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## 44th annual livestock show slated to begin Wednesday

The 44th Annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show will kick off Wednesday, Jan. 16, with the weighing of animals to be exhibited by Garza County 4-H, Post FFA and Southland FFA members in the county.

Weigh-in will be between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the show barn.

The steer show will begin at 5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17, with Milton Williams serving as beef superintendent. The swine show will begin at 6:30 p.m. Swine superintendent is Ronnie Dunn.

Judging both shows will be Denny Belew of Tahoka.

Friday's activities start with the rabbit show at 10 a.m. on Jan. 18. Superintendents are Barbara and Robbie Palmer.

### Newspaper files FOI request on 1st Amendment violation

The Post Dispatch publisher Wesley W. Burnett has filed a formal request to Garza County Judge Lee Norman seeking a list of county personnel involved in the November 8, 2007 First Amendment violations by government officials.

On that day, government officials denied entry to the courthouse building to news media representatives with cameras, including The Post Dispatch photographer Timothy W. Burnett and two Lubbock television station news media crews.

The request was submitted under the authority of the Texas Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

"We had hoped that Judge Schildknecht (106th District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht) would have responded by now to our attorney's informal letter seeking answers to a number of questions," Burnett explained.

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The lamb show will be at noon, and the goat show at 1 p.m., followed by the pee-wee goat show at around 2:30 p.m. Rusty Morris will be serving as goat and lamb superintendent. Judging goats and lambs will be Jay Waller of Ira.

Syd Conner will serve as show

announcer, Jennifer Henderson will serve as photographer and Keith Osborn will auction items during the shows to boost the jackpot, which pays premiums to the exhibitors. A concession stand run by 4-H and FFA members and parents will be open Wednesday through Friday

afternoon.

The buyers' appreciation dinner, awards ceremony and sale will be Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Post Independent School District cafeteria. The meal is being sponsored by the Holy Cross Catholic Church Ladies Auxiliary.

Serving as auctioneer for the sale will be Ronnie Thornton of Plainview.

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association, a non-profit organization formed in 1964,

conducted its first stock show in 1965. There are 60 members,

with the following serving as officers: president, Jimmy Blanton; vice-president, Milton Williams; and recording secretary, Royce Hart. Diane Graves serves as corresponding secretary.

The shows and sale are open to the public.

"We encourage you to participate as either a premium purchaser or jackpot donor in support of our youth for their hard work and dedication to their animal projects," show organizers said.

Project supervisors include Perry Smith and Lance Dunn for Post FFA, Jason Miller for Southland FFA and Greg Jones, County Extension Agent-Agriculture, for Garza County 4-H.

### County tables action on new jail financing

Garza County Commissioners, during a special meeting Monday, tabled action on certificates of obligation to be considered to fund a new county jail facility.

After calling the meeting to order at 11 a.m., County Judge Lee Norman told the court the interest rate on the bonds has not yet been determined, forcing county officials to wait until their next regular meeting (Jan. 14) to consider the certificates.

The court was to consider an order authorizing "the issuance of Garza County, Texas, combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation, Series 2008; levying an ad valorem tax and pledging a lien on certain revenues in support of the certificates; approving a paying agent/registrant agreement; and authorizing other matters related to the certificates," according to a draft of the meeting's minutes.

The certificates of obligation were the sole item on the agenda for the special meeting, which lasted approximately five minutes.



McKelson Guerrero (left) and M'Kenzie Criswell (right) are busy getting their lambs ready for next week's 44th Annual Garza County Junior Livestock Association Show and Sale. (Photo by Merika Strivens)

## Post Notes

### Fundraiser to benefit skate park

The Rural Community Organizing Project will be hosting a fundraising yard sale in January 2008. Anyone wishing to donate items or clothing may contact Reyes Pequeno at 778-2628 or Krisha Bush at 781-3986. All proceeds will benefit the future skate park. Thanks to all those that have helped in making this project a success.

### Southland Jr. High in Loop Tourney

The Junior High boys and girls basketball teams will be involved in the Loop Tournament this Saturday at Loop.

### Taco plate sale Friday at local church

The Women's Chapter of the Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th street will be selling taco plates on Friday, January 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$6 each and will include three tacos, rice, beans, and salad. To place an order call 495-3644.

### Rural Community Organizing Project

Rural Community Organizing leaders and their institutions will meet at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 13 at Holy Cross Catholic Church Fellowship Hall for a Founding Convention, bringing positive social change in our community. Special speaker Representative Joe Heflin of Crosbyton will share his vision for communities in District 85. For more information please contact Reyes Pequeno, Rural Community Organizer at 778-2628. The Rural Community Organizing Project is sponsored by Catholic Family Service, Inc.

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DPS Trooper Jeff Jenks (left) investigates last Sunday's one car roll-over north of Post on Highway 207 with the assistance of Garza County Sheriff Deputy Marc Owen (center). The 42 year old male driver of the black Ford Explorer was reportedly traveling south from Lockney to Post when the car rolled over and eventually came to rest on its wheels. Local EMS transported the driver to Slaton where he was picked up by Aerocare and transported to UMC in Lubbock. The driver, Gilbert Gonzalez was reportedly traveling to Post to pick up his child. Trooper Jenks reported that when he arrived on the accident scene he found Gonzalez outside of his car and conscious. He also noticed that the drive side seat belt was still snapped, suggesting that the driver may have been driving while unrestrained. Post EMS reported to Aerocare crew that the driver sustained injuries from possibly being ejected from the car, including injury to upper left chest, abdomen and partial amputation of left ear. EMS also reported to Aerocare that the driver may have been intoxicated. An official report was not available as of publication.

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## Villalon takes fourth in All-State Band tryouts

Kathryn Villalon, a sophomore at Post High School, captured a fourth-place finish in last week's All-State Band tryout. Taking fourth place in the tryouts, Villalon narrowly missed out on landing a seat in the all-state group. Only the top two places qualified for state, according to reports. The tryouts took place at Lubbock Cooper High School on January 5.

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Penny Rains (back, center) enjoys the fellowship of family, friends and Kindergarten students from the First Baptist Christian School honoring her 99th birthday, on Thursday, December 20, in her home. According to Christian School teacher Nancy Gordon, Mrs. Rains shared stories of her past and taught about how important it is to avoid making wrong decisions that might alter our lives. Participating in the special event are (back left to right) Carolyn Rains, Elizabeth Haynes, Penny Rains, Jack Rains, (children on the floor) Zeke Lott, Dylan Greer, Madison Villanueva, Truett Egan and Ryan Rathbun. Rains' official birthday was Friday, December 21. Photo courtesy of Nancy Gordon

## Ooops!

We goofed... in the December 21 edition of The Post Dispatch we incorrectly identified this couple in the Post Heating & Air Conditioning Christmas Greeting Ad. Our apologies ...



Yesinia & Steve Rivera

## Births

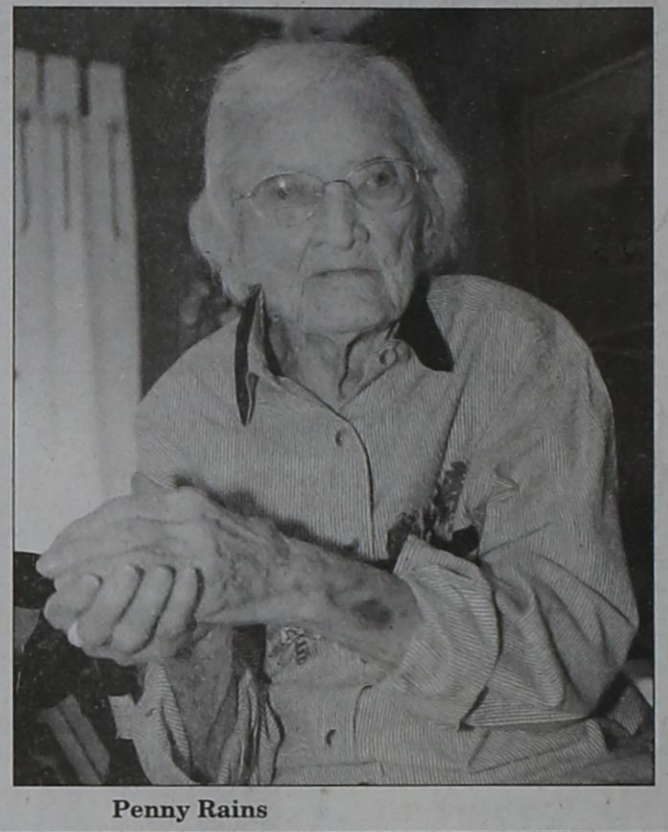


Mylie Jo Burleson

Cora Crane of Post and Brent Burleson of Snyder are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Mylie Jo, on Nov. 22, 2007, at University Medical Center, Lubbock.

The infant weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces at birth and was 17 3/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Rodger and Shawna Jaquess of Post and Kyle and Gayle Burleson of Snyder. The baby's aunts are Ashley Crane, Toni Wait and Brook Burleson.



Penny Rains

## Penny Rains feted with 99th birthday celebration

Penny Rains had some special guests during a recent celebration of her 99th birthday.

On Dec. 20, Nancy Gordon and her First Baptist Christian School kindergarten class took a field trip to Rains' ranch home. Students making the trip included Madison Villanueva, Dylan Greer, Ryan Rathbun, Truett Egan and Zeke Lott. Accompanying the group was K-K Haynes, a ninth grade student, and her mother and teacher, Elizabeth Haynes.

Rains was enjoying a visit from her son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Carolyn, when the kindergarten students and K-K surprised the honoree with a "birthday gift" of song and recited Bible passages. Rains responded by sharing stories from years past, as well as talking to the students about living in a kind and mannerly fashion and living in God's will. By doing so, she said, the students will gain the strength and wisdom needed to "stand against the wiles of the devil."

## Navy recognizes Strawn with achievement medal

Lance Corp. Jay W. Strawn of the United States Marine Corps was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal last month by the Department of the Navy.

According to the written commendation, which was signed by Lt. Col. K.M. Woodard of the USMC, Strawn was recognized for "professional achievement while serving as part of the recovery crew for the Search and Rescue Department, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station," in Yuma, Ariz., from Aug. 16, 2007, to Sept. 20, 2007.

During that period of time, Strawn was part of a team responding to a HH-1N "Huey" mishap that occurred on Aug. 16, requiring him to work "extensive hours in intense heat throughout a rugged and harsh mountainous terrain in order to provide professional emergency response. His keen sense of duty and unrelenting loyalty was instrumental in the proper and respectful removal of the bodies from the downed aircraft, making them more accessible for the medical team. His poise and composure were most notable and a direct contribution to the overall success of the mission," Woodard wrote.

"Lance Corp. Strawn's initiative, perseverance and total dedication to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and United States Naval Service," the Dec. 3 commendation stated.

Strawn is the son of Jay and Susan Strawn and the grandson of Bo and Marita Jackson and Jim and Bessie Strawn.



Lance Corp. Jay W. Strawn

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## Laws seeks re-election as County sheriff

I, Cliff Laws, would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for re-election as sheriff of Garza County.

During the past three years as your sheriff, I have continued to make positive changes in the Sheriff's Department to benefit Garza County and its citizens. I will continue to make the difficult decisions that are right for the county as a whole, without excluding the rights of the individual.

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Post J.V. Lady Lope Haley Lester (13) receives a pass from Darlene Ariaza (12) during last Friday's game against Denver City in Post. Also in the action Yesenia Gomez (21). Staff photo by Tim Burnett

## Newspaper's FOI request

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who participated in the unlawful act that day."

A letter to Judge Schildknecht requesting the names of those involved in the incident was mailed on November 28, 2007. "Not only has Judge Schildknecht not responded, she has not even bothered to acknowledge receipt of our attorney's informal request," Burnett added.

"We have been very careful to proceed in a lawful, reasonable and responsible manner to this serious violation of our constitutional rights," Burnett continued.

"As publisher of The Post Dispatch," Burnett emphasized, "it is my duty and obligation to secure and protect the assets of the newspaper. The newspaper's most valuable asset is the First Amendment. Government agents have attacked the very core of any newspaper...it's ability to serve as the eyes and ears of the people."

"If we ignore this or any other attack on our constitution and the rights it guarantees, then we might as well throw that historic document in the trash. Left unchallenged, government officials violating our constitution have an open door to more and more violations, until one day, there will be no more rights to defend."

Burnett concluded by saying, "This newspaper is the eyes and ears for this community... I am dedicated to holding responsible government officials accountable for the attack on this community's newspaper."

*Editor's Note: It appears that government officials may have violated provisions of the Texas Penal Code, Section 39.03: § 39.03. OFFICIAL OPPRESSION. (a) A public servant*

## Phil Mathews seeks Republican nod for sheriff's position

My name is Phil Mathews, and I am announcing my candidacy in the Republican primary for the office of Garza County sheriff.

I have over 28 years of experience in law enforcement. I have extensive investigative, patrol and training experience.

I graduated from Post High School, returned and chose to make this my home for over eight years.

For many years I have devoted my life to answering the citizen's call -- whether it was day, night, weekends or holidays -- fairly and impartially. I will continue this service and work hard for the citizens of Garza County, as well as show strong leadership

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within the department. I will keep the citizens of Garza County informed and create a trust between the citizens and the Sheriff's Office.

Should you have any questions of concerns, please contact me at 806-495-1407 or e-mail philipmathews@yahoo.com and I will return your call.

## Public Notice

The City of Post will hold a public hearing at City Hall, located at 105 East Main, on Wednesday, January 16, at 3:15 p.m., in regard to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program project that has recently been completed in Post.

This public hearing is being held to review the outcome of the sewer system project that included the construction of new transfer and irrigation structures, new irrigation pumping equipment, new piping, sewer pond reconfiguration, and electrical connections.

Citizens who wish to comment, but are unable to attend this hearing may submit their written comments to Deana Watson, City Secretary, 105 East Main, Post, Texas 79356. Anyone needing additional information or special assistance may call Kelli McElhone at South Plains Association of Governments at (806) 762-8721.

## Post Notes

### VFW meeting set January 14

VFW Post 6797 men and ladies will meet on Monday, January 14 at the post home on the Clairmont highway. Both will meet at 6 p.m., no meal. Plans will be discussed for midwinter, along with the upcoming district meeting held in Lubbock. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

### Stock show this weekend in Southland

The Southland ISD Agriculture Department will be hosting their annual Local Livestock Show this Saturday, January 12. There will be a meal provided at noon for those in attendance, with donations being accepted. The actual show will begin at 1 p.m. For information please contact agriculture teacher Jason Miller, Southland ISD at 806-996-5339.

### Nazarene Church Special Service

Post Church of the Nazarene invites everyone to come and hear Richard and Donna Walls on Sunday January 20th, 2008 at 9:45 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. For more information visit [www.brokenvesselministries.net](http://www.brokenvesselministries.net)

### PHS college financial aid night

Post High School will hold a college financial aid night on Thursday, January 24 at 6 p.m. in the high school library. Parents of juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested is invited to attend. If you plan to attend please let Terry Read know as a light meal will be provided. She can be reached at 495-2770.

### ASVAB results available January 23

Post High School juniors will receive their ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Assessment Battery) results on Wednesday, January 23 at 10:15 a.m. in the library computer lab. An ASVAB representative will present and explain the results. Parents are invited to attend.

### Account established for Chris Clark

An account has been opened at Wells Fargo Bank for Chris Clark, Assistant Manager of McDonald's in Post. The benefit account is to help with a kidney transplant. The funds will also assist with financial and medical needs for Clark and his family which includes two children ages six and three. For more information contact Suzie Barboza at 495-2804.

### "Grandma Brag Page" deadline February 1

The Post Dispatch annual "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published Friday, February 8, with a Friday, February 1 deadline for entries. The popular annual tradition features photos of grandchildren in advance of Valentine's Day. Call 495-2816 for details.

### PISD Bad Weather Day re-scheduled

Due to changes in the testing calendar by the state, the Bad Weather day scheduled for April 28 has been moved up to Friday, February 18. Be sure to check with your child's teacher or campus to make sure before making any plans. If this date changes or any other changes take place it will be posted on the internet.

### Post Book Club To Meet

The Post Book Club will meet Saturday, January 19, 11 am at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The group will discuss "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards and discuss reading selections for the year. A few copies of the book are still available at Ruby Lane Books. Anyone interested in reading is invited to join the book club. If you did not read the current book, please consider attending the meeting so you can help choose future selections. There is no cost for membership; however, each member is responsible for obtaining a copy of the club's reading selection. For more information, call 495-2665.

### Retirement party planned for Ashley

Peggy Ashley will be retiring and leaving the PISD district at the end of the six weeks to become the new City Librarian. To show appreciation for her years of working with Post students, a party has been planned on Friday, January 18.

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Seizure and Intended Forfeiture, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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## The No Solution Zone

by Bill O'Reilly

Am I being unreasonable for wanting the presidential candidates to have solutions for the difficult problems the nation is facing? It was striking that during the Bhutto assassination news cycle, not one of the candidates put forth a solution to deal with the dangerous situation in Pakistan.

Some of the comments the candidates made were flat-out dumb. For example, Democrat Bill Richardson said this: "President Bush faced a choice with Pakistan — he needed to choose whether to support the dictator or the Pakistani people. He chose the dictator."

Please. The Pakistani people comprise about 300 different factions, many of which would lop off Richardson's head if they got the chance. So give me a break, Governor. Did you not learn anything from the Shah of Iran debacle? Did the Ayatollah Khomeini thing turn out well for the USA?

On the Republican side there was Congressman Ron Paul, who said this about Pakistan: "We don't need to be involved over there."

Sure, Congressman, good thinking. Let's just let the Islamic fundamentalists take over that government and play around with the nuclear arsenal. Swell.

Pakistan epitomizes the difficult world in which we all live. That chaotic nation is ultra-violent, divided by religion and ideology, and a complete mystery to the vast majority of Americans.

Military dictator Pervez Musharraf can't control the jihadists, so he makes deals with them. Those deals have allowed the Taliban a Pakistani sanctuary from which they can kill Americans in neighboring Afghanistan. Musharraf's double dealing also means Osama bin Laden and his murderous crew can continue living unmolested in Northwest Pakistan.

Barack Obama says we have to do something about that. But what, Senator? Are you going to send a few American divisions into the mountains? That would mean massive casualties on both sides and a possible Pakistani civil war. Do you realize that, Senator?

The Republicans say we have to figure the whole thing out. Well, that's terrific. We've been fighting the Islamic terrorists for more than six years now — trying to "figure out" Pakistan is not exactly a plan, is it?

There are two entities at fault here: the seemingly clueless politicians and a corrupt media that is more interested in ideology than demanding cogent answers to specific questions. Here's a clue: Calling Musharraf a corrupt dictator and President Bush a dunce is not a policy.

So, permit me to put forth a strategy: Musharraf remains in power because he controls most of the guns. He retains that control because the United States sends him billions to buy military support and weaponry. If we stop sending the cash, Musharraf will go down — fast.

Thus, the U.S. government must demand that strongman Musharraf aggressively attack the Taliban and al-Qaeda with help on the ground from NATO and America. Yes, this will tee off the radical Islamists and that is risky. But that's the price Musharraf will have to pay.

It's either throw in with the good guys, us, or you're on your own. That's a plan. If the candidates have a better one, I'd like to hear it.

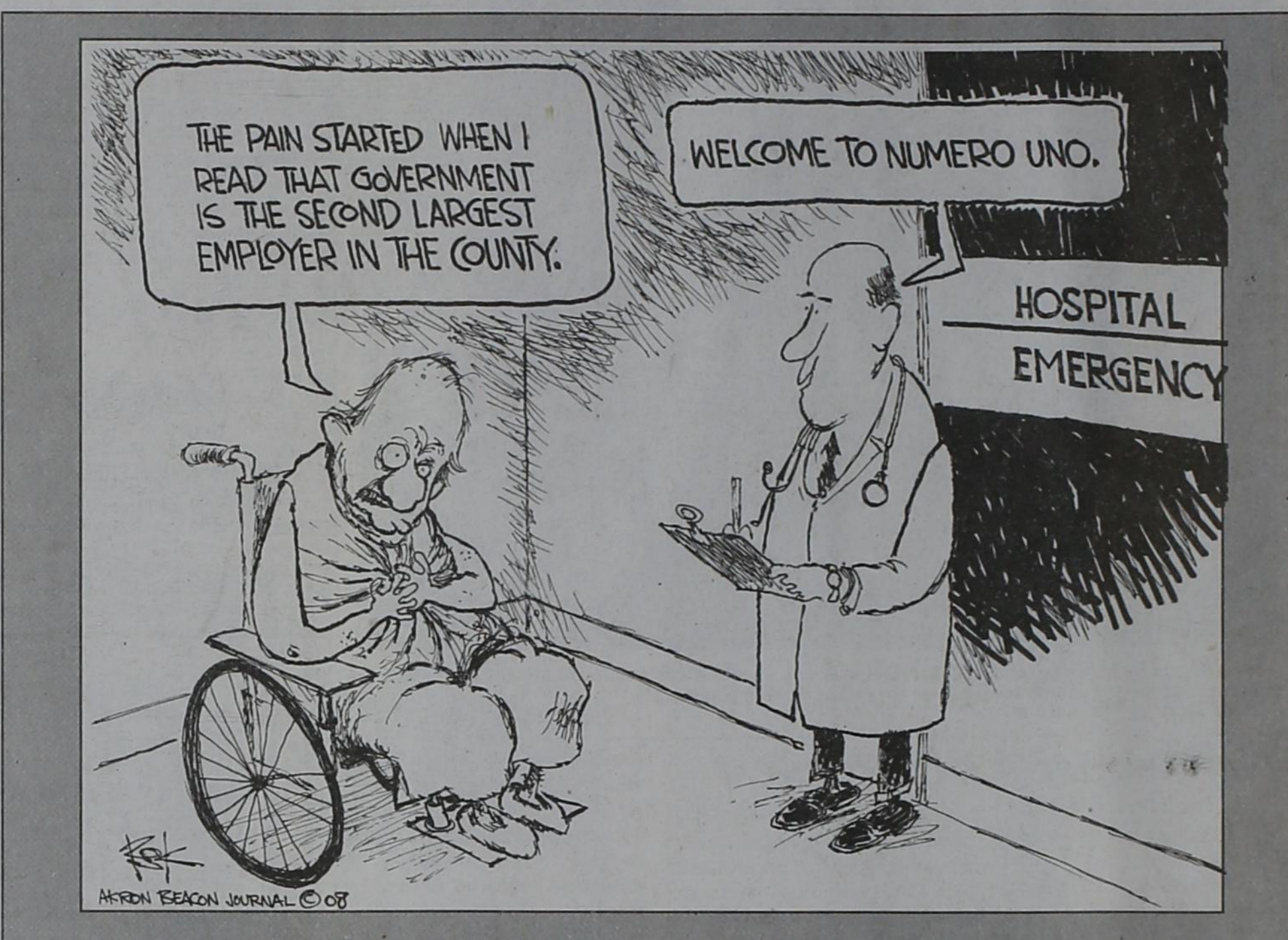
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What they said in 1913 about the income tax...

**"It'll just be a tax on the rich..."**



# Opinions



## Hands off Pakistan

by Sheldon Richman

"The assassination of Benazir Bhutto was not an attack on this brave woman alone; it was an attack upon democracy, freedom and the United States." This statement by Asa Hutchinson, former undersecretary of homeland security, was typical of the reaction of the American political and media establishments.

The claim that the assassination was an attack on democracy and freedom is dubious because Bhutto's two spells as prime minister of Pakistan were not notable for either one. Whether it was an attack on the United States depends on what that means. It certainly was not an attack on the American people. How could it be construed that way, unless one has such an imperialist notion of "our interests" that nothing can happen in the world without impinging on them?

But if by "United States" we mean the policies of the current administration, then indeed it was such an attack. Bhutto, after all, favored bringing U.S. military forces into Pakistan, according to Michael Scheuer, a former CIA analyst and region specialist. If that's an option President Bush planned to exercise, the loss of Bhutto is a grave blow to his policy.

It is during a crisis that the establishment hoists its true colors for all to see. With few exceptions, the most prominent voices in politics and the news media are chanting in unison that Bhutto's assassination proves that the United States needs to be more involved in Pakistan than it has been.

Could the United States be more involved? American presidents have been meddling in Pakistani politics for a long time. After the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in 1979 both Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan regarded the brutal military dictator Gen. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq, who had come to power by overthrowing — and later executing — Bhutto's father, the elected prime minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, as a key ally. Once again the U.S. government used the Cold War as an excuse to back a despot.

Shortly before the current Pakistan president, Pervez Musharraf, staged a coup and named himself chief executive, Bill Clinton had pressured then-Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif to get Musharraf, who was then the head of the army, to pull his forces out of the part of Kashmir controlled by rival India. Sharif was

thus perceived as a puppet of the United States. That could not have helped his fortunes.

Since 9/11, of course, Musharraf has been crowned a key ally in Bush's "war on terror." Some \$10 billion in cash and arms has poured into the dictator's coffers. The largess did not slow down when Musharraf suspended the constitution, sacked the Supreme Court, declared martial law, and arrested lawyers and civil-libertarians — all to fight terrorism and protect democracy.

When even Bush couldn't escape the fact that the Pakistanis were outraged about Musharraf, his administration tried to engineer an unlikely political marriage between the dictator and Bhutto. Whether her death came at the hands of Musharraf's security forces, parts of which have notorious ties to radical Islamic elements, or al-Qaeda and the Taliban, the murderers' opportunity has the mark of bumbling U.S. interventionism all over it. Before someone calls this a "blame America first" point of view, note that former Bush UN ambassador John Bolton told Fox News, "We in effect helped — helped — precipitate this dynamic that led to her tragic assassination."

What is so fascinating is how impervious the political and media establishments are to the lessons of reality. After all that's happened, the dominant voices still insist that Bush redouble efforts to determine Pakistan's future. The arrogance and pretense of knowledge displayed by such people are astounding. Haven't they learned that America's political leaders can't possibly know what they would need to know to run Pakistan? Their meddling here creates one mess after another — how can they hope to succeed there?

But Pakistan is the most dangerous country in the world, we're told incessantly. If that's true, it's all the more reason for the United States to keep its hands off. Intervention only creates and provokes enemies. That endangers the American people, precisely the opposite of what the Bush administration says it wants to do.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation, author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine. Visit his blog "Free Association" at [www.sheldonrichman.com](http://www.sheldonrichman.com).

## On foreign entanglements: the ties that strangle

by Congressman Ron Paul

I recently highlighted the irony of sending nearly \$1 billion overseas in military earmarks as we close down bases here at home to save money. Our government's flawed foreign policy troubles me this week especially.

Benazir Bhutto's assassination was a great tragedy. Pakistan is now more than ever teetering on chaos. And all the money we have sent Musharraf has inadvertently drawn a target on our backs.

Musharraf, unfortunately, appears to have learned how to work our system, much in the way a career welfare recipient has learned to do the same. The

perpetual welfare recipient promises to look for a job. Musharraf has promised to look for Bin Laden.

Both are terrible investments of American taxpayer dollars, however with Musharraf, it's been an astonishing \$10 billion loss over the last few years. But it is even worse than that. With his recent actions declaring martial law, and dismissing the justices of the supreme court, he is to the rest of the world, and to Pakistanis, a wildly unpopular, power hungry, brutal military dictator.

The perception by most is that we are propping him up while simultaneously urging Ms. Bhutto back into Pakistan as a lamb to the slaughter.

The trouble is the average Pakistani will have little doubt regarding Bhutto's death, regardless if it was orchestrated by Musharraf or not. At this point it is almost irrelevant who was responsible or how she died.

The perception is what will fuel the anger. My great fear is their anger towards Musharraf's military regime will be targeted towards his enablers - the United States.

This is the problem with our government involvement in the internal affairs of other nations. Our friend one day is our enemy the next. And all our friends' enemies become our enemies. How many times have we armed BOTH sides of a conflict because of this? There is little for us to gain from this policy, and simultaneously a lot of trouble we get ourselves into. It is not a rational or intelligent way to interact with the world.

The administration has behaved as if there are only two choices in foreign policy - sending money or sending bombs. Our founding fathers knew a better way - to talk with our neighbors, do honest business with them, cultivate friendship, allow travel and open communication. We should neither initiate violence, nor take sides in conflicts that are none of our business.

The American taxpayers are working hard enough to support their families here at home. If an American wants to send money overseas for a conflict or cause, let them, but do not slap Americans in the face by forcefully sending their children's college money abroad to subsidize despotic foreign governments. Our children should be going off to college, not going off to more senseless foreign wars.

I was deeply saddened to hear of Benazir Bhutto's death. My hope is that we can change our foreign policy moving forward and truly make strides this year toward peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

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### Mo Herridge announces primary bid for sheriff

Hi. I am Maurice "Mo" Herridge, and I would like to announce my candidacy for sheriff of Garza County.

I started my law enforcement career in Garza County in 1987 as a deputy sheriff and it has been a lifelong dream to become sheriff.

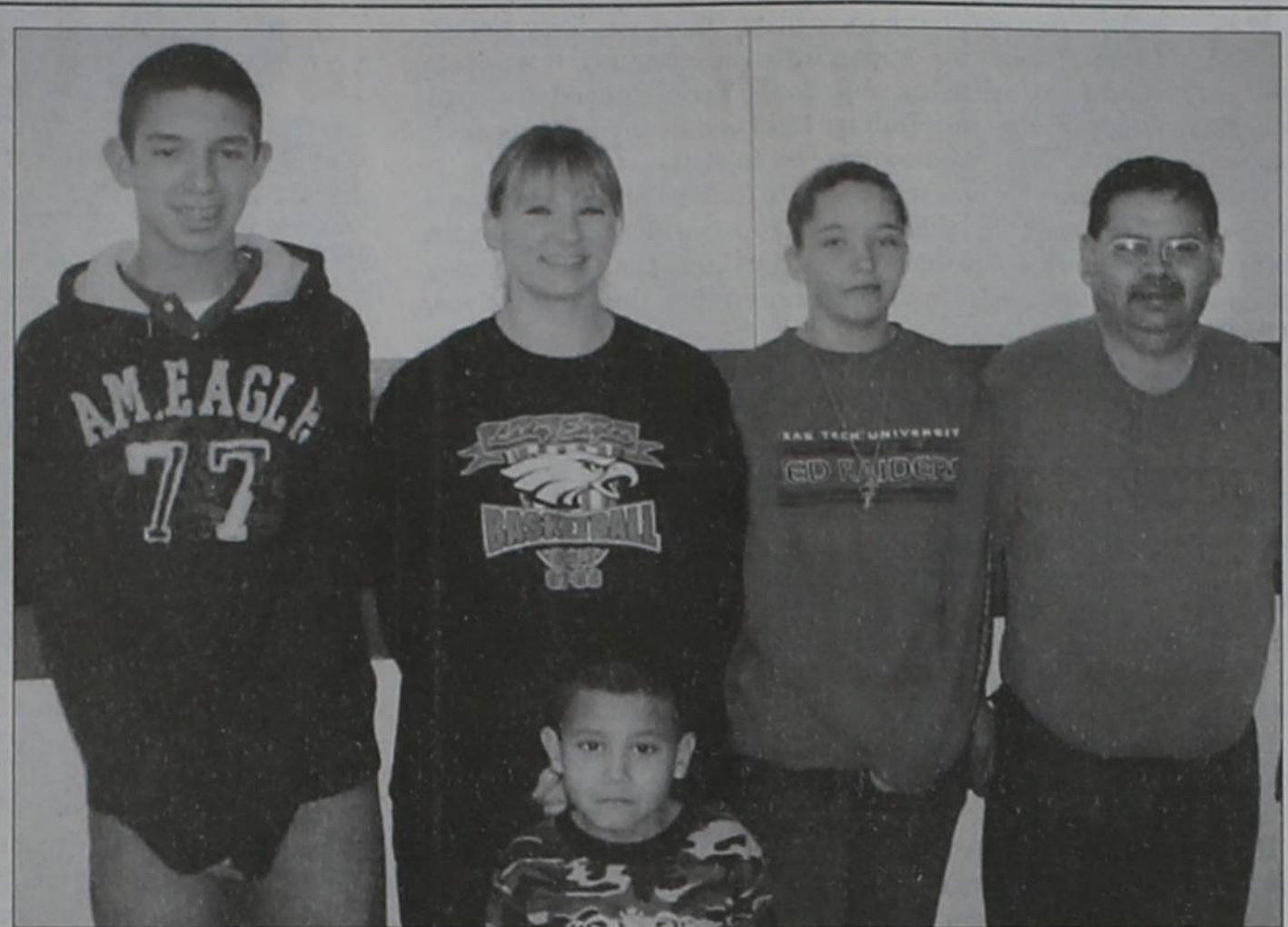
A little about myself: I am a Christian, married to an awesome lady (Tandra) and we have two wonderful kids (Seleste and Maeghon). I am an avid bass fisher and serve as director of the Green Pastures Bass Club and MoBass Team Tournaments. I graduated from Borden County in 1981 and attended WTC. I hold a Master Peace Officer license, TCLEOSE instructor license, firearm instructor, jailer license and I am a certified DARE instructor. I currently work for MTC Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility as the training manager, and I serve as a non-paid deputy sheriff for the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

I believe law enforcement is a professional organization with primary responsibilities of protecting lives and rights. As sheriff I would strive to be effective, efficient and, above all, courteous.

I am looking forward to walking door to door and getting better familiar with each of you.



Maurice "Mo" Herridge



Southland ISD students and teachers of the month for December are (back row left to right) Travis Arguello, Mrs. Charlotte Krizman, Journey Zeleznikar, Mr. Phillip Malodnada and (front) Isaiiah Valencia. Not pictured is Alexis Escamilla. Photo courtesy of Southland ISD

### Post ISD board to consider superintendent's contract

Members of the Post Independent School District board of trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday to consider several agenda items, including the superintendent's appraisal and contract renewal.

Other items of new business to be considered include Garza County Tax Appraisal District tax roll changes; student transfers; and shared services arrangements, including the DAEP Co-op and Special Ed Co-op. Also listed on the agenda is a discussion of Policy DGBA Local.

In addition to receiving the superintendent's reports, the board will hear mid-management campus and program reports and handle consent agenda items.

The regular January meeting will be conducted in the Post ISD Administrative Offices building, located at 501 S. Ave. K.

### GED classes to begin

GED classes have started again for the spring semester and are free to the public. Classes are conducted from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Post High School at 495-2770 and leave your name and phone number. Your call will be returned by the GED instructor.

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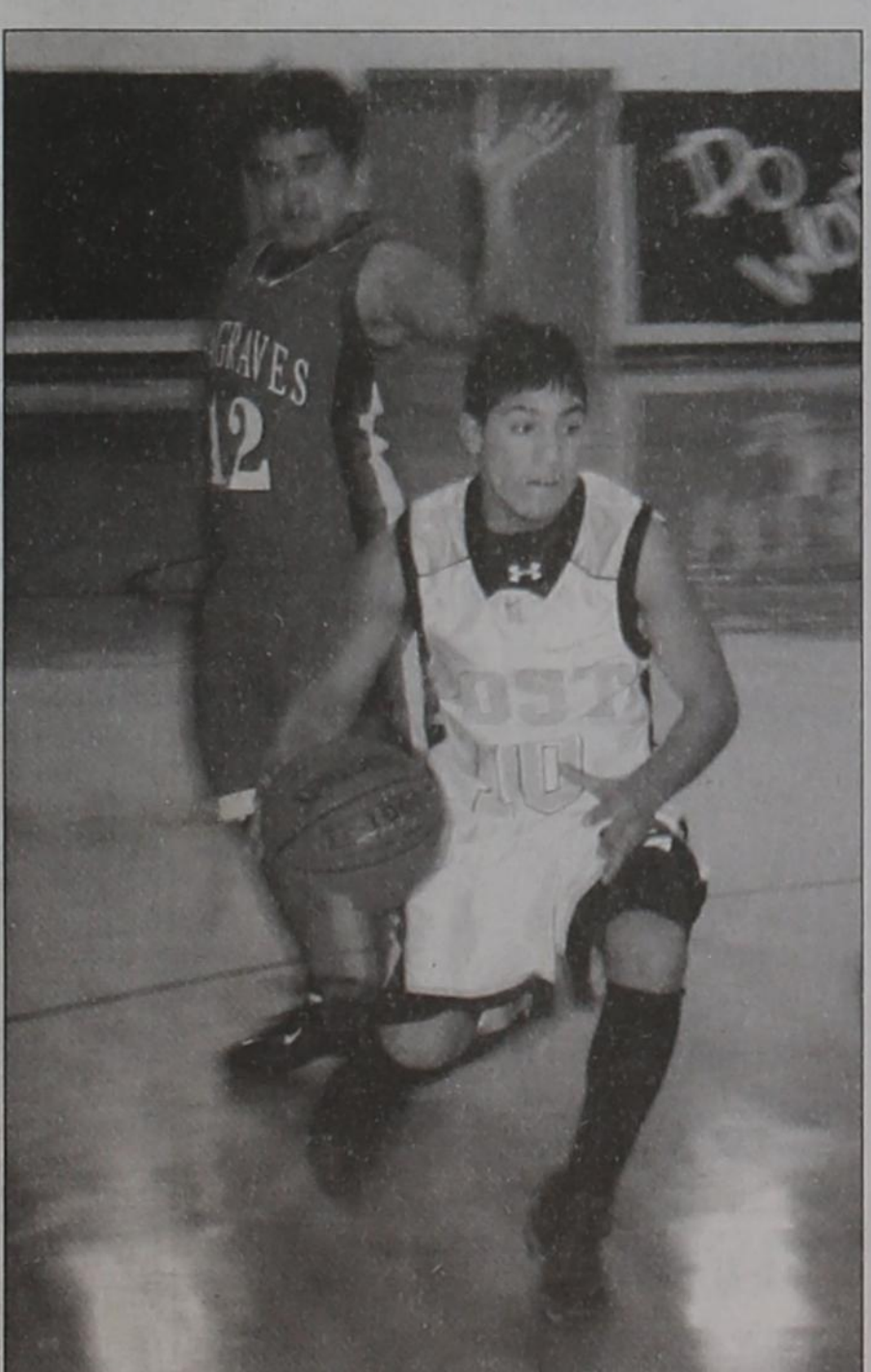
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Post Antelope Call Windham (10) drives the ball in for a lay-up during last Friday's 53-37 win over Seagraves in Post. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Post Antelope Henry Apolinar (10) drives the ball down court against Seagraves last week in Post. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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THE STATE OF TEXAS	)(	IN THE 106TH DISTRICT COURT
VS	)(	OF
ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ PEREZ RESPONDENT	)(	
\$12,000.00 UNITED STATES CURRENCY	)(	GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ PEEZ, Defendant- GREETING

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."**

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Garza County, at the Courthouse in said County in Post, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 11th day of October 2007 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Seizure and Intended Forfeiture, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Post, Texas this 4th day of January 2008.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff:  
Joe Nagy  
P. O. Box 1124  
Lamesa, TX 79331

Clerk of the Court:  
Jim Plummer  
P. O. Box 366  
Post, TX 79356

By Lina Rodriguez Deputy

#### OFFICER'S RETURN

Came to hand on the 7 day of January 2008 at 9:30 o'clock A M and executed this citation by delivering the same to Post Dispatch, a newspaper published in the County of Garza, State of Texas, to be published four times, once in each week for 4 consecutive weeks. Said publications were made respectively on the: \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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Cliff Laws, Sheriff  
Garza County, Texas

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

## In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

We have just about gotten it off the stalk out here. As of Monday morning, our bale count is sitting at 13,133, with more to go. We want to send our sympathies out to the Margie Carpenter family. She passed away Sunday night. Margie and her family have been a part of our community for some time now. Our prayers

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are with them.

We've had lots of people out here visiting this week. Troy Nelson called and visited about the crops a little the other day. It was nice to hear he and Joyce are doing well. Bobby Terry stopped in to visit one day last week. Kenneth Bullard has been in and out this week as well. Chuck and Dylan also came by to visit.

Ronnie and Diane Graves will travel to College Station for Diane to receive the Texas Co-op Extension Superior Service Award for office support staff. Diane has worked for Garza County for nearly 28 years, 26 of those years in the Extension office. Congratulations, Diane.

We want to send a big happy birthday to Chester Morris from all of his friends in Ragtown. Chester turned 92 years young on Jan. 7.

We've had a few puny people out her this week. Claudine Tipton and John Shults have been under the weather, but both are back to normal and feeling well.

Remember to send me your recipes so we can post them on our Web site. We post a new recipe each Wednesday. When you go to the site don't forget to sign the guestbook. We are really getting a good response for the recipes. Feel free to send as many as you want.

Hope everyone has a good week. Remember the ones in the nursing homes, keep your loved ones close and say a prayer for our troops!

### Birthdays

- Jan. 7 - Chester Morris
- Jan. 7 - Luis Abraham
- Jan. 13 - Jarrett Bland
- Jan. 17 - Melanie Morris
- Jan. 17 - Erin Berley

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or anyone that may be sick. You can call me at the gin or e-mail me at close.city.coop@pcca.com.

## Letters ...

Letters are published at the sole discretion of the publisher. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar or spelling. Letters considered libelous or defaming individual character will be rejected.

**Stroke - The first three letters**  
Stroke identification: During a barbeque, a woman stumbled and took a little fall. She assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics). She said she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes.

They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, she went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening.

The woman's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital and passed away. She had suffered a stroke at the barbeque.

Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps the woman would be with us today.

Some don't die, they end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead. It only takes a minute to read this...

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within three hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke... totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed and then getting the patient medically cared for within three hours, which is tough.

Recognizing a stroke: Thank God for the sense to remember the three steps - S.T.R. Read and learn!

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

- S -- Ask the individual to SMILE.
- T -- Ask the person to TALK and speak a simple coherent sentence (i.e.: It is sunny out today.)
- R -- Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

If he or she has trouble with any one of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

New sign of a stroke: Stick out your tongue.

Another sign of a stroke is this: Ask the person to stick out his tongue. If the tongue is crooked, if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke.

Shirley Taylor

## Obituaries

### Margie L. Johnson Carpen ter

Services for Margie L. 'Granny' Johnson Carpenter, 73, of Post were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, in the First Baptist Church in Post with the Rev. John Hedrick and the Rev. Arthur Kelly officiating. Burial followed in the Cross H Ranch Cemetery under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, Jan. 6, at the Golden Plains Care Center.

Born at Quannah to Vestel and Clara Jo (White) Ingram May 7, 1934, she attended school at Aspermont and married Cecil 'Pee Wee' Johnson Jan. 1951, at Clairemont. He died Nov. 12, 1984. She worked for Piggly Wiggly, Western Auto and Handy Hardware. She married Wayne Carpenter on Oct. 6, 1985, in Brownfield. He died Jan. 10, 2003. She was a resident of Garza County for more than 50 years.

Survivors include one son, Mike and his wife Clarice Johnson of Post; three daughters, Sue and her husband Terry Brant of Council Grove, Kan., Pat and her husband Kirby Sterling of Ira, and Deb and her husband Kenneth Kimball of Mart; one brother, Charles Ingram of Granbury; two sisters, Betty Hill of Post and Ora Mae Burrow of Wolforth; eight grandchildren, Cliff Johnson of Saginaw, Clay Johnson of Granbury, Clint Johnson of Granbury, Lee Hart of Gardner, Kan., Steven Hart of Pratt, Kan., Justin Donelson of Ira, Celeigh Sterling of Lubbock, Randy McKee of Post and Carrie Hardesty of Lexington, Ken.; and 11 great-grandchildren, Dakota Johnson, Jacey Johnson, Kutter Johnson, Justin Johnson, Shane Johnson, Macy Hart, Jayton Hart, Hadley Smith, Miley McKee, Cortnee McKee and Dillon McKee.

Pallbearers were grandsons Cliff Johnson, Clay Johnson, Clint Johnson, Lee Hart, Steven Hart, Randy McKee and Justin Donelson.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Garza County Trailblazers 205 E. 10th, Post, TX 79356; Alzheimer's Association, 6630 S. Quaker, Ste. E, Lubbock, TX 79413; or to Golden Plains Care Center, 605 W. 7th, Post, TX 79356.

### Brent Allen Hewitt

Memorial services for Brent Allen Hewitt will be conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, in the Terrace Cemetery in Post with David Joiner officiating. Arrangements were made with assistance from the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

He died Thursday, Jan. 3, at Clear Lake Regional Hospital in Webster following a brief illness.

Born Feb. 3, 1970, in Odessa, he was a 1988 graduate of Post High School. He worked in the oilfield and in the convenience store industry in Post, Alamogordo, N.M., and Castle Rock, Colo. He was employed by Plant Processing Equipment in League City.

Survivors include by his wife Jan (Rudd) Hewitt, and two daughters, Brandi Hewitt and Kali Hewitt, all of League City and formerly of Post; his father, Mike Hewitt of Odessa; one brother, Nicky Hewitt of Post; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Glenda Hewitt; his brother, Little Bill; his paternal grandparents, Bill and Lou Hewitt; his maternal grandparents, Jake and JoElla Sparlin; and his aunt, Brenda King.

### Lanny Mack Price

Memorial services for Lanny Mack Price, 52, of Lubbock were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008, at the White Memorial Chapel in Lubbock. Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, in the Woodson Cemetery in Woodson. Arrangements were handled by the White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He died Jan. 4.

Born to Richard Price and Lynola McBride on Feb. 20, 1955, in Breckenridge, he retired as a UPS delivery driver after more than 30 years of service.

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# Yesteryears

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## 10 Years Ago January 14, 1998

Dorothy and Charles McCook Post, celebrated with their son following the Texas Six-Man football championship. Colt, a junior Borden County High School, was named to the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-State team. McCook led the Coyote offense with 1,368 passing yards and 20 touchdowns.

District and County Clerk Sonny Possett returned to his familiar spot at the courthouse following several months of recuperation from an accident and respiratory problems.

W. C. and Annie Graves celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary December 23 at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Diane Graves. The couple was married by Church of Christ minister, S. D. Lofton in Post on December 23, 1937.

## 20 Years Ago January 10, 1988

Eric Reece was named to the Texas All-State choir in competition held in Lubbock. Attending the competition with Reece was high school choir director Mike Jones.

Ben Kirkpatrick was named by the Texas Sports Writers Association as first team All-State receiver and also received honorable mention as linebacker.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bratcher announced the arrival of their daughter Kelcee D'Shea, born December 29, 1987. Kelcee weighed nine pounds and 11 ounces and was 12 inches long.

## 30 Years Ago January 12, 1978

Lawrence E. (Gene) Claborn authorized the Dispatch to announce that he was a candidate for the position of Sheriff of Garza County.

Newly elected officers of the Post Merchant's Association were Charles Hardin, Chairman; Wilma Yarbro, 2nd Vice Chairman, and Roger McCurrin, 1st Vice Chairman.

A 17-man U. S. Air Force detachment reported to Post for the establishment of a mobile radar bomb scoring site east of Post which would be used for inspection and training flights of low flying long range B-52 jet bombers and FB-111 win jet medium bombers.

Post Independent School District trustees extended the contract of Supt. Bill Shiver for an additional year to June 30, 1981.

Miss Jenda Raye Gilmore and Stewart Franklin Rowe, Jr., pledged wedding vows January 7 in the First Baptist Church. Syd Wyatt officiated the double ring ceremony.

John Boren was re-elected to serve as a member of the Garza County ASCS when the committee met for the month. Luther Bilberry was re-elected to the position of chairman and Darrel Jones to vice-chairman.

## 40 Years Ago January 11, 1968

J. A. (Jimmy) Holleman, who had been employed by Postex Mills since he resigned as city water superintendent in 1966 filed as a candidate for county sheriff with County Democratic Chairman N. C. Outlaw.

Walter Didway joined Postex Mills as assistant personnel manager. Didway, a resident of Post since 1953, graduated from Texas Tech, with a degree in personnel management.

Mrs. Karen Parnell had been employed as Garza County Home Demonstration Agent by the county commissioners' court.

The Post Does surprised the defending champion Freshman Kittens, 63-59, with Freshman Sherry Bird's only field goal of the night breaking the tie and Karon Windham hitting two free throws in the final seconds.

"Cool Hand Luke," filmed in Panavision and Technicolor starring Paul Newman was the featured show at the Tower Theatre.

## 50 Years Ago January 15, 1958

The Post High School girls' basketball team made their District 2-AA record 1-1 here when they defeated Tahoka, 38-35, in a thriller. The Post scoring was about as evenly divided as it could be, with six players scoring points. Sophomore Glenda Whittenberg was tops with nine, Kay Martin had eight, Doris Eilenburger, Janet Stephens and

Barbara Gary, six each, and Leta Stone, five.

Pfc. Royce Anthony of Washington, D. C., was home on a 15-day furlough. Royce is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Anthony and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hays.

Six hostesses entertained in the home of Mrs. M. A. McDaniel for a surprise layette shower, honoring Mrs. Jack Hair. Co-hostesses for the event were Mrs. Fred Taylor, Mrs. James Dooley, Mrs. Raymond Jenkins, Mrs. Billy McKamie and Mrs. McDaniel.

Jack Lott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lott of Post, was one of the eight men recently initiated into the Scabbard and Blade honorary military organization of Texas Tech.

## 60 Years Ago January 15, 1948

Jimmy Downs, who was well known as a bull and bronc rider in the Post Stampede and Rodeo, announced the opening of an electric repair shop in the former cream station building behind the Pure Food Market.

The fire siren was moved from the roof of the City Hall and placed on a tower behind the building. The change was made because of damage which vibrations from the siren, was doing to the building.

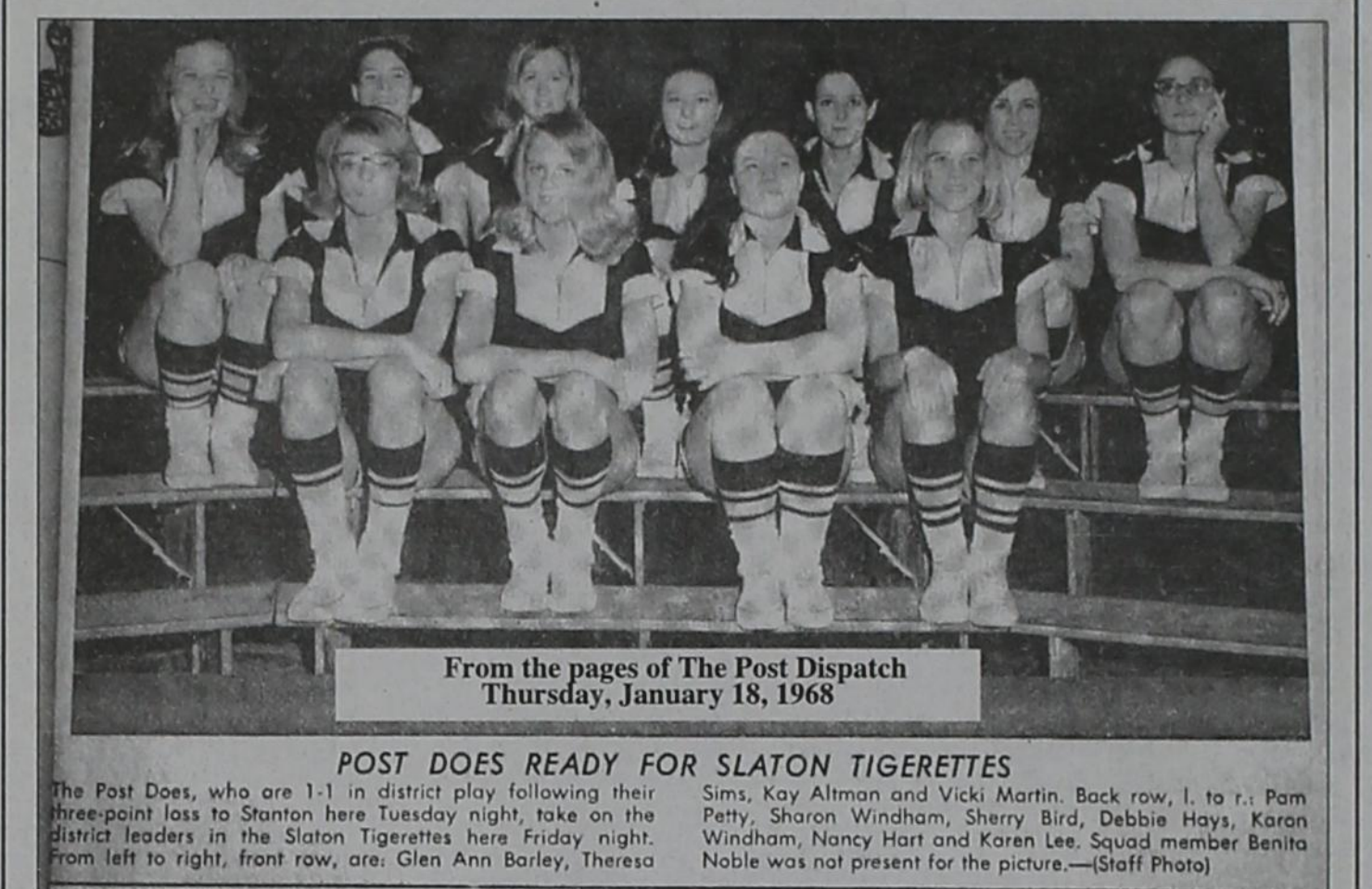
Guys and Gals: Ila Fay Bratcher is wearing a pretty diamond and it is needless to say that Red Mathis gave it to her; Bud Everett is seen every day at Wilkerson Lumber Company just working away. Incidentally, have you seen his Studebaker since its recent paint job; Congratulations to J. C. Cash for being appointed the delegate from the Methodist church to attend the conference of young people in Cleveland, Ohio.

# Menus

- Post ISD**
- January 14  
Breakfast: Sausage on stick, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk
- January 15  
Breakfast: Donut, sausage link, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Pigs-n-blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, orange pineapple salad, milk
- January 16  
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, bacon, milk  
Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk
- January 17  
Breakfast: Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk  
Lunch: Meat & bean chalupas,

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- spanish rice, lettuce & tomatoes, milk  
rosie applesauce, milk
- January 18  
Breakfast: Student Holiday  
Lunch: Student Holiday
- Southland ISD**
- January 14  
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, juice, milk  
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, cream potatoes, corn, roll, cake, milk
- January 15  
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, juice, milk  
Lunch: Beef stew, cornbread, carrot & cheese sticks, orange, cookie, milk
- January 16  
Breakfast: Muffins, yogurt, juice, milk  
Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, tossed salad, peas, garlic bread, pudding, milk
- January 17  
Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice,

- TrailBlazers**
- January 14 Baked chicken w/ mushrooms, asparagus, navy beans, tossed salad/roll, peach cake  
January 15 Chicken fajitas, grilled onion/peppers, refried beans, Mexican corn/salsa, pears & cottage cheese  
January 16 Meatloaf, blackeyed peas, spinach, tossed salad, cornbread, strawberry cake  
January 17 Chicken & dumplings, pea salad, crackers, fruit  
January 18 Fish, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, hushpuppies, cobbler



From the pages of The Post Dispatch Thursday, January 18, 1968

**POST DOES READY FOR SLATON TIGERETTES**  
The Post Does, who are 1-1 in district play following their three-point loss to Stanton here Tuesday night, take on the district leaders in the Slaton Tigerettes here Friday night. From left to right, front row, are: Glen Ann Barley, Theresa Sims, Kay Altman and Vicki Martin. Back row, l. to r.: Pam Petty, Sharon Windham, Sherry Bird, Debbie Hays, Karen Windham, Nancy Hart and Karen Lee. Squad member Benita Noble was not present for the picture.—(Staff Photo)

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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "packed like sardines in \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX-born Rafer Johnson film "\_\_\_\_\_ But the Brave"
- TXism for "clothes"
- TXism: "fast as \_\_\_\_\_ up a rafter"
- a fruit that grows along the TX coast
- TX Jeannie C.'s "Harper Valley \_\_\_\_\_"
- water park once in TX: "Wet \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "bell cows"
- TX voting machines are designed for \_\_\_\_\_ use
- Rafael Palmeiro left TX Rangers for this Baltimore team
- country singer Judd
- fashionable mall, store (2 wds.)
- this great Archibald played at UTEP
- fishing problem
- William \_\_\_\_\_ was co-writer of "Texas, Our Texas"
- TXism: "skin \_\_\_\_\_" (miser)
- Hawaii vegetable
- Davy said: " \_\_\_\_\_ right, then go ahead"
- TXism: "he's lower than a snake's belly"
- TX fishing tournament: "Tarpon Tomorrow \_\_\_\_\_"
- a Dallas community college
- Mexican general at Palo Alto battle
- Denison-born U.S. president (init.)
- Breckenridge AM
- bowling alleys
- "Slue Foot" sweetheart of TX "Pecos Bill" (init.)
- TX Tommy Lee film: " \_\_\_\_\_ of Laura Mars"
- west TX ranch still in Kokernot family (abbr.)
- victorious
- head judge of TX Cuban on "Dancing with the Stars" (abbr.)
- graduates (abbr.)

**DOWN**

- Hilton's Cisco hotel: "a cross between a gold mine \_\_\_\_\_"
- Crocket newspaper: "Houston County \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "every now \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "stirred up a hornet's \_\_\_\_\_"
- critter skin
- TXism: "smart as a \_\_\_\_\_"
- donkey ancestor
- TXism: "quick as a \_\_\_\_\_ York minute"
- poem by TX Naomi Shihab Nye: "Different \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX George Jones' "The Race \_\_\_\_\_"
- once a politically powerful TX woman, Guerrero
- song: "Ding \_\_\_\_\_ Daddy From Dumas"
- TX-born Dennis Quaid '88 film
- he danced with TX Ginger (init.)
- this Rusk led TX Army after San Jacinto
- "that is" abbr.
- Yankees city (abbr.)
- this Fulois started USAF in TX (init.)
- actor Estrada
- prophets
- specimen provided by pro athletes
- TX hair tonic: "Four \_\_\_\_\_"
- dines
- Bible part (abbr.)
- Gov. " \_\_\_\_\_" Ferguson
- file on a person
- TX Farrah Forke's "Wings" character
- TX La Quinta

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**ACROSS**

- Pieces of eight
- Legal pirate
- Type of hook
- Synonym for stealing

**DOWN**

- Smaller, faster ships
- Jolly Roger
- Pots of gunpowder
- Gold coins

Crossword answers can be found in underlined words.

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