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CHS postpones clinic closure until April 30

Recent board meetings illegal

by Wes Burnett

according to an announcement made at Monday night's Garza tion by Paul Ackerman, repre- "Dr Bergfeld has agreed to stay County Health Care District senting Physicians Network on for about three months," (GCHCD) meeting.

the extension and agreed to gued for government control of tor." advertise for bids on proposals health care, supported by board to manage or provide health members Zoe Kirkpatrick, Ray care services under the direc- Bagby and Edna Owen. scheduled for Thursday, Febru- problems with the plan, but CHS (\$25,000 per month)

ernment meetings.

The notice for the February 3 taken by the board.

state requirements, failing to not seek or want any tax funds. specify the purpose or disclose

Covenant Health Systems has night's meeting, the board of should retain local control. He offered to postpone the closing directors moved a step closer to denied that any board member

tion of the district. The board Board member Danny Travis boasted, saying that the announced another meeting Guthrie pointed out potential funds that had been paid to ary 6, which lists an executive was unable to change the out- would be used to pay for opercome. Guthrie supported the ating the rural health clinic. It Both the February 3 and proposal presented by PNS. could take up to six months for February 6 meetings are in Ackerman proposed that PNS insurance companies and violation of the Texas Open manage a health care clinic for medicare system to recognize Meetings Act due to im- a fee of \$2,500 per month. In the new clinic's approval numproper public notice. State that plan, the board would pay bers.

meeting was posted on Friday, earlier proposal by Oasis Medi- the board to assist in the tran-January 31 and the February cal Services (OMS), which sition. No specific terms were 6 meeting notice was posted would not cost the district any mentioned as to fees that Tuesday, February 4. Neither tax funds at all. Al Bendeck, Holmes would be paid for his posting meets the state law, representing OMS, told the services. Holmes had been with thereby nullifying any action board at its special called meet- CHS during the transition of ing Monday (1/27/03) that OMS the old hospital district's con-The planned February 6 meet- would need only a three year tract with CHS to operate a ing notice also does not meet lease for the building, and did clinic here after the closing of

In rejecting the two privately the topic for the secret session. operated clinic proposals, At last Thursday's (01/30/03) Travis insisted that the board

of its clinic here until April 30, operating a rural health clinic. would be involved in the man-Following a detailed presenta- agement of the proposed clinic. Systems (PNS), board presi- Travis said, "which gives us GCHCD directors approved dent Mike Travis strongly ar- time to recruit a full time doc-

> No discussions about potential costs were held. "We've got a \$25,000 a month war chest,"

law requires a 72 hour post- for all costs of operating the Travis also informed the board ing of public notices for gov- clinic, with PNS providing staff that former Covenant Health and managing the operation. System executive Steve The board did not consider an Holmes would be visiting with the Garza Memorial Hospital. Travis said that Holmes is

> now in Colorado. No action was taken on a proposal by Carla Bailey, a former resident of Post, to manage the rural health clinic, citing a wide variety of experiences in that field. She most recently has assisted Dawson County with its rural health clinic.

> Earlier in the Thursday meeting, CHS executive Jim Wurts emphasized that CHS would do all that it could to assist in a smooth transition.

County gets good audit report

by Wes Burnett

A \$94,000 grant application for offsetting costs of juvenile detention from area counties was approved by the Garza County Commissioners' Court at the January 27 regular meeting.

The court also approved a resolution for a \$5,900 grant supporting the Victims Assistance Program.

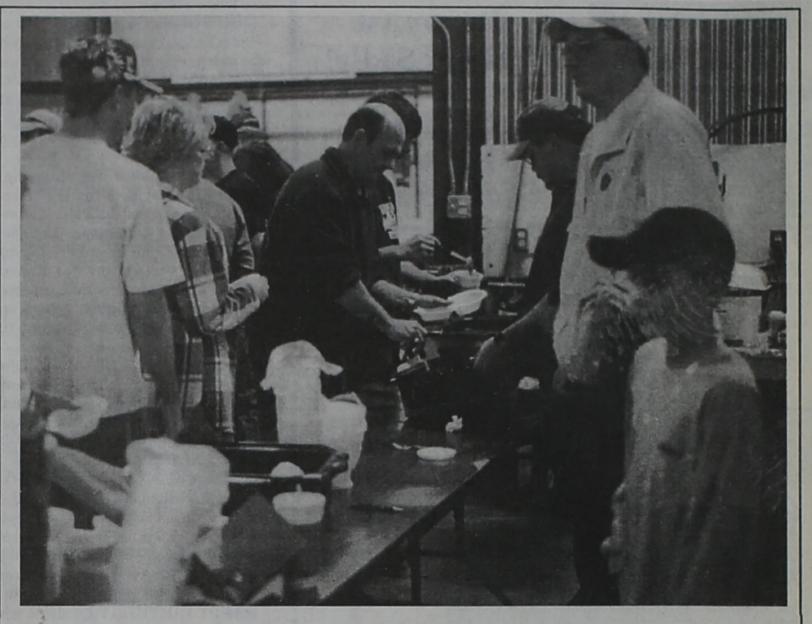
Precinct One Commissioner Lee Norman's request for purchasing a grid roller was approved.

The court authorized county clerk Jerry Hays to use preservation funds to purchase approximately \$6,000 of updated computer software and hard-

Commissioners also approved a budget amendment request by Judge Giles W. Dalby, adding an assistant to his office. Dalby said the assistant would also be available to assist commission-

Auditor Steve Sawyers presented a detailed look at the county's financial situation, and declared the county in good shape, with approximately three months of operating reserves.

The audit showed total revenues for 2002 fiscal year at \$3,144,108 with total expenditures of \$3,265,717.



Great Chili Supper

This year's Post Volunteer Fire Department's annual chili supper was as popular as ever, with firemen dishing out chili (hot or mild?) by the buckets last Saturday at the fire department building.

Travellers cough up \$55,000 for November and December fines

by Wes Burnett

Garza County and the State of Texas collected \$24,565.07 in November and \$31,045.80 in December for traffic fines issued here, according to reports of the two Justices of the Peace courts. The fund raising program, operated by county and state agents, takes advantage of travel victims who violate state commercial transportation codes.

JP Court 1 reported \$11,796.40 in November with JP Court 2 showing \$12,768.67 for the same month. In December JP Court 1 reported \$16,192.50, while JP Court 2 turned in \$14,853.30.

ment officers are "just doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, although that code is limited to regulating commercial transportation. What was sold to the public in the 1920s for "safe" roads, is now a huge money-making machine for corporate governments.

lawful nature of the transportation code needs a bit of exploring. The following research is offered for the reader's consideration:

by Timothy W. Burnett The laws of the land were es-

tablished in the united States of America and in Texas for the foundational purpose of protecting the life, liberty, and property of the people within. One example of this is traveling. Traveling is a very personal element of life, liberty, and property. Some modes of travel include walking, bicycle, tricycle, motorbike, automobile, horse and carriage, etc. In other situations people prefer paying someone to carry them from one point to another. Or they may pay for their goods to be carried.

These entities paid to carry for State and county code enforce- another are known as carriers. Carriers use the public highways and roads to transport people and goods in various types of motor vehicles. The question of whether a Driver's License is required in Texas applies both to the traveling public and transportation. And can be answered by a precise But the question about the study of the Texas Transportation Code.

Before addressing this question, it should be noted that the only right way to interpret the law is to allow it to interpret

itself within the letter of the law. Allowing the letter of the law to interpret itself makes it possible for the researcher, juror, and judge to clearly see the correct meaning and scope.

Similar to God's word of grace and salvation, the laws of the land are of no private interpretation. The big difference between God's word and man's word is the author. Unlike God, man is unable to back his word consistently. So the people of this country developed a protective checks and balances system that included justice. They agreed to elect or have appointed certain people who would serve as official interpreters of the laws and related

During the 1950's the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas ruled in various cases that there was no such license known to Texas law as a "driver's license." These official interpreters of the law were in agreement on how the law interpreted itself.

In 1953, the Appeals Court gave the opinion that "an information charging the driving of a motor vehicle upon a public

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New Sign at Trailblazers

Garza County senior citizens are proud of the new sign on the center's west wall. The senior citizen center is a popular place at lunch time.

Health continues service here Covenant Home Health Care has no plans to stop providing home care to Post and surrounding communities despite Covenant's recent announcement of plans to close its local clinic.

· Covenant Home

In a press release issued earlier this week, Post agency director Amy Skelton said, "Keep your eyes and ears open for an exciting new program on the horizon for Covenant Home Health Care.'

Home health care traditionally provides nursing, therapies and specialized services for patients in their homes.

The Covenant agency cares for patients of all ages, including from birth, thanks to its pediatric department, OB program, wound care team, Hearts at Home cardiac program and Foot Connection foot care program. Also available is Care Connection, the only locally-monitored emergency response system.

Covenant Home Health Care is Medicare- and Medicaid-certified, as well as a preferred provider for many insurance plans. With an in-house insurance verification department, patients will know up-front of any uncovered costs.

Medicare covers home care 100 percent for homebound patients who have a need for skilled medical services as determined by a physician.

For individuals who need skilled home care, Covenant can call and get a physician's orders to perform a home care evaluation. To contact Covenant Home Health Care in Post, call 495-3533.

Post Notes

Holy Cross Church Gordita plates

The Holy Cross Catholic Church is offering Gorditas ith rice, beans, salad and drink for \$5 per adult plate and \$2.50 for children Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the church's fellowship hall.

Retirement Reception for Dr Bain A retirement reception will be held Sunday, February 23 at 2 p.m.

for Post ISD superintendent Dr Bobby Bain at the Hotel Garza. "Desperate Ambrose" at Garza Theatre

"Desperate Ambrose" will open at the Garza Theatre February 14 and continue Feb. 15, 21, 22, 28 and March 1, 7, 8 and 9. The play, written by Dnald Payton, is directed by Beth McBrayer. Tickets may be obtained by calling the box office, 495-4005.

'Grandma Brag Pages' set for Feb. 13

The annual Post Dispatch "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published Thursday, February 13, with a deadline of Friday, February 7. Photos of grandchildren are \$10 for photos with one or two children, and \$5 for each additional children in a photgraph. Wallet sized photos are preferred, color or black and white. Call The Post Dispatch at 495-2816 for more information.

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Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hello for one more week. I want to take time to thank all of you in advance that took time to call and share your news with me. I appreciate it so much. It makes putting this "jabber" together so much easier. Everyone else follow along.

TOO FUNNY

I just have to share this with all of you. Those of you who own a computer, and have at sometime or another had trouble and had to call the support line will completely understand what this is all about. My good friend Donna Jones has a new Dell computer in her

home. The early part of last week it crashed and left Donna with the problem of getting it going again.

She tried to think of everything she could do without calling Dell support, which by the way is in India. She had to call them previously on another problem and had real difficulty understanding the person she was connected to, so she did not want to spend four hours on the phone trying to understand their speech. Finally, not knowing anything else to do, she calls Dell.

Surprising enough, she was connected to someone she could understand and the lady gave instructions to solve the problem. So, after doing what she needed to do, the computer is back on, volume working, only one problem. The picture on the screen is about 5 times smaller than it is supposed to be!

This time Donna is not so lucky. She is connected to a man she can barely understand. She explains over and over that the picture is "little-bitty. So small that she can hardly read it. Finally after several minutes the man tells Donna, "Ms, I am sorry, can you explain "Bitty"? So much for the English language.

VFW LADIES AUXILIARY

I received a call from Janet Ratliff this morning letting me know that the VFW ladies will make their trip to the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring the last Thursday of February. Now they need everyone's help to have plenty to take to our Veterans. If you have books, puzzles, games, baked goods or personal hygene items that you would like to donate, just call Chuck Ratliff at 495-2026. They will be happy to come by and pick up your donation or if you like, they will give you a location to drop them off.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY I want to wish Langly Couch happy birthday. He will be 17 on Friday, February 7. Have a great day Langly.

ATTEND SERVICES Alvin H. Claborn of Lawton, Oklahoma recently passed away. His wife, Marguerite is formerly of Post. Brother-in-laws attending the funeral were Harold Lucas of Lubbock, Wilburn Lucas of Marble Falls and James Lucas of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Also, sister-inlaw, Ruth Reno.

WHAT AN HONOR Linda Green called Monday to do a little "grandchild" bragging, and I don't blame her! Linda and Bobby's granddaughter, Maeson Green of Slaton, attends St. Joseph school there. Last week being Catholic School Week, they celebrated All School Mass at Christ The King school in Lubbock.

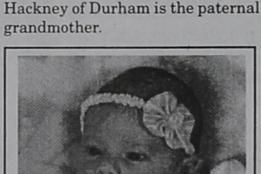
Maeson was picked Student of the Year and was presented her award by Bishop Placido Rodriguez. What makes this so wonderful is that Maeson's brother Jace, was honored with this award last year. I know their mom and dad, Angel and Jay Green, are quite proud of their children!

SAD SIGHTING Katherine Johnson's son, Jerry Johnson of Cedar Park (North of Austin) called her early Saturday morning to let her know that he had seen the Shuttle Columbia over his home. Apparently the shuttle had begun to break up as Jerry told his mom that they could see a big silvery image with smaller pieces behind. Such a sad thing to witness.

TILL NEXT WEEK Guess that will do it for this week. PLEASE call in your news. God bless each of you and see ya next week. Judy

Births





Victoria Miguelina

Burnette

have announced the birth of a

daughter, Victoria Miguelina, born

Jan. 4, 2003, in Durham Regional

The infant weighed eight pounds,

Maternal grandparents are Felicia

and José Payano of Post. Ann

one ounce, and was 21 inches long at

Hospital, North Carolina.

Reginald and Wendy Burnette



Cayce Lynn Britton

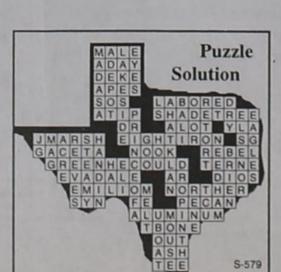
Randy and Raquel Britton and their sons Austin and Brandon welcomed their daughter and sister Cayce Lynn on her birth December 31, 2002.

Cayce Lynn was born at Covenant Medical Center and weighed six pounds, four ounces and was19 inches long.

Her maternal grandmother is Estella Glen of Colorado and grandparents Carlos and Rose Martinez of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Melvin and Barbara Britton of Post.

Silence, along with modesty, is a great aid to conversation. -Michel de Montaigne





Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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Saving Water: Indoors

Water is a natural resource, to precious to let go to waste. It is important that we as a community, public and private businesses, families, and individuals work together to help save this great resource. Listed below are ideas and tips on how to preserve this precious resource.

Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your faucet is dripping at the rate of one drop per second, you can expect to waste 2,700 gallons per year which will add to the cost of water and sewer utilities, or strain your septic system. Retrofit all wasteful household faucets by installing aerators with flow restrictors.

Verify that your home is leak-free, because many homes have hidden water leaks. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak. Wash clothes only when you have enough for a full load. Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear within 30 minutes. Check the toilet for worn out, corroded or bent parts. Most replacement parts are inexpensive, readily available and easily installed. (Flush as soon as test is done, since food coloring may stain tank.) Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects and other such waste in the trash rather than the toilet.

Letting the water run to get a cold drink sends a lot of good water down the drain. Instead, put a bottle of water in the refrigerator. Never put water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering a plant or garden, or cleaning.

Take shorter showers. Consider installing a low flow shower head. They reduce flow to approximately 3 gallons a minute. Replace you showerhead with an ultra-low-flow version. Some units are available that allow you to cut off the flow without adjusting the water temperature knobs. Use the minimum amount of water needed for a bath by closing the drain first and filling the tub only 1/3 full. Stopper tub before turning water. The initial burst of cold water can be warmed by adding hot water later. Don't let water run while shaving or washing your face. Brush your teeth first while waiting for water to get hot, then wash or shave after filling the basin.

Operate automatic dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded or properly set the water level for the size of load you are using. When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink or basin with soapy water. Quickly rinse under a slow-moving stream from the faucet.

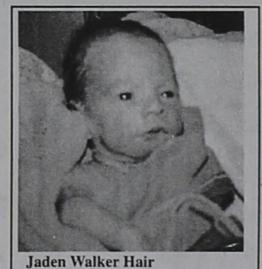
Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run every time you want a cool glass of water. Do not use running water to that meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or by using the defrost setting on your microwave. Kitchen sink disposals require lots of water to operate properly. Start a compost pile as an alternate method of disposing food waste instead of using a garbage disposal. Garbage disposals also can add 50% to the volume of solids in a septic tank which can lead to malfunctions and maintenance problems.

Consider installing an instant water heater on your kitchen sink so you don't have to let the water run while it heats up. This will reduce heating costs for your household. Insulate your water pipes. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up. Never install a water-toair heat pump or air-conditioning system. Air-to-air models are just as efficient and do not waste water. Install water softening systems only when necessary.

Save water and salt by running the minimum amount of regenerations necessary to maintain water softness. Turn softeners off while on vacation. Check your water pump. If you have a well at your home, listen to see if the pump kicks on and off while the water is not in use. If it does, you have a leak When adjusting water temperatures, instead of turning water flow up, try turning it down. If the water is too hot or cold, turn the offender down rather than increasing water flow to balance the temperatures. If the toilet flush handle frequently sticks in the flush position, letting water run constantly, replace or adjust it.

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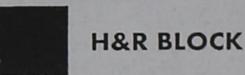
Jason Hair and Kendy Looney are

Jaydon Walker Hair

proud to announce the birth of their son, Jaydon Walker Hair, born Dec. 23, 2002.

The infant weighed two pounds, nine ounces, at birth and was 15 1/4 inches long. He arrived at home on Jan. 30, 2003.

Grandparents are Donnie and Carolyn Hair and Les and Diana Looney. Great-grandparents are J.W. and Bessie Strawn, Dale Hair and the late Jane Hair, Olin and Betty Looney and Ray and Sarah Gonzales.

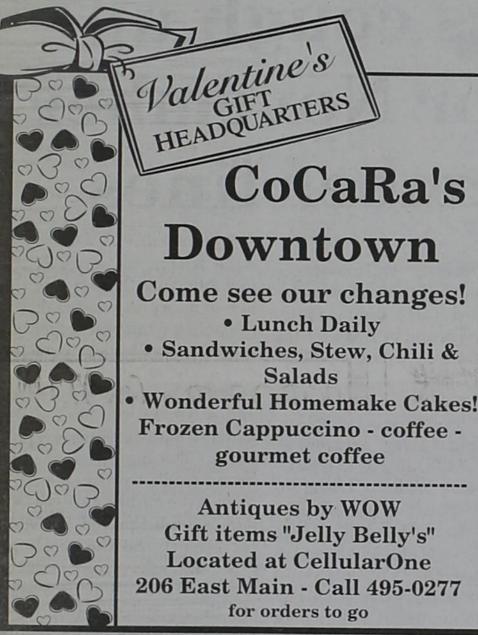


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Mrs. Bilberry died on Sunday February 2, 2003 at the Covenant Medical Center< Lubbock.

-She was born on July 13, 1925 to Oliver and Uretha(Howell) McDougle here in Garza County. She attended school at Crossroads and Post. She married Cephas Bilberry on July 4, 1946 in Post. She worked for the Postex Cotton Mill and was a homemaker. She took care of her parents until their deaths and since has helped to take care of many friends until her death. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church and was preceded in death by a Daughter: Joyce Harper, July 31, 1997 and also by a grandson: Mike Harper, Dec. 9, 2001

She is survived by Spouse: Cephas Bilberry of Post and One Sister: Illa Mae Holleman six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. of Post. One grandchild: John Harper; three great-grandchildren: Gwen Estep, Kyzandre Harper and Kennth Shronk. One great-great-grandchild: Alexis Estep.

Charles Wesley Boles II

Graveside services for Charles Wesley Boles II, 58, formerly of Post were Tuesday, February 4, 2003 2:00 p.m. at the Coker Cemetery near Saint Jo, Texas. Nathan Boles, Lay Minister and Brother of the deceased officiated. Arrangements were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Boles died Sunday February 2, 2003 at the John Sealy Hospital, Galveston. He was born on January 16, 1945 to Herman Sampson and Lois Jewell (Pond) Boles at Pampa. He attended school at Austin High at El Paso. Being the son of a Presbyterian Minister he was active in the ministry and music. He also was a radio personality and had worked for his brother here in Post at the KPOS Radio Station.

He is survived by Three Sons:, Wesley, Herman and Patrick. Two Daughters: Anne Marie and Kayla. Three Brothers: Travis Boles, Jim Boles and Nathan Boles. One Sister: Zela Airhart. Special relatives are: Bob and Joyce Pemberton, Anna Andrews, Frankie Pond, Ray and Linda Perez and Dale and Linda Pond. Memorial are suggested to the Leukemia Foundation.

Alvie H. Claborn

Alvie H. Claborn, 84, died Jan. 25, 2003, in Lawton, Okla.

Born Dec. 16, 1918, in Idabel, Okla., to Elizabeth and Albert Claborn, he married Marguerite Lucas Aug. 31, 1973, in Post. He retired from the U.S. Army as a sergeant first class after 23 years of service in various locations, including Alaska, Korea and Germany. He also was a veteran of World War II, having served in the South Pacific.

Following his military service, he worked for many years at Mead Bakery and later in the construction business. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Sterling,

Survivors include his wife, Marguerite Claborn of the home; two sons, Alvie H. Claborn Jr. and his wife Barbara of Chattanooga, Okla., and Rick Claborn and wife Laurie of Faxon, Okla.; three daughters, Elizabeth Gilpen and her husband John of Union City, Okla., Elon Weeks and husband Ed of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Renay Bryan and husband Dale of Chattanooga; one sister, Lue Barnes of Soper, Okla.; 13 grandchildren;

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Gene and Albert Claborn; four sisters, Mavis (May) Griffin, Faye Roebuck, Nora Davis and Nell Johnson; one granddaughter, Dusti Glenn; and one grandson, Kennie Wayne Barnett.

Family members attending the funeral services included brothers-in-law and sister-inlaw Harold Lucas of Lubbock, Wilburn Lucas of Marble Falls, James from Albuquerque, N.M., and Ruth Lucas Reno of Post.

Elaine Sherrill

Services for Elaine Sherrill, 59, of Post were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, in the Draw Methodist Church with the Rev. Les Atkins officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ken Peterson. Burial followed in the Draw Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman

She died Friday, Jan. 31, at Covenant Lakeside in Lubbock.

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Born Sept. 1, 1943, in Brookston, Texas, she married Gerry Sherrill July 14, 1961, in Post. A resident of Post since 1980, she was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband, Gerry, of Post; two sons, Bob Sherrill of McKinney and FT1/SS Dan Mitchell, USN of Kings Bay, Georgia; one daughter, Darla Sommermeyer of Ransom Canyon; her mother, Thelma Mitchell of Post; two brother, Billy Mitchell of Spring and Glenn Mitchell of Lake Charles, Louisiana; nine grandsons; three granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her father, B.A. Mitchell, in 1997 and a brother, Kennith Don Mitchell, in 1958.

Callie Strofer

Services for Callie Strofer, 84 of Post were Saturday, February 1, 2003 at 2:00 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church and burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. The Rev. Lloyd Stice of the First United Methodist Church officiated Arrangements are under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post. Mrs. Strofer died on Wednesday January 29, 2003 at the University

Medical Center. She was born on November 24, 1918 to Helmer E. and Alice Melinda

(Gremland) Nelson in Lynn County. Attended school at Graham

chapel and married H.R. 'Spike' Strofer on August 28, 1943 in Clovis, New Mexico. After their marriage Mr. Strofer went to the service during WWII. She worked at the American Cafe until his return form the service. She was a Lutheran and has lived all her life in Garza County and Post. She raised five daughters.

She is survived by her husband H.R. 'Spike' Strofer of Post and Five Daughters: Delores Redman of Post, Jane Widick of Bushland, Sue Meeks of Hobbs, NM., Joan Gross of Wolfforth and Joy McMillan of Clinton, MS. One Brother: Troy Nelson of Post and one Sister: Bernice Lee of Modesto, Ca. 15 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends Friday from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Pallbearers were Billy Widick, Steven Otto, Dale Redman, Reagan McMillan, Jim Brinker and Sam Dunn.

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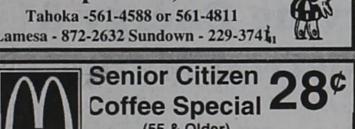
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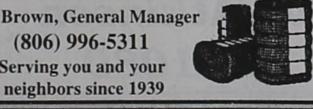
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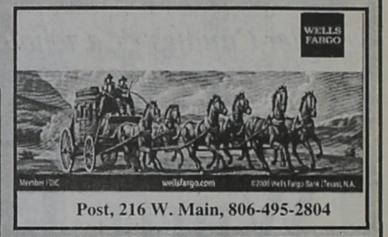
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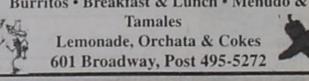
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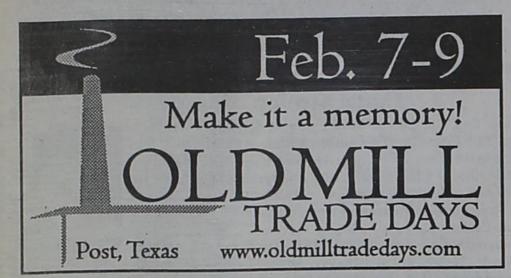


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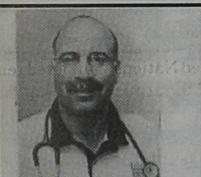


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Letters to the Editor

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Whoa, Mz. Parsons! That was some letter you put in the

I'm sorry to see how upset you are that your nephew got arrested and put in jail. Obviously you love him very dearly that you seem to be lashing out your anger on a very special person here in our "small town." I say this because I noticed you are from Abilene.

You say your nephew committed a crime - a crime is still a crime. Aren't you glad no one else was involved?

Our sheriff's department is always very fair, and for your nephew to be arrested was done in good judgment. I guarantee it. And yes! Wow! Post is growing because a man made the decision to bring more business to this small town.

Well, this man, you - Ms. Parsons, are so ready to condemn, happens to be a very fair and good-hearted judge. He always makes time to hear even the smallest of problems and treats you like you matter. He is honest, and I trust his judgment.

I'm sorry that you just don't see "small town goodness" at work here, but then you are from Abilene - so I'll explain it,

Yes, we did get a new prison, and so many people from Post, including myself, opt to work there as it was being built. Not only did it bring hope to us as we provided a living for our families, but we also bonded with other

The prison finally was built and opened. Then came more jobs where people from Post opt to work as guards, nurses, mail clerks, librarians, secretaries, etc. Families are providing a decent living for themselves, buying houses, cars and having hope for their

Not only at the prison, but jobs are opening up all over Post. More people, more jobs, more friends. Post is growing, and I love this town because no matter



Mateo Daniel Solis

Koby and Austin Solis are proud to announce the birth of their brother, Mateo Daniel, at 5:36 p.m. Dec. 12, 2002.

The infant weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20 inches long at

birth. Parents are Gene and Chanda Solis. Grandparents are Angie Solis of Hale Center, Larry Moreman of Lubbock and Carl and Debbie Bartes of Plainview. Great-grandparents are Mack and Lola Ledbetter of Post and the late Weaver and Pearl Moreman.

how big it gets, it still has that "small

grow up with. And no, Mz. Parsons, it doesn't stop there. I haven't mentioned Christmas

town" quality I need for my children to

Yes, every Christmas the employees from the prison you are so ready to criticize get together and give out nice toys to children in need. And that comes from their hearts. Not only do the children's faces light up, but I know that their parents' hearts are grateful for this help.

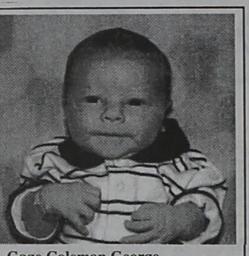
It really hurts me that you felt the need to criticize a very good man - all over money. Money is not everything, Mz. Parsons.

Maybe we small town people just do things differently. But, oh, the honor of knowing this God-fearing man.

And when my children's grandchildren ask, "Who was this man the prison was named after?" my children will say, "A man who had faith in Post and dreamt of a future for its people."

Mari Bustoz, Post

Births



Gage Coleman George

Gage Coleman George

Rodney and Susan George, Morgan and Ben of Lubbock are pleased to announce the birth of their son and brother, Gage Coleman. He was born January 7, 2003 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, weighing seven pounds, seven ounces and was 20 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Kerry and Barbara Jackson of Lubbock. Paternal grandmother and great grandparents are Jane George and Thurman and Annie Laura Francis. Paternal grandfather is the late Benny George.

Sheriff reports six arrests

Six arrests were recorded in Garza County during the past week, according to records provided by the sheriff's department.

A 41-year-old male was picked up for theft by check Jan. 28.

Another arrest, this one involving a 27-year-old male arrested for driving while license suspended, was

logged, but no date was recorded. On Feb. 1, a 59-year-old was arrested for DWI/third. A 40-yearold male also was arrested for DWI/ third and possession, under two

ounces, on the same date. A 29-year-old male was jailed for public intoxication on Feb. 2. Also arrested on that date was a man, age unlisted, on a Garza County warrant

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Lost & Found

Several items were left at the show barn after the stock show. We have a girls blue coat, two boys plaid shirts, one hooded sweatshirt, a hog bat, an extension cord case, a silver key. We also have a set of keys and a pair of prescription sunglasses that were found after the stock show last year. And, we have an assortment of gloves that were found on the street after the Christmas Parade back in December. If you are missing any of these items, come by the Extension office to claim.

Ft. Worth Livestock Show

Eleven Garza County youth exhibited steers at the annual Ft. Worth Livestock Show January 30 and 31. The results were as follows: Middleweight Polled Hereford-Chad Miller, 10th. Place; Middle-weight ABC-Skylar Jones, 2nd. Place and Reserve Breed Champion; Heavy-weight ABC-Coby Jones, 5th. Place; Heavy-weight ABC-Alex Miller, 9th. Place.

Others exhibiting steers were: Traci Nelson, Casey Williams, Jarrett Blevins, Allison Blevins, Kaylee Farquhar, Shelby Farquhar, and Chase Miller. Congratulations to all exhibitors. Good luck to all those exhibiting at San Antonio the week of February 16-22.

Senior 4-H Fashion Show

All youth 14 and over interested in participating in the Senior 4-H Clothing Project and Fashion Show, need to call 495-4400 to sign up by February 14th. **CEU Opportunities**

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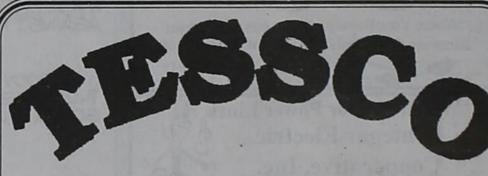


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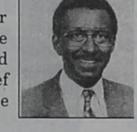
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The U.S. Supreme Court's decision to hear Grutter and Gratz vs. Bollinger, a case challenging the University of Michigan's racial preferences, and President Bush's submitting an amicus curiae brief supporting the challenge has refueled the affirmative action debate.



The focal point of the debate is whether affirmative action violates civil rights. It's difficult to debate the issue intelligently because we're talking past one another — as we haven't chosen to define affirmative action. Let's look at it. Affirmative action means different things to different people.

So allow me to list some of those alternative interpretations. To some Americans, perhaps most, affirmative action — let's call it Affirmative Action I — means a policy of non-discrimination. A university or an employer should cast a wide net in its recruitment, admissions or hiring policy by advertising and recruiting in minority schools, social organizations and newspapers, but in the actual admissions or hiring, individuals are treated equally by race.

For other Americans, there's Affirmative Action II. For them, there should be racial preferences. If a white and black candidate are equal in qualifications for university admission or employment, the preference should be given to the black candidate. For another group of Americans, there's Affirmative Action III.

These Americans reject Affirmative Action I and II. In fact, they see those forms of affirmative action as racially insensitive at best, and at worst racist. For these Americans, affirmative action is a system of hard and fast racial preferences and unevenhandedness.

It's a racial spoils system where consideration and privileges, in whole or in part, are based solely on the race of the individual. The University of Michigan practices Affirmative Action III.

Here are its rules for admission: perfect grade point average (GPA) is worth 80 points; having a parent who attended the university, 4 points; scholarship athlete, 20; perfect SAT score, 12; outstanding

essay, 3; and being a member of a minority group, 20; socioeconomic status and other characteristics account for other bonus points.

Affirmative Action III was applied to plaintiff Barbara Grutter, whose application to the University of Michigan Law School was rejected. She's white, and had a 3.81 GPA and an LSAT score of 161, sincere. But there are major exceptions. Some Americans who placing her in the 86th percentile nationally. At the University of object to any military action against Iraq believe that the United Michigan, white students with those qualifications have an admission States is, itself, a terrorist nation and that anything the Bush rate of only 8.6 percent.

But 100 percent of black law school applicants with exactly the same qualifications are admitted. It would seem to me that any fair-minded person would find that the Affirmative Action III practices of the University of Michigan offend every principle of decency. For those who might support the practice, I'd like to ask whether they'd object if the practice were done in reverse.

That is, give white students a 20 point bonus that's denied to black students. Or admit only 8.6 percent of black law applicants who have a 3.81 GPA and LSAT score of 161, and admit 100 percent of white students with those qualifications.

For black politicians, civil rights organizations and white liberals to support the racist practices of the University of Michigan amounts to no less than a gross betrayal of the civil rights principles of our historic struggle from slavery to the final guarantee of constitutional rights to all Americans.

Indeed, it was practices like those of the University of Michigan, but against blacks, that were the focal point of much of the civil rights movement. If the U.S. Supreme Court has any respect for the U.S. Constitution in the case of Grutter and Gratz vs. Bollinger, I cannot imagine just what words they'd use in a finding that the University of Michigan's practices are constitutional.

But then again, the history of the Court is one of social engineering

and constitutional contempt.

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Is GCHCD now irrelevant?

The Garza County Health Care District (GCHCD) (formerly Garza County Hospital District) is about as obsolete as the building in which its offices are housed, and as irrelevant as the hospital it once operated.

For too many years, the district, through its various board members, has existed under the delusion that its primary purpose is to provide health care for all Garza County residents. That "mission" is in itself the root cause of its irrelevancy today.

The board has consistently expanded its purpose beyond the original intent (as specified in the Texas Constitution which authorized the creation of the hospital district). That single purpose was, and is, to provide health care for the indigent in Garza County. And ironically, in the final months of its existence, its hospital beds, mostly empty, were occupied solely by the indigent or those who could not afford to go anywhere else.

Closing the hospital was a wise decision, it was economically unsound to pretend that it was needed. But then, what purpose does the district have if it doesn't operate a hospital? That dilemma was easily solved by the democratic socialists... they just rounded up the votes to get the district's authority changed and expand its purpose to fit their new mission statement.

Through their newly acquired power, they contracted health care services, giving away a "healthy" tax subsidy. They smugly assumed their new role as "health care saviors," only to discover in recent weeks that money does not buy loyalty. They were actually a bit surprised that the \$300,000 per year subsidy (multiply that times the number of years care provider, who offered to open a clinic without tax subsidies. Covenant Health Systems operated the hospital and clinic here), did not protect them from closure of the clinic here.

"Oh, we made a mistake with that arrangement," they now declare. "We should have operated our own clinic, that way we have full control." It is as if their arrogance exceeds their ability to reason. Reason and logic would demand an examination of the economic necessities for such decisions prior to making such a declaration.

But die-hard socialists hardly ever bother to examine economic impact, or take a measure of the economic risk of their socialist programs. "We'll provide health care for all citizens, no matter what the cost."

This expanded mission is impossible to accomplish, even more so due to the intrinsic inefficiency of government operated services. Evolving from the old and worn out socialist manifesto of government controlled institutions, the GCHCD is a prime example of why government can not be trusted with such an important function as health care.

Recent history has proven beyond any doubt that the district is incapable of achieving its misguided goal. Yet, those who maintain power as members of the board of directors (and their ardent socialist supporters) refuse to face economic reality as it stares them in the face Rather than accept and admit failures of the past, like all socialist

leaders, they hang on to the past firmly, oblivious to the cold, hard facts: "times, they are a changin'." In response to professional medical clinic operators, who understand the business case and critical importance of profit (you must have more

cash in than cash out), board president Mike Travis responds with the staunchest socialist dogma (of which Karl Marx would be greatly pleased):

"This board is not interested in making money." Travis' statement at last Thursday's board meeting, which went unchallenged by any of the sitting board members, clearly and dramatically explains the predicament in which those board members find themselves.

Board members rejected an offer from an established and respected health clinic operator (Oasis Medical Clinic) to lease the old hospital building. Al Bendeck, representing Oasis Medical Services, emphasized that "we stand alone, we don't want or need any tax subsidy." Oasis operates successful clinics in Slaton and Plainview.

Instead, board members are going to follow Travis' lead and operate a clinic themselves, at an unknown cost to taxpayers, but certainly no less than the current \$300,000 per year that has been paid to Covenant Health Systems for the past several years.

Without even bothering to consider or study the potential costs of operating a clinic, board members meekly nodded their heads as Travis blathered on and on about how important it is to "maintain local control." No matter the cost, no matter how inefficient the operation may be, the It is also anti-American. GCHCD board is bound and determined to spend every single dollar that can be squeezed out of taxpayers.

free enterprise ... that free enterprise can not work in the medical field. the Completely Ridiculous." Yet, the board had a solid and firm offer from a highly respected health

Mr Travis (and apparently the whole board) ignores the possibilities of www.creators.com. free enterprise, favoring instead the socialist program he admires most, and the control that comes with the power of the purse.

In a continuing string of failures, the GCHCD plods along the same old path, repeating the same old tired socialist methods ... tax and spend, tax and spend. "This board has no interest in making money." And with that as the cornerstone of its management philosophy, no wonder the hospital as well as the clinic have failed

What Garza County needs is a revival of that good old American philosophy of free enterprise. What we need is someone like Al Bendeck and Oasis Medical Services... people who believe in the free market and competition and "standing alone," refusing to take part in the theft (tax) program so popular with our elected and appointed officials.

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"This board has no interest in making money..." (unless of course it makes money by stealing from property owners).

"We must maintain our control." (at a cost that is undetermined and open ended). And the saga continues ... after the clinic, the GCHCD wants voters here to approve a \$10 million bond issue to build a 15 bed hospital ... and then

cough up another couple million per year to operate it. Oh my, oh my, will it never end?

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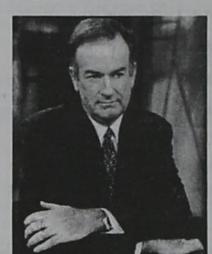
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Dissenting dishonest dissent

by Bill O'Reilly



Robust debate is one of the things that has made this country great. The Founding Fathers really went after one another during the forging of the Constitution, and sometimes the verbal rancor was frightening in its intensity.

But the Founders had common ground in that they believed in the concept of a free United States and that individual rights were the key to that freedom. Theirs was a labor of love, and they all were proud to be called Americans.

Fast forward to the current debate over Iraq. The intensity is certainly there, and, for the most part, the differences of opinion are administration proposes is to be scorned.

A few days ago, an organization called "Not In Our Name" paid for a two-page advertisement in The New York Times, part of which said this: "We too watched with shock the horrific events of September 11, 2001. We too mourned the thousands of innocent dead and shook our heads at the terrible scenes of carnage — even as we recalled similar scenes in Baghdad, Panama City and, a generation ago, Vietnam."

What? Is that advertisement saying that the United States is guilty of crimes akin to those of the 9-11 terrorists?

There is a huge difference between honest dissent and distorted propaganda designed to denigrate your own country. Equating the terrorist attack on 9-11 with the United Nations' mandated removal of Saddam Hussein from Kuwait and the arrest of the drug-dealing dictator of Panama, Manuel Noriega, is incredibly insulting to the people of America. This text goes far beyond protest — this is anti-

The advertisement was signed by well-known radicals like Howard Zinn and Noam Chomsky. But it was also signed by entertainers like Joan and John Cusack, Danny Glover, Susan Sarandon, Martin Sheen and Sandy Duncan, of all people. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton also lent their names to this piece of propaganda, which, I believe, puts those gentlemen into sharp perspective.

Ms. Sarandon, in particular, is lashing out against people who are calling her anti-American. She recently told the British press that she is just "raising questions." But signing on to an ad that implies your country committed terrorism on the scale of the 9/11 attacks is far more than just "asking questions." And most people know it.

The "Not In Our Name" group is a front for the Bill of Rights Foundation, a far left group that has been around for 35 years. It is a tax-exempt organization that, for the past few years, has given most of its donated funds to the defense fund of Mumia Abu-Jamal, the Philadelphia cop killer whose case has been appealed to death, pardon the pun. The evidence against this man remains overwhelming.

Now, the Bill of Rights Foundation has turned its attention to opposing the policies of the Bush administration and has convinced some celebrities to get on the train. But where were these celebrities when President Clinton ordered the bombing of Belgrade, which led to a regime change in Serbia? Was Slobodan Milosevich a direct threat to the United States?

Could it be that some in the anti-war movement are selective in their strategic targets? Sorry about the military reference.

The sad truth is that there are some American citizens who consider President Bush to be more of a threat to the world than Saddam Hussein. These people are entitled to their opinion, of course, but when the dissent becomes vitriolic propaganda, then judgments must be made. Saying that the United States committed terrorism in the Gulf War and Panama is outrageous and foolish.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the new book "The No Spin Zone," in addition Mr Travis has said several times in the past that he does not believe in to last year's best-selling book "The O'Reilly Factor: The Good, the Bad, and

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Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 The Joint Commission will acknowledge such request in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

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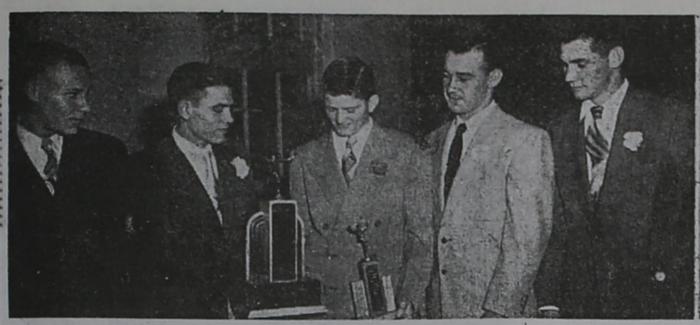
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Dave Willis, Lubbock lawyer and insurance man, is shown presenting the most valuable player trophies to Hays at the Booster Club banquet last Thursday night. The large trophy is to be a permanent trophy for the school show case with the most valuable player's name for each year engraved on it. The smaller trophy, Hays is holding, is to be kept by the player. -Dispatch Photos

From The Post Dispatch, January 15, 1953

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highway without a driver's license charges no offense, as there is no such license as a driver's license known to the law." [Brooks v. State 158 Tex. Crim. 546; May 27, 1953].

A 1951 case appealed the charge of driving a motor vehicle while license was suspended. Judge Woodley gave the following opin-

"The prosecution appears to have been brought under the provisions of Art. 6687b, Vernon's Ann. Civil Statutes, commonly referred to as the Texas Drivers License Law, Sec. 27 thereof in part providing that no person whose operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended shall operate a motor vehicle during such suspension.

"The information against appellant fails to allege that appellant had been issued either an operator's commercial operator's, or chauffeur's license, or that he drove a motor vehicle while such a license was suspended." [Holloway v. State 155 Tex. Crim. 484; March 7, 1951].

This case indicated that the driver's license was not known to the law and furthermore that the operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's license was known to the law. Here Judge Woodley keenly distinguished between what the law did not say, and what

it did say. Mr. Holloway was charged with driving a motor vehicle while "driver's license" was suspended. According to the appeals court, no crime was committed because 1) there was no such license as the "driver's license" known to the law, and 2) the prosecution did not show that he was issued an operator's license.

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Yesteryears 10 Years Ago

February 3, 1993

The Hotel Garza, Paul Jones and Boy Hart were honored at last Saturday's Post Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet. Jim and Janice Plummer, owners and innkeepers of Hotel Garza, were honored as the Post business of the year. Paul Jones, pastor of the Post Church of Christ, was selected as "Citizen of the Year" and Hart, a long time citizen of Garza County was inducted into the Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Former Post residents Danny Guthrie and Cindy Guthrie were among 81 students named to the Odessa College Summa Cumlaude Honor Roll. They were also named on the Dean's list.

Jackie Lynn Pewitt married Terry Norman Clark on November 14. Jackie is the daughter of Bernard and Modean Pewitt.

Students at Post Middle School were busy last week putting the school's new Jostens computer system

thought its paces. Tamara Gerner, a first semester freshman at Tarleton State University was named to that school's Dis-

tinguished Student list. Alma Williams constructed a quilt which includes a square for all 50 states. She displayed the quilt at the

Women's Culture Club meeting. January 30, 1983 20 Years Ago

Three junior high band students placed very high in Denver City at the All-Region tryouts recently. They are Debbie Ethridege who placed 13th chair; Marvin Lee, third chair; and D'Lynn Young, sixth chair.

Mr. and Mrs. I. S. 'Pete' Pennell were honored Saturday, with a 50th Anniversary reception.

Skeeter Jo and David Shedd announce the birth of a baby brother, Danny Jay. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shedd of Post,

Coach Jay Kennedy's freshmen boys won the final game of a triple header Monday night. The win leaves the team with a 6 and 0 record in district with one district game left.

My Line by Norm: DID YOU FORGET? This was the week that the 7 digit dialing went into effect!!!

February 1, 1973

30 Years Ago The Rev. and Mrs. Leon Smith and family have moved from Houston to Post where he is the new pastor of

the Calvary Baptist Church. W. B. Harris Jr., director of development of Texas Tech University's new Medical School, will be the featured speaker at the Post

Chamber of Commerce's annual

Post High School senior John Johnson and vocational agriculture teacher E. A. Howard will be in San Antonio on Friday, at which time Johnson will receive of the Rural Youth Awards given to outstanding young Texans by the San Antonio

Livestock Show. Johnson is the son of

Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Clovis Hudman will be honored Sunday, on their Golden Wedding anniversary by their

Four from Post attending Graduate School at Texas Tech University have completed work for degrees. They include Dan Howard Rankin, Gary D. Hays, Dennis Royal Altman and Norman Allen Tanner.

Miss Dian Browning and Dennis Conrad exchanged wedding vows January 26, in the home of the bridegroom's mother.

> January 31, 1963 40 Years Ago

Louie Burkes, plant manager of the Postex Cotton Mills, was elected president of the Post Chamber of Commerce. New directors recently elected are Frank Blanton, Mike Mitchell, S. E. Camp, Charlie Luttrell and Irby Metcalf.

The Post Antelope basketball squad for the 1962-63 season are Benny Owen, Butch Cross, Ronald Simpson, Teddy Scott, Glenn Polk, Danny Pierce, David Nichols, Pat Cornell, Wendell Johnson, Robert Moreau and Danny Odom. They are coached by Wilbert Bigott.

The Chamber of Commerce unanimously endorsed the voting of \$85,000 for the purchase of half the right of way needed to four-lane highway US-84 from the top of the Cap northwest to the Lynn County

Receiving commissions as second lieutenants in the Army are Gary E. Welch and Bryan J. Williams III.

Sherry Custer Carpenter, brideelect of Noel Don Norman, was complemented with a miscellaneous shower last Thursday at the Community Room.

January 29, 1953 50 Years Ago

Joyce Short and John Boren were recently selected the most popular students in Post High-School. Miss Short, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Short, is a senior student. Boren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boren, is vice-president of the senior

New fire siren was received Monday by the Post Volunteer Fire department. It is a modern vertical type with seven and one-half horsepower engine. Fire chief, Homer McCrary, said that the Post department has plans of working out a system of warning Post resident in case of cyclones and "it can also be used in civil defense, if needed."

Bobby Terry was honored with a surprise birthday party in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Terry. Enjoying refreshments were Wayne and Velta Carpenter, Pat Stevens, Leon Miller, Jerry Epley, Elaine Whitaker, Larry Waldrip, Jeanette Storie, Mack Terry, Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter and Mr. and Mrs. Terry.

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The Garza County Health Care District is accepting RFPs for management and/or consulting services to maintain a clinic to be located at 608 West 6th Street, Post, Texas, 79356 (Clinic Project).

The District encompasses all of Garza County, Texas, with a population of over 5,000 residents. The current clinic sees about 550 patients per month. This number does not include other encounters, which average 110 each month.

Successful proposals will be contingent upon submission of complete and detailed estimates regarding staffing and operations and all aspects of management and/or consultation in setup and licensing of a clinic. It is expected that the estimates will include allowances for use of District property. More detail on the requirements and desired specifications for this Project may be obtained by contacting the District at (806) 495-2828

GARZA COUNTY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH PROSPECTIVE PROPOSERS ON FINAL PROPOSAL DETAILS. THE DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT PROPOSALS BASED ON COST, SERVICE, AVAILABILITY, QUALIFICATIONS AND QUALITY OF WORK.

The District further reserves the right to waive any other formalities to the proposal process. Price alone will not determine award of contract, but will be a major consideration.

OPENING TIME: 8:00 A.M., CST OPENING LOCATION: 608 West 6th Street Post, Texas 79356 CLOSING DATE: February 18, 2003

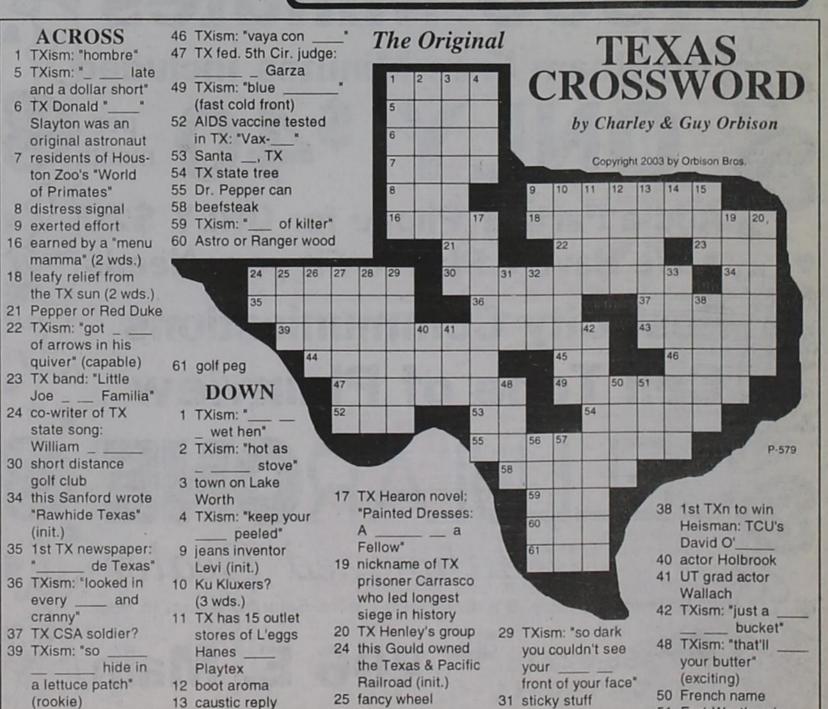
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CLOSING TIME:

Proposals should consist of 8 copies, in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Clinic Project Proposal" and submitted to the following address.

> Attn: Clinic Project Proposals Garza County Health Care District 608 West 6th Street Post, Texas 79356

Proposals will be opened at the regular board meeting on February 20, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. in the Citizens Bank Community Room, 210 North Broadway, Post, Texas.



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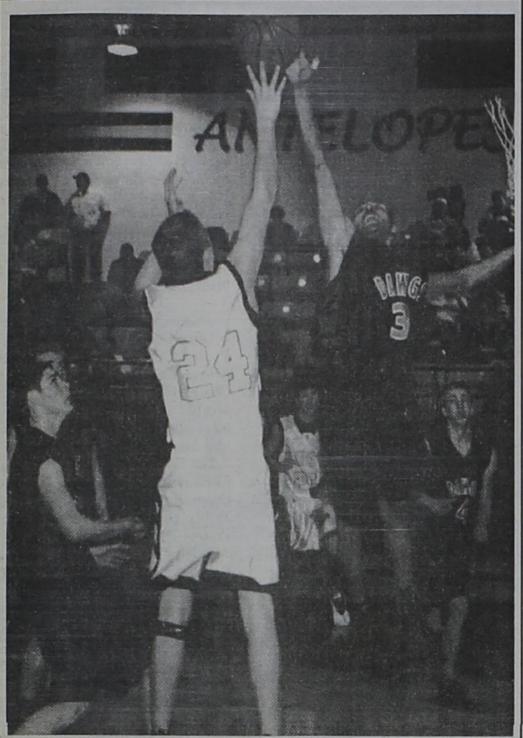
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Sports



Jerrad Grisham goes over the top of Tahoka defenders for another two points in the Post Antelope win here last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

7th grade girls whip Roosevelt

The seventh grade Lady 'Lopes finished their season 7-8 thanks to a 25-7 win over Roosevelt Monday.

"This was one of the best games these girls have played all year long," the coach said. "They picked up the pace in the second quarter and never looked back. Lauren Gonzales did an excellent job attacking the basket and did a great job scoring for us.

"These girls have improved so much from the first of the season, and I'm very proud of them for all their hard work."

Gonzales and Lori Jones shared top-scoring honors with eight points apiece. Marlee Plummer had three points, while Samantha Hoover, Brenna Postell and Madison Mason each added two.

In their Jan. 27 game against Tahoka, the girls won 9-6.

"This was not the scoring game that we needed to have," the coach said. "We were scoreless in the first and fourth quarters and we needed to put up points. Brenna Postell was high point and did a good job in the post position."

Postell had five points in the game, while Suhani Bhakta and Hoover each posted two points.



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'Lopes put on show against Tahoka

by Wes Burnett

The Post Antelope varsity boys' basketball team took a convincing 51-46 win over Tahoka last Friday in district action here. "The team played with intensity and great defense," coach Dane Vickers commented, "I'm very pleased with their effort. If we played everybody like that, we'd be in much better shape."

The 'Lopes must win all three remaining games in order to enter postseason competition. That includes Roosevelt Tuesday (2/5), New Deal Friday and Idalou next Tuesday (2/11).

In the win over Tahoka, Jarrett Vickers led scoring with 14 points, followed by Mitchell Mills and Jerrad Grisham with nine, Sterling Smith with eight, Jett Lott with seven and two points each by Kenny Ratke and Brice Easterling.

The team has a 12-12 season record, with three wins and four losses in district competition.

Lady Lopes struggle in district competition

The Lady 'Lopes' district record stands at 2-7 and season record 15-14 following last week's 42-31 loss to Tahoka.

Post fell behind in the first period and never regained the momentum needed to pull off the win.

"We fell too far behind early in the game," Coach Courtney said. "I thought our team came out the second half and handled their press well. This enabled us more scoring opportunities in the second half."

Top scorer for the squad was Nikki Norman with 13 points, followed by Tayler Starkey with six and Logan Gregory with five points. Meagan Hoover scored three, while Donae Dalby and Patricia Hester each added two points to the scoreboard.

The team fell to Idalou 40-34 on Jan. 28.

"We had a few mental breakdowns during the second half," the coach said. "We really struggled scoring in the third quarter, scoring only two points. Nikki Norman fouled out of the game in the fourth quarter, which really hurt us offensively."

Norman again led scoring with 19 points. Starkey had nine points, Kaycee Gorman, five, and Hoover, one.

On Jan. 24, the girls lost a 55-42 match-up against Shallowater. "The girls played well against one of the state's top-ranked teams," the coach said. "Kaycee Gorman hit three threes in the fourth quarter to help the cause, while Nikki Norman pulled down nine rebounds for the

8th grade girls hammer Roosevelt 44-35

grade Lady Lopes Monday night in Easterling did a good job taking the 44-35 game which marked the ball to the basket and producing end of the local girls' 12-03 season.

Post jumped out to a 10-7 lead in the first period and never looked

Sarah Kirkpatrick led scoring for Post with 14 points, followed by Kylie Easterling with a dozen. Larissa Halford had nine points in the game, while Rachel Gray added three. Steffi Norman, K'Nell Dalby and Jackie Hays each put two points on the scoreboard.

"This was a hard fought game," the coach said. "We led every quarter, but not by much. Sarah Kirkpatrick and Kylie Easterling did an excellent job taking the ball to the basket and drawing fouls. We didn't shoot very well from the free throw line and we were 16-37 for the whole game.

"I'm very proud of all of them for all their hard work and for what they've accomplished," the coach said.

The squad posted a 24-17 victory over Tahoka Jan. 27.

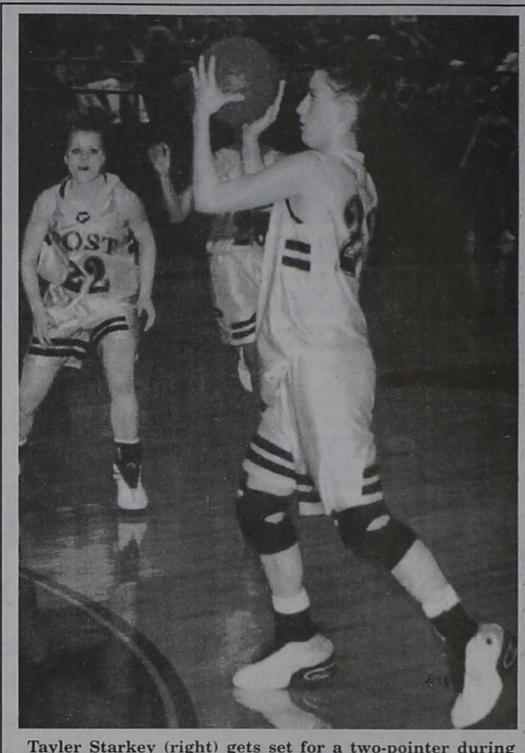
Post held Tahoka scoreless in the first period while posting 10 points of their own.

"This game was a big defensive game for us," the coach said. "I felt we executed our press very well, and we got a lot of steals off of it. Larissa Halford did an excellent job anticipating the passes off the press

Roosevelt fell prey to the eighth and got a lot of steals. Kylie

points at the free throw line." Easterling was top scorer for the Lady 'Lopes with seven points. Kirkpatrick posted six, Hays had five, Halford, four, and Claire Kirkpatrick added two points.

Gorman was high scorer with 15 points, followed by Starkey and Hoover with seven apiece and Norman with six. Hester scored four points, while Gregory added three.



Tayler Starkey (right) gets set for a two-pointer during action here last Friday as Donae Dalby (22) gives an assit. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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