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'The Foreigner' opens Friday at the Garza Theatre

A cast of veteran Garza Theatre actors and actresses will offer nine performances of "The Foreigner" beginning Friday, April 19 and continuing through May 3-5. Garza favorites on stage are Bill Woodard, Christy Morris, Laura "Mac" Bryan, Jim Plummer and Mike Morgan.
Tickets may be purchased at the box office Monday through Friday noon to 5 p.m. or on show nights, noon until curtain time. Reservations may be made by calling the box office at 495-4005.

The day the lights went out

Could have been a lot worse

by Wes Burnett

No lights, no computers, no faxes, no traffic lights, no banks, no grocery stores, no radio, no t.v.... but there was no shortage of rumors Tuesday when the electricity went off all over Post... as well as a big chunk of West Texas, eastern New Mexico and into Oklahoma and Kansas.

The biggest problem most people faced without electricity for approximately six hours was the uncertainty and not knowing what was happening. It wasn't until late in the afternoon that official word spread through town, including information that power would be restored sooner than had been rumored.

At one point Tuesday I was told by several people that Post might not have power for several days. That made me nervous... I thought

about the fact that in all my many years of publishing a weekly newspaper, I have never missed a printing date.

I know that Southwestern Public Service Co. is upset about the failure, and no one suffers more from these kind of situations than those in the middle of the problem. But one thing about the power failure that stunned most of us was the realization that almost everything we do depends on electricity.

I suppose we could learn to do without it, but my, my, my... I can't imagine how.

I kept thinking about the frozen stuff in our refrigerator and freezer. Then I thought about those businesses which have thousands of dollars worth of perishable goods that need refrigeration... wow, that would be a problem.

To the credit of our businesses and citizens, things actually went

fairly smoothly around Post. Even traffic crossing U.S. Hwy 84 wasn't so bad. At first I thought we surely would not get through the day without an accident at those intersections downtown... but really, drivers did just fine... a little slower crossing on Main Street, but all in all, it wasn't so bad.

Some of the restaurants managed to serve customers in near darkness, and there was congeniality amongst us. Travelers waited patiently to get enough gas to continue on their trips... and they got to see a little more of Post than perhaps they had planned on.

Like most businesses, we did what we could with shuffling papers and such... but finally we just closed down in mid-afternoon to wait until power was restored. We worked a little later than normal Tuesday night... but thankful that we had electricity and could keep on going.

It sure made us appreciate the importance of electricity... and the extra efforts it took to get us back on line.

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There's nothing wrong with our water a big rain wouldn't solve

by Andrea Skeckowski

Recent rumors of poor quality in Post's water supply have many residents of Post concerned. City Manager Rick Hanna has received several phone calls from people wondering if these rumors are genuine, and he says they are misleading and inaccurate.

"Quality is not a problem," Hanna said. "We are constantly checking and rechecking the water supply because I have every confidence in the world in our water supply from White River, but it doesn't hurt to double check."

Every month, Hanna and his team conduct tests screening the water for microorganisms that cause diseases like cholera and dysentery. These microorganisms, like coliforms and pathogens are found naturally in water, and are removed through a chlorination and filtration process that kills all viruses.

After treatment, Hanna must test the chlorine residual that remains in the water to make sure it is between .5 parts per million to 1.5 parts per million. Post's water supply meets this requirement, and residents are protected from disease, Hanna said.

There is another side to water quality, the mineral side, where the state and federal government sets minimum and maximum
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Early voting opens for city and hospital elections

Early voting for the May 4 municipal and hospital district elections continues through April 30. The Post ISD board of trustees approved an ordinance to take advantage of a new state law which allows districts to cancel elections if there are only one candidate for each position. Post ISD incumbents Barbara Hardin and Mark Kirkpatrick have filed for Place 6 and 7 and they are unopposed.

In the city council election, Ward 3 incumbent Archie Gill is challenged by Donald Windham and Mike Holly. Incumbent W.G. Pool Jr (Ward 4) is unopposed with Ward 5 incumbent Dan Lamb facing challenger Emmett (Andy) Stelzer.

City of Post voters will also decide the fate of two proposed "economic development" sales tax increases. The two proposals include "4A" and "4B" plans for using a one cent sales tax increase to fund what are termed economic development plans. Voters may approve one or both or reject both. Plan "4A" calls for 1/2 cent sales tax for the reduction of property taxes and the other 1/2 cent increase for establishing funds to lure potential industrial development. Plan "4B" has broader application, allowing the sales tax to be used for "quality of life" improvements.

Those citizens interested in voting early may do so at the hospital and city hall during regular office hours, that includes the lunch hour at both locations.

Garza Memorial Hospital board members Becky Warren and David Tyler are unopposed in the hospital election.



The PHS horse judging team will compete Saturday at Texas Tech in state competition. Team members are (back, left to right) Perry Smith, Robbie Palmer, Jason Blacklock, Bobbie Jo Davis and (front) Chad Williams. Williams was high point judge at the recent West Texas A&M practice meet, which featured 180 competitors. (Photo by Becky Warren)

Post ISD trustees join litigation in bread price-fixing case

Post ISD board of trustees members approved a resolution at the April 9 regular meeting to join in a law suit concerning price-fixing of bread. The case is in Johnson County district court. Trustees Mark Kirkpatrick, Gary Workman, Barbara Hardin, Mark Short, Rex Cash and Jeff Lott approved the motion, trustee Alexa Collier opposed the resolution.

The board also approved a resolution to cancel the May 4 election due to lack of opposition in any of the places. The resolution ordained Hardin and Kirkpatrick to fill three year terms for positions six and seven.

A new high school course titled "Leadership" was approved by the board.

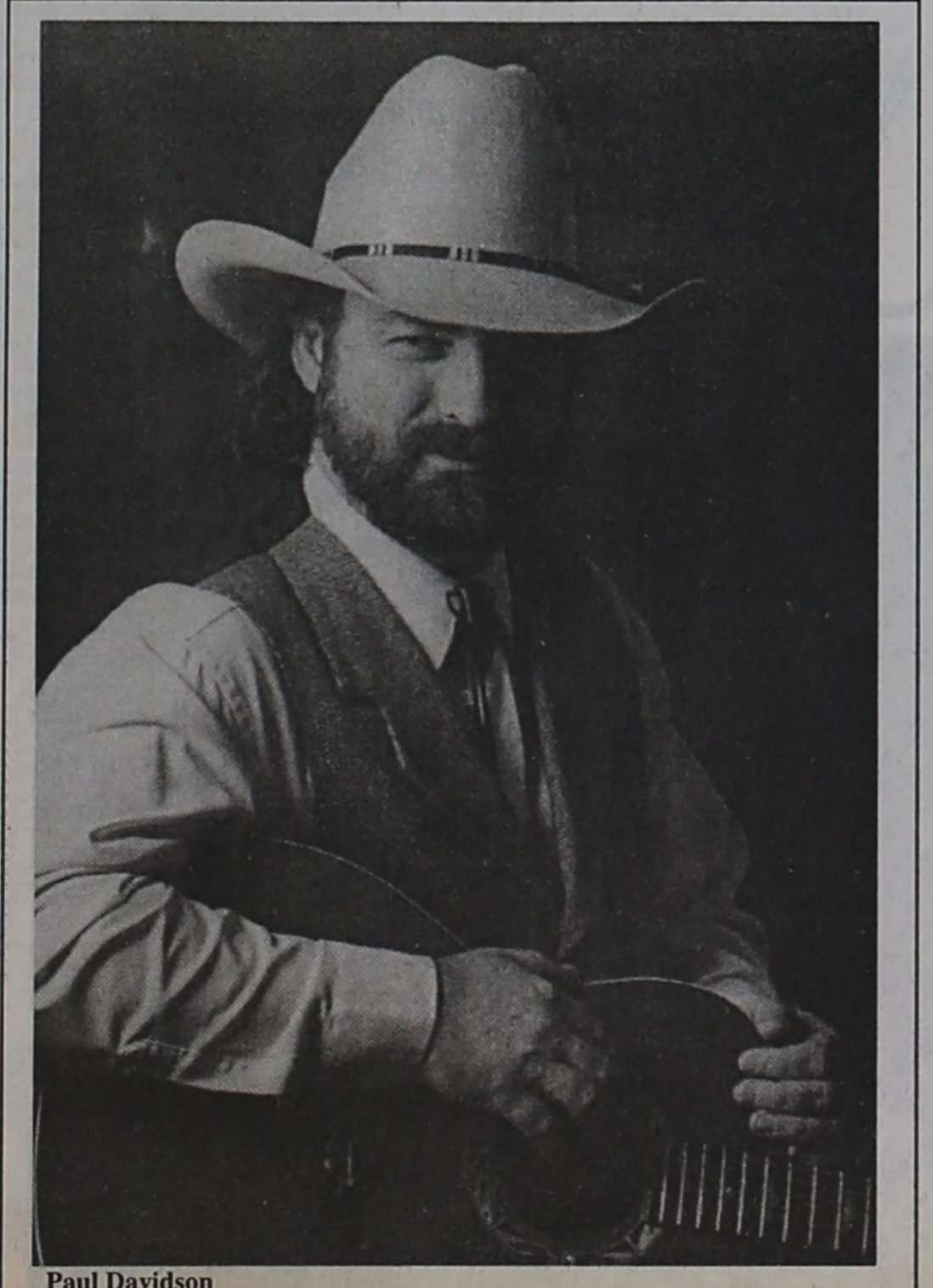
An executive session included discussion on coaching assignments, substitute teachers, elementary assistant principal, budget information plan and the superintendent's contract form. Following the executive session, the board approved the hiring of Marvin Self to serve as assistant elementary principal and added Christina Hernandez to the substitute teacher list.

Cowboy Spring Roundup features top performers here May 4

The Cowboy Spring Roundup in Post on May 4, in conjunction with Old Mill Trade Days' second anniversary celebration, will feature music, storytelling and old fashioned chuck wagon goodies. The Cowboy Spring Roundup, sponsored by the Post Economic Development Corp. (PEDC), Post Chamber of Commerce, OS Museum, Northwest Bank of Post and Citizens Bank of Post.

Confirmed poets, storytellers and musicians for the event include Paul Davidson, Clay Lindley, Andy Wilkinson, Blue Prairie and Keen Ridge Riders. Performances will be held on a downtown stage early afternoon and at 7 p.m. at the Tower Theater.

The Cowboy Spring Roundup is billed as capturing of the true "Old West" spirit.



Paul Davidson

Post Notes

Woman's Culture Club to meet

The Woman's Culture Club will go to Linda Malouf's in Plainview for a luncheon, April 24th. Members are to meet at the Woman's Clubhouse at 9:45 and depart promptly at 10 a.m.

Bake sale to benefit Roy Siewert

A bake sale will be held on April 20th at United Supermarket. The sale will be held all day or until all the goodies are sold. The proceeds will be donated to Roy Siewert.

Foster parent workshop April 22

The Methodist Home will be holding a foster parent workshop on Monday, April 22, 1996, for anyone interested in learning more about private foster care. The workshop will be held from 7-9 p.m. at Forrest Heights United Methodist Church, 3007 33rd Street (33rd & Elgin), Lubbock, Texas. Those interested can call 806-792-0099 for more information or to pre-register. Pre-register by April 21, 1996.

Chances on half a beef

The youth of the Church at the Barn are selling chances on a half of beef. The proceeds will be used for the youth to go to Six Flags. Tickets are \$1 each. For more information contact Tony Conner at 495-3944 or go by Holly's Texaco. Drawing will be held April 28th.

LULACN National Scholarship

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is awarding scholarships to deserving Hispanic students who are in college or will be enrolling in college next fall. Hispanic students who have excelled academically and who demonstrate need, leadership, and a commitment to their community are encouraged to apply. Students interested in applying for an LNSF scholarship must first contact their school counselor or the scholarship committee of the local LULAC Council to request a scholarship application. The deadline for applying to the program is April 30. You may also contact Carmen Lopez at 495-4443, Joey Quintana at 495-3357, Teofilo Rodriguez at 495-3749, Frank Flores at 495-2160, Soyla Reyna or Frank Tobias at 495-3057.

All-Sports Banquet to be May 2

The Post High School All-Sports Banquet will be held at the community center Thursday night, May 2 at 7 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at \$5 a person. Contact Lou Ann Terry at 204 West Main or First United Methodist Church office from 9 a.m. to noon. Deadline to purchase tickets is April 26th. The banquet is sponsored by Antelope Booster Club. The meal will be catered.

MHMR family support group to meet

The family support group sponsored by Garza County Mental Health Center will meet again on Thursday, April 25th from 5:15 to 6 p.m. at the Mill Complex Conference Room, East 7th and Avenue C. This month's topic will be New Hope for Schizophrenia. Child care will be provided if notice is given at least 24 hours in advance. For more information, call Sheri Cannon at 495-2813.

Benefit for Roy Arval Siewert

A benefit will be held for Roy Arval Siewert on Saturday, April 27th, from 5-7 p.m. The event will be held at the Post school cafeteria and will feature a BBQ plate for a \$5 donation. Also a fund has been established at Norwest if you wish to make a donation. Also raffle tickets for a chance on a 25" color tv with remote will be sold. If you need further information you may contact JoAnn Reed at 629-4376, Debbie Line at 495-3957 or Marie Odom at 495-3045. The donations will be used to help offset medical expenses.

Old Mill Trade Days 2nd anniversary

Preparations at Old Mill Trade Days are in high gear for the Second Anniversary event, May 3-5 at the park in Post. Marvin and Sheree Butler and the Old Mill Trade Days staff, as well as vendors, have been putting in extra hours getting ready for the big celebration. Watch for details later.

Benefit for Dee Collazo

A benefit for Dee Collazo will be held on Saturday, May 4th, starting at 12 noon. The benefit will be held at the VFW and will feature a BBQ with all the trimmings. An auction will be held with a dance following that evening starting at 9 p.m. with "Puro Tegano".

Bike-A-Thon to be held

A Bike-A-Thon will be held on Saturday, May 4th. All proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital. The riders are seeking donations from sponsors. For information contact JoAnn Perez at 495-2943.

Spring Egg-stravaganza at OS Museum

There's a Spring Egg-stravaganza at the OS Museum which features an exhibit of beautiful eggs and sculpture. The museum is located at 201 East Main Street and is open Monday through Saturday 10-12 and 1-5. An elevator is provided for your convenience. If you request more information call 495-3570.

Deadline for entry fee April 19

The entry fee for the 8th grade banquet is set for April 19th. If you plan to attend the banquet you must have your money to Shirley Bland at the Post Middle School by the deadline.

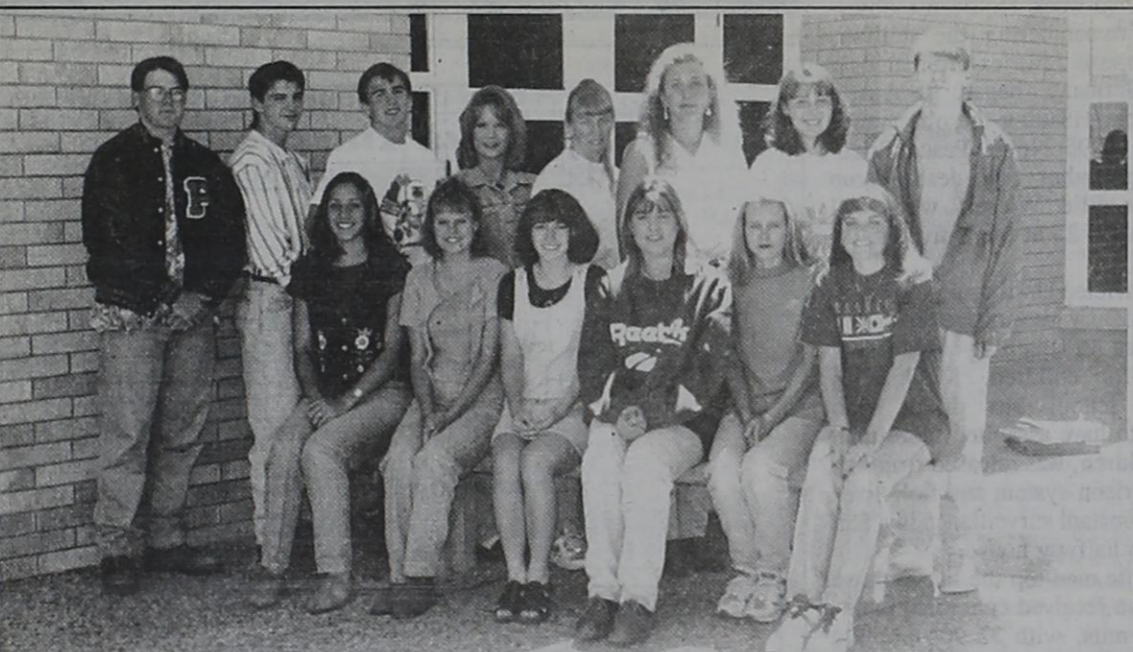
Congratulations Regional Qualifiers



PHS Girls' Golf team members (left to right) Kasey Hardin, Jill Stelzer, DeeJé Estep, Becca Stelzer and Natalie Pollard are headed to Baird for the April 22-23 Regional championship competition. (Photo by Donna Stelzer)

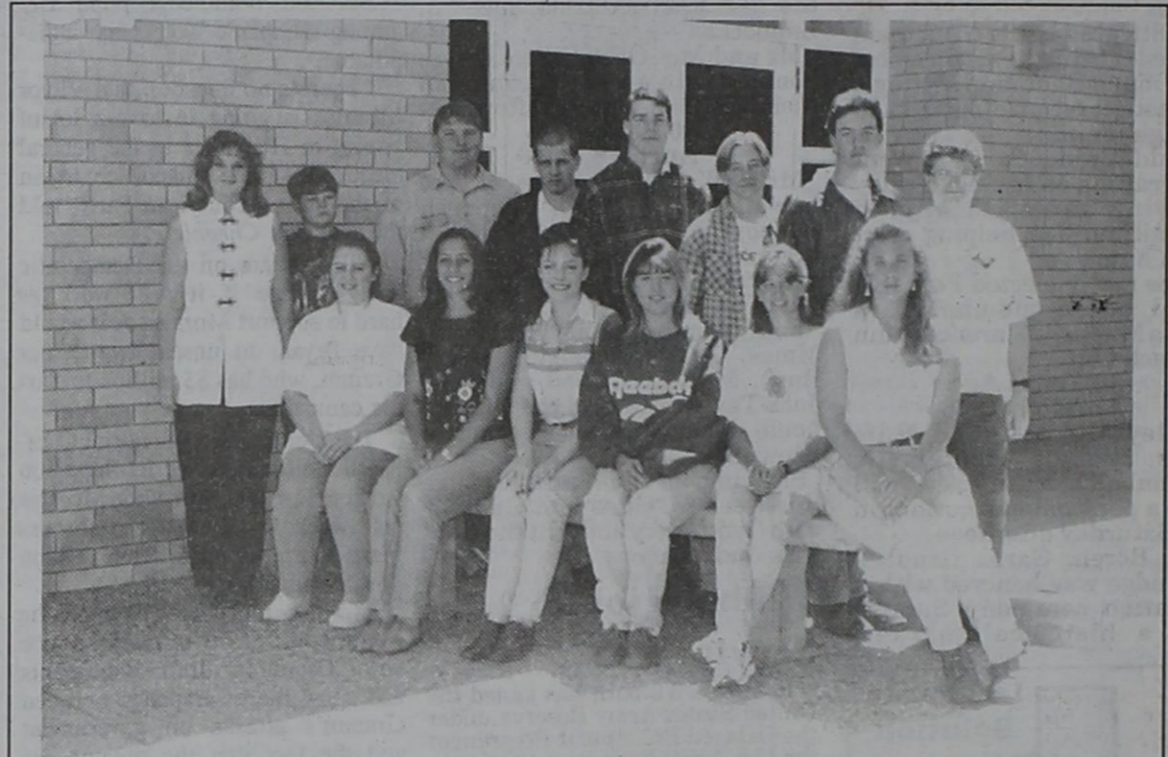


Competing April 22-23 at Baird in the Regional Golf championships are PHS golfers (left to right) Jay Gorman, B.J. Hart, Jerry Graham, Josh Grisham and Slade Bevers.



Competing Friday at the U.L.L. Academic Regional meet in Abilene are PHS students (back row, left to right) Mike McDougle, Jeff Redman, Derek Guthrie, Alisha Nelson, Cassie Short, Nikki Pollard, Shelley Shifflett, James Cahill, (front row) Natalie Pollard, Kathy Gerner, Macee Mills, Beth Murray, Amanda Hair and Jenny Conoly. (Jayson Fry was unavailable for the photo.)

Competing April 19-23
U.I.L. Academics
Tennis
One Act Play
Girls' & Boys' Golf



PHS One Act Play cast and crew competing Saturday in Abilene are (back row, left to right) Heather Mason, Derreck Cowley, Matt Cooper, David Benham, Jay Childers, Daniel Fluit, Lance Goen, Tim Martin, (front) Lacy Hodges, Natalie Pollard, Jenny Conoly, Beth Murray, Rebecca Stelzer and Nikki Pollard.



Bertha Soria will compete in tennis singles at the Regional meet.

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