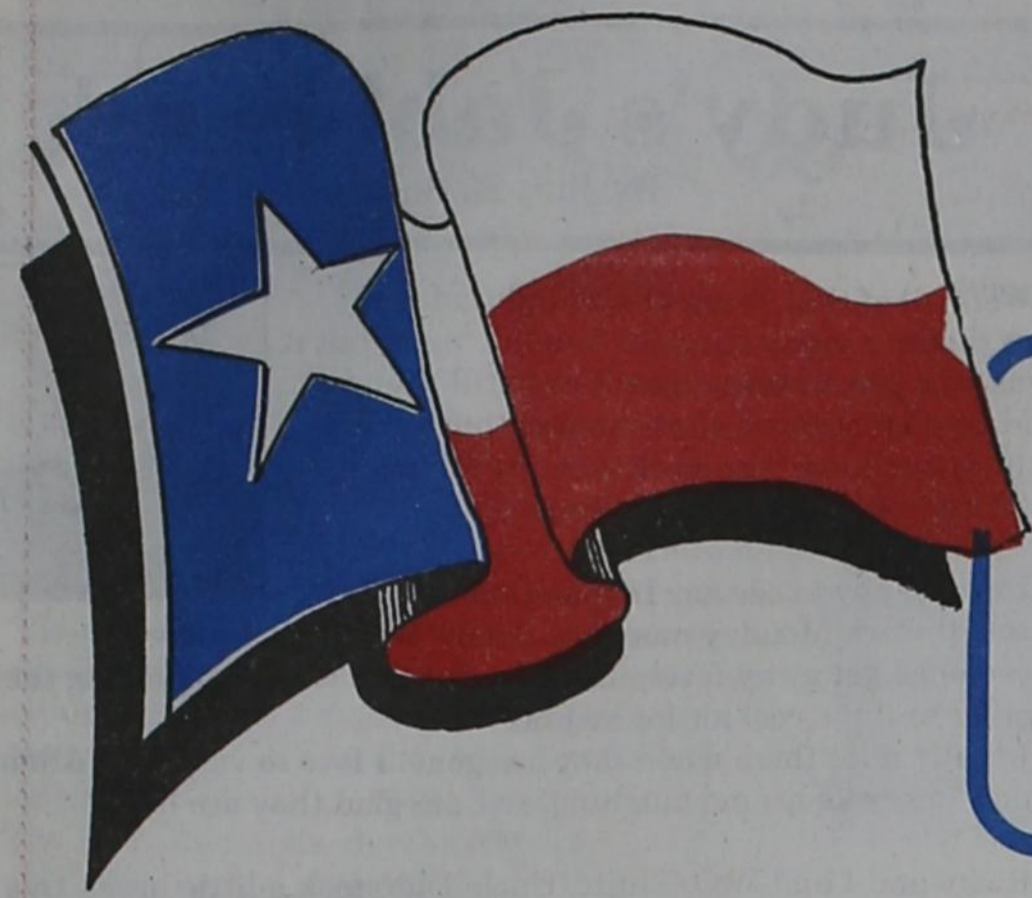


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The Post Dispatch

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Budget crunch, jail lead city and county concerns

by Wes Burnett
 A lively discussion on next year's budget highlighted the Garza County Commissioners' Court regular meeting Monday morning. Most of the attention was focused on increases in the Sheriff's Department. Commissioners were joined by city council members for discussion on jointly funded projects.

Sheriff Kenny Ratke and Judge Giles Dalby explained that overcrowding at the jail is a major factor in the increases. "We've had to ship prisoners out to other county jails," Ratke said, "and we've been spending from \$3,000 to \$4,000 a month for that. We don't see any relief until the new prison is opened."

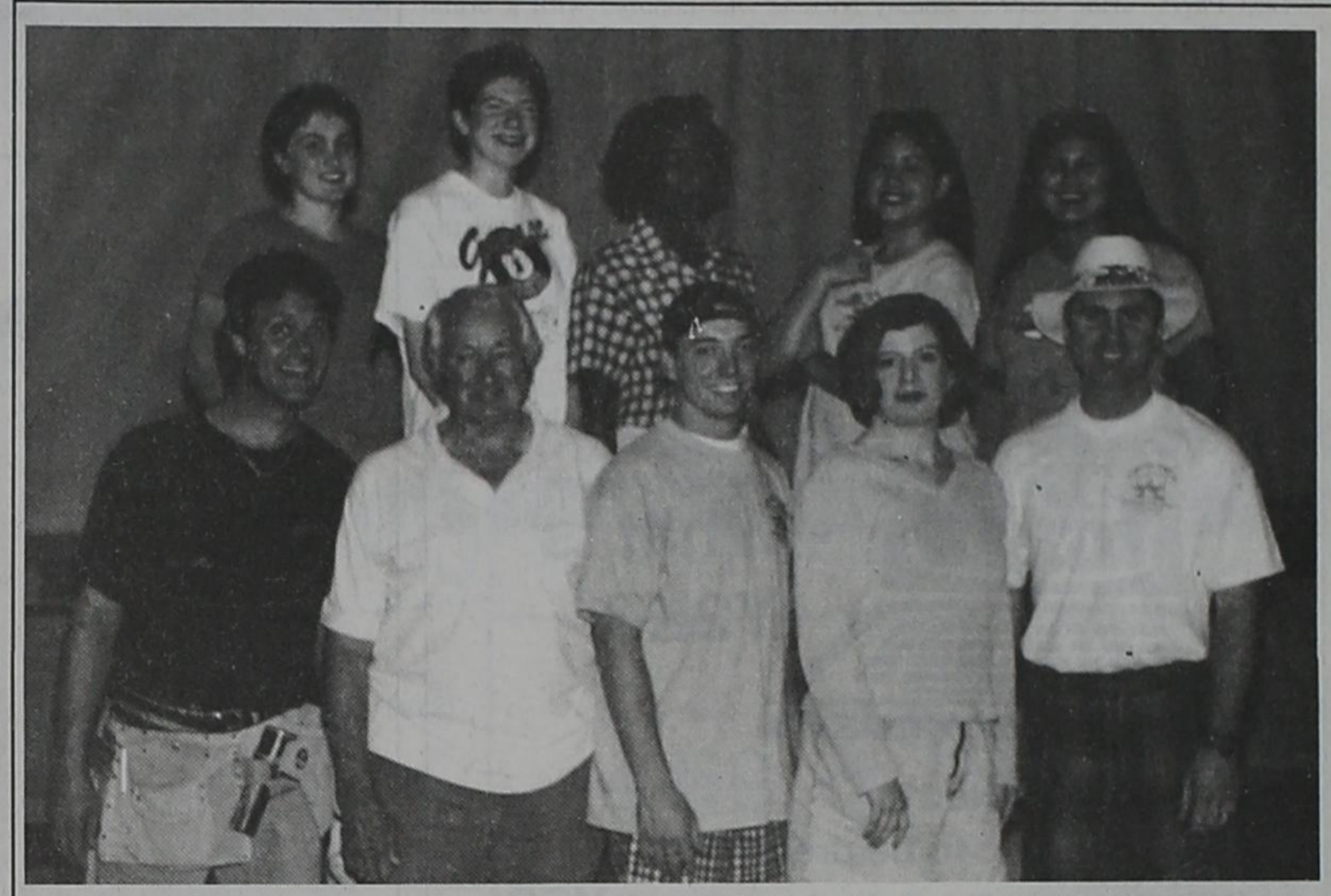
Judge Dalby also said that the state projects its prisons to be full by December of this year. "When that happens, every county jail will eventually be full too. We may have a problem even finding space at all."

Dalby explained that part of the difficulty is a piece of legislation passed two years ago that requires all prisoners to serve at least one half of their sentence prior to being considered eligible for pa-

role.

When questioned by Post city manager Rick Hanna about the need for two new cars, Sheriff Ratke explained that the extra mileage for transporting prisoners to other county jails and attending hearings in those counties was quickly deteriorating the fleet. "But, hey, we'll get by with whatever you decide," he replied. He reminded the council and commis-

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Keeping audiences happy at the Garza Theatre during its 100th production are "Li'l Abner" cast and crew members (back row, left to right) Amanda Norris, Karen Reams, Chezla Stevens, Moni Pauda, Amanda Smith, (front row) Steve Sever, Weldon George, Ben Wells, Amy Johnson and Jason Polk. The play continues this weekend and through July 26. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

Post ISD trustees study loss of \$900,000 for next year's budget

by Sheri Lewis
 The Post Independent School District board of trustees, during work on the 1998-99 school year budget, received more bad news at its regular meeting Monday. Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain said it appears the school district stands to lose more than \$900,000 in state and local funding thanks to the drop in property values.

"When property values are up, state funds are down," Bain said. The problem exists because the state, in calculating funding for "poor" school districts such as the Post ISD, uses in its funding formula the previous year's property values. Last year's \$316 million property value figure will be plugged into the state's complex funding formula to determine state monies for the 1998-99 school year; however, because the district will collect taxes on the current property value of \$275 million, revenues from local taxes will be lower,

resulting in an anticipated loss of about \$350,000 in state funds, Bain said.

Sidelining that loss is the expected \$590,000 loss the district is expected to take at the local level due to the drop in property values.

"This is going to be a very lean year for us," Bain told trustees Monday night. "This is going to be a year we are going to hold our expenditures to a minimum if we can."

There is a provision that allows school districts who suffer a loss of more than four percent to use an adjusted value in the state funding formula. That could mean that if the state has monies available, the Post ISD might recover \$100,000 to \$200,000 of lost state monies.

Is it lawful for tax money to be used to care for non-indigent?

by Wesley W. Burnett
 Of all the issues which are central to the question about the Garza Hospital District (GHD) adhering to the law, the one which seems to baffle the most number of people is really the simplest question of them all.

Does the GHD have the authority by law to spend tax money for medical care for anyone not considered to be indigent or needy?

I have phrased this question clearly and forthrightly since last March, and yet no member of the GHD board of directors has presented any evidence to support the expenditure of funds beyond the limitation of caring for the indigent and needy.

Several weeks ago, in a letter to the board of directors, GHD attorney W. Calloway Huffaker said about Article 9, Section 9 of the Texas constitution: "This article sets forth specifically that the District 'shall assume full responsibility for providing medical and hospital care for its needy inhabitants.'"

The new school year's budget, which is not yet complete, has been "trimmed," Bain said. Trustees are eyeing total expenditures of about \$7,115,000, compared to \$6,980,000 for the 1997-98 school year. The approximate \$125,000 increase is due primarily to personnel salary increases that are "more or less mandated by the state," he said. "That's our biggest problem in budgeting — the state-dictated teacher salary schedule."

The superintendent said that if the district can survive this year and property values remain stable, "we'll be OK."

The board's next regular meeting is set for Thursday, Aug. 13, at 7:30 p.m. A hearing on the 1998-99 budget will be conducted Aug. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

In other business, trustees:

- Heard Technology Coordinator James Easterling's monthly report. Easterling said plans are set to get the computer network systems fully equipped and operational by the beginning of school, Aug. 13.
- Received brief reports on summer school attendance from Middle School Principal Marita Jackson and Elementary School Assistant Principal Marvin Self.
- Approved appraisers for the 1998-99 school year.

Post Dispatch seeks youth for journalism project

Post Dispatch publisher Wesley W. Burnett has announced plans for a special community journalism training project for Garza County youth. "We are offering hands-on experience for five young people, ages 15 to 18 years old," Burnett explains. The program will begin in August.

The project will include training and practical experiences in news reporting and writing, features, editorial research, planning, editing and writing, photography, advertising and production.

"We will dedicate a full page to this project so that participating youth will be responsible for the content and production," Burnett adds.

Interested youth should call the publisher at 495-2816 to schedule an appointment to discuss the project.

Post Notes

2nd annual Junior Golf Camp

The Second Annual Antelope Junior Golf Camp will be held July 20, 21 and 22 at the Caprock Golf Course from 9 a.m. 'til noon for all girls and boys who will be in the fourth through eighth grades. Camp cost will be \$25 per child. For more information contact Barbara Hardin at 495-3987 or Jan Bartlett at 495-3188.

Draw-Redwine reunion Sunday

The annual Draw-Redwine reunion will be held Sunday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Center for Housing and Community Development, 1400 Avenue K in Tahoka. The Pioneer Museum in Tahoka will be open from 3-4 p.m. for visitors. A noon dinner will be catered at \$6.50 per plate. For more information call Billie Parker at (806) 998-4772.

Calvary Baptist Vacation Bible School

The public is invited to an "out-of-this-world" week of adventure with a special Bible learning and activities at the Calvary Baptist Church, 6th St and Avenue H, from July 20-24. The Vacation Bible School will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. each evening. Call 495-2342 for more information.

Methodist Church sponsors fund raiser

The First United Methodist Church is sponsoring a fund raiser through the month of July, which will benefit Garza County Trailblazers. Donations will go towards the building fund. Contributions may be sent to the Methodist Church office Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. 'til noon or mail to 216 W. 10th St., Post, Texas 79356.

Rusty Hudelson's Knights of the West

Featured at the Tower Theater on Saturday, August 1 will be Rusty Hudelson's Knights of the West. The show will include country music with Rusty and Tania Moody and special yodeling, comedy of Gaynelle Strawback and John Hartin, the fastest guitar in the West. Jody Boudreaux on the accordion and gospel music will a special guest. Tickets are \$7.50 each. Call (806) 894-3552 for reservations.

Teens seeking summer jobs

Several teenagers are seeking jobs for the summer in preparation for back-to-school expenses. Individuals or businesses who can provide jobs should call Rodney Tidwell at Mad Dads, 495-1244.

Post Cares seeks electric fans

Post Cares is in need of two, upright electric floor fans. Anyone wishing to donate may come by 222 E. 8th (behind Jackson's Meat Locker) or call 495-2194. Post Cares is open from 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

Later deadline for Dispatch

The deadline for all copy and advertising for The Post Dispatch is now 4 p.m. on Tuesdays. "We have arranged a later press time on Wednesday," publisher Wes Burnett explains, "which allows us to accommodate our customers with a later deadline on Tuesday." There will be no change in delivery for mailed subscriptions, which continue to be delivered on Thursday. Newsstand delivery will be on Thursday afternoon.

Southland reunion August 1

Everyone who has lived in Southland or attended school there or been involved in the community are invited to the Southland Reunion, Saturday, August 1 beginning at 3 p.m. Events will be held at the Southland School, with a "pot luck" supper beginning at 6 p.m.

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Date	High	Low	Precip
7/8	101	80	—
7/9	105	76	—
7/10	106	74	—
7/11	98	76	—
7/12	100	79	—
7/13	104	84	—
7/14	105	69	—
July rainfall — 0.00			
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(Records courtesy Garza County Sheriff's Department)			

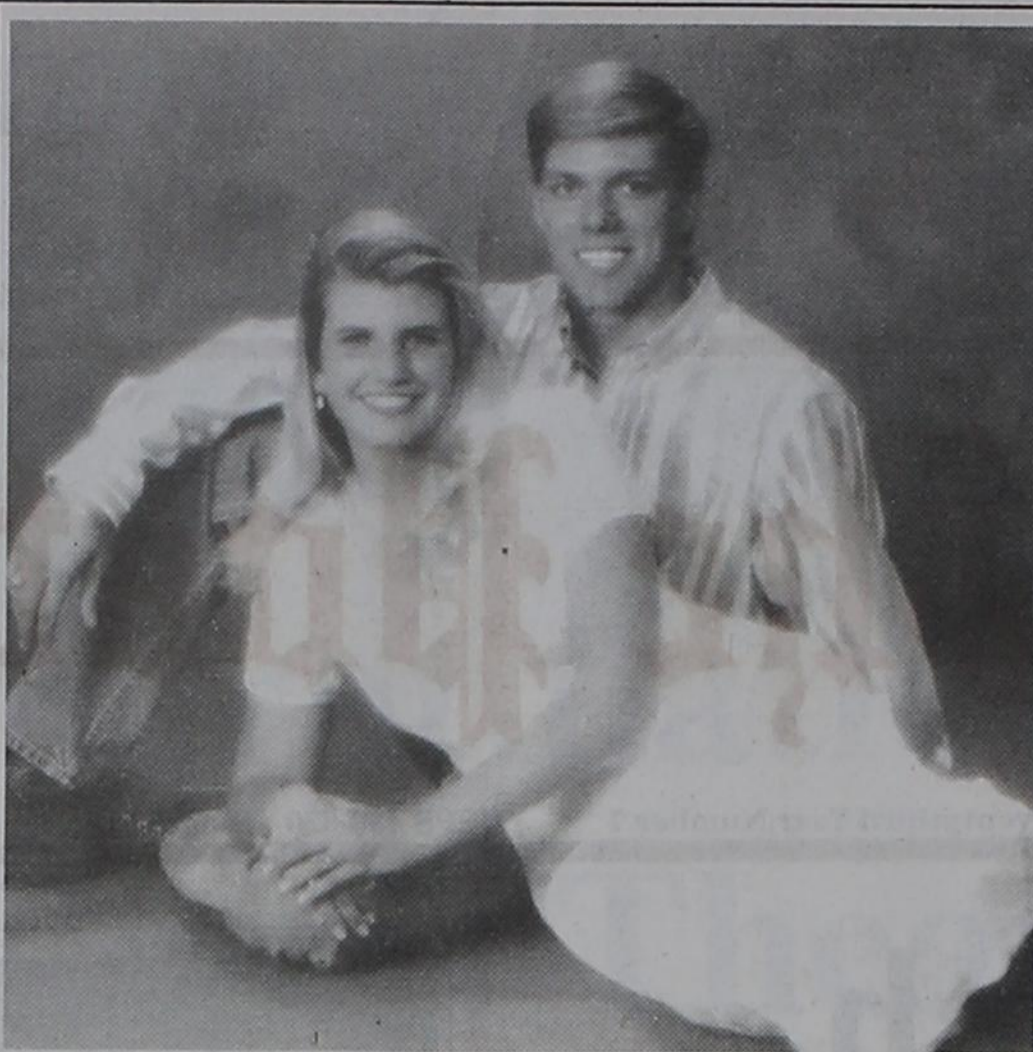
Traci Moore, Jason Haire announce engagement

Traci Moore of Stanton and Jason Haire of Lubbock would like to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Traci is the daughter of Dr and Mrs Randy Moore of Stanton. She is a graduate of Stanton High School and attends Texas Tech University. She is currently employed by Trippe Porcelain Laboratory in Lubbock.

Jason is the son of Sherry Farquhar of Southland and Johnny Haire of Austin. He is a graduate of Southland High School and attends Texas Tech University. He is currently employed by Stumbaugh Drug in Lubbock.

An August 8, 1998 wedding has been planned at Baptist Encampment Tabernacle in Stanton.



Traci Moore and Jason Haire

Parra, bride-elect of Radley Nichols honored with shower

Lisa Parra, bride elect of Radley Nichols was honored with a bridal shower, Tuesday, July 7, 1998 at 7 p.m. in the Citizens Bank Room in Post.

Guests were served cookies and almond tea from a table featuring the brides chosen colors of taupe and white.

Special guests included Josie Caballero, Carmen Cballero, Eva Ramirez, Syan Young, Jo Thomas, Karen Nichols and Lori and Brayson Dorman.

A hostess gift of a vacuum was presented to the couple by Carol Payne, Marianne Hart, Theresa Harp, LuAnne Terry, Nancy Kemp, Dorothy McCook, Martha Baker, Rebecca Haney, Cindy Mitchell, Marsha Norman, Lee Ann Hodges, Alexa Collier, Melvena Moore, Eydie Capps, Ruby Jones and Marinette Tyler.



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George Blackstone and San Juanita Chapa

Chapa, Blackstone announce engagement

Mr and Mrs Amando Chapa would like to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter San Juanita Chapa to

George Blackstone. George is the son of Mr and Mrs Billy Blackstone of San Benito.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the University of Texas-Pan American.

The prospective groom is a graduate of San Benito High School and a college graduate of the University of Texas-Pan American. He is currently attending Louisiana State University where he is employed and working on his Masters Degree.

The couple will be united in marriage on August 7, 1998 in McAllen.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Well, all of that thunder and lightning did not produce many showers Sunday night, but it was nice just to know that it can still thunder!

Maybe all of these slim chances that we are suppose to have this week will pay off and we will see some much needed rain.



I was happy to see our Dispatch neighbors back at work Monday morning. Seems the Ammons have developed get away fever, and have been in Ruidoso enjoying their trailer and the cool air for awhile.

I really miss them when they are gone. I love to visit with Allane and Corkey keeps me laughing, so I am glad they are home!

Ricky and I and W.O. Fluitt (Uncle Dub) took a little break this past weekend and visited with Joe and Kay Reno and their family in May. It was really pretty and green there for they had received about 3 inches of rain over the July 4 holiday.

We had a wonderful time and really enjoyed the visit. The Reno's always make us feel right at home and keep us entertained (Joe's a nut) the whole time.

I had a really good visit with Glen Polk and his wife Twila Sunday evening. They are having such a good time with Lil' Abner at the Garza Theatre.

Of course the conversation rolled around to attendance and why more of the Post folks don't attend the plays.

I have to say I'm as guilty as anyone about attending the theatre, and I don't really know why except that Rick and I let everything else come first. That is really a shame because we are missing some of the best plays and more fun than anyone should miss.

I think it is ironic that this wonderful entertainment is available to all of us for much less than we spend going to Lubbock to a show or many other things that we do for entertainment yet hometown attendance is low.

I know that I heard so many people rave about "Last of the Red Hot Lovers" and I wanted to kick myself that we did not go.

So, I guess what I am trying to say here is, folks, lets all put in an extra effort to back these people that work so hard to bring these plays to Garza Theatre. Christy Morris and all of the people that back her up deserve that much. And--- I think in the outcome that all of us slipper-uppers will be the ones that reap the benefits. We have a theatre in Post that Lubbock would be proud to have, let's let them know we appreciate them!!

Birthdays this week: Thursday 16; Carmen Brannon and Cheyenne Poe; Anniversary Michelle and Brent Mason. Friday 17; Keri Holly, Dee Ann Tackitt and Michael Davilla. Anniversary; Ritchie and Shannon Thornton. Saturday 18; Tracy Shummard, Leslie Solis, Sonny Gossett (How Old??), Carolina Gutierrez, Vicki Grey and Sandra Benham. Anniversary; Wade and Carol Peppers. Sunday 19; K'Lenn Hair, DeDe Smith, and Heather Bullard. Anniversaries; Clay and Susannah Mercer, James and Melinda Morgan and Ray and Celia Mason. Monday 20; Jerry Whitten, Jay Cole, Jacob Egbert and Ryan Belongia. Anniversary; Lance and Tami Egbert. Tuesday 21. Scott Redden and a very special happy birthday to my grandson Colby Crispin. Wednesday 22; another special happy birthday to my other grandson, James Striblin, Cynthia Haworth, Jami Williams, Dee Je Estep, Darrell Jones, James Mize, Joalyn Rodriguez and Wayne Edwards.

Sarah and Jack Ault enjoyed having Eric Welch, son of Rick Welch formally of Post, in their home for a week. This is an annual event for the Aults. Eric attends college in Austin.

Guess that is all for this week. Everyone go out and enjoy Lil' Abner this weekend. There are Friday and Saturday night performances at 7:45 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are only \$10.00. May God bless each of you and I'll see you next week.

Cody Collier awarded degree

Cody Collier was awarded a Bachelor of Science Degree in Cognitive Science from The University of Texas at Dallas during commencement exercises May 17, 1998. He was the recipient of a full

academic scholarship during his four years at UTD sponsored by Rockwell Industries.

While a student at UTD Cody served two-one year terms on the Orientation Team which included paraprofessional counseling.

Cody (cc@mcmann-tate.com) is currently employed by McMann & Tate, an advertising, design, and internet solutions firm in Dallas.

A 1994 honor graduate of Post High School, Cody is the son of Bill and Alexa Collier of Post.

Outreach to sponsor Orientation

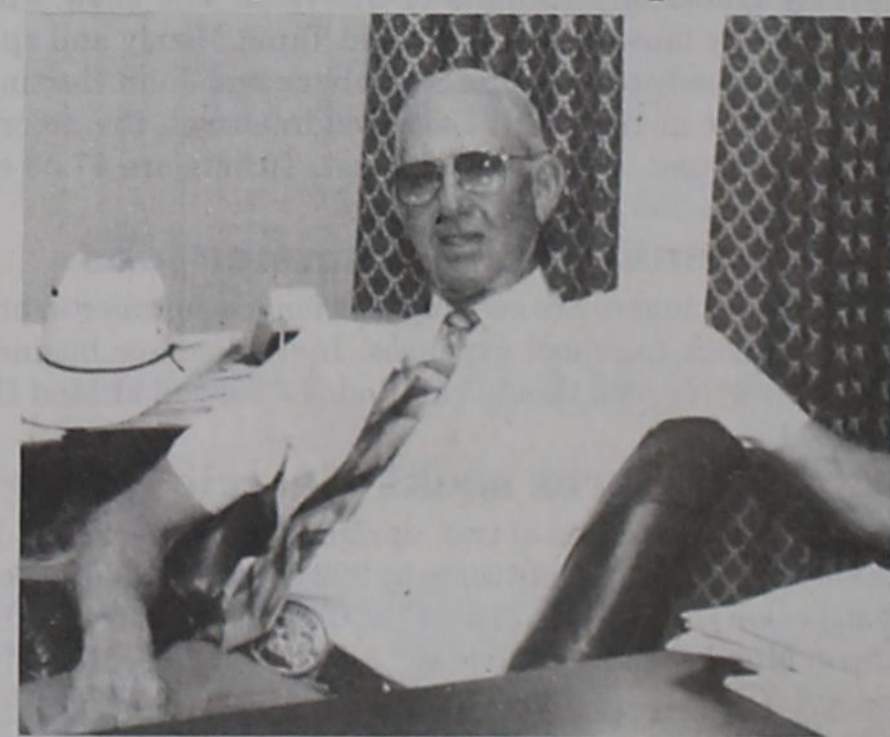
The Lubbock Outreach Office of Methodist Children's Home will sponsor an Orientation to Foster Parenting on Thursday, July 30, 1998, for persons interested in learning more about becoming foster parents. Methodist Children's Home's foster parents help families by providing temporary care for young children while the children's parents try to resolve family crises.

The orientation will be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Forrest Heights United Methodist Church, 3007 33rd Street (33rd and Elgin), Lubbock. Person who are interested should call 806-792-0099 for more information and to pre-register. Please pre-register by Wednesday, July 29, 1998.

Brandon McDonald named to honor roll

Brandon Layne McDonald, a freshman History major at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma has been named to the Dean's List for the 1998 spring semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must complete at least 12 credit hours with a 3.4 grade point average, and no incomplete courses or grades below a "C".

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

July belongs to Blueberries!

July is the best month of the year to sing praises to the blues... the blueberries, that is. That's because July is the peak for fresh blueberries.

It was on April 7, 1949, opening night of South Pacific, that Mary Martin stepped onto the stage of the Majestic Theater in New York and sang out, "I'm as normal as blueberry pie..." Since then, no one has been able to argue that blueberries aren't as American as hot dogs. Blueberries are true-blue Americana. Of course they have been around a lot longer than just since 1949. But it wasn't until the 30s that scientists developed taller plants and produced larger, sweeter, juicier fruits that could be harvested mechanically at a reasonable cost.

The North American Blueberry Council suggests that blueberries are your blueprint for success when it comes to nutrition, economy, and good taste. There are many delicious ways to eat blueberries: baked in muffins, pies, turnovers, cobblers, or crisp; added to waffles, pancakes, or cereal; folded into crepes; made into jams or jellies; and as a topping for ice cream or yogurt.

Blueberry season is just 5 months long, from May until September. The first berries to reach the market come from northern Florida and Georgia. Other major producers are Arkansas, Michigan, North Carolina, New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington. When shopping for blueberries, look for light-blue berries that have a powdery look (called "bloom"), which is the sign of freshness. The bloom is a natural waxy covering that protects the berries from the sun. It cannot be rinsed off, but it fades as the berries age. Large berries are sweeter than smaller ones.

Blueberry Trivia

+During fresh blueberry season wild bears will walk 10 to 15 miles a day to reach a fruit-filled patch. As the berries ripen from the valleys up into the mountains, the bears will follow right along.

+Ninety-five percent of the world's commercially produced blueberries are grown in North America.

+Blueberry Slump is one of the first blueberry dessert recipes developed by the colonists. Also known as Blueberry Grunt, the recipe could be baked or boiled.

+If Mark Twain could do it over again, perhaps he would call Tom Sawyer's buddy Blueberry Finn, since that is what grows along the banks of the Mississippi River.

+According to Joy of Cooking: If the seeds are small, it's blueberries you have. If they are many and large, it's huckleberries. The difference is why the blueberry is preferred, both for eating out of hand and for cooking!

Blueberry Vinegar - for salad dressings or for gifts Place 1 cup fresh blueberries in a sterilized 1-qt. glass jar. Combine 2 cups white vinegar and 2 Tbsp. sugar in a non-aluminum saucepan over high heat. Cover and bring to a boil. Remove from heat and pour vinegar mixture over blueberries. Cover and let stand at room temperature 3 days. Strain blueberry mixture through damp cheesecloth or coffee filters into decorative bottles or jars. Seal with a cork or other airtight lid.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, sex, color, religion, disability or national origin.



Lela Pennington enjoying the Golden Plains Care Center party at the "Summer Beach."

Golden Plains Care Center Newsletter

Hello,
I have been out awhile and haven't been able to write the newsletter. I would like to thank everyone for all their calls and concerns. I feel a lot better!

This week on Monday we played volleyball and on Tuesday the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW came by with some delicious cakes and punch. We didn't have any birthdays this month but you really don't need a reason to eat cake! On Wednesday we played shuffleboard, we haven't done that in a while.

We are real glad to have Pearl Moreman back from the hospital.

We are going to have a lot of fun next week. On Monday we will exercise and then do nail care. At 2 p.m. it is time for Bingo and then at 3:30 we are going to make bird feeders out of peanut butter, birdseed and lids. If anyone happens to have some lids (lids off of coffee cans, butter dishes, etc.) laying around we could use them.

On Tuesday Calvary Baptist Church will be here to lead worship and get us to singing. We will also have our quilting club at 3:30 p.m.

On Wednesday we are going to exercise at 9:30 a.m., volleyball at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. we will be watching slide show movies and eat popcorn.

We would like to send out a big GET WELL SOON to Una Mae Jackson and hope she will be feeling better real soon.

We are starting a new program here at Golden Plains Care Center. It is for outpatient rehab, which includes physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy. We will accept Medicare, Medicaid, private pay and insurance. If you happen to be driving to Lubbock for therapy, give us a call and we might be able to save you the drive and you can do your therapy right here in Post. We have a great therapy team. Call 495-2848 and ask for Danny Guthrie.

Til next week,
Bunny

There isn't much to be seen in a little town but what you hear makes up for it.

—Kin Hubbard

Births

Jonathan Angel

Princess Hope, Martin Angel and De Amor Martincita are proud to announce the birth of their new baby brother, Jonathan Isah Angel.

He was born at Highland Medical Center on July 11, 1998 at 6:05 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs. 1/4 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Cailey Johnson

Michael and Stacy Johnson of Levelland are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Cailey Renae Johnson. She was born June 30, 1998 in Highland Medical Center in Lubbock. Cailey weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 20 inches long. She is welcomed home by a big sister, LaShea Johnson of Post.

Grandparents are Wendell and Cindy Johnson of Post and Robert and Mary Taylor of Glenrose.

Great grandparents are Jiggs and Shorty King of Post.

Isabelle Perez

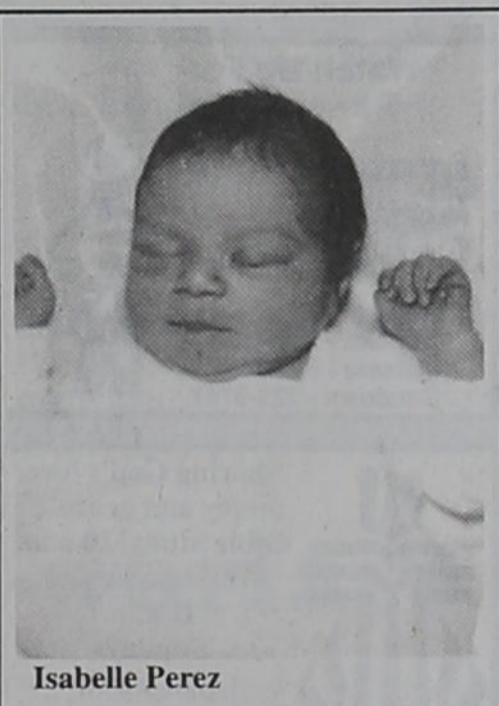
David and Rita Rivera of Post are proud to announce the birth of their first granddaughter, Isabelle Danielle Perez. Proud parents are Joe Perez Jr. and Valerie Rivera.

She was born July 9, 1998 at 7:58 p.m. in University Medical Center. Isabelle weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Janie Sandoval of Mt. Pleasant and the late Joe Perez.

Maternal great grandparents are Florencia Rivera of Tahoka and the late Susie and George Mindieta.

Paternal great grandparents are Juan Perez and the late Rebecca Perez of Post.



Isabelle Perez

Sky Robison

Mr and Mrs Kirt Robison of Lubbock are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sky Hill Robison. She was born June 9, 1998 and weighed 8 lbs. 15 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

She is welcomed home by her two sisters, Crystal and Patricia.

Grandparents are Billie Lou Hill of Post, Omar and Ruth Burselson of Lockney and Johnny Robison of Post.

Great grandparents are the late Billy and Jo Hill of Post, Don and Jo Robison of Justiceburg and Viola Mangum of Lockney.



Sky Hill Robison

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by John Senter, CEA-AG

Right of way hay production...

Although most folks have not received enough moisture for highway right of ways to turn green, some might find an interest in the following *food for thought*. One cutting of right of way, both sides of the highway, produces 8-10 tons of hay.

Remember, because of the highway run off, the right of way receives double rainfall.

Noxious or perennial weeds and weed seed should be considered in the decision to: (1) use or not use (2) feed in a feed lot situation (3) feed in a closed pen situation, etc.

In 1995, the state legislature established laws on the use of highway right of way for mowing, baling, shredding and hoeing materials for personal use.

Transportation Code: Sec. 202.059. Mowing, Baling, Shredding, and Hoeing material on Right-of-way.

(a) A department district engineer, on request of a person, may, but is not required to, permit the person to mow, bale, shred, or hoe material on the right-of-way of a portion of a state highway that is in the district supervised by that engineer.

(b) If the person requesting permission under Subsection (a) is not the owner of the real property adjacent to the right-of-way that is the subject of the request, the district engineer must first provide the owner of the property the option of mowing, baling, shredding, or hoeing material on the right-of-way before granting permission to another

person.
(c) A person permitted to mow, bale, shred, or hoe the right-of-way may not receive compensation for the mowing, baling, shredding, or hoeing but is entitled to use or dispose of the hay or other material produced.

(d) The state, the department, and the district engineer are not liable for any property damage, personal injury, or death resulting from the performance of a service or agreement under this section.

Some research shows, 25 feet of highway right-of-way, for 1 mile on two sides of State Highway 385 produced 20 tons of prairie hay. One mile of highway 385 was mowed with a rotary mower (shredder), raked and baled in September 1993. 2 times 1994 2 times 1995 1 time 1996 1 time 1997

It would appear, highway right-of-way can possibly produce 300 bales (small bales) per mile. This hay has been fed to cattle and horses with very satisfactory results. A sickle mower may give better results than a shredder type mower. Because of rain and snow run-off from the highway, the right-of-way receives about 2 times the moisture as the land in that particular area.

Last year the State of Texas spent \$29,057,646.00 to mow 760,972 miles of highway right-of-way. If farmers and ranchers would have mowed, raked and baled the grass, it would have produced 15,219,440 tons of hay.

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The greatest and most important problems of life are all fundamentally insoluble...They can never be solved, but only outgrown.
 —C.G. Jung

Obituaries

Johnny Ray Williams

Funeral services for Johnny Ray Williams, 38 of Crosbyton were held Tuesday, July 14, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. in the Pleasant Home Baptist Church with Rev. Leonard Chatham of Levelland officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mr Williams died July 11, 1998 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born September 30, 1959 in Lorenzo to Doc and Dora (Reed) Williams. He married Josie Jackson on January 1, 1980 in Crosbyton. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Josie of Crosbyton; one daughter, Diana Williams of Post; one son, Darreus Williams of Crosbyton; his parents, Dora Williams of Post and Doc Williams of Lorenzo; four sisters, Amy Roberts of Lorenzo, Patricia Greathouse and Brenda Williams, both of Lubbock, and Trina Williams of Odessa; and one brother, Gary Williams of Lubbock.

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 All 4-H and FFA steer exhibitors need to have your steers at the show barn Monday, July 20, at 5:30 p.m. for a county-wide hoof trimming.

4-H Parent's Association ...
 ...will meet Tuesday, July 21, 7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. All 4-H parents are encouraged to attend this important planning meeting.

EPC Meeting
 The Garza County Extension Program Council Executive Board will meet Wednesday, July 22 at Noon at L.D.'s Daughters.



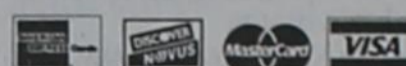
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Feds take first step in national ID project

Editor's Note: The following information is reprinted by permission from The Free Press (Vol. 5, No. 5). For the complete article contact publisher Jerre Kneip at P.O. Box 2303, Kerrville, Texas 78029. It is another example of the insidious destruction of individual liberty in the United States through regulatory and legislative tyranny. And you thought the era of "big brother" government was on the decline?

On June 17, 1998 the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) published the proposed "Driver's License/SSN/National Identification Document" guidelines which all states will be compelled to comply with over the next two years.

The "Notice of Proposed Rule Making" (NPRM) sets out the "standard feature" requirements for driver's license cards and other "identification" documents. States which do not comply will find their citizens will not be allowed to participate in routine, life-essential functions after the imposed federal deadline of October 1, 2000.

Non-conforming licenses will not be accepted for identification by any federal agency. Once implemented, no one in the U.S. will be able to engage in many basic, fundamental activities unless they carry with them at all times a conforming government-issued identification card.

Not surprisingly, under the proposed rule, it will become mandatory that social security numbers must be submitted in order for anyone to receive a state-issued driver's license.

Perhaps the most pervasive implication of this new National ID scheme is that in the near future an identification card will be required just to engage in activities we now take for granted.

For example: Under the Brady Law's "instant criminal background check" requirements, no one will be allowed to purchase a gun from a licensed gun dealer unless they possess one of the new, conforming identification documents. This reality alone will effectively force the states to implement the new requirements so citizens may purchase guns.

And it will likewise consequently force all citizens to have an approved "ID" just to engage in this constitutionally protected "right." And, under the federal "New Hires Database" system and the related "Employment Eligibility Confirmation System" program, everyone will be required to possess an approved identification document in order to get a job and work in the United States.

In the defense of liberty

Our liberties are being compromised. While I tend agree that this is not anything really out of the ordinary or necessarily to get alarmed about, the cumulative effect of erosions is a cause for alarm.

I can remember my grandfather ranting and raving about government intrusions when I was a child in the 1950s and I didn't take him seriously, but over the past 50 years I have personally experienced dramatic expansions of governmental power and control over our lives. I suspect now that my grandfather, in his lifespan, had witnessed just as dramatic a series of changes.

If we project this into the future, which we should since there seems to be no end to the desire of government to control our lives, the consequences become horrific. Those who live in that future, after we are all gone, will, most probably, be as unaware of how many of their freedoms they've lost as we ourselves were when we were young, accepting, as we once accepted, that things always were as they now are.

Imagine, for a moment, the citizens of Boston rioting and ultimately opening fire on those sent to maintain civil order, because of a one cent a pound tax on tea. Today our population tolerates taxes with accumulative totals that exceed over half their incomes.

It is not a single executive order or a single breach of constitutional restraints that is the threat, but the accumulation of "minor" breaches, over decades, each justified as a necessity to preserve our security, that is what robs us of both our security and our liberty.

Had our forefathers reacted with stern opposition to the first attempt by our own government to exceed the tyranny of the government we once expelled from our shores, no matter how justifiable or seemingly necessary that breach was, possibly we could have restrained the powers of government.

Now, at this point, we have gone so far down the path of servitude it becomes difficult to say at what point paranoia equates with reasonable fear. We have so far exceeded the point of reason with the end game of our last liberties at hand, possibly those who are, to us, paranoid, are, in fact, the last refuges of reason.

Mike Angwin, Houston

The Inherent Right to Travel

"Freedom to move about is a basic right of citizens which was not added by enactment of first 10 amendments, but is inherent in Bill of Rights and in original Constitution itself ..."

Ervin v. State, 1968, 163 N.W. 2d. 207; 41 Wis. 2d. 194.

Local Government Meetings

Tuesday, July 14

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

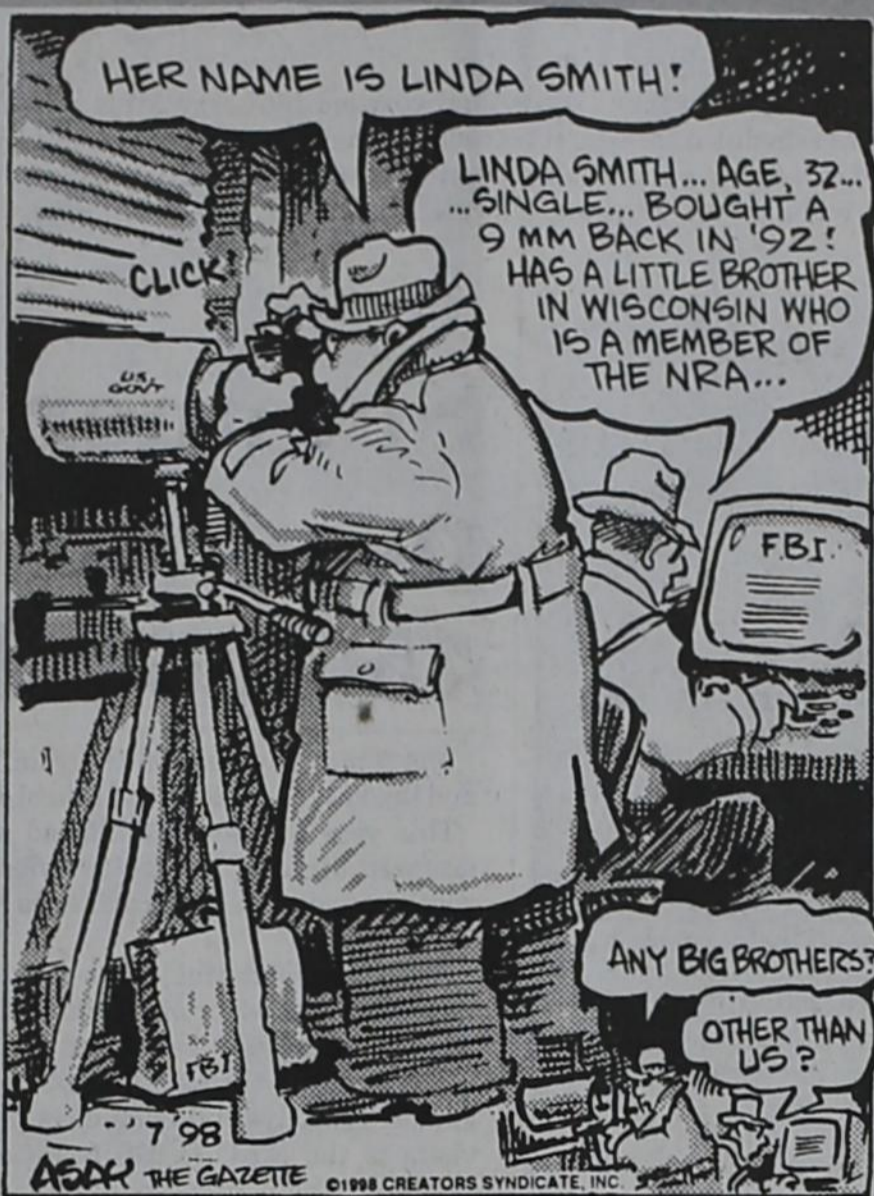
Monday, July 27

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

Thursday, July 30

• Garza Hospital District board of directors, in the clinic building, 7 a.m.

TARGET PRACTICE



What's all this Y2k talk about?

Part I

by Charles Duncan

First, Y2k means ... "Year 2000," like "Y=year, 2=2000 and k=thousand.

Y2k has to do with computers. And if computers were people, we'd say that it all started nearly 700 years ago, which in human terms means about 40 years.

Computers weren't as fast nor did they have the memory that even the cheapest home PC has today. So the men who wrote the programs to make these computers do useful things took shortcuts to save space. They thought that their programs would be replaced in less than 10 or so years, so they decided to have computers take two numbers, say 67 and see it as if it were 1967. We all do it ourselves. "Back in '76 I think it was..."

The problem is that computers are very literal. They can only do what they were programmed to do. Which means that in less than 18 months when we leave December 31, 1999 to go to January 1, 2000 those fancy computers will do what they were told to do. They will take the last two numbers [00] and put a 19 in front and they will think it's 1900.

Well, not all of them. Some of them were "fold" that the world started in 1980 or 1984, so they will get really confused by the 00 and they will reset their clocks to 1980 or '84.

But how could something so silly as writing dates with two digits instead of four (88 instead of 1988) make so much trouble today? It is because everything in our modern world, and I mean the whole world, is in our computers.

When you write a check for \$200 someone in the bank doesn't go over to the vault and take out \$200 in cash. They just punch a few buttons and in the wonderful world of the computer some 1's and 0's get changed and your account suddenly, according to the computer, has \$200 less.

The merchant you gave the check to deposits it in his bank. No one ever sends over a bunch of twenties you know. Nope, his bank talks to your bank, or at least the computers do, and it all gets worked out.

In fact this system works so well that in the United States alone two to four trillion dollars change "hands" - or in reality, computer memories, every day.

And it's not just banks. Federal and state governments do the same thing. They look up things on their computers that other computers have told it and they know that the information is correct because it is always correct.

That's about to change. Just after midnight on Dec. 31, 1999, all those computers are going to start mixing up good data with bad data. A truck load of food comes into the store, the computer scans the bar

codes and it thinks that the food is a hundred years out of date and orders it destroyed. It's already happened.

A person who was in their retirement years has been told by a computer that they have to report to kindergarten since by it's math the person is only five years old. Yep. That's happened too.

But it gets really complicated when more than 90 percent of the computers in the world start making mistakes! GM has over 100,000 suppliers. If a couple of them don't get their computers fixed, then the supplies that they were supposed to deliver won't show up and the assembly line closes down.

Ok, now for the scary part. As long as there are any computers out there that aren't fixed, as soon as they "talk" with a fixed one, the previously fixed computer gets "infected" with wrong information. So now, when the IRS tries to look up your tax records, they may think you are 99 years in arrears, or better yet, never born.

And it's not just computer software that has this problem. Nope as if that wasn't bad enough - there are somewhere in excess of 25 or 30 billion computer chips that will also start going haywire on the January 1, 2000.

Not all of them. Probably less than 10 percent of them. The problem is, no one knows which ones are bad until they test each one. You figure out how long it's going to take to even find 30 million computer chips.

Whatever number you come up with, it will be longer than the 17 plus months we have until some of them start shutting things off, or turning them on, or maybe just stop working. And if the one that just stops working is the one that controls the gas to your car and you are driving in heavy traffic and your car suddenly won't go, well, you can guess what's going to happen next.

Of course, January 1 is the middle of winter where we live. So far there are no utility companies in America, or the world, that will or can give assurance of being ready for the change. Think about that.

One second before midnight you have power, gas, water, and one second later - nothing. No heat. No lights. No way to fill up your car, electric pumps, to drive to the store which isn't open because they have no electricity.

Where you work is going to be closed. No power. You can't go to the ATM and get money - no power means it won't work either.

Now maybe we will be lucky and our power plants will still be on when you get up on January 1, 2000. Don't get happy yet. The power plants for Post run on coal, which comes from Wyoming. Coal that has to come by trains, which are told what to do by computers that are acting very very strange if they are on at all.

(Part II next week)

And thereafter, class-warfare casualties

by Walter E. Williams

Let's talk about "corporate greed," the "working man" and class warfare. But let's do it in a roundabout way. First, let's agree that highly skilled or educated workers using modern equipment are more productive and hence earn higher pay than their less-skilled and less-educated counterparts. If you accept this relatively undebatable fact, then we can go to the next step - the acquisition of that equipment that makes people more productive is what economists call physical capital.



In order to have capital, somebody must invest. Expected returns influence the amount people are willing to invest. Under current tax law, each \$100 of corporate profit is taxed 35 percent, leaving \$65. Corporate shareholders pay an additional tax of up to 39.6 percent on dividend income. Ignoring state and local taxes, the federal tax bite leaves the private sector \$39 out of the original \$100 profit - that's a 61 percent tax.

One simple conclusion is that if people were able to keep more of their investment return, they'd do more investing. If they did more investing, there'd be more physical capital, thereby making more workers more productive and therefore earn higher wages. Thus, given the connection between investment, productivity and wages, there is little conflict between people who invest in equipment and those who use it.

Investment doesn't just materialize out of thin air; there must first be saving. But what influences the amount saved? If you said, "the return on savings," go to the head of the class. Saving done outside of individual retirement account, Keogh and 401K plans faces a marginal tax rate of up to 39.6 percent. American saving incentive is weakened because it's taxed so heavily. Lower savings means fewer resources to fuel investment. As a result, growth in both worker productivity and earning are lower than they would be otherwise.

Politicians demagogue about wage stagnation. Dr. Alan Reynolds, an economist at the Indianapolis-based Hudson Institute, says, "The statistics provide no evidence at all that employee compensation has declined significantly as a share of national income, nor that the share going to profits has increased more than should be expected during a cyclical recovery. Instead, we find that the share of personal income going to both workers and savers has declined since 1990, because the share going to government transfer payments has increased."

In other words, Congress is reaching into worker paychecks to finance programs like Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. Dr. Reynolds shows it's the handout explosion, and resulting slower economic growth, that explains wage stagnation.

The recovery we've seen over the past five years or so is about the slowest in our post-World War II history. What's needed to escalate the weak rate of growth in American living standards is not one of those "stimulus packages" that politicians talk about.

Instead, Congress should get out of the way of more rapid economic growth. Congress should eliminate the corporate profit tax charade. After all, only people pay taxes; corporations are simply the government's tax collectors. Another way is for Congress to eliminate the capital gains tax and the sometimes double or triple taxation of investment returns.

More important than anything else is for Americans to wise up to class warfare demagoguery and reject the politics of envy. There is no conflict between those who save and invest and "workers." In fact, very often, they are the same people (51 million Americans own stock). Class warfare only serves the interests of tax-and-spend politicians and other hustlers.

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Sports

All three Post All-Star teams compete

As of late Tuesday evening, all three of Post's All-Star youth baseball teams remained in the hunt for post-season glory.

The 9- and 10-year-old All-Stars recorded wins across the board in last week's Slaton tournament and are scheduled to play again Thursday night at Lubbock's Southwest Little League field in Maxey Park. The team defeated Crosbyton 23-10, Tahoka 8-5 and, in the championship game, Tahoka 15-6 to win the tournament trophy in Slaton.

Colton Valdez pitched the five-inning winning game against Crosbyton while Andrew Espinosa was the pitcher for Post in the first Tahoka game. Valdez and Pat Reiter teamed up to pitch the championship game.

Strong offensive performances were turned in by many of the All-Stars, including D.J. Baizig, Aaron Fox and Miles Gray, each of whom hit at least one triple during the tournament.

The team is managed by Gary Blevins and coached by Roger Jacquess and Keith Bullard.

The 11- and 12-year-old All-Stars won four games in the Tahoka tournament last week to keep their championship hopes alive. The team defeated Crosbyton in the first round by a score of 11-1, followed by a 5-2 win over Roosevelt and a 16-0, four-inning romp over the host team, Tahoka. In the championship game, the Post squad bested Tahoka in four innings again, this time taking the tournament championship trophy in a 9-0 win.

Mitchell Mills served as pitcher in the team's win over Crosbyton while Brody Connor, Mark Norman and Bryan Looney teamed up to handle pitching in the second victory. Looney pitched the third win and Connor handled pitching duties in the championship game.

Notable offensive performances in the tournament included that of Patrick Gonzales who knocked homeruns in both Tahoka games. Connor, Mitchell and Jett Lott hit homeruns in the first Tahoka game and Looney logged an inside-the-

park homerun in the game as well.

The team, managed by Les Looney and coached by Larry Mills and Cain Abraham, was scheduled to begin its second tournament play Wednesday night in Levelland in a 6 p.m. game against Shallowater. Teams participating in this tournament include Post, Shallowater, Seagraves and Lubbock Midwest.



Getting ready for tournament play in Lubbock, Post 11-12 year old All-Stars practiced in the late heat of the day.



Marcus Lopez

Junior golfers compete

by Barbara Hardin

Junior golfers from Post are continuing to compete and compete well in junior tournaments. Results of tournament competition on the NTPGA Junior Tour include Meagan Hoover's second place finish in the 11-12 year old girls division in Amarillo at the Comanche Trails Golf Course the end of June.

On July 8, Kasey Hardin won first among the 15-18 year old girls at the Levelland Country Club with a score of 73. Justin Norman competed at Hogan Park Golf Course in Midland on July 9, shooting a 71 (even par) with a 4th place finish.

Marcus Lopez has just returned from the Metroplex area where he played in the US Boys Junior Amateur Qualifier at Preston Hills Golf Course shooting an 81 and then competed the next day at Sherrill Park Golf Course in Richardson in the Westcott Masters Tour (a division of the NTPGA Junior Tour) firing an 80 in the hot, humid weather. Heat indexes were in the upper numbers of 115 - 120 degrees.

Then on Monday, July 13, Marcus returned to the local area and placed 3rd at Meadowbrook Golf Course in Lubbock with a score of 74 in the 17-18 year old boys division.

Kasey competed in the USGA Junior Girls Qualifier in Roswell, NM at the Spring River Golf Course at a college level course yardage of 5916. She shot an 82 placing her in 8th place.

The top four scorers from this tournament advanced to Ardmore, Pennsylvania to play at the Merion Golf Club for the USGA Junior Girls National Championship. Kasey only missed getting to advance by four strokes.

There are several tournaments left in the few weeks remaining before school starts. Justin and Kaycee Gorman, Meagan Hoover, and Justin and Nikki Norman will be competing this Wednesday at Pine Valley Golf Course in Lubbock.

All of our junior golfers have done extremely well this summer. Competing in the summer tournaments is not only advantageous to their overall golf game, but they have a lot of fun. It is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other juniors like themselves who enjoy this great game.

The 2nd Annual Junior Golf Camp will be held at the Caprock Golf Course next week, July 20 - 22, from 9 - 12 a.m. The fee is \$25 per child for girls and boys in the 4th through 8th grades. For more information call Barbara Hardin at 495-3987, or Jan Bartlett at 495-3188.

No man can be wise on an empty stomach. —George Eliot

Senior League All-Stars win Area II Championship Tuesday

The Senior League All-Stars, coached by Randy McAllister and Dan Nelson, won the Area II tournament by beating Tahoka at Roosevelt Tuesday evening (details in next week's Post Dispatch).

The right to compete in Tuesday's championship game came following a first round win for the Post team over Slaton 19-12; an 11-9 defeat at the hands of the Tahoka All-Stars; a 16-3 win over Shallowater; and an 11-10 win over Tahoka Monday evening.

A win Tuesday night for the Post Senior League All-Stars would advance the team to play in an upcoming Lubbock tournament.

The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself too. —Samuel Butler

Whoever said money can't buy happiness didn't know where to shop. —Unknown

The PHS Class of 1988 Reunion



Sharing "old times" at the 10th year reunion in Post July 3 and 4 were (back row, left to right) Eric Reece, Roy Holly, Ben Kirkpatrick, Blair Didway, Mike Bartlett, Mary Binford, Robby Gossett, Daryl Foster, Brad Byrd, Brian Overton, (middle row) Jennifer (Owen) Gregg, Teresa (Landreth) Crenshaw, Tervah (Bush) Yarbro, Susan Little, Kristi (Randle) Howard, Kenny Botler, Christina (Martinez) Jones, Keitha (White) Wright, Mark Tyler, DeWayne Warren, LaDonna Scott, Cynthia (Salas) Williams, Henry Jackson, Greg Benham, Michael Ayala, (front row) Curtis Williams, Lex Dunn, Mike Wells, Brian Gibbs, Shan Bell and Jayta (Ticer) Cravy. Others attending but not in the photo were Kevin Crispin, Greg Windham, Elvira (Sanchez) Saldivar and Eloise (Martinez) Rodriguez.

Summer recreation program served 450 youth this year

The summer recreation program, sponsored by Garza County, the City of Post and the Post and Southland school districts, wraps up its six-week run this week. This year's program attracted about 450 youths to sign up, according to program director Marinette Tyler. An average attendance of about 150-200 youths per day was realized. Ages ranged from about kindergarten-age to 14 or 15.

"We had a wonderful year, a wonderful time," said Tyler, who is completing her first year as director of the summer recreation program.

This year's activities started June 8 and covered the morning hours through lunch Mondays through Thursdays. Scheduled for each Monday were organized games. Tuesdays and Thursdays were devoted to time at the swimming pool and visits to the MAD DADS facilities. Wednesdays were set aside for trips to Lubbock where participants visited Water Rampage, Laserport, The Rink, Copper Caboose, Joyland and Discovery Zone.

Local activities were offered to youth participants free of charge, Tyler said, while students were asked to pay reduced rates for admission to most Lubbock activities.

In addition to providing activities for local youths, the summer recreation program also provided temporary employment for nine high school-aged youths and six adults. Rodney Tidwell of MAD DADS also assisted with the program.

"If it wasn't for the city, the county and the school districts, this program would not work," Tyler said. "If it wasn't for them, some of these kids wouldn't have a thing to do this summer. We appreciate them so much. I'd also like to thank the community and everyone who had anything to do with this year's program. The kids really enjoyed it."

PHS class of '88 shares memories at reunion

by Jayta Cravy

The Post High School Class of 1988 held its 10th year reunion on July 3 and 4 in Post. We opened with a "come and go" party with lots of visiting at Citizens Bank community room. Classmates brought their children along to enjoy the evening. It was great to see how everyone has changed and to see how proud they all were of their children.

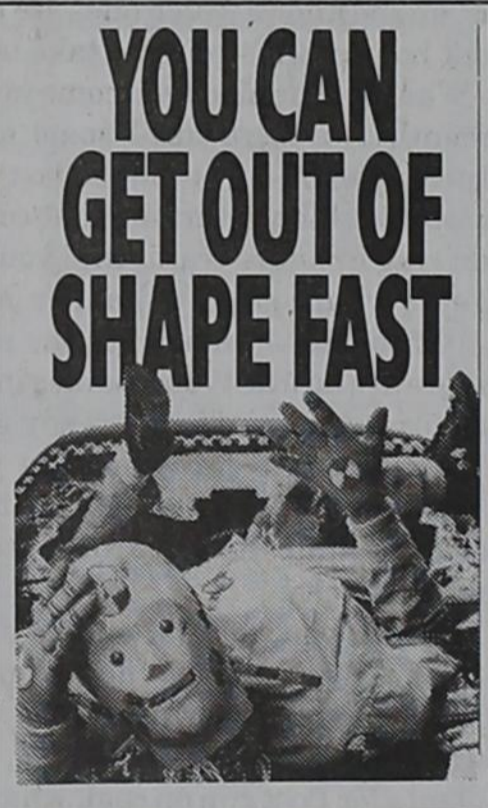
On Saturday evening we met at the Hotel Garza for a wonderful meal. Afterwards we were treated to a video of our class, from early childhood to today. It was great!

Later we went outside to enjoy the hotel's new garden area. It was wonderful time of visiting and talking about old times.

Classmates came from as far away as Japan, Illinois, California, Florida and Virginia.

Now we're all talking about our next reunion!

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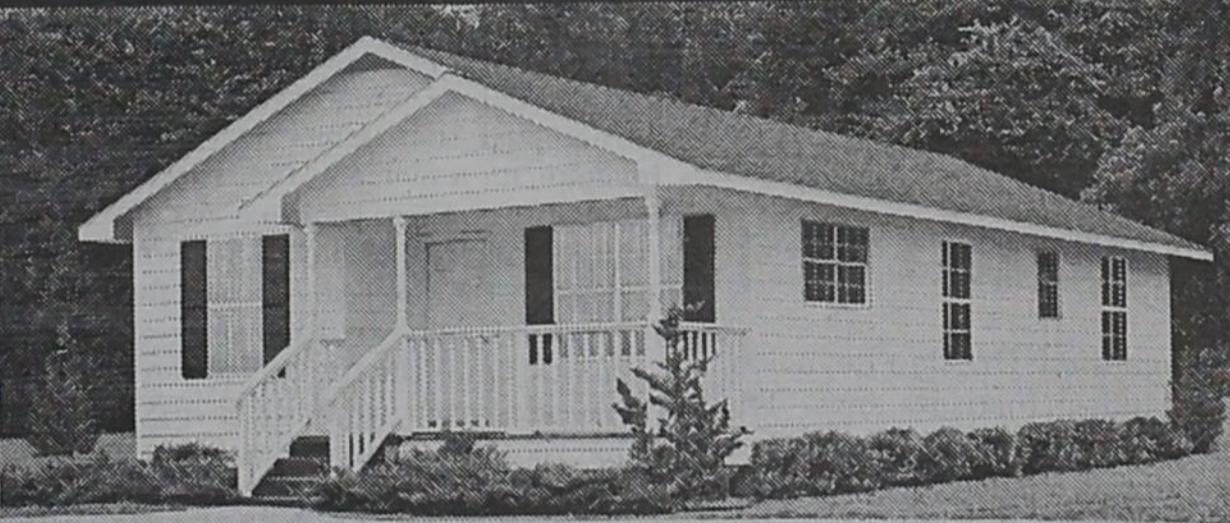
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S.T.A.R.S attend leadership camp

Thirty-two Post Middle School Students and four adult sponsors left Post Tuesday, July 14 to go to Texas Tech. At Tech they will be attending the '98 Texas Youth Leadership Training Camp.

The are all going to camp thanks to all the local scholarships that were provided from caring Post clubs, individuals and businesses. We are very grateful for their support.

At Tech the students and their adult sponsors will work to make their leadership potential stronger and will learn about substance abuse and youth violence issues.

The camp is sponsored by Texas DARE Institute, the Peer Assistance and Leadership (PAL) program of WAP (Workers Assistance Program, Inc.) The Post group spent 4 days learning skill-building and having drug-free, violence-free fun!

Those attending from Post were: Keila Rodriguez, Dee Dee Jarrett, Starlett Greathouse, Lisa Soto, Amanda Workman, Paige Lott, Breann Heckaman, Rosalinda Alaniz, Nicole Gray, Kyzandre Harper, K'Leigh Babb, Tiffany Hair, Jennifer Reiter, Jerika Tyler, Colt Vernon, Will Reed, Brody Moore, Noah Gutierrez, Jordan Nelson, Eric Alaniz, Russell Eaton, Brice Easterling, Pablo Perez, Brandon Bell, Kris Hernandez, Mitchell Mills, Marc McCallister, Kyle Gunn, Patrick Gonzales, Kenny Ratke, Seth Redman, Daryl Dissinger and sponsors Bobby Dean, Rodney Tidwell, Michelle Wischkaemper and Dedra Adams.

S.T.A.R.S - Students, Teachers, Adults reaching solutions.



Bound for Texas Tech Tuesday morning were Post Middle School S.T.A.R.S. (back row, left to right) Brandon Bell, Mark McAllister, Pablo Perez, Kyle Gunn, Jordan Nelson, Chris Hernandez, Mitchell Mills, Noah Gutierrez, Eric Alaniz, (front row) sponsor Rodney Tidwell, Brody Robertson, Rosalinda Alaniz, K'Leigh Babb, Paige Lott, Amanda Workman, Tiffany Hair and S.T.A.R.S. sponsor Dedra Adams.



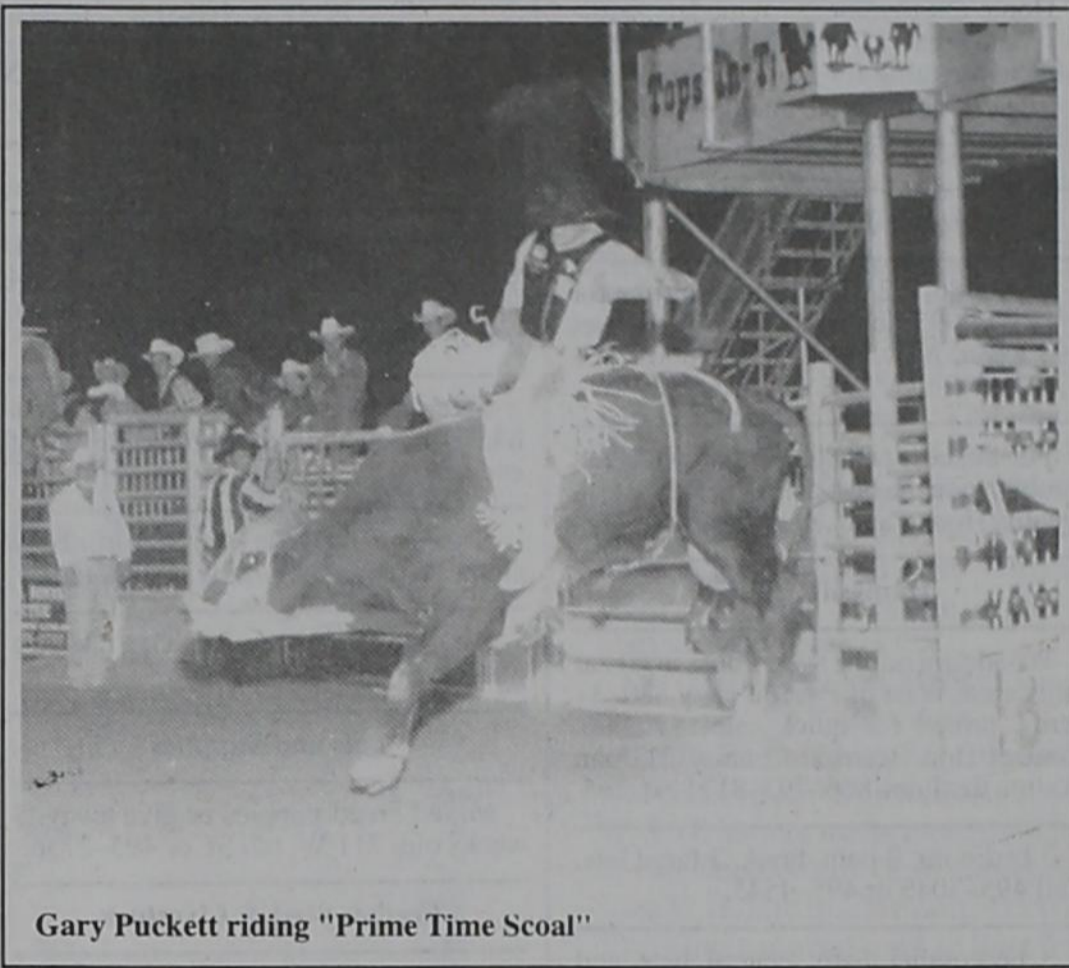
Gary Puckett

Puckett wins bull riding competition

Local PRCA cowboy Gary Puckett takes Jacksonville by storm, winning the bull riding at the 31st annual Rodeo with a score of 87 points on bull #129, "Prime Time Scoal" of the Auger Rodeo Company.

This was a big win for Puckett who received a hardy congratulations from stock producer Auger. This was the first time this bull has been scored on all year, even at the NFR last year.

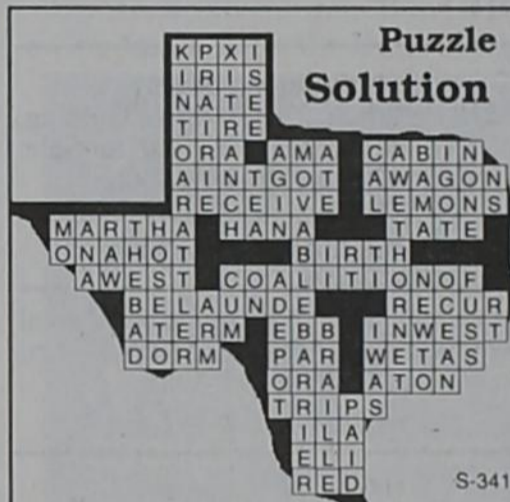
Gary took a 3rd place at Mesquite the next night.



Gary Puckett riding "Prime Time Scoal"

To read a poem in January is as lovely as to go for a walk in June.

—Jean Paul



Puzzle Solution



Ed Gill was treated to a real surprise birthday party at the Garza County Trailblazers last Friday at lunch. The surprise was pulled off by his daughter Susan Radle. (Photo by Judy Bush)



S.T.A.R.S. headed for Texas Tech Tuesday morning were (back row, left to right) Patrick Gonzales, Brice Easterling, Colt Vernon, Will Todd, Kenny Ratke, Russell Eaton, Seth Redman, Daryl Dissinger, (front row) sponsor Bobby Dean, Lisa Soto, Nicole Gray, Jerika Tyler, Starlett Greathouse, Kayla Rodriguez, Jennifer Reiter, Dee Dee Jarrett, Kyzandre Harper and sponsor Michelle Wischkaemper.

Sheriff's department reports 12 arrests

A dozen arrests were made by local law enforcement officials over the past week, according to records at the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Arrested on July 9 was a 40-year-old male, commitment (released the next day on time served, fine paid). Picked up on July 10 were a 32-year-old male, commitment (released July 12 on time served); a 59-year-old male, commitment (released July 12 on time served); a 37-year-old male, commitment (released July 12 on time served); and a 37-year-old male, commitment (released July 12 on time served).

Arrested on July 11 was an adult male (no age recorded) picked up on charges of public intoxication, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest (released the next day on a PR bond); an adult male (no age given) arrested on charges of public intoxication (released the same day after entering a guilty plea; case pending before the municipal judge); and a 39-year-old male arrested for DWI/2nd (released the next day on \$2,500 bond).

Four arrests were made July 12, including that of a 45-year-old female picked up for DWI/1st (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond); a 21-year-old male arrested on Lubbock County warrant/unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (transferred the next day to Lubbock County); a 21-year-old male arrested for speeding, no driver's license (released the next day on time served, fine paid); and a 27-year-old male picked up for DWI/1st (released July 13 on \$1,500 bail bond).

About 80 calls for service were handled by sheriff's department dispatchers over the past week, including, on July 8, a report of fireworks at the Burlington Apartments; a report of trespassing, Burlington Apartments; theft in the 900 block of Pine Street (\$220 cash reportedly missing); and a hit-and-run accident in the 100 block of South Avenue Q.

Calls received on July 9 included a report of a rattlesnake in a house in the 500 block of South Avenue F and a burglary of a residence in the 300 block of West 12th Street.

A report of fireworks being shot off at a location near Sunset Drive was received on July 10.

Reports made on July 11 included that of a fight in the 100 block of South Avenue F; trespassing in the 300 block of North Avenue I; criminal mischief in the 700 block of West 3rd Street (small hole reported in the front window of a residence); a grass fire out 380 east; a fight in the 200 block of East 7th; and threatening telephone calls in the 300 block of West 13th.

Calls received on July 12 included a report of an automobile accident at 8th and Broadway (no injuries reported); a grass fire triggered by lightning out East 380; and a fight in the 200 block of North Avenue F.

On July 13, the department received reports of an automobile accident at a South Broadway business (no injuries reported); a medical emergency in the 1000 block of West 11th Street (ambulance called out); an automobile accident on U.S. 84 about two miles north of Justiceburg (one vehicle involved; no injuries reported); and a grass fire in Borden County (assistance requested from local firefighters).

News of Books

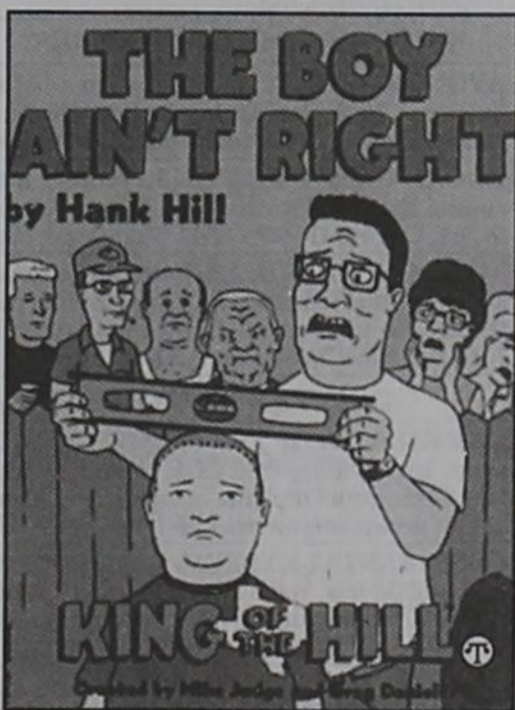
Parenting Advice From "King Of The Hill"

An essential guide to raising a son was never more fun to read thanks to a hilarious new book from television's newest star of America's favorite prime-time animated series, "King of the Hill."

The book, *The Boy Ain't Right* by Hank Hill (ReganBooks, \$14.00), discloses to the world what makes Hank a successful parent. In it, readers can find such things as:

- advice on how to prepare for your boy's arrival, such as: Babyproof your knife drawer with sternly written warnings: "Keep Out!" and "Dangerous!"
- how to entertain your boy with a slinky made from a lumpy mattress;
- what to do when your son starts dating (or if he never starts);
- Hank Hill's unique TV show rating system;
- how to tell if your boy ain't right—a Hank Hill quiz;
- how to decide what football position your boy should play before he's old enough to argue;
- how to keep your children occupied on long car trips without actually talking to them;
- Father's Day gifts do's and

ages. It is both a guidebook and a manifesto of America's unsung, lawn mowing heroes.



A book in which the author advises, "If your boy doesn't fulfill your dreams there's always your boy's boy—the debt is passed down to him," is expected to become a bestseller.

don'ts, and much more. Critics say the book, which is a delight, has earned its place to be on the bookshelves of fathers of all



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L'I Abner continues at the Garza

"L'I Abner" will be played out at the Garza Theatre this weekend as the theatre continues shows from its 100th production. Shows are scheduled for 7:45 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Additional performances are set for July 24-26.

Written by Norman Panama and Melvin Frank and based on characters created by Al Capp, "L'I Abner" features lyrics and music by Johnny Mercer and Gene DePaul. Directing the Garza's rendition of the production is Jake Morgan.

Featured actors include Brandon Bohannon, Amy Sever, Mike Morgan, Tim McIntire, Glenn Polk, Steve Sever, Amy Johnson, Morgan Mercer and Cordell Green.

Tickets for this show, the Garza Theatre's third musical production, are \$10 each.

For more information, contact the theatre at 495-4005.

Slight increase reported on sales tax rebate

Year-to-date sales tax revenues in Garza County remain close to the figures reported a year ago, according to numbers released recently by the state comptroller's office.

Post has received a total of \$135,339.23 in the first seven months of 1998. Compared to the 1997 payments to date of \$134,728.76, the city has seen an increase of 0.45 percent, according to the report.

The City of Post received a monthly sales tax payment of \$16,001.46 this month, compared to last July's payment of \$16,008.21. The difference is -0.04 percent.

This month's payments include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in May and reported to the state comptroller in June.

Statewide, sales tax rebates were 13.5 percent higher than those received a year ago.



RECEIVES 50-YEAR AWARD — L. M. Crowley (right) is shown presenting Noah Stone (second from left) his 50-year membership certificate and pin preceding installation ceremonies of Post Masonic Lodge last Thursday evening. Others shown in the picture are Stone's son-in-law Bob Collier (left) and son, Dr. N. W. Stone Jr., Brownfield. — (Staff Photo) From The Post Dispatch, July 20, 1978

Recipes sought for new cookbook

The Women's Division of the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau is in the process of collecting recipes from local residents. The recipes will be used to create a "new" cookbook to be printed and published by Nov. 15.

Anyone interested in submitting their favorite recipes should use the form available at the Post Public Library.

Completed and signed recipe forms should be deposited at the public library no later than Aug. 15.

All types of recipes, including old family favorites, will be welcomed.



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(July 15, 1978)

Military News

Marine Pvt. Timothy J. Martin, son of Huff and Elizabeth Huffman of Post recently completed basic training at marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Martin successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Martin and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Martin spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Martin and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Martin and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Martin joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

Carlisle selected for AQHA's program

Billy J. Carlisle of Post has been approved for membership into a program developed by the American Quarter Horse Association that is designed to bring horse buyers

together with reputable American Quarter Horse owners and breeders.

Known as the Breeder Referral Program, members must agree to uphold high standards and a written code of ethics before being named to this select group. Criteria for selection include being an AQHA member in good standing and being listed as the breeder of at least one registered foal for at least four consecutive years, including the current year.

Prospective horse buyers can call AQHA at 1-800-414-RIDE for a free referral to Billy J. Carlisle or other owners who can help with purchasing an American Quarter Horse. Members of this program can help buyers find horses for any event from roping to racing or just general riding. AQHA also can tailor the free referral list by geographic area, age of horse or specific level of training.

Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing.

—Oscar Wilde

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

July 13, 1988
10 Years Ago

Kyle Glidewell, Darrin Wood, Sara Hodges and Labeth Jones attended a three day 4-H Leadership Camp in Levelland recently...A day at the Post Public Library Storytime was enjoyed by Stephen Bell, Sarah Bell, Casey Greer, Jill Watson, Justin Greer, Chanda Clay, Jessie Watson, Timmy Bell, Mark Watson and Scott Metzgar. They made Daniel Boone hats and wore them for the day...Yard of the Week" honors went to Mr and Mrs Georgie Willson this week...Arleta Gary made a trip to Brownwood over the weekend to visit her son, Blake and his family. They are returning to Germany soon.

July 20, 1978
20 Years Ago

L. M. Crowley presented Noah Stone his 50 year membership certificate and pin at the installation ceremonies of Post Masonic Lodge last Thursday evening...Happy Birthday today goes to Keith Kemp, Mrs B.E. Young, Mrs Tom Caffey, Glen Whittenburg and Mary Ann Gordon...Monday is hottest day in record heat wave. The bank thermometer read 108 degrees...Mr and Mrs L.G. Thuet Jr., Mr and Mrs Alvin Young and Mr and Mrs Carl Aageson have just returned from a 16-day vacation cruise in Canada and Alaska.

July 18, 1968
30 Years Ago

Santa Fe passenger train service for Post will end this weekend...Mrs W.R. Graebers is the new president of the Needlecraft Club succeeding Mrs M.H. Hutto...Mr and Mrs Glen Potts have moved back to Post from George West...At the Tower Theatre this week you can see "Bandelero" with James Stewart, Dean Martin,

Raquel Welch and George Kennedy and Alan Arkin as "Inspector Clouseau"...Visiting this week in the home of Mr and Mrs Marvin Dunlap is their grandson, Kevin King of Roswell, N.M.

July 17, 1958
40 Years Ago

Nick Vukad has been elected as commander of James C. Cole Post No. 270 of the American Legion. Vukad is also District 7 Adjutant of the Veterans of Foreign Wars...After 25 years of all-male competition, the South Plains Junior Fat Stock Show at Lubbock will open its gates next spring to girls to compete...Ott and Pearl Nance and Dee Cecil Justice attended the Keeton Cattle Auction Sale located near Lubbock Monday...Mr and Mrs Roberto Gonzales are parents of a daughter, Anna Lupe, born July 10. She weighed eight pounds and one half ounce.

July 15, 1948
50 Years Ago

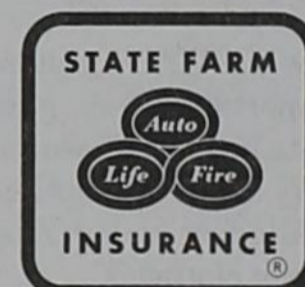
Mr and Mrs John T. Herd went to Midland Monday to get acquainted with the Herd's new grandson who was born that morning to Mr and Mrs Harvey Herd...D.L. Brown will drive the Verbena school bus next term. He and his family will move here soon...David Rogers is driving a new Pontiac...Carolyn Boren and Iris Floyd are proud owners of new gold-rimmed glasses...Mr and Mrs Bert Lamb and daughter, Mr and Mrs D.E. Adams and son and Mr and Mrs Jack Hargrove and son visited the Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico Sunday...Hinton Fluitt recently purchased two purebred Aberdeen-Angus bulls from Tommy Brook of Brady...Lester Josey was honored with a birthday dinner Sunday in the home of Mr and Mrs K.W. Beauchamp.

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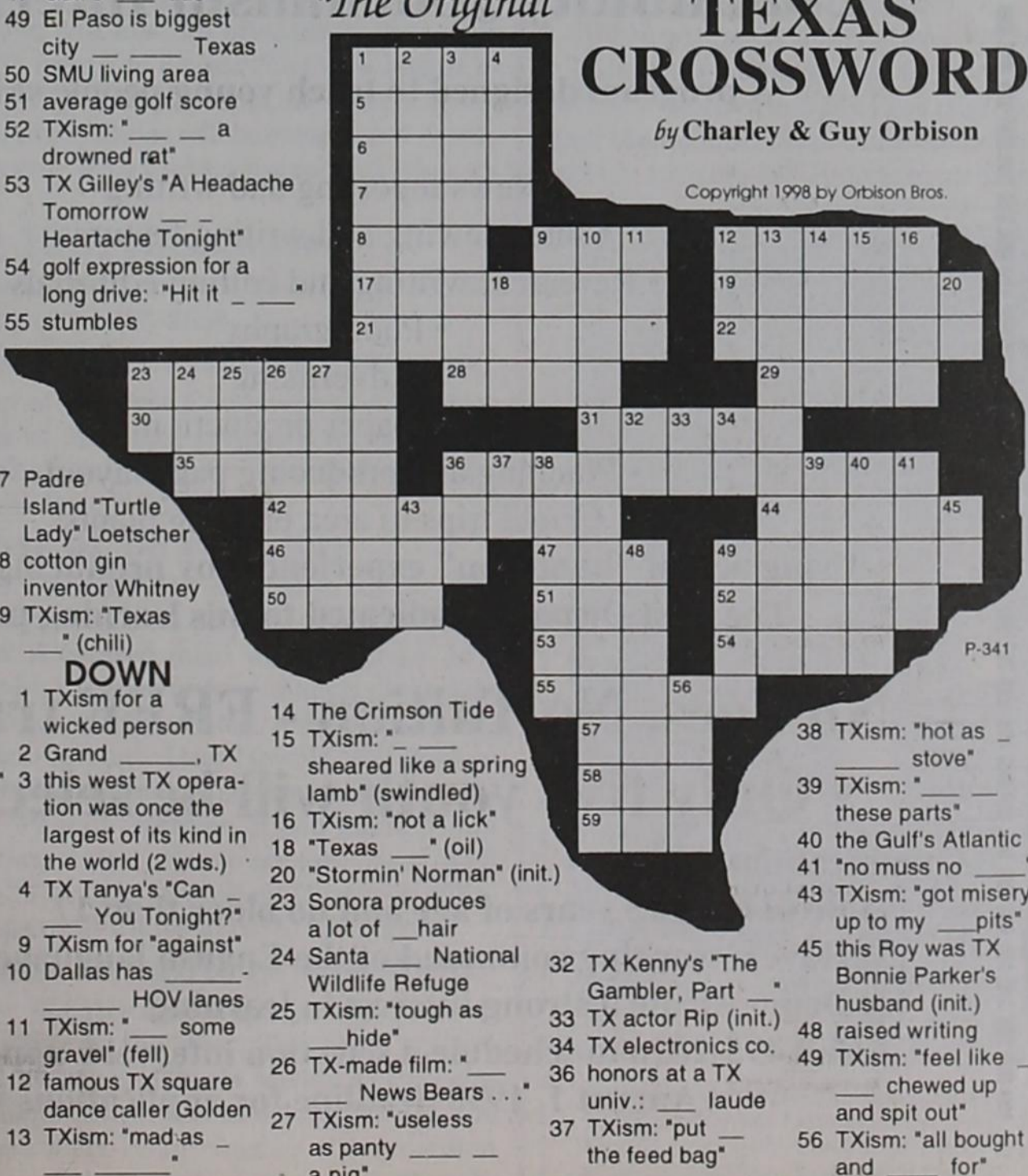
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TEXAS CROSSWORD

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How might churches respond to Y2k?

by Tom Hurley
Little Assisi

As several neighbors and I were discussing preparations in anticipation of the loss of electrical power caused by Y2k, it occurred to me what an opportunity it will be for the churches of Garza County to build up the Body of Christ.

How might a typical church initially respond to Y2k?

In my opinion, the first and most important activity will be intercessory prayer. A group of intercessors should begin, in prayer, asking the Lord to show how He wants the Church in question to prepare.

Sacred Scripture charges us to accept responsibility for our neighbors. The answer to the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" is, yes, we are our brother's keeper, and the members of a given Church share responsibility for the other members of that Church. Some might argue that preparing to help each other through the devastating effects of Y2k is the responsibility of government. I don't see how government can help us other than by honestly advising everyone to use the remaining time wisely.

What can churches do?

How then might a church group get ready? Working under the covering grace of intercessory prayer, a plan needs to be drawn up to minister to the most vulnerable and needy members of the community. Those least able to look after themselves, in the event of a power failure, must be identified. Their needs should be assessed and a determination made as to how the Church can help.

If the Church has a worship space or hall, can those areas be made available for those unable to remain in their own homes? If the answer is yes, the first order of business might be to acquire a generator capable of providing power to the church buildings. A suitable switch and panel must be installed in order to safely connect the generator and isolate it from the grid. A 25 kilowatt power-take-off generator can be acquired for less than \$3,000. A church member might provide a small tractor and a supply of diesel to operate the generator.

With the Church buildings assured of electricity, it will be easier to make plans for providing a kitchen and dining facilities, a dormitory for those who will not sleep in their own homes, and perhaps a small infirmary for those needing nursing or special care. If the church community has a membership of younger families, thought should be given to recreation and education.

The first provision must be for supplies of water both for drinking and sanitation. A well must be drilled and a water storage tank installed. If the electricity has failed, city water will most likely be unavailable on a dependable basis. If a well cannot be provided at the church, then one should be sought elsewhere. Supplies of water will need to be trucked from the well to the storage tank at the church. A trailer with a water storage tank on it will be needed. Before and above everything else, the church must ensure supplies of water.

If the Church is going to provide meals to its members, thought must be given to cook-stoves. A supply of fuel needs to be secured and kept ready. It would reduce the burden on the generator if a propane or wood stove was used in addition to an electric one. A propane stove will require the installation of a large capacity tank. A wood stove will require supplies of firewood. A wood burning stove has the advantage of doubling as a heat source. While on this subject, how will heating be provided in the winter and ventilation in the summer? Can all windows and doors be fitted with screens?

Food preparations

Decisions need to be made about stockpiling a supply of food. Will it be dehydrated, canned or preserved in some other way? How will it be stored between acquisition and use? Will the church plan a community garden?

What will be done about bathrooms and showers? With a prolonged power outage, bathing provisions will be important. If supplies of drinking water are limited, thought will need to be given to water for flushing toilets, personal hygiene and laundry. How will clothes be washed? Will washers and dryers be installed or will sinks be provided for hand washing? What about drying clothes?

If church families are going to sleep at the church or the hall, what bedding will be provided? Will beds or sleeping bags be acquired in advance, or will each family be expected to provide its own bedding when needed.

How will the young people be kept occupied during the day? Will recreation and education opportunities be provided? If so, what materials need to be acquired in readiness? It will be important to keep the children productively occupied to maintain at least a semblance of normal life.

It is possible that with the loss of power that effective law enforcement will be interrupted. The church will need to consider issues of security both for those living at the church and those remaining in their own homes. It is to be hoped that on larger issues such as public safety, many or all the churches would come together and act for the common good.

What an opportunity Y2k could be for church members to come together and show concern for each other, especially the most needy. You might ask what about those who don't belong to a Church? My response would be, what an opportunity to evangelize an unchurched neighbor.

"So then you are no longer strangers or sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God..." (Ephesians 2:19 NAB)

A "Church Preparedness Handbook" is available at no charge by calling 405-2450

Commissioners...

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sioners that careful maintenance has kept older vehicles in service, so that the department now has seven operating units.

The sheriff also emphasized that keeping these units on the streets has provided "thousands of dollars" in fines and fees from traffic code violations.

City councilman John Redman informed the court that the Emergency Medical Services will be needing a new ambulance. He also said that new rules and regulations related to required equipment may increase the EMS budget request.

Commissioners and council members agreed to a September 19 jointly operated auction of various county and city owned equipment. The auction is set for 10 a.m. at the 5th Street barn.

Mayor Jim Jackson told the court that the city council would be reviewing the proposed jointly funded projects at the next regular meeting. Representing the city at the joint meeting Monday were Mayor Jackson, council members Juanita Pantoja, John Redman, Harold Craig and city manager Hanna.

In other action, commissioners approved the county zoning board's recommendation for a new zoning designation at Lake Alan Henry. Randy Henson represented the City of Lubbock on the request, and explained that the zoning would restrict use around the dam and offices. The manufacturing/industrial district will provide access for "outside storage, treatment facilities, pumping operations, shop facilities, communications equipment, administrative offices and the on-site residential facilities.

The court postponed a decision on election judges until the next meeting; vacated a previous incorporation order for the housing corp. and approved a new version; approved keeping the \$5 per registration fee for roads and bridges (state allows up to \$10) and took no action on a notification about a wildlife mitigation task force recommended by the Texas Forest Service.

Attending the meeting were Judge Dalby, Commissioners Royce Josey, Mason McClellan, Lee Norman, John Valdez; Treasurer Ruth Ann Young, Attorney Leslie Acker and Deputy Clerk Lena Duran.

More Post Notes

Post library summer reading program

The Post Public Library Summer Reading Program will be held July 6 through July 30. The program includes a video on Thursday at 3 p.m., which will last approximately one and one-half hours. There will be drawings for prizes at the end of the videos. Reading certificates will be presented at the end of the program to those young people who read the number of required books. Bluebonnet books will be available for check-out. There will also be Bluebonnet tests at the library this summer.

Post Stampede Rodeo July 30 - Aug. 1

The annual Post Stampede Rodeo will kick off Thursday, July 30 at the rodeo grounds on Hwy 84 and continue through August 1. The rodeo begins nightly at 8 p.m. A steer roping event is set for August 1 at 9 a.m.

Elementary school library open

The Post Elementary School Library will open from 1 to 3 p.m. each Thursday during the summer. Students are encouraged to visit the library to check out books or use the computers at the library.

New cookbook project needs recipes

The Women's Division of the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau is in the process of collecting recipes from local residents for a new cookbook. Deadline for recipes is August 15. Forms are available at the Post Public Library. The cookbook is expected to be printed in November.

Benefit July 19 for local family

A benefit to assist Ferni and JoAnn Reed to offset major medical expenses will be held at the VFW Hall in Post on Sunday, July 19 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Organizers of the benefit will offer brisket plates for \$5 each, with carryouts available. There will be an auction, live music and other activities. For more information call Ray Mason at (806) 495-2776 or Jesse Collazo at (806) 495-3952. Donations may be made to a special account at Citizens Bank.

Texas Constitution 2000 adopted by delegates

The Texas Constitution 2000 has been tentatively adopted by the Texas Constitutional Convention following action by delegates meeting on July 11. A transition plan was also approved at the 12th session, which was held at the Texas Tech University Center near Junction.

More than 50 "fine-tuning" motions were acted upon during the Saturday morning session, and the transition committee's plan was debated vigorously through the afternoon. "We are very pleased with the productivity of this 12th session," chairman Don Henson of El Paso commented. "We believe Texans will embrace this new constitution with enthusiasm."

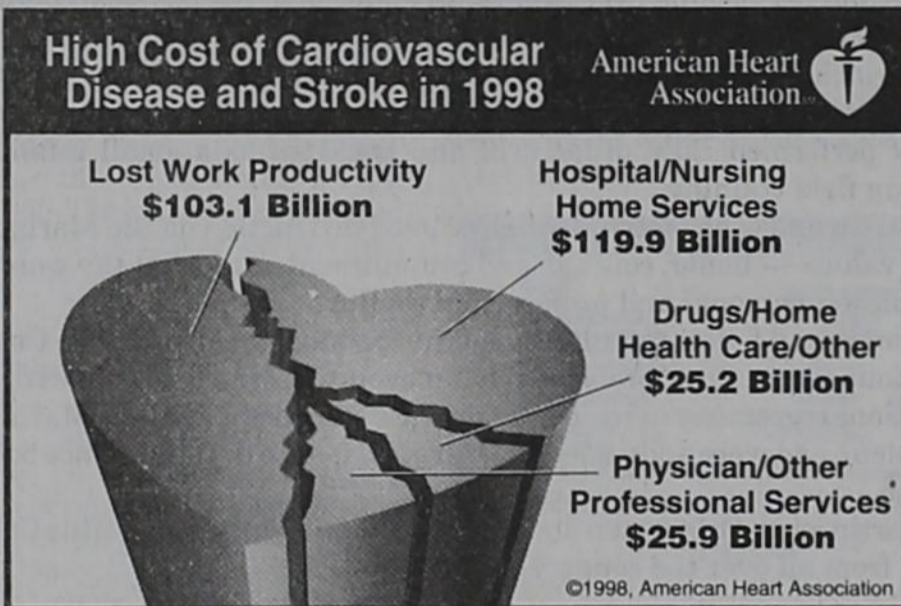
The cornerstone of the Texas Constitution 2000 is the Declaration of Rights (Article 1), which defines individual rights in clear, unequivocal ordinary English. "We have from the beginning worked toward a concise document which leaves no doubts about our intentions," Henson added. Delegates to the convention have insisted that no part of the constitution could be in conflict with the Declaration of Rights. "We have drafted a constitution which binds the power of government, and places most political power at the county level," Henson explained.

Delegates plan to meet at least once more for a formal adoption ceremony, with a ratification committee now working toward a "Constitution 2000 Jubilee" in Austin within the next few months. The ratification process (Article 9) calls for the appointment of 12 Texans to lead the ratification effort. Ratification follows the model of the U.S. Constitution (Article VII), by establishing county ratification conventions.

The Texas Constitutional Convention was convened on July 4, 1997 at the historic Old Irion County Courthouse in Sherwood, and delegates have been meeting monthly and semi-monthly since then.

The full document and related information is available on the following Internet web site: <http://colossus.net/wepinsto/txconv/update.html> or at rtmag.com for a link.

Contacts for additional information: Wesley W. Burnett (806) 495-4135 or (806) 495-2816 Don Henson (915) 587-4616 Convention Updates at: <http://colossus.net/wepinsto/txconv/update.html>



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- Membership Meal, DEC Yard 6:30 p.m.
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