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# The Post Dispatch

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## Constable resigns, takes spot as deputy

by Wesley W. Burnett

The office of constable may be abolished in Garza County if the Garza County Commissioners' Court follows through on a suggestion proposed by commissioner Mason McClellan at Monday's regular meeting. Citing anticipated lack of funding, McClellan recommended the court study the possibility. Judge Giles Dalby said that such action would require legislative approval and a constitutional amendment, but he thought cur-

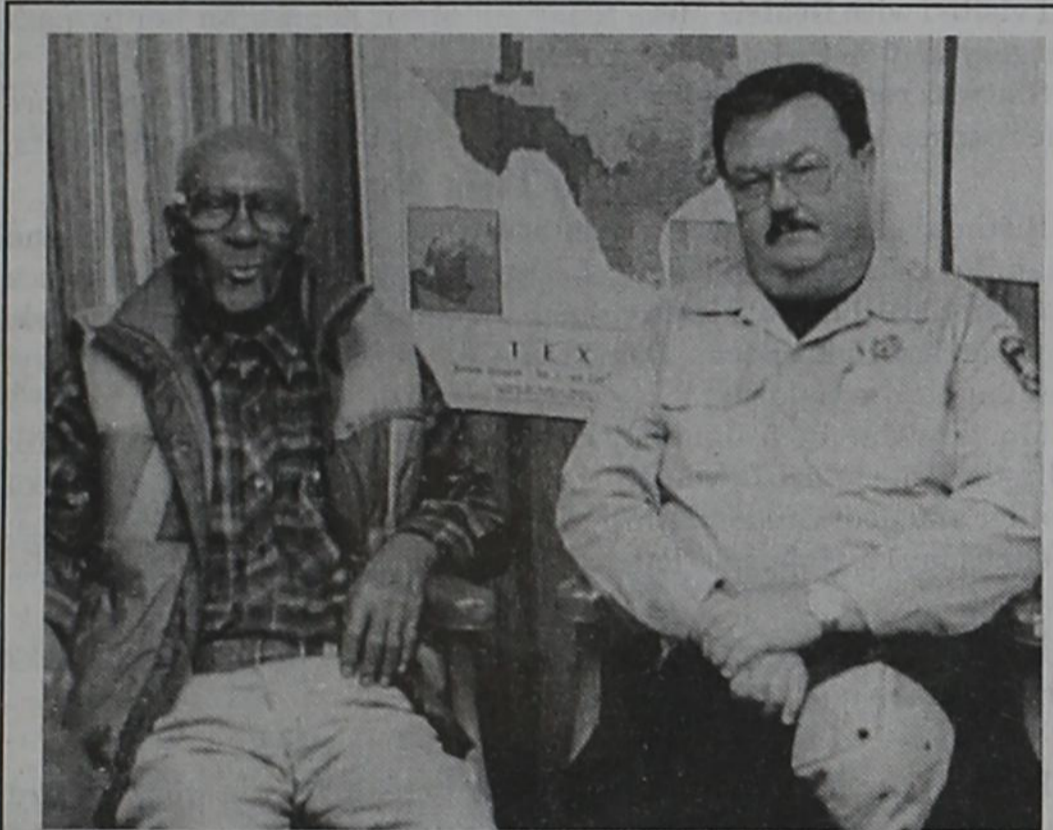
rent legislation being considered for Hemphill, Hall and Childress could be amended to include Garza County.

Commissioners agreed to study the idea, while Dalby agreed to review the process and what would be required.

In a related matter, the court accepted the resignation of Constable Daniel Yarbro following an executive session labeled as "personnel matters." Yarbro and Constable Leroy Deming attended the executive session. Following the brief closed door meeting, the court reconvened in public and Yarbro submitted his resignation. The court accepted it, and Dalby asked Constable Deming if he was recommending the appointment of Yarbro as a deputy constable, to which Deming replied that he was. The court approved the appointment.

Then Dalby informed the court that the deputy constable would be compensated at the rate of \$17,000 annually, with duties to include acting as an investigator for the county attorney, serving as bailiff for the courts and for inspecting septic tanks. Dalby explained that the current arrangement with the state for septic tank inspection has not been satisfactory. Commissioners took no action to fill the vacant constable position.

Commissioners also heard a report from Dalby that the sheriff and Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) computers are not "Y2K compliant, and will have to totally replaced." A recent study of the law enforcement computers showed that when the clock turns over to January 1, 2000, the sheriff's computers will be unable to function. "This could create a real problem," Dalby said. He said that local computer consultant Steve Mason estimated the Y2K fix will total between \$17,000 to \$18,000. Commissioners agreed to seek more details on exact replacement costs for the March 22 meeting.



Constable Leroy Deming (left) recommended the appointment of former Constable Daniel Yarbro to serve as a deputy constable during last Monday's Garza County Commissioners' Court meeting. Yarbro will draw a \$17,000 per year salary as a deputy constable.

## Golden Plains, Gladys Blair recognized at annual awards fete

### Five businesses named as "Businesses of the Century"

by Wesley W. Burnett

Golden Plains Care Center was named Business of the Year and Gladys Blair was recognized as Citizen of the Year at last Saturday evening's Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau annual banquet.

Other awards went to Cecil Stolle of Southland as Conservationist of the Year; Teacher of the Year honors to Post Elementary School's Cathy Courtney, Post Middle School's Susanna Mercer and Post High School's Delton Moore, who was unable to attend the banquet; The Pioneer Cowboy recognition went to John Tom "Red" Sims.

Bureau president Brady Sanders presented the President's Award to the OS Ranch Shop and Leslie Acker honored Outstanding Businesses of the Century to Hudman Furniture and Hudman Funeral Home, The George R. Brown Partnership, Higginbotham-Bartlett Lumber Co., Justice-Mason Funeral Home and Collier Drugs.

Marie Neff introduced Women's Division directors Jan Acker, Jeanette Edwards, Louella Bilberry, Betty Posey and Linda Puckett. New president Jo Ann Stelzer then introduced new officers Jeanette Edwards (first vice president), Isabel Stelzer (second vice president), Louella Bilberry (secretary), Geraldine Butler (reporter), Carlene Markham (historian) and Marie Neff (parliamentarian).

Sanders introduced 1998 Bureau directors Leslie Acker, Clay Mercer, Marie Neff, Jim Plummer, Gladys Blair, Kathy Whitten, Charles Baker, Max Haney, Patty Kirkpatrick and manager Wanda Mitchell. Sanders, who will serve as president again in 1999, also recognized new board members Judy Bush and JoAnn Stelzer.

The "fiesta" opened with a rousing and lively performance by the Flores Family Mariachis, who entertained before and during the meal, which was catered by Babb's Bar-B-Que. Assisting with serving were Post High School National Honor Society members Rodrigo Ceja, Clell Knight, Kasey Hardin, Laura Tobia, Isaac Perez, Pam Chapman, Jennifer Morgan, Scotty Gaydos, Kelci Hart and Camie Payne.

Silent Auction winners were announced by Wanda Mitchell, who expressed appreciation to auction donors OS Ranch Shop, The Frame Shop, Brady's Package Store, Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast, The Bee Hive, Jackson Bros. Meat Packers, Two Draw Welding and Garza County Museum.

The entertainment was uplifting and exciting, the meal was delicious and smoothly prepared, the atmosphere was lovely, the fellowship wonderful... it was just another great banquet recognizing why Post is such a great place to live!



Citizen of the Year  
Gladys Blair



Business of the Year  
Bunny Lynch on behalf of  
Golden Plains Care Center

## Post ISD applies for grants to offset cost of anti-drug program

The Post Independent School District has made application for grant monies to help offset the expenses of several anti-drug related programs.

Technology Coordinator James Easterling detailed the district's application for the SPAG grant during Tuesday night's meeting of the Post ISD board of trustees. The five-year grant, if awarded, would cover about \$19,300 worth of programs already in place within the Post ISD — drug testing, anti-drug speakers, the middle school's STARS organization and the district's contractual agreement with MAD DADS. Each successive year's funding would drop by 20 percent, giving the district a five-year economic benefit of about \$57,000.

The board approved a resolution supporting the grant application in support of the district's STAND (Students Taking Actions to Negate Drugs) program.

Easterling briefly described other grant and reimbursement applications filed recently by district officials.

After approving the textbook committee, the board heard a brief update on the budget and budget cuts by Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain. Across the board, district officials are "frantically cutting the budget," he said, and it is hoped that some \$200,000 can be cut from planned expenditures.

## Post Notes

### Benefit for Angelina Rodriguez

A carwash to benefit medical expenses for Angelina Rodriguez will be held Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the United Supermarket parking lot.

### Dance Saturday at the VFW

Texas Mesquite Band will perform at the Post VFW Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The dance costs \$5 per person.

### 8th grade banquet organizing

Parents are urged to assist with planning the 8th grade banquet by attending an important organizational meeting at Citizens Bank community room Thursday at 5:30 p.m. There will also be a bake sale on April 13 in front of the OS Ranch Shop on East Main Street.

### Lamesa hosts Little Dribblers

Lamesa Little Dribblers are hosting a tournament for area towns for boys ages 10 and under, 12 and under and 14 and under. For more information call Robert Dimas at (806) 872-2177 or evenings at (806) 872-7861 or Henry Villalobos at (806) 872-5881.

### SPCAA to hold election

South Plains Community Action Association Inc. will conduct an election the week of March 23 to elect one Target (Client) Sector Representative and one alternate to the SPCAA board of directors representing Garza County. Individuals interested in filing for a place on the ballot may do so by contacting Billie Williams or Ysabel Overton at the Garza County Community Action Center on South Hwy 84 or call 495-2239. The deadline for filing is Friday, March 19.

### Stained glass workshop

A stained glass workshop will be held at the Caprock Cultural Association building at 127 E. Main. The workshop will be held Monday, March 15 and March 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will make their own "Suncatcher" with Mrs Debbie Bain as instructor. The fee for the two-evening workshop is \$20. For more information and to register, call JoAnn Mock at (806) 495-4148 or Linda Puckett at (806) 495-2207.

### Pinewood derby race March 27

The Second Annual Fellowship of Christian Youth Pinewood Derby Races will be held in Post March 27. Interested youth are reminded to get their cars ready for the event. Call Will or Lisa Morrow at 495-3411 for details.

### Draw/Redwine reunion July 25

Area residents are reminded that this year's Draw/Redwine reunion will be held July 25. Call Billie Parker at 998-4773 for more information.

### 4-H garage sale March 20

The Generation H 4-H Club will hold a garage sale Saturday, March 20 at 102 W. 11th Street beginning at 8 a.m.

### Little League coaches meeting Mar. 22

The Post Little League coaches' meeting will be held Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping coach is encouraged to attend. The program also needs people to umpire.

### Class of '89 seeks lost classmates

Organizers for the PHS Class of 1989 10th reunion are seeking help in location "lost" classmates. The list includes Rolanda Brown, Billy Brumalaw, Robert Brumly, Elio Camacho, Julie Clark, Leslie Cooley, Jessie Espitia, Scott Gatski, Neal Gibbs, Kathy Gonzales, Brandon Hardin, Adam Martinez, Marivel Nava, Mary Ann Price, Mary Lou Reyna, Carol Salinas, Machel Solis, Mark Solis, Mario Villa, Erma Harper, John Hutto and Jesse Sanchez. Anyone able to help locating these classmates should call Tandi Yarbrough at 495-2804 or (806) 828-4855 after 6 p.m.

### Holy Cross fish fry through March

Members of the Holy Cross Catholic Church will continue providing fish plate suppers on Fridays beginning at 5 p.m. through the month of March.

### Little League baseball sign-ups

Post Little League baseball will begin sign-ups for this summer's season through March 24. Sign-up forms will be available today at the Post Elementary gym after school and in home room classes. MADD Dads will offer sign-ups through March 24 at Da House. The final sign-up will be at the Post Elementary gym on March 24 at 4 p.m. Registration forms must be completed by parents and a \$10 fee paid per player.

### Little League try-outs March 27

The Post Little League baseball tryouts will be held Saturday, March 27 beginning at 4 p.m. at the baseball park. Any player who has reached the league age of 9-12 must try out if not already on a team. Playeres must try out to participate.

### Summer rec program seeks youth

It's time to start planning summer recreation activities, and the Garza County summer rec program is seeking job applicants through March 26. Call 495-3748 for more information about how to apply.

### Lions Club offers flag service

The Post Lions Club will offer again this year its special flag service for homes and businesses. There is a one-time fee of \$20, which includes an American flag to be placed at the home or business by a Lions Club member on special holidays. Call 495-3302 or mail \$20 to Post Lions Club, P.O. Box 644, Post, Texas 79356. Include name and address in the order.

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Trustees cast their ballots of for the Education Service Center's Region XVII board of directors and handled several routine items of business.

## Whatever happened to the hospital district election?

by Wesley W. Burnett

There's still no word from Austin as to the legislative progress on amending the Garza Hospital District originating law to provide for an election for dissolving the district.

Twice in the past several weeks, again last week, we contacted State Representative David Counts' office requesting details of the legislation. Counts' staff advised three weeks ago that the matter was being considered by the legislative counsel. Counts' office refused to provide details about the wording or other content being considered.

During last year's election campaign, Counts advertised that he supports the right of voters here to decide the future of the district through an election and promised to submit legislation so that an election could be held.

We'll keep voters here informed about this important issue.









Garza County Commissioner Mike Sanchez checks over the work at South Lake earlier this week as city and county crews scraped and cleaned up the shores.

## County, city crews join forces to clean up South Lake

When Mike Sanchez was campaigning for his seat as Garza County commissioner, several people suggested that one project he

might want to take on, if elected, was a cleanup of the park lake. "It needed to be done," Sanchez said.

Sanchez and county and city employees tackled the project recently, moving in to haul several truckloads of silt, salt cedars, cattails, beer bottles and trash out of the lake. But the effort was halted last Thursday when the ground became too soft for workers to get a loader in.

"We got a lot done, but it's going to take a lot more," Sanchez said. "But it looks so much better. Hopefully we can do some more. There's still more to do."

The commissioner said he had hoped to resume the project early this week but the little bit of rainfall received over the weekend made that impossible.

Sanchez said the lake's current low water level enabled them to get in and get a lot of the debris out.

The last time the lake was cleaned out was about 20-25 years ago, he said.



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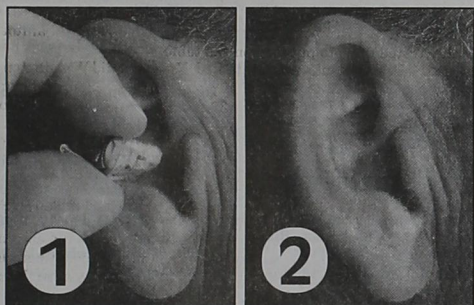
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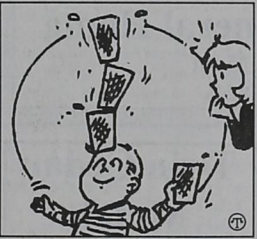
Come meet Hearing Aid Specialist, Arthur Bickel of Livingston Hearing Aid

Center. He will be demonstrating the new Direct Digital Hearing Aid one day only, Tuesday, November 17th at the Senior Citizens Center in Post.



### Kids Need Calcium

(NAPS)—How much do you know about calcium, the nutrient that builds strong and healthy bones and teeth? Here are a few facts parents should know about this essential nutrient.



Children need to consume three to four servings of milk each day and offering them chocolate milk may help.

Most scientists do not believe America's children get enough calcium. New federal guidelines call upon parents to increase the calcium in children's diets. The new advice ranges from 800 mg per day for 4- to 8-year-olds, to 1300 mg per day for 9- to 18-year-olds, which translates into three to four servings of milk or milk group foods every day.

One proven way to get kids to drink more milk is by offering them a favorite alternative to white milk—chocolate milk.

"Drinking chocolate milk is one of the best ways for kids to work calcium—along with eight other essential nutrients—into their daily diets," said Tab Forgac, M.S., R.D., vice president of Nutrition Marketing for National Dairy Council.



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# NOTICE TO DICKENS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MEMBERS!

Your board of directors strongly recommends the proposal to combine resources with South Plains Electric Cooperative. After studying and analyzing this proposal and others, we have determined combining the resources of these two progressively and financially stable cooperatives is a sound economic move for both entities and the members. The most prominent advantages include:

- ▼ Lower, stable rates, better service with excellent member access for all cooperative members.
- ▼ an ideal mix of electric load with residential, agricultural, irrigation, oil production, commercial and industrial consumers.
- ▼ cooperative size, diversity of membership, multiple power suppliers, common financing and other organization similarities.
- ▼ cost savings from combining resources.

Your cooperative bylaws and Texas state law allow you—and only you—to make decisions concerning your cooperative. As a Dickens Electric Cooperative member, you have the right and privilege to vote to combine our resources with South Plains Electric Cooperative. Your directors have worked diligently to inform you about every detail through community informational meetings and a direct mail piece, plus—as always—being able to call or stop by your local office and talk face-to-face to your local employees.

Please exercise your voting privileges as a member-owner of Dickens Electric Cooperative. The vote will be handled in person or by proxy. For information about obtaining a proxy, call the Dickens Electric Cooperative headquarters at (806) 271-3311. The vote is Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m., in the Palace Theater in Spur, Texas.

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SGT. JOE SANCHEZ  
From The Post  
Dispatch, Mar. 6, 1969



SELECTED TO PLAY IN ALL STAR GAME - Lisa Taylor, 18 year old daughter of Jerry and Cindy Taylor of Southland, has been selected to play in the girls basketball All Star game. The game will take place Friday, July 14, in Stephenville during the 6-man coaches clinic which will be going on at this time. This is the first year that the girls had a basketball game during this clinic.

From The Post Dispatch, March 5, 1989



LEO M. ACKER  
From The Post  
Dispatch, Mar. 5, 1959

Call Judy with your  
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## Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

March 5, 1989  
10 Years Ago

The City of Post received a check in the amount of \$1,090.13 for fourth quarter 1988 for the two-percent local gross receipts tax levied on bingo.

The check from State Comptroller Bob Bullock's office was a small part of the total checks for \$2.1 million mailed to 69 counties and 108 cities that have legalized bingo.

Russ Bird's Simmental Steer was Breed Champion at the recent San Antonio Stock Show, winning the right to compete in the Show of Champions and then the sale, where Russ received \$3,100 in Premium Prize money.

March 8, 1979  
20 Years Ago

The Garza County Commissioners Court at its March session Monday is expected to consider naming a justice of the peace to fill the vacancy left by the recent death of Racy Robinson.

Texas Public School Week will be observed in Post tonight with parents invited to open houses in each of the Post schools from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

In one of the worst cases of vandalism here in recent years, four Post youths early last Wednesday morning went on a tire slashing spree over town resulting in an estimated \$1,500 to \$1,800 damages.

March 6, 1969  
30 Years Ago

Leo Acker is the new president-elect of the Post Rotary Club. He will succeed Dr. B. E. Young as the head of the local civic club July 1.

The board of trustees of Post Independent School District voted last Thursday night to spend \$710,000 on a school plant expansion program and to raise tax valuations 10 per cent to finance the program.

The action, the most decisive yet taken in nearly six months of planning, came at a special meeting of the board.

The seven trustees voted unanimously in favor of both proposals.

March 5, 1959  
40 Years Ago

George "Scotty" Samson, who nearly sixty years ago "turned" the first batch of concrete that went into the construction of Post's cotton mill (now the Postex Plant), last week announced his retirement as general maintenance superintendent at the plant.

Scotty has not been employed at Postex all that time, but he has been as much a part of the mill as the mill has been a part of Post.

"I've been wanting to retire for some time, and now that I've passed my eighty-fifth birthday, I figured this was as good a time as any," Scotty said the day he announced his retirement.

Army Sgt. Joe Sanchez, 24, son of Ben G. Sanchez of Post, received his third award of the Purple Heart during recent ceremonies in Vietnam.

Post's current check, \$21,728.31, was down 7.67 percent from 1988's rebate of \$23,532.23. However, the payments to date for Post, totaling \$31,140.15, are only a fraction off the total payments for this time in 1988, \$31,141.19.

March 10, 1949  
50 Years Ago

Sheriff E. M. Bass and Deputy Sheriff V. A. Lobban began a campaign Saturday to eliminate double parking on Main Street, which is a violation of the laws

against parking on a state highway. Warnings have been given since Saturday to all persons whose vehicles have been seen double parked on Main Street. After this week, the sheriff said, tickets will be written for each violation.

Post High School Girls, winners of the District 18-B Basketball Championship, left Tuesday morning for Hillsboro to participate in the four-day State Basketball Tournament.

The locals played their first game at 9 o'clock last night with Seagoville and were defeated by four points. At the end of the first quarter, the Post sextette was leading 8-4; at the end of the second, 11-3; in the third, the opponents took over and were leading 19-17 at the end of the quarter. When the final whistle blew, the home town girls were 26, and Seagoville 30.

Janet Stewart was high with 21 points.

Coach N. R. King said that the Post-Seagoville game was the best of eight games played yesterday, when the state tourney got underway. He said he was well pleased with the creditable showing the girls made in the game and that they played their best brand of ball, but the guards just weren't big enough to hold their rivals back.

Janet Stewart, Alice Ruth Carr and Jeneice Fluitt, forwards, and Cletta Buster, Mary Nell Bowen and Frances Benson, guards, started the game with Stewart and Benson serving as captains. Substitutes were Joy Stewart, forward, and Am Floyd, guard.

Seagoville won the district championship this year from last year's state champ, Mesquite. Post was to meet West Columbia, who tried out for the state championship last year, at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The local team, accompanied by Coach King and Mrs. H. W. Schmidt, arrived in Hillsboro at 4:30 p. m. Tuesday. They are staying at the Hill Hotel.

### The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison  
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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "in \_\_\_ neck of the woods" (near)
- TX Trini hit: "If I \_\_\_ Hammer"
- TXism: "he \_\_\_ sleeps fast" (active)
- highest point in TX: Guadalupe
- TXism: "big enough to shade \_\_\_ elephant"
- this Scala starred with TX Audie in "Ride a Crooked Trail"
- TXism: "get \_\_\_ of it" (grasp)
- Piney Woods is one of TX's 10 natural \_\_\_
- TXism: "beats a \_\_\_ the eye with a sharp stick"
- TXism: "green as \_\_\_ old corn"
- in WWII, TX Bentzen was shot down twice over this continent
- LBJ's Aty. Gen.
- TX Janis Joplin died of drug over \_\_\_
- Jacinto & Antonio
- honky tonk fight results: nose
- sod clump taken by Crenshaw or Kite
- San Antonio shrine
- TXism: "what \_\_\_ of a different color"
- TX Kenny sang "Don't Fall in \_\_\_ a Dreamer"
- Rockne, TX named for \_\_\_ Dame coach
- TX Tanya sang "\_\_\_ a Time"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ a lap dog" (gentle)
- Uvalde's Garner was his VP (init.)
- "go \_\_\_ bug"
- Aggies "humping" is with hands on
- Houston-based gymnast Retton (init.)
- feed lot aroma
- nest eggs
- TX Chennault was adviser to Chiang \_\_\_-shek
- Dallas area: West \_\_\_
- TXism: "table grazed"

**DOWN**

- Willie tune that Dandy sang on Mondays
- TX Mark Chesnutt sang "Old Flames \_\_\_ Names"
- TXism: "neon light \_\_\_" (inspiration)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ like an arvil in a stock tank"
- TXism: "what \_\_\_ around, comes around" (get even)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ duck needs an umbrella" "\_\_\_ and ye shall receive"
- TX Ron Ely was Tarzan the \_\_\_ Man
- old line: \_\_\_ TX Central RR
- fried \_\_\_
- TX "Watergate" figure Jaworski
- jalapeno treats
- Brazos means "The Arms of \_\_\_"
- Harlingen has \_\_\_ Jima statue
- this O'Brien was in film "Cow Country" about TX ('53)
- TXism: "strike while the iron \_\_\_ hot"
- Stephen F. Austin's home state (abbr.)
- TX Orbison's "\_\_\_ Pretty Woman"
- Texas \_\_\_-step
- killer bee home
- first string players
- TXism: "got \_\_\_ blood in his veins" (lover)
- Texas Monthly's "Bum \_\_\_" award
- Bobby Witt stats
- \_\_\_ Paso
- "Me casa \_\_\_ su casa"
- Fort Worth's county victories for TX
- George Foreman
- Califano's relationship to LBJ



### LOOKS OVER SAMPLES OF WORK

George "Scotty" Samson, who retired last week as outside maintenance superintendent at the Postex Plant, is shown beside one of the flower boxes he has built at the plant.



### IT ISN'T EXACTLY WORK

These three 4-H Club members are among volunteer workers helping finish the 4-H building on the south side of the County Park. Seated on the scaffold Judy McCampbell, 11, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. J. D. McCampbell. Donald Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Young, mixes paint, while Don Richardson, son of Floy Richardson, applies the brush.

—(Staff Photo.)

From The Post Dispatch, March 5, 1959

### District Champions To Attend State Meet March 10 - 13



Pictured above are (reading from left to right) Coach N. R. King, Barbara Lusby, Virginia Ruth Carr, Peggy Johnston, Jen Carey, Janet Stewart, Mary Nell Bowen, Marjorie Freeman, Cletta Buster, Frances Benson, Alice Floyd, Shirley Schmidt was absent when the picture was taken because of illness. —Photo by Post Art Studio.

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 We give God all the honor and glory for our blessings.  
 Most of you know that Pat is back at work, and is pretty much able to do everything he used to do before his illness. We would also like to thank Sonic Drive In for

their most recent donation.  
 The Lord just continues to bless us, and we hope we are a blessing to all of you also.  
 Sincerely,  
 Pat and Anita Ayala and family

I would like to thank my friends and neighbors for the prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers and food I received after my hospital visit.  
 Thanks to the girls in Beta Sigma Phi for their outstanding care and wonderful cooking.  
 Thanks to RJD for the loan of my husband, who turned out to be a pretty good nurse and housekeeper. A very special thank you to my dear friend Melinda Mason who treated me more like a sister than a friend and made sure I was being taken care of. I am very lucky to have such good friends.  
 Thanks,  
 Jennifer Fumagalli

We would like to thank all of our friends and family for the food, flowers, phone calls, visits and especially the prayers during my surgery.  
 We are so blessed to have such special friends.  
 Keep me in your prayers, as I have a long road to recovery.  
 God bless each of you,  
 Beatriz Mesa

**Personals**  
 Post Independent School District invites the Senior Citizens of the district to come by the Superintendent's office and receive a gift of a complimentary general admissions pass that will admit you to all school functions. (You will be asked to present identification so that a pass can be issued in your name).

**Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous**  
 Meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday of the month, which is an open meeting. Door opens at 7 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. cake and coffee following the meeting. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-4152, 495-4185 or 629-4393.

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 Interested persons may pick up applications at 800 N. Avenue F, Post, Texas or contact Deann Ulm at (806) 495-2999. Applications and/or resumes must be submitted by March 19, 1999 to:  
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**Charitable Fund Raising**  
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**Mobile Homes for Sale**  
 For sale: 14' by 72' Solitaire mobile home. Two bedroom, two bath, new carpet, solid wood cabinets, three year old self supporting roof, large covered porch, two car carport, storage building and many extras. Call 495-2565 after 5pm.

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**Homes for Sale**  
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## Cecil Stolle named top conservationist

Recognized as Garza County Conservationist of the Year was Cecil Stolle of Southland.

Stolle's family came to the area from Bell County with his grandparents, Christian and Rose Gindorf, relocating to Garza County in 1926, and Dietrich and Mary Stolle moving to the South Plains from Bell County in 1921. The Stollers purchased farm land on what is now FM 211 in 1923.

Stolle's parents, Walter and Viola Stolle, purchased their farm, which is dissected by Highway 84, in 1938. They lived and farmed there until his retirement in 1978.

Cecil Stolle was educated in Southland, graduating from the Southland School where he played football and basketball. In 1958 while attending Bible camp, he met a girl from Sweetwater named LaVerne Bredemeyer. A courtship evolved, unfolding via camp meetings and letters, and the couple married in 1966.

Stolle began his farming career the same year he met his wife-to-be, renting 130 acres situated adjacent to Highway 84 in Garza County. In 1968, the Stollers purchased their own farmland, a quarter-section along the highway. Various other purchases followed. A portion of the land once belonged to Cecil's grand-

parents; consequently, he is now the third generation farmer on this land.

Presently, Stolle is farming approximately 945 acres of land, 273 of which are rented.

The majority of his farming operation is dry land farming on the contour. This is done to hold as much of the rainwater as possible and also to protect the land from erosion. The contouring was done with the assistance of Obie Kelly and the Garza County Soil & Water Conservation Service. There are only two terraces on the land and they are in the process of being seeded into permanent grass.

The 130 acres with water are irrigated by row watering. This is accomplished by the use of an underground pipeline. Gated plastic pipe and a surge system are used in the row watering process. The irrigated land was leveled and sloped, using a scraper with an attached laser. This has allowed more land area to be irrigated with a more uniform application of water. This is used on the irrigated land for fertilization purposes. The Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District assisted in the pipeline determination and payment.

The farming operation is more of a traditional family farm type. All of the labor and management is the

work of Cecil and LaVerne. There is no hired labor. Generally, all of the field work is completed by Cecil. During planting season, LaVerne assists with the planting of seed and at harvest, operates the module builder. She also handled the book-keeping chores.

The Stollers have two daughters, Beth and Robin. Beth and her husband, Rick Bullock, reside in Amarillo where she teaches third grade at Mesa Verde Elementary and he is a computer programmer with Maxor Pharmacies. The couple just presented Cecil and LaVerne with their first grandchild—Georgia Meg, born Saturday and weighing in at six pounds and 13 3/4 ounces. The Stollers' youngest daughter, Robin, lives in San Angelo where she earned a degree from Angelo State University. She is presently employed with KIDY-TV.

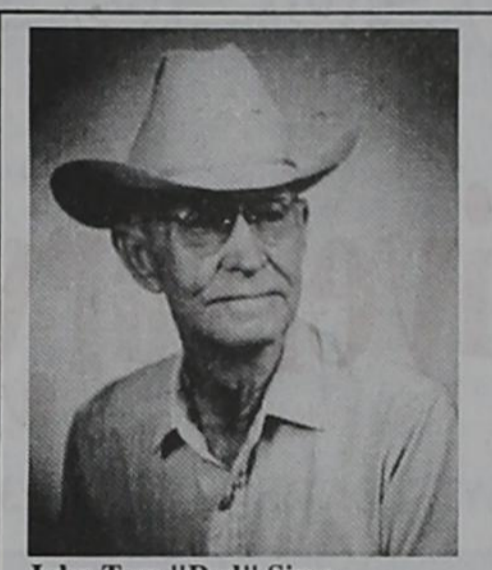
The Stollers have served as foster parents to six infants and Cecil has served many years on the church council and other boards and committees at Grace Lutheran Church. He was named 1990 Farmer of the Year by the Slaton Chamber of Commerce and is currently serving Garza County as a representative of the Boll Weevil Eradication Steering Committee.



Members of the John Tom (Red) Sims family recognized at last Saturday evening's Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau annual banquet are (back row, left to right) Bill Taylor, Gerry Taylor, Joe Holladay, Joel Ham, John T. Basinger, J. Ray Basinger, J. Martin Basinger, Jack Ham, Clay Ham, (seated) Brenda Holladay, Laura Lynn Wilson, Zoe Ham, Jean Basinger, Amy Underwood, Ruth Ham, and (front) Janice Ham and Austin Ham.

## John Tom (Red) Sims honored as Garza County Pioneer Cowboy

The late John Tom (Red) Sims was recognized as part of the Cowboy Hall of Fame. Accepting the award on behalf of her grandfather was Laura Lynn Wilson.



John Tom "Red" Sims

Sims was born Feb. 9, 1899, in Kent County, one of 10 children born to S.D. and Laura Belle Sims. He lived the first year of his life in a dugout not far from the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River where the Sims' ranch house was being built. Lumber for the two-story house was brought by wagon from Colorado City.

The Sims children attended school on the ranch but after completing the fourth grade, Sims began working full-time on the ranch. Following his father's death, he assumed the responsibilities of running the ranch at the age of 18. The Sims Ranch had a reputation as a good cattle ranch and was heralded for the quality of its horses, selling

mounts to the U.S. Cavalry and to polo players in the U.S. and England. The ranch also sold excellent ranch horses and breeding stock to local ranchers such as Clyde Miller.

Sims married Birdie Nelle Davis of Post Dec. 12, 1923. The couple continued to reside in Kent County for the next 18 years where they had two daughters, Zoe and Jean. In 1941, Sims decided to move his family to Garza County and purchased ranch property 13 miles north of Post where he built a home.

Sims soon learned he had not only acquired an exceptional ranch but the friends and neighbors that came with it were good as well. When it came time to work cattle, they were always there. Avery Moore, Bill Long, Jack Myers, Carl Reins and Dee Boren were a few of the friends and ranchers who would drop what they were doing to help their neighbor and O.B. Kelly (the first sheriff of Garza County) would stop by often as well. It was never really known if they wanted to help out or were looking for a chance to eat Birdie Nelle's cooking.

Sims was an outstanding rancher, handling cattle just the way he handled everything else — slowly and deliberately. He always carried a rope and a bull whip and could use them both proficiently. He also had a calm, no-nonsense way to approach any problem.

He was a friendly man with a dry sense of humor, but friends also knew he was a man of few words. He and his wife, Birdie Nelle, always wel-

comed company, whether it was for a short visit or for the evening. There was "always room for one more."

The couple's children are Zoe Sims Ham (married Jack Ham from Big Lake; they reside on the ranch outside of Post) and Jean Sims Basinger (married J. Martin Basinger of Southland; they live in Slaton). There are six grandchildren — Laura Lynn Wilson, J. Ray Basinger, John T. Basinger, Brenda Holladay, Joel Ham and Clay Ham — and nine great-grandchildren.

In 1975 after Sim's death, his nephew, Bill Taylor, wrote the following poem about his uncle:

He was born in Kent County, Texas,  
The OXO Ranch by name  
A land of mesquite, hot sun and wind

Seldom did it rain  
He grew up in the saddle with  
A pair of reins in his hand  
There was born a love for the country

In this quiet little man  
Cattle, horses and ranching  
Became his stock and trade  
So, hours of sweat and worry  
Was how his living was made  
Never seeking fame nor fortune;  
Just living the life he knew  
Was all he ever wanted  
With his family to see him through  
But this country relents a part of  
her soul

To those who really care  
Red Sims had a piece of heaven on earth  
And was more than willing to share.



Cecil Stolle (center) is joined by his wife LaVerne (right) and their daughter Robin at last Saturday evening's Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau annual banquet.



1999 Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau directors are (left to right) Clay Mercer, Marie Neff, manager Wanda Mitchell, Brady Sanders, Judy Bush, JoAnn Stelzer, Leslie Acker and Gladys Blair. Directors Jim Plummer and Patty Kirkpatrick were unavailable for the photo.



Recognized as Businesses of the Century in Post at last Saturday's Commerce & Tourism Bureau banquet were (left to right) Higginbotham-Bartlett's Jason Porter, Collier Drugs' Bob Collier and Diana Collier, Hudman Furniture and Hudman Funeral Home's Curtis Hudman and Victor Hudman and The George R. Brown Partnership's Billy Dorney. Justice-Mason Funeral Home's Dee and Janet Justice were unable to attend.



OS Ranch Shop owners (left to right) recognized by Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau president Brady Sanders are (left to right) Clay and Susannah Mercer, Traci Stevens, Wanda Mitchell, Kim Mills, Jennie Smith and Judy Sanderson.



Cathy Courtney (left) and Susannah Mercer were honored as Teachers of the Year during last Saturday's Commerce & Tourism Bureau annual banquet. Delton Moore was unable to attend.



1999 Women's Division president JoAnn Stelzer (left) presented a plaque of appreciation to Marie Neff for her service as president last year.



The Flores Family Mariachi entertained with rousing "musica Mexicana" at last Saturday's Post Commerce &

## Letters to the Editor

**Letters to the Editor Policy:** We require all letters to be signed, however, names may be withheld from publication by request. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation.

### Never thought of it like that

We always read what you have to say, you know just how to get it over right. Keep it up!

I would like to tell you how much we enjoyed your write-up on "should we blindly obey immoral legislative acts" (Post Dispatch, 2/18/99). We never looked at this in this particular manner before, but you hit the nail right in the center. What you said is so true, I am keeping this piece.  
Hollis Branson, Sherman

### Where's your line in the sand?

What does Big Brother Federal government tell us is 'wrong' with our freedom to choose lately (implying they are better suited to run our lives that we are)? Let's look at just two recent examples of such arrogance.

New larger and more visible warning labels for the hated SUV (they use too much gas for the Earth worshippers you know) will tell you they might tip over. Will the same 'caring' government post a warning label (complete w/skull and crossbones to get our attention) telling us that obsolete, government mandated fuel economy standards kill 3,000 people every year in small cars?

Why not? Don't they CARE? Or is it that the freedom we have to choose larger, safer cars irritates those motivated by an 'in-your-face' fascist ideology driven by environmentalist theology? (Have you noticed the word 'conservationist' is now often used wherever 'environmentalist' was formerly used? Word games in a further attempt to deceive doesn't mean the ideologies have changed.)

How about the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision stating that student-led prayer before a football game is unconstitutional? I always enjoy such prayer as it reinforces a standard for conduct. Kelly Shackelford, chief counsel for Liberty Legal Institute in Plano stated that, "The government has no right to control the content of our children's prayers."

"The decision is wrong, flat wrong and extremely dangerous." It will be gratifying to hear about ISD administrators having the guts to decide the right thing for their districts, based on the local culture and community we enjoy here in Texas.

What happens when the government, emboldened by 'good men doing nothing,' eliminates traditional American freedoms and rights YOU hold dear?

Where is YOUR line in the sand?  
Mike Sivertsen, Keller

### USAF decision impacts our way of life!

The United States Air Force (USAF) has announced its intention of establishing what they call the REALISTIC BOMBER TRAINING INITIATIVE (RBTI) affecting virtually all of BORDEN, FISHER, STONEWALL, KENT, DAWSON, GARZA, LYNN and SCURRY counties. If approved, our land will become a low-level training ground for B-1 and B-52 bombers along with their jet fighter escorts.

They have revealed that they plan to fly about 2,600 B-1 missions alone each year between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 at night! Each mission will last between 30 minutes and 1 hour. We anticipate that this number could double with an equal number of B-52 missions out of Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

The USAF is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) which will be released in early 1999. Since the Department of Defense reviews the EIS it is anticipated that it will be automatically approved as usual. The RBTI includes the creation of a military air space to be called the Lancer MOA that will have a "floor" of 3,000 feet. If history is a guide, the USAF will increase activity in the future and we expect them to reduce the

"floor" of the Lancer MOA to just over ground level.

There are several reasons we strongly oppose the RBTI! They are as follows:

**NOISE:** The tremendous noise generated by these bombers (over 130 decibels) is dangerous to human beings and crosses the threshold of pain. These bombers create the well known "startle effect" in both people and animals as these flights suddenly and unpredictably appear without warning to be followed by a deafening roar.

This "startle effect" can cause cattle and wildlife to panic, causing injury to themselves and anyone around. Continued exposure to these noise levels can cause stress and related injuries to people and has caused the German government to ban all low-level jet training in Germany. Ironically, the USAF then volunteered to train the German Air Force (Luftwaffe) at low levels in both Texas and New Mexico!

The USAF doesn't really know what damage these flights will do to people, cattle and wildlife in our area, and they don't propose to find out. What the USAF fails to acknowledge is that they are proposing to subject their own citizens to a war time experience!

**DECREASED LAND VALUE:** Realtors and appraisers tell us that increasingly it is the recreational value of our land that is driving land values. Hunting has become the single greatest contributor. In some areas hunting lease value equals the value of grass leases for ranch income purposes.

These low-level flights will substantially reduce the value of hunting leases and consequently reduce land values. This will impact not only the ranch owners, but also local school boards and governments that depend on the land for their tax base. Diminished hunting activity in our area will also have a substantial effect on motel, restaurant and sporting goods sales.

Likewise if these low-level flights hurt our cattle breeding levels, our land will become less attractive for cattle ranching. The exact amount of financial impact has not been quantified, but the USAF doesn't propose to find out.

**CRASHES:** Military jets are not only dangerous to the people they fly over, but they are dangerous to civilian pilots, recreational aircraft and the military pilots themselves. Since 1980 over 40 F16 pilots have been killed. One B-1 bomber has already crashed on a Low-level flight in West Texas. When a jet crashes not only is the impact a danger, but the crash also releases fuel and other toxic chemicals carried in these planes. Crashes are part of training and are not truly accidents because they can be predicted with great certainty.

**IT'S NOT NECESSARY:** Besides the obvious fact that the cold war is over, the tactic of low-level flying has already been abandoned in actual combat situations due to the sophistication of ground fired anti-aircraft weapons. The USAF did not use low altitude tactics in the Persian Gulf War. Admiral Eugene Carroll (Ret.) of the Center for Defense Information has testified that the training continues because it "justifies flight hours, training funds and it's fun for the flight crews."

Pilots have testified that flying low is simply irresistible (remember the US jet fighter in Italy that cut the ski lift cable killing 20 people). Even if the training was legitimate, there are presently over 800 locations in the U.S. (over one million square miles) where such training can already take place. The USAF just never seems to be satisfied with the air space they already have.

**ONCE THE LANCER MOA IS APPROVED, WE'VE HAD IT!** Although the military always promises "mitigation procedures" and "avoidance of sensitive areas", the fact is once a military airspace is approved, they can do whatever they want to in it. The Rural Alliance for Military Accountability recorded over 6,000 reported military violations in a three-year period. Just imagine how many more went unreported.

Unfortunately, local residents have to rely on the good will of the base commander to follow up on such violations. The most common response to complaints is that the perpetrators are "not one of ours." Not only are these pilots not reprimanded, they usually aren't even found.

For example in 1993, a "near miss" between military jets and some hanggliders in Pennsylvania which was witnessed by over one hundred people, was subsequently denied by the Air National Guard, because according to their records, no jets were using the airspace.

For these and many other reasons too numerous to cover here, citizens in the eight county area have formed the HERITAGE ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION (H.E.P.A., Inc.) to prevent the implementation of the RBTI. The only way to stop our area from becoming a low-level bomber training ground is to take action now! H.E.P.A., Inc. has already organized itself with an office in Snyder, Texas, with a full time Director and retained an attorney, Frank Bond of Santa Fe, NM, who is currently handling litigation over a similar situation in New Mexico.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** All of this comes with a price tag attached. We need you to join our organization and let your local politicians and officials know about our concerns. If you can, we need your financial support, as well. Lawyers and staff don't work for free, but if we all split the financial load, the individual cost becomes bearable.

Lastly, H.E.P.A., Inc. is a non-profit corporation for Federal Income Tax purposes, so your contribution qualifies as an income tax deduction.

**IF WE DON'T WIN THIS FIGHT NOW, WE'RE GOING TO LEAVE A REAL MESS FOR OUR CHILDREN!**  
Mark Kirkpatrick

### What a great music program

I wish to thank everyone involved in the recent Post Elementary school third grade music concert. It was a real "rock and roll" event, directed by a very talented and dedicated teacher, Karen Nichols. It was much appreciated!  
Patsy Sanderson

### Selective enforcement of the law?

On Feb. 25, 1999, Ricky Don Evans of Fluvanna was involved in an accident on the Gail Hwy near the crossing walk for students between the middle school and elementary school. In that accident my daughter was knocked down by the pickup truck which Mr Evans was driving. She was not seriously injured. I want to thank all the people who expressed concern for her.

The accident happened in a clearly marked crosswalk in a school zone, and at a time when the caution lights were flashing. In spite of this, and the fact that Mr Evans did not have the state required proof of liability insurance, he was not cited by the investigating officer.

I believe that had the driver been a local student, instead of a guard working at a prison, the investigating deputy would not have been so lenient. The accident report completed and signed by Deputy J.W. Jolly, which we have a copy of, shows that Mr Evans bought insurance on March 2, 1999. It appears that Deputy Jolly allowed Mr Evans the leeway of five days to purchase the insurance.

Does the deputy allow this kind of leeway for the rest of the people he investigates?

Anyone who wishes to see a copy of the accident report, which substantiates what I have written, contact me at home after 6 p.m. weekdays.

M.L. Couch, 120 N. Avenue K, Post



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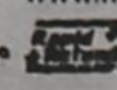
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