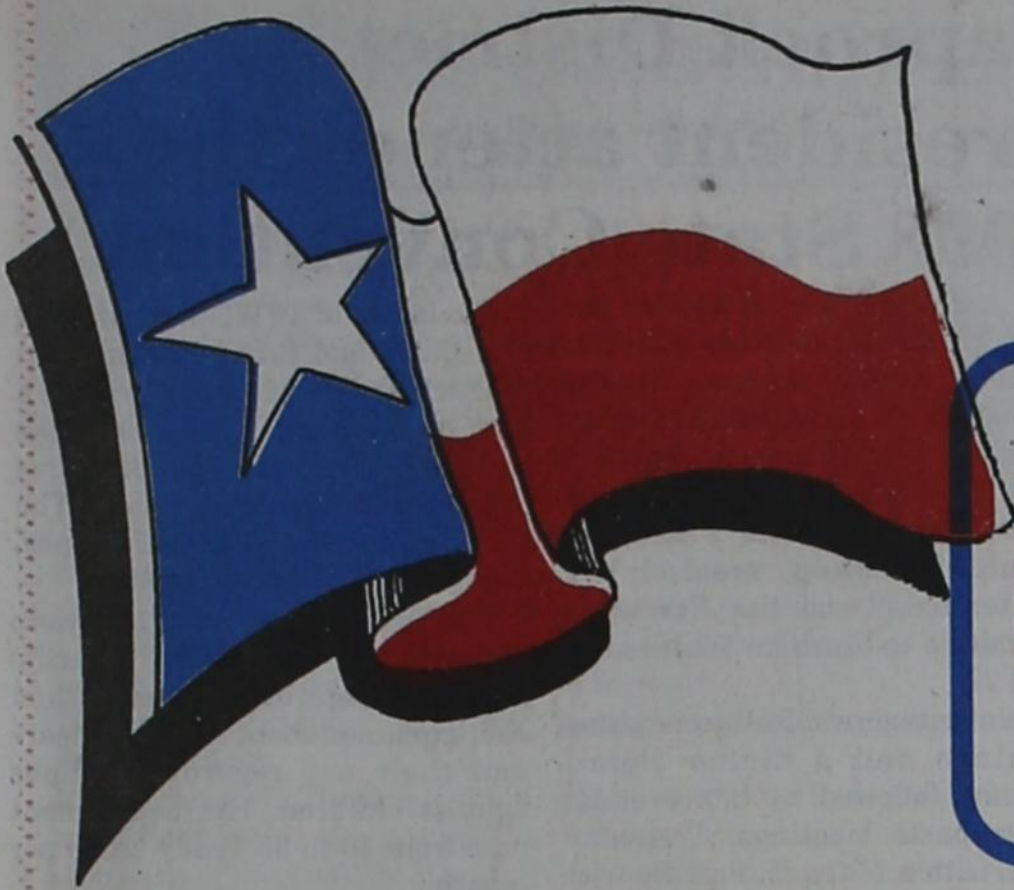


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# The Post Dispatch

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## City considers appraisal district for tax collection

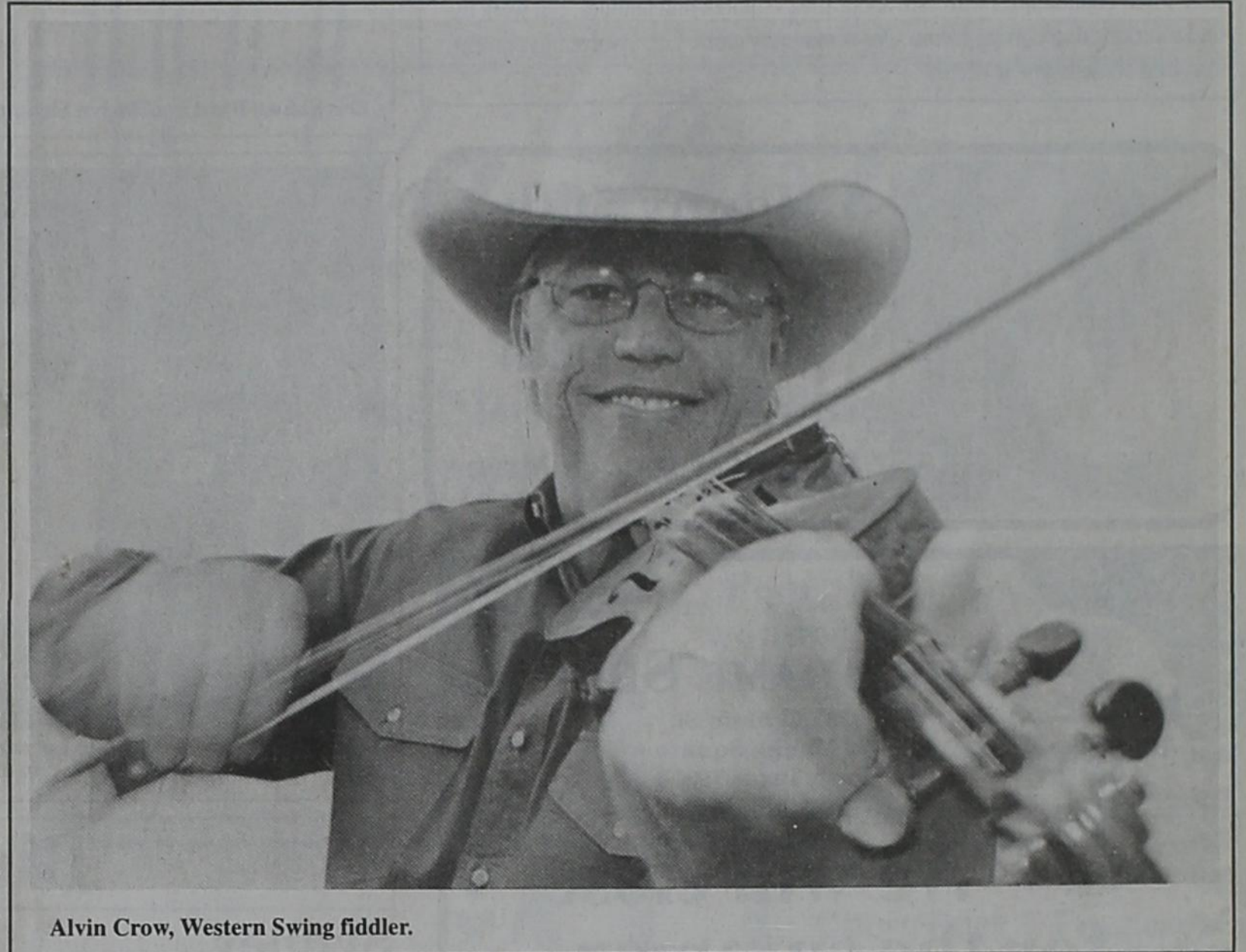
The Post City Council took action Tuesday night that could lead to a change in municipal tax collections.

The council voted to look into the possibility of allowing the Garza County Appraisal District to handle the city's tax collections. City Manager Rick Hanna said no cost studies have been done to determine whether or not such a change would benefit the city financially but suggested that the council review the matter.

In other business, council members:

- Canvassed votes from Saturday's municipal election. The city secretary lauded election judges and workers for their efforts.
- Approved the appointment of Councilman Bill Pool as the city's representative to the PEDC board of directors.
- Tabled action on a proposed sanitation ordinance. Mayor Jim Jackson suggested the issue, which will require passage by the council on two separate readings, be tabled to allow new council members to participate in the process. New council members are slated to be sworn in at the city's next regular meeting.
- Unanimously approved a zoning variance requested by Tony Ortiz.
- Approved a letter of endorsement to the housing project being spearheaded locally by South Plains Community Action.

- Heard a report from the city manager concerning this week's beginning of the seal coating project.
- Received a brief report on White River Lake, which is currently about 15 feet low but remains about seven feet above that level of May 1997. Hanna reported that the Crosby County water field project is still ongoing but that no land acquisitions have been completed.
- Saw the mayor thank outgoing councilmen Archie Gill and Andy Stelzer for their years of dedicated service to the citizens of Post.



Alvin Crow, Western Swing fiddler.

## Western Swing fiddler gives Post special performances next week

Western swing fiddler Alvin Crow will make Post his home for a week beginning Sunday.

Crow is scheduled to be in town for a number of special appearances, the first of which will be a performance at the Methodist Church service at 7 p.m. Sunday.

On Monday, May 11, Crow is slated to visit with the folks at radio KPOS where he will be interviewed beginning at 9:30 a.m., followed by lunch at the Trailblazers. At 7 p.m. he will be the special guest of the Kick Off Gala to be conducted at the Algeria Arts Center.

Post Elementary School students will be entertained by Crow on Tuesday, May 12. At noon, Crow is scheduled to visit with local Rotarians at the Rotary Club lunch, followed by a 1:15-3:30 p.m. visit at the Golden Plains Nursing Home. There, as part of the National Nursing Home Week observance, Crow will help the seniors celebrate May birthdays.

On Wednesday, May 13, Crow will spend the entire day on Post Independent School District campuses.

On Thursday, May 14, Crow will travel to Tahoka where he will visit the Life Enrichment Center. At noon he'll be back in Post, dining with the Arts a la Carte folks at the Algeria Arts Center. From 4-6 p.m. Crow will have a "jam session" at the Garza Historical Museum and at 8:15 p.m. he is scheduled to appear at the Masonic Lodge.

Friday, May 15, will see Crow visiting the Baptist Christian School at 9:30 a.m. From 3-5 p.m., Crow will spend time rehearsing with the Hudelsons for the special Spirit of the Cowboy show set for 7-9

p.m. at the Tower Theater.

On Saturday, May 16, Crow will visit the juvenile detention center at 11 a.m. and spend time with local Da House youths from 4-5 and 7-9 p.m.

Crow will wrap up his week-long stay with a special church performance on Sunday, May 17. The time and location of that performance is to be announced at a later date.

In conjunction with Crow's visit, Post will be playing a part in the regional Spirit of the Cowboy Weekend activities slated for May 15-17.

Post will kick off the weekend of family entertainment, offering "Weekend" participants time to visit the OS Museum, the Garza County Historical Museum and the Warlords Museum on Friday, May 15. At 6 p.m., the Garza Hotel will open its doors for a special stew and cornbread supper, followed by the special Tower Theater show at 7 p.m.

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### • Weather in Post •

Date	High	Low	Precip
4/29	65	40	—
4/30	74	40	—
5/1	86	46	—
5/2	88	53	—
5/3	82	54	—
5/4	82	54	—
5/5	95	59	—

May total rainfall — 0.00  
Rainfall year-to-date — 4.15  
(Records courtesy Garza County Sheriff's Department)

## Post Notes

### Blood drive set for today

The Post Community Blood drive, conducted by Texas Blood Institute of Lubbock, will be held at the Post Church of Christ today, beginning at 4 p.m. Donors will receive a free t-shirt and a Crickets baseball game ticket. The goal for this drive is 45 donors. Appointments are helpful, but not necessary. Call Paul Jones at 495-2326 for more information.

### Caprock Peace Officers meet May 14

The 50th annual meeting of the Caprock Peace Officers Association will be held May 14 at Clairmont. Registration fee is \$7, which includes membership and the steak bar-b-que lunch osted by chuck wagon cook, Jerry Baird. More than 250 people attended last year's meeting.

### WTC offers classes in Crosbyton

Western Texas College in Snyder is offering summer classes in Crosbyton at the high school. Classes begin June 1 for Biology, English, Government, History or Sociology. Registration will be at the Crosbyton Administration Building on May 19 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call WTC at 1-888-468-6982.

### May 14 deadline for senior sponsors

Merchants, businesses or families interested in sponsoring a senior from the Class of '98 should call Judy Bush at The Post Dispatch as early as possible. Sponsorships for the annual salute to the graduating seniors will be published Thursday, May 21, with a May 15 deadline for sponsors. The salute will include seniors from Post, Southland and Borden County high schools. Individual seniors will be featured with a photo and brief biographical sketch. The cost per sponsor continues at \$25, the same price since 1983.

### PHS sports video tapes now on sale

The Post Antelope Booster club now has 1997-98 sports video tapes available for sale. The video tapes are the same as those shown at this year's all-sports banquet. Those interested may call Carol Payne at 495-2560 to purchase a copy of the video tape for \$30 each.

### Church softball league organized

A co-ed church softball league is planned for June 14-July 19 in Post. Games will be played at the Little League fields on Sunday evenings after church services. Entry fee for each team is \$50. Call Darryl Smith at the First Baptist Church (495-3554) for more information.

### Vacation Bible School June 1-5

The First Baptist Church will present "Veggie Town Values" for its 1998 Vacation Bible School. The material is a part of the popular Veggie Tale Videos. The VBS will be held June 1-5 from 9 a.m. to noon for children ages four years old through fifth grade.

### Bold Gold boys' basketball camp

PHS coach Richie Thornton has announced a Bold Gold Boys' Basketball Camp to be held June 8-12 from 8 a.m. until noon. The cost per person is \$15 for boys in fifth through ninth grades. For more information call Thornton at 495-2770.

### Calling all local musicians!

Texas fiddler Alvin Crow will participate in a community residency in Post during the week of May 11 through May 17. Mr Crow will host two jam sessions with all local folks in Post. If you play an instrument or just play at it, come and join the fun. For a schedule or more information, call Toni King at 495-4148 and sign up for this get together.



PHS students earning berths at state competition are (back row, left to right) Jay Gorman, Slade Bevers, Jerry Graham, Justin Gorman, Justin Norman, Derek Cowley, Marcus Lopez, Jason Howard, Sam Woods, (front row) Shelley Shifflett, Macee Mills, Kathy Gerner, Jenny Conoly and Kasey Hardin. (See details on Page 10).

## Chowning, Byrd announce engagement

Mr and Mrs Jimmy Byrd announce the engagement of their son, Eris Shawn to Jaclyn Suzanne Chowning, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Chowning of Lubbock.

The couple will marry June 20, 1998 at Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Jayton High School and Texas Tech. He is employed by Southwestern Bell in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Lubbock High School and Texas Tech. She is employed in Lubbock by Bland Harper.



Eris Shawn Byrd and Jaclyn Suzanne Chowning

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### Happy 50th Anniversary

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Post's Donna Craig (left) with Lorenzo's Evelyn Greer, Tim Lewis and Roan Otwell (twins), Mary Jo St Romain and Wilma Powell, both of Plains.

## Births

### Sydney Greenlaw

L'Shea and Brett have a new baby sister. Sydney Renée Greenlaw was born on March 26, 1998 at 3:23 p.m. at Northside Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. She weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Karen and Mark Greenlaw of Alpharetta, Georgia.

Maternal grandmother is Bonnie Taylor of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Major James and Carole Greenlaw of Monroe, Louisiana.

### Dakota Fields

Blake Fields welcomes his new sister, Dakota Lynn home. Dakota was born April 27, 1998 at 1:44 p.m. in Methodist Hospital in Levelland. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 19 inches long. Proud parents are Vincent and Jamie Fields of Slaton.

Paternal grandparents are Les and Helyn Fields of Post.

Maternal grandparents are Johnny Hair of Justiceburg and Pam Conoly of Slaton.

Great grandparents are Emma McCarty of Lubbock and Jack and Marcella Hair of Post.

## Caprock District President attends the 1998 State Convention

Amarillo was the setting for the 101 TFWC (Texas Federation of Women's Clubs) Annual Spring Convention. Along with ten (10) other members from Caprock, District President, Donna H. Craig attended the convention. State President, Minnie Simmang, treated her "Centennials" and the Executive Committee to lunch on Wednesday, April 22.

The afternoon was full of committee meetings and a dinner Board Meeting, followed by late evening counterparts meetings. Thursday began with a 7:30 a.m. Past District President Breakfast. This was the beginning of Craig being "A Has Been". Back in session at 9 a.m., the Reports and Awards were given, where everyone anxiously waits to hear their name called.

On Thursday afternoon, Caprock District president Craig was spotlighted to give her District Report/Farewell Speech.

The Keynote Address, Thursday night was by Nancy Meek of North Carolina. The Otwell Twins, David and Roan (from the Lawrence Welk Show) were joined by Tim Lewis a Cowboy Poet and songwriter, to entertain for the dinner meeting. After several encores the entertainers posed for photos with each and autographed their programs.

Friday was filled with more reports and awards, with a special report by the GFWC International Affairs Special Projects Chairman, Fleta Haskins of Sallisaw, Oklahoma.

The ladies of TFWC were treated to a Bears and Books Luncheon in the Atrium. Everyone was to bring a book or as many as you would like suitable for young people ages preschool through high school. The books were presented to Kathy Jones, Amarillo ISD Library Director.

The Teddy Bears, some 132, were presented to Jerry Neil, Amarillo Police Chief and other helpers. Chief Neil explained about the Teddy bears and their use regarding crimes against children. His department uses from 10 to 30 Teddy bears per month.

At 3:30 p.m. the newly elected TFWC officers and the District Presidents, present and future, went into recess and had rehearsal for the evening ceremonies. As the participants assembled for the processional in long formal dresses, there was a lot of picture taking "going on". The installing officer was Nancy Meek GFWC Director of Junior Clubs from Hickory North Carolina.

Craig was delighted to bring home 54 State awards plus other achievements for Caprock District and among those awards Woman's Culture Club took its stand. In Public Affairs, Special Projects, a 1st Place; for Outstanding Americanism Program/project, a 1st Place; in Libraries 2000, a 1st Place; District Chairman Resume; Jan Acker in Energy Awareness Division, a 2nd Place; and in the Yearbook Contest, a score of 100.

Congratulations Woman's Culture Club!

## Gradine honored with ice cream social

An Ice Cream Sundae-Social was given in honor of graduating senior, Army Gradine. The social was held May 3 in the home of Alexa Collier. Everyone enjoyed a fun time visiting and signing an Autograph Hound which was presented to the honoree along with an Ichthus ring from the James Avery Collection.

Hostesses for the occasion were Alexa Collier, Jana McCallister, Donna Stelzer and Jane Odom.

Helping Army celebrate were Erica Gomez, Jodi Gregory, Cassie Short, Macee Mills, Sharla Cruse, Jenny Conoly, Becca Stelzer, Kelli Collier, Vondi Gradine and Christian Collier.

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# Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Do you think summer is here? Sure wish we could have some rain with these 80 degree + days.



Last Thursday, Wes received a phone call from Carol Tobias, who was shocked because she had seen a sign out in the audience on the NBC Today Show that said "Hello from Post, Texas".

Well, our Post resident holding that sign was none other than Lynette Thuett.

Lynette, Debbie Macy and two friends from Lubbock went on a "girls" trip to New York City, leaving last Wednesday and returning Sunday. They took in four Broadway shows including "The Lion King" which Lynette said gives you cold chills it is so good.

They also got to take a VIP tour of the Stock Market, even going on the floor with the brokers.

Bright and early Thursday morning they went to the Today Show location, Lynette with her trusty posterboard and magic markers, determined to get to the front of the line. She prints, "Hello from Post, Texas and hello to Jerry, Bob, J.C., Bob (husbands) and Amy and Fran.

The other three ladies retreated to a coffee shop across the street, but Lynette refused to give up.

She did make it to the front and got to see Al Roker, Katey Couric and Ann Curry. Al Roker interviewed the lady next to Lynette and Lynette got to show her sign - The reverse side of the sign said "Hi Jerry, send more money". A grand time was had by everyone, and thanks to Lynette our town made national TV.

Bobby and Nita Terry were proud of their granddaughter, Cydni Chere Terry of Colorado City. Cydni made Jr. National Honor Society last week. She is a 7th grader. Cydni's great grandparents are Georgie Tyra and Juanita Terry. She is the daughter of Brent and Mandy Terry.

Marlee Plummer and Laci Williams competed in the Texas State Tumbling and Trampoline meet held at the Cal Farling Coliseum in Amarillo last Saturday. The girls represented the Top of Texas Tumblers and Air Extreme teams respectively. All family members and friends are very proud of both young athletes.

Hotel Garza played host to a reunion of friends of Richard Petty of Clovis, New Mexico. Petty is long time friends of Rusty and Shahara Hudleson of the Tower Theater. The group of about forty enjoyed many of the activities in Post including Old Mill Trade Days, the Knights of the West show at the Tower Theater and "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" at the Garza Theater. Many of the tourists commented on the fun time they had and hope to be back soon.

Birthdays this week are: Thursday, May 7, Yolanda Suarez, Matthew Tanner, Leeroy Acosta and John David and Sonja Fields have an anniversary; Friday May 8, birthdays, Andrew Perez, Caden Dean, Kenda Josey and anniversaries are Lupe and Rosie Perez, John and Michele Raben; Saturday, May 9 birthdays, Teresa Gomez; Sunday, May 10, birthdays, Brandon Bird, Marinette Tyler, Freda Harper, Michael Robertson Jr., anniversaries are James and Valentine Romero and Mr and Mrs Ricardo Tobias; May 11 birthday, Josie Paul; May 12 birthday, Isaac Schoonover.

To all you mothers out there may your Sunday be your day and all your wishes come true. Happy Mother's Day!!! See you next week.

# National Volunteer Week spotlights Senior Companion Program in Garza County

April 29 thru April 25 is National Volunteer Week, a time to recognize the efforts of four Senior Companions who serve with the South Plains Community Action's Senior Companion Program in Garza County.

The Garza County Companions include Emilia Cervantez, Angela Raymundo, Margarita Romero and Lupe Ybarra. Gonzalo Raymundo who recently passed away was also a companion for many years.

These companions are active in the community of Post. Most of the companions are working with a least two clients, sometimes three, homebound senior citizens for twenty hours each week. The companions provide companionship, run errands, do meal preparation and light housework for the client, or in some cases he/she provides respite for spouses or families that have the 24 hour care of a homebound adult.

The companion is often supplementing the services of a Home Health Agency or DHS provider service. There is no charge to the client for the service of a companion. The program is run through grant funds and donations.

"As government programs at all levels are cut back and problems in our communities continue to mount, our Senior Companions are a fresh resource for solving problems and a smart investment in our future," says Patty Hartin, program director. The Garza County companions volunteered over 4,210 hours during 1997 - to have hired the companions for what they do would have cost family and the supporting communities over \$57,256.

"There is a special urgency to National Volunteer Week," says Harris Wofford, chief executive officer to the Corporation for National Service. "To solve our country's problems, we need to unleash to full

power of citizen service and make service the common expectation and common experience of every American."

The South Plains Senior Companion Program is supported by the Corporation for National Service, which administers AmeriCorps, the domestic Peace Corps, with 25,000

members; the National Senior Service Corps, which includes 24,000 Foster Grandparents, 12,000 Senior Companion volunteers and 450,000 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteers; and Learn and Serve America, which involves 500,000 school and college students in community service.

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by Terri Cash, CPA  
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One advantage to switching over this year is that the tax bite can be spread over the next four years. Take it out in 1999 or later, and taxes are due all at once. But there are income limits: only those with an AGI under \$100,000 can convert. That's why it's wise to wait until much later in the year to be sure you qualify.

The big questions are how much tax you have to pay now and how long you could let the money grow tax-free. Young people with limited growth in the IRAs might be wise to switch, but those near retirement might not be able to recoup the tax costs with tax-free earnings before they need to tap into the money.

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in bad, and her love and faith in us is never-ending. Showing love and gratitude to our mothers on this special day is important, but it seems that setting aside only one day a year is just not enough. God wants us to honor our mothers every day throughout the year by letting them know how much we love, need, and respect them. Mothers willingly give so much and ask so little of their children in return. Perhaps a thank you to our mother for something that she has done for us, or a phone call when we are away from home, is more treasured than we can imagine. Throughout the Bible, God tells us of the importance of mothers, and one of the ten commandments is to honor your father and mother so that you may have a long, good life.

"She is a woman of strength and dignity, and has no fear of old age. When she speaks, her words are wise, and kindness is the rule for everything she says."

The Living Bible Proverbs 31:25, 26

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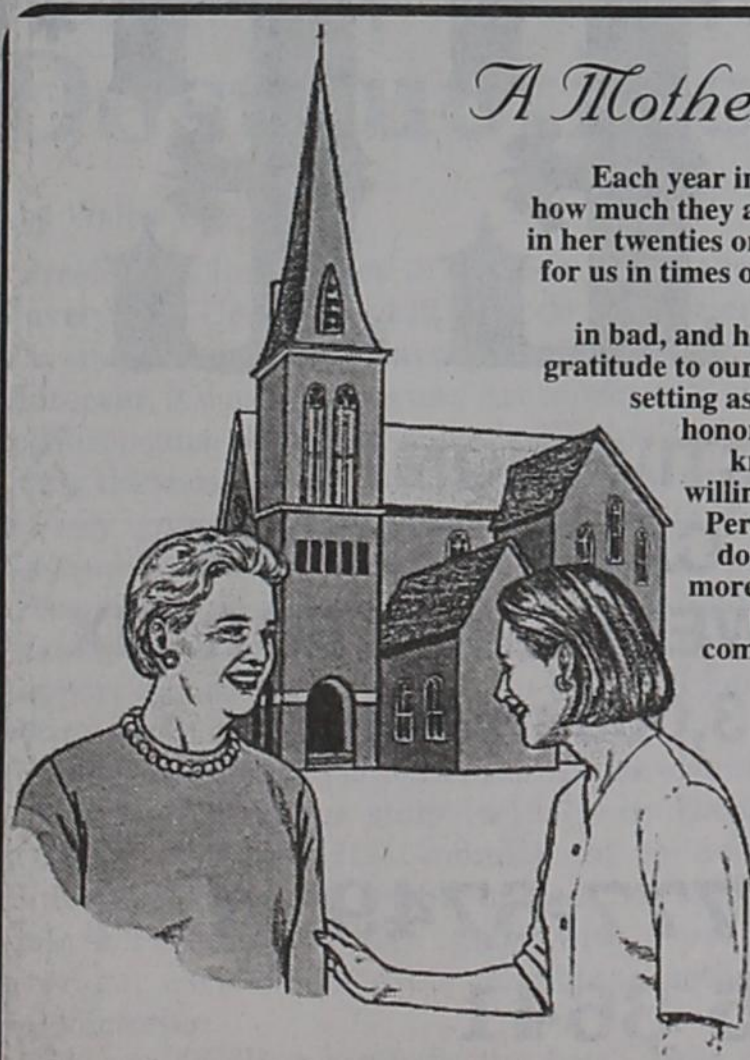
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## Golden Plains Care Center Newsletter

Hello,  
We are getting ready to have so much fun. The week of May 10-16 is National Nursing Home Week, and we have something big planned for every day.

On May 8 at 6:30 p.m. the Nazarene kids choir is coming to perform for us during our Mother's Day Special. Also the First Baptist Church Christian School will be coming to perform for us sometime this week or next. We really enjoy having groups come in and perform for us.

On May 11 we are having "Open House" and we invite the community to stop by and have coffee/donuts or punch/cookies with the residents and staff and tour the nursing home and join in on the activities. At lunch the residents are having a hamburger cook-out and then at 3:30 we are having a watermelon social and a seed spitting contest outside.

On May 12 at 10 a.m. the Calvary Baptist Church will be here and then at 1 p.m. Alvin Crow, the Western Swing Fiddler will be here to perform for us. At 3:30 the same day the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW will be here to have our birthday party. Those having a birthday this month are Tony Ortiz, Roy Sneed, Ella Mae Jones and Donnell McCormick.

On May 13 we are heading to the park for a picnic at lunch and then at

3 p.m. we are watching slide shows of "Abbott and Costello in the Foreign Legion" and "Animal Babies" and eating popcorn.

On May 14 at 1 p.m. "Let the Games Begin" we are having our Senior Olympics. The events are shuffleboard, bean bag toss, 25 ft. walk, wheelchair maneuver races and spelling bee. We encourage the community to stop by and help support and encourage all the participants. "Go for the Gold".

On May 15 at 1 p.m. Danny Guthrie, our Director of Nurses will be taking the men fishing and at 2 p.m. the ladies are having an ice cream social. So, as everyone can tell we are going to be super busy, and we need a lot of help. If anyone is interested in helping, just come on by we would love to have you.

Abig THANKS goes out to Carolyn Black who brought in some house shoes. The resident who received them really liked them a lot. Also thanks to Samantha Lawrence and Belia Hernandez for decorating this month, they did a terrific job. Debbie Palmer did all our banners and they look great, thanks!

Don't forget to come by and join in on the fun, we would love to have you. Till next week, Bunny Lynch



Post Mayor Jim Jackson (center) signs a proclamation declaring May 10-16 National Nursing Home Week recognition here. He is joined at the Golden Plains Care Center by Judy Howard, secretary of the resident council; Lois Baldree, Marvel Pearson and Peral Moreman, president of the resident council. (Photo courtesy Golden Plains Care Center)

## Deputies respond to 70 calls last week

Eight arrests were logged by local law enforcement officials over the past week.

According to the jail log, a 19-year-old female was arrested on a warrant on April 29 (released the next day after paying fine and court costs through time served and community service).

Two arrests came May 1, including that of a 40-year-old male arrested for DWI/first (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond) and a 37-year-old male picked up for driving while license suspended (released the same day on \$1,500 PR bond).

Two arrests were also made on May 2, including that of a 39-year-old male arrested for DWI (released the next day on \$1,500 bail) and a 51-year-old male picked up for a parole violation. Arrests made May 3 included that of a 66-year-old male charged with DWI/second (released the same day on a \$2,500 cash bond) and a 20-year-old male arrested on a warrant.

Picked up May 4 was 26-year-old Walter James (Trey) Jones III, who was charged with assault/family violence. He was released the same day on \$2,500 bail bond. About 70 calls for service were received by local law enforcement officials during the same period. On April 29, dispatchers received a report of telephone harassment (no address recorded on report) and a request for an ambulance in the 600 block of South Avenue I (transport made to Methodist Hospital, Lubbock). Calls received on April 30 included a report of a theft at the local school (a purse had reportedly been rifled through) and a report of a dumpster having been blown into the street in the 500 block of West 3rd Street.

Calls received in May 1 included a report of a possible domestic incident on Pine Street and a vehicle rollover two miles south of Post on U.S. 84 (no injuries were reported).

Incoming calls recorded on May 3 included a report of a disturbance at 4th and Avenue N; possible vandalism on the Ralls Highway; and a theft in the 300 block of South Avenue F.

## Two incumbents replaced by voters in city election

Two of the three incumbents seeking to return to the Post City Council lost their bids for re-election in Saturday's municipal election.

Incumbent Archie Gill, Ward 3, and incumbent Emmett "Andy" Stelzer, Ward 5, were each narrowly defeated in the election. Gill was edged out by opponent John Redman by a margin of five votes while Stelzer, who faced three challengers, was bested by Harold Craig, who won his bid by a margin of seven votes.

Ward 4 Incumbent W.G. "Bill" Pool Jr. easily won his bid for re-election against opponent Gary Dan Bilbo.

Results from the municipal election, as provided by city officials, were as follows:

Ward 3 John Redman — 5; Archie Gill — 46  
Ward 4 W.G. "Bill" Pool Jr. — 63; Gary Dan Bilbo — 4  
Ward 5 Harold Craig — 50; Emmett "Andy" Stelzer — 43; Susan Rodriguez — 6 and Vicki Gray — 21.

The new council members are scheduled to be sworn in at the June 2 council meeting.

Results from other area elections included:

### Garza Hospital District

Two candidates ran uncontested to fill a pair of at-large, two-year positions on the Garza Hospital District board. Incumbent David Tyler earned 36 votes and newcomer Michael Travis earned 31.

Tyler and Travis, who will assume the position left vacant with the resignation of Becky Warrant a year ago, will be sworn in at the May 14 hospital board meeting.

### Post, Southland ISDs

There were no elections conducted to fill vacant positions on the Post and Southland school boards. In each school district, two board posts were open and only two individuals declared themselves candidates (and there were no registered write-in candidates). Under such circumstances, the state allows school districts to waive the election process.

Returning to the Post ISD board of trustees will be, in Place 4, Alexia Collier and, in Place 5, Jeff Lott.

Incumbents returning to the Southland school board are Joey Basinger and Stanley Wheeler.

### April ... Child Abuse Prevention Month

If child abuse is happening in a family you know, it must be stopped. Report it now—your name will be kept confidential. Call your local law enforcement agency or the Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-252-5400. Protect the children.

### Thank you

I appreciate your show of support in the city election. I thank each of you for exercising your right to vote. I will represent you to the best of my ability. Please contact me if I can be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely,  
John W. Redman

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## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

**Informal Review**  
Please call Billie Y. Windham, Chief Appraiser (806) 495-3518

**Review by the Appraisal Review Board**  
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold

their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

124 E. Main, Post, Tx. 79356  
Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

**Review by the District Court**  
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

**Tax Payment**  
If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**More Information**  
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Garza CAD, P.O. Drawer F (806) 495-3518. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

### Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB

**Usual Deadline**  
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

**Special Deadlines**  
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

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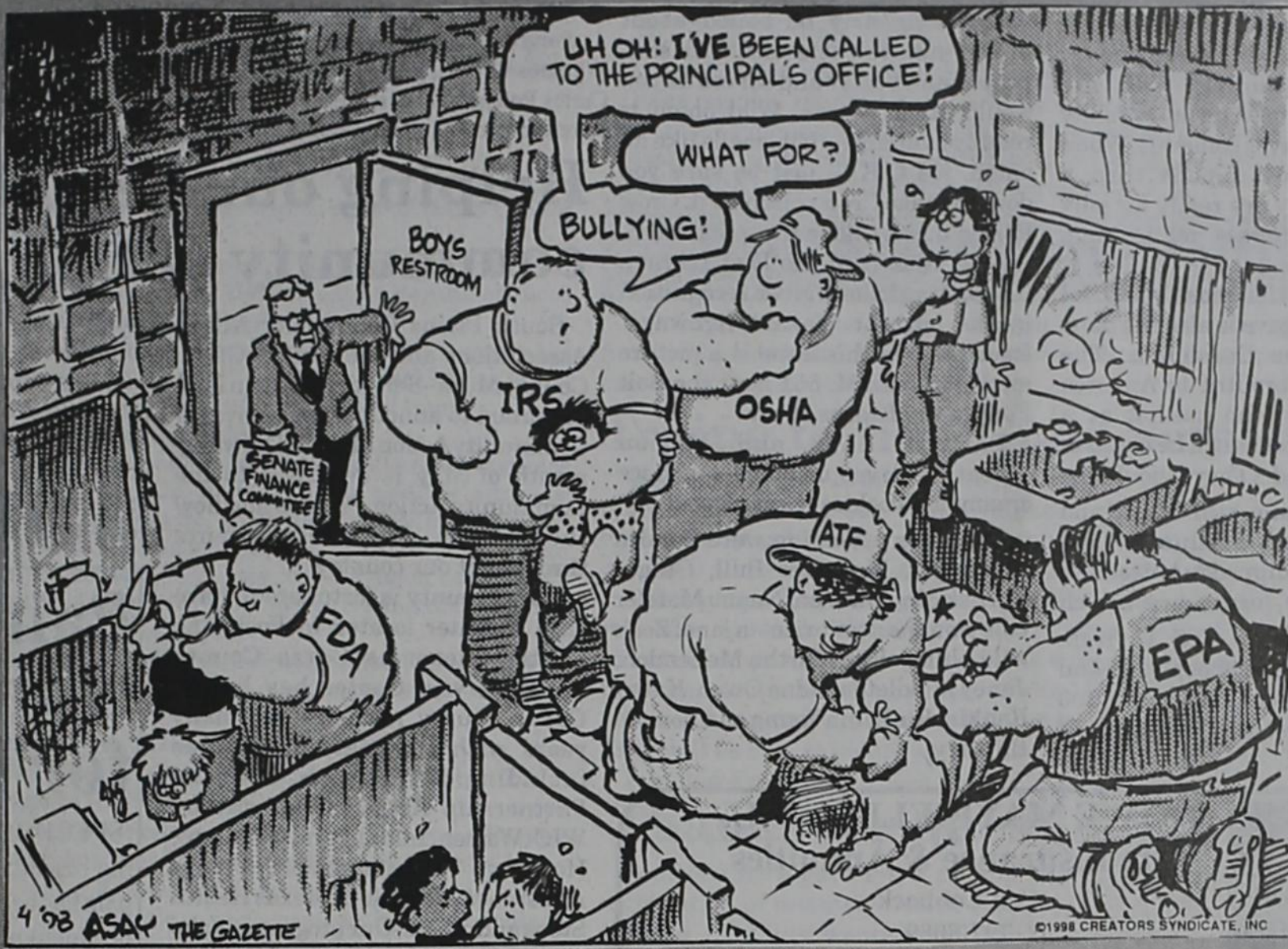
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## Oh, the dastardly destructive objectivists and TAAS testing...

by Wesley W. Burnett

First, let's get this out of the way... I am a very big, put that in bold face and all caps... very big supporter of our youth and their teachers... and have proven that through these many years, week after week promoting and publicizing their achievements and accomplishments. In fact, sometimes this newspaper is so heavily packed with school stuff that I have been criticized as publishing a weekly school paper. So be it, we will continue to do as we always have in highlighting our young people and praising the efforts of their teachers.

Now the critical issue at hand.

In the process of attempting to teach, and in the process of attempting to learn, teachers and students at government schools are severely handicapped by today's "objectivists," led by either bumbling idiots or worse, socialist manipulators in Austin and Washington, D.C.

The disruptive rules and regulations under which our children and their teachers suffer in government controlled schools is most clearly seen in the annual silly ritual of preparing for, administering and taking the dreaded TAAS tests.

TAAS, which stands for Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (or at least that's what they called it the last time I bothered to check), was dreamed up by a bunch of educational gurus from who knows where, for the purpose of measuring how well the teaching of children is progressing.

The whole testing business is driven by the philosophy: "If it can't be measured objectively, it doesn't count." In other words, no teacher can be trusted to simply report on a piece of paper to the parents, "Johnny is having trouble with XYZ, could we talk about this and see what we can do to help?" Or worse, in the minds of these state controllers, teachers can not be trusted to simply report, "this student has mastered the material."

No. No. No. Objectivists have to be shown proof. Black and white. Give the kid a test, make it computerized scoring so no human hand can touch it or alter it... make it laboratory, squeaky clean, let no personal touch be involved.

They are the same people who, if you tell them the sun is coming up, will want you to state the exact time and place and take a photo of it to prove it.

A couple of weeks ago students and teachers in the Post government schools went through the ordeal one more time... and a visit to any of the school campuses prior to the "big day" would be evidence enough that the whole government education system has just flat gone bonkers.

Even the youngest of children in these schools feel the pressure... one little one was quoted by a parent: "you know mommy, if I fail, my teacher's gonna be in trouble." Now, of course we big people know that is nonsense... or is it? Children are not stupid, they can tell when we big people are "up-tight." And there is no way to hide the pressure on teachers and administrators during these pre-testing times.

It is absolutely ruining what little freedom in teaching is left in government schools. I literally cry for my friends who work in that environment... knowing how torturous it is to be teaching to a test. Actually, the entire school process is now geared to making sure children know how to take the test, and the curriculum and the classroom routines (no matter what your state leaders tell you), are geared directly to making sure children do well on that one single test.

What a shame.

And what a shameful way to treat those people who dedicate their lives to teaching our children. But as long as we continue to allow elected officials to ram this kind of crap down the throats of our teachers and our children, we deserve what we get.

And what we're getting is about as good as warmed over spit (to paraphrase John Nance Garner, that famous Texan who described what being vice president of the U.S. was worth).

## Aha! Now even the feds admit it's a money-making scam

"The federal government spent over half of a million dollars and five years on an exhaustive study of speed limits, and then buried it. The study was buried because it didn't come up with the answers that the Washington establishment wanted."

James J. Baxter, President of the National Motorists Association, made that claim in a letter to members of Congress who are deliberating on repeal of the 55 mph National Maximum Speed Limit. Mr. Baxter claims that the study, the most comprehensive study done on speed limits in over 30 years, clearly proves that speed limits, as employed in the United States, have virtually no influence on driver behavior.

"Raise the limit, lower the limit, or remove the signs altogether, and traffic speeds do not materially change. Furthermore, raising or lowering speed limits has no meaningful influence on traffic safety."

"We were not surprised by the finding that most speed limits are grossly underposted in relation to existing vehicle speeds and roadway design capabilities. Underposting by 10-15 mph is the rule rather than the exception," said the NMA's President.

"This research effort was completed two years ago, submitted for rigorous peer review, and sent off to the Transportation Research Board to be forgotten and ignored. These were not the kind of results the safety establishment, the insurance industry, or enforcement agencies wanted publicized. They fly in the face of 40 years of 'speed kills' propaganda, and call serious question to traffic enforcement priorities. Millions of motorists, every year suffer financial losses totalling billions of dollars, as a result of unwarranted tickets and wasted time related to irrationally underposted speed limits.

This study proves that point. Small wonder they tried to bury it.

## Foxes negotiate henhouse pact

by Vin Suprynowicz

So, barely having hung up his souvenir African tribal masks, the president sallied forth this month on a long-planned hand-shaking jaunt to South America, billed as the next group of nations which this administration plans to wrap under the big umbrella of NAFTA-style free trade. And such a triumph was the little piece of globe-hopping that it concluded with a new agreement ... to crack down on drugs?



What gives?

Last fall, the White House warned Congress that Mr. Clinton's South American plans would be undercut if he was sent to Santiago without "fast-track" negotiating authority. And — led by the president's own Democrats — Congress proceeded to do just that, denying Mr. Clinton blanket authority, in advance, to negotiate a South American "NAFTA" on which the Senate would have to vote up or down without amendment.

Now, free trade is good, and prohibitive tariff barriers are bad. Not only did the Smoot-Hawley tariffs exacerbate the world-wide Depression of the 1930s, not only did the British demonstrate from 1850 to 1900 that unilateral free trade can bring national prosperity, but the very existence of the United States is a living testament to the benefits of free trade on a continent-wide scale. (Imagine how much poorer our lives would be, if your state charged its citizens huge tariffs on clothing imported from Carolina, or vegetables from California, to "protect" inefficient local suppliers.)

So why are members of the president's own party dragging their feet?

"Democrats say they want trade agreements only if they mandate protections for workers and the environment," the Post explains. "South American officials say labor and environmental standards don't belong in trade pacts and would be used as a cover for U.S. protectionism. Some compromise will have to be found." An agreement quietly reached in Santiago, to include labor and environmental groups in the negotiating process for the first time, "may help point the way."

Wrong.

As Paul Gigot pointed out in his weekly column in the Wall Street Journal of April 17, it is the president's own word (and good intentions) that are now suspect when it comes to free trade. The North American Free Trade Agreement called for liberalizing trucking across the U.S.-Mexican border, so that Mexican trucks (having met U.S. safety standards) could roll right across that artificial boundary and deliver their goods direct to Des Moines or Louisville.

But at the last minute — even after Customs authorities had

transferred inspectors to deal with the anticipated rush — Mr. Clinton quietly and personally nixed that part of the compact, apparently returning a campaign favor to the Teamsters Union.

"Including labor and environmental groups" in South American trade negotiations is a disastrous step. These people neither buy, nor do they sell. Widely infected with Marxist thinking, the leaders of such groups tend to regard profit, prosperity, and the freedom of capitalists to invest where they choose, all with equally deep suspicion.

The leaders of these groups have minimal incentive to help consumers get the best products at the lowest possible prices. They have institutional incentive to promote crippling protectionism.

NAFTA is hardly the apotheosis of free trade — a treaty running to thousands of pages is hardly needed to authorize the president to dynamite the Customs posts and tell our neighbors, "OK: bring in whatever you have."

NAFTA is **already** a sizeable compromise of true free-trade principles. To allow an additional seven years of "compromise" at the hands of labor and the green extreme (an Americas-wide free-trade agreement is now expected "by 2005") is like promising to return a child's kitten after seven years at the attack-dog training school; where its nickname will be "Lunch."

The implication of the "fast-track" crowd is that — unless the Congress agrees in advance to OK whatever deal Mr. Clinton cuts, without amendment — the Congress will ruin the treaty.

In fact, isn't it possible that what the "fast-trackers" actually fear is that a Republican Congress might amend any free-trade treaty in order to make it **more** free, stripping away any poisoned provisions attached by the new delegates from the Teamsters, from Earth First, and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals?

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"The right of self-defense is the first law of nature; in most governments it has been the study of rulers to confine this right within the narrowest limits possible. Wherever standing armies are kept up, and when the right of the people to keep and bear arms is, under any color or pretext whatsoever, prohibited, liberty, if not already annihilated, is on the brink of destruction." — Henry St. George Tucker, in Blackstone's 1768 "Commentaries on the Laws of England."

## Destructive race hustlers...

by Walter E. Williams

President Clinton goes to Uganda and makes a near apology for slavery. But Uganda had little to do with American slavery; most American slaves came from West Africa. Moreover, it was Africans and Arabs who sold slaves to Europeans. Strangely enough, Clinton and those doing the most moral posturing about last century's slavery ignore slavery right now in Mauritania and the Sudan. Clinton's "feeling our pain" and his race group talking up race does nothing for the real problems that stymie black progress. Clinton's agenda is to shore up political support among the black elite so they will guide their flock at the voting booth.



The average black person's interests lie elsewhere, as suggested in a Los Angeles Times story (4/13/98) by Richard T. Cooper titled "College Rethinks Its Commitment to Serving Poor." Temple University's fall 1998 freshman class has a student who graduated from a Philadelphia high school with a near perfect grade-point average, excelled in extra curricular activities and was class valedictorian.

You say, "Williams, what's the beef? That sounds like excellent college material!" But here's the rest of the story. After having twice taken the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) for math and verbal skills, the young lady couldn't get a combined score of 600 out of a possible 1,600. A person gets 400 points simply for writing his name on the test sheet. The national average is slightly over 900, and Temple's 1997 freshmen averaged 1,012. Neither 900 nor 1,000 is anything to write home about.

You ask, "How can a student with a near perfect grade-point average do so miserably on the SAT?" The best answer is that the student's high school grades were fraudulent. She was probably well-mannered, respectful, hard-working and helpful to teachers. The parents were

probably proud of the good grades she "earned." So we can't put much blame on the student and parents. The cruel, callous villain of the piece is a public education establishment that produces fraudulent education and issues fraudulent diplomas. The student was deceived into thinking that she was academically competent. This deception differs little from a flight instructor certifying that a pilot can fly when he can't or a military drill instructor certifying that a soldier is battle-ready when he's not. The only difference is the magnitude of the consequences of the deception.

Fraudulent education is the standard state of affairs for most black youngsters (it's not much better for whites). Despite this, black politicians, civil rights leaders, white liberals and Clinton give government schools unquestioned support. Defenders argue that teachers and administrators cannot be held responsible for the gross sociological problems they encounter trying to teach kids from broken homes and violent, drug-infested neighborhoods. That's right. However, teachers and administrators have total control over what grades they give and diplomas issued.

Colleges cover up high school fraud by admitting black students who have little prospect of graduating. The reason is that a college president's success in fund raising, talking legislators out of taxpayer money and avoiding political flak depends on "racial diversity" — having black bodies on campus. Whether those blacks graduate does not enter a president's self-serving calculation. In the case of Temple University, 90 percent of academically ill-prepared students, euphemized as "developmental students," fail to survive.

Clinton's proposal for more education dollars for smaller classes will not do anything but enrich the education establishment. There'll be no improvement until the average black parent says enough is enough and demands some form of school choice as a means to break a callous, deceptive education monopoly.

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### Local Government Meetings

Monday, May 11

• Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor courthouse.

Tuesday, May 12

• Post ISD board of trustees, 7:30 p.m., administration building.

Thursday, May 14

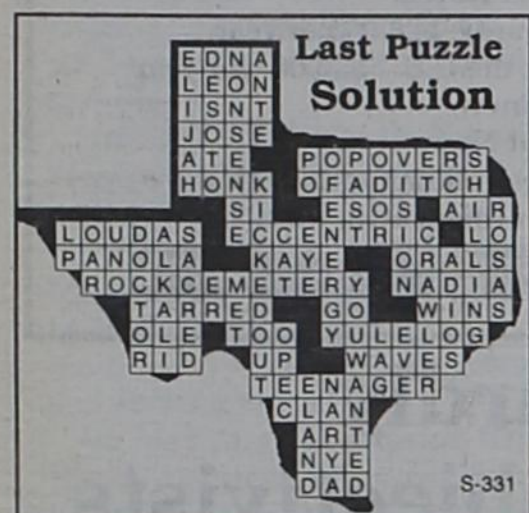
• Garza Hospital District board of directors, 7 a.m., board meeting room, old hospital building.

Monday, May 25

• Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor courthouse.

# 'What if? ...!'

Need to know the difference between a dromedary and a bactrian camel? One way to tell is to count the humps. A dromedary has only one.



by Louella Bilberry  
 What if all trucks, trains and all means of distribution were disrupted? All our food supply ceased? Could we survive? Our early ancestors could – the Indians here before us did.  
 With that in the back of my mind, I was very interested in Zoe Kirkpatrick's program on edible wild plants, presented to the Amity Study Club at the First Methodist fellowship Hall.  
 We sat at tables placed in a semi-circle. Each table had a specimen of a "local" weed that was edible. As Zoe showed her slides of plants, she told us about the plant, the harvest, the

preparation method and in some cases, the comments of her husband and sons on her serving of the finished products.

I would say the most widely recognized and used in this area is the wild plum for jellies and jams.  
 We are all familiar with the Mesquite – we know spring is really here when it's leaves come out. When the Mesquite bean pods turn a mottled red, they are ready for jelly making unless horses get to them first!

I would say the most plentiful edible plant we have is also the most cursed. Yes, the Dandelion. The Dandelion was brought to America by the Pilgrims who used it as a medicine. The greens can be eaten in salads or cooked. They should be picked early while still small and before buds are produced. The blossoms can be dipped in batter and deep-fried. The leaves are a rich source of Vitamins A & C, iron, calcium, protein and phosphorus and a pound of leaves has only 200 calories. As Zoe said in her book, "If

you can't beat 'em, just eat 'em!"  
 The blossom petals of the Yucca (or Bear Grass) plant may be used raw in salads or sauted with onions. Tumbleweed sprouts when about five inches long may be boiled about fifteen minutes, seasoned with salt, pepper and butter and served as you would other greens. Wild onion is readily available – if it smells like an onion, it's O.K. – just be sure you don't mistake Crow poison for it. Crow Poison doesn't have the onion odor.  
 Zoe's book is in the Post Library. Check it out! She is given recognition in the current "Texas Highways" issue! Also in this issue is a picture made out on F.M. 651 near the Salt Fork of the Brazos River.  
 Barbara Babb and Marion Wheatley served us home-made ice cream and cookies. Umm, good!

Members attending were Sandra Alexander, Margaret Bull, Ginger Carlisle, Joy Dickson, Naomi Matsler (she won the door prize – a jar of Zoe's wild plum jelly), Martha McLendon, Janey Middleton, Edna Owen, Kathy Rankin, Ruth Ann Young and Louella Bilberry.

## Obituaries

### Kylie Ann Williams

Graveside services for Kylie Ann Williams, stillborn infant were held Sunday, May 3, 1998 at 1 p.m. in Terrace Cemetery with Father Lawrence Hemp officiating. Burial was under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.  
 Kylie was born and died on May 1, 1998 in Methodist Hospital.  
 Survivors include her parents, Kurt and Cynthia Williams of Post; her sister, Danica Williams of Post; grandparents, Mr and Mrs Billy Williams of Post and Mr and Mrs Carlos Polanco of Post; great grandparents Vallie Daniels of Post, Dominga Casias of Hereford and Petra Gutierrez of Phoenix, Arizona.

## Helping our neighbors, community action works!

South Plains Community Action Associations and the staff of Garza County Multi-Service Center in Post are proud to announce the arrival of Community Action Month. The whole month of May is dedicated to the Community Action Centers and how they have helped residents throughout our country.

Garza county is fortunate to have such a center located in Post. The Center known as Garza County Multi-Service Center has helped Garza County residents for many years with a variety of services including: JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act), Transportation, WIC (Women, Infants, and Children), Housing, Weatherization, Utility Assistance, Head Start, Texas Health Steps and others. Our programs make a real difference in the lives of residents in our community.

One of the biggest issues in the lives of low-income Americans has recently been the unprecedented changes in the welfare system. These changes are affecting the lives of millions of low-income people, the South Plains is not exempt from these changes. Community Action Agencies are working on behalf of individuals and families to help them navigate through the resulting anxiety and confusion.

We help many residents find a road out of poverty into self-sufficiency each year. This is accomplished through having a dedicated employed

staff and through our many volunteers.

We encourage anyone who would like to find out about our agency to come by and see what we have to offer. Please contact Billie Williams or Ysabel Overton at 495-2329 or come by S. Hwy. 84, Post.

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## No one says it quite like Mom

by Wesley W. Burnett  
 I guess I will always remember the expression on my mother's face and the look in her eyes when she disapproved of something I said or did... and with the same power, her loving and beautiful smile when I knew I had done or said something that made her happy.  
 I believe no one can say with expressions their feelings better than moms... whether good or bad... and much of the influence that impacts our ideas about morality and character and life come directly from those penetrating looks that moms are so good at.  
 My children would agree, I'm sure, because they know instinctively when they see the glare of their mom's eyes... or the warmest and loveliest smile and glitter of her eyes... words do not need to be spoken in those times.  
 Mothers know their children... fathers too often just don't have what it takes to know their children... and that is not a condemnation of us, it is just an observation and feelings from my past. If it weren't for their mom, I don't know what kind of adults our children would be today. But I do believe, my mom taught me how to be a good parent... and in many ways I emulated her teachings... but as in my case, dad was great, but mom was the connection to life.  
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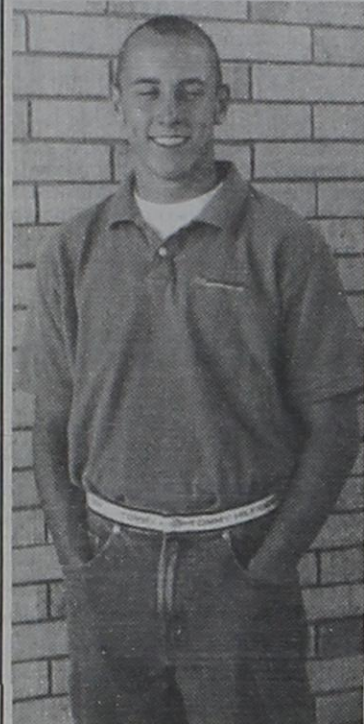






# Congratulations PHS State Qualifiers!

## State Qualifier 100 & 300M Hurdles



Sam Woods will compete in the 100 and 300 meter hurdles, May 16 at the state track meet.

## State U.I.L. Academic Qualifiers



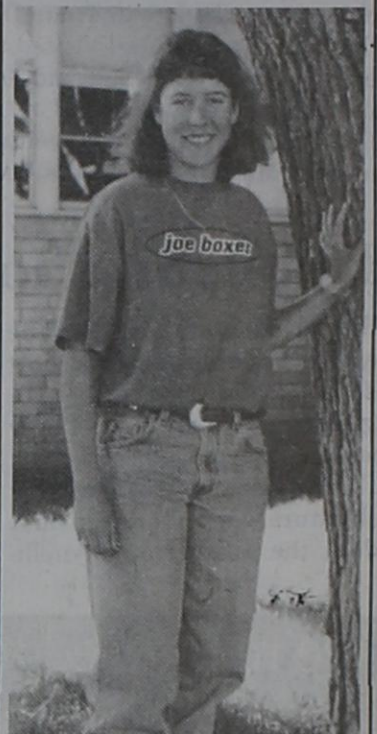
PHS U.I.L. state competitors are (seated) spelling champs Shelley Shifflett, Macee Mills and Kathy Gerner; debate competitors Jenny Conoly, (standing) Derek Cowley and Jason Howard.

## Regional Champions ... Boys 2A Golf



PHS Golf Team (left to right) Jay Gorman, Slade Bevers, Jerry Graham, Justin Gorman, Marcus Lopez and Justin Norman won the Regional 2A golf championship and will compete May 11-12 in Austin at the state tournament.

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