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Lots of unanswered questions remain about federal clinic

by Sheri Lewis

A pair of representatives of the Texas Association of Community Health Centers were on hand at last week's Garza County Health Care District board meeting to discuss the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) program.

Daniel Diaz, director of the state association, and Steve Carriker, a former state representative, met with the board. Several local residents attended the session, according to district administrator Tanya Boucher, and many questions concerning benefits, requirements and eligibility were answered.

One of the questions asked during the session focused on whether the health care district could continue its partnership with PNS in the event the FQHC program is implemented locally. Boucher said district officials are still gathering information concerning the FQHC program, and there are "no guarantees."

Boucher said it has become apparent that there might be "more flexibility" if the health care district chooses to apply for FQHC Look-Alike status rather than go the FQHC route.

"The question is what kind of flexibility are they willing to give up in order to get a better (Medicaid and Medicare) reimbursement rate," Boucher said. Information obtained to date regarding the FQHC program indicate participants realize improved Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement rates.

No final decision on the FQHC program has been made by health care district officials. They are continuing to gather information and explore all aspects of the program.

The district is "not going full throttle," Boucher said.

Last month, board members accepted and adopted the FQHC feasibility report and named a nine-member advisory board that will oversee the program in the event the health care district is granted a program participant. Individuals named to the board include Bunny Lynch, JoAnn Travis, Janie Davis, Pat Cruse, Lee Norman, Joe Smith, Ronnie Dunn, Giles Dalby Jr. and Arthur Kelly.

The board also passed a resolution last month stating its intentions to meet all qualifications of the FQHC or FQHC-LA (Look-Alike) program, as well as comply with the Board of Primary Health Care Public Information Notice prior to filing the FQHC or FQHC-LA application.

"We've got to look at the options, or the alternative is to rely on the taxpayers so heavily that they just can't do it anymore," Boucher said earlier this week. She noted that even with the 1-1/4 cent tax increase adopted this year, the health care district is generating some \$50,000 less in revenues than two years ago thanks to the continuing decline in local mineral values.

If the health care district chooses to align itself with the FQHC program, there will be no additional costs. Most of the services required with the FQHC affiliation - mental health or dental services, for example - are already in place through referrals or local providers.

In other business, directors:

- Called the May 15 election in which three open board positions will be filled. Open seats will include Precinct 1, currently held by Edna Owen;

Precinct 2, held by Ray Bagby; and the at-large post held by Mike Travis. Candidate filings are under way and will continue through March 15. March 22 is the deadline for write-in candidate declaration. Last day to register to vote will be April 15, and early voting in the election will run from April 28 through May 11.

- Established a limit on physician moving expenses of up to but no more than \$9,000. The limit was set as part of the district's participation in the Texas Practice Sites Web site, which helps link physicians to rural health sites.

- Agreed to pay the physician covering at the Garza County Health Clinic a monthly car allowance of \$500. The clinic is required to have a medical director, and the physician covering at the clinic is receiving no compensation for fulfilling that role.

- Handled monthly bills, which included some bills relating to recent

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Post Notes

Gospel Singing Feb. 19

Gospel singing will be offered at Trinity Baptist Church Thursday, February 19 at 7 p.m. The church is located on Avenue O near U.S. Hwy 84. A social will follow the singing.

Church offers "Great White Throne"

Special services, "The Great White Throne," will be offered Saturday and Sunday at the Bethel Assembly of God Church, located at 407 May St. The event begins at 7 p.m. Saturday and continues Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Call the church at 495-0022 for more information.

Enchilada plates Friday

The Church of God of Prophecy is offering enchilada plate dinners for \$5 per plate on Friday, February 20. The plates include three enchiladas, beans, rice and salad. Call in orders at 495-3644. The church is located at 602 W. 14th.

Baseball field workday Saturday

The first workday for this year's baseball program is scheduled for Saturday, February 21 at 1 p.m. All parents and coaches are encouraged to attend.

Homebuyer workshop in Brownfield

The South Plains Community Action Association Inc. (SPCAA) Community Services Division will host a "Homebuyers Workshop" from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, February 26 at the Terry County Coleman Park Party House in Brownfield, located on the Old Lamesa Highway. The assistance is used for closing costs and down payment up to \$5,000 per household. Garza County who qualify as first-time homebuyers interested in this program should call Billie Williams at Garza Community Action, 495-2329 for more information.

Writers Conference here Feb. 20, 21

Post, Texas Writers Conference has been set for February 20 and 21 at the Hotel Garza. Whether you write fiction, family history, children's stories or letters to your friends, this conference is a great opportunity to explore your opportunities. You'll have the chance to exchange ideas with other writers; become part of an on-line writer's group and learn practical steps to help fulfill your desire to write. The conference cost is \$50 per participant. For more information, call: 806-495-0140 or email rwlattimer@hotmail.com

'Never Too Late' at Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre production of "Never Too Late" continues February 13, 14, 20 and 21. The play is directed by Jay Young and features among its cast Zoe Kirkpatrick, Marcie Hartman-Johnson, Kelsey Wimmer, David Johnson, Chris Davis and Roy Willis. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

VFW plans visit to VA Hospital

Members of VFW Post 6797 and VFW Ladies Auxiliary are making plans for the annual visit to the Big Spring VA Hospital on February 26. The post is seeking donations of items for veterans at the hospital. To assist, call Jo Ann Stelzer at 495-3393, Ruth Walls 495-4185 or Janet Ratliff at 495-2026. Needed items include soap, shaving cream, tooth brushes, tooth paste, games, puzzles, writing materials, magazines (no books please), baked goods such as cookies, cakes and pies.

Bar-B-Q plates February 28

The Post Church of the Nazarene will offer Bar-B-Q plate lunches and sausage wraps Saturday, February 28 from 11 a.m. until sold out. The sale of lunches will benefit the church's building fund. Minimum donation requested is \$5 per plate. The Bar-B-Q pit will be located at the corner of Broadway and Main Street. For more information or to place advance orders, call 495-3044.

"Community Closet" organized

A "Community Closet" is being organized to assist families in need. Organizations or individuals interested in donating canned goods, personal grooming products, diapers and baby products, please contact Pixie Grisham at 495-4154, Jason Portr at 495-4884 or the First United Methodist Church at 495-2942.

Fish Fry February 27

The Holy Cross Catholic Church Fish Fry will start Friday, February 27 and continue every Friday until Lent. The fish fry events are from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Holy Cross Hall, with a \$6 per plate with drink suggested.

Post Commerce & Tourism banquet

Plans are being finalized for the annual Post Commerce & Tourism Banquet to be held at 7 p.m., February 28 at the Post Community Center. Call 495-3461 for more information on tickets.

Fastpitch softball seeks players

Registration deadline is March 1, 2004 for the 2004 Girls Fastpitch League in Lubbock's softball season. Age divisions are Machine pits 6-8 year olds, 10 and under, 12 and under, 14 and under and high school ages 15-18 (age as of January 1, 2004). Games are played at Mackenzie State Park. The season begins April 16 with opening ceremonies and a pre-season tournament. Call Jaquita Blevins at 495-2517 to register. Coaches are needed for Post teams.

EMS classes available in Tahoka

The Lynn County EMS is offering EMT Class beginning in April. Classes will be held in Tahoka two nights a week. Anyone interested in becoming an EMT to help our service in Post is encouraged to attend this EMT class. Call 269-0075 for more information.

Hallelujah Chorus at Graham Chapel

The acclaimed 60 member Hallelujah Chorus of Lubbock will sing at Graham Chapel Church of Christ at 5 p.m., Sunday, March 7. Everyone is invited.

Baseball registration set

Registration for baseball, softball and T-ball will be conducted Thursday and Monday from 3:30-5 p.m. in the elementary school gym. Registration fees will be: T-ball (5-6 years old as of July 31), \$20; softball (9-12), \$25; minor (7-12), \$25; Little League (9-12), \$25; Junior (13-14), \$35; and Senior (15-16), \$35. Tryouts will be March 6.



Elvis impersonator Dennis Robinson of Levelland entertained guests and residents at Golden Plains Care Center last week. (Staff Photo by Tim Burnett)

TxDot airs highway plans

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing at 2:30 p.m. Monday in the Wells Fargo Bank conference room to discuss the Trans-Texas Corridor and to give the public an opportunity to submit comments on potential routes.

The Trans-Texas Corridor Plan was introduced several years ago to address the state's transportation problems. The corridor is a new type of transportation network that includes roads, rail and a utility zone designed to move people and goods faster and safer, keeping hazardous material out of populated areas and improving air quality. The plan also is designed to reduce congestion and create a transportation system to support economic growth.

The Trans-Texas Corridor is an all-Texas transportation network of corridors up to 1,200-foot wide. The 4,000-mile corridor will include three separate 12-foot passenger vehicle lanes in each direction; two separate 13-foot truck lanes in each direction; high-speed passenger rail; freight rail; commuter rail; and dedicated utility zones (water, electric, natural gas, petroleum, fiber optic and telecommunications).

Four corridors have been identified as priority segments. These corridors parallel I-35, I-37 and I-69 (proposed) from Denison to the Rio Grande Valley, I-69 (proposed) from Texarkana to Houston to Laredo, I-45 from Dallas-Fort Worth to Houston, and I-10 from El Paso to Orange.

Based on an estimated cost of \$31.4 million per centerline mile, the 4,000-mile corridor would cost \$125.5 billion, not including right-of-way and miscellaneous costs. Factoring in right-of-way at \$11.7 billion to \$38 billion and miscellaneous costs at \$8 billion to \$20 billion, estimated total cost of the corridor project would range from \$145.2 billion to \$183.5 billion.

For more information on the project, contact Penny Mason at 748-4337 or e-mail her at pmason.dot.state.tx.us. Additional information also is available at www.dot.state.tx.us.

School, city, hospital district elections set for May 15

Candidate filings for the May 15 municipal, school district and health care district elections is under way.

In all three taxing entities, candidates may file for election through March 15. Early voting will run April 28 through May 11.

In the City of Post, council positions in Wards 3, 4 and 5 will be open, according to city officials. Those seats are presently filled by Josh Whiteley, Bill Pool and Harold Craig. Each position to be filled is a full, two-year term.

Two positions will be open on the Post Independent School District board of trustees, Superintendent Marlin Marcum said. Board members whose terms will expire this year include Guin Miller and Brad Mason.

Three posts on the Garza County Health Care District board of directors will be filled in the May election. Those positions are currently held by Edna Owen, Precinct 1; Ray Bagby, Precinct 2; and Mike Travis, at-large, district administrator Tanya Boucher said. March 22 is the deadline for write-in candidate declarations in the health care district.

Last day to register to vote in the May elections is April 15.

PC&TB banquet features "Ragtown" production

The annual Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet, sidelined by a silent auction and the distribution of several community awards, has been set for 7 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Post Community Center.

Tickets to the event are available from bureau directors or at the local Radio Shack location. Cost is \$15, and tickets will be available until Feb. 26.

The meal will be catered by Jerry's Barbecue, and members of the Post High School National Honor Society will serve the meal. Entertainment will include an abbreviated version of Chip and Glenn Polk's "Ragtown" production to be featured at the new facility currently being constructed north of the city.

A silent auction, featuring a bevy of items donated by local retailers, also will be conducted. Anyone interested in contributing an item for the silent auction should contact the bureau president, Thressa Harp, at 495-2888.

Awards to be handed out during the evening will include the Conservationist of the Year, Outstanding 4-Her, Outstanding Southland 4-Her, Outstanding FFA Student, the newest member of the Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame, and Post's Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year awards.

"There's going to be a lot of awards given," said Harp. "We would encourage everyone in town to pick up a ballot and vote for Business and Citizen of the Year. Everyone in town has input in these two awards." Ballots for the Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year awards are available at both local banks, at the checkout stands at the local United Supermarket at in The Post Dispatch.

Commerce & Tourism Bureau members also will be recognized during the evening. "We would love all of our members to be present," Harp said. "We encourage everyone to come."

Post ISD approves softball program

by Sheri Lewis

Softball has been added to the slate of extracurricular activities available at Post High School.

Last week, trustees for the Post Independent School District voted to make softball available to its female athletes beginning in the 2005 school year. Implementation of the program is expected to cost \$75,000, including additional personnel, and expenses the following year are projected at \$59,000.

District officials hope to partner with the City of Post to provide a place for the softball team to play. Superintendent Marlin Marcum said the city's T-ball field could be utilized if city officials OK the field changes necessary to convert the field to softball specifications. The school district will cover the cost of the changes.

The new sport was ushered in after district officials received written notification from 40 female students who said they were interested in the sport.

Marcum said a minimum of 15 athletes will be needed to successfully implement the program.

In a related item of business, trustees indicated an interest in negotiating a new agreement with the City of Post concerning the baseball field. The previous agreement expired in 2000.

District officials are proposing that the new agreement allow the school district to help maintain the field for summer league use.

"We're looking for a little bit better control over the area," Marcum said. Trustees would like to prevent vandalism at the site by locking it when the ballpark is not in use. Also, the introduction of security measures at the park would enable game organizers to charge admission, the superintendent said.

Through a joint effort between the city and the school district, new restrooms are being constructed at the ballpark. The city supplied the materials and the school district is supplying labor for the new facilities, which are expected to be completed in the next couple of months. The new restrooms will replace the existing facilities.

The district also is seeking bids for new bleacher at the high school baseball field. The bleachers accommodate approximately 975 seats.

In other sports-related action, the district is taking bids on the task of creating a brick and limestone sign to be erected in front of the Antelope Arena. The sign will be constructed on a concrete slab and will be lighted.

In other business, trustees:

- Approved the sale of WADA (weighted average daily attendance) to another Texas school district in what Marcum described as a "win-win" situation. The WADA sale will provide the Post ISD with a net gain of \$67,500.

- Received a report from Melissa Flannigan on the K12 Planet program, which allows parents of high school students to access their students' records online. The program, introduced by a letter recently mailed to parents, currently serves high school students and will soon be available for use by parents of middle school students.

- Approved three student transfers.

- Hired Leonard Ledford to teach high school speech.

- Ordered the May 15 trustee election and approved the election calendar and election officials.

- Reviewed the bid package for the district's Justiceburg property. Bid packages are available at the superintendent's office. The property, a total of 202 acres according to a recent survey, is expected to be sold at the trustees' March meeting. To date, about 100 individuals have expressed interest in the property, according to Marcum.

- Agreed to re-bid the master re-key project for the school district. The project had previously been awarded to an earlier bidder, but that bidder was forced to withdraw his bid. The re-keying project should provide better security and flexibility within the district, Marcum said.

- Authorized the replacement of the school resource officer's pickup. The 1985 Chevrolet has more than 325,000 miles on it and the back end of the vehicle recently went out.

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phone system repairs. It was noted that although the district's aging phone system is operational, it is not without problems. Some days the clinic phones will work and the district phones do not; on other days, the reverse can be true. Local residents were urged to take note of the following phone numbers - 495-2828 (district) and 495-2853 (clinic). It was suggested that in the event the phones are not working at one site, the other site should be contacted.

• Conducted an executive session to discuss the district administrator's schedule and duties. The personnel matter was handled in closed session at the request of the administrator. No action was taken.

Another February meeting, this one at 6:30 p.m., is set for Tuesday at Citizens Bank.

The board's regular meeting next month will be March 18 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Citizens Bank Community Room.

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Mr and Mrs R.L. Simpson (2004)



Last week's snow is but a memory now, but children enjoyed the white stuff that covered the ground. Lindsey (left) and Whitney Dolberry, visiting from Mesa, Arizona, had their dreams of snow come true.

(Staff Photo by Tim Bunett)

R.L. and Jimella Simpson celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Simpson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, with a gathering of family and friends at the historic Garza Hotel.

Hosts for the event were the couple's children and grandchildren, Troy and Darla Simpson of Lubbock and Lynn A. Simpson of Big Spring, and grandsons Spencer and Sterling Simpson of Lubbock.

Helping as hostesses were Pat Nelson Bradbury of Guthrie, Donna Nelson Roberson and daughter Nikki of Abilene and Susan Simpson Cherry of Lubbock.

R.L. Simpson and the former Jimella Wilson of Slaton were married Feb. 14, 1954, at a ceremony in their new home on Route 3, Post, where they reside today.

Shower honors Labeth and Joel Snow

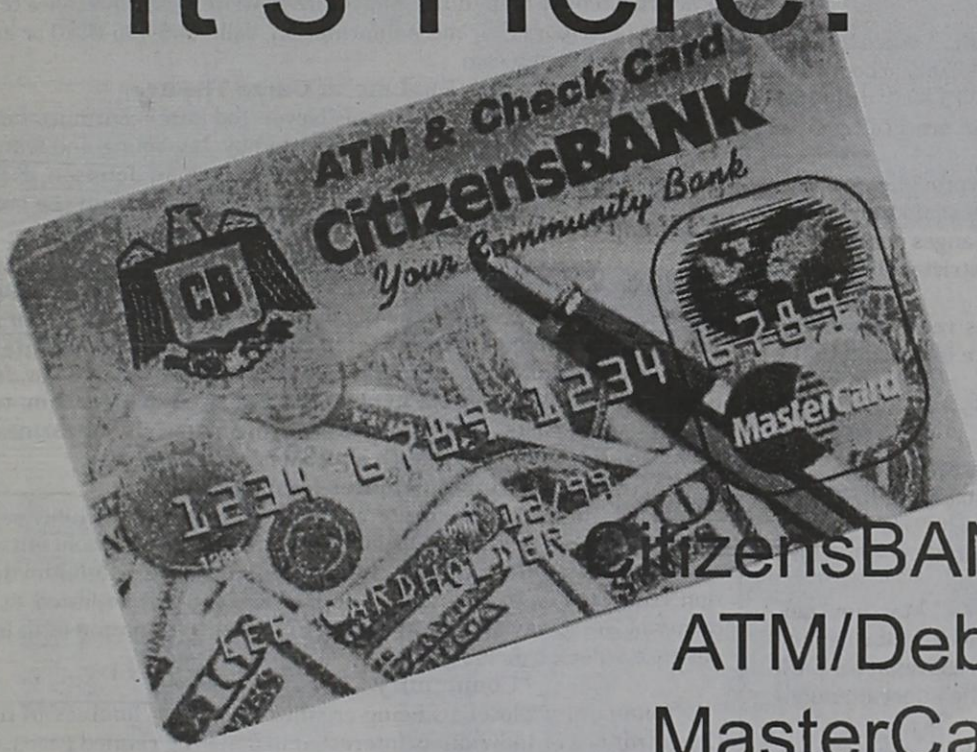
Joel and Labeth Snow of Midland were honored with a wedding shower Jan. 24 in the home of Sharla Wells.

Guests were served a variety of homemade cookies, nuts and punch from a table decorated with cherubs, fresh flowers and candles.

Guests included the bride's grandmother, Evelyn Jones; her aunt, Onita Gunn; and family friend, Claudine Tipton.

Hostesses included Glenda Stevens, LeAnn Hodges, Rebecca Haney, Karen Nichols, Alexa Collier, Carolyn Black, Diane Graves, Judy Bush, Sally Bush, Tracy Freeman, Barbara Tatum, Marsha Norman, Martha Baker, Janie Davis and Sharla Wells. They presented the couple with an under-the-counter microwave.

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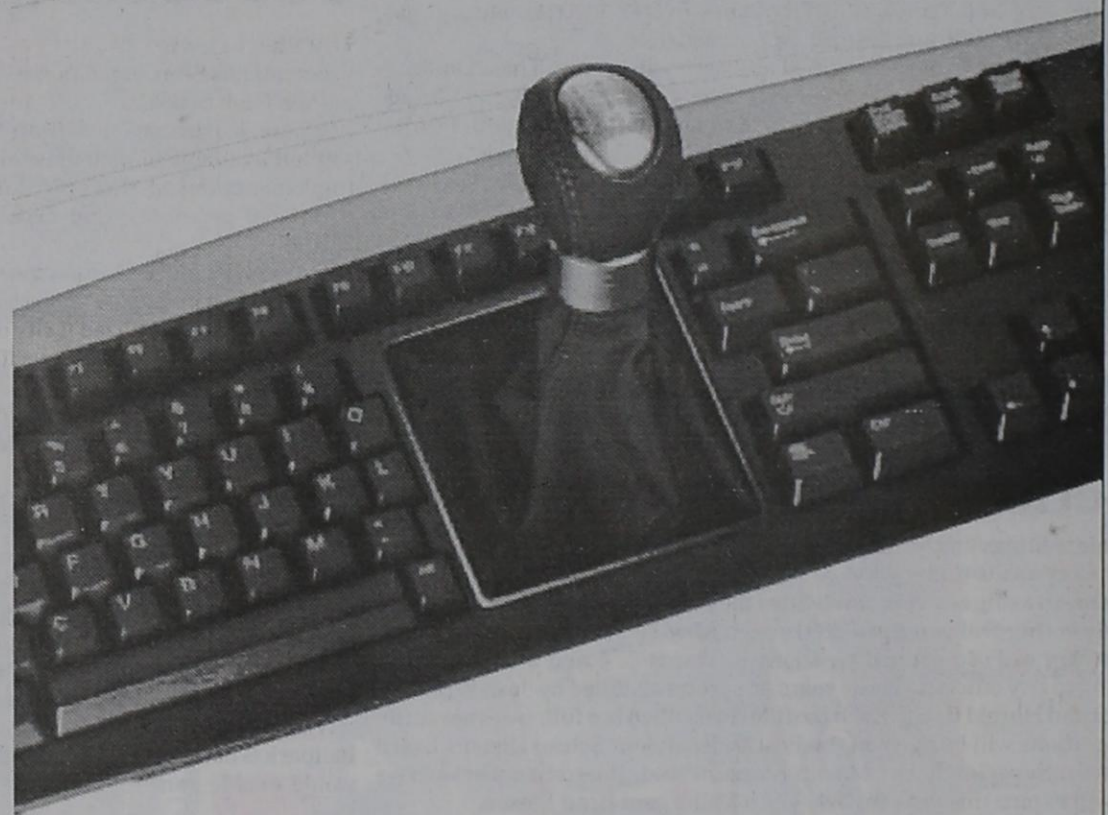
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Naomi Gonzales honored with bridal shower

A bridal shower for Naomi Gonzalez, bride-elect of Adrian Gonzales, will be held Sunday, Feb. 29, from 2-3 p.m. at the home of Thessa Harp. Selections for the couple are registered at the Frame Shop, J.C. Penny's, Linens & Things, Main Street Mercantile, the OS Ranch Shop and Target.

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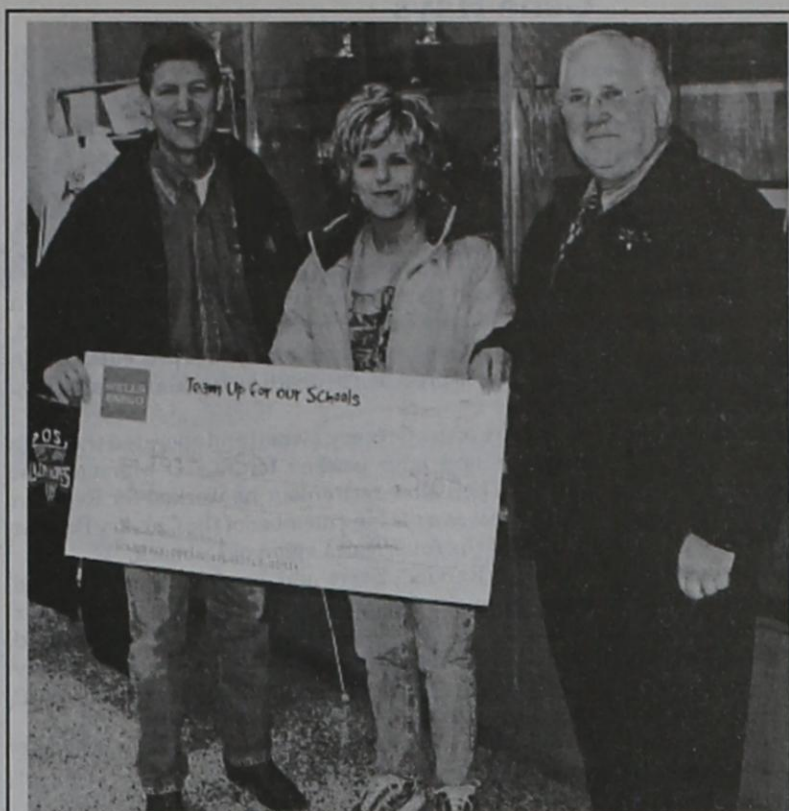
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Wells Fargo Bank's Charles Hardin (left) and Carol Short (middle) present a check from Wells Fargo to Post ISD Superintendent Marlin Marcum as part of the bank's "Team Up for Our Schools" campaign.



Mrs. Tommy Duncan II

Brooke Phillips, Tommy Duncan exchange vows

Brooke Nicole Phillips of Lubbock and Tommy Douglos Duncan II of Lubbock were united in marriage at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, in the Post Community Center. Dr. Terry Jones officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gregg and Heidi Phillips of Lubbock. The groom's parents are Tommy Douglos Duncan and Maria Duncan of Seymour. Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown purchased at MorLe' and carried a bouquet fashioned by her bridal planner.

Maids of honor were Tiffany Young and Health Caro, both of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Jessica Garza of Post and Ashley Valdez of Lamesa. Flower girls were Ireland Caro and Paige Crispin. Their dresses were handmade by Becky of Lamesa.

Serving as best man was Aaron Harris. Groomsmen were Dusty Young, Brandon Caro and Mike Phillips. Kobe Phillips was ring bearer. Each was attired in formal wear from First Class Tuxedo.

Coby Crispin served as usher for the ceremony, and Arron Harris provided the wedding music.

The reception followed at the community center, which was decorated by Erlene Wedding Planner.

Members of the house party included Hawatha Garza of Post.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by Hawatha Garza in Post.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Coronado High School.

The groom is a graduate of Seymour High School where he was a National Honor Society member and a member of the Student Council. He attended Texas Tech University and is employed by Ramar Communications.

The couple is at home in Lubbock.

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Therefore, I welcome anyone, that can sit down with me and enlighten me as to, why, we can't have these things, for the county, and until then, I will continue, to ask the questions, that seems to bother some people. And I guess, I will, continue to be labeled a radical, but I think, that I'm a patriot, for the county.

And should you elect to cast your vote with me, some of the things that I want to do, are to create an open door policy that works, that will be open to county employees as well as to the citizens of Garza county, seeking relief from the sheriffs office. And to create a youth education program working with parents, teachers, students and church workers to provide a safe and positive atmosphere for our children. I also, believe that its time for reorganization of the sheriffs office policies and procedures to which I will provide solid leadership that will listen to employees as well as to citizens. I will be dedicated to providing sound service through ethical and humanitarian practices, my commitment is to strive for excellence, in developing the organization to meet present and future needs of Garza county.

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Obituaries

Cody D. Crenshaw

Services for Cody D. Crenshaw, 32, of Booker were held Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, in the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Jeff McCreight officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Feb. 15 near Perryton.

Born Dec. 3, 1971, in Post, he was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve. Survivors include his parents, William and Marie Halford of Andrews; one brother, Derek Halford of Phoenix, Ariz.; one sister, Amanda Halford of Andrews; and his grandmothers, Della Crenshaw and Carolyn Halford, both of Post.

Delores Cisneros

Services for Delores Cisneros, 74, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Jim O'Conner officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Feb. 12 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Feb. 21, 1929, in George West, she married Mike Cisneros on June 28, 1952, in Lubbock. She was a housewife and a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband of Post; two daughters, Irene Arredondo of Post and Sandra Cisneros of Lubbock; three sons, Victor Cisneros of Niceville, Fla., David Cisneros of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Richard Cisneros of Santa Fe, N.M.; two sisters, Delfina Castillo of Post and Ruth Montes of Katy; one brother, Jesse Mena of San Antonio; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.



Gene Hays

Services for Gene Hays, 80, of Post, were 2 p.m. Tuesday February 17, 2004 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Post. The Rev. Les Atkins, Pastor officiated. Military Graveside rites followed at the Terrace Cemetery. Services were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home in Post.



Mr. Hays died on Friday February 13, 2004 at the Golden Plains Care Center.

He was born on January 13, 1924 to James and Mattie (Lee) Hays, attended Post schools and then served his Country in the Army in WWII. He married Deloris LaVerne Capps on March 17, 1956 in Carlsbad, New Mexico and has made his home here since. Mrs. Hays preceded him in death March 6, 1993. He was also preceded in death by two sons, Marc Hays and Rodney Hays.

He worked for his Dad at the Corner Grocery, owned and operated the Long Branch, Genez Steak House and later worked for R J D Management Company until retirement. Then after retirement he worked for Redman Redi-Mix for several years. He was a life long member of the Calvary Baptist Church. He was a member of the American Legion of Lubbock.

He is survived by four sons: Randell, Steve and Jim, all of Lubbock and Stephen of Brownwood. Two daughters: Joni Hays of Tahoka and Anita Nett of Berthold, N.D. Six brothers: Bill and Jackie, both of Lubbock, Jerry and Pete, both of Post. Herbie and Donnie, both of Austin. Three sisters: Liberty Anthony, Sis Gilmore and Reba Propst, all of Post. 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Brandin Roberge, Bryan Hays, Jon Hays, Jack Nail, Daniel Spray and Jeremy Dahlberg.

Maxine N. Lewis

Services for Maxine N. Lewis, 90, of Post were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, in the First Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home. The family received friends Sunday at the funeral home.

She died Feb. 12.

Born in Floyd County Nov. 20, 1913, to the Rev. Aaron A. and Verna Tucker, she was the oldest of eight children. She married Richard Lewis on Sept. 24, 1933, in Bushland, Texas. The couple lived and farmed in the Pleasant Valley community, where she was active in the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, serving as pianist until the couple moved to Flour Bluff in 1979. They returned to Post in 1984.

Survivors include one son, Edwin Lewis and wife, Linda, of Slaton; two daughters, Clea Thomas and husband, Ward, of Rockport and Theresa Woodfin and husband, Charlie, of Lubbock; 11 grandchildren, Scott and Randy Lewis, Ward Thomas Jr., Ray Thomas, Laura Quigly, Cyndi Nelson, Mark Woodfin, Paula Nichols, Brandon Lewis, Brandi Woods and Keri Lewis; 22 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mildred Jones of Louisiana; and two brothers, Milfred Tucker of Fort Worth and Wylie Tucker of Azle.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, Troy Lewis; one granddaughter, Denise Lewis; and four brothers, Edwin B., Bill Everett, Aaron Jr., and Wayne Tucker; and her parents.



Vivian Duncan

Services for Vivian Duncan, 82, of Post, were 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at the Post Church of Christ with Charles McCook officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Mrs. Duncan died on Sunday February 15, 2004 at the University Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born on October 13, 1921 to Levi and Zella (Mauldin) Gordon in Erath County. Her family moved to Trent and she attended school there. She married R. A. 'Shorty' Duncan on September 1, 1939 in Merkel and made their first home in Trent. Mr. Duncan preceded her in death November 24, 2000. August, 1958 they moved to Post and purchased the Dairy Hart and later owned and operated Duncan's for 25 years. She was a member of the Post Church of Christ. She is survived by Daughter, Bonnie and husband Rick McKay of Clayton, NM. Two Sisters, Camilla Adams of Ranger and Emilee Blackwell of Durant, OK. Two Grandchildren, Todd McKay and Paige Lambert. Four Great-grandchildren, Hunter and Hanna McKay, Chad and Colton Lambeth. The Family received friends Tuesday from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



Letters to the Editor

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Who is the Jones's?

Not meaning to defame the name "Jones's," my mom used to say someone that was trying to live beyond their means was "trying to keep up with the Jones's."

When I was a kid, my Mom and Pop didn't have much money, and now that they are gone and I ain't a kid anymore, I still don't have much money.

I can remember many years ago, some of the neighborhood kids would get a new bike or car or something the parents couldn't afford. Therefore, I thought whatever it was that they got, I ought to have one too. Mom would always say, "Don't worry, son. They're just trying to keep up with the Jones's." That was all that was ever said about that.

Until this day, I still don't know who the Jones's is, but I guess the Jones's is who Garza County is trying to keep up with or out-do. The tax rollback failed to pass, and Garza County will continue wasting tax money. Like everyone else, I'll either be paying higher taxes or lower taxes. I would rather pay lower taxes, but I'll be paying higher taxes.

Due to a lower voter turnout and scare tactics implemented by the Commissioners Court, the rollback failed. But since it did not pass, I suppose I'd have to say I'll be in support of the Commissioners Court. What ever the taxpayer population chooses, I'll stand behind.

But I believe instead of Garza County trying to keep up with the Jones's, we are the Jones's. Let ever other county keep up with us.

Not only here in Garza County, but nationwide, state and any other tax-supported operation, needs to slow down, or at least cut back a little bit.

The court was successful with their scare tactics. I would like to see them try using some scare tactics on our employees and try to get us some pay raises. I haven't had a pay raise in eight or nine years, but if the politicians continue to rape the taxpayer out of our hard-earned money, most of the lower class such as myself will move a lil' bit deeper into poverty. Of course, I'm not in poverty yet, but the local politicians are doing their best to get us there.

I know Texas already has a Jones County, but I wonder if the commissioners

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The Magi see the King...Matthew 2:3-11

Last week we looked at Matthew 2:2 and discussed what exactly was "his star." In his book Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed, Victor Wierwille ascertained that "his star" was the kingly planet Jupiter. Both Wierwille and another author, Ernest L. Martin discovered the occurrences of many significant celestial events before, during and after the birth of Jesus Christ. These events occurred in the constellation Leo. The symbol of the lion can be directly connected with Judah in Genesis 49:9-10, for God's son was truly born of the line of Judah (see Matthew 1:2).

Now we continue with the record of the Magi in Matthew 2:3-11. "When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule My people Israel.'" Herod demanded the chief priests and scribes of Jerusalem to tell where this special king would be born so he could pay homage to him.

After getting his answer he secretly called on the Magi to discover when "his star" appeared. According to verse 8 he sent the Magi to Bethlehem and told them to "go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also." It is interesting to note that the word "child" comes from the earlier known Greek word "paidon." This word is for a young child, and is distinguished from the word "babe" in Luke 2:12 & 16 where it is "brephos," a new born or unborn child. As we continue, it will be seen why this distinction is important.

We come to verse 9, "When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Wierwille and Martin both noted that "his star" reappeared after they left for Bethlehem. They explained that when Jupiter reached its elliptic highest point in the night sky, a straight line could be drawn down perpendicular to the horizon and that was where the child could be found. There is no mention that the Magi moved on the brightness of the star, but instead on what it symbolized. They must have been very happy to see this for they "rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

According to verse 11 they finally arrived to see the child, "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." Once again it was confirmed to her that Jesus' life was from God. Please note that the Magi arrived to a house, and not the manger of an Inn. And the child was not new-born but as we will see next week, he was around two years old. What a truly wonderful and meaningful moment this must have been for Mary. Can't you just see it? Maybe he was holding on to her leg, or holding her hand as the Magi began to respectfully bow to him as the new born king of Israel. He was too young to understand the significance of the moment. But, you can bet your bottom dollar that Mary knew fully well what was going on, and was no doubt strengthened within her heart to faithfully rear him up to be a faithful, meek and humble servant for his Daddy.

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The Press is a weapon of mass destruction

by Bill O'Reilly



Life is hard, and then you go on "Good Morning America." A few days ago, I told Charles Gibson that my analysis of the Iraqi weapons of mass destruction situation was wrong. Well, you would have thought I had endorsed Hillary Clinton for president, the left-wing press was so overjoyed.

Take this passage from the Reuters News Service: "Popular conservative television news anchor Bill O'Reilly, usually an outspoken Bush loyalist, said on Tuesday

he was now skeptical about the Bush administration ..."

An outspoken Bush loyalist?

How about this from The New York Daily News, which in its wisdom, carries this column: "When even Bill O'Reilly starts snapping at him, the president has difficulties."

Even?

Even the London Telegraph got into it: "A cheerleader for the invasion of Iraq apologized to Americans yesterday ..."

Give me a W! Give me an M! Give me a D!

All I did was admit that my analysis was wrong and guys like U.S. weapons inspector Scott Ritter were right. And I placed the blame for the faulty intelligence right where it belongs: on CIA chief George Tenet. Not on Bill Clinton. Not on Tony Blair. And not on President Bush, although I do believe all of those men were not skeptical enough about the WMD intel in the run-up to the war.

Anyone who reads this column or listens to my commentaries on television or radio knows that I think independently. President Bush has done some good things and some not so good things. Likewise President Clinton and every other chief executive.

But the ideological press has a hard time with commentators who don't fit a predictable mold. In the world of the partisan you are either with 'em or against 'em. In the foggy world of committed ideology, facts are things to be used to advance various causes.

I have been critical of the Bush administration for its lax border policy, for its failure to encourage fuel standards for American vehicles and for its secrecy, among other things.

I have praised Mr. Bush for lowering taxes, aggressively fighting terrorism and for confronting a corrupt United Nations, among other things. My job is to look out for the folks and call 'em as I see 'em, not sink into the morass of partisan politics.

The good news is that the nation's most powerful news service, the Associated Press (AP), covered my "apology" fairly. The AP pointed out that I still support the removal of Saddam because the world is a safer place and terrorists have lost much opportunity in the Middle East.

Once again I will tell you that much of the nation's press is far too ideological and hard news coverage is being twisted in the process. In many cases you are getting only part of important stories, and you are being misled by ideologues masquerading as journalists.

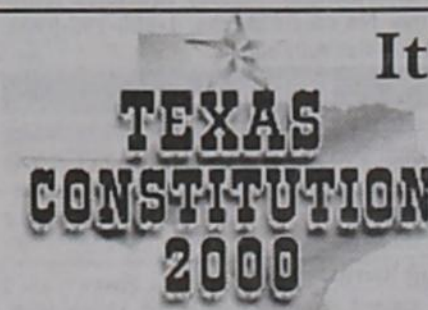
We are living in dangerous times when information is critical to the well being of you and your family. Fanatics overseas want to kill us, and fanatics at home want to manipulate us. Every politician, journalist and, indeed, every person makes mistakes. Owning up to them is the mark of an honest individual.

I made a mistake on my analysis of the WMD threat in Iraq. I acknowledged said mistake. But that's all there is to it. There is no need for joy in Mudville.

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Opinions



Governed by rules, not men

by Walter E. Williams



Having been deserted by her husband, my mother worked. That meant that my one-year-younger sister and I often lunched by ourselves during our pre-teen years. Being bigger and stronger than my sister, quite often there wouldn't be a fair division of the food, especially the desserts.

Coming home from work, Mom would be greeted by sob stories about my lunchtime injustices. There came a time when Mom got fed up with the sibling hassles — but she didn't admonish us to be more caring, fair, sensitive and considerate of one another. She just made a new rule: whoever cuts the cake (pie, bread, meat, etc.) gives the other person the first selection. With that new rule in place, you can bet that when either my sister or I cut any food that was to be divided between us, the portions probably didn't differ by one microgram.

You say, "That's a nice story, Williams, but what's the point?" The point is that the principle underlying Mom's rule is precisely the kind of rules necessary to promote a civilized society. In general, the kinds of rules that we want are those that promote justice, whether it's our best friend or our worst enemy who happens to be the decision-maker.

In the case of Mom's rule, it didn't make any difference whether I hated my sister's guts that day, or she hated mine, or whether my sister was doing the cutting, or whether I was — the cake-cutting outcome was just.

This year, billions of dollars and billions of hours will be spent campaigning for this or that candidate in our national elections. Can we argue that the nation's welfare is served best by picking the "right" person? I think not. The nation's welfare is served best by focusing not on political personalities, but on neutral rules of the game and their even application and enforcement.

Think for a moment about sports — say, basketball. Teams play one another. One team loses and the other wins, but they and their fans

leave the stadium peacefully and most often as friends. Why? The game's outcome is seen as fair because there are fixed, known, neutral rules evenly applied by the referees. The referee's job is to apply the rules — not determine the game's outcome. Imagine the chaos on the court and among the fans if one team had its paid referees to help it win, while its opponent had theirs.

In the political arena, the Framers gave us reasonably fair and neutral rules of the game, otherwise known as the United States Constitution. If our government acted, as the Framers intended, as a referee and night watchman, how much difference would it make to any of us who occupied the White House or Congress?

It would make little, if any. It would be just like our basketball game example. Any government official who knew and enforced the rules would do. But increasingly, who's in office is making a difference, since government has abandoned its referee and night watchman function and gotten into the business of determining winners and losers.

In many places around the world, the prospect of, or the result of, national elections leads to all manner of violence and mayhem. Why? Because the political arena plays a much larger role than ours in determining winners and losers, and in some cases who wins can literally mean life or death. We need only to look at the history of countries in Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Where governments decide winners and losers, the most effective coalitions are those based on race, religion, region and ethnicity — the bloodiest coalitions in mankind's history.

So which is it: Do we want government as referee and night watchman or the decider of winners and losers?

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We need real free trade now

by Sheldon Richman

People in parts of the developing world are becoming more free, better educated, and increasingly dexterous with modern communications, such as the Internet. As a result, they are more vigorously participating in the world economy. They are in a position to make things and do things for us that they could not have done a short time ago. They are even making and doing things — for lower wages — that Americans do.

Will this be a boon or a threat to us? That is the question.

Some people see a threat. Economist Paul Craig Roberts and Sen. Charles Schumer of New York co-wrote an article recently arguing that the venerable economic theory that justified free trade in the past no longer applies. Conditions have changed, they argue. The easy mobility of software and data now makes it possible for low-wage workers in the developing world to compete with high-wage Americans.

They offer the example of an American company "outsourcing" jobs to \$20,000-a-year computer programmers in Asia and costing \$150,000-a-year American programmers their jobs. Before such "factor mobility," Roberts and Schumer say, every country could specialize in the work it was best at, and the laws of economics assured that everyone benefited. But that day is past because factor mobility will send many top-paying knowledge jobs abroad, leaving many Americans with nothing much to do. And the jobs that are left will be low-paying.

Now there's a doomsday scenario. Is it accurate? No. Or at least, it doesn't need to be.

The reports of the death of free-trade theory have been greatly exaggerated, as Mark Twain might say. The economic principle in question is the law of comparative advantage, which states that everyone will find it to his advantage to specialize in making the goods he's best at and trade for rest. This is true for people who are highly efficient at many lines of work.

Even they will be better off if they concentrate on what they are "most best" at and leave the rest to others. (That is why a dentist hires a hygienist to clean teeth.)

Roberts and Schumer insist this law operates only when capital cannot easily move to other countries. Otherwise the law is kaput. They say this, but they do not demonstrate it. It is certainly true, for the reasons noted above, that Chinese and Indian workers can now compete against Americans in ways they could not do so before.

But that does not mean that they will not benefit from specialization. The premium from the division of labor is universal. It is inherent in human action. That information can move at the speed of light from Manhattan to New Delhi and back does not change that.

As George Mason University economist Tyler Cowen wrote,

"Basically Roberts is peddling snake oil. His argument boils down to old-style protectionism, dressed up in new rhetorical garb, not new substance."

Nevertheless, Roberts has a point. Free trade often requires adjustment to new conditions. Perhaps this will be true of hitherto secure computer programmers and other knowledge workers, who may see their incomes fall. But keep in mind that, while nominal wages may fall, real wages may not.

That's because free trade and the resulting increased productivity of labor and resources will translate into more and lower-priced goods and services. And that American firm in Roberts's example has \$130,000 per laid-off worker.

We can all sympathize with people who suddenly need to find new jobs or learn new skills. In fact, because of this potential hardship, something should be done — something radical — and soon.

Our new era requires immediate and full deregulation of the economy, repeal of taxes, cuts in government spending, and the institution of sound market-based money (that is, abolition of the Federal Reserve). The threat of frivolous lawsuits against business must also be ended. All government intervention impedes investment and the creation of new opportunities for good-paying work. It is more urgent than ever that the government get out of the way of the productive people of this country.

The worst thing would be even more interference in the form of new trade restrictions. What we need is full free trade — domestically and internationally.

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Letters

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has ever thought of changing Garza County's name to Jones County II and let ever other county look up to us and try to keep up?

Go Garza County...
As I see it and my opinion only,
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Thank you

I wish to thank everyone who voted against the tax recall. Thank you for helping us retain the things that so many has worked for during the past 20 years. Thank you for helping us believe in and plan for future growth.

I believe that you will be pleasantly pleased with the growth and progress of this county in many areas during the next few years. I only hope that those of you that voted for the tax recall will really look at the accomplishments of this county, the organizations and individuals that work very hard to make Garza County viable, attractive and safe for all residents and visitors.

Airman Maria Salas completes training

Air Force Airman Maria T. Salas has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

Salas is the daughter of Arturo and Rebecca Lopez of W. 13th St., Post, Texas. She is a 2003 graduate of Post High School.

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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones from the files of The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago February 16, 1994

Army Sgt. 1st Class Bobby Brown has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal. The medal is awarded for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement for service to United States. Brown, a platoon sergeant, is the son of Judy McAlister of Post.

Talina Bird, daughter of Jay and Cindy Bird of Post recently won All-Around Cowgirl honors in the 13-15 age division of the American Junior Rodeo Association competition held recently in Sweetwater. Talina is also the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bird.

Air Force Airman Dustin Massey has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Massey is the son of Richard and Mildred Massey of Post.

Bruce Adams has opened a chiropractor's office in Post in the 300 block of 8th Street across from Post Elementary.

Post High School will be sending two students to Austin. Jeff Redman and Phil Leininger qualified for the state meet by finishing first at the UIL Cross-Examination District Meet in Sundown.

20 Years Ago February 15, 1984

The Post Antelopes will play the Seminole Indians for the Bi-District Championship basketball trophy, following the Lopes second place finish to Idalou in District 3AAA competition.

Four Garza County women have been named to the 1983 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America by the board of advisors. Included on the list are Kimberly Mitchell Mills, Melissa Joyce Tatum, Voda Beth Gradine and Melinda Loyce Tatum.

Clay and Tricia Pruitt are proud to announce the birth of their sister Jeri Leigh. Parents are Ronnie and Cindy Pruitt.

Dabney Post; Congratulations to Milton Williams and James Brown on their recent signing with Angelo State University; A big welcome home to Glenna Reiter, who returned home from the hospital this week. We wish for her a very speedy recovery; Pee Wee Pierce had all of her daughters home for the weekend. All three girls celebrate birthdays February 28 and all got together for a celebration. What are the odds of that happening? Pee Wee is one of a kind.

An open house will be held tomorrow at the new offices of Dr. Stephen Chun. The public is invited to stop by the new building at 215 West 10th Street for refreshments and tours of the new facility.

30 Years Ago February 14, 1974

Patricia Bilberry was crowned winner of the Future Homemakers of America's annual Valentine Sweetheart contest Saturday night. Jodi Norman, was selected as first runner-up, with Nelda Leake taking second runner-up.

The Garza County Historical Survey Committee celebrated "Pioneer Day" Saturday by honoring Mrs. George (Elvy) Duckworth on her 86th birthday with a breakfast at the Add Jones ranch headquarters at Justiceburg.

Mrs. Duckworth, the former Elvy Knox, was born in Garza County in 1888 before the county was organized, and she now makes her home at Justiceburg on land that her father homesteaded in 1900.

Karen Potts and Kyle Josey, both of Post, have enrolled in Lubbock Christian College for the spring semester.

Mrs. Joy Greer, wife of Don Greer, was employed to succeed Mrs. Kay Lamb as secretary of the Post Chamber of Commerce.

Two new candidates who have filed for the city council are Les Brown, Garza County probation officer, and Jim Jackson of Jackson Bros. Food Locker.

40 Years Ago February 13, 1964

Dr. James G. Casey, a new physician who moved here this week from Odessa, opened his medical practice yesterday in a new temporary office at 611 West Seventh Street. Dr. Casey is the first new physician to be attracted here by community, he was voted onto the medical staff of the Garza Memorial Hospital by the hospital board at its monthly meeting.

The Rev. Richard Casey was installed Sunday as pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church here, which was raised to the status of a parish on January 31.

A fabulous four-year basketball career at PHS is nearing an end with the approaching graduation of Nita Wilson, captain of the Post Doe girls' team which do a repeat as District 4AA champions. Nita, a forward on Coach Mary Lee Stockton's Doe team, began setting new scoring records here as a freshman. She hit her peak scoring mark as a junior with 1,071 points in 1962-63.

Darrell Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barnie Jones, left Monday for Army service. He will be stationed at Fort Polk, La., for eight weeks of basic training.

Post's First Presbyterians will dedicate their new church home at Tenth Street and Avenue S at a special service Sunday.

50 Years Ago February 18, 1954

Post grand masters of the Post Masonic Lodge were honored recently at a meeting in the lodge hall here. Those include Bob Warren, C. R. Thaxton, Oscar Graham, Truett Fry, Lester Nichols, Bailey Matsler, Paul Jones, Dean A. Robinson, Dr. D. C. Wilson, O. L. Weakley, Ira L. Duckworth, Dr. A. C. Surman, W. S. Johnson, Jr., Phil Bouchier and L. W. Dalby.

Garza County will stage its 1954 campaign for the USO between now and March 1, according to County Chairman James Minor. "Within the next few days," Minor said, "we will seek to raise our proportionate share of \$500 of the Texas goal of \$775,000."

USO now has 277 units in operation. Since the armistice was signed, Gen. Mark Clark has sent an appeal to double the number of USO Camp Shows showing to the forces in Korea. This county has 105 men in the service at this time, many of them overseas, the chairman reports.

Trophies were awarded both teams when the Post Blacks and Golds battled to a 35-35 tie in the championship game of the first annual Post Junior High School Basketball Tournament. Receiving the trophy for the Blacks were Charles Kikpatrick and Kenneth Martin and for the Golds, James Williams and Noel White.

Thursday to Thursday: It probably didn't take much thinking for someone to come up with the slogan for Beauty Salon Week. (Feb. 21-27) "Dedicated to Beautiful Women." Over in Eddie's "Out on a Limb" column is a much more original one — "We Can Give You the New Look if You Still Have the Old Parts."

Menus

Post ISD

- February 23- Breakfast-Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, milk
- Lunch-Nachos supreme, salad, breaded squash, fruit cocktail, milk
- February 24- Breakfast-Muffins, sausage, fruit, milk
- Lunch-Pizza, salad, corn, peachés, milk
- February 25- Breakfast-Omelet, toast, fruit, milk
- Lunch-Tacos, salad, pinto beans, apricots, corn bread, milk
- February 26- Breakfast-malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk
- Lunch-Popcorn chicken, smiley fries, salad, pears, milk
- February 27- Breakfast-Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
- Lunch-BBQ on bun, french fries, salad, ice cream, milk

"Elvis" performs in Post

Dennis Robinson of Levelland performed a tribute to Elvis Presley Feb. 11 at the Golden Plains Care Center.

Robinson, owner of a maintenance repair service in Levelland and a retired Lubbock police officer, has studied Presley for years and practices almost two hours each day to duplicate the performer's pitch and persona. He has been playing the guitar since 1967 and credits his self-taught musical talents as "gifts from God."

He and his band, the Vintage Variety Band, performed in 88 shows last year. Robinson's wife, Rebecca, plays keyboard for the group. She is activity director for the Heritage Oaks Rehab/Nursing facility in Lubbock.

In addition to his band, Robinson also does one-man shows. He did more than 40 performances last year.

Sheriff reports 15 arrests

Fifteen arrests were made recently, according to reports from the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Arrests included a 32-year-old for DWI/first offense and a 64-year-old for driving without a driver's license. A 22-year-old was picked up for family violence/assault, and a 24-year-old was arrested for possession of marijuana.

Other arrests included a 46-year-old, bench warrant; a 57-year-old, DWI/first offense; a 22-year-old, grand jury indictment; 48-year-old, revocation of probation; 18-year-old, theft of services more than \$20 but less than \$500 (Class B); a 29-year-old, Garza County warrant; a 20-year-old, Scurry County warrant; a 39-year-old, Texas Department of Corrections commitment; a 75-year-old, DWI/first offense; a 24-year-old, Department of Public Safety warrants and a Garza County warrant; and a 20-year-old, city warrants.



Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,
Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

Maintain a Healthy Heart and Life

February is also a good time to think of your own heart. February is American Heart Month and heart health is a topic that should be on everyone's minds. Heart disease is still the nation's #1 killer. So take some time to explore the following resources your heart will thank you.

Make at least one lifestyle change to reduce your chance of coronary heart disease. Some changes may include: Diet - Lower fat and increase fiber by using these simple substitutions!

- * Be sparing with salad dressings. If you are eating out, ask for the salad dressing on the side.
- * Broil or grill meat and fish instead of frying or sauteing in butter
- * Change to reduced fat versions of your favorite foods. For example, use low-fat mayonnaise on your next sandwich. Or better yet, replace the mayo with mustard.
- * Add fiber to your diet - choose whole wheat breads and pasta, replace white rice with brown rice.
- * Substitute skim milk in your next latte and save 14 grams of fat! (16 oz serving)
- * Stock your pantry with healthy snacks such as fruit and pre-cut vegetables

Incorporate Physical Activity into Your Daily Life

- * Yardwork - work in the garden, mow the lawn or rake up leaves
- * Take 5-10 minutes out of your lunch break and go for a walk
- * Use the stairs instead of taking the elevator
- * Park farther away at the mall or grocery store and walk the extra distance
- * Stand up while talking on the phone
- * Walk down the hall to speak to someone instead of using the telephone or email
- * Find an activity that you enjoy and enlist friends for support - tennis, badminton, walking, running and stick with it.

Adopting a well-balanced diet that keeps your heart in mind doesn't mean you have to give up these activities, it just means knowing how to make the right choices. Today many restaurants offer fantastic, low-fat, low-cholesterol options. If you're in the know, the menu from any type of restaurant - from Cajun to Vietnamese - is open to you.

Quit smoking!
This will help improve your overall health and may save you from experiencing critical health problems in the future.

Source: American Heart Association Articles: "Out and About." "Diet and Nutrition" <http://www.americanheart.org>

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- 1 TXism: "a Johnny ___ lately"
- 5 TXism: "active as ___ in a hen house"
- 6 TX hardwood tree: bois ___
- 7 TXism: "he'll kick you ___ a funeral home" (mean horse)
- 8 TX "Watergate" special prosecutor this Tinkle wrote Alamo book "13 Days to Glory"
- 18 TX Buddy's widow: "Maria ___"
- 21 TXism: "bend ___ elbow" (drink)
- 22 famous Uvalde cowgirl Evans
- 23 TX Benson film "Ode to ___ Joe"
- 24 "P" of TX DPS
- 29 TX Hyer film "The ___ of Katie Elder"
- 30 TXism: "mighty ___"
- 31 UT deg.
- 32 TXism: "useless ___ on ___ a sow"
- 34 first performers of "Eyes of Texas": UT ___ Club
- 35 TX George Jones' "He Stopped Loving ___ Today"
- 36 TXism: "confused as ___ astroturf"
- 37 TX ZZ Top album: "___ Hombres"
- 38 TXism for "women"
- 39 not informed
- 41 Palo ___ Co.
- 42 TX actress Cyd married ___ Charisse
- 43 TX "Spanky" of "Our ___"
- 44 state park near Zapata
- 45 not found in Dallas restaurants: ___ tray
- 46 TXism: "he's earned ___ spurs"
- 47 Texas in the Union
- 48 horse ___ transports
- 50 preoccupy the mind
- 51 TXism: "___ that with you"
- 52 TXism: "___ gut"
- 53 distress signal
- 1 TX Stanley Marsh Caddy art (2 wds.)
- 2 TXism: "never sign anything in the glow ___ light"
- 3 Cochran Co. seat
- 4 former resident of Huntsville?
- 9 cowboy pants
- 10 "___ well that ends well"
- 11 tiny
- 12 TXism: "stands ___ his own two feet"
- 13 "Old Yeller's" disease
- 14 TX pitcher Dave Danforth's pitch: "___ ball"
- 15 Port Arthur AM
- 16 TXism: "___ rattle your teeth!" (threat)
- 19 TXism for "might do it" (2 wds.)
- 20 TX Bob Phillips' "Twenty ___ the Backroads" group "Three ___" has played at 40-down
- 24 Gov. ___ Ferguson
- 25 TX's country (abbr.)
- 26 TXism: "I'll ___ monkey's uncle"
- 27 Padre Island lagoon: "___ Madre"
- 28 TXism: "strike while the ___ hot"
- 29 TXism: "___ rag" (handkerchief)
- 30 ran away
- 33 me also (2 wds.)
- 34 Cowboy defensive end Ellis
- 35 this Kent founded TX Boys' Ranch
- 37 silver swords? (2 wds.)
- 38 gold layers
- 40 "State ___ Texas" (in Oct.)
- 41 two Jacks and two Aces in poker
- 44 TXism: "good judge of horse ___"
- 47 puts into office
- 49 "Life ___ short"

Crow's Feet Chronicles

by Cindy Baker

Home repairs have gone through the roof!
"Cindy, would you please come and hold this board while I cut it?"

Bold Gold Powerlifting Schedule

Jan. 17 - Sweetwater
Jan. 31 - Roosevelt
Feb. 21 - Snyder
Feb. 28 - Floydada
March 6 - Women's regionals
March 13 - Men's regionals
March 19 - Women's state meet
March 27 - Men's state meet
Coaches: John Wright, Kyle Motheral

Post High School Track Schedule

March 6 - Roscoe (JV boys, varsity boys, varsity girls)
March 12 - New Deal (JV boys, varsity boys, varsity girls)
March 27 - Floydada (JV boys, varsity boys, varsity girls)
April 3 - Post (JV boys, varsity boys, varsity girls)
April 9 - Roosevelt (JV boys, varsity boys, varsity girls)
April 15 - Shallowater (JV boys, varsity boys, varsity girls)
April 23 or 24 - Regional qualifiers
April 30-May 1 - Regionals, Abilene
May 7 - State qualifiers
May 14-15 - State meet, Austin

What is it about a man who can't start, continue, or finish a project without a warm body standing nearby to hold, grab, or hand him a tool? Back in 1961 Lanny Joe could keep his right arm wrapped around me in his car while holding a Coke and shifting gears with his left hand. Now, I have to stand and hold the new light bulb while waiting on him to hand me the old one. What's so difficult about having the new bulb in your pocket, standing on the arm of the sofa on your right foot, and keeping your balance with your left foot planted on the wall? Simply unscrew the bulb, switch with the one in your pocket with your left hand and continue holding a latte in your right hand. It's that simple. And, in a real pinch, you can use your nose for leverage and your teeth for might.

Lanny Joe offered to transform a corner of the house into my home office. When I saw him coming toward me with a 30-foot Formica countertop, I screamed, "Lanny Joe, it won't fit!" "Sure it will. I'll cut it to size," he said confidently, as he came into the house. "You'll see."

It looked heavy and cumbersome. "Do you need some help?" I asked. "No thanks, I've got it." (Hmmm, but he can't change a light bulb without

Post High School Tennis Schedule

Feb. 27-28 - Brownfield
March 2 - Snyder
March 11 - Lubbock Estacado (dual meet)
March 26 - Levelland
April 2-3 - Abilene High
April 6-7 - District meet (Frenship)
Coach: Nick Dickson

Bold Gold Baseball Schedule

Feb. 26 - Lubbock Cooper, there, 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 28 - Lockney, here, 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
March 2 - Colorado City, here, 6 p.m.
March 4-6 - Sweetwater Wood Bat Tournament, there, TBA
March 6 - Sweetwater, there, 6:30 p.m.
March 9 - Littlefield, there, 5:30 p.m.
March 11-13 - Snyder Tournament, there, TBA
March 16-19 - Spring break
March 20 - Slaton-DH, there, 1 p.m. District games
March 22 - Idalou, there, 4:30 p.m.
March 23 - Idalou, there, 4 p.m.
March 26 - Tahoka, here, 7 p.m.
March 29 - Roosevelt, there, 4:30 p.m.
March 30 - Roosevelt, there, 7 p.m.
April 2 - New Deal, there, 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
April 5 - Shallowater, there, 4:30 p.m.
April 6 - Shallowater, there, 4:30 p.m.
April 9 - Open/Good Friday
April 13 - Idalou, here, 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
April 16 - Tahoka, there, 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
April 19 - Roosevelt, here, 4:30 p.m.
April 20 - Roosevelt, here, 5 p.m.
April 23 - New Deal, here, 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
April 26 - Shallowater, here, 4:30 p.m.
April 27 - Shallowater, here, 4:30 p.m.
Coach: Max Kattwinkel

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assistance.) He brought it through the sliding glass doors, banging everything on either side. As he was going through the dining room and into the den, he made a left turn and wiped out the top two pancakes off a short stack, my grandmother's 100-year-old vase from the mantel, and two brassieres off the drying rack.

"Lanny, this countertop has a hole for a sink! I can't use it for my desk!" "Sure you can. That hole can be an out box. Besides, it was a real bargain," he boasted, his wiry mustache framing a giddy-up smile.

"An out box?" "Yeah. Just put a wastebasket below it and drop stuff in it," Lanny answered. He was so proud of himself.

After Lanny cut the Formica and gave it the miter touch for an L-shaped desk, I asked, "Lanny Joe, how come that doesn't fit together like a picture frame? Look at all that space in between." It was like fitting the wall from an Egyptian pyramid into the corner of an Alaskan igloo.

"That's okay," he reassured me, "we can fill it in." (Yeah, we can fill it with bobby socks, tofu, or hamster shavings!) Once the countertop was in place (?),

he decided to replace the ceiling light fixture with one that is more suitable for an office. He tried for an hour to find the stud to attach the new fixture. (There we went again—I held the ballast in place with a broom handle while he tried 50-eleven times to find the beam with his hammer and nail. *#&@*#)

Finally, he announced, "I'm going up into the attic to find the stud."

"Do you need me to help you?" "Nah, it's kind of tricky up there. I know where to step, and you might fall through." (Hmmm, but he can't change a light bulb without assistance.)

One minute I was staring at the Formica countertop, hoping to mentally transform it into a semblance of an office desk. The next minute I was dodging falling sheet rock, insulation and debris from the attic. Lanny Joe had fallen through the ceiling and was straddling the very beam for which he had been searching. (Ouch.)

I was stunned to see those Wrangler legs dangling from the ceiling but too amused to "hit the ceiling". After I made sure he was okay (Yeah, right.), then stifled my laughter, I offered my tongue-in-cheek reaction. "Lanny Joe, that rustic fixture looks 'out of step'!"



CoCo Valdez fights for the basketball during last week's game here against Roosevelt. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jerrad Grisham goes over the top of Roosevelt defenders for a two-pointer during the game here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Sarah Kirkpatrick (32) scrambles for the loose basketball for the Post Lady Lopes in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Logan Gregory (14) takes a shot for the Lady Lopes in their win over Roosevelt here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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Golden Clover 4-H Club.....

Senior Citizens.....

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Senior 4-H Clothing Project

Any Senior 4-H'er interested in participating in the Senior Clothing Project needs to contact the Extension Office at 495-4400 by March 1, 2004.

Horse & Hound Club Meeting

4-H will have an organizational meeting for the formation of a dog club and a horse club Monday, March 1, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Texas Cooperative Extension office, 215 West Main in Post. You do not have to own a horse or dog to be involved. If you have questions or you're interested but can't attend, please call Kim Reiter at 495-2774.

Congratulations to.....

.....the following 4-H'ers placing at the Ft. Worth Livestock Show and Exposition. Coby Jones placed 2nd. in the Hvy Wt ABC division, Chad Miller placed 9th. in the Hvy Wt ABC division, and Skylar Jones placed 10th. in the Hvy Wt Angus division.

Congratulations J.V. Lady Lopes



Post Lady Lope Junior Varsity (back row, left to right) Courtney Short, Jackie Hays, Courtney Copeland, Laurel Tatum, Kylie Easterling, Ashley Wilson, Avnee Bhakta, (front) Rachel Gray, Larissa Halford and Keisha Odum.

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