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The Post Dispatch

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Post Notes

First Baptist Church shows Graham film

The First Baptist Church will sponsor a showing of the newest Billy Graham film, "The Ride," on Sunday evening, August 9 from 6 to 7:45 p.m. There is no admission fee, but a love offering will be received. All are invited.

Antelope Booster Club meets Monday

An important meeting of the Post Antelope Booster Club will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in the PHS commons. Plans for "Meet the Antelopes Night" will be finalized.

Lyntegar Coop meeting August 11

The 60th Annual Meeting of Lyntegar Electric Cooperative Inc. will be held Tuesday evening beginning with a barbecue dinner at 7 p.m. at the Tahoka High School football field.

Christian School garage sale Friday

The First Baptist Church Christian School will hold its annual garage sale Friday, August 7 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Entrance for the sale will be at the northeast side doors. A variety of items are available, including household items, clothes, furniture, queen sized bed frame, twin trundle bed, toys, baby beds, large desk, rocker and other items. Donated items may be dropped off at the church.

Blood drive today

The Post community blood drive will be held today from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Church of Christ fellowship hall. Donors will receive a free T-shirt and Crickets baseball ticket. The goal is 45 donors. Appointments are helpful, but not necessary. Call Paul Jones at 495-2326.

Middle School open house

The Post Middle School will host an orientation and open house Tuesday, August 11 from 7 to 8 p.m. The event begins at the Elementary School Auditorium. Parents and students are invited to participate, when schedules will be distributed, teachers will be available to assist with finding rooms and other information.

Flag football signup opens

The Third Annual Post Flag Football season begins soon. Youth may sign up for the program on August 15 at 3 p.m. at Da House on Broadway. "We need coaches to help us," Rodney Tidwell said, "call me at 495-1244 if you can help."

Elementary school open house Aug. 17

Post Elementary School will hold its open house August 17 beginning at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Parents and staff will be greeted, followed by individual class meetings with teachers and parents. During individual meetings parents will be encouraged to enroll as room mothers or fathers as helpers for the school year.

Missing 1948 classmates

We are missing several 1948 classmates... if found, call Marilyn Mason after 5 p.m. at 495-2536.

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.

PHS Class of '58 reunion

The 40th class reunion of the PHS 1958 class will be held September 5 at the Norwest Bank Community Room. Anyone associated with the class is invited to share in the fun. We appreciate the response of locating some of our classmates, the only ones we haven't gotten an address on are Lucy Howell, Dean Huddleston, Bob Smith and Stanley Kerbow. If you know where we might reach these classmates, please contact Mary Nell Shepherd Holly at 495-3078, Lucy Trammell Duston at (281) 280-8489 or Linda Livingston Runkles at (915) 683-2926.

Need "oil patch" memories

A special Founders Day historical recollection is being assembled and memories of the "oil patch" are sought for the project. Anyone interested in sharing memories of the early oil patch days here should contact Louella Bilberry at 123 S. Avenue N.

Medical fund for A.E. "Tiny" Coleman

Friends of Tiny Coleman have established a medical fund to assist him with heart problems and diabetes. He remains in St Mary Hospital undergoing treatment. A long-time oil industry worker, Tiny has lived and worked in West Texas for many years. The medical fund is at South Plains Bank in Levelland under the name of A.E. "Tiny" Coleman, P.O. Box 1559, Levelland, Texas 79336.

Benefit catfish dinner Friday

A catfish dinner to benefit the Holy Cross Catholic Church will be held Friday, August 7 beginning at 5 p.m. Plates will be \$6 each and cakes will be available at \$4 each.

Post Dispatch journalism internship

The Post Dispatch is offering a special community journalism training project for Garza County youth. The "hands-on experience" will begin later this month, with openings for five youth, ages 15 to 18 years old. The project will include training and practical experiences in news reporting and writing, features, editorial research, planning, editing and writing, photography, advertising and production. A full page in the weekly newspaper is devoted to the project.

White River MWD has no emergency backup for treatment, pumps

by Sheri Lewis

Local resident Tom Hurley, a former executive of a large computer firm in Dallas, told Post City Council members Tuesday that contingency plans should be made to ensure the availability of necessary resources should the anticipated Y2K computer problems cause major power outages.

Hurley said he recently visited with White River Water District Manager Tommy O'Brien, who indicated the district has no backup generators which could be used in the event of a Y2K computer-related power outage. Neither does the district have a contingency plan.

Hurley offered numerous suggestions to the council in anticipation of the Y2K-related power outages, including the city's acquisition of tractor-driven generators and diesel storage capacity; the drilling of water wells dedicated for emergency use only; the development of broad contingency plans defining methods by which the city could provide each local residence with potable water; work with local churches to address housing and food needs within the community and ensure plans for use in the local juvenile detention center and nursing home; and address methods to maintain public safety and the provision of essential services within the community, including communication.

Not if, but when and how long

"The only real issue is not if it's going to happen," Hurley told the council. "The only real issue is the degree..."

Hurley said he has been preparing for about five years for the problems the year 2000 is expected to create within our computerized world. (See Page 7 for more on this topic)

Mayor Jim Jackson thanked Hurley for his presentation and indicated the council will take his suggestions under advisement.

In other business, the council:

- Heard budget requests from several organizations, including the Caprock Cultural Association (Jo Ann Mock); the Community Recovery Center (Judge Giles Dalby); and MAD DADS (Rodney Tidwell). The council continued work on the new fiscal year's budget.

- Adopted a resolution supporting the state-required airport layout plan.

- Received an update from City Manager Rick Hanna on White River Lake. Hanna said the lake is currently 17.5 feet low, compared to its lowest point, 21' low, which occurred last spring. Hanna also updated the council on the Crosby County water well project and indicated that everything is moving along as anticipated.
- Was reminded that a public hearing to set the tax rate will be conducted Sept. 6.

Area schools get set for '98-99 school year

Students throughout the area will be heading back to the classrooms this month as the 1998-99 school year gets under way.

Classes in the Post Independent School District are scheduled to begin Thursday, Aug. 13. Teachers will report for duty Monday, Aug. 10.

Upcoming events within the Post ISD include:

- Open house, Post Elementary School, Monday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m.
- Open house/student orientation, Post Middle School, Tuesday, Aug. 11, 7-8:30 p.m. (open to parents and students; participants should meet in the elementary school auditorium).

Classes for Southland students are slated to begin Wednesday, Aug. 12. Teachers employed by the Southland schools are scheduled to report for work Friday, Aug. 7.

Classes at the First Baptist Church Christian School, grades K-4, are to begin Monday, Aug. 17. Classes for preschoolers ages 3-4 will begin Monday, Aug. 31.

A hot dog supper and orientation for FBC students in grades K-4 and their families will be held Thursday, Aug. 20. An orientation for parents of FBC preschool students will be offered Thursday, Aug. 27.

GHD transfers Methodist contract to Covenant Health System

by Wesley W. Burnett

Without discussion or debate, Garza Hospital District (GHD) board of directors at last Thursday's meeting, approved the assignment of its contract with Methodist Hospital to the newly created Covenant Health Systems.

The decision affirmed a June 1, 1998 consent to assignment which had been signed by GHD board president Jack Alexander.

Board members also accepted the bid from Post Heating and Air Conditioning for repairs and approved minutes of a special meeting June 30.

The June 30 meeting apparently was called to review answers to a series of questions posed by The Post Dispatch. Present at the meeting were Zoe Kirkpatrick, David Nichols, David Tyler and Maritta Reed. The board "voted to accept the answers presented by Calloway

Huffaker on compliance issues and answer the questions on compliance issues."

Editor's Note: If this meeting was announced, we were not notified. We did receive an unsigned letter purporting to be from the Garza Hospital District, but no response has been received from a letter we sent to board members explaining that unsigned letters are of little value.

GHD attorney Cal Huffaker informed the board by letter that estimates for the cost of preparing legislation to amend the enabling legislation was not complete. The board had authorized Huffaker to seek estimates of the cost to make amendments to the law which established the district. Among the changes is to provide a method for an election to determine whether or not to dissolve the district, in response to petition signatures last spring of more than 500 Garza County tax payers.

The board also approved indigent status for three Garza County individuals. Each one was authorized medical services including up to three prescriptions per month.

A total of \$43,119.24 was approved in payment of bills since June 11, 1998, with \$25,000 to Methodist Hospital taking up the biggest amount.

Attending the meeting were board members Alexander, Zoe Kirkpatrick, David Nichols, Mike Travis and David Tyler and GHD administrator Maritta Reed. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 20 at the clinic building.

Sheriff, CPS mum on wandering child

Updated information on the investigation involving a preschool-aged child discovered alone on U.S. 84 in the early morning hours of July 26 were not available as of presstime.

Inquiries were made concerning the ongoing investigation but the sheriff and officers involved in the investigation were unavailable for comment Tuesday.

The male child, who is reportedly between 2-3 years of age, was discovered at about 5 a.m. Sunday, July 26, by lawmen who responded to an anonymous call reporting the situation. According to reports, the child apparently had awakened and unlocked the front door to the house, wandered outside and walked several blocks to the area where he was found, all without the knowledge of the adult in the home.

• Weather in Post •

Date	High	Low	Precip
July 29	98	75	—
July 30	100	77	—
July 31	101	74	—
Aug. 1	Not Available		
Aug. 2	101	73	—
Aug. 3	100	76	—
Aug. 4	100	66	.10
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Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Well, for those of you that did not recognize that stuff Monday night, it was rain and it was wonderful! Hopefully, we will see more as the week goes on and some cooler temps to go with it.

Charles and Ann Tubbs

I received news in the mail from Charles and Ann Tubbs. For the people that did not know, Charles and Ann were on their way to Texas Tech Medical School for their daughter, Karen Brook's, graduation.

They were involved in a one van accident sending them both to a Jacksboro hospital. Ann was moved to Harris Methodist Hospital, Fort Worth, for treatment of broken bones and head injury. Dr. Tubbs suffered broken ribs and other injuries.

After 46 days, Ann was transferred to Baylor where she is reported to be making fine progress. Meanwhile, Karen and her family moved to Temple, where she is beginning a residency at Scott and White Hospital.

As you all know, Charles is the son of the late Harry and Joan Tubbs. He attended school at Post and practiced here for a while.

Lorene Gordon's Trip

Lorene Gordon gave me a call to tell me all about her two week trip she recently returned from.

She started out in Pursee, Oklahoma with her daughter-in-law, Louise Gordon and granddaughter Vickie Gee. Vickie's children Micah and Alex were also there.

Then on to Prague, Oklahoma, where Lorene enjoyed a good visit with her grandson Randy and wife Angela and 3 children Micaela, Morgan and Joshua.

Randy is the Minister of Music at the First Baptist Church in Prague, and Lorene reports that she visited there and met so many nice people.

In this two week period, she also took in Branson, Mo. where they were entertained by Jim Stafford and visited Silver Dollar City and the Craft Theme Park.

On the last leg of the trip, they visited The Precious Moments Chapel in Carthage, Mo. and on to Eurika Springs, Ark. for a short visit before returning home.

I'm jealous Lorene, I know you had a wonderful time!

Thurman Francis Honored

Thurman Francis was honored by his family with a surprise 85th birthday dinner at Hotel Garza on Saturday July 25th.

Those attending were: Travis and Mary Francis from Abilene, Ira and Betty Munday from Irving, Alyne Clanton, Lilsa Yarborough, W.C. and Maurice Bush.

Johnnie Francis, Neal and Jenny Francis from Seymour, Kevin, Donna, Kelece, Kyle, Karah Craig from Irving, Rodney, Susan and Morgan George from Lubbock, Jane George, the honoree and his wife Annie Laura.

Birthdays

Birthdays this week are: Thursday 6: Ingrid Boteler, Katy Ehrig and D'Roy Bishop; Friday 7: Kayla Huff and Trey Barner; Saturday 8: Roy Gonzales and Bob Reiter; Sunday 9: Bryan L. Looney and Kathy Nelson; Monday 10: Tom Solis, Breea Daniell, Joey Cowley and Johnny Kemp; Tuesday 11: Jace Pollard, Curtis Martin and Myrtle Laflin; anniversary: Shane and DeDe Smith; Wednesday 12: Tye Hill, Bradley Cimental, Belen Rodriguez. Anniversaries: Robert and Anita Soto and Dean and Daisy Breedlove.

School Starts

Altho, I can hardly believe it, school time is here! Just a reminder to all of you that school does start on Thursday, August 13. Now I have one sweet friend, no names mentioned, that was going to start her children on the 17! So I thought it wise to print a little reminder to all of you anxious (for first bell) parents out there.

Till Next Week

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend, pray for more rain and may God bless each and everyone on you!!



Vera McWhorter (seated, right) is surrounded by friends from Wolforth, (left to right) Mae Champlin, Nelda Henderson and Mary Ann Jack.

Golden Plains News

We have had so much fun the past few days, first on the 29th at 2:00 p.m. Betty Garza, our Restorative Aide and Mary Graves, the Assistant Activity Director, got together a friendly little game of Volleyball between the residents and some youth here in town. They all had a blast! Those taking part: Cecilia Ortiz, Sandra Ortiz, Ricardo Gonzales, Jaime Gonzalez;

Chickadee Hernandez, Rachel Moreno, Eddy Rocha, Nicole Garza; Steve Rivera, Bodine Hernandez and D.J. Rivera.

The youth did a wonderful job. There were so many smiles and lots of laughter. A couple of the residents started laughing so hard we had to take a time out in the middle of the game.

The residents who participated were: Lela Pennington, Pink Wilks, Ione Hughes, Sebastian Pena;

Judy Howard, Vallie Daniels, Donnabel McCormick, Tony Ortiz; Jim Taylor, Dewey Chapman, Ruth Head, Mabel Robinson and Marvel Pearson.

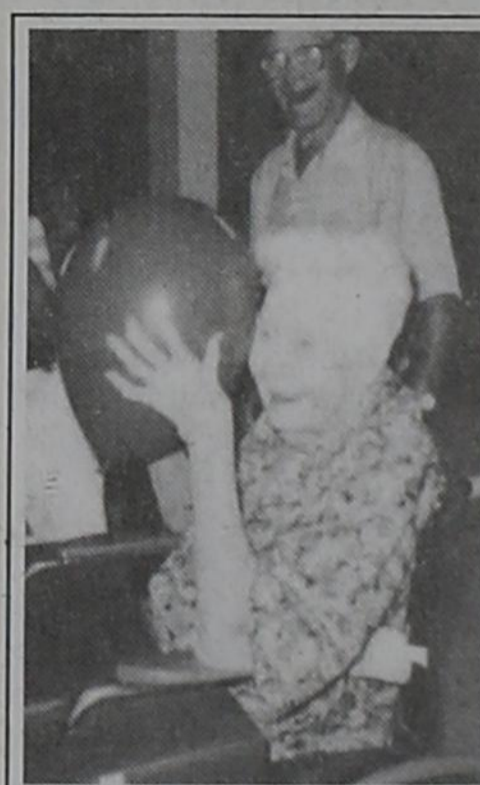
Julia Hudman and Warren Hardt enjoyed watching the game and cheering on their team. I would like to thank all the youth who participated. Thanks!!!

On Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. we had our Pizza Party. Thanks to Pizza Hut for donating all that delicious pizza, the residents really enjoyed it. Vera McWhorter had some special visitors during the pizza party. They were Nelda Henderson, Mae Champlin and Mary Ann Jack. These ladies use to be Vera's neighbors when she lived in Wolforth. They came to visit Mrs. McWhorter to wish her a happy birthday. Her birthday is 8/16.

I would like to thank Joseph Sanchez, Pizza Hut manager, for making the party such a success.

Our birthdays this month are: Mary Cross, 8/15, Vera McWhorter, 8/16, Pink Wilks, 8/16, Una Mae Jackson, 8/18 and Thelma Pringler, 8/30. Our birthday party will be on the 11th at 3:00 p.m. and the ladies auxiliary of the VFW will be here with wonderful birthday cake and punch. If anyone would like to come by and help us celebrate, please come on by, we would love to have you.

Till next week,
Bunny



Ruth Head and Jim Taylor having fun at the volleyball game.



Joseph Sanchez, Pizza Hut manager, brought pizzas for residents to enjoy.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Foodborne illness... don't get sick

"It must have been something I ate" is often the explanation for what many people call the "stomach flu." Scientists however, have a different name for this problem. They call it foodborne illness and estimate that each year, between 6.5 million and 33 million people suffer from its consequences. But you don't have to be one of the unlucky ones.

Most cases of foodborne illness can be prevented through some simple food handling and storage steps. All it takes is a little know-how and such everyday weapons as soap and water, a refrigerator and a food thermometer to check the temperature.

What is a foodborne illness?

Foodborne illness is the sickness that results from eating foods that are contaminated with harmful bacteria and other microorganisms. Although you may not see, smell or taste these "bugs," under the right conditions, they may be present on the foods when they are purchased or get into food during preparation, cooking, serving or storage.

Common symptoms of foodborne illness include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, fever, headache and vomiting. These symptoms may come on as early as a half hour after eating contaminated food or may not develop for up to two weeks. They usually last only a day or two, but in some cases can persist a week or more.

For most healthy people, foodborne illnesses are neither long-lasting nor life-threatening. However, the consequences can be severe and may require hospitalization and even lead to death in the very young, the very old and those with weakened immune systems.

How do you keep foods safe? Because bacteria can survive on raw foods despite aggressive controls at the processing and retail levels, food safety experts urge consumers to think about food safety at each step in the food handling process - from shopping to bringing takeout foods home to storing leftovers. This means consumers should always follow these four simple steps:

1. Clean - Wash hands, utensils and surfaces with hot soapy water before and after food preparation, and especially after preparing meat, poultry, eggs or seafood to protect adequately against bacteria. Using a disinfectant cleaner or a mixture of bleach and water on surfaces and antibacterial soap on hands can provide some added protection.
2. Separate - Keep raw meat, poultry, eggs and seafood and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods; never place cooked food on an unwashed plate that previously held these raw foods.
3. Cook - Cook food to the proper internal temperature (this varies for different cuts and types of meat and poultry) and check for doneness with a food thermometer. Cook eggs until both the yolk and white are firm.
4. Chill - Refrigerate or freeze perishables, prepared food and leftovers within two hours and make sure the refrigerator is set at no higher than 40 degrees F and that the freezer unit is set at 0.

Bacteria are invisible enemies. But you have four powerful weapons to Fight BAC. So, be a BAC Fighter to make the meals and snacks you serve the safest possible!

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

Sparlin, Hewitt host VFW Auxiliary meeting

by Lana Comer

Jo Ellen Sparlin and Glenda Hewitt opened their home for a meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW July 27.

Discussed and tabled until more information could be gathered was the purchase of school sup-

plies for use at the grade school. Also discussed was the district meeting to be held Aug. 2.

After the meeting, members enjoyed snacks, sandwiches, meatballs, dips, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, whipped cream, juice, tea and coffee.

Those attending were Jo Ellen Sparlin, Glenda Hewitt, Dena Morgan, Tot Teaff, Lola Ryan, Janet Ratliff, Ruth Walls, Lana Comer, Twana McCleary, Vi Strawhasker, Faye Stone, Carol Jean Light and Melvis Taylor.

Theta Eta Chapter conducts session

The Theta Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held its annual business and planning session at the Post Primary School on July 27 with Connie Flores presiding.

Members enjoyed a luncheon in the school library at the conclusion of the session.

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Castillo family impressed with collegiate orientation

Delfina, Orlando and Angie Castillo attended the Freshman Parent/Family Orientation Program at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, July 19-21.

The opening session was presented by Ralph Bushy, director of counsel and career services.

Orlando, who will be attending the university, spent the two days meeting with the professors who will teach his major, kinesiology and special education.

While the sessions were lengthy, the final event was designed to be serious but contained elements of humor. Its purpose was to expose students and parents to the "creatures" they will face during their "college safari." The conclusion of the presentation included a screen-

ing of the previous graduation class walking up to the podium to receive their diplomas while the names of incoming freshmen were called out.

An elaborate reception was held for parents to meet the SFA staff and administrators. Delfina Castillo was able to meet the chairman of the Education Department, Dr. Elvia Rodriguez, and three other Hispanic teachers visiting from the San Antonio area.

Visitors were also shown a Lumberjack spirit film and treated to a bus tour of Nacogdoches, which is said to be the oldest town in Texas.

To conclude the orientation, a game of "Guess That Tune" was played with all types of music

from the '50s to the present. Gifts were given away, with the grand prize a cash award of \$350.

As the Castillos were headed home, Delfina told her son how much times have changed since her school days.

"There is no more segregation," she said, "and Hispanics are very much involved in all aspects of school activities. Now it's up to them to stand up and be leaders of tomorrow."



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William C. Cole

William Cole completes basic training

Air Force Airman William C. Cole has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Cole's parents are Tommy J. and Rosemary Cole of Post. He is a 1996 graduate of Post High School.

Births

Benjamin Jackson George

Rodney and Susan George and Morgan of Lubbock are pleased to announce the arrival of their son and brother, Benjamin Jackson on July 31, 1998.

Ben was born at 5:20 P.M. in St. Marys Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 ozs. and was 20" long.

Grandparents are Kerry and Barbara Jackson of Lubbock and Jane George of Post and the late Benny George.

Great Grandparents are Thurman and Annie Laura Francis and Cleo George of Spearman.

Heavenly Father,
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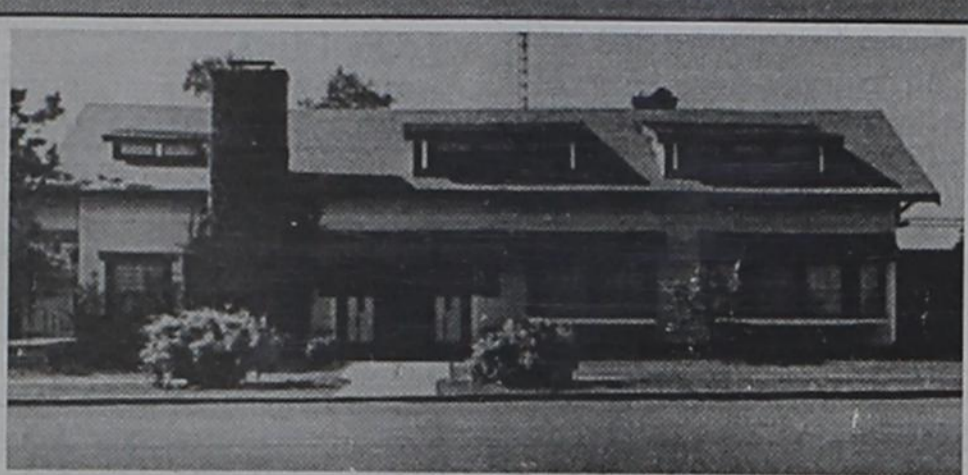
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Emergency "heatwave" funding received by SPCAA for distribution

South Plains Community Action Association has announced that funding released by President Clinton concerning the Emergency Heatwave allocation has been received.

"Up to this time the agency has been awaiting release of the South Plains portion of these funds from the state," Luis Perez said. "SPCAA is happy to announce the release of these funds and the program guidelines on how to distribute the funding to the South Plains delivery area," he continued.

The South Plains Community Action Association service delivery area includes- Hockley, Lubbock, Bailey, Cochran, Garza, Lamb, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum. The logistics involved to serve this area will require negotiating with various social service agencies to arrange a site to process applications.

SPCAA is also in the process of training new employees to expedite the application process and it is anticipated to take approximately one week for SPCAA to set up a mechanism to begin accepting applications to cover the area.

"SPCAA will continue to give updates, hopefully on a daily basis, concerning progress SPCAA is making," Perez added. "The agency regrets any inconvenience this has caused but this is a tremendous effort the agency is undertaking and will put it into place as soon as feasibly possible," he concluded.

Obituaries

Susan Ramsey Snead

Services for Susan Ramsey Snead, 50, were held Sunday, July 5, 1998, at 7 p.m. in the Faith Presbyterian Church of Round Rock. The Harrell Funeral Home of Austin was in charge of arrangements.

She died June 30, 1998, following a long battle with cancer. She was born in Atlanta, Georgia to the Rev. Bernard Ramsey, who served as pastor of the First Christian Church in Post for several years, and Edith Greer Ramsey.

Her formative years were spent in Tyler and Post, where she graduated from Post High School in 1965 and married Freddie Simmons. After her husband was wounded in Vietnam, she lived 25 years in Farmers Branch as a devoted wife, caring for her injured husband and serving actively in Ridgeview Presbyterian Church. She later graduated from the University of North Texas with a degree in early childhood and elementary education, magna cum laude.

She taught pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes for six years at Jamie Stark Elementary in Farmers Branch. In 1995, she married the Rev. Lou Snead, pastor of the Faith Presbyterian Church, and began teaching kindergarten at Wells Branch Elementary School in Round Rock.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Whitney Simmons; one stepson, Andrew Snead; her sister, Nancy Cockrell; and her brother, Rauf Ramsey.

The family has requested that memorial gifts be made in Susan Snead's name to the Children's Hospital Foundation of Austin, 601 E. 15th Street, Austin, TX 77701, to help provide toys for children being treated for cancer.

Personal from the Sheriff

by Sheriff Kenneth Ratke

This week I have been asked to respond to a very interesting statement. Some people always say that elected officials are susceptible to being controlled by others once elected to office. Have you ever been confronted with this problem?

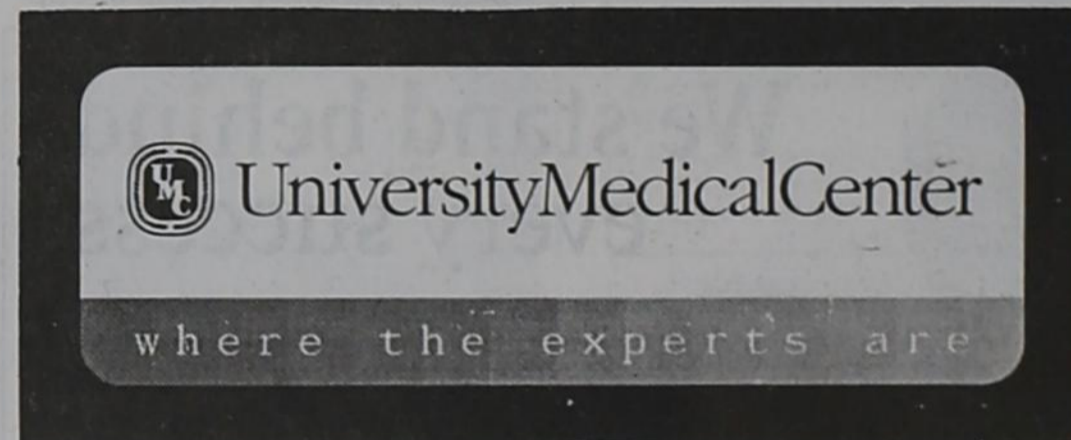
There are several ways you can look at this. If people are looking at you as a potential role model or other things I think an elected official should be, you could say the answer is yes. I have always felt people made the choice to enter public service and should expect the public to hold their lifestyle, attitude and behavior to a high standard. There are those I've known who constantly complain about having to live up to the expectations of others. That's a big mistake in my opinion. We should be answering the challenge and setting good examples. It's a tough task at times, but we should have known that going into public work.

I won't sidestep the question. Yes, there have been occasions when individuals have come in or called the office and tried to influence decisions at the sheriff's department. I have had people threaten to drop political support and have even had people tell me they would purposely spread false rumors about me or staff members if they didn't get their way. I have learned that these reactions are very natural when people are angry. I know these are things that can occur every day I go to work. The best thing I've found is to remember we work for the entire general public and keep control of things the public doesn't condone. I try to explain that people aren't personally being singled out by law enforcement. They don't always understand that. I don't know what prior contact with law enforcement they had and if it was a positive contact.

I do think that most people are wanting to do the right thing, but when they are at the sheriff's office dealing with or helping someone else deal with serious or often times very embarrassing situations you have to realize that people are going to make those kinds of statements. If you give in to that kind of pressure you might be becoming a part of the problem, not the solution. I've personally seen that most people, in time, realize that enforcement isn't a personal attack on them but a person doing his job.



The anti-malarial drug quinine comes from the bark of the cinchona tree, a South American evergreen.



GANGLION CYST

Ganglion cysts are very common masses that grow on the top or bottom of the fingers, wrist and hand. They start out small, but can become very large. The average is about the size of a marble. They are fluid filled and somewhat mobile when manipulated. When irritated they can become pink or red, but normally are flesh colored in appearance.

The cause is unknown, while not infectious or malignant, large cysts may be painful or limit the motion of the finger or hand. This is because they usually grow out of near by joints or tendons.

Treatment is centered around watching for changes, as they often resolve on their own. However, if they are painful or becoming a cosmetic concern there is some treatments. A splint can be applied to the wrist or hand to keep it from moving. Drugs such as ibuprofen will help reduce the swelling around the cyst. The cyst may be drained with a needle, although they often reappear. This should not be done at home as the risk an infection in the area of a joint is great and is often hard to treat.

If the above treatments fail, your provider may refer you to a hand surgeon to remove the cyst. This involves taking out a portion of the tendon sheath or capsule lining of the joint.

Most ganglion cysts are nothing more than noticeable to the patient. If you think you have one and it is causing you problems or if you are unsure of what it is see your provider.

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Perhaps you've heard the comments these past few days... "Yeh, it rained a little, but just a sprinkle or two..." But when it rained this week, even for just a few minutes, I thought to myself, "hmm, it's not the kind of rain we hoped for, but it is rain." And then I remembered that quiet, hot and windy July 4 morning some of us met at the city park, held hands in a circle, and asked God to deliver us from the scorching heat and dry spell.

It's like this with us ungrateful and stubborn people... even when God answers our prayers, we begrudgingly admit it, and, like spoiled children, reach out our hands for more.

I remember my momma's look the day I got caught taking coins off the top of the dresser in Mom and Dad's bedroom. To me, it wasn't stealing, I just wanted a few coins to buy a candy and soft drink.

"It's not yours, son, she said quietly but firmly. When you take something from someone else, that's stealing." I never forgot that reprimand. It's like that with God, I think, "here, son, take this moisture and enjoy."

"Thanks, but isn't there more? This is really not enough."

Oh well, we can live in the comfort of knowing that God loves us anyway, even if we have contrite hearts and little faith. I promise to do better next time.

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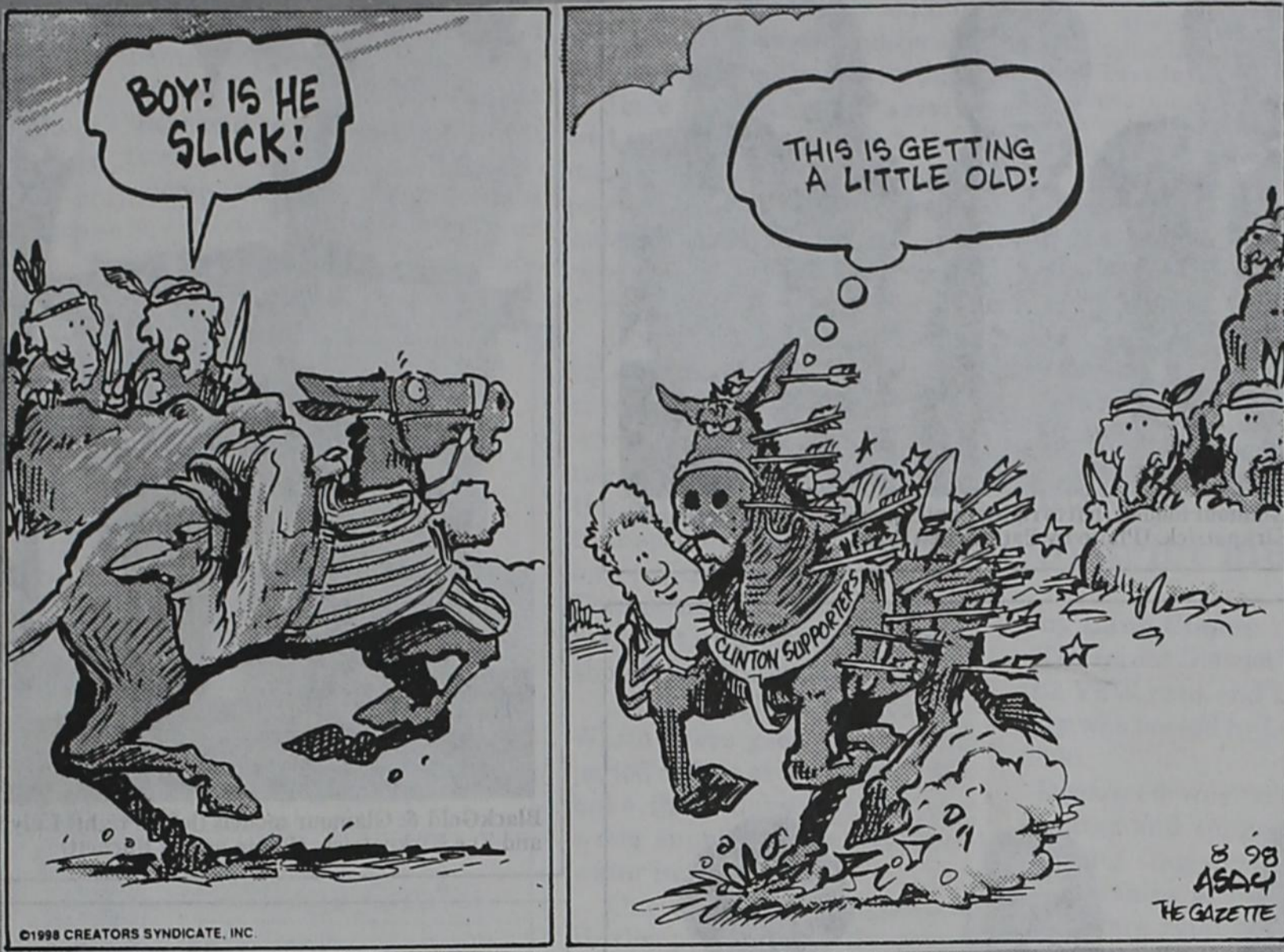
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Should our tax money be used to subsidize a privately owned business?

by Wesley W. Burnett
 Continuing to ignore the law which established the Garza Hospital District (GHD), members of the board of directors voted last Thursday to "assign" the former contract with Methodist Hospital to the newly created Covenant Health System.

In disregard for its obligations as specified in HB 1325, the statute which has not been amended and is the controlling law for GHD, the board approved a contract without first submitting it for competitive bids. Here's what the law says:

Section 6 (d) - The hospital district shall not make any contract calling for or requiring the expenditure or payment of One Thousand (\$1,000.00) or more out of any fund or funds of said district creating or imposing an obligation or liability of any nature or character upon such hospital district, without first submitting such proposed contract to competitive bids.

It isn't a question of whether or not the board wishes it to be otherwise, the simple fact is, that the contract with Methodist, and now transferred to Covenant, is in excess of \$1,000 and it was not submitted for competitive bids. That makes the contract invalid.

But there is an even stronger objection being raised by tax payers on this matter... why are our tax funds, more than \$300,000 per year, being spent to subsidize a privately owned business?

Even if the contract had been lawfully executed through competitive bidding, the fact remains that tax payers here are bank-rolling a private business, which is operating a health clinic here, not restricted to serving the indigent of this county.

Interestingly, the contract specifies that the purpose is to care for the indigent. From strictly a financial consideration, it seems almost absurd that more than \$300,000 is being spent to care for the indigent, when in fact, less than \$25,000 was spent last year for that purpose.

As we have pointed out before, if the GHD board would hold itself to the limits of the law, the tax burden for indigent in this county would be insignificant. There can be no adequate justification for such outlandish misuse of tax funds.

A contract for serving the indigent of Garza County should be fairly simple, and based on historical costs, should not be much more than \$25,000 to \$50,000 per year. There just are not that many people here who qualify under the strict guidelines of indigency.

If this were the only violation of law by the board, perhaps it could be excused on the basis of "ignorance of the law." But there is more:

- (1) The board also does not properly advertise its annual budget hearing;
- (2) exceeds the limit of \$5,000 per year of payments to the county for tax collection;
- (3) has not submitted an annual audit to the State Comptroller's office no later than December 31 of each year;
- (4) expends tax funds for medical care to those people other than indigent and
- (5) has closed the hospital for which it was established to create.

And now the board is planning to spend thousands of more tax payer dollars to an Austin law firm to prepare legislation so that the enabling act (HB 1325) can be amended. There is simply no authority in the law for the board to expend tax payer funds for that purpose.

The board, could, however, simply write State Senator Robert Duncan and State Representative David Counts (or his political opponent Scott McLaughlin if elected in November) to prepare the appropriate legislation providing for an election to dissolve the district.

Those folks are our elected officials in Austin, and it is their duty to introduce the legislation... we don't need some fancy, high paid Austin lobbyist to use our tax money... we're already paying Duncan and Counts, they should take care of this.

And while on the subject of amending the enabling legislation, let's be careful not to open up a whole new set of ways to spend our money... amend it simply by stating that the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 286.102 shall apply to Garza Hospital District. In fact, it might be simpler to just amend Chapter 286 to make that statement.

How much trouble would that be?
 Editor's Note: Just a reminder, Chapter 286.102 is the law which petitioners were told applied for calling an election to dissolve the district, only to discover after all the effort that the Garza Hospital District wasn't included in that law.

Liberty ... the right to travel
 "The right of travel is part of the Liberty which the citizen cannot be deprived without due process of law under the Fifth Amendment."
 U.S. Supreme Court decision
 Kent v. Dulles, 357 U.S. 116, 125

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Y2k and the five stages of grieving

by Tom Hurley, Little Assisi
 Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross was the first person to identify and describe five distinct stages associated with accepting the inevitable. Dr. Kubler-Ross came to her observations as she watched dying patients move through the grieving process. Often there is a grieving that comes from being given bad news or losing something or someone dear to us.

Denial... the first stage

The first of the five observable stages is denial. When we are in denial, we essentially pretend something is not really happening or has not happened. This is perfectly normal reaction to situations we find unpleasant, distasteful or hurtful.

When we are told that a friend has died unexpectedly, most of us are unable respond saying, "Praise be to God," immediately. Denial can be overcome by spending time alone with the Lord, in prayer and meditation. We should bring our natural inclination to denial to Him. All things that happen have been "allowed" by Him.

Anger... the second stage

The second stage of the grieving process is anger. The good news about being in this stage is we are moving or have moved out of denial. When we are angry, we look around for those whom we can blame for our feelings. This is why the messenger is often blamed for the message. We are inclined to make someone the brunt of our feelings of anger.

We must never lose sight of the fact that anger is a vice and as such is likely to serve a harmful purpose. When we are being attacked by an angry bear it is good to be angry, letting the anger trigger the fight or flight response. Some people will remind us that on several occasions Jesus exhibited anger, but we must not confuse the righteous anger of the God-man with the vice that makes us become so irrational.

Anger is usually the result of our desire or will being thwarted. We can't always have what we want. Prayer is an antidote to anger, as are hard work and tiring exercise.

Bargaining... the third stage

The third stage is one in which we try to strike bargains with whomever possible, in order to alleviate what is happening. In this stage we are undergoing a form of conditional acceptance. The word "if" is found in our thoughts and on our tongues. Often the bargaining will be with God, as we seek to change the Divine Will. If I do this Lord, will You do that? Conditional acceptance of a situation is not a good place to be. We must hurry on.

The fourth stage is depression. Unresolved anger usually leads to depression. "And the Lord said to him: Why art thou angry? and why is thy countenance fallen? (An ancient equivalent to depression). Gen. 4:6.

Until we come to accept that fact we often become depressed because of unresolved anger, we will only deal with the effects, not the cause. There is much talk in the literature today about clinical depression. Large quantities of drugs are prescribed to deal with the effects of depression. The words on the lips of the depressed person are, "why me?" or "why? why? why?"

In prayer, the Lord will show us any contribution we have made to the situation that is causing us to be depressed, and we can confess it as appropriate. This is preferable to blaming ourselves. In the depressed stage, we must come to grips with what needs to change in us, and what are we being denied that is making us angry? The only person we can ever hope to change, of course, is ourselves.

The final stage in grieving is acceptance. Sometimes it will take the form of gratitude. We are now better able to see or understand, why? When the grieving has been caused by another, it is in acceptance that we should express unconditional forgiveness for the person who has hurt us. "...forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us..." Matt 6:12. In the Lord's prayer, we are asking to be forgiven only to the same extent we forgive others. And when we accept what God has allowed, we are better able to accept His love and healing.

The great danger for those of us who are grieving is that we get stuck in one of the first four stages, and fail to accept God's love and healing. It is difficult to experience God's love when we are, for example, angry or depressed. It is only in acceptance, that we repeat Jesus' words.

"...Your kingdom come, Your will be done..." Matt 6:10.

Which stage are you in?

In which stage are you, as it relates to the potential crisis that will arise from Y2k? Most of us are in denial. I have been preparing for Y2k for over 5 years, and at times I still find myself saying or doing things which show I am still in partial denial.

We must move on. Only when we can accept the evidence and evaluate it prudently, will we be able to ask the Lord to guide us in our response.

No two people will be asked to respond in like manner. We are all different and were all created by God with different missions in mind. What a blessing to have been given to live during these times. It is said the Saints who have gone before, "envy" us who are to experience these times. God does nothing or allows nothing without reason.

All of us are living at this time because God wills it so. We must take the issues of Y2k to the Lord in prayer so that we can sooner and better understand His will for us. "... Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven..." Matt 6:10.

God bless us all, Your neighbor.

And thereafter, education production

by Walter E. Williams

Determining what needs to be done about primary and secondary education depends on your vision of how it is produced. Education outcomes depend at least upon two important variables: the home and the school. But these two variables are related to one another in a critical fashion, and the assumptions made about that relationship are crucial to policy.



One assumption is that educational achievement depends on what happens in the home plus (and the plus is very important) what happens in school. Therefore, if the home environment is poor and not conducive to educational achievement, it can be offset by putting more resources into the school.

This additive relationship has been the ruling assumption for the past several decades. The nation has been trying to improve education by dumping billions of dollars into schools, equipment, books and teachers with little to show for it.

Another assumption is that educational achievement depends on a multiplicative relationship between the home and school. That is, educational achievement depends upon what happens in the home times (and the times is very important) what happens in school. In that case, if the home environment is worth zero, no matter what resources we put into schools there's going to be disappointing results. That's because zero times anything of any magnitude equals zero.

Considerable evidence suggests a multiplicative relationship. Children who tend to do well in school generally come from two-parent families. Their parents ensure that homework is done and educational material is in the home. They're lectured about school behavior and punished when necessary. Parents make sure they attend school every day and on time. Parents respond to school notices and grades. And, they make sure their kids go to bed at a reasonable hour.

A good home environment is vital to getting a good education. The measures that parents take to create a good home environment

cannot be done by government or educators. If what only parents can do is not done, education results will always be disappointing. If you accept this vital multiplicative relationship between the home environment and the school, what are the policy recommendations?

Even in the rottenest of schools, there are some kids whose parents provide a good or marginally good home environment. However, these kids might not achieve anywhere near their academic potential because of the presence of other kids from poor home environments. School administrators cannot prevent these kids from bringing the education process to a virtual halt. Instead of teachers teaching, they spend most of their class time on discipline, trying to motivate hostile and alien minds and vainly attempting to help chronic truants to catch up.

The education establishment and the civil-rights establishment seem to have the attitude that no kids shall be educated well until it is possible for all kids to be educated well. That's what's implied in their argument against school vouchers and tuition tax credits, when they say, "We shouldn't abandon public schools!"

But there's a bit of hypocrisy in that message, since public-school teachers send their own children to private schools at a much greater rate than the general population. Black teachers nationally are 50 percent more likely than black parents in general to use private schools.

You tell me what's compassionate about condemning kids, whose parents try to create a good home environment, to unsafe and poor-quality schools. We ought to set as our education priority the provision of high-quality education to kids who are ready and able to use it.

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BoldGold & Glamour style show features fashions and models

About 150 area residents attended the elegant Black Gold & Glamour Style Show & Luncheon conducted Friday at the community center.

The event, which was chaired by Lisa Kirkpatrick, revolved around fashions provided by five retailers — Lily Dale's and La Posta, both local shops, and Tucker Brown, Skibell's and J. Hoffman of Lubbock. Fashions perfect for the upcoming Black & Gold Gala to be held in September as part of the Founder's Day celebration were featured, as were transitional clothes and fall fashions.

Models for the show included:

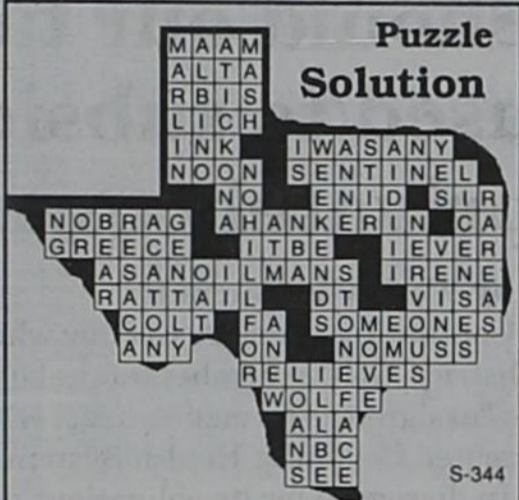
- Lily Dale's — Gena Lott, Terri Cash, Kelli Macy and Carolyn Gossett.
- La Posta — Kimbra Jones, Martha McLendon and Raylynn Kirkpatrick.
- Tucker Brown — Pam Gorman, Patricia Hernandez and Rhonda Kirkpatrick.
- Skibell's — Tracy Stevens, Amber Eagle and Keitha Wright.
- J. Hoffman — Tonya Kirkpatrick, Zoe Kirkpatrick and Lilly Hart.

Lynette Thuett organized the style show and provided commentary for the event.

The meal was catered by LD's Daughters and table decorations, for which prizes were awarded, were provided by various local organizations.

Table decoration contest winners included Post Rodeo Association first place in casual category, with Methodist Church Hand Bell Choir first place in the glamour category. Other winners were the Women's Division of the Commerce and Tourism Bureau second and the Graham Community Center, third place.

Several people won silent auction goodies and door prizes were furnished by Skibell's and J. Hoffman of Lubbock.



BlackGold & Glamour models (left to right) Pam Gorman, Patricia Hernandez and Rhonda Kirkpatrick. (Photo by Pat Burnett)



BlackGold & Glamour models (left to right) Kimbra Jones, Raylynn Kirkpatrick and Martha McLendon. (Photo by Pat Burnett)



BlackGold & Glamour models (left to right) Keitha Wright, Amber Eagle and Tracy Stevens. (Photo by Pat Burnett)



BlackGold & Glamour models (left to right) Lilly Hart, Tonya Kirkpatrick and Zoe Kirkpatrick. (Photo by Pat Burnett)



BlackGold & Glamour models (left to right) Carolyn Gossett, Gena Lott and Terri Cash. (Photo by Pat Burnett)

Classic Cable to help wire schools

Classic Cable recently announced plans to contribute money to local high schools with each new cable installation or upgrade.

According to Jennifer Hauschild, marketing manager for Classic Cable, the company has committed to donating \$5 to local high schools for each new installation or upgrade made during the month of August. In addition, HBO will donate \$1 for each HBO sale.

"We offered a similar campaign in 1997 and generated nearly \$15,000 for local high schools," Hauschild said. "We have been working very hard this year on being good neighbors in the communities we provide we cable service and we firmly believe the education of our children is vitally important. This effort demonstrates our continued commitment to our customers, their communities and their children."

Classic Cable currently provides all schools with free cable television service and has established a college scholarship fund for graduating seniors. In addition, the company makes donations to many community events and donates a large number of toys to needy children during the holidays.

Anyone interested in having cable installed this month will not only have the \$5 donated to the local high school but will also receive 50 percent off the regular installation fee. Existing customers wishing to assist with these efforts can do so by upgrading their existing service to include any premium service and the donation of \$5 will also be made. They, too, will receive 50 percent off the regular upgrade fee.

Customers may call 1-800-999-8876 to obtain further information. "During the month of August, everyone can win," Hauschild said. "Customers have the best home entertainment value in town, the local high school will receive a donation and Classic Cable will have a valued customer."

The true way to be deceived is to think oneself more clever than others.

—Francois Duc De La Rochefoucauld

Post junior golfers continue to excel in summer tourneys

by Barbara Hardin

The summer junior golf tournaments are wrapping up with the onset of the starting of school fast approaching. However, the Post junior golfers are ending up on a successful note.

Marcus Lopez came in 2nd at the "Games of Texas" held at the Meadowbrook Golf Course in Lubbock with scores of 75-78 week before last. Then last week he took top honors in the Westcott NTPGA Area Championship scoring a 73 at Hillcrest Country Club and a 71 at Meadowbrook Golf Course both in Lubbock.

Nikki Norman also competed in this tournament in the Girls 12-14 age division. Her scores were 62 at Hillcrest CC and 49 at Meadowbrook GC. This was Nikki's final tournament but Marcus will compete this week at the NTPGA "Tournament of Champions" in Dallas at the Hyatt Bear Creek Golf Course as a result of his win in Lubbock.

Kasey Hardin finished up her summer schedule in Abilene at the American Junior Golf Association West Texas Junior held July 27-30th with a three-day scoring of 85-85-81. Many of the participants in this tournament had already graduated from high school and have signed with major universities to play college golf. The scores were not particularly low due to windy conditions along with very fast greens.

Kasey qualified for the NTPGA Area Championship in Lubbock but was unable to play due to that tournament being held the same dates as the AJGA in Abilene. Kaycee Gorman also had qualified for the Area Championship but was out of town and unable to participate.

All of the Post junior golfers have had great experiences during the summer and look forward to tournament play again next summer. The high school golfers are gearing up for competition in the spring and look for the girls' and boys' teams to be at the top of the leader boards when that time rolls around.



The earliest known newspaper, a newsheet, actually, was the Acta Diurna (Daily Events), published in Rome in 59 B.C.



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.....members will continue to meet on Monday, August 10, at the Extension office. If you are interested in joining the project, call Kelly at the Extension Office at 495-4400 to sign up before Monday.

4-H Club Managers Meeting....

.....will be Wednesday, August 12, at Noon at the Extension Office. Please bring a sack lunch. This meeting is to plan the new 4-H year.

Special Marketing Club Meeting

A statewide Tele-conference with Billy Dunavant will be held at 7:15 a.m. Friday, August 14 in the Extension Office. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

4-H Council Meeting

County 4-H Council will meet Monday, August 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office to plan and organize the county Achievement Banquet.

4-H Achievement Banquet

The 1998 Garza County 4-H Achievement Banquet will be Saturday, August 22 at the Post Community Center. Please call 495-4400 with the number in your family planning to attend.

Cooking Corner Tips To Help You

Luscious, Delicious And Easy To Make

Pitted cherries glazed with currant jelly provide a sweet, juicy contrast to the cake's creamy flavor.

(NAPS)—It's cherry season and the cherries are luscious—ripe, red and ready to be used in a wide variety of refreshingly different desserts. A luxuriously rich cherry dessert that's very elegant but easy to make is Sour Cream Cherry Cake.

The dessert is assembled with a variety of quick mixes—cake mix for the base and vanilla pudding for the filling. A topping of pitted cherries glazed with currant jelly provides a sweet juicy contrast to the cake's creamy flavor.

SOUR CREAM CHERRY CAKE

- 1 package (9 oz.)* yellow cake mix
- 1 egg
- 1½ cups lowfat milk, divided
- 1 package (3.5 oz.) vanilla pudding mix
- ½ cup dairy sour cream
- ½ teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 2 cups pitted Northwest fresh sweet cherries
- 2 tablespoons currant jelly, melted
- Mint sprigs
- 1 cup sweetened whipped cream, optional

Prepare yellow cake according to package directions using egg and ½ cup milk. Pour batter into flan pan and bake according to package directions. Prepare vanilla pudding according to package directions using 1 cup milk; remove from heat and stir in sour cream and lemon peel. When cake is cool, fill with vanilla pudding. Top with cherries; brush with melted jelly. Garnish with mint. Serve with whipped cream, if desired. Makes 8 servings.

Tip: If flan pan is not available, bake in a 9-inch cake pan. Completely cool pudding; spread pudding on cake and top with cherries as above.

Quick Tip: A purchased 8- or 9-inch sponge shortcake may be used.

* One package (18.25 oz.) yellow cake mix may be used. Prepare and bake according to package directions, using 2 eggs and 1 cup milk. Use one layer and reserve second layer for another use.

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City council hears ideas for backup water supply

by Charlie Duncan

Tom Hurley addressed the city council Tuesday night regarding possible contingency plans that need to be made for Post to have drinking water during any multi-day or longer electrical power outages. Hurley pointed out that White River Municipal Water District has no emergency generators capable of treating or pumping water to its member cit-

ies. With the Year 2000 crisis (Y2K) quickly approaching in less than 18 months, it is clear from testimony given to the US Senate and House Committees, that there will be problems with electrical power loss.

Some of those problems relate to electrical utility software or hardware problems and problems with other utilities that

share the power grid. There could also be problems getting supplies of fuel. These problems could be for a few days, a few months or a few years. No one knows for sure.

Since people can only survive without water for several days, it is clear that a three or four day power outage would result in a catastrophe for Post residents, who depend on White River for their water.

Until the late 1960s, Post got its drinking water from on top of the Cap west of town. Those water well fields are no longer useable, but as Hurley reported, the old storage tanks used by that system still can hold about one million gallons of water. That is usually a one day supply for Post, but with rationing should last three days.

So if the electrical power to White River goes out for some period of days or weeks, we might have three days of emergency water supplies if the city stored water in those tanks.

One of the many suggestions Hurley presented to the council was for Post to invest in diesel generators and fuel to provide the emergency power needed to pump and hopefully purify the water at White River. A key problem is that White River doesn't just supply water to Post. Another is that even with power generators and fuel there, damage of any kind to the 45 mile pipeline would mean again, no water for Post.

Perhaps Hurley's single best and simplest suggestion regarding this problem was for the city to drill new water wells on top of the cap and to provide Post's water from this nearby and mostly



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Menu

Trail Blazer

Friday, Aug. 7, 1998

Chili and Beans, Sliced onions, carrot raisin salad, cornbread and rice pudding.

Monday, Aug. 10, 1998

Chicken Fried Steak, White Gravy, Potato, Broccoli, Wheat Roll and Oranges and Bananas.

Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1998

Chicken and Dumplings, Green Peas, Cauliflower, Cheese Sauce, Hot Roll and Pumpkin Spice Cake.

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 1998

Roast Beef, Brown Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Zucchini, Tossed Salad/french dressing, Wheat Roll and Frosted Cake.

Thursday, Aug. 13, 1998

Mexican Stew w/potatoes, Mixed vegetable, Pina Colada Pudding and cornbread.

VFW auxiliary members attend district meeting

by Lana Comer

The recent District 7 meeting of the VFW men and ladies auxiliary was hosted by Lubbock Post 2466.

Discussed was writing to our senator and congressmen concerning flag desecration and scholarships to be given. Members were reminded to get out and vote and safety pamphlets concerning drugs and alcohol were distributed for members to pass out. The need for additional volunteers for the VA clinic in Lubbock was also discussed.

Members were also reminded that the VFW organization is currently observing its 100th anniversary.

The next District 7 meeting for the VFW will be hosted in Post in November.

Those attending the meeting from Post 6797 were Commander Chuck Ratliff; Ladies Auxiliary President and District 7 Treasurer Janet Ratliff; District 7 Patriotic Instructor, Post 6797 Chaplain and Patriotic Instructor Jo Ann Stelzer; Melvis Taylor; and Lana Comer.

Deputies arrest eight last week

Eight arrests were made in Garza County during the past week, according to sheriff's department records.

On July 30, a 30-year-old female was arrested on bond forfeiture. On July 31, three individuals were arrested, including a 37-year-old male, commitment (released Aug. 1 on time served), a 37-year-old male, commitment (released Aug. 2 on time served), and a 42-year-old male, commitment (released Aug. 2 on time served).

Arrested on Aug. 1 was a 35-year-old male picked up on a Howard County warrant, DWI (released the next day on \$3,000 bail bond). Two arrests were made Aug. 2, including that of a 45-year-old female picked up for public intoxication (released the same day after paying fine and court costs) and a 20-year-old male arrested for DWI/first (released the same day after posting a \$1,500 surety bond). A 77-year-old male was arrested for contempt of court on Aug. 3 (released the next day on time served, fine paid).

More than 75 calls for service were fielded by sheriff's department dispatchers over the past week. Those calls included, on July 29, a report of an automobile accident on CR 220 about one mile north of Close City (a motorcycle reportedly struck a truck; a 1-year-old infant and a 19-year-old female were airlifted to University Medical Center, Lubbock).

On July 30, the sheriff's department received a call about a skunk in a yard in the 500 block of West Main Street.

On July 31, two grass fires were reported. One was on Hwy. 208 and the second on 669. The fire department was called out on both blazes. Also reported was a minor automobile accident on South Broadway (no injuries reported) and a fight at a local apartment complex.

Calls received Aug. 1 included a request for an ambulance in the 600 block of West 4th Street (transport made to Methodist Hospital, Lubbock); criminal mischief at the rodeo grounds (vehicle damaged); a medical emergency in the 600 block of N. Avenue O (ambulance called); and a grass fire on 207 (fire department notified).

An ambulance was called out to Trade Days on Aug. 2 for a medical emergency and a transport made to Methodist Hospital. Also reported on that date was a gasoline drive-off at a North Broadway convenience store.

Another automobile accident, this one on North Avenue K, was reported on Aug. 3 (ambulance called and transport made to Methodist Hospital). Other reports received on that date included a report of an unconscious male in the 800 block of Pine Street (ambulance called and transport made to Methodist) and a family dispute at a location on West 15th.

On Aug. 4, an automobile accident was reported on U.S. 84 south, about 5-6 miles south of the city (no injuries were reported).






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The following letter has been prepared for petitioning State Senator Robert Duncan and State Representative David Counts:

On behalf of the more than 500 Garza County voters who signed petition forms to call an election for the purpose of dissolving the Garza Hospital District, we, the undersigned, hereby petition directly to you, as our representative in the Texas Legislature, to amend HB 1325 (60th Legislature) in order to establish a lawful method for conducting an election to determine whether or not to dissolve the district.

We propose the following language for the amendment to HB 1325:

For the purpose of determining the dissolution of the Garza Hospital District, the board of directors of the Garza Hospital District shall comply with provisions of Chapter 286.102 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Petitions signed and submitted by Garza County voters in May, 1998 to the Garza Hospital District board of directors shall be recognized as fulfilling the requirements specified in Chapter 286.102 of the Health and Safety Code.

We also express our strong opposition to any attempt to amend HB 1325 beyond making provisions for the dissolution election. At recent Garza Hospital board meetings, directors have discussed the possibility of including other changes to the originating statute. We stand in opposition to any amendments other than the one to provide for a dissolution election.

Respectfully,

Citizens are encouraged to sign and circulate this petition for mailing to Senator Duncan and Representative Counts. Completed petition forms may be brought to The Post Dispatch office at 123 E. Main

Citizens may also sign original letters available at The Post Dispatch



QUEEN OF THE 1958 RODEO

Billie Lou Hill (center) was presented last night as Queen of the Southwestern Championship Junior Rodeo. Runners-up in the queen's contest were Ruth Miller (left) and Jane Maxey. Billie Lou is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Hill of 711 West 11th—(Staff Photo).

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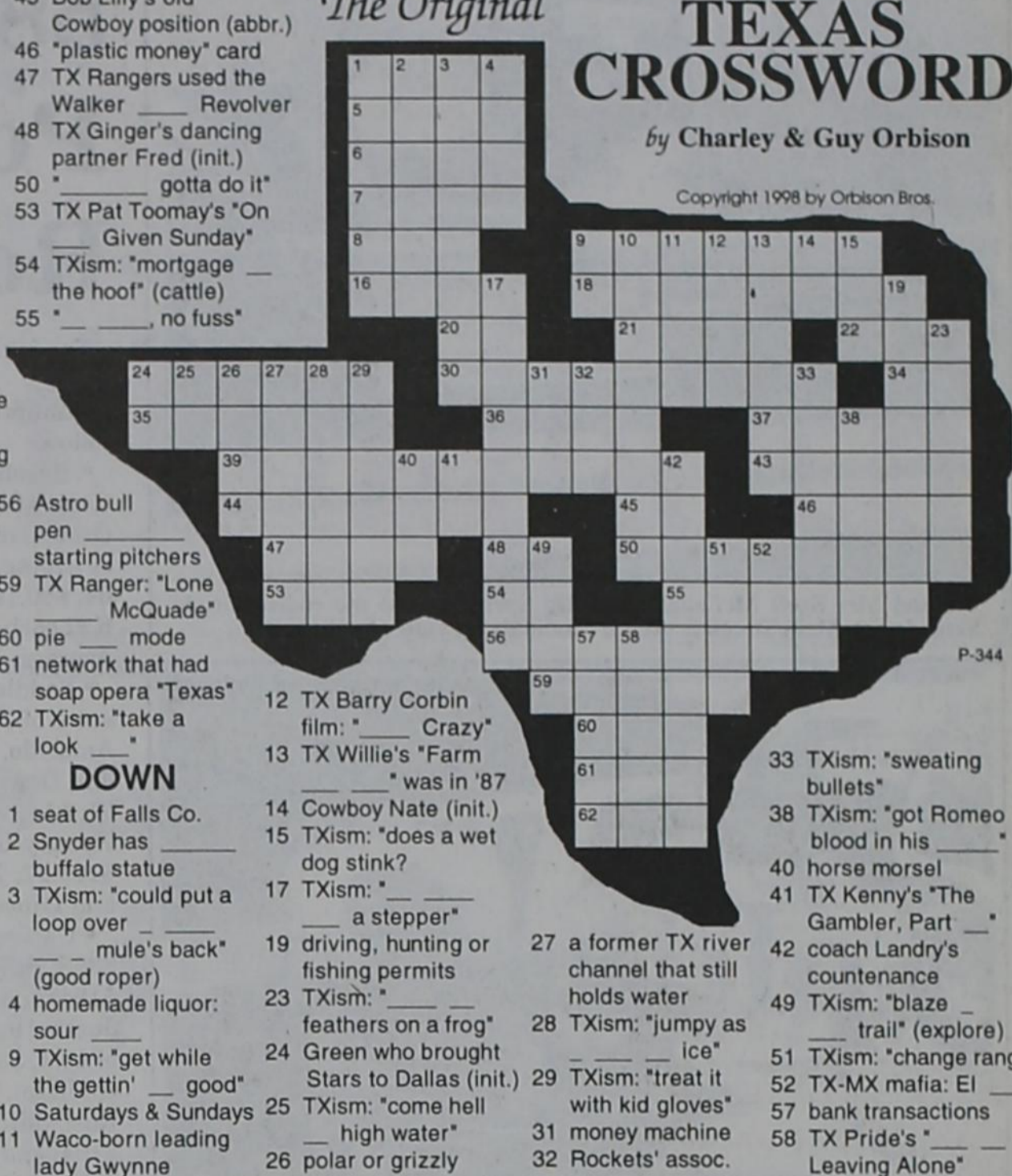
- 1 how a cowboy addresses a lady
- 5 Claudia Taylor Johnson ("Lady Bird")
- 6 Ranger Juan has a mess of 'em in '98
- 7 this Glen wrote "The German Texans"
- 8 TXism: "slinger" (writer)
- 9 TXism: "if _____ better I couldn't stand it"
- 16 Tex Ritter sang theme to film "High _____"
- 18 Marfa paper: "The Big Bend _____"
- 20 TXism: "leave _____ stone unturned"
- 21 Okie town
- 22 UT has glasses of _____ Arthur Conan Doyle
- 24 TX claim: "_____ just fact"
- 30 TXism: "got _____ for" (urge)
- 34 gov. (1894-1898) _____ Culberson
- 35 this country's language is Greek to Texans
- 36 TXism: "let _____ (leave it alone)"
- 37 TXism: "beats anything _____ saw"
- 39 TXism: "popular _____ daughter"
- 43 TX Ginger film role: "_____ Castle"
- 44 '80s boy hair style
- 45 Bob Lilly's old Cowboy position (abbr.)
- 46 "plastic money" card
- 47 TX Rangers used the Walker _____ Revolver
- 48 TX Ginger's dancing partner Fred (init.)
- 50 "_____ gotta do it"
- 53 TX Pat Toomay's "On _____ Given Sunday"
- 54 TXism: "mortgage _____ the hoo!" (cattle)
- 55 "_____ no fuss"
- 56 Astro bull pen starting pitchers
- 59 TX Ranger: "Lone _____ McQuade"
- 60 pie _____ mode
- 61 network that had soap opera "Texas"
- 62 TXism: "take a look _____"

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- 1 seat of Falls Co.
- 2 Snyder has _____ buffalo statue
- 3 TXism: "could put a loop over _____ mule's back" (good roper)
- 4 homemade liquor: sour _____
- 9 TXism: "get while the gettin' _____ good"
- 10 Saturdays & Sundays
- 11 Waco-born leading lady Gwynne
- 12 TX Barry Corbin film: "_____ Crazy"
- 13 TX Willie's "Farm _____" was in '87
- 14 Cowboy Nate (init.)
- 15 TXism: "does a wet dog stink?"
- 17 TXism: "_____ a stepper"
- 19 driving, hunting or fishing permits
- 23 TXism: "_____ feathers on a frog"
- 24 Green who brought Stars to Dallas (init.)
- 25 TXism: "come hell _____ high water"
- 26 polar or grizzly
- 27 a former TX river channel that still holds water
- 28 TXism: "jumpy as _____ ice"
- 29 TXism: "treat it with kid gloves"
- 31 money machine
- 32 Rockets' assoc.
- 33 TXism: "sweating bullets"
- 38 TXism: "got Romeo blood in his _____"
- 40 horse morsel
- 41 TX Kenny's "The Gambler, Part _____"
- 42 coach Landry's countenance
- 49 TXism: "blaze _____ trail" (explore)
- 51 TXism: "change range"
- 52 TX-MX mafia: El _____
- 57 bank transactions
- 58 TX Pride's "_____ Leaving Alone"

POST FOLKS AT WORK:



Jim Hundley, who has been in the cleaning and pressing business here for more than a quarter of a century, is shown operating a press in his modern cleaning plant. He works when needed in every department of his shop and men's clothing store. In his spare time, he can be found assisting with various athletic events or "promoting" some sort of civic improvement for Post. —Staff photo

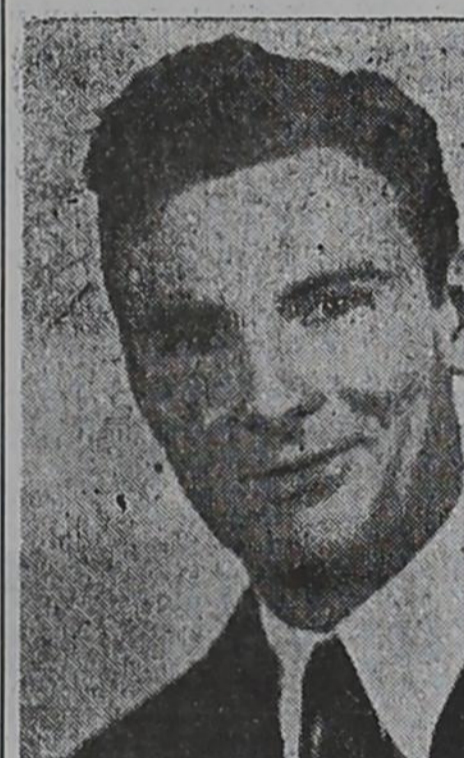
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IN BASIC

Pvt. Graydon Howell Jr., recently arrived at Fort Carson, Colo., for training with the 9th Infantry Division. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Graydon Howell and is a graduate of Post High School.

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ALVIN G. DAVIS

Garza 4-H Leader Wins Scholarship To Michigan Camp

From The Post Dispatch, August 5, 1948

Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

**July 31, 1988
10 Years Ago**

Janell Jones was among the 36 Texas high school students chosen to attend the youth range workshop at the Texas Tech University Center at Junction. Roxanne Power has been accepted into Cornell University in the Master of Fine Arts Program. Ben Kirkpatrick was named "Defensive Most Valuable Player" of the North-South All Star Game played at the Astrodome in Houston last Tuesday.

**Aug. 10, 1978
20 Years Ago**

Ruth Reno will be the new Garza County tax assessor-collector to succeed T.H. Tipton who is retiring Sept. 1. A birthday luncheon honored Mrs. Letha Thompson on her 91st birthday July 30. Most of the Post boys were found to be "among the living" as they took their football physicals Tuesday. Eddie Bass said he caught a 25 pound Kingfish on his recent deep sea fishing expedition at Freeport.

**Aug. 8, 1968
30 Years Ago**

The descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Nelson met Sunday at the Graham Community Center for a family reunion. Mrs. Alylene Runkles, who was hostess at the

Mystic Sewing Club last Friday displayed 12 old quilts. Last Saturday was Stacy Callaway's fifth birthday and she was quite thrilled about the whole affair. Mrs. Loucille Morris and Christine and Bob Baker, Charles and Darla were among those attending HemisFair over the weekend.

**Aug. 7, 1958
40 Years Ago**


Mrs. L.C. McCullough and Mrs. Vera Gossett spent Friday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fibber McGee in Brownfield. Mrs. E.A. Hargrave will hostess for a double pink and blue shower Sept. 4 honoring Mrs. Marshall Tipton and Mrs. Frank Bostic. Jan Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.M. Thomas of Grassland, is a candidate in the Lynn County Farm Bureau's queen

contest. R.B. McAlister and Grady Maples last week assumed ownership of radio station KRWS here. The new owners have changed the call letters from KRWS to KPOS, McAlister's son, Bill McAlister, is Program Director. Norman Cash of Justiceburg has been sent to Indianapolis by the Chicago White Sox.


**Aug. 5, 1948
50 Years Ago**

Miggie Graham of Springtown spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Graham. The Carl Fluit's are driving a new chevrolet. Last Friday a truck loaded with candy, cigars and soda pop for all the employees drove through the grounds of the Postex Cotton Mills in honor of Kathy, new daughter of Mill Supt. and Mrs. Bernard Musso. King Bingham and W.C. Quisenberry each plan to plant 30 pounds of Madrid sweet clover this fall. Walter Holland received a broken arm in a baseball game Sunday.

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YOUNG BARREL RACER

Natha Jo Mears, 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Meers, no doubt is the youngest entrant in the cowgirls' barrel race at the Southwestern Championship Junior Rodeo here. Natha Jo has rode in a number of rodeo parades, but this is her first time to enter a rodeo event.—(Photo by Cal and Rose Casteel).

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58th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo results

The 58th Annual Post Stampede Rodeo drew good crowds last weekend.

Results from the various rodeo events, as provided by rodeo officials, follow:

- Bareback (4 total entries), First Go — Zach Cayton of Billings, Montana, with a score of 72, \$106.92; Kenneth Moore of San Angelo, 61, \$80.19. Ground money, Zach, 40.19, and Kenneth, 40.19. Second Go — Zach Cayton of Billings, Montana, 71, \$106.92; Brandon Baznell of Eureka, Montana, 64, \$80.19; and Kenneth Moore of San Angelo, 61, \$53.46. Ground money, 8.91 each. Third Go — No qualifiers, Kenneth Moore, ground money 267.29. Average, Kenneth Moore, San Angelo 133/2 (score on two head), \$400.93.

- Saddle bronc (9 entries), First Go — Jim Brown of Stephenville, with a score of 76, \$199.17; Kolt Dowdy of Crowley, 72, \$149.38; Mark Eakin of Amarillo, 70, \$99.58; and Shawn Ayers of Blanco, 67, \$49.79. Second Go — Jim Dewey Brown of Stephenville, 72, \$199.17; Mark Eakin of Amarillo, 71, \$149.38; Lance Gaillard of Texhoma, Okla., 68, \$99.58; and Jim Blain Kenney of Amarillo, 65, \$49.79. Average — Jim Dewey Brown, 148/2, \$199.17; Mark Eakin, 141/2, \$149.38; Jim Blain Kenney, 131/2, \$99.58; and Lance Gaillard, 68/1, \$49.79.

- Calf roping (20 entries), First Go — Ed Ramsey of Shallowater, 10.4, \$388; Billy Morrow of Hamlin, 10.7, \$291; Rusty Miller, Comanche, 11.2, \$194; and Cliff Kirkpatrick of Post, 11.5, \$97. Second Go — Split between Justin Hogue of Hereford and Marty Jones of Hobbs, N.M., both with times of 10.1, \$339.50 each; Cliff Kirkpatrick of Post, 10.7, \$194; and Jim Locke of Miami, Texas, 11.2, \$97. Average — Cliff Kirkpatrick of Post, 22.2, \$388; Rusty Miller of Comanche, 24.0, \$291; Jerry Fulgham of Clovis, N.M., 25.7, \$194; and Bruce Gibbs of Olney, 29.2, \$97.

- Barrel race — Tie for first between Vicki Rhenhardt of Marshall and Dena Kirkpatrick of Post, both with times of 17.72, \$506.25 each; Jacque Woodham of Llano, 18.02, \$362.98; Tina Wilson of Sterling City, 18.08, \$267.46; Kathy Epperson of Cherokee, 18.10, \$171.93; and Cindy Wheeler of Fredericksburg, 18.11, \$95.52.

- Steer wrestling (11 entries), First Go — Barry Simpton, Del Rio, 5.6, \$271.60; Chantz Greene of Rocksprings, 5.7, \$203.70; Shawn Caldwell of Alvarado, 6.0, \$135.80; and Sam Koenig of Cross Plains, 6.6, \$67.90. Second Go — Corky Redden of Throckmorton, 4.6, \$271.60; Barry Simpton of Del Rio, 5.0, \$203.70; Sam Koenig of Cross Plains, 5.7, \$135.80; and Dusty Beavers, Ruidoso Downs, N.M., 9.5, \$67.90. Average — Barry Simpton of Del Rio, 10.6, \$271.60; Sam Koenig of Cross Plains, 12.3, \$203.70; Corky Redden of Throckmorton, 13.8, \$135.80; and Shawn Caldwell of Alvarado, 18.3, \$67.90.

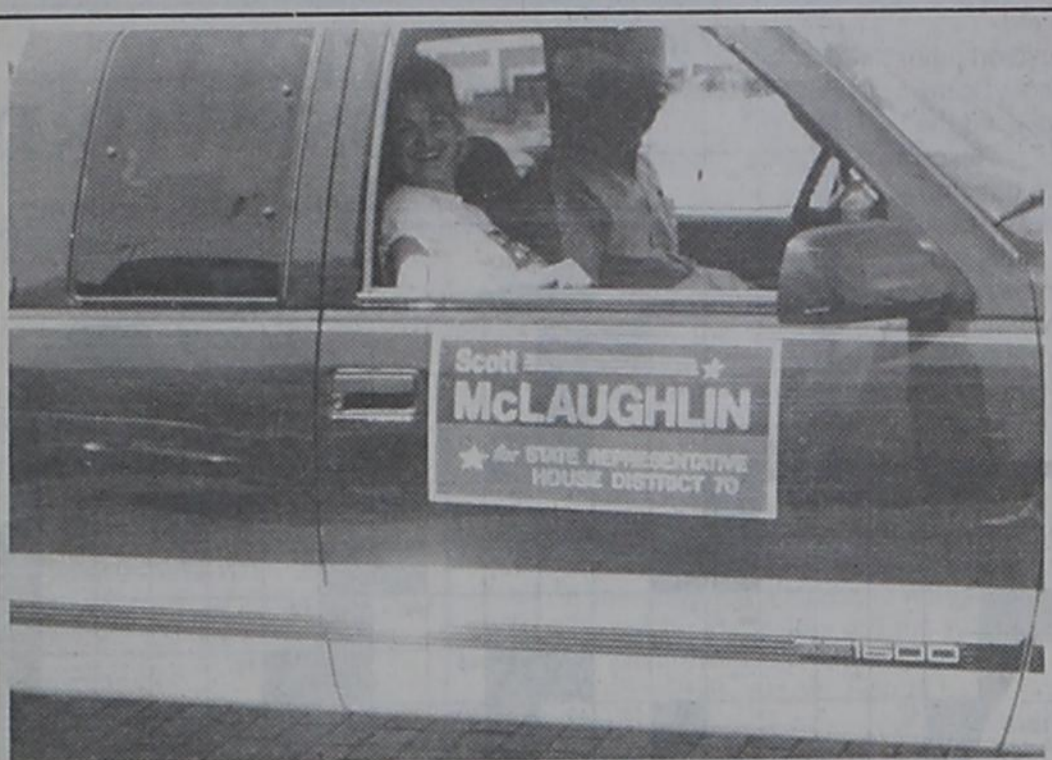
- Steer roping (31 total entries), First Go — Guy Allen of Lovington, N.M., with a time of 10.2, \$931.20; tied for second, Colby Goodwin of Canyon and J.B. Whatley of Gardendale, both with times of 11.4, \$582; and Todd Casebolt of Henrietta, 11.6, \$232.80. Second Go — Bobby Harris of Gillette, Wyoming, 10.2, \$931.20; Trevor Brazier of Krum, 10.6, \$698.40; Paul Patton of Abilene, 10.7, \$465.60; and C.A. Lauer of Buffalo, Okla., \$232.80. Average — J.B. Whatley of Gardendale, 23.3 (time on two head), \$931.20; Rob Hartness of Pawhuska, Okla., 27.0, \$698.40; Marty Jones of Hobbs, N.M., 38.8, \$465.60; and Jason Cooper of Izora, 42.2, \$232.80.

- Bull riding (31 total entries) — John Hutcheson of Memphis, Tenn., 82, \$869.12; tied for second, Dusty Harris of Amarillo and Lance Bloyd of Killeen, 73 each, \$543.20 each; split for fourth, Kenneth DeCire of Liberty and Bud Shelton of Amarillo, 70, \$108.64 each.

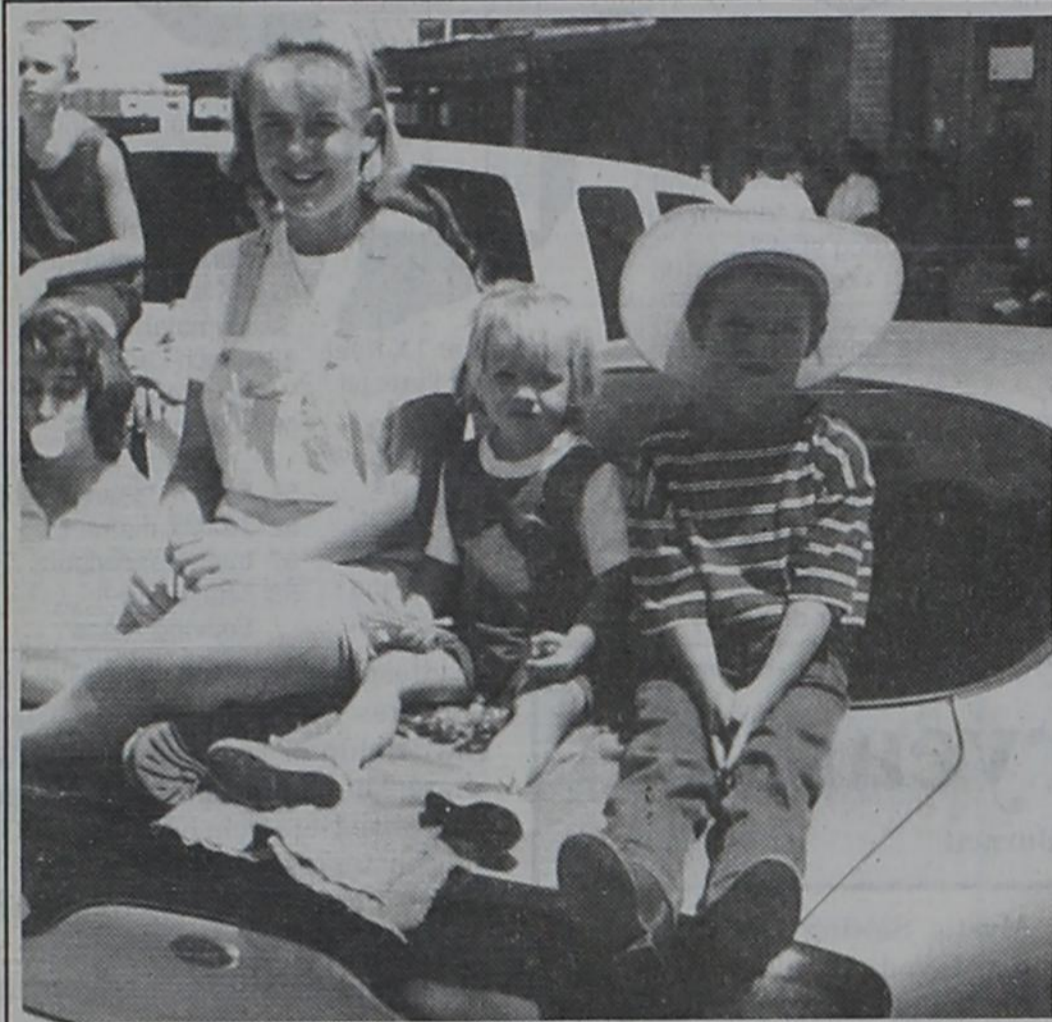
- Team roping (9 total entries) — Speed Williams and Rich Skelton of Llano, 5.2, \$562.60 each; Todd Arthur of Waller and Twister Cain of Ivanhoe, 5.5, \$421.95 each; Vance Walters of Cayusa and Bret Gould of Pollock, 6.3, \$281.25 each; and Terry Glover of Midland and J.D. Lamb of Fairfield, 7.5, \$140.65 each.

Total payoff was \$6,984.

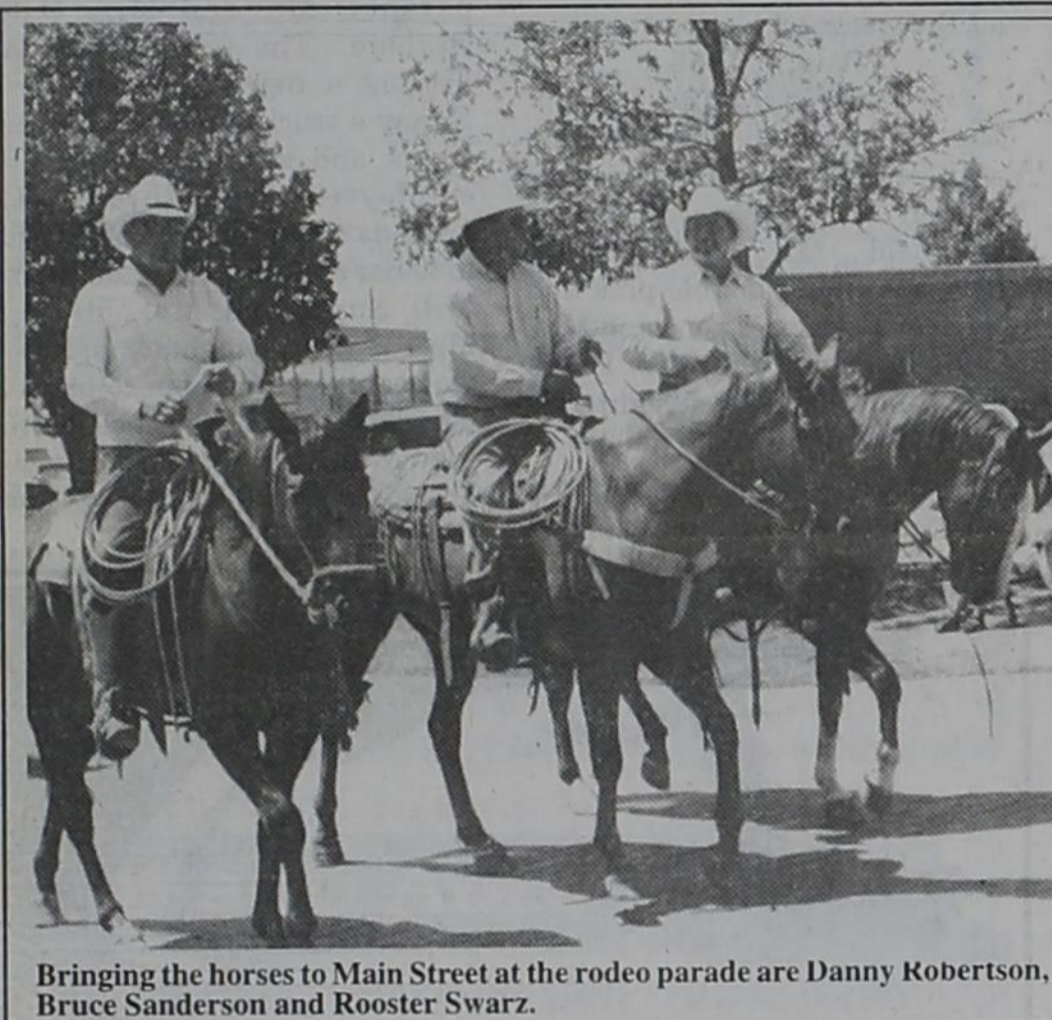
Sponsors for this year's rodeo included Brady's Package Store, Caprock Cellular, Cellular One, CitizensBank, Copenhagen-Skoal, Feed Services Inc., Norwest Bank, Southwest Coca-Cola, Town & Country and Wrangler.



Mr and Mrs Scott McLaughlin of Big Spring joined the rodeo parade Saturday on Main Street. Scott is a candidate for state representative.



Waiting for the Rodeo Parade to come down Main Street last Saturday afternoon were (left to right) K'Leigh Babb, Alexis Estep of Post and Dylan Bratcher of Loop.



Bringing the horses to Main Street at the rodeo parade are Danny Robertson, Bruce Sanderson and Rooster Swarz.



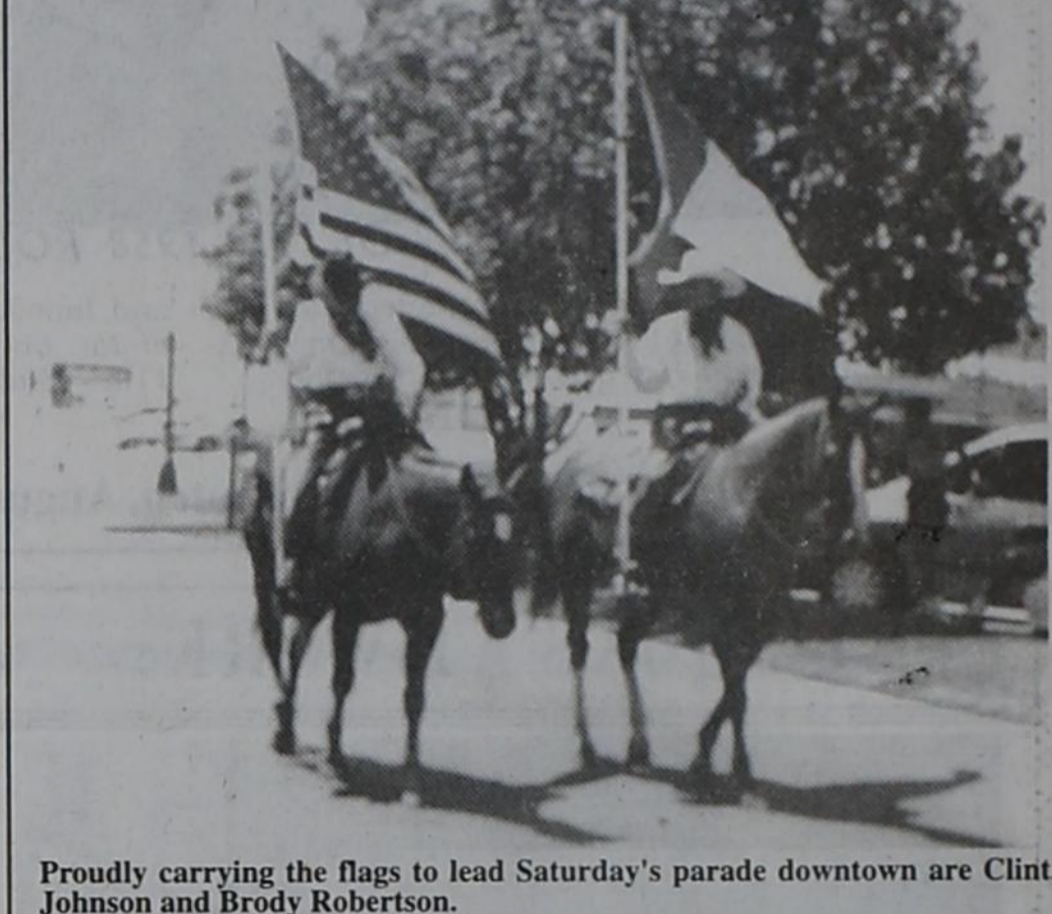
Post Cub Scouts and families take advantage of the rodeo parade to show off their stuff.



Post youth love a parade... especially those who get to ride on the fire truck.



Post Middle School students and staff participated at the rodeo parade downtown last Saturday afternoon.



Proudly carrying the flags to lead Saturday's parade downtown are Clint Johnson and Brody Robertson.



Rodeo clowns Kirt and Chris with Tobe Palmer, Josie Whisenhunt and Trent Babb enjoy the rodeo ride downtown last Saturday.



Gizmo McCracken clowns with locals during last Saturday's rodeo parade in Post.



PHS junior varsity cheerleaders soak up the sun on Main Street during the parade last Saturday.



"Rookie" cheerleaders exercise their voices during the parade downtown last Saturday.