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January 2 deadline facing potential candidates

Citizens interested in filing as candidates for the March Democratic and Republican party primaries, as well as for the Libertarian party March nominations at the county convention, have until January 2 at 6 p.m. to file with party chairmen.

Those interested in filing with the Democratic Party should call the office at 495-2448.

The Libertarian Party, which uses the convention process for selecting its candidates, will hold its county convention in March. Those interested in filing as a Libertarian candidate for local or state offices should contact Garza County chairman Wes Burnett at 495-3884.

Republican candidates are encouraged to contact Carolyn Chapman at 495-3947. Chapman also reports that there will be a regional training session for election judges and clerks.

Local resident 'fed up' with vandalism, offers \$100 reward

Jack Brown is not a happy man these days... after fighting what he claims is a losing battle to catch the vandals who broke all the windows in his pickup truck the last of November, Brown came to The Post Dispatch to announce a \$100 reward for convicting the culprits.

"I want those guys caught, and convicted," he emphasized, "they have cost me over \$500 and I'm fed up with it!"

Brown, who claims that law enforcement officers shrugged off the incident at his home at 311 N. Avenue H "and never take my complaints seriously." "Now, there's a crew of them guys coming by my house at night and throwing rocks, and I don't like it one little bit!"

Brown says he is prepared to pay anyone who provides information which leads to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for the vandalism. Those with information should call the Sheriff's office at 495-3595.

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Texans are asking the question: 'Should judges be elected or appointed?'

by Brent Ross

There is an issue that has bounced around the Texas Legislature for more than 60 years and nothing has been done about it. The issue is judicial reform and there are Texans who support both sides of the issue.

One of the main aspects of this judicial reform is whether judges should be elected or appointed. Texas is one of only nine states that still elects judges. Texas Tech assistant political science professor Craig Emmert said each process has its own aspects to consider.

"If we take the two as two different ways of selecting, elective would emphasize the value of responsiveness and accountability," he said. "For those who favor appointive systems, they say this makes the process less political."

According to the *Morris News Service*, more than \$10 million was spent in the 1994 Texas Supreme Court races. Emmert said many citizens prefer appointments because of this cost. However, he said cost should not be a factor.

"Taxpayers don't pay for judicial campaigns," Emmert said. "If you have appointments, you have staff members interviewing nominees (which costs money)."

A merit system for selecting the judges is a proposal that has been received well by many concerned with this issue. Rep. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock and Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston submitted separate, but similar legislation in 1993 that called for a merit system to be instituted in Texas.

Under the plan, a nominating commission would recommend to the governor a list of qualified candidates for the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals and 14 courts of appeal. The governor's appointees would be subject to confirmation by the Senate, and voters could decide whether to keep or reject the judges in periodic retention elections according to *Morris News Service*.

Emmert said his research shows the method of selection does not make a difference.

"Despite claims on both sides in terms of

the effects, there really aren't any differences," Emmert said. "I doubt that it will make any impact in terms of who's selected or the decisions they make."

Ricky B. Smith, district attorney for the 106th district, said he disagrees with Emmert on his statement that it does not matter what process is used to select judges.

"I think they should be elected," Smith said. "As long as they're elected, they'll be more responsive to the people."

Smith said he feared giving the responsibility of appointing judges to a select few. He felt the people should be making that decision.

"I've always had the belief that the more the power stays in the hands of the electorate, the better our country is," Smith said.

Elections involve politics, but Smith said politics would not be a reason to go to an appointment system in judicial elections.

"(Politics) would affect it as much or more on appointments," he said. "I would like to see it be handled by having a non-partisan electorate."

Municipal Judge Louise Greene in Post said she was appointed to her position after the previous judge quit.

"I'd rather be appointed because I don't want to run," Greene said. "If you're appointed, the people don't have a choice, but that's the way I like it."

Greene said she served as the Justice of the Peace in Post before being appointed to the municipal judge position. She said the appointment process was simply going in front of the city council and answering questions.

After being appointed, Greene said the council sent her to Texas Tech to take 40 hours of law classes to help prepare her for the new endeavor.

"I had never been in a courtroom and I was kind of lost," she said. "But they said they would help me."

According to the Lubbock *Avalanche-Journal*, recent polls by the Houston Bar Association, the Tarrant Group and the "Texas Lawyer" periodical all confirm that most Texans want the judicial election system changed.

"I think we've got a good system" Garza County Judge Giles Dalby said.

"I'm personally for electing judges all the way up to the Supreme Court."

Dalby was elected to his position in 1972. He said elections give Texans an input in the selection of judges.

"I think you're going to find that most constituents are going to favor elections," Dalby said. "In Texas, no matter who is running, the majority of people want to be able to put an 'X' by a name."

Dalby said not only do the people want to have a say in the choice, they want to have a clear understanding of who the candidate is and their platform.

"With me getting out there asking for their vote, the people get an idea of whether they like me or not," he said. "If there's any hanky-panky, it eventually gets aired through the campaign."

Garza County charitable bingo players win \$1,045.87 in third quarter of 1995

"Bingo players continue to be big winners," Nora Linares, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission, said today, "and I'm pleased to report that the total prize amounts being won statewide are on the rise."

"During the third quarter of 1995," Linares added, "players in Garza County collected their share of prizes playing Charitable Bingo games."

Charitable Bingo players who frequented the one bingo hall in Garza County won \$1,045.87 in July, August and September of this year, Linares reported.

The charitable organizations in Garza County, and the attendance they reported for the quarter were The Post Chamber of Commerce, 2,252.

Local government in Garza County this month received \$1,045.87 in Charitable Bingo prize fees covering the third quarter of 1995, Linares said.

The payments cover prize fees collected by Charitable Bingo players in Garza County for July, August and September of this year. Cities and counties that imposed the gross receipts tax on a local-option basis receive or share quarterly payments equal to 2.5 percent of the prizes won by Bingo players in their jurisdictions.

The Lottery Commission this month allocated the following prize fees among Garza County units of government for Post, \$1,045.87.

The payments were part of the \$2.7 million in prize fees allocated to Texas cities and counties this week. In total, 68 county governments received \$1.4 million in prize fees, and 127 city governments received \$1.3 million.

The largest single allocation of prize fees for the second quarter was \$209,900 to Dallas County. The remainder of the top five is: Tarrant County, \$178,710; Harris County, \$160,674; City of Dallas, \$127,514; and Bexar County, \$116,933.

Countdown to Hades

Part five of a continuing series by Fred Shannon and J.D. Cash Exclusive to the Post Dispatch from the Ellis County Press

When this investigation started, it never occurred to the investigators there would only be one suspect arrested for the actual "hands-on" implementation of the horrific plan to destroy, if that was the real reason, the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City seven months after the blast.

That, however, is the case. Timothy McVeigh is the only suspect actually charged with being present at the blast site.

Neither Terry Nichols nor Michael Fortier are charged with being there at the time of the detonation of the ammonium nitrate bomb.

This investigation, along with many others, reveals that McVeigh was not acting alone in Oklahoma City, at the federal building, on the morning of April 19, 1995.

The *Odyssey of McVeigh* and "Unknown Others," previously appearing in this publication, brings to the reader's attention that McVeigh had accomplices from his stay at the Dreamland Motel in Junction City, Kansas to the point in Oklahoma where they spent the night of April 18, 1995.

Eyewitnesses, not only in Junction City, Kansas, but all along the route to Oklahoma City, have described McVeigh in the company of John Doe 2.

John Doe 2's appearance has been described, by no less than seven witnesses, as five feet eight or nine inches tall, dark hair brushed straight back, heavy set in weight, and quite stocky in stature.

From all descriptions, our investigators are of the opinion he is either part Hispanic or American Indian.

One thing for certain, he does exist, he has not been arrested, he is loose to conspire to do the same thing again if not caught, and federal investigators don't seem too interested in meeting this man.

Countless interviews with more than a dozen eyewitnesses has exposed at least four persons were present with McVeigh in Oklahoma City on the day of the explosion. These individuals were directly involved in the actual bombing.

One has to ask the question: "Why haven't the other conspirators, accompanying McVeigh, been apprehended?"

There are no answers to this question from federal authorities.

Here's how we have pieced together the awful day of:

April 19, 1995

After awakening early in the morning of April 19, 1995, McVeigh and John Doe 2 drove into the city and met with two other men driving a "root beer" brown, customized (with wide tires) Chevrolet pickup.

At approximately 8 a.m., Leonard Long dropped his wife at the Journal Record (newspaper) building, and promised her he would return with a pack of cigarettes after leaving his daughter at school.

Long eventually headed east down 5th street, and began to change lanes when his daughter screamed "Look Out!"

Long saw a brown pickup truck, braking and swerving wildly to his right.

The pickup gained speed and pulled alongside Long's car. The pickup driver's window was down. The passenger appeared to be a chunky, dark-haired person of either partial American Indian or Mexican heritage.

The passenger hurled ethnic and racial insults at Long and his daughter.

The truck slowed and went to the other side of Long's car, and Long described the driver as a tall, slim, white man with sharp features wearing a dark ball-cap. The driver appeared to be lost and was looking at the road ahead.

The pickup entered the on ramp to Interstate 235, and was then lost from view.

Less than an hour later, Long, while enroute to deliver his wife's cigarettes, had his vehicle blown off the roadway by the terrific blast at the Murrah building.

He explained to authorities what and who he saw, but like many others "He will not be asked to testify before the Federal Grand Jury," according to federal prosecutors.

At approximately 8:35 a.m., Kyle Hunt was traveling north on Robinson street, and about five minutes late for an appointment when he spotted a yellow "moving van" (Ryder truck) traveling the same direction as he.

Hunt noticed a four door sedan directly behind the van with two men in the front seat and one man sitting in the middle of the back seat.

Thinking the men lost, Hunt started to offer advice when he got "an ice cold, go to Hell" look from the young man, that I know now to be Tim McVeigh. It was unnerving. I kept tabs on the group for a few moments while we were approaching Main street. All three men in the sedan were Caucasians, and how many people may have been in the Ryder, I couldn't tell. After the light changed at Main, I turned north and lost sight of them all."

Hunt's recollections "Will not be disclosed to the Federal Grand Jury because he has never been subpoenaed," according to prosecutors.

About 45 seconds to the east and south of the last location of Hunt's sighting is a deserted spot where several vehicles can be parked without causing undue interest from passersby.

Attorney James Lineham, being early for an appointment, noticed a yellow Mercury sedan to his right while waiting for a stop light at the corner of 4th and Robinson.

The driver of the Mercury didn't wait for the green light, but sped across the intersection against the red light.

When the light changed, Lineham gained speed and noticed the Mercury abruptly slowing, and the driver hunched over the steering wheel staring up at the buildings.

Lineham described, in a sworn affidavit, the driver as having "a high cheekbone, smooth white skin and a small or sharp chin with a tip of a rather sharp nose."

On the evening of April 19 and then again on April 21 when the attorney recognized the same profile as Timothy McVeigh, Lineham reported and described the events to the FBI. However, Lineham's information "Never has been provided to the Federal Grand Jury," prosecutors say.

At blast time, minus approximately 15 minutes, Mike Moroz, an employee at Johnny's Tire Store on the corner of 10th and Hudson (six blocks from the Murrah building) greeted a smiling young man who stepped down out of the Ryder truck. Moroz later picked this man out of a lineup.

McVeigh queried the tire man, "How would I get to 5th and Harvey, sir?" Mike considered the question, while staring at the passenger in the truck,

(See Countdown on Page 5)



Post Middle School students were busy last week delivering boxes of food to elderly citizens in Post. Taking part were students in Mrs. Kathie Rankin's homeroom class (back row, left to right) Tye Bradford, Tenora Huey, Priscilla Bustoz, Gail Armstrong, Jamie Dawson, Mandy Terry, Davida Gregory, Kenda Looney, Stephanie Curtis; (front row) Erin Ayala, Amanda Soto, Lindsey Rudd and April Line.

Sandy Allen, Barry Sassman to wed March 23, 1996

Lu Allen of McKinney, formerly of Post, announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Sandy Lu Allen, to Barry Wayne Sassman.

Barry is the son of Jerold and Karen Sassman of Universal City, Texas.

Sandy graduated McKinney High School in 1992 and is currently completing her senior year at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, where she belongs to Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity.

Barry graduated from Samuel Clemens High School in 1990 and Southwestern University in 1995 with a B.A. in Chemistry.

The couple will exchange vows March 23, 1996, in Georgetown at the Right at Home Bed and Breakfast.



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Rachel Gray, first grade student at Post Elementary School, gets a chance for a treat from "Santa Claus" during lunch last week at the school cafeteria.

Gilbert Valdez graduates from Tech

Gilbert Valdez graduated from Texas Tech on Saturday, December 16, 1995 with a degree in biology.

Gilbert, a 1989 graduate of Post High School, is the son of Benny and Paula Valdez of Post.

Gilbert hopes to pursue a career in the medical field.



Gilbert Valdez



Edna and Ben Owen



Edna and Ben Owen

**Ben and Edna Owen to celebrate
50th wedding anniversary**

The children of Ben and Edna Owen would like to invite you to their fiftieth wedding anniversary reception at the First Christian Church at 812 West 13th Street in Post on Saturday, December 30, 1995 from 10-11:30 a.m.

Owen and the former Edna Pice were married December 28, 1945 in Post.

The couple has 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Births

Rebecca Sayuri Renae Warren

Dewayne and Tomoko Warren are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Rebecca Sayuri Renae Warren. Becca was born December 27, 1995 at 3:12 p.m. in Lester Naval Hospital in Okinawa, Japan. She weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Becky and Chet Warren of Post.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Seiken Miyazato of Okinawa, Japan.

Paternal great grandparents are Bettye Gaskill of Ft. Worth, Texas and Henri Thomas and the late Warren of Post and Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Barto of Whitney, Texas.

Man is the only animal that laughs and weeps; for he is the only animal that is struck with the difference between what things are and what they might have been.

—William Hazlitt

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We hope you will patronize these businesses who support the Post Chamber of Commerce and say "Thank You" to the individuals who are members.

We wish you a Happy New Year and urge you to add your name to this list for 1996!

from
The Board of Directors of the Post Chamber of Commerce

**Women's Division C of
C hold annual
Christmas party**

by DiAnna Collier

The Women's Chamber of Commerce held its annual Christmas party on December 5, 1995 at the Norwest Bank room. On December 20, 1995 they had their regular meeting. Marie Neff, president presided at the southeast room of the Community Room.

The minutes were read and approved and the treasurers report was also approved.

The winner of the \$250 shopping spree was Dusty Clary.

A committee has been formed to select new officer's for the 1996 year. Members of the committee are Gladys Blair, Joyce Strubhart and Olive Shaw.

The Women's Chamber is planning to sponsor a meeting on Alzheimer's sometime next year.

Members present were Marie Neff, Betty Posey, Jolene Cahill, Joyce Strubhart, Gladys Blair, Nona Lusk, Nell Matthews, Lois Cook and DiAnna Collier.

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Becky Warren files for Constable as Libertarian

Becky Warren, advertising manager for The Post Dispatch, has filed an application for nominee with the Garza County Libertarian Party for the position of Constable, Precinct 1 and 2. The application was accepted by Garza County Libertarian Party chairman Wesley W. Burnett.

"We are pleased that Ms Warren has chosen the Libertarian Party," Burnett commented, "she is an ideal candidate, and understands the importance of the law enforcement office established by the Texas Constitution." Burnett added that Warren's filing is the first Libertarian candidate to file in Garza County, and "perhaps the first female candidate for constable in the history of Garza County."

Ms Warren is currently serving as an elected member of the Garza Memorial Hospital District board of directors, is a long time active member of the Post Emergency Medical Services and is active in civic affairs.

"As constable," she emphasized, "it will be my privilege to serve the people of Garza County by accepting the Constitutional requirements of the office, which include serving civil papers and with the exception of maintaining the jail, the same responsibilities as the sheriff."

The Libertarian Party nominates its candidates by precinct and county convention and provides support to candidates in the general election. The county convention will be held

March 12, 1996, at which time qualified party members will determine nominees for the ballot, as well as select delegates to the state convention.

"We encourage citizens interested in serving in elected offices to contact us before the January 2, 1996 deadline for candidates to file intentions for the general election," Burnett added. He may be reached at 495-3884.

There are no filing fees for candidates who file with the Libertarian Party.



Becky Warren

McLaughlin makes it official

Republican to vie for District 70 Texas House Seat.

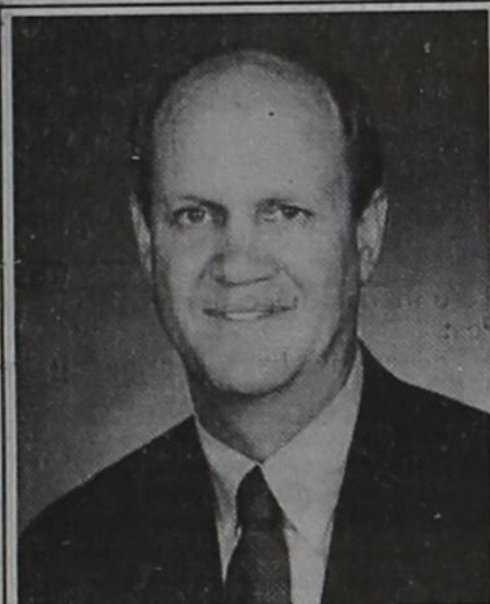
Scott McLaughlin (R-Big Spring) has officially announced his candidacy for the Texas House of Representatives. McLaughlin is seeking the Republican nomination for the District 70 Texas House seat currently held by eight year incumbent David Counts.

McLaughlin said he will be a consistent conservative voice in the Texas legislature. "I am a conservative, both fiscally and socially. I believe in less government, personal responsibility, and the fact that Texans can run Texas. I believe Texas grew strong because of its commitment to strong families, hard work, and conservative ideals. I want to represent the men and women of District 70 and help restore those guiding principles to our state government."

McLaughlin says his private sector business experience gives him a unique

perspective as he enters the campaign.

McLaughlin, 43, is married to Mary Kay, a registered nurse at the Big Spring State Hospital. Together they have two daughters, Jennie, 14, and Anna, 13. A West Texas business leader, Scott is the current President of Saunders Company, Inc a wholesale distributor of plumbing and water supplies.



Scott McLaughlin

Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

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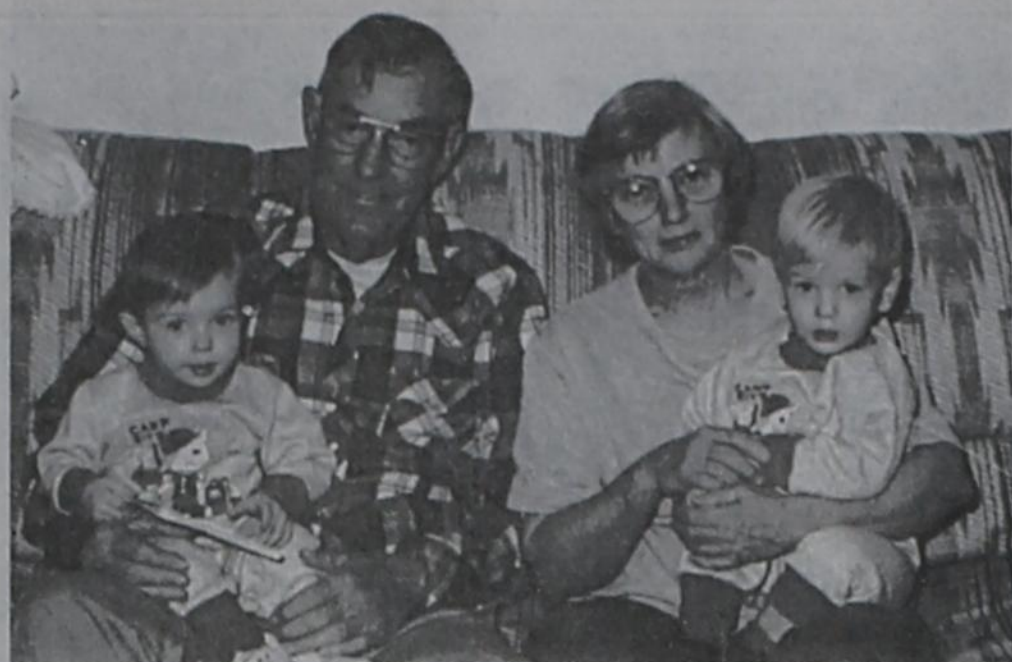
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Grandparents' Corner



R.L. and Jimella Simpson enjoy the company of their grandchildren, twins Spencer and Sterling Simpson. Spencer and Sterling are the children of Troy and Darla Simpson of Lubbock.

Bring your favorite grandparent photo to The Post Dispatch to be included in this weekly feature. Photos will be published "first come, first served."

Christmas is quiet at sheriff's office with 52 calls recorded

By Becky Warren

The Garza County sheriff's office recorded a quiet Christmas with only 52 calls received.

"There were no accidents in Garza County," Warren states.

On December 23, a 31 year old male was arrested for assault. He was released after posting a \$2,500 bond.

A 23 year old male was arrested for public intoxication. He was released after paying \$232 in fine and court costs. Also a 40 year old male was arrested for criminal trespass. He was released on a \$1,500 PR bond.

On December 24 a 27 year old male was arrested for disorderly conduct, terroristic threat (threatening officer and family) and resisting arrest. He was released on a \$1,500 bond for terroristic threat and \$2,500 bond for resisting arrest.

A 29 year old male was arrested for disorderly conduct and public intoxication. He was released after paying fine and court costs of \$460. Also a 18 year old male was arrested for DWI and possession of marijuana. He was released on two \$5,000 bonds.



Post Middle School staff members took time to "break bread" together last Friday afternoon at LD's Daughters. Special guest at the event was Braden Conner, who entertained with his special brand of fiddling. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Judge Frank Maloney announces for re-election

Judge Frank Maloney announced today for re-election to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, the state's highest court for criminal matters.

Maloney, who will be the only statewide-elected incumbent Democrat on the ballot in 1996, said he had been asked by many Republicans, including statewide office holders, to switch parties.

"It is flattering to be well-regarded by Republicans, too," said Maloney, "but I cannot and will not switch. I've always been a non-partisan judge, but I was elected as a Democrat and I will remain one." "I believe judicial elections should be non-partisan. The law is not Republican or Democrat. It is the law, and a judge's job is to interpret it fairly," Maloney added. "I have faith in the voters and the news media. I think we all learned after the last election that we need to look closely at the character, experience and qualifications of judicial candidates."

As an infantry Captain in the Korean War he was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart

and was blinded when he was severely wounded in combat. After recovering his eyesight in one eye, he received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Texas.

Maloney served as First Assistant District Attorney in Travis County, and Chief of the Law Enforcement Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office and as an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Texas School of Law while in private practice.

"The people of Texas want judges of integrity and ability. Having taught law, prosecuted, defended, and published in the field of criminal law for over 35 years, I know I can continue to serve the people of this state as a judge on this very important court."

Judge Maloney is a member of St Theresa's Catholic Church in Austin, and has two children, Catharine and Edward.

The smallest mammal is the Kitti's hog-nosed bat which is about the size of a bumblebee.

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Sports

Tahoka beats Lady Lopes JV 47-44

by Becky Warren
The Lady Lopes tripped up Tahoka in a 28-24 win on Tuesday, December 19th.

"It was the best defensive effort of the season. Our guards applied pressure the whole game and forced many turnovers. Our Post players held all-district Micah Smith to only seven points," said Coach James Easterling.

Lead scorer for the game was Angela Jefferson with 10 points. She was followed by Natalie Pollard with six, Jody Hawkins with five, Nikki Pollard with four and Arimy Gradine with three.

This brings our record to 5-8 and 1-1 in district.

The girls play Lockney in the first round of the Slaton tournament on Thursday (today) December 28 at 10 a.m.

Lady Lopes trip Tahoka 28-24

by Becky Warren
The Tahoka girls JV team beat the Lady Lopes JV 47-44 in a surprising game Tuesday, December 19.

"The first quarter is what hurt us. The girls looked shocked that Tahoka came out and jumped on them," said Coach Matthews.

Tahoka won the first quarter by a score of 15-6.

Post tried to make a comeback in the second quarter scoring 12 points to nine for Tahoka. They went behind Tahoka again the third 10-11, but tried to rebound again in the fourth outscoring them 16-12. But the final score had them down by three points. The first quarter really hurt them.

"Tahoka had them down by 12 with three and one-half minutes left in the game. The girls could have gave up, but instead they came back and almost pulled it out. With 30 seconds to go Rachele Jones tied the game at 44 with two free throws. But on the next possession Jones fouled one of the Tahoka girls to foul out. They made their free throws. I think the turning points in the game were my girls fouling out. It hurt to lose Becca Stelzer, Hannah Jefferson and Rachele Jones. The girls effort was great especially the fourth quarter. They had a lot of character and class. I am proud of everyone of them. It was a tough loss, but they will come back strong," stated Matthews.



Todd Terry defends for the Antelopes during action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

U.S. Government settles in U.S. Border Patrol agent misconduct case

The United States government settled a lawsuit yesterday, in the U.S. District Court in Amarillo, brought by a Spearman, Texas family forced to endure hours of terror and abuse at the hands of four U.S. Border Patrol agents in January of 1993.

The lawsuit, filed in December 1994, alleged repeated violations of the family's constitutional rights, as well as injuries arising from the agents' malicious and unwarranted

mistreatment. The lawsuit sought three million dollars in monetary damages.

The lawsuit alleged that the entire family was illegally arrested and incarcerated, including the father, a farm worker and legal permanent resident, and his U.S. citizen sons, ages six and eight at the time of the incident. The lawsuit also alleged that the mother and her 13 year old daughter were continuously subjected to physical and verbal threats and assaults by the Border Patrol agents. The lawsuit claimed that, at one point, the agents threatened to rape the thirteen year old girl unless her mother signed papers.

The lawsuit was settled for undisclosed monetary damages and various other relief including the display of a poster in the Amarillo Border Patrol office advising individuals of their right to make complaints concerning Border Patrol and the procedure for making those complaints, and training for the Defendant U.S. Border Patrol agents and all other agents stationed in the U.S. Border Patrol Marfa Sector.

The family expressed their satisfaction with the settlement, "We hope that the training and posting of the complaint procedures will prevent others from having to go through the ordeal we experienced three years ago."

The family is represented by the Farm Worker Division of Texas Rural Legal Aid, Inc Plainview; the Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project of the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights, San Antonio; and Jeff Blackburn, Amarillo.

Congressman Stenholm accepting intern applications

Congressman Stenholm is now accepting applications from college students and educators interested in participating in the 1996 Washington, D.C. Internship Program.

Completed applications must be submitted in person or postmarked by January 19, 1996, to be considered.

Interns are selected to work in the Congressman's office for one month intervals in June or July. Interns are involved in the daily operation of the congressman's office and will assist the legislative staff and help research constituent inquiries.

The internship program is open to college students from the 17th Congressional District, or those

attending college inside the district, and teachers and administrators. The interns are paid a \$1,000 stipend to apply toward basic living and travel expenses.

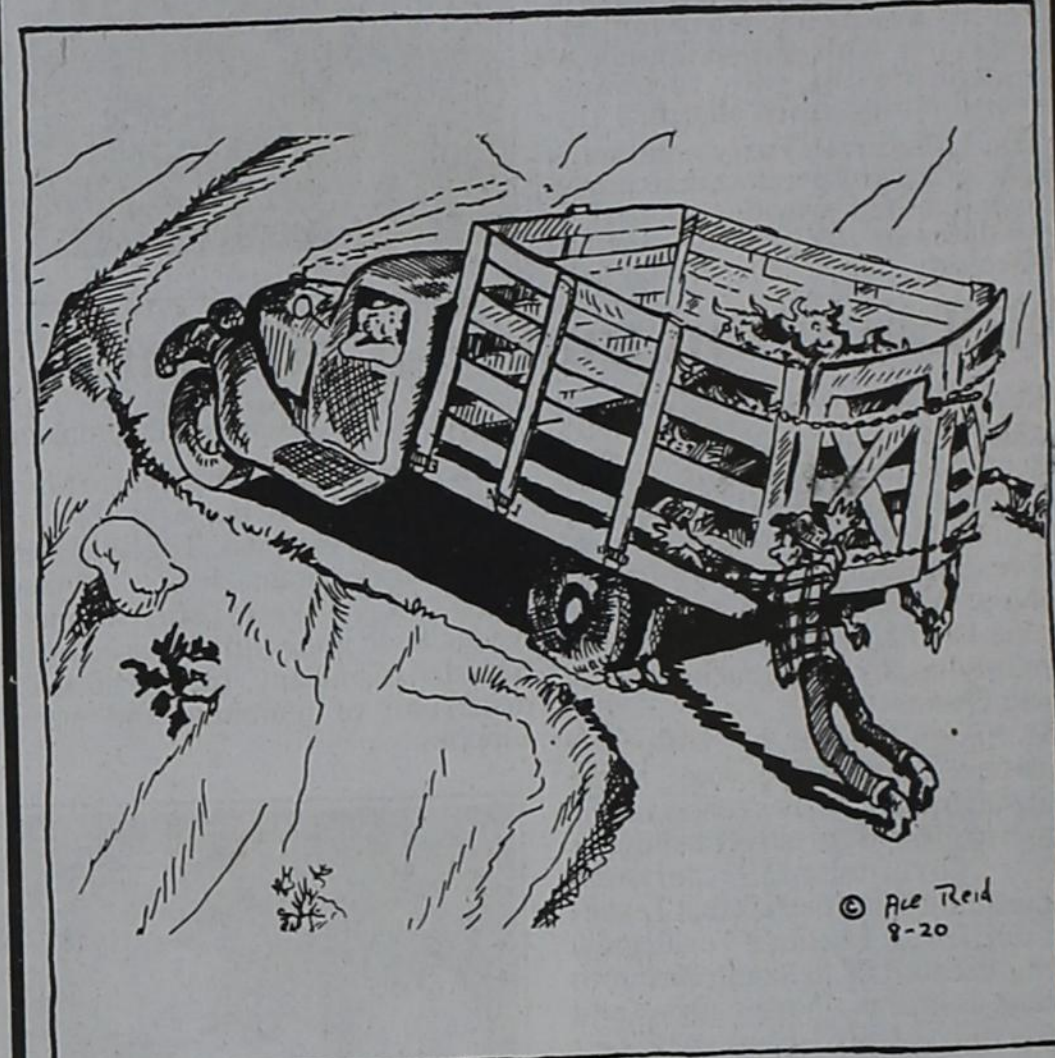
Intern applications and information can be obtained by contacting Elaine Talley in the Abilene district office at 915-673-7221, or by writing Mr Raymond McDaniel, Jr., Chairman, Intern Selection Committee, P.O. Box 543, Abilene, Texas 79604.

Applications are due by January 19, 1996. They will be forwarded to the Selection Committee who will notify finalists by February 29, 1996.

Interviews will be held in Abilene on March 23, 1996, and selections will be made at that time.

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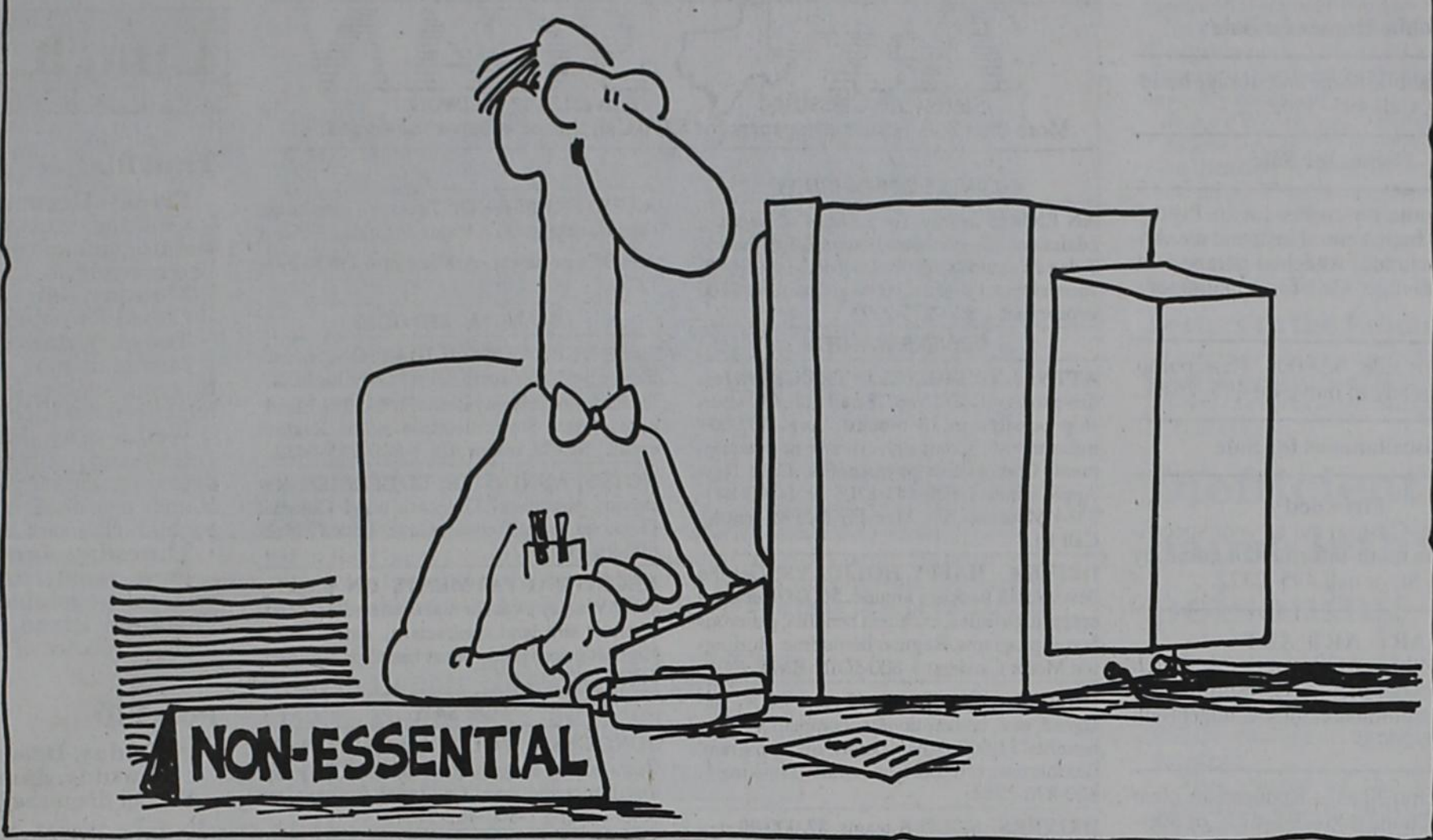
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China's rulers vs. the tide of history

by Stephen Chapman



Wei Jingsheng is a sickly 45-year-old electrician who has passed 14 of the last 16 years in Chinese prisons for advocating democracy and has just been sentenced to spend the next 14 years behind bars for the same crime. He is at odds with China's rulers, who preside over a country that is both an economic dynamo and a nuclear power that is coming into its own as a force in world affairs.

Looks like a mismatch, doesn't it? But if there's any sure bet in China, it is that Wei and his vision will endure and his oppressors will not. Democracy and human rights come sooner or later to every country that undergoes modernization, and China will not be any different. The men at the helm of the autocracy in Beijing will fight those changes with every means at their disposal, but they can no more prevail than they can keep the sun from rising.

From the statement issued by the official government news agency following Wei's conviction, you would think he was the commander of an alien military power bent on wreaking untold destruction. He and "enemy forces overseas," claimed the statement, tried "to overthrow the people's democratic dictatorship, sabotage the socialist system and separate the country."

But read carefully, and you'll find that the worst he ever did, by the government's own account, was assault it with unwanted ideas. His plot, said the news agency, consisted of "establishing an organization to raise funds to support democratic movement activities, purchasing newspapers, setting up a company in charge of organizing cultural activities, and organizing non-governmental painting exhibitions, performances and publications..." You read correctly: organizing non-governmental painting exhibitions. That's all it takes to scare the daylight out of an authoritarian regime.

Wei's brutal treatment has revived demands for the United States and other nations to inflict economic punishment on the government by curbing trade. His sister has been lobbying in Washington to get the United States to take action on his behalf, lamenting that "if a country like the United States, founded on principles of freedom and human rights, will not even

help him, then this leads to the question whether the United States has given up on human rights."

Trade, however, is the friend of China's economic growth, and economic growth is the surest route to the kind of country that Wei and his sister want. The men who rule China suffer from the delusion that they can avoid democratization by achieving higher living standards. That theory, of course, has been blown to bits in South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand, not to mention all of Western Europe.

Writing recently in Foreign Affairs magazine, China scholar Arthur Waldron, who teaches at Brown University and the Naval War College, argues that China's rulers long ago passed the point of no return. "For 20 years, China has been growing economically about as fast as any country ever has," he notes. New cities have risen, vast numbers of peasants have left the countryside, education and literacy have expanded and communism has been thoroughly discredited.

Whenever such changes have taken place in the modern world, they have led to new systems of government based on individual freedom and self-government. "Is it likely," asks Waldron, "that China will be the great historical exception — that in 20 years it will be a vibrant economic giant, full of educated, mobile and increasingly affluent people who nevertheless tolerate rule by a self-perpetuating politburo and its co-opted friends in society?"

Not at all. Much more likely is that the current government will be forced to liberalize, like the dictatorships that once ruled South Korea and Taiwan, or else suddenly collapse, as the Soviet regime did in 1991 and as the Chinese government came close to doing in 1989 during the Tiananmen Square showdown. The gale-force winds unleashed by the country's economic transformation won't leave its political institutions intact.

China's rulers doubtless suspect as much. They have tanks, missiles, guns, soldiers, security forces and jail cells enough to put Wei and all his supporters away forever. The disciples of democracy, however, are on the side of history, which has washed away dozens of despotic governments like so many sand castles. That's why when Wei Jingsheng utters the word "democracy," the men who govern China don't laugh; they tremble.

A new NAACP... maybe

by Walter E. Williams



Two weeks ago, the board of the NAACP appointed retiring Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-Md.) as its new president and chief executive officer. Mfume's primary task is to breathe some life into this dying, deeply-in-debt flagship civil rights organization.

In terms of how Mfume and I view the world, we have little in common, but nonetheless, I am hopeful. That glimmer of hope derives from the fact that Mfume is a young man and wasn't a part of forming the alliance that won blacks basic constitutional guarantees. That alliance, consisting of labor unions, white liberal organizations and politicians, was critical to the achievement of civil rights legislation. But continued unquestioned allegiance to that alliance is now unproductive and actually harmful.

Basic economics should give pause to the continuing alliance between blacks, as a group, and labor unions. After all, who benefits most from strategies that exclude blacks from the labor market — corporations or unions? It's easy. Strategies that reduce the number of workers for a given task raise the wages of those actually employed. Unions benefit from that strategy, while corporations suffer.

Earlier black leaders knew this well. In 1924, Professor Kelly Miller of Howard University urged blacks to "stand shoulder to shoulder with the captains of industry" in opposition to labor unions. J.E. Bruce wrote that labor unions were a "greedy, grasping, ruthless, intolerant, overbearing, dictatorial combination of half-educated white men.... I am against them because they are against the Negro."

Both Frederick Douglass and Booker T. Washington were lifelong foes of labor unions. Overt union racism is a thing of the past, but unions' desire for higher wages hasn't changed. Yesterday's exclusionary tactics have been replaced with kinder and gentler methods that include occupational licensure, the Davis-Bacon Act, minimum wages and collective bargaining agreements. Blacks who are union members benefit, but the policy-relevant question is: On balance, do blacks as a group benefit?

Kweisi Mfume said he was going to solicit corporations for increased donations. He should be just as cautious about corporate help as about union help. Corporate interests and black interests don't necessarily overlap. The bulk of the NAACP's budget should come out of the pockets of black people.

If that were the case, the NAACP would be accountable only to black people, and you can't say black people don't have the money. Blacks spend

enough each year to make us the 14th richest nation on the face of this earth. If out of close to \$300 billion yearly expenditures, blacks can't find \$10 million or \$20 million for the NAACP, either the organization isn't worth it, or we have our priorities mixed up.

Mfume's greatest contribution to the overall mission of a new NAACP will come if he realizes that the major problems blacks face have little or nothing to do with racial discrimination and are not solvable through civil rights strategy. Problems of illegitimacy, family breakdown, crime, school dropout and drugs have been far more harmful and destructive of socioeconomic gains than anything the Wallaces, Bilbos and Klans could have engineered.

If white people were morally rejuvenated tomorrow, it would contribute little or nothing to the major black problems. Moreover, the solution to these problems cannot be solved by others. If those problems are ever solved, they will be solved by little platoons of neighbor people, financed and assisted by middle-class blacks. A new NAACP, with a new vision, can provide the inspiration.

Wisdom

"I consider trial by jury as the only anchor ever yet imagined by man, by which a government can be held to the principles of its constitution."
 Thomas Jefferson (1789) in a letter to Thomas Paine.

Preamble to Amendments
 The conventions of a number of the States having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added: And as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government, will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution.

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Countdown to Hades

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Both Moroz and Brian described John Doe 2 as a "stocky, olive skinned individual." Mike Moroz's testimony, that this man was in the company of Timothy McVeigh just minutes before the bombing "Will not be provided to the Federal Grand Jury," prosecutors claim.

At blast time, minus about 10 minutes, Joe (a fictitious name for protection) was in his car at the Post Office when he noticed two men standing behind the yellow Ryder truck. He was aware of their suspicious activities of "passing something between them."

Joe is of the opinion a drug deal was "going down," and glanced around, noticing there was "another fellow present." In the cab of the Ryder truck a person was staring down 5th street in the direction of the Murrah building.

Checking the man's gaze, Joe also noticed a dirty, yellow Mercury sedan parked two spaces in front of the truck. All vehicles were about two hundred feet from the parking lot of the federal building.

Joe says he finished his cigarette, then walked into the Post Office, conducted his business, and returned to his car to see the vehicles for the last time, parked dead center in the middle of the block in front of the Murrah building.

Joe noticed the "root-beer" colored, customized Chevrolet pickup parked in front of the Ryder truck.

Walking briskly from the Ryder truck area, toward the pickup, was one of the men he had observed in front of the Post Office.

Joe's testimony and information "Have never been provided to the Federal Grand Jury," prosecutors repeat their statement.

At blast time, minus about nine minutes, Gary Lewis, a pressman, for the Record Journal was in front of the building smoking his pipe when he noticed an ugly yellow, four door vehicle, parked a few steps away. There was a man sitting behind the steering wheel.

Lewis wondered why the car was parked alongside the Athenian Restaurant when there were several parking slots available in the parking lot.

Lewis suddenly realized this was laundry day, and he went to his vehicle, parked around the corner, to get his dirty uniforms.

He returned in about five minutes with his soiled uniforms under his arm only to be greeted by the same yellow Mercury speeding directly at him. It now had two individuals inside.

Lewis was momentarily frozen in his tracks, but managed to lunge out of the way.

Even though in partial shock, Lewis had the rational sense to notice the vehicle racing east bound, with an Oklahoma license plate "dangling" by one bolt.

Lewis' testimony "Has not been provided to the Federal Grand Jury," prosecutors say.

One has to ponder why the authorities were searching for an "Arizona" plate when this eyewitness knew the license plate on the Mercury was from Oklahoma and was white.

At blast time, minus two minutes, Dana Bradley, a mother of two, along with her sister and mother, were waiting for an appointment at the Social Security Office in the Murrah building.

She and her sister were standing at the ground floor window, giggling, while they watched a short, but muscular man crawl down from the Ryder truck parked in front of the building.

He was dressed in a heavy ski parka and ball cap. Not quite the clothing appropriate for a beautiful spring day in Oklahoma City. The man seemed confused and hurriedly headed east along the sidewalk.

Dana walked to the opposite side of the building and left behind, forever, her two young children, and her mother. Her sister survived the blast, but both will continue to exist daily in a severely handicapped state.

Dana and her sister were the last living people to see the delivery of the Ryder truck, and had an excellent look at one of the bombers.

However, "Neither witness will be called to testify before the Federal Grand Jury," the federal prosecutor's answer one more time.

BLAST TIME!!!!

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Senator Hutchison should resign for near-treasonable comments

by Wesley W. Burnett

Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's comments about "none of our rights... are absolute" go a long way toward explaining her lack of faith in our Constitution, for which she apparently holds in such contempt as to deny its purpose to guarantee rights which may not be taken away by any government.

In her "Capitol Comments," which was received at The Post Dispatch on Thursday, December 21, 1995, Senator Hutchison defended her support for the failed amendment to "ban desecration of the American flag." In that statement she declared:

"None of our rights, including our First Amendment rights, are absolute."

I can only assume that the Senator has not read, or if she has, does not comprehend the significance of the Declaration of Independence and the critical nature of the unalienable (inalienable) rights for which that document portrayed as the basis for separation from the tyrannical British government and its king.

Unalienable is defined by The American Heritage Dictionary as "not to be separated, given away, or taken away."

Inalienable is defined by the same dictionary as "that cannot be transferred to another or others."

To suggest that 80 percent of Americans have such disregard for the purpose of our Constitution is utter foolishness, and is another indication of the Senator's ignorance of our republican form of government... this is not a democracy, contrary to her ideas. America is a republic... as we recite in that quaint pledge, "to the flag, and to the republic for which it stands."

It is odd, I think, that a U.S. Senator, whose "conservative" credentials are widely known, would demonstrate such lack of knowledge about the foundations of this great republic. For if she understood the purpose of our Constitution, she would not stoop to such silliness by suggesting that "none of our rights, including our First Amendment rights, are absolute."

For shame, for shame.

It is also clear to me, that in this statement, Senator Hutchison has brought to light one of the fundamental reasons our nation is suffering from the calamities of democratic rule, which is inevitable when democracy smother's its republican form... those we elect to uphold our republic, do not even know that is what they were elected to do. Worse, apparently at least in the case of this Senator, they do not understand the difference between rule by the mob and protecting the rights of the minority, for which our Constitution was designed to do. Our founding fathers established the Senate, along with the checks and balances of a republican form of government, to do just that.

If there is any hope for the future of our freedom and liberty, it will not depend on such elected leaders as Senator Hutchison, but will rely on the efforts of those patriots whose voices have not yet been silenced by national socialists, who cloak themselves behind the red, white and blue cloth, in the same manner as tyrants from all ages have done, in the name of loyalty, unity and other self-righteous demagoguery.

Throughout her statement, Senator Hutchison has demonstrated her democratic and national socialist tendencies, obviously appealing to the emotions of the crowd, many of whom do not recognize that our nation was founded on the principles of individual sovereignty, with fundamental rights that precede and supersede government, which was established to guarantee those rights.

She begins by stating that "Americans have been fighting and dying for the ideals our flag represents" for more than 200 years. She adds that "our nation's banner occupies a special place in the hearts and minds of Americans." So far, no problem, we all agree on that. "It is a symbol of what we have struggled to create and defend," the Senator continues.

Then comes the disclaimer... "So when the Senate failed to get the 67 votes necessary to pass a Constitutional amendment to ban desecration of the American flag on December 12, I was disappointed."

And in a clear appeal to the democracy she apparently believes in, the Senator ignores our republican form of government and heads to the front of the cattle drive: "Nearly 80 percent of the American people say they favor such an amendment, and 49 of the 50 states have asked for its approval. This matter is not going to go away." I have to question, first of all, where the 80 percent figure came from, and must applaud whichever of the 50 states has not asked for the amendment. And the Senator is correct about the fact that the matter is not going to go away, especially as long as there are demagogues such as her, eager to take advantage of uninformed citizens and legislators, who share her ideals of majority rule.

"The honor of our flag is worthy of the spotlight this continuing national debate has cast on it," Senator Hutchison continues. In this sentence, the Senator puts the flag at a higher level of prestige than the document she took an oath to uphold. No flag, regardless of its popularity, can be as important as the Constitution for the United States, which in her own words, the flag represents.

The fifth paragraph of her statement is the most damaging to her reputation... and to any who would associate with her or the political party which she represents:

"Some people make the dead-end argument that if you support a Constitutional amendment to protect the flag, as I do, you are either attempting to undermine free speech or have taken refuge beneath the least sophisticated and most narrow-minded kind of patriotism. I reject such assertions. **None of our rights, including our First Amendment rights, are absolute.**"

If none of our rights are absolute, then why bother with a Constitution which was written so very carefully to ensure that those rights be protected? If Senator Hutchison really believes that none of our rights are absolute, then I say she is unfit to represent Texas as an elected official in any capacity, and I demand her resignation immediately. I can see no possible way that she can continue to serve the people, while at the same time willing and eager to cast aside any and all of our fundamental rights, and treat our Constitution as just another piece of legislation which she believes needs changing from time to time to fit the popular mood of the day.

The next paragraph just adds insult to injury regarding her cavalier attitude toward her duties as a guardian of the people's rights:

"To my mind, it is highly appropriate for the people of the United States to take measures to protect their flag from disrespectful or contemptuous treatment. Certain actions so offend the sacred values of others that they deserve sanction — and the desecration of the American flag is one of them. Such 'speech,' if it is indeed such, is the moral equivalent of drawing a swastika on a synagogue — and performed in the same spirit."

I remember when I was a child, my mother taught me an important lesson... it went like this, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." It's sad that our Senator doesn't see the parallel in this situation. Rather, it appears that Senator Hutchison favors adding another "federal crime" to the growing list of offenses deserving incarceration... insulting someone with nasty words. Drawing a swastika on a synagogue is an act of property destruction, which is a violation of property rights... whether the painting be a swastika, or a cross or an American flag, owners of the synagogue have the right to pursue the vandals, regardless of the message. There is no Constitutional basis for adding "insults" and offending "the sacred values of others," to the list of federal crimes. Again, the Senator is grossly uninformed about the very foundation of this nation... the right to criticize or express unpopular opinions, no matter who happens to be offended.

Her next paragraph is more babble along the same line:

"Those who dishonor the flag destroy not only a symbol, but insult the memory of those who have died defending it, and inflict intolerable pain upon their survivors. This is activity on a par with racial taunts, religious intolerance or incitements to violence. Our society has the right to defend what is a symbol of our country. Our society has the right to say, 'No more.'"

I can't believe I have to even elaborate on this one... but surely it is obvious that an honored symbol, if it is valued by so many, can not be so easily destroyed by a very small minority of people using that symbol to gain attention to their cause. And, besides the Senator, who I suspect has never seen a single person desecrate her sacred symbol, who has suffered such intolerable pain? Yes, Senator, "our society has the right to defend" the symbol, but let us do it within the constraints of our Constitution. Society, Senator Hutchison, does not rule this nation, sovereign citizens rule this nation. The men and women who gave their lives and risked their fortunes to attack tyranny and burned the symbols of the all-powerful British monarchy understood this principle... unfortunately, many of our elected officials today, as evidenced by Senator Hutchison, have no clue as to what is at stake in this debate.

Now, for the closing statement in Senator Hutchison's absurd argument for trashing the Constitution:

"Flag burning, itself, is an act of profound intolerance. The flag is an enduring reminder of the noblest notions that form our nation — liberty, justice, loyalty and sacrifice. It is a symbol with which all Americans, regardless of race, language, or creed can identify and in which many find solace. We should not allow this great unifying factor of our national life to be the object of legally sanctioned disrespect or desecration."

The act of flag burning may be an act of profound intolerance... and that is exactly the case for maintaining the right to use that symbol, that piece of cloth, to express profound grievances with the government which will go to such great lengths to stifle the right to criticize. The flag may represent lofty ideals to many people, but to many others the flag is a symbol of tyranny. When I saw the flag hoisted above the blazing inferno at Waco, and flying from the turrets of U.S. Army and Texas National Guard tanks on April 19, 1993, I saw the flag, as did millions of Americans, as a symbol of the worst that tyrannical government can offer... a direct attack on its own citizens. Unfortunately, Senator Hutchison does not hear the voices of those who do not see the flag as a "great unifying factor of our national life."

May God protect us from the tyranny of democracy, and from political leaders who despise our Constitution.

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"Thank you" seems like such a small thing to say to friends and family for the calls, concern, interest and especially the prayers for Derek and all of us during the past three months. You will never know how much they are appreciated, needed and answered. A special thank you to the Graham Church of Christ for their flowers, love and generosity. We are very blessed. Derek is home now and doing better, as we all are.
 Thank you,
 Rhea Huntley

Personals

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

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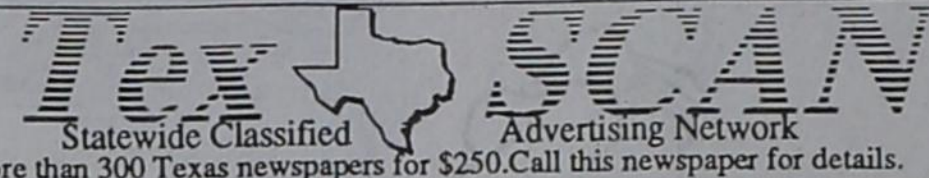
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Calcium helps young girls

Pinpointing peak periods of calcium absorption during childhood and adolescence may help young girls build stronger bones, says a researcher at the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center.

"Most of an adult's skeleton is built and enlarged during childhood and adolescence, so getting enough calcium at the right time is extremely important," said Dr Steven Abrams, an associate professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Abrams had launched a five-year study to identify critical periods of bone development by determining the effect of puberty on calcium absorption and bone formation. He will follow 60 girls, black, white and Hispanic, as they age from seven to 12.

Abrams expects findings to vary among racial groups. Previous CNRC studies indicated differences in calcium absorption as well as maturation rates of white and black girls. This study, however, is the first study of its kind to include Hispanics.

To determine how calcium is used before, during and after puberty, the girls will visit the Center every six months.

They will have their diets assessed, receive a calcium tracer to determine calcium absorption and have their bone density and estrogen levels measured.

"There are some dietary differences that could impact the bone formation of Hispanic girls," Abrams said, noting the high consumption of corn tortillas which are considered a good source of calcium. "But, we know little about their ability to absorb calcium and build strong bones."



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Wednesday, January 3
 Roasted turkey, cornbread dressing, carrots, tossed salad w/ Ranch dressing, hot roll, pineapple cobbler, choice of beverage.

Thursday, January 4
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Garza County History

Courtesy of the Garza County Historical Museum



In our continuing series of photos donated to the Garza County Historical Museum by Mrs Lucille Stevens: this photo is marked, "Wagon train bringing supplies to Post City from Big Springs." Of course, anyone from Big Spring knows there is only one spring in Big Spring. Any additional information about this photograph may be submitted to Linda Puckett at the museum.

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Yesteryears

by Barbe Bevers

10 Years Ago

December 22, 1985

The December 30, 1985 edition of The Post Dispatch was not printed to give the employees and owners a break.

Two accidents within minutes only caused minor injuries here Wednesday. One accident was caused when the traffic light on Hwy 84 and Main malfunctioned and both sides of the traffic light gave the right of way.

Mrs. Pat Dodson received a perfect score of 800 on her state board exam for licensure as a vocational nurse.

20 Years Ago

January 2, 1976

Jan Bilbo became the bride of Doyle Nichols December 27 in the First Methodist Church in Post.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Caylor were honored in the home of their daughter, Mrs James Babb, Sunday, December 21 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The home of Mrs. Fannie Ballentine was the winner in the Women's Division of Chamber of Commerce lighting contest judged last week.

The First National Bank of Post may reach a total of \$20 million in deposits for 1975. This will be a first for the bank here. The total deposits as of close Monday, December 29 was \$19,483,928.

Candidates for elective office:

Contact Wesley W. Burnett
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The Libertarian Party of Texas conducts its candidate selection by convention, and there is NO filing fee required.

30 Years Ago

December 30, 1965

Lance Cpl. Joel Morris of the U.S. Marine Corps arrived home from Viet Nam in time to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Morris of Post.

Harold Voss retires today after being postmaster for the last 19 years—since January 1, 1947. A.J. McAlister has been named acting postmaster.

Two long time Garza County pioneer men are buried this week; Bryan Williams, 88 and George Duckworth, 80.

Mrs. Lucy King won the \$200 top prize in the final Christmas Cash drawing conducted by the Antelope Booster Club.

40 Years Ago

December 29, 1955

Mrs Mary Gilmore, Mrs Maudine Priddy and Margaret Jean of Itasca visited in the Roy Gilmore home during the week.

Some recent births at the Garza Memorial Hospital are Lisa Jane Clanton, born Dec 24 to Mr and Mrs G.H. Clanton; Ray Soto, born December 22 to Mr and Mrs Victor Soto; Eligardo Collazo, born Dec. 22 to Mr and Mrs Ferman Collazo; and Roberto Torres, born December 25 to Mr and Mrs Frank Torres, Jr.

Mr and Mrs Sidney Pierce and family and Mr and Mrs Garth Smith and family were Christmas guests of Mr and Mrs F.E. Trull of Slaton.

Mr and Mrs Pat Martin and family visited relatives in Oklahoma City, Okla. during the Christmas holidays.

50 Years Ago

January 3, 1946

Sixteen 1946 PHS Antelope lettermen saw the Highland Park-Waco football game at Dallas this weekend sponsored by the Antelope Booster Club. Those attending the game were Sonny McCrary, Bobby Graves, Raymond Daughtery, Junior Malouf, Paul Duren, Edgar Parr, Rufus Gerner, A.C. Thomas, Charles Propst, Louis Mills, Roy Williams, Foy Bostic, Hubert Masters, Bud Everett, Eugene Ashley and Joe Stokes.

Miss Beatrice Cummings, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.L. Cummings, Sr. of Post and Mr Douglas Gossett, son of Mr and Mrs Fred Gossett of Graham community were married December 17.

Showing at the Garza Theater this week are "They were Expendable" starring Robert Montgomery, John Wayne and Donña Reed; and "It's in the Bag" with Jack Benny, Don Ameche and William Bendix.

Local VFW member appointed to National committee

Emmett A Stelzer, a member of VFW Post 6797, in Post has been appointed to serve as a member of the organization's National Security Committee, by the Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Paul A. Spera. Stelzer is a long time resident of Post.

In announcing the appointment, Commander-in-Chief Spera stated that Comrade Stelzer's record of service and achievement to both the nation and the VFW were the key considerations in making the selection.

The National Security Committee is responsible for establishing the goals and objectives for the VFW during the 1995-96 administrative year.

The over two-million member VFW is celebrating its 96th anniversary of service to the country's 28 million living veterans and their families.

Last Puzzle Solution

Letters to the Editor

It doesn't take a flag to "love my country"

Thanks to God and 36 brave U.S. Constitutionally brilliant and loyal U.S. Senators, the obvious emotionally and politically motivated attempt to desecrate the most sacred and fundamental foundation of the highest respected government modeled document of the world was averted Tuesday, December 12, 1995.

No thanks to U.S. Senators Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison, and my Congressman Thomas DeLay, I can stand proud with our United States of America flag held high above my head, and still proclaim with all my heart, "I love my country!"

James W. Burnett, Pearland.
Editor's Note: Mr Burnett of course refers to the recent attempt to amend the U.S. Constitution to provide authorization by the states and federal government to restrict the First Amendment right of free speech by declaring "desecration" of "the flag" a crime. The 36 Senators who voted no to the proposed amendment upheld the right of citizens to criticize their government, even if that criticism offends other citizens. As we have noted on many occasions, the definition of desecration is central to the problem of controlling what is or is not done with "the flag."

Letters to the Editor Policy:

Letters are encouraged. We reserve the right to edit for brevity and style. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld at the request of the letter writer to protect the identity so that fear of retribution may not restrict the rights of freedom of expression.

Inefficient heaters, fuels can cause lethal carbon monoxide poisoning

According to Texas health officials, carbon monoxide poisoning causes hundreds of illnesses and some deaths each year, usually during cold weather.

The source of the odorless gas usually is poorly ventilated coals or flames of heating appliances. Automobiles running to warm engines in closed garages also can dangerously raise carbon monoxide levels inside houses and closed buildings.

Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health, said, "The numbers of carbon monoxide poisonings sharply increase with the severity of cold weather, when some people must sacrifice fresh air to stay warm."

Dr. Smith explained that carbon monoxide is the by-product of inefficient burning, whether it is natural gas, kerosene, gasoline, fireplace logs or other fuel. "Smoldering coals in fireplaces and flickering flames from clogged gas jets in space heaters are common producers of carbon monoxide," he said. He added that charcoal in barbecue grills is among the worst sources of the lethal gas. "No one should ever risk trying to warm an enclosed space with a portable grill," he said, "but people sometimes feel they have no other choice."

Many people may unknowingly have suffered the early effects of carbon monoxide poisoning. Anyone who has awakened with a headache or dizziness after sleeping in a tightly closed room heated by an unvented space heater may have been mildly poisoned. In such cases, Dr. Smith explained, the carbon monoxide has only begun to replace the normal oxygen level in the victim's bloodstream. In more severe cases,

rising carbon monoxide levels cause proportionately reduced oxygen levels, which result not only in headaches and dizziness, but also weakness and drowsiness, nausea, and convulsion which can lead to coma and death.

A contributing factor in carbon monoxide poisoning is that people suffering symptoms caused by the gas often are impaired by their drowsiness and may fall asleep. Anyone who suspects the early symptoms of poisoning from the gas should immediately go outside for fresh air, then make sure all others who might also have been exposed to the gas are safe. A qualified person should check all fuel-burning appliances for proper settings and ventilation.

People most at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning are infants, pregnant women, the elderly and those with histories of heart or lung problems. In severe cases of carbon monoxide poisoning, victims should be treated immediately by emergency personnel. Even after treatment, it may take a victim several hours or days to regain normal oxygen levels in the blood.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has recommended that all new dwellings be required to be equipped with carbon monoxide detectors, which are similar to smoke detectors. Similarly, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has urged all home owners to install the inexpensive detectors.

Thornberry files for reelection

Mac Thornberry announced last week that he has filed for reelection as the U.S. Representative in the 13th Congressional District of Texas.

"With budget negotiations underway, this obviously is not a good time to be talking about political campaigns and next year's election. But with the January 2 filing deadline approaching, I wanted to let people know that I do plan to run for reelection, and will be laying out my thoughts on a second term in the next few months."

Very briefly, though, let me just say that I think we've made a good start over the past 11 months in doing what we promised to do before we were elected. Most significantly, we've set the country on course to a future of fiscal responsibility and federal restraint. While an actual budget agreement still has to be reached, the fact that we are no longer debating how much more to tax or how many new programs to create shows how much things have already changed.

This does not mean our job is done. On the contrary, while much has been achieved this year, much more needs to be done if we are to truly change Washington and make the federal government smaller, smarter and more accountable to the people. This is the reason I have filed for reelection, and this is what I plan to continue working for and talking about in the coming months.

After the holidays and—hopefully—after a seven-year balanced budget plan is passed, I will continue to travel around the District meeting with people and listening to their thoughts and opinions about the issues that confront us as a nation."

Thornberry is a rancher and attorney who was born and raised in Cleburne. He and his wife Sally have been married since 1986 and have two children—Will, age 6, and Mary Kemp, age 4.

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Obituaries

Vada McBride

Funeral services for Vada McBride, 84, were held Saturday, December 23, 1995 at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church with Paul D. Jones, minister of the Post Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Miss McBride died Thursday, December 21, 1995 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She was born July 21, 1911 in Coleman County, Texas to Bert and Lou Ella (Mason) McBride, and came to Garza County in 1920. She had lived in Southland, Close City and Graham before moving to Post. She cared for her mother until her death April 1, 1975. She was also preceded in death by her father, Bert McBride, in 1940, and four brothers, Carroll in 1925, Albert in 1953, Thelbert in 1974 and Arvel in 1987.

She had also worked at the school cafeteria. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include a sister, Vearl McBride of Post and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Thurman Francis, David Nichols, Radley Nichols, Jerry Epley, Ellwood Nelson and Albert Stone.

Hugh Alex Ingram

Funeral services for Hugh Alex Ingram, 65, of Kingsland, were held Tuesday, December 26, 1995 at 2 p.m. in the Post Church of Christ with Paul D. Jones, minister, officiating.

Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr Ingram died Thursday, December 21, 1995 at his residence in Kingsland.

He was born June 14, 1930 in Throckmorton to Lenton H. and Ethel (Noles) Ingram and moved to Post in 1938 with his family. He graduated from Post High School and attended Angelo State University and Abilene Christian University on football scholarships. He served in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953. After the service he graduated from Texas Tech. He went to work for Conoco after graduation and worked until his retirement in 1990 at which time he moved to Kingsland. He married Norma Jean Davis on December 27, 1951 in Lovington, New Mexico. He was a long time member of the Church of Christ and had served as an elder for 20 years at Taylor Street Church of Christ in Hobbs.

Survivors include his wife, Norma of Kingsland; two sons, Mark of Odessa and Philip of Andrews; a daughter, Jana Koonce of Hungerford; step-father, Roy Brown of Post; a sister, Betty Sue Bode of Overton; nine grandchildren, Michael, Krista, Kayla, Britt, Katelyn, Ali, Haylee, Cole and Cade and one niece and one nephew.

Pallbearers were D.A. Cochran, Joe Tarbet, Jerry Sexton, Don Bryant, Earl Riggs and A.L. Hahn.

Elmer Dee Jones

Funeral services for Elmer Dee Jones, 76, of Lubbock were held Saturday, December 23, 1995 at 10 a.m. in the Graham Methodist Chapel with Rev Paul Jantzen, minister of Trinity Church of Lubbock, officiating. He was assisted by Rev Tommy Wilson, retired, of Sylvester.

Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Jones died Wednesday, December 20, 1995 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born November 1, 1919 in Gonzales County and was the son of Hal Jones and Elizabeth McClary. He was a veteran of World War II having served in the United States Air Force. He had worked as an oilfield roughneck and was a member of the West Texas Raider Riding Club.

Survivors include two sons, Stanley of Brownfield and Gary of Plains; two daughters, Darlene Lancaster of Waco and Sandy Wilhite of Canyon; two brothers, Hal, Jr of Jal N.M. and Norman of Lubbock; three sisters, Myrtle Peel and Beatrice Morris, both of Post, and Ula Mae Hedrick of Lubbock; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Johnny Jones, Lamar Jones, Ronnie Morris, Charles Morris, Jimmy Bird, Jimmy Jones, Danny Jones and Lowell Bowman.

Annie Mae Taylor

Funeral services for Annie Mae Taylor, 66, were held Tuesday, December 26, 1995 at 2 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with Rev Arthur Kelly, minister of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church of Post, officiating.

Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs Taylor died Thursday, December 21, 1995 in Methodist Hospital.

She was born November 11, 1929 in Frederick, Oklahoma and was the daughter of Lewis Ivory and Mammie Jackson.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her mother, Mammie English of Post; two sons, Marvin Wynne of Lubbock and Melvin Wynne of Tulsa, Oklahoma and five grandchildren.

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Marvin Hudman

Funeral services for Marvin Hudman, 91, will be held Thursday, December 28, 1995 at 1 p.m. in the First Baptist Church with Rev Darryl Smith, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Hudman died Monday, December 25, 1995 in Garza Memorial Hospital. He was born February 9, 1904 in Coke County and was the son of John Ben Hudman and Josie Yates. He married Jimmie Payne on October 5, 1927 in Lubbock. She preceded him in death on September 28, 1981.

He was retired having been a funeral directory and furniture store owner. He was a member of the Rotary and a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Norma McGrew of Midland and Carolyn Polk of Garden City, Kansas; two brothers, Victor Hudman and Hans Hudman, both of Post; a sister, Bernice Cockrum of Seminole and three grandchildren.

Irene Fluitt

Funeral services for Irene Fluitt, 81, will be held Thursday, December 28, 1995 at 4 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church. Officiating will be Dr William Fleming, retired district superintendent for the Methodist Church, of Lubbock.

Burial will be in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs Fluitt died Tuesday, December 26, 1995 in Garza Memorial Hospital. She was born January 13, 1914 in Mullin. She married Carl Fluitt on March 11, 1933 in Tahoka. He preceded her in death on February 4, 1989. She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Russell Fluitt in 1989.

She was a housewife and a Methodist. Survivors include two sons, Delwin Fluitt of Post and Jackie Fluitt of Grapevine; four brothers, Rubin Gandy, J.C. Gandy and Gilbert Gandy all of Tahoka and Dale Gandy of Lubbock; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Heart Association or to the Graham Chapel Methodist Church.

South Plains College announces spring schedule

South Plains College has announced registration dates for the 1996 spring semester on the SPC Levelland and Lubbock campuses and Reese Air Force Base Extension Center, according to Bobby James, dean of admissions and records.

Spring registration dates for the SPC Levelland campus, located at 1401 S. College Avenue in Levelland, are as follows:

Jan. 10 - Financial Aid Award Day for preregistered students receiving financial aid only.

Jan. 11 - Spring registration, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. in the Student Center. Students need a registration permit.

Jan. 11 - Evening registration, 4-6:30 p.m. in the Student Center. Students do not need a registration permit.

Jan. 16 - Classes begin. Jan. 16-19, 22 - Late registration, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday.

Spring registration dates for the SPC Lubbock campus, located at 1302 Main in Lubbock, are as follows:

Jan. 10 - Returning student registration for students enrolled in fall of 1995 only, 9-11 a.m., last name A-K, 1:30-3:30 p.m., L-Z, and 3:30-5:30 p.m. A-Z.

Jan. 11 - New student registration for new students only, 9 a.m.-noon for last names A-K, 3-6 p.m. for L-Z and 6-7 p.m. for open registration.

Jan. 16 - Classes begin. Jan. 16-19, 22 - Late registration, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 2-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday.



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Precious Memories!!!
by Jim Graham, Church of the Nazarene
What a thought! That we as human beings have the privilege to have Precious Memories. Precious Memories is a title of a great song and a Gaither video that touches many hearts.
So many memories. Family memories, when I was a child at home with mom and dad and older brother; my own family, my wife and daughter and son. As they grew, and are, growing up. So many memories. I don't believe there is a better time than at the beginning of a new year to reflect upon memories. Especially those of us that are Christians.
There is the precious memory of being transformed by the blood of Jesus Christ. As we believed in him for Salvation, the old life passed away, a brand new life began. (2 Co.5:17). Indeed what a change came over our lives as Jesus started living in and through us. The old life ceased to live! A brand new life just beginning. What precious memories!
There is the precious memories of how God has taken care of us down through the years. He has always been there even through the very darkest of night when our world seemed to have crashed upon the rocks of defeat, our God was there to give a helping hand and to lead us to victory.
God has been there to help us climb those mountains, even when we felt like giving up. His encouraging hand has brought us through victorious! He was there when we were on the mountain top enjoying his blessing, and all seemed to be going well. He was there through sickness, through death and a loss of a loved one or friend.
Our God has not forsaken us or will he ever. He tells us in Joshua 1:5-6, "As I was with Moses, so will I be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage." Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you." (John 14:18). Precious Memories.
The Precious Memories of answered prayer. When we have prayed and asked God to do something. And he did it because we asked him too. Why be surprised when we pray and God answers? Our God has a listening ear for his people. Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." In Matthew 7:7-8. The Precious Memories of answered prayer.
The Precious Memory of a spouse, of a son, of a daughter, of a love one, or close friend finding Jesus Christ as their personal savior. The joy, excitement and happiness it brings is indescribable. So many Precious Memories of answered prayer that we could not even begin to name them all.
Think of the Precious Memory of the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed for each of us. The blood will wash away our sins. There is wonder working power in the blood of the lamb. The lamb being Jesus.
The Precious Memory of what Jesus' blood has done for us is so earth shattering, so unbelievable. Yet so real! So effective!
There is the Precious Memories of the bible and how God promises have kept us save in the time of need. So many Precious Promises. The word "Precious" is mentioned in 19 books of the new international version of the bible. 2 Peter 1:4 says, "He, Jesus, has given us his very great and Precious Promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires." The promises of God are sure and steadfast, unmovable and solid! They will be here when we are dead and gone. Believe them, trust them, experience them.
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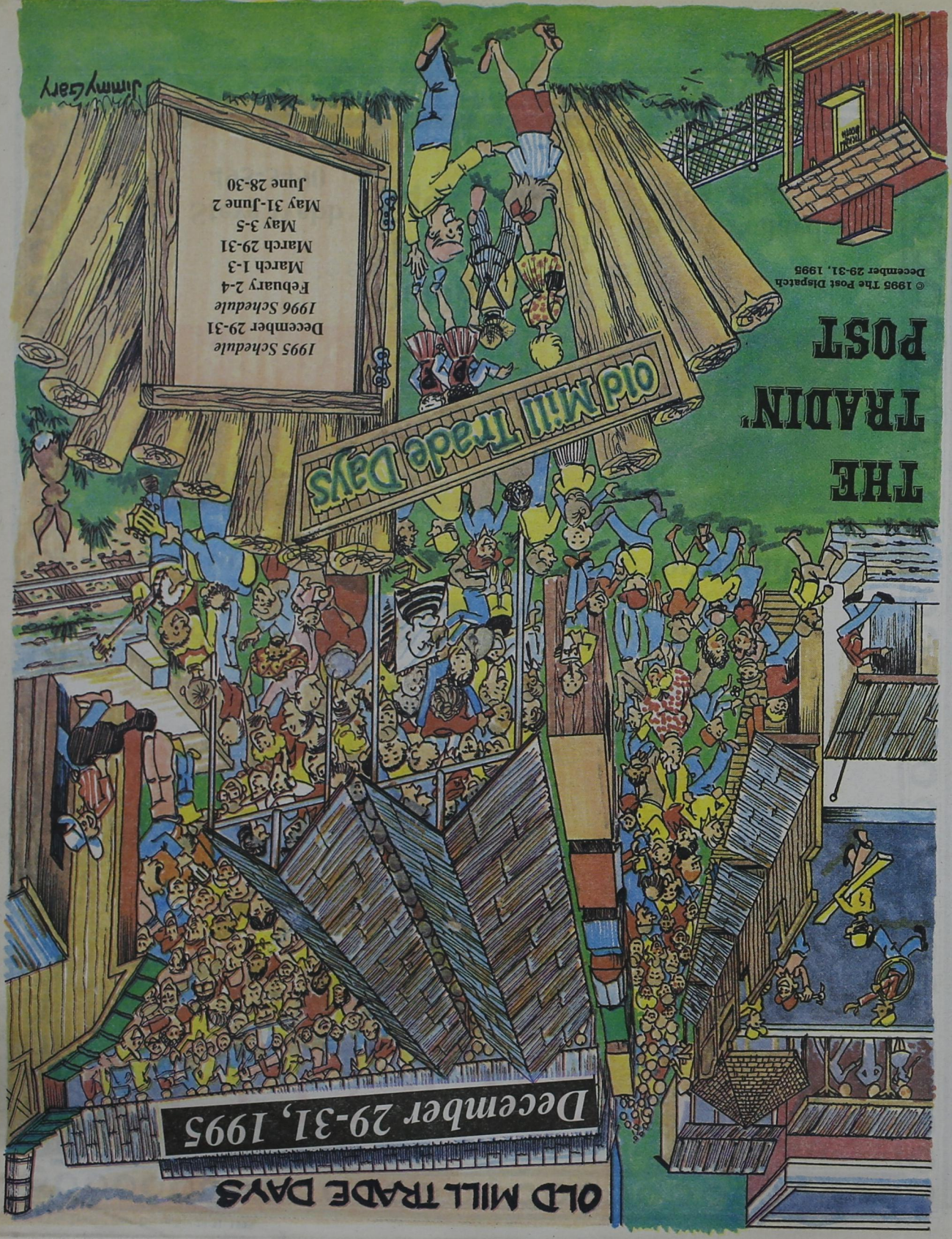
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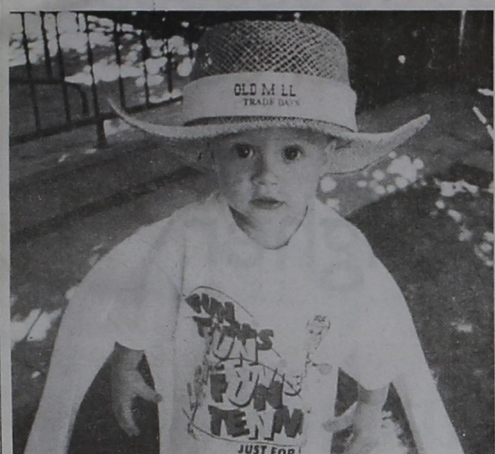
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Chandler, the son of Greg and Christin Ford of Dallas, is a big fan of Old Mill Trade Days. He especially enjoys the fun of helping his grandparents, Ron and Gay Herrin of Lubbock at Trade Days.

Happy Holidays! And a bright and exciting 1996

Dear Visitors, Vendors and Friends: I want to take this time to tell all of you thanks for a wonderful year in 1995! As we finish out '95, and start planning for 1996, I can only see great things ahead.

Thank you to Wesley Burnett and his staff for the great job and hard work they do producing "The Tradin' Post," which I believe is one of a kind and well deserved, because we are one of a kind as well, and will continue to be in '96.

The eyes of Texas and beyond are on us and are asking how we made it possible, because they want to do the same things. I still pull my strength from up above, and look forward to the next challenge He has for me.

Old Mill Trade Days is a long way from being finished. The management and staff is committed to being the best, cleanest, most unique, and unusual Trade Days in the state of Texas and beyond.

Great things are already being planned for the new year. We hope you won't miss a single event. Our vendors have already been to market or elsewhere, shopping and in their workshops building, to find a make treasures especially for you.

That special antique piece of furniture or those unique craft and

gift items will be waiting just for you. From all of us at Old Mill Trade Days, we wish you a wonderful holiday season and prosperous new year!

Thank you again,
President of Trade Days Enterprises, Inc.
Marvin Charles Butler

How the Santa Fe Railroad chose its route through Post to New Mexico

Part Two of Two

This month we conclude the two part series on the Santa Fe Railroad decision to select Post as a site for its rail extension to the northwest. We are indebted to the Garza County Historical Museum for the article, which is reprinted from The Santa Fe Route (Volume V, No. 1), published by the Santa Fe Railway Historical Society Inc.

He became more blunt: "I don't like to think of your placing a station at an inconvenient point away to one side of the town. We shall be building a cotton gin and perhaps other industrial plants before you can possibly lay your tracks. I think it is reasonably certain that some line of (rail) road would be very glad to located their depots on the plots of ground selected, giving them prominence because of the central location."

He spoke briefly of his experiences with the line from Hereford and with the RS&P before closing with psychological subtlety:

"I have been urged quite hard to put a line through eastwardly towards the coal fields, and I am just as well satisfied that I could make a pretty bundle out of it as I am writing this letter, but am at the present time sadly affected with a microbe of laziness. Perhaps when I get down into the refreshing tonic of the plains air at our elevation, I may get rid of the disease and put my shoulder to the wheel again."

"I wish you to accept my invitation to come as my guest to Post City and stay with us a little while. I can put you up in a decent sort of shape there, a nice little stone bungalow; pretty good servants; something to eat; horses and automobiles and plenty of guns and ammunition. It is really a charming climate and most refreshing. You might if you please, let me have your views about postponing the actual contract on this matter until you have before you more exact information as to diverting the line through my property and the location of the stations in Post City."

Storey did not want to delay the contract for long and was annoyed over the depot matter. He wrote: "I hardly think you will insist on a

minor detail such as the location of a depot, provided you get the thing you are after, which is a railroad through your land, and provided we can show you that to place the depot where you wish it might cost us more than the amount of the subscription you propose to make, or, at least a large part of same. I can show you when you come to my office exactly where the trouble lies."

During April, Storey visited Post City. Shortly afterwards, Post returned the visit to Chicago. Whether the "refreshing tonic of the plains air" had anything to do with the matter is not known, but matters were quickly settled. Post went to Texas early the next month to acquire the right of way through Garza County.

The station matter had been solved by putting several curves in the line north and south of town, creating a long 'S'. The depot as located on the final survey map was placed one block south of Main Street. A secondary location was planned slightly to the south.

Original plans called for a frame depot to handle both freight and passengers. Post objected to the track that ran behind the depot on the town side. There was nothing he could do, though, since it was a necessity of combination depot design.

However, plans changed. The Santa Fe liked to put masonry depots in county seats. Ordinarily, this was not done until the railroad had been in operation for a few years. For this line, however, the Santa Fe decided to install masonry depots in the beginning.

At that time, the Santa Fe was using a new architectural standard for its major offices and large passenger stations. As an experiment, Lubbock, Post City, Snyder and Sweetwater would receive passenger station in the new white tile standard. Post City's passenger station was placed on the primary location and the frame freight house occupied the alternate location.

Post kept busy, offering advice on obtaining right of way in Lubbock County and on hiring proper contractors. He also attended to

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How Old Mill Trade Days changed my life...

by Wesley W. Burnett

This is a confession, of sorts.

Several years ago a fellow rode into town from New York City... (New York City?), and rounded up a bunch of folks here, cornered us here and there, and began to spout off about opening up the old Palace Theatre and putting on live theatre productions.

I gave him a polite audience, and thought to myself, "sure, this will last a few months."

Well, it has lasted more than a few months, as many of you know, the Garza Theatre has built a reputation that exceeds even the highest expectations of its creator... the late Will McCrary.

And, reluctant as I was, I did take a role in its early days... and now I cherish the memories of on and back stage shenanigans and other exciting moments as an actor.

But most of all, the experience, you would think, would have taught me an important lesson... don't be too quick to judge those people with visions.

That's where Old Mill Trade Days comes into my life.

When I first heard about the "crazy" idea of taking the old Postex Mill buildings and opening up a "flea market," (that was the first verbal

report I got from someone in town). I thought to myself... "sure, that'll last a few months."

You see, I did not realize what people with visions and dreams can do. I did not learn much from that other visionary who brought vitality and life to a run-down, abandoned building on Main Street.

That's what Old Mill Trade Days has done to me... it has finally taught me an important lesson... do not underestimate nor ridicule the visionary... especially one with the drive, enthusiasm and energy to fulfill the dream.

Well, I have to confess that when Old Mill Trade Days talk began, I was commuting to Lubbock, where I was masquerading as a teacher at Estacado High School. Neither emotionally or physically was I able to really check out this new visionary, the one with the crazy idea of taking a massive old building with no future, and cramming it with stalls and then hope people come to spend money.

I had not met Marvin Butler, and his side-kick and lovely spouse, Sheree.

But then God intervened in my life, and put me back in the newspaper business, where I belonged, and one day Marvin came into the office, and

we had a talk. It took only a few minutes for me to realize, that here was a visionary... so I listened.

And, I'm still listening. But now, I listen with similar intensity that struck me when I was helping Will McCrary create something out of nothing on the stage at the Garza Theatre in those early days of its creation.

I remember seeing the movie, "Field of Dreams," where an Iowa corn farmer sees the vision of building a baseball field in the middle of his corn patch. The world around him doesn't understand... but he hears the message, "if you build it, they will come."

Somehow I feel Old Mill Trade Days is an example of that sort of dream.

So, here's my salute to all those visionaries out there... don't pay any attention to those who say it can't be done... after all, many of us are real slow learners.

Old Mill Trade Days Facts

Since its opening in April and May 1994, Old Mill Trade Days has held 20 events.

The average attendance per event has been more than 5,000 and continues to grow with each event. The daily attendance averages 1,600.

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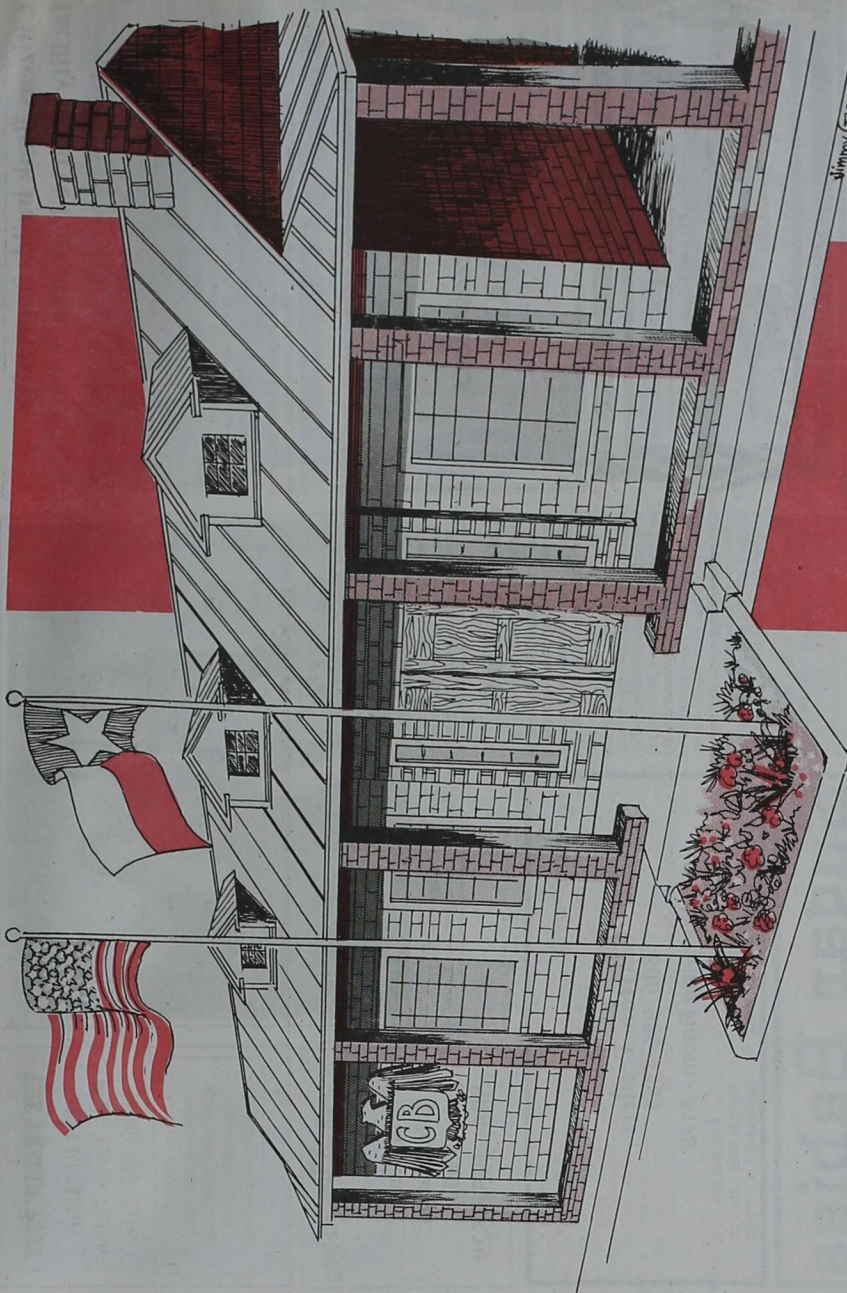
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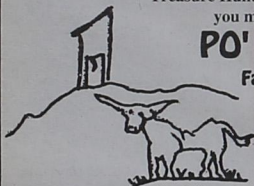
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matters in Garza County: "I have secured some important signatures and some small donations in money. I am working on W.A. Fuller, who owns considerable land in this County and Scurry County. He has said that the would give the right-of-way, but in sort of a grumbling spirit as I can gather. I have sent men to him, and the other day wrote him for his final decision. He is president of the Snyder National Bank, where the Double U Company (which I own) carries quite a decent account, and where I carry a personal deposit of \$10,000.00 placed there some time ago to help their bank and incidentally to bring me some interest. I do not like doing business by threats, but I have allowed it to get to Mr Fuller in a roundabout way that both of these accounts will be closed in his bank if he finally decides to stand out and not help when the County needs help, and particularly in view of the grants to the railroad company from my hands. Perhaps we may be able to land him; I hope so."

Soon after this report Post organized the First National Bank of Post. Later, referring to a point southeast in adjoining Scurry County, the railroad would name a siding Fullerville for the rancher upon whose land it lay.

"Another prominent citizen in the south part of the County publicly declared at our meeting that he would be very glad to give the right-of-way, but when he found that the contractors were coming through here he decided to side-step. Now, I propose to take certified statements from several of the citizens who heard him make this declaration and file it with you for use before a jury on condemnation proceedings..."

For the last time, Post told Storey in June about the Fort Worth - Roswell railroad. He spent several pages describing the route and its possibilities, then, in essence, said it was there if the Santa Fe wanted it. He was not aware that the company had already investigated it.

Storey responded, perhaps with a smile, that the suggestion would be given "very careful consideration. It is rather a large subject, in view of the work which we have in hand at the present time, but it may be well worth while." He also said that the company had publicly announced its intention to build from Lubbock to Coleman via Post City, Snyder, and Sweetwater.

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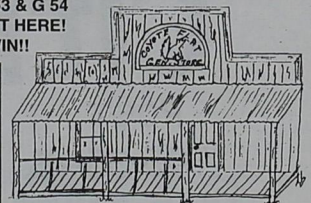
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Debbie Bain shows one of the many different cellular telephones available at CellularOne in Post.

Santa Fe Railroad

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Within a month, in July, trains were operating south of Plainview as far as Hale Center. In August, freight cars populated sidings in Abernathy as steel rails snaked towards Lubbock. By the time the Operating Department took the line into Lubbock in January, 1910, wood and steel were headed for Garza County. It was then that Post and Storey made their contract after some haggling over wording.

Early in February, track reached the county line. Soon workers were blasting a path down the cliffs of Yellow House Canyon. Ordinary windmill drillers punched holes in the rock to the depth of the future roadbed, then dynamite was dropped in. Steamshovels transferred the shattered limestone to a mule-powered railroad, which carried the debris to gorges and dumped it as fill.

It took almost a year to tame the Caprock and on January 15, 1911, the first train entered Post City. It backed in, since the engineer wanted a forward pull when climbing the Cap and there was no way to turn trains at Post City.

Daily trains of surfacing gravel ran from the pit at Lubbock and a combination baggage-coach car road the rear to handle Post City freight and passenger business.

Unexpectedly, a letter from an irate Post crossed Storey's desk in February.

"Some curious motive has moved some one in authority to schedule the train to Post City after a fashion not only most inconvenient but detrimental to that station. The morning train leaving Amarillo for points south should proceed through Lubbock and on to Post City arriving there (Post) about 5 or 5:30 P.M. and remain overnight, then leave in morning in time to follow the present schedule from Lubbock to Amarillo. (Leave Post City about 8:30 A.M.)

But for some unaccountable reason (unless it be set up by Lubbock people) the train from Amarillo arriving at Lubbock 3:00 P.M. is abandoned and passengers for Post City must remain in Lubbock overnight and proceed at 8 the next morning to Post City. And passengers from Post City must leave in afternoon and stay over night in Lubbock. That's a rotten arrangement. I know of passengers from Post City who prefer to go to Fluvanna by auto and take Roscoe and Snyder railroad for points east rather than be delayed at Lubbock. May I ask you to give the subject your attention in order to correct conditions."

Storey queried G.W. Harris, the chief engineer on the site about the matter. Harris was "very much surprised."

"I will admit the service is not good, but he has failed to consider that this line is under construction, and is not in condition for first-class service. In the first place the passenger business from Lubbock to Post and return would not begin to pay the running expenses of a train to handle same; but there is considerable commercial freight, but not enough of that to justify local service; so I have arranged the schedule to suit our

own work more than the convenience of the patrons of Post."

Also, Harris was unwilling to restrict the company to a published schedule at that time. Recently, under similar circumstances, the Texas Railroad Commission had fined the Santa Fe \$50,000 for missing its own connections.

"I would much prefer to abandon the passenger business to Post entirely, until we can give them better service... and if it meets with your approval I will discontinue the passenger service at once."

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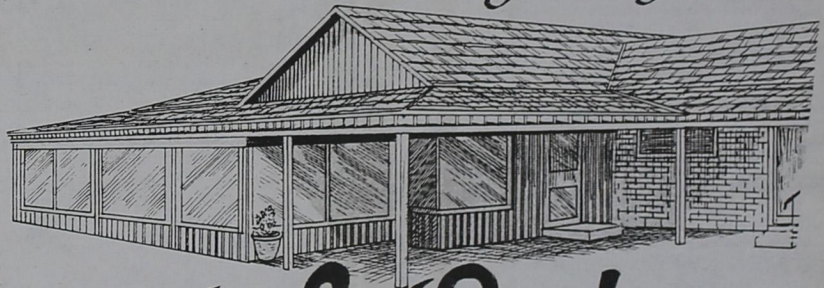
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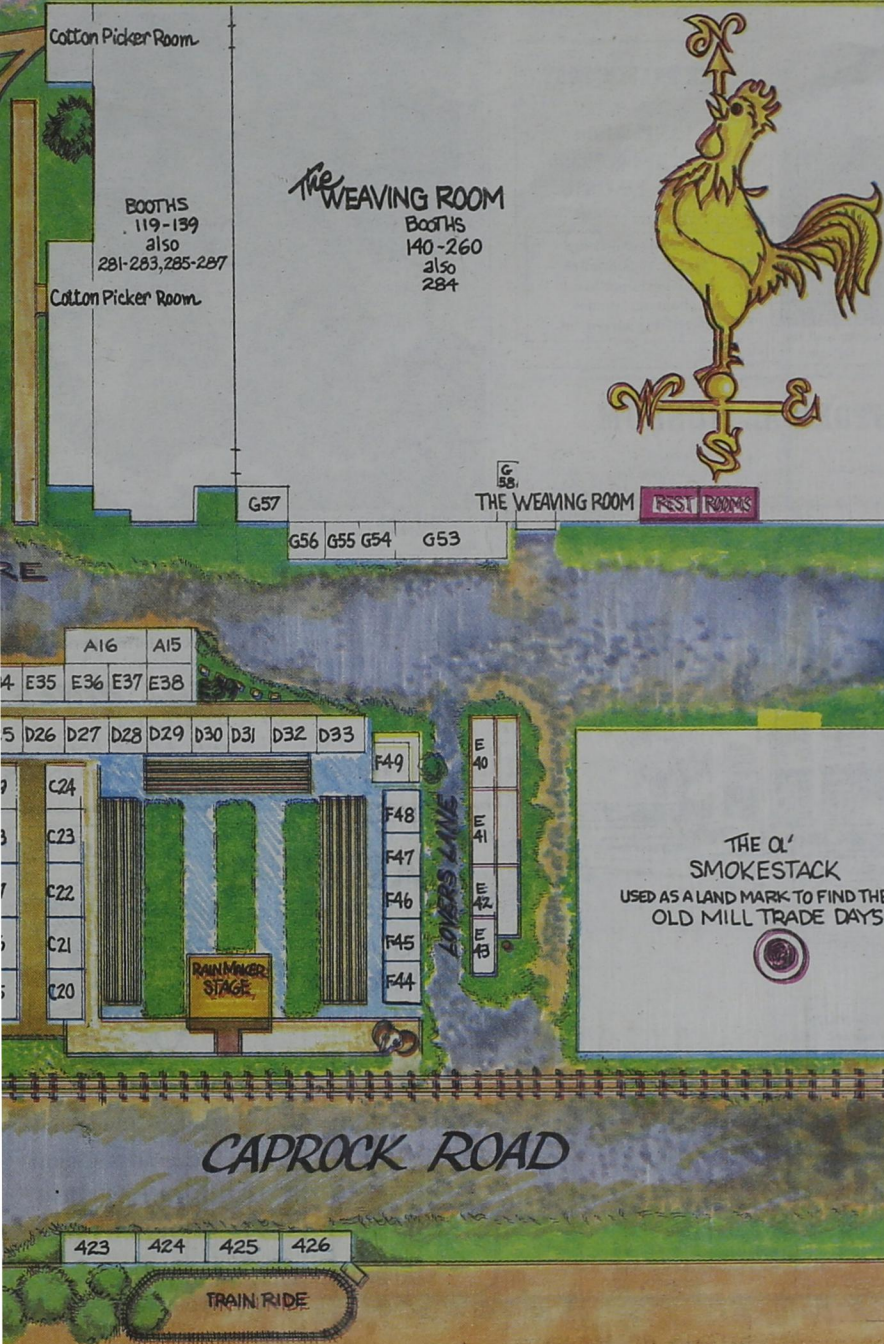
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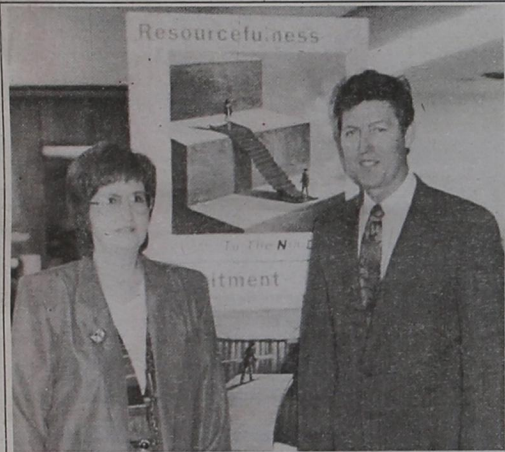
The bank was founded in 1909, organized as First National Bank of Post by cereal magnate C.W. Post. A magnificent portrait of Mr Post adorns the bank's community room.

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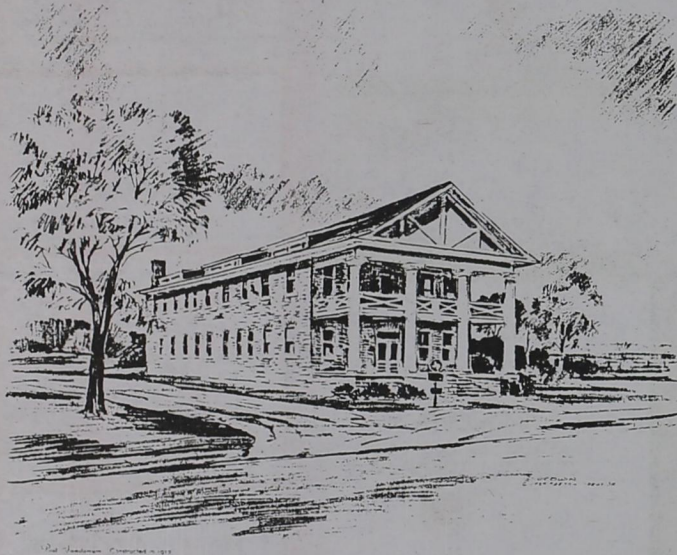
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Storey did not so order, but he explained the situation to Post. "It will not be many months now before we will be able to put on through service," he concluded, "and when this is done I sincerely trust that

these apparent inconsistencies will vanish." They did. On May 1, 1911, the last rail was laid in Augustus, six and one half miles southeast of Post City. On the fifteenth of the next month the

Construction department began operating regularly scheduled passenger service between Slaton and Coleman.

The line was surrendered to the Operating Department late in November and the first through train from Galveston/Houston to Amarillo paused at the shining depot at Post City on December 1, 1911. On the sixth, Post informed the railroad that he was sending a cheque for \$50,000 to the Amarillo office. Before the end of the month, Post received a reply: My dear Mr Post:

My thanks for your letter of the 6th inst. and I desire to express my gratification at the very businesslike way in which you have met us on all points connected with the construction of our road in Garza County.

With best wishes, I am,
Very sincerely yours,
W.B. Storey, Jr.

The railroad's Colonization Department worked with Post's Double U Company for many years and contact was maintained with the man. In Post's final illness, president Ripley himself arranged for a special train to speed him to the Mayo Clinic.

Had he lived, he probably would have developed his land in Hockley County. The railroad had an unused charter through that location. Likely, Post would again have engaged Storey in a duel of wits.

In 1909 C.W. Post was reported as giving the railroad \$50,000 to change their route somewhat and come through Post City. The first passenger train came into Post City on January 15, 1911.



Terry Moore (left to right), Carol Short, Marta Williams and Kim Greer live and work in Post... serving customers at Norwest Bank.

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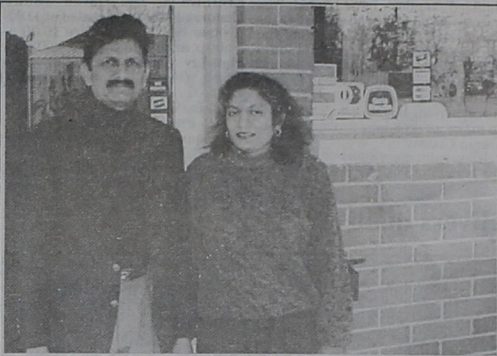
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by Sheree Butler
FROM DAY ONE when Old Mill Trade Days was first in the venture stage, the Postex Mill site was full of history. The closer we were to opening the park the realization came to use the wonderful stories to name the buildings, rooms, streets and park grounds after the genius who developed the most productive cotton area of the 20th century. C. W. Post was a true pioneer. Profit was certainly not his motive. The *American Dream* and free enterprise was his plan to prove to a world and a nation you could overcome life's difficulties. His purpose was to demonstrate the practical American spirit, which he was reported to have stated as follows:

I am enlisted to demonstrate that a city [Post City], and a country [West Texas], made up of individual owners, can, so far as practical results, wealth, comfort, peace, and contentment are concerned, rope and hog-tie any outfit of rainbow chasers that ever existed, or ever will exist, in this day and generation.

C. W. Post founded Post City, now Post, in 1907. Charles Post only lived seven short years after founding the farm colony, but developed in his town everyone of the principal cornerstones of the West Texas economy...cotton, oil, industry, irrigation, education, agricultural experimentations. He was a great lover of art, but especially fond of the sunsets and canyons. He shared the stillness of the barren, rocky hillsides and realized their endurance.

The first building opened April 28, 1994, with 118 inside booth spaces and was named after the town itself, The *Post City Building*. There are five rooms *Duffy's Peak*, *Buffalo Point*, *Needlepoint Peak*, *The Churnney's* and *Two Bush Knob*, named after the amazing rock formations and natural wonders seen from the surrounding caprock and canyons. *Buffalo Point*, located on the U Lazy S Ranch was known for the Indian stampedes forcing buffalo over the cliff to get meat. *Duffy's Peak* was a case where the surveyor could not mark the sections because the lines went over the top of the peak. He buried a jar on top of the peak instead of the normal cornerstone or pile of rocks.

The carpenters who were building Post City, pitched their tents and camped while homes and farms were being built. They were bothered by constant strong winds, for the plains have the areas highest average wind velocity in the United States. Tents blew down in the middle of the night, the poles snapped and sand got into the men's beans. That spring brought the worst dust storms, the summer was hotter and dryer than usual. There was a cyclone with hail that left rags hanging in the mesquites which C. W. Post referred to as *Ragtown*. Post's instincts for cleanliness and sanitation were not

held in abeyance by even the Ragtown stage of Post City. The occupants were to keep the place neat and clean, and if they did not do so, they were to be put out. This is where *Ragtown*, the area just inside the main south gate to the left, got its name.

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