it seems to be going up all over the town.

On the Fourth of July we had a flag raising ceremony at our brand new flagpole. We also set up a booth at the park to raise money for what awaits us in August. We raised \$131 for those activities. Way to go.

That evening we took part in the firework display and what a beautiful one it was. Christine Smith and Elsie Sullivan really enjoyed themselves.

July started a tradition for us at Golden Plains Care Center. We now participate in the Meals on Wheels program, with our residents delivering meals to those who aren't able to get out.

On Friday, some of us get to enjoy a great lunch at the Trailblazers.

July birthdays included Harold Strofer, resident; Dave Iles, resident; Bunny Lynch, employee; Joann Travis, employee; Sara Rivera, employee; and Joe Shafer, employee.

Sadness also came this month with the passing of Lela Smith and Buster Shumard. We will truly miss them both.

This just in: Hello, my name is Janell Miller. I am the new full-time speech therapist at Golden Plains Care Center. My services include speech, language and swallowing therapy. Speech therapy provides assistance to patients with voice, fluency, rate and articulation difficulties. Language therapy is for patients with cognitive, memory, expressive and receptive problems. Patients who have difficulty swallowing and chewing food may be eligible to receive swallowing therapy.

If you have any questions or concerns about my services or your loved one residing in our facility, please feel free to contact me at 806-495-2848.

Now back to our story: We have several important dates to remember. Aug. 20 at 7 p.m., family ice cream social at the Golden Plains Care Center; Aug. 13 at 2:30 p.m., birthday party at the Golden Plains Care Center.

Well, I guess this about says it all for this month, but we are looking forward to an exciting and action-packed August.

P.S. I would like to extend a special thank you to all of our volunteers who do so much to make all of this possible.

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Todd Terry earns HPU degree

Todd A. Terry of Post received a Bachelor of Science degree in April from Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

Terry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Terry of Post.



At 870° Fahrenheit, Venus has the hottest average surface temperature of any planet in the solar system. The coldest average surface temperature is that of Pluto (-370° Fahrenheit).

We can't all be heroes because someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.

—Will Rogers

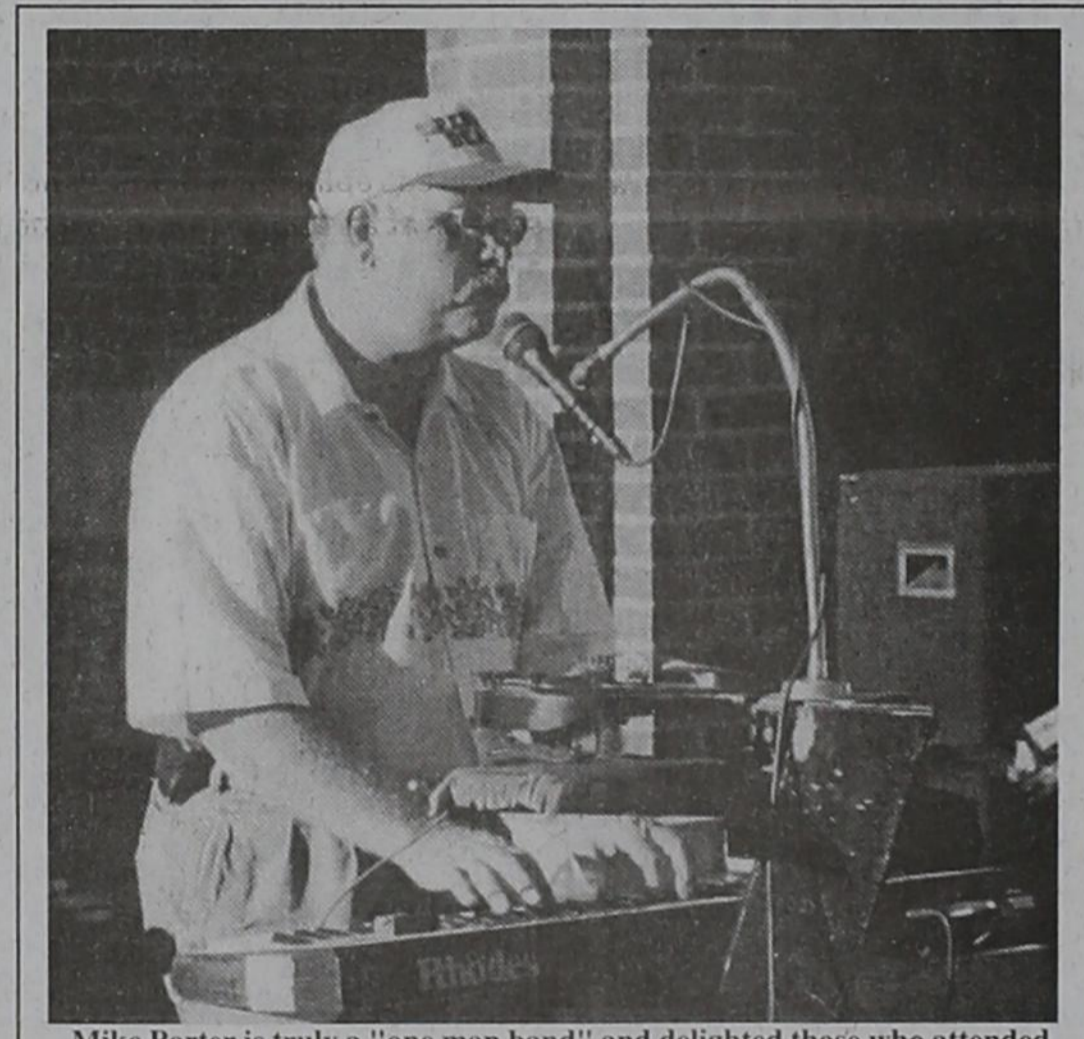
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Family Harvest Church youth attending a youth seminar and Christian concert at Buffalo Springs Lake recently are (back row, left to right) Stace Norman, Blake Nichols, Patrick Martinez, "184 Christ" band members, (middle row) Casey Williams, Mitch Holly, Quinton Odom, Whitney Williams, Gloria Martinez, Kellee Holly, (front row) Tyler Odom, Aaron Macy, Delton Holly, Sunny Martinez, Brogan Macy, Steffi Norman and Morgan Williams. Kelly Macy served as special guest speaker. Church youth leaders attending the event were pastor Joey and Kathy Hamlin, robbie Williams and Kelly Macy.



Mike Porter is truly a "one man band" and delighted those who attended the July 30 "Lawn Concert" hosted by the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau. Porter entertained for a couple of hours on a beautiful August evening, complete with homemade ice cream, courtesy of the bureau's directors. The next "Lawn Concert" will be Tuesday, August 20 at 7:30 p.m. The concerts are free. The delicious ice cream is \$1 per cup.

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Backyard Missions volunteers put the finishing touches to a new roof in Post last month. Backyard Missions seeks volunteers, call Billie Williams at 495-2329 or Bryan Brownlow at the Post Middle School.

Alzheimer Assoc. program here Aug. 20

The Alzheimer's Association, Star Chapter-West Texas Region, is presenting an educational program, "Overview of Alzheimer's Disease," on Tuesday, Aug. 20, beginning at 6 p.m.

The program will be held at Wells Fargo Bank, 216 W. Main, in Post. Presenter will be Janet Cross, program coordinator of the association. She will address such issues as "What is Alzheimer's Disease?", "What Can I Expect?" and "What's the Latest Research?"

The program will be open to the public and provided without cost. For more information, contact Cross at 1-800-682-1174.

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A mother's eternal gratitude

I would like to take this moment and send my eternal gratitude to each and every one of you.

First of all I would like to thank our dear friends and the community for all of the support and love you gave our family. We as parents really want to believe "this could never happen to me." I know this is true, because I used to think the same, just like you.

I am very grateful for the time and effort that was put into this. I know you all feel it was worth even more so seeing the smile on my son's face. I also want to thank Kenny Ratke and his men... for all that they did to bring my son home again. I would like to thank the FBI because without their excellent skills I wouldn't have even been able to look into my son's eyes... and that thought really gives me the chills.

I would like to thank American Airlines for their great rates and the county as well, 'cause without their help I would have had to wait.

I dearly thank the man above for sending Jayta to us and her great love. Jayta, you were beside us every step of the way. I am so grateful words could never describe or even begin to say. I would also like to thank the town stores that let her hang up my son's poster boards. I thank those of you who went out of your way and even put some out on the highways.

I would like to thank The Post Dispatch, Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and Kerry Drenon, whom I'll never forget. I am really very glad we met. I'd like to thank all of the news teams for televising the scenes. I am very grateful for all of you who came into our home, where you all made sure we knew we weren't alone. You were there by our side... You even cried as we cried.

Also to my whole family and my mother, I wouldn't replace you all with any other. I thank the Lord above for all of you and your great support and love.

Once again to all of you who had us in your prayers and thoughts... I really dearly thank you all lots and lots and lots.

The Golden Water Line

Don't seem to me like it would take the capabilities of a space scientist for the John P. Taxpayer to know that a backup water system is very necessary in this area. Any town in this hot, dry, arid area that is called West Texas should keep ready access to water at all times, and plenty of it. I'm even convinced maybe a third possible access may be necessary to guarantee that we will never be without water.

I am most definitely in favor of a guarantee of water now and in the future. But why could not have our city politicians have just said we need a

backup water system. I don't believe political scare tactics were necessary to convince the taxpayers, especially the elderly, that the city has to reach out to other areas in search of backup water.

Obviously, in this area of the U.S.A., Mother Nature has the capabilities of totally wrecking anything at any given moment, such as a lone water system. Any fool knows that a earthquake, or freak storms, or simply no rain could shut off a lone water supply in an instant.

Now I wonder why it was said that "in case of a major fire, we don't have enough water to fight it"? I wonder if they (city council) could tell us how many times in the last 10 years has the city storage tanks been below 18 feet. Isn't 18 feet on hand somewhere in the neighborhood of 700,000+ gallons? Is it not true that ever faucet in town could be open at the same time and get ahead of the current water system capabilities? Probably not.

Is it a possibility that most house fires (average house fire) can be put out, or brought under control with approximately 500 gallons? It is a possibility that the local fire trucks on the firing line can pump somewhere in the neighborhood of 1500 to 2000 gallons an hour? How many major fires last more than 10 hours?

Let's just say if they pump 2000 gallons an hour for 10 hours, that would only be 200,000 gallons. Therefore, leaving a bit of coffee and bathwater in the big tanks.

I wonder how our water rates are so much higher than the other towns are on line, and daily using WRMWD water? Are we trying to convince the taxpayers that we need to erase WRMWD?

I don't know the answers to any of these questions, I'm just curious. But I believe such tactics do cause one to raise an eyebrow. I do have plans of retiring some day right here in Post, Texas, but its starting to look like ol' George W. is gonna have to install a hell of a Social Security check increase for the fixed income folks to survive here in this soon to be, high cost of living, nice little town.

I'd like to see the city politicians call another public town hall meeting and give a better detailed explanation to some of these questions. And at the same time, continue developing a backup water system.

My opinion and as I see it only. O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Courthouse...

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sion about holding the proposal evaluations in a secret session, but no decision was made on the matter, pending review of the open meetings law by county attorney Les Acker.

Commissioners approved an indigent application in the amount of \$150 for rental assistance to two Garza County families.

Larry Waldrip was reappointed to serve as the at-large representative on the community center board.

Before entering into a lengthy review of the budget, the court approved replacing windows and screens at an approximate cost of \$4,600.

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1998 PONTIAC GRAND AM #P2733A	\$9,177
1996 FORD MUSTANG #27382A	\$9,196
2001 CHEVY CAVALIER #P506	\$9,349
2001 DODGE NEON #P5044	\$10,514
1996 FORD MUSTANG #27382A	\$10,991
1999 DODGE RAM 1500 #27310C	\$11,419
1995 BMW 318i #27817A	\$12,214
2002 DODGE NEON #P506	\$12,547
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1999 CHEVY C1500 #27869	\$13,565
2000 HONDA ACCORD #P508	\$13,601
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Leo Lopez

Graveside services for Leo Lopez, 18, of Sheridan, Ark., were to be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, in the Jones Cemetery near Redfield, Ark., with the Rev. Vernon Bass officiating. The Buie Funeral Home of Sheridan is in charge of arrangements.

He died Saturday, Aug. 3, in Sheridan. Born Dec. 10, 1983, in Slaton to Carolyn Worley Scott, he attended school in the Sheridan area and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Survivors include his mother, Carolyn Scott of Sheridan; his father, J.W. Scott of Prattville, Ark.; one sister, Charlie Scott of Sheridan; three brothers, Guy Powell of Foyen, Ark., Rodney Scott of Little Rock, Ark., and Timmy Scott of Redfield; his grandfather, Doyle Worley of Post; his grandmother, Mary Jo Jordan of Sheridan; his girlfriend, Terri Davis of Sheridan; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandmother, Geri Worley.



The Basenji, a kind of dog found in Africa, cannot bark.

Jack W. Tyree

Services for Jack W. Tyree, 77, of Sweetwater were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 2, 2002, in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Day officiating. The Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Tuesday, April 30, in the Luman-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans' Home in Big Spring.

Born March 1, 1925, in Bagdad, Florida, he was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and worked in highway construction. He married Clara Silvia Cole in 1967 in Casper, Wyoming. She died March 9, 1993.

Survivors include one brother, Horace Tyree of Lubbock; one sister-in-law, Lorraine Wilburn of Abilene; one niece, Carolyn Hale of Sweetwater; one nephew, James William Tyree of Clyde; two great-nieces; two great-nephews; and three great-great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, James Moody Tyree, in 1952.

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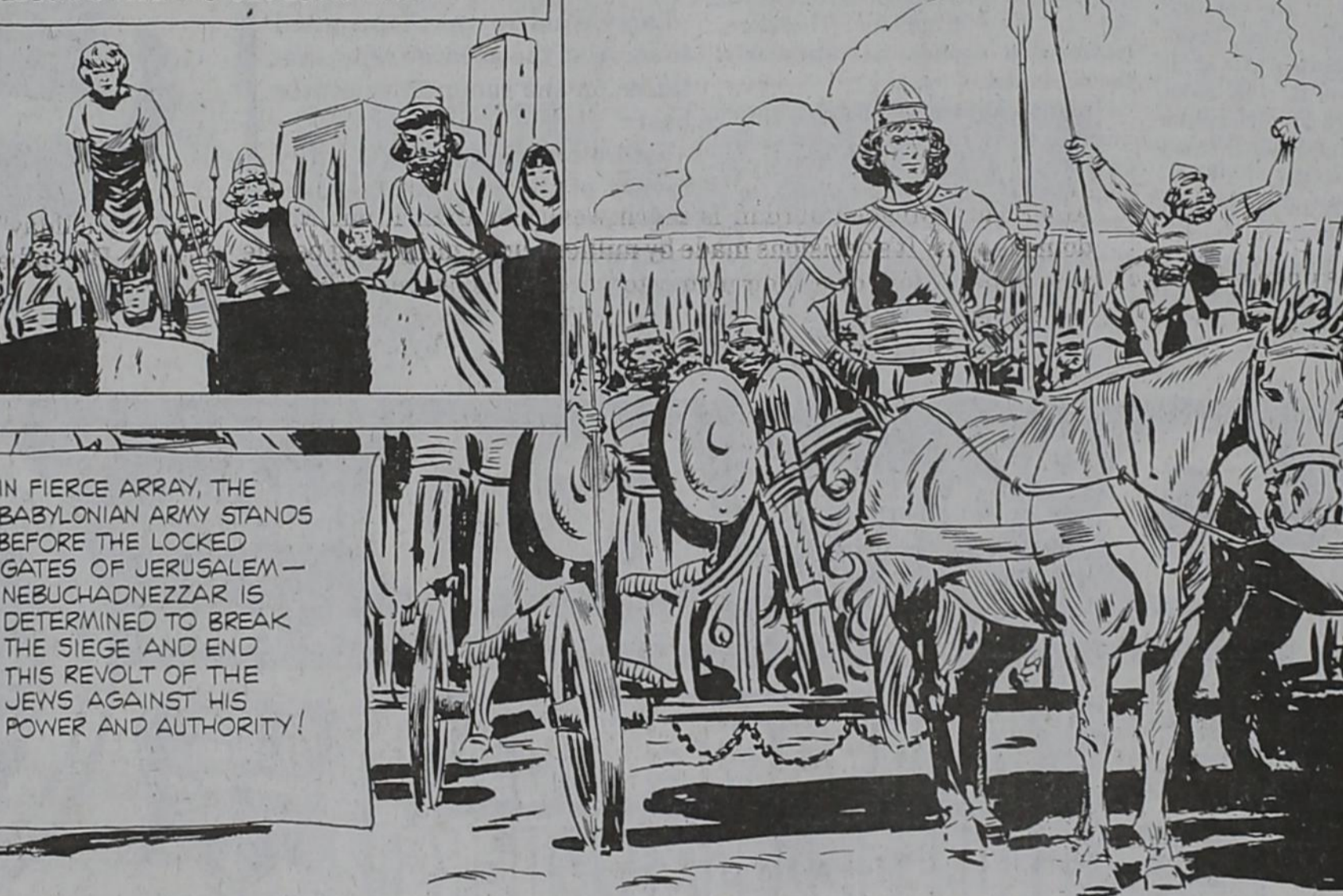
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Texas, the land of tax free holiday?

by Wes Burnett

Last weekend Texas consumers got a taste of what life could be like when Texans demand the abolition of taxation. For three days the State of Texas "allowed" retailers to sell selected merchandise without tacking on the dreaded sales tax.

For three measly days sales clerks rang up purchases on selected items, saving most folks around here about eight percent on each item.

However, I did notice that several retailers had to search through a long list of "approved" tax free items... you see, not everything was tax free. Oh well, someone has to pay for all that big government.

I've got a recommendation to pass along to the state legislature.

How about next year let's extend the three day "tax free holiday" to the whole month of August ... and just for the fun of it, eliminate all sales on everything, not just a select few items.

Now, that'll be a boom for retailers! Imagine that, a whole month without any sales tax! Watch for New Mexico, Oklahoma and Louisiana to jump on the "tax free" bandwagon, just to keep their consumers from running across the border.

Okay, that'll be such a success, we'll want to demand that in 2004 the "tax free holiday" be extended to include August, September and October. Wow, imagine the economic boom that will create! Three months of no sales tax!

Well, heck, if that's such a great idea, how about in 2005 run that "tax free holiday" for six months ... start it in July 1 and extend it through December 31. Just think about what a tremendous shot in the arm that will give Texas retailers and consumers! Everyone benefits from such progressive thinking!

Now, imagine the torrent of pressure that will be applied to state legislators to go ahead and extend the "tax free holiday" all year long, beginning in 2006.

Then, Texas can adopt a new slogan ... "Texas, the land of the tax free holiday!"

After that, we can start working on eliminating the other immorally imposed taxes that suffocate productive Texans.

Whales and Compassion

by Bart Frazier

On Monday, a pod of 54 pilot whales beached themselves on a beach in Cape Cod, Mass. The beaching of whales and dolphins is a regular occurrence on Cape Cod, particularly large numbers of pilot whales because their gregarious nature leads to mass strandings.

Because of these regular strandings, a group of volunteers, the Cape Cod Stranding Network, monitor the beaches and converge on beached whales when they are found. In this instance, 100 volunteers cared for the whales—covering their bodies with wet towels to prevent sunburn, euthanizing those animals who were beyond saving, and eventually pushing the 3 ton animals back out to sea.

At first, the laudable efforts of these volunteers were able to save the lives of 46 out of the 54 whales. And although the saved whales perished when they rebeached themselves the next day, these volunteers should be commended for their efforts. This episode of voluntary charity begs the question, "Why doesn't the government save beached whales?"

After all, the government has claimed responsibility for the poor and the old, so why should it stop there? The argument goes that if Social Security and welfare were not available, the unfortunates of society would be dying in the streets. Herein lies the irony.

After a pod of whales, which arguably are less important than human beings, was stranded, a whole army of volunteers mobilized to save their lives. How can one not see that if humans were in need of the same care, the same response, if not more intense, would alleviate the problem?

Instead of relying on voluntary charity and good will towards men, the federal government continues its welfare-state policy of using the IRS to forcibly take money from everyone in order to distribute the money to some, all in the name of morality and righteousness. But where is the morality in coercion, as compared to voluntary choices?

Moreover, these coercive transfer programs have created a class of people who have been deprived of their sense of self-reliance and freedom of choice, and they have also seriously damaged the community of charity that at one time provided for all before socialistic welfare-state programs changed the nature of the federal government.

It is time to repeal these programs and return to a society where charity is obtained from the heartfelt voluntary actions of individuals, not the hollow morality of government transfer programs.

FFF Thought for the Week

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What, or who is the market?

by Walter E. Williams

Every day, we hear something about markets. Your 6 o'clock news anchor might say, "The market had a bad day." Last year, Federal Reserve Bank Chairman Alan Greenspan talked about the market's irrational exuberance. I guess now he'd say the market has irrational pessimism.

In college, your professor might have told you that the market can't be trusted and that's why we need government. Your politician might preach, "Who gets prescription drugs shouldn't be left up to the market." A civil-rights leader or a feminist might say that the market is racist and sexist and possibly homophobic.

Here's my question: Who is this guy we call the market? If he raises so much havoc in people's lives, shouldn't we find a way to make him behave? If we're going to straighten out this market guy, we should start first by identifying him.

Suppose every single American just went about his business every day, kept his money in his pocket and had absolutely nothing to do with the stock market. Would the stock market be exuberant or pessimistic? What would a news anchor say the market did today? My guess is the market wouldn't do anything. In fact, the stock market wouldn't even exist.

You say, "What's your reasoning, Williams?"

What we call the stock market is literally millions upon millions of independent people around the world making independent decisions. A simply put example is this: I think or guess AT&T shares will rise in price, so I want to buy a hundred. Somebody else might think or guess that AT&T shares are going to fall in price, so he wants to sell his 100—but there's a big problem. I don't know where he is, and he doesn't know where I am. No sweat. There are specialists who, for a price, get us together so we can make the transaction. We call him a stockbroker.

Schoolteachers are more important to society than professional



basketball players. The fact that professional basketball players earn more money leads some people to condemn the market for not having the right priorities. The reason why professional basketball players earn more money is both a result of reality and decisions made by millions of decision-makers.

The first reality is the number of people with skills to do what Michael Jordan does is far smaller than the number of people who possess teacher skills. The second reality is that Michael Jordan's personal contribution to the benefit of society far exceeds the personal contribution of an individual teacher. The third reality is that millions upon millions of Americans want to see him play and cough up big bucks to see him do so.

What we call the market is really a democratic process involving millions, and in some markets billions, of people making personal decisions that express their preferences. When you hear someone say that he doesn't trust the market, and wants to replace it with government edicts, he's really calling for a switch from a democratic process to a totalitarian one.

An excellent example is when people demand that government confiscate the earnings of wealthier Americans to give to poorer Americans. Michael Jordan is much wealthier than I, but whose doing is that? It's decisions made by millions upon millions of people who prefer to fork over their money to watch him play basketball. I'd be just as rich if they were willing to do the same to watch me play. When someone condemns Jordan's earnings, they are really condemning the voluntary decisions made by millions of people.

Tyrants always condemn and seek to replace the market process with government coercion because tyrants do not trust that people behaving voluntarily will do what the tyrants think they should do.

To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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Farmers should oppose socialism

by Scott McPherson

The Brownsville, Tennessee, offices of the Department of Agriculture were the scene of a recent five-day sit-in by black farmers who claim that government loan applications are being stalled by a racist system. Instead of complaining about racism, though, they should be complaining about socialism.

Over the last 70 years, the American agriculture industry has become a virtual subsidiary of the federal government. Decades of New Deal socialistic programs have propped up farmers through price supports, crop subsidies, and even payment for leaving land fallow.

The wedding of government and agriculture is so complete that it's hard to tell who owns whom. Typically, farmers complain that they just cannot compete with large corporate farms, and that, therefore, they need government assistance to stay afloat. For certain, the Jeffersonian ideal of a nation of yeoman farmers did go out the window with the Industrial Revolution.

Mechanization brought more-efficient farming methods, driving down prices and weeding out inefficient farms. In short, the free market had the same effect on agriculture that it does on everything else—the profitable survive and prosper, while those unable to compete fall by the wayside. That is not a bad thing.

When new methods of production put people out of work, the newly unemployed go to work elsewhere, adding to the net wealth of society. Ask any economist worth his salt, and he'll tell you this is good. But the free-market process was greatly undermined in the 1930s.

Under President Roosevelt, cradle-to-grave welfare-statism gained a firm hold over American culture, especially in economic life, resulting in such absurd suggestions as "the right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living."

Welfare programs such as farm supports were permanently enshrined into American life. Supposedly motivated by a desire to provide security for workers (the quest for power might also have played a role), the federal government set out to insulate certain industries from market gales, providing subsidies for everything from agriculture and automobiles to airlines and Amtrak.

The result of this business safety net has been a growing belief that success is no longer something to be had by besting your competitors in the marketplace, but rather the result of savvy political maneuvering for more government handouts. Enterprising members of our greatest industries once poured their lives into hard work.

Today, much of that energy is ploughed into manipulating government officials for a bigger chunk of the booty. But a limited pool of resources to be redistributed means someone must go without,

because before the government can give, it must first take away. So the players in the game jockey for position over their fellows.

In time, choosing sides becomes a simple game of "us" against "them." Thus, when an industry is receiving special treatment from the government, those who control the government are in the position to reward those they like and punish those they don't. Over the years, this has resulted in favoritism, nepotism, and corruption.

When the power of redistribution lies with a handful of federal bureaucrats, people who will never have to personally face the consequences of their decisions, who can honestly be surprised when immoral and unethical prejudices come to color the scramble for unearned wealth?

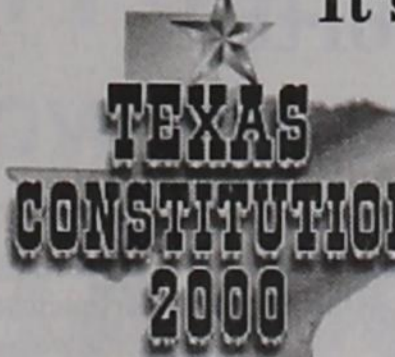
If black farmers truly want equal treatment they should demand a truly level playing field, one in which government leaves everyone free to stand or fall on his own merits. In a free-market environment, black farmers could reap the rewards of their hard work without seeing it siphoned off in the form of welfare to prop up their counterparts.

Sadly, the black farmers' sit-in in Tennessee misdiagnosed the problem altogether. Leaving the Agricultural Department offices, protest leader Gary Grant called on the government "to do ... the right thing by all farmers, especially black farmers."

Regardless of their own good intentions, these farmers are hoeing the wrong row. Socialism, not racism, lies at the root of America's agricultural woes.

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Post S.T.A.R.S attend leadership camp at TCU

by Dedra Adams

The Post STARS (Students, Teachers, Adults Reaching Solutions) attended the Youth Leadership Power Camp 2002 from July 28-31.

The camp was held at Texas Christian University and was sponsored by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The STARS went to TCU a day ahead of camp to take in a Texas Rangers game at The Ballpark. They saw the Rangers defeat the Oakland A's in extra innings. Arod hit a grand slam in the tenth inning to win it for the Rangers. It was also his birthday.

The camp got off to a roaring success on Sunday with Milton Creach giving the welcome speech. He talked to the campers about wearing a mask to hide their feelings as well as the dangers of alcohol.

Alcohol is the number one cause of deaths for white and Asian Americans in the age range of 12-21. In Black Americans and Hispanics, murder usually under the influence of alcohol is the number one cause of death.

The theme for the Leadership Camp was Talk the Talk, Walk the Walk. All campers were given a T shirt to wear with the theme on it.

Sunday also saw Family Group time, un-Olympics, cookout and Project Planning with the Post groups. There are high school and college students that do most of the staffing during the camp.

Monday through Wednesday were full of activities. All meals for the camp were in the Student Center. Campers went to various activities—skills clinics where they could become familiar with prevention techniques, family time where they could meet campers from other schools.

Monday night a Power Pageant was enjoyed by all. This gave students a chance to show off their talent. Participating from Post were K'Nell Dalby, Claire Kirkpatrick and Rachel Gray. Special speakers were also brought in—Justin Lookadoo and Mark Scharenbroich.

Tuesday evening a '50s and '60s theme dance was held in the ballroom and "Toy Story" was shown in the Student Center. Jason Powell and Allison Blevins came in second in the dance contest.

The STARS won one of the spirit sticks for having "spirit." The STARS group of 56 was the largest group at camp. There were 600 campers from across Texas.

The camp ended on Wednesday with the camp slide show. Slides had been taken all week and it was a great way to see what all had gone on at the camp.

The Post STARS stopped in Clyde at the Whataburger on the way home. They had a birthday celebration for John David Boren. John David was 13 on Wednesday.

The STARS would like to thank Mr. Brownlow and Mr. Easterling for

getting us grants so we could attend camp.

Thanks and hugs also go to Carol Hester, Wayne McKim, Dena Potter, Jason Powell and Rodney Tidwell for going with us.

Those also attending from Post were, seventh graders, Ryan Belongia, John David Boren, Paige Bullard, Amber Bustoz, Ericka Cravy, Kris Crenshaw, Dylan Davis, Shelley Gerheart, Lauren Gonzales, Tori Hampton, Samantha Hoover, Meagan Howard, Lori Jones, Lexi Nobles, Tyler Odom, Marlee Plummer, Brenna Postell, Tamara Raymundo, Amanda Rodriguez, Kelsey Sanderson, Jeremy Short, Kam Shumard, Call Windham and Timothy Wilson.

Eighth graders attending included Abby Ayala, D.J. Baiza, Allison Blevins, Wilson Cash, Cora Crane, K'Nell Dalby, Kylie Easterling, Heath Fellhauer, Edgar Galray, Rachee Gray, Jackie Hays, Justin Lorea, Claire Kirkpatrick, Kelli Martin, Wes Mason, Adrian Nava, Blake Nichols, Bailey Odom, Keisha Odom, Gabby Paiz, Zack Perez, Becca Striblin, Josie Whisenhunt and Zack Witcher.

Also attending were Colt Mason, Patricia Hester and sponsor Dedra Adams of STARS.

Did you know? Texas has led the nation in youth alcohol-related crash fatalities.

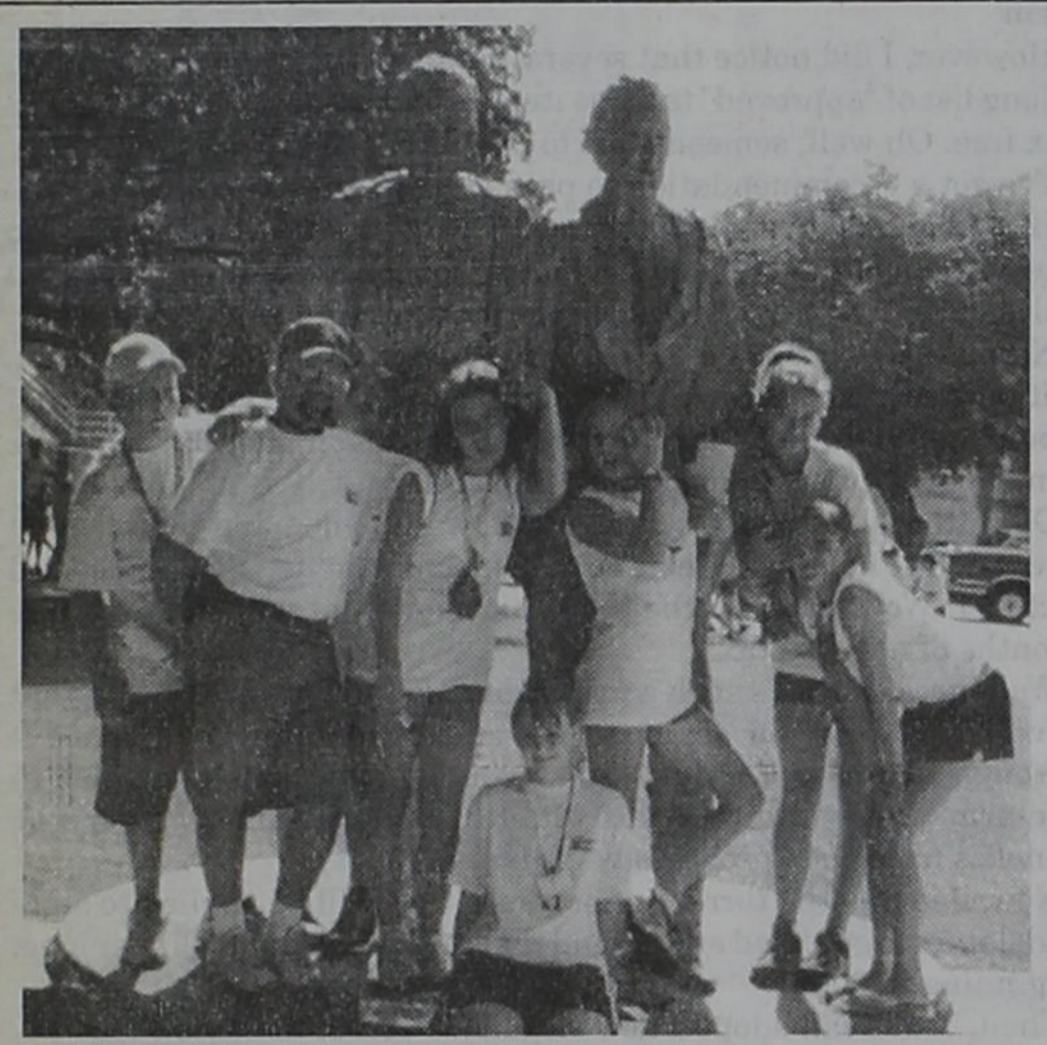


Mrs Adams' STARS team are (left to right) Patricia Hester, Brenna Postell, Adrian nava, Heath Fellhauer, Dedra Adams, Abby Ayala, Josie Whisenhunt, Keisha Odom and Becca Striblin.

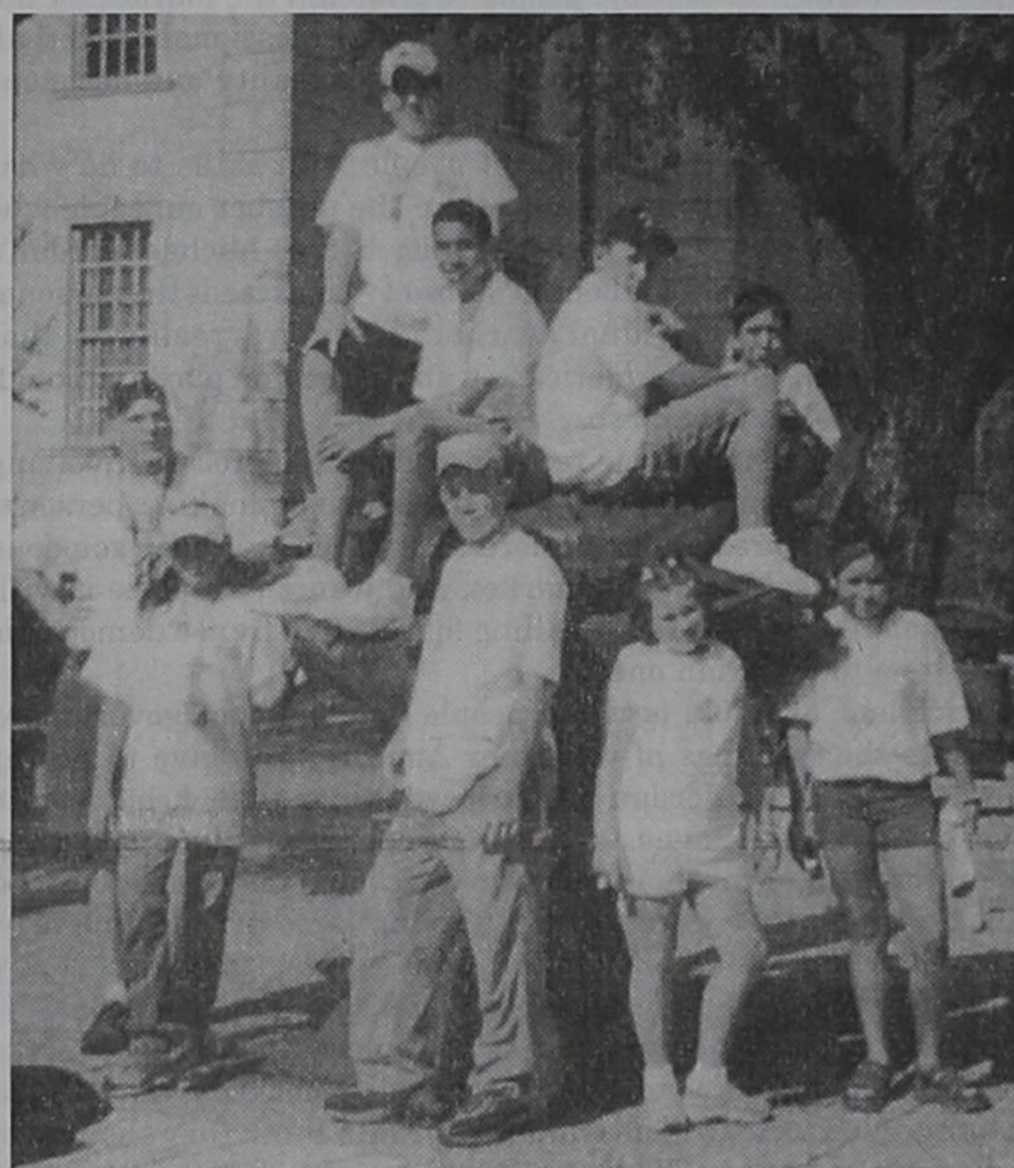


Mrs Hesters' STARS team are (left to right) Ryan Belongia, John David Boren, Gabby Paiz, K'Nell Dalby, Carol Hester, D.J. Biaza, Kelsey Sanderson, Claire Kirkpatrick and Samantha Hoover.

Photos courtesy Dedra Adams



Mr Tidwell's STARS team are (left to right) Colt Mason, Rodney Tidwell, Bailey Odom, Allison Blevins, Jackie Hays, Rachel Gray and Kylie Easterling (front). Not present for photo Kam Shumard and Timothy Wilson.



Mr McKim's STARS team are (back row, left to right) Zachary Witcher, Edgar Garay, Wilson Cash, Justin Lorea, (front) Wayne McKim, Amber Bustoz, Blake Nichols, Lexi Nobles and Amanda Rodriguez.



Mr Potter's STARS team are (back row, left to right) Call Windham, Dylan Davis, Kris Crenshaw, (middle) Kelli Martin, Marlee Plummer, (front) Cora Crane, Dena Potter, Lauren Gonzales and Erica Cravey.



Mr Powell's STARS team are Meagan Howard, Shelley Gearheart, Paige Bullard, Jason Powell, Tyler Odom, Jeremy Short, Zack Perez, Wes Mason, Tamara Raymundo and Lori Jones.

Golden Plains Care Center fishin' trip



Dave Iles (left to right), W.C. Caffey and Harold Stofer enjoy the recent Golden Plains Care Center fishing trip.



Enjoying the recent "Father's Day" fishing trip are Jackie Vera (left) and Eddie Moore.



Bennie Wilks gets his hook and line ready for fishing.

Five arrests reported last week

Five individuals were booked into the Garza County Jail during the past week, according to records provided by the sheriff's department.

On Aug. 2, a 35-year-old male was arrested on Collin County warrants and a 43-year-old male was jailed for possession of marijuana.

A 17-year-old was arrested for minor "in consumption of alcohol" on Aug. 4. Also, a 32-year-old was picked up on a Reeves County warrant.

A 41-year-old was arrested on a Garza County warrant on Aug. 5.



Getting the line hooked are (left to right) Bobby Smith, Gene Hays and Raymie Holly.

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by JoAnn Mock
What a glorious experience to travel on #84 and see the great cotton crop. What a joy it will be to harvest. Congratulations to all my farmer friends, this year has really been a "cotton" year.

At the Garza Theatre: Don't forget to pick up a copy of "Texas Highways" that has the story of the old Harley Sadler touring company. The Garza Theatre of Post is a part of that article.

I guess the Garza Theatre is the only place that recognizes the role of the Harley Sadler shows in West Texas.

The Harley Sadler play, "When the West Was Fun," started last weekend at the Garza.

Congratulations to the Garza Theatre and everyone involved on successful runs of all the summer plays.

Post Toasters: On July 18, on the CCA's Post Toaster program, Gene Mathis presented a very interesting and informative program on genealogy research. He left us a list of the best Web sites on this subject.

That list is available at the offices of the CCA or at the Garza County Historical Museum.

Our next Post Toaster will be Sept. 19.

At the Garza County Historical Museum: Mark your calendar for Oct. 5, the opening of the Chief Frank Runkles Memorial Room at the museum. We are expecting a crowd of people that was involved or influenced by "Chief" and long life working in the community.

Our appreciation to his family and close friends that have help develop the exhibit and that adds so much to our museum collections. Linda Puckett has done an outstanding job of exhibiting his Native American and Boy Scout collections. Also thanks to

Wayne Echo9ls for his construction work on the room that matches with the other new rooms at the museum.

Handicapped ramp: Guess what! We will have a handicapped ramp in place in time for the opening. Our grateful appreciation for the generosity of Ms. Ruby Kirkpatrick and the Garza County Commission for funding the ramp construction.

After attending a ADA workshop, I was able to design just the ramp that we needed, which was approved by Commissioner Lee Norman. David Woods has been commissioned for construction and Daryl Dissinger will build the hand rails and fences.

Arts in Education: The Native American Study guide for teachers will be an important addition to the

development of the "Chief" room. Cynthia Herbert, educational director of the Texas Alliance for Education and the Arts, has developed the guides and lesson plans for the CCA's "Crossing the Bridge" project. These plans and guides will recognize the educational values within the community and inspire students as they witness local history in action. The project is partly funded through a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts. Other plans are "on the table" to make museum visits very meaningful for students.

Received a nice note from Carolyn and Earl Chapman about their May/June "Symbols of Faith" exhibit at

the Lubbock Arts Alliance. A picture of Earl and some old lady was included. "Holy cow, who was that?" I said. "That old lady was wearing my shirt."



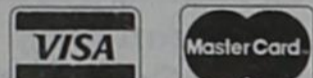
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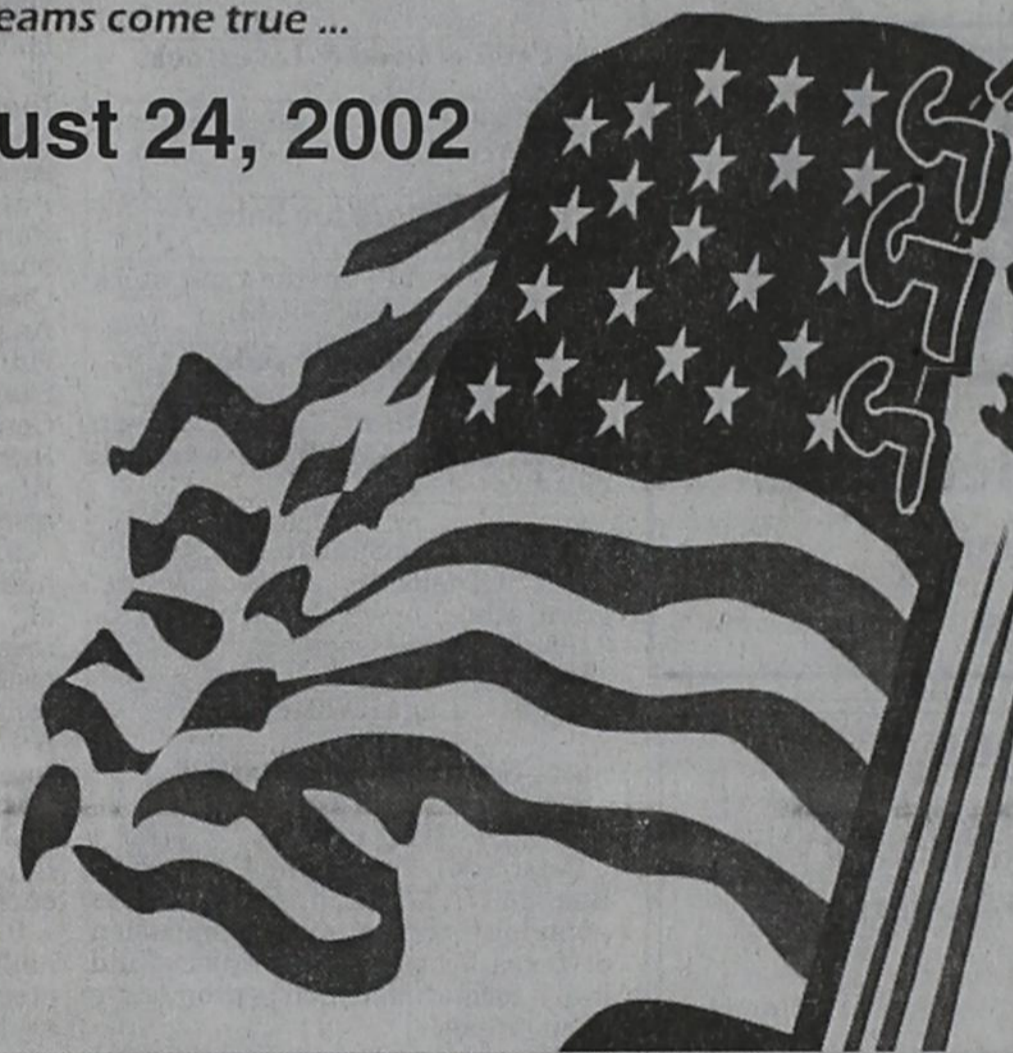
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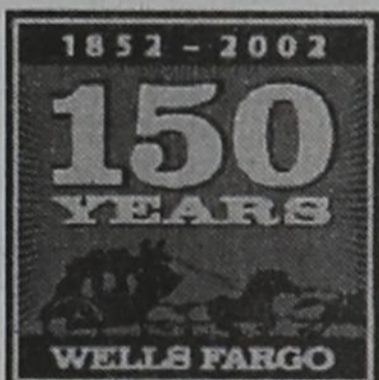
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All proposals, to be considered as responsive, are due and must be received by 2:00 p.m., September 3, 2002, at the office of Judge Giles W. Dalby, Garza County, 300 W. Main, Post, Texas 79356. For additional information, please contact Judge Giles W. Dalby, 300 W. Main, Post, Texas 79356, (806) 495-4405.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CECIL TIDWELL CAUSE #1773, Garza County, Texas

Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Independent Executrix upon the estate of CECIL TIDWELL, deceased, was issued to the undersigned on the 25th day of June, 2002, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time required by law. Peggy Jean (Saunders) Townsend, 681 College Ave., Abilene, Taylor County, Texas 79601 or in care of Donald L. Anderson, Jr., Attorney, Box 208, Abilene, Texas 79604.

Dated: 25 June 2002
Peggy Jean (Saunders) Townsend
Independent Executrix Estate of Cecil Tidwell Cause # 1773

If a dog will not come to you after he has looked you in the face, you should go home and examine your conscience.

—Woodrow Wilson



POST COWGIRL WINS SADDLE, BUCKLE

Jo Mears of Post displays the All-Around 1962 Cowgirl saddle and the division championship buckle she won in the 15th annual Southwestern Championship Junior Rodeo with a total of 300 points. Jo, who is 12, was the rodeo's top cowgirl performer as well as the champion of her age division—12 and under.—(Staff Photo)

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

The Choctaw Code Talkers



Tim Tingle of Canyon Lake is one-quarter Choctaw Indian. He makes his living by entertaining audiences with Indian stories and songs. He gradually phased into that line of work after realizing he wanted to learn more about his family's background.

He got so involved with performing he sold his company, New Canaan Foods, to devote full time to his newly discovered passion. "The business was doing great," says Tim.

"In fact, I sold it to my accountant, who certainly wouldn't buy anything unless he thought it could make him money. But this is just something I had to do." He has been doing his Indian shows fulltime for six years. His family has roots in Oklahoma and he is finishing work on a Master's Degree in Indian Culture at the University of Oklahoma.

He interviews Choctaws about their stories and legends and passes those along to audiences all over the country. He spends a good deal of time in Oklahoma doing research. "Oklahoma is a Choctaw word. Okla means people and homa means red. Mississippi is also a Choctaw word. Missi is a Choctaw word for place and sippi means old. So Mississippi is the old homeland of the Choctaw people."

Tim's grandparents moved to Pasadena, Texas in 1912. "My dad and his seven brothers and sisters could speak Choctaw around the house but since they were in Pasadena, Texas there wasn't much opportunity to use the language outside the house. They were absolutely forbidden to teach us any Choctaw at all and never allowed us to go out with anyone who had any kind of Indian blood. My grandmother was real specific about that. When she first moved to Pasadena the kids in the neighborhood had thrown rocks at her just because she was an Indian. And in 1912, this was before any wars with Germany. The biggest war people remembered were the Indian wars. So there was a huge amount of prejudice as there still is in a lot of places. Since she was rocked, she didn't want her grandkids to learn the language at all."

Tim has drums, flutes and rattles he uses to demonstrate Indian music. In schools, he gives kids rattles and the teacher a drum and together they play Indian melodies. When I visited with Tim, he was preparing to go to a ceremony honoring the Choctaw Code Talkers.

"Everyone has always heard about the Navajo Code Talkers. But the Choctaw were actually the first. They were in World War One. They were in World War Two as well. One of the interview subjects I talked with was a Choctaw Code Talker in World War Two. He would not talk about that because they promised in both wars that they wouldn't say anything about their work because if they did the military couldn't use the Choctaw people again. If you think about it, if there's another war they can't use either Choctaw or Navajo because everybody knows the languages were used to send messages. But this is the first ceremony that the government has ever honored the Choctaws for their contributions during the wars."

Tim Tingle is working on a book of ghost stories. He can be reached on the internet at choctawstoryteller.com.



Rick Tucker caught this yellow cat at about 4:35 a.m. July 17 at Lake Alan Henry, using a rod/reel baited with live perch from the fishing barge. The fish weighed between 25 to 30 pounds and made a good fish fry.

There are a terrible lot of lies going about the world, and the worst of it is that half of them are true.

—Winston Churchill

If only men could be induced to laugh more they might hate less, and find more serenity here on Earth.

—Malcolm Muggeridge

Yesteryears

August 5, 1992

10 Years Ago

Steve Babb and Patti Wuensche were the honored guests at a supper Friday, July 24 at the Chaparral Steak House.

Local artist, Geraldine Butler, was a recent guest instructor at Olympia Summer Academy in San Antonio, Texas. The 120 elementary students, ranging in age from fourth to seventh grades were divided into two classes where they were instructed in the art of clay.

GRAND OPENING: Holly Bros. Texaco & Muffler Shop at 102 N. Broadway.

Artisans downtown, along with food and entertainment through the day Saturday, will highlight the first annual "Summertime Jubilee," sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association.

Wesley and Pat Burnett, owners of The Post Dispatch since September 1982, have announced the sale of the newspaper to Todd W. Newton. The ownership change was effective August 1, 1992.

August 5, 1982

20 Years Ago

Melissa Tatum, a Sophomore Accounting major at Lubbock Christian College, was among 146 students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester.

Three Garza County 4-Hers spent five days in the New Mexico mountains, learning about electricity. Russel Graves, Tommy Payton and Mike Johnson all enjoyed the Scott Able 4-H Camp near Cloudercroft.

A party was given in honor of Tonya and Sonya Harp at the City Park, on the occasion of their 6th birthday.

A layette shower honoring Mrs. Tommy Reed was held Saturday, in the bank community room.

Max Chaffin and the original Texas Swingers, will be playing for the dance at the local VFW Hall, during the District 7 Convention, Saturday.

August 3, 1972

30 Years Ago

The Post Church of the Nazarene at 202 10th street will commemorate its 50th anniversary Sunday, August 6 with special services throughout the day, according to the Rev. Tommy Davis, pastor.

"Pin the Bloomers on the Calf" will be a new feature of the 32nd annual Post Stampede Rodeo here August 17-19, according to Johnny Kemp, Stampede secretary.

Irene Sanchez, Garza County's senior representative in the Extension District 2 Dress Revue in Lubbock last Thursday, received a red award in the competition.

A girls basketball coach with 11 years experience has been hired at Post High School to succeed N. R. "Jiggs" King, who resigned a few months ago after having served in the

position for several years at two different times.

Six winners in the Old Fashioned Sale "dress up" contest for employees here last Saturday, were Lou Marks, first, men's; Roger Pace, second, men's; Darrell Eckols, third, men's; Lucille Myers, first, women's; Eula Stone, second, women's and Lillie Wilke, third, women's.

August 9, 1962

40 Years Ago

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church voted unanimously Sunday to authorize the session to solicit bids, authorize construction contracts and secure a necessary building loan for a new church plant.

Trustees of the Close City Independent School District have called an integration election in the district for Saturday, Aug. 31.

Approximately \$421.54 worth of fine merchandizing prizes—including the grand prize of a deluxe bicycle for either boy or girl—will be given away by Post merchants as the climax of Post's Back to School Howdy Days promotion here Friday and Saturday.

A son was born the Mr. and Mrs. James Seals, Aug. 3 in the Garza Memorial Hospital. He was named Gerald Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Ritter, who lost most of their possessions in the Baker Apartment fires were complemented with a shower Monday. The shower was held in the First Baptist Church and sponsored by the ladies of the church.

Sheriff's officers this week are investigating break-ins at the Pleasant Valley store and at the La Paloma tavern in northeast Post.

August 7, 1952

50 Years Ago

Garza County's Baby Derby lasted exactly eleven minutes after it officially opened before a winner was announced Monday. Little Bertha Torres, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Torres of Post, was born at 12:11 p.m. just eleven minutes after the official starting time. She won approximately \$225 worth of gifts, prizes and money for herself and her parents.

The biggest Grand Opening Sale to hit Post in some time: That is the promise of Jake and Alva Heiskill when their Post Drug holds its Grand Opening Sale of Walgreen products.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Altman of the Pleasant Valley community, observed their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday at their home.

Kay Willard Kirkpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Kirkpatrick of Post, was one of three Texas Christian University Air Force ROTC cadets attending summer camps who received superior ratings in leadership and disciplinary abilities and overall camp achievement. Kirkpatrick was rated "one out of 47" by his squadron mates at Luke Force Base in Arizona.

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Southland ISD earns "exemplary" rating

The Southland School received an exemplary accountability rating, according to the district's 2002 District Accountability Summary report.

The exemplary rating, handed down by the Texas Education Commission, resulted from the school's low dropout rate and high TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test passing rates.

According to the TEA's tables on the Southland school, the district had a zero percent dropout rate in grades 7-12 during the 2000-2001 school year.

A review of TAAS test results from the spring 2002 semester in grades 3-8 and 10, 95.6 percent of all students passed the reading portion of the TAAS and 100 percent of all students passed the math, writing and social studies sections of the exam. A year earlier, those numbers were 91 percent in reading, 89.7 percent in math, 94.4 percent in writing and 72.7 percent in social studies, according to the TEA report.

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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ACROSS

- 1 festive TX party
- 5 Kuwait's ruler
- 6 XIT once covered _____ counties
- 7 TXism: "como _____ (How are you?)"
- 8 _____ Mary's Univer. in San Antonio
- 9 _____ western State is in Wichita Falls
- 12 TXism: "fire and fall _____" (retreat)
- 16 in NE Oldham Co.
- 19 TX Johnny Horton's "North to _____"
- 22 Sam Houston was _____ by a Cherokee chief
- 23 TX war cry: "Remember _____"
- 24 "Situation _____, all fouled up"
- 29 Aggie kisses his _____ after a score
- 30 transportation to DFW International
- 31 this Earle was Dallas mayor at time of JFK assassination
- 32 TXism: "a fine how do _____"
- 36 military color
- 37 TXism: "pull the _____ fire" (rescue)
- 43 TXism: "if you _____ gotta pay the band"
- 45 film: "The Great Texas Dynamite _____" (big chore)
- 47 San Antonio pianist Samaroff

DOWN

- 1 head coach at A&M and Alabama
- 2 Lake _____ means "friendship"
- 3 belly button fuzz
- 4 Hill Country Natural _____
- 9 in McLennan Co. on I-35: Elm _____
- 10 TX Tanya's "Can _____?"
- 11 traffic light was invented by TX Henry _____ Garrett
- 12 TXism: "eating out of the same feed _____" (associated)
- 13 TXism: "_____ to shuck" (big chore)
- 14 TXism: "_____boose" (jail)
- 48 Houston Museum of Fine _____
- 50 state seal has "a star of five _____"
- 51 a _____ of smoke
- 52 "One _____, one Ranger"
- 53 TXism: "mad as _____-eyed cow"
- 54 TXism: "not a lick"
- 55 this treaty led to destruction of missiles in TX
- 56 TXism: "shootin' _____"
- 58 Brazos: "arms of _____"
- 59 concealed _____
- 60 Cowboy scores _____
- 15 Corpus Christi AM radio
- 17 TXism: "_____buster"
- 18 TXism: "tax wrangler"
- 20 TX Claire Chennault was adviser to Chiang _____shek
- 21 "in the year of our Lord" (abbr.)
- 24 Mrs. Connally (init.)
- 25 _____Ridge North, TX
- 26 Gov. Hubbard (init.)
- 27 TXism: "_____muffins" (cow chips)
- 28 Dublin's Dr. Pepper plant uses _____ water to clean bottles
- 33 Texas-_____weekend
- 34 Bevo's school
- 35 TXism: "that'll _____nicely"
- 37 Santa _____TX
- 38 TXism: "spin _____" (lie)
- 39 TX Gingers' "Flying Down _____"
- 40 TXism: "as hard as finding a horse _____ in heaven"
- 41 TXism: "lend a _____"
- 42 Phil Gramm's time on the job (abbr.)
- 44 Rangers' headwear
- 46 Cowboy Emmitt (init.)
- 49 should not be taken by a TX athlete
- 50 TXism: "_____ in the neck"
- 57 wagering numbers at TX race tracks

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