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# The Post Dispatch

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The Magic of Sebastian will be presented Saturday, May 6 at the Post Elementary School, sponsored by the Post Lions Club. Numerous area merchants have purchased tickets to benefit the Lions Club.

## Covenant Clinic is blessing to Garza County

by Wes Burnett

It is encouraging to note that Covenant Health Systems provides healthcare to Garza County at its clinic here, and has pledged to continue that service "with or without" tax subsidies.

At a time when rural healthcare is a question mark for so many small West Texas towns, Post is indeed blessed that the good folks at Covenant are living up to their mission statement of providing the best possible healthcare in rural areas.

Covenant's determination and professional services are excellent examples of free enterprise and the American spirit of reaching out to others.

While others bemoan the shortage of medical care, thanks to Covenant Health Systems, we have a fully staffed medical clinic, backed by one of the most respected healthcare systems in Texas.

And knowing that Covenant is here to stay, regardless of whether or not there are tax subsidies, makes an even more important statement about our future.

Hats off to Covenant Health Systems and their commitment to the people of Garza County.

## Groundbreaking for new gym expected soon

Ground for the new high school gymnasium could be broken later this week after Post Independent School District trustees voted Tuesday to award construction contracts for the project.

Trustees awarded bids totaling just under the \$2.6 million limit set on the gymnasium project, said Dr. Bobby Bain, Post ISD superintendent.

Several Lubbock-area contractors were tapped to work on the project, as was one local contractor, Joe Marts, who will handle the site work and dirt work.

The school district is working with Kim Houpp Architects of Fort Worth and DSA Construction of Cleburne on the 29,000-square-foot project.

The structure will feature a brick face and sides, as well as a pitched metal roof. Once completed, it will have a capacity of about 950, which should easily accommodate graduations, assemblies and basketball games.

The project is expected to be completed sometime in the next 12-15 months.

Funding for the gym will come from district monies. No bond issue will be required.

## Post ISD trustees tackle busy agenda

Post Independent School District trustees worked through an agenda full of several routine items when they met April 11.

School board members voted to enter into an agreement with the City of Post for the use of the city's baseball facilities; approved approximately a dozen incoming transfers; and OKed the school calendar for the 2000-2001 school year. Classes will begin Aug. 15.

In other business, trustees approved tax refunds on an age exemption and an overpayment and waived penalty interest on delinquent taxes owed by one Post ISD taxpayer.

Following a closed-door session, trustees announced they are still taking applications for the position of middle school principal (current Principal Maritta Jackson plans to retire in November) and employed a new special education teacher, Melissa Shaver, for the high school. Shaver will replace Suzanne Hudman, who will be moving to the position of counselor.

## Video tape confirms report by Post Dispatch

by Wes Burnett

Last week I was informed by Garza County Hospital District board member Charles Propst that Covenant Health System's Jason Markham declared that "the newspaper" had misrepresented facts related to Mr Markham's comments at a December 1998 board meeting.

To set the record straight, The Post Dispatch reported that Mr

Markham informed the board at that meeting that Covenant would continue to provide health services to Garza County, regardless of whether or not there were any tax subsidies.

The following is a word-for-word transcription of comments made by Mr Markham at the December 10, 1998 Garza County Hospital District board of directors:

**"But we in no way intend to leave, whether this hospital district stays or not, and whether the community or the county decides to give us any subsidy or not.**

**"We are entrenched in this community, as the word I used last month, and I don't use it lightly. We are entrenched and we want to be here and we want to bring more healthcare to this community.**

**"Of course, that comes at a price. And what we were looking at and wanted to look at is the perceived need and the real need for healthcare in this community."**

A copy of that video tape, which was recorded by Channel 31, is available at the Post Public Library for anyone to view.

## Commissioners take care of business...

Garza County commissioners worked through a light agenda of routine reports and business items when they met April 10.

County Judge Giles W. Dalby said the meeting lasted less than 15 minutes. The only items considered were the payment of bills and matters of routine business.

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Post golfers completing a successful season are (back row, left to right) Camie Payne, Yvonne Lopez, (front row) Marcus Lopez, Justin Gorman and Justin Norman. Yvonne Lopez won the District Medalist championship. All District honors went to all the golfers representing Post High School.

## Post Notes

### "Rise Again" at Grassland church

The Grassland Church of the Nazarene choir will present the Easter Cantata "Rise Again" on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Following the cantata will be an inspiring message and presentation by Rev. Greg White. All are invited.

### Donations sought for foster children

First United Methodist Church is seeking donations of luggage, duffle bags and such for foster children in Garza and Lubbock counties. Drop off items at the church office, 123 N. Avenue K or call 495-2942. Pixie will pick them up.

### All Sports banquet May 1

The Post Antelope Booster Club is sponsoring the All-Sports banquet on May 1 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each, to include a catered meal. Tickets are available at Collier's Drug Store or by calling Jana McCallister at 495-2371.

### Census worker testing Wednesdays

Testing is being held on Wednesdays for people interested in Census 2000 employment. The tests are conducted at Post Manor Apts, 802 W. 15th at 10 a.m. and at the Multi-Service Center on S. Hwy 84 at 1 p.m. Applicants need two forms of identification, one must be with a photo. Call 785-6740 for more information.

### Art Guild sets art show April 28-30

The annual Post Art Guild sponsored Art Show will be held April 28, 29 and 30 at the Algerita Art Center on East Main Street. Entries will be accepted April 25 and morning of April 26. A patrons reception will be held Thursday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m., with the show open to the public Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Awards will be presented Sunday afternoon.

### Census forms at City Hall

Anyone who didn't receive a census form in the mail, or who has been missed in the census count, may obtain a census form at City Hall during regular business hours.

### Live morning news show

Post City Radio begins a live morning news show Monday, April 17 at 7 a.m. to be aired Monday through Friday on Classic Cable Channel 17. The show features local news and events, weather and special reports.

### Clean up, fix up, paint up

The City of Post is sponsoring a voluntary campaign to promote Spring Cleaning around the homes of citizens. Citizens are encouraged to clean any accumulated weeds or debris, including junked or abandoned cars. Those needing assistance should call 495-2811.

### Hospital district election results

Post City Radio will broadcast election results from the Garza County Hospital Board of Directors election on Saturday, May 6. The live election report will be aired as soon as the ballots are counted. Voting closes at 7 p.m. Post City Radio is broadcast on Classic Cable 17.

### Scholastic Book Fair May 1-5

The Post Elementary School will host the Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center May 1-5. Parent Family Night will be held Tuesday, May 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. All parents are invited to "join the fun and excitement and children read to succeed," librarian Connie Flores says.

### "Bus Stop" at Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre is presenting "Bus Stop" in seven performances beginning April 28. Performances will be held April 28, 29, 30; May 5 and 6 and 13 and 13. The play stars Jeremy Daniel, Jessica Culwell, Laura Bryan, Anthony Burton, Jeff Conner, Valerie Burelsmith, Clent Hill and Stephen Witmer. Call the box office at 495-4005 to reserve seats.

### Salute to the Class of 2000

Reservations are now being accepted for the annual Post Dispatch and Post City Radio Salute to the Class of 2000. Graduating seniors from Borden County, Post and Southland high schools will be featured in The Post Dispatch special edition on Thursday, May 25. Interested businesses should call Judy Bush at 495-2816 to reserve a senior sponsorship. Post City Radio will be taping interviews with seniors, to be aired during the week of graduation.

### Fish fry benefits church retreat

The Church of God of Prophecy is hosting a fish fry Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 602 W. 14th. Orders for the \$5 plates may be called to 495-3644. The dinner includes fried fish, beans, potato salad and hush puppies. Proceeds benefit the annual church retreat for ladies.

### "Arts a La Carte" supper May 5

The Women's Division of the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau and the Caprock Cultural Association are co-hosting "Arts a La Carte", a buffet supper which will be held May 5, 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Algerita Arts Center. The cost is \$7.00 per plate. Tickets for this fundraiser may be purchased by calling 495-4148. Entertainment and door prizes included.

## Kids' Nutrition Q&A

Q: Are the eggs collected during Easter egg hunts safe to eat?

A: Unless you know they have been handled properly, it's best to treat colorful Easter eggs as disposable decorations, not food, said Janice Baranowski, a research dietitian with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Most people are aware that raw and undercooked eggs pose a food poisoning risk. But few realize that hard-cooked eggs are also very perishable and need to be treated with care.

Eggshells are very porous, which is why most commercially-produced eggs are coated with a thin layer of mineral oil. Cooking removes this coating, leaving hard-cooked eggs vulnerable to bacterial contamination.

Although the risk of food-borne illness from hard-cooked eggs is small, the following precautions will help keep Easter eggs safe to eat:

- Remember the two-hour rule: Two hours is the maximum total time that a perishable food can be exposed to temperatures over 40 degrees and still be safe to eat.

- Wash hands thoroughly before and after handling raw or cooked eggs.

- To cook large eggs, cover with at least one inch of water. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and cover. Let stand 15-17 minutes. Rinse with cold water. Refrigerate if not decorating immediately.

- To color, only use dyes that are safe for use on food. Follow package directions. Refrigerate decorated eggs until time for the hunt.

- Avoid hiding eggs where they can come into contact with animals, insect or lawn chemicals.

- After the hunt, don't eat cracked eggs or those that have been in temperatures over 40 degrees for more than two hours. If not eaten immediately, eggs should be refrigerated and used within seven days.

Q: Won't giving children Easter candy promote poor eating habits?

A: Banning the Easter bunny could backfire by making sweets seem more desirable, said Dr. Theresa Nicklas, a nutritionist who studies children's diets and eating behaviors at the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Children who feel deprived of sweets might actually become secret eaters who consume lots of candy when their parents aren't around.

As long as a child's overall diet includes adequate amounts of fruits, vegetables, dairy products, whole grains and meats, a small, sweet treat after a meal is harmless. It's when sweets replace these foods that parents should be concerned.

To help limit the amount of candy children receive, consider adding kid-friendly non-food treats like coloring books, stickers and small toys in Easter baskets.



A REAL EASTER BUNNY - Ashlyn Elexia Raley is ready for Easter. Raley, of Austin, is the six month old great granddaughter of Pat Martin of Post.

## Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush



Well, we start another week, are we ready? I know this must sound confusing to you, but always remember I start "Jabberin'" on Monday or Tuesday, so my brain is still in weekend mode!

Boy this weather has been gorgeous here lately. I know my buddy Durwood is loving it. Haven't seen him lately but I know the combination of the sun and a little rain has him smiling!

### Get Wells

There are several folks in the hospital that need everyone's prayers. Clara Roland as of Sunday was still in the hospital as was Eloise Gordon and Modena Farmer.

Sometimes I don't know everyone that is in the hospital or ill so if you know someone please let my know.

Also, for an update on Delaney Fluit, daughter of Patrick and Amy Fluit. She is now in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock and awaiting surgery from what I understand. Let's everyone keep this sweet baby in our prayers.

Let's also all remember Maxine Earl, who is still at UMC and has a ways to go. But this lady is a fighter and I know she will be up and around soon. I love ya Maxine!

### E-Mail OLD GRANDMA SHOES

When I was very little all the Grandmas that I knew were wearing the same kind of ugly grandma shoes... You know the kind I mean...Clunky heeled, black, lace-up kind, They just looked so very awful that it weighed upon my mind, For I knew, when I grew old, I'd have to wear those shoes, I'd think of that, from time to time, it seemed like such bad news. I never was a rebel, I wore saddle shoes to school, And next came ballerinas, then the sandals...pretty cool. And then came spikes with pointed toes, then platforms...very tall, As each new fashion came along, I wore them, one and all. But always, in the distance, looming in my future there was that awful pair of ugly shoes, the kind that grandmas wear. I eventually got married, and then I became a Mom; Our kids grew up and left, and when their children came along, I knew I was a grandma and the time was drawing near. When those clunky, black, old lace-up shoes was what I'd have to wear.

How would I do my gardening or take my morning hike? I couldn't even think about how I would ride my bike! But fashions kept evolving and one day I realized That the shape of things to come was changing, right before my eyes. And now, when I go shopping what I see fills me with glee For in my jeans and Reeboks I'm comfy as can be And I look at all these little girls and there, upon their feet Are clunky, black, old Grandma shoes...and I really think that's neat!

### Sports Banquet

I visited with Jana McCallister this morning. Jana along with many more folks works hard with the Post Antelope Booster Club.

She called to let me know that the All Sports Banquet will be May 1, at 7 pm. The tickets are ten dollars each and you get a wonderful catered meal. Deadline to purchase tickets is April 28. You may pick them up at Collier's or call Jana at 495-2371. Put it on your calendar!

### Birthdays this Week

Friday, April 21; Susan Gonzales, my nephew in Gail, Raydon Underwood, Alexandria Lopez and Ampelio Serrano; Saturday, April 22; Susan Warren, Jessica Ordenez, Haley Lester, Delton Moore, Ronnie Gradine, Harlea Hollscher, Jacee Gonzales, Laurie Odom and Sherry Davis; Sunday, April 23, a big happy birthday to my sis, Jane Terry, Victoria Hall, Betty Posey, Brody Moore, Colt Mason, Lew Bishop, Alyssa Dolberry and Andy Quinonez... Monday, April 24; William Morrow, Lucille Baker, Joyce Watts, Tiffani Hair and Jessica Jones; Anniversary; Justin and Tamara Boydston; Tuesday, April 25; Victoria Benevidez and Florencio Lopez... Wednesday, April 26, Laura Moreno, Camie Payne, Brittney Taylor, Barbara Gossett and Debbie Webb; Hev all you bosses, it's Secretary's Day; Thursday, April 27. Mendy Dalby, Heather Mason, Jerry Saldivar, Tomas Rivera, Charles McClain, Marc McClain, Andrea Armendariz, Karen Palmer and Lois Childs.

A wife went to the police station with her next-door neighbor to report that her husband was missing. The policeman asked for a description. She said, "He's 35 years old, six foot four, has dark eyes, dark wavy hair, and athletic build, weighs 185 pounds, is soft-spoken and is very good to the children.

The next-door neighbor protested, "Your husband is five foot eight inches, chubby, bald, has a big mouth and is mean to your children." The wife replied, "Yes, but who wants HIM back?"

### Remember the clean-up, fix-up

### Till Next Week

I hope all of you have a wonderful Easter weekend. Spend the time with your families and attend the church of your choice. Remember what this holiday means to all of us. May God bless each of you. See you next week.

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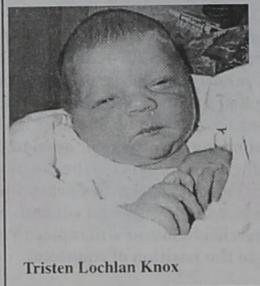
## Congratulations PHS Regional Qualifiers



SPELLING - (left to right) Meagan Mills, Tandi Humble, Teresa Salas and coach Doris Giddens. Jessica Mason earned a berth as alternate.

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Tristen Lochlan Knox

### Birth

#### Tristen Lochlan Knox

#### Knox

Jeremy and Briann Knox are proud to announce the birth of their son, Tristen Lochlan Knox, born April 13, 2000 at 8:54 am at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

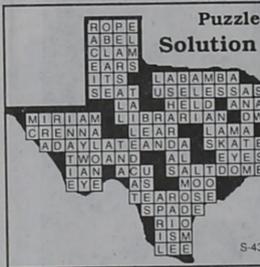
Tristen weighed 10 pounds, 14 ounces and was 22 and 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandmother is Anna Wilson of Post.

Maternal grandfather is Danny Baker of Dallas.

Paternal grandmother is Sue Kester of Lubbock.

Paternal grandfather is Wayne Knox of Lubbock.



Puzzle Solution

## Easter

Easter is a special Christian holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is something special about this holiday that young and old alike seem to enjoy. Easter is one of the more popular holidays in the year, and many Christians throughout the world who may not normally attend a religious service on a regular basis, usually try to attend some service on Easter Sunday. Christ's resurrection, after His dying on the cross, proved that He was God and Savior to the world. His resurrection assures us that we also share in His victory, and that He is coming again to receive all believers unto Himself. Easter baskets, jelly beans, and chocolate eggs are all good and festive ways for us to celebrate this important holiday; however, Christ's dying and rising again for our sake is the primary reason for Easter. Our heavenly Father who loves us, gave His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him shall have everlasting life.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has risen..." R.S.V. Matthew 28: 5-6

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## Experienced artist to judge annual Spring Art Show

Jean Schofield Badger will judge the art show at the Algerita Arts Center April 28-30.

Badger enjoys painting scenes that most people may overlook or take for granted. She may paint a shadowy restaurant scene or a stormy Texas landscape.

She chooses a wide variety of subject matter because the compositional use of lights and darks is usually the catalyst for inspiration with deciding what to paint. The use of color in both light and shadow are extremely important in her work.

Badger is well known for colorful and beautifully accurate regional landscapes, which center on capturing the spirit of life in this area as reflected in its agriculture, recreation and people. She still lives on the South Plains, where her surroundings have a major influence on her artwork.

Badger is an accomplished artist, using a variety of media which she sometimes mixes. She finds the spontaneity of pastels usually fits her need to layer color and to juxtapose complementary colors in many of her interior scenes and

landscapes. She also loves the fluid movement and texture achieved through the use of oils. In any medium, one of the distinguishing characteristics of her work is the layers of color on color.

She also has been working with silkscreen printing mixed with drawing and painting to achieve a specific image, an example of which can be seen in the work exhibited in the "Show of Hands" exhibit at the Medical Orthopedic Surgery Associates at University Medical Center, Lubbock.

Badger's work has won numerous local, state and national awards, including honors in the Degas Pastel Society Show at the World Trade Center in New Orleans and the Texas Visual Art Association Citation Exhibit in Dallas.

Badger graduated with a bachelor of science degree in Broadfield Art Education from Texas Tech University and taught high school art early in her career. She worked as supervisor of the Lubbock Municipal Garden and Arts Center for seven years and was the supervisor at

Hodges Community Center. Currently she devotes her time painting for galleries, commissioned murals, Trompe L'oeil work and taking care of the business part of her artistic endeavors. Badger has taken numerous workshops with noted artists, including Albert Handell, Doug Dawson, Tom Lynch and Carl Gombert.

Entries to the local show will be accepted Tuesday, April 25, and the morning of Wednesday, April 26, at the arts center.

A patrons reception will be conducted Thursday, April 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The show will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 28-30, with awards presented Sunday afternoon.

## Green Thumb Garden Club meets

The Green Thumb Garden Club met Thursday night in the home of Annie Laura Francis with Alma Williams as co-hostess.

The nominating committee reported on officers for the coming year.

Jan Acker reported on apple orchard visiting hours but members decided to wait until fall to make the trip.

Refreshments were served to the following members: Jan Acker, Louella Bilberry, Gladys Blair, Fleta Caffey, Sybil Cockrum, Iva Hudman, Edna Owen, Marion Wheatley, Jewel White, Naomi Matsler, Betty Hill and the hostesses.

## Masonic Lodge honors Dickson and Collier

Brothers Bob Dickson and Bob Collier were awarded 50-year pins and lifetime memberships at Post Lodge 1058 A.F.&A.M. during the Thursday, April 13, regular Past Masters Night and Roll Call.

The awards were made by Honorable District Deputy Bill Sharpley, with 40 members present. Worshipful Master Jay Pollard officiated.



Jean Schofield Badger

## Theta Eta celebrates 33rd birthday

The Theta Eta Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International held its 33rd birthday celebration on April the 3rd at the First Baptist church in New deal. Theta Eta is one of the 307 chapters located in the located in the Alpha State of Texas Organization.

Members include key women educators from Garza, Terry, and Lynn Counties. The mission of the Society is to promote professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education. There were refreshments and fellowship before the business meeting began.

President, Connie Flores, presided over the buiness meeting. Fern Niles from Brownfield coordinated the program celebrating Founders Day. Birthday cake was served. The meeting adjourned with the singing of the Society song.

Short height and speeches on behalf of the Democratic party earned President James Polk the nickname "Napoleon of the Stump."

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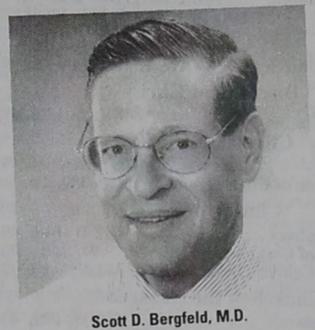
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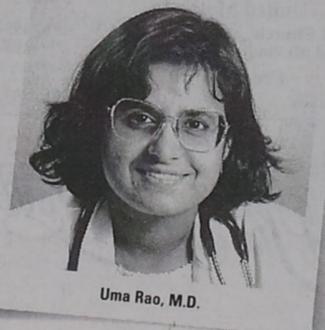
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# Obituaries

## Mattie Perez

Services for Mattie Perez, 44, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 7, 2000, at the Church of God of Prophecy with the Rev. John Flores officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jesse Cisneros. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.



She died Tuesday, April 4, at her home.

Born March 16, 1956, in El Paso, she married David Perez June 18, 1983, in Post. She had lived in Post since 1962 and was a member of the Nueva Vida Church in Lubbock. She was a housewife.

Survivors include her husband, David, of Post; three daughters, Angela Lopez of Lubbock, Rebecca Frausto of Plainview and Jennifer Perez of Post; one son, Ray Perez of Lubbock; and three grandchildren, Cassandra Perez of Amarillo, Andrew Perez of Plainview and Aaron Lopez of Lubbock.

## Dorothy Jane Cook Stephens

Graveside services for Dorothy Jane Cook Stephens, 78, of Hico will be held at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, April 20, 2000, in the Terrace Cemetery. The Hudman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

She died April 17 in Stephenville.

Born in the West community Feb. 6, 1922, to Rudolph and Julia Kotrla, she married John H. Cook Dec. 23, 1942, in Wharton. He died Aug. 25, 1964. She married Cyrk Stephens Dec. 17, 1971. He died in 1992. She was a Lutheran.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Cook of Post and Ronny (Fuddy) Cook of Cheyenne, Okla.; one daughter, Judi Hadderton of Post; one sister, Ruby Kubela of Columbus; two brothers, Frank Kotrla of Liberty and Jerry Kotrla of San Antonio; 13 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, John David Cook, Feb. 17, 1971, and one great-grandson, Casey Renee Hadderton, June 17, 1999.

## Free Masizzo shows set for Cinco de Mayo

The new Tejano group "Masizzo" will headline two free shows at the May 5 Cinco de Mayo festivities during May Fest 2000 activities.

Power KEJS-FM and the Panhandle South Plains Fair are jointly sponsoring the shows, which are set for 7 and 9 p.m. in the Fair Park Coliseum in Lubbock.

"Masizzo" is fresh from an appearance at the recent Tejano Music Awards ceremonies in San Antonio where two of the group's members received awards. Danny Martinez won a Tejano Music Award for Best Drummer and Johnny Lee Rosas was given the Banjo Sexto

award for his work with that instrument.

"Masizzo" is ranked on the Top 20 Tejano Hits at #12 with a cut from their new album, M-2, titled "Solamente Mia."

Tickets for the shows are free, but will be required for admission to the coliseum. Tickets will be distributed by Power 106 KEJS-FM, where listeners can learn when and where show tickets will be distributed locally. Tickets for all coliseum shows to not include gate admission.

May Fest 2000 is set for May 3-7 at the Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds located at Avenue A and 4th Street.

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FM - 2 miles South of Southland, 1/2 East	2
FM - 2 miles South of Southland, 1 East	8
FM - 2 miles West of Close City	2
FM - 1 1/2 miles West Close City (near CRP)	2
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RG - 5 miles NE on Hwy 651, 1 W, 1 N	NA
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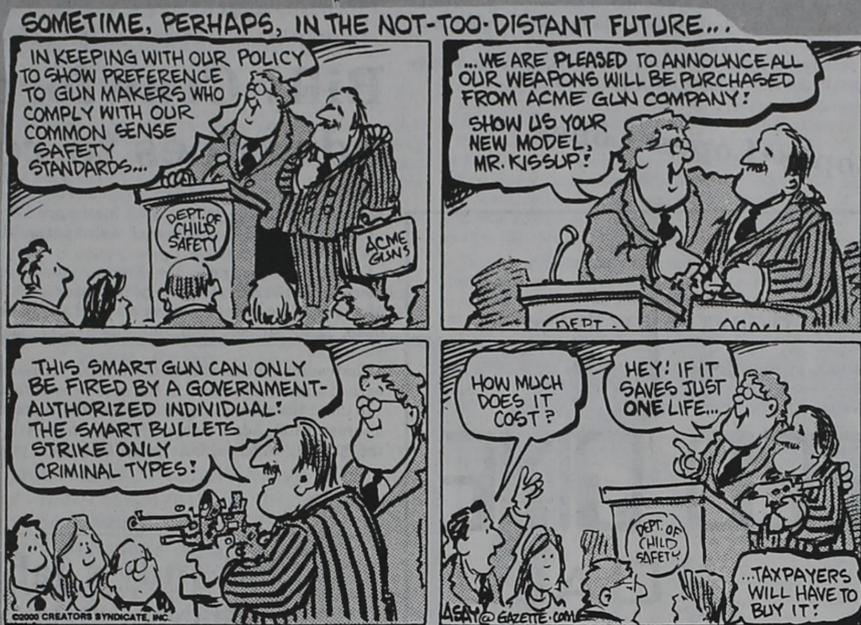
Talk to your parents about what they want done when the time comes that they can no longer care for themselves. Tell them your expectations. They may or may not want to live with you and you may or may not want them to, be honest with each other.

Discuss the possibility of relinquishing some of their financial responsibilities over to you. This can be as little as putting their bills on direct deposit so the phone doesn't get shut off, all the way to a full power of attorney. Again, honest discussion, before a crisis, is the best way to handle these matters.

If you happen to be the parent involved in these decisions remember that these children owe you for all the late nights you stayed up for them and all the times you bailed them out of a jam. However, just as when they were children, you owe them the respect that this kind of change in responsibility deserves.

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# Opinions



## And thereafter, let's debate but think straight

by Walter E. Williams

I teach economic theory at George Mason University at the introductory, intermediate and Ph.D. levels. I admonish students that in the process of fooling others, it is not necessary to fool oneself.

There are some commonly held views and pronouncements that are just plain nonsense. Let's look at a couple. You might hear a person say, "A car and telephone are absolute necessities."



That's readily revealed as nonsense simply by recognizing that mankind has done without cars and telephones for a longer period than he has done with them. I tell students that wanting is a more accurate term, but don't purge their vocabularies of the term absolute necessity because it's a great way to trick their parents and others into buying them things.

There's a more important fault with the belief in absolute necessities. If one says for example that insulin is an absolute necessity for a diabetic, that's the same as suggesting that a seller of insulin can charge any price he wants, like \$3 million a shot and the diabetic will still buy the same amount.

The fact of the matter is that if insulin sold for \$3 million a shot, most insulin users would find a substitute for insulin. One of those substitutes is to do without insulin.

You say, "Come on, Williams, that's ridiculous!" No, it isn't. Diabetics have done without insulin for most of man's history. The results were not all that pleasant, but that doesn't change the fact that they did without insulin.

In some places in the world, diabetics are still doing without insulin. Another term of great emotional worth is exploitation. Nearly every other word coming out of the mouths of last week's World Bank and International Monetary Fund demonstrators is exploitation.

They claim that wages paid workers, especially children workers, in underdeveloped countries are exploitative. Their demand is for U.S.

companies not to import and sell goods made by "slave" labor. Let's look at it. First, let's ask, "Why would anyone work for, say, a dollar a day?"

I guarantee you that if he had a superior option, like \$50 a day, he wouldn't take the dollar a day job. We can safely conclude that dollar a day job is his best known and available option. If we view that dollar a day job as unconscionable, do we help that unfortunate soul by destroying what is his best option without first supplying him with a superior one?

I'd say no. World Bank and IMF demonstrators, as well as their rioting colleagues in Seattle, directly or indirectly say yes. They've called for boycotts of products imported from low-wage countries. They've also called for legislation requiring these workers be paid a "living wage."

They know poor workers are nowhere near as productive as American workers, and if wages anywhere close to Western wages are mandated, those workers will lose employment. When there's voluntary exchange, exploitation is a vacuous concept. When people use the term, most of the time they are simply disagreeing about prices.

That being the case, "exploitation" abounds. I disagree with the price (wage) I earn at George Mason University; I think \$500,000 a year is a fairer, non-exploitative wage. I disagree with the prices of 60 foot yachts and Learjets; instead of millions of dollars, I think three thousand dollars would be a fairer, non-exploitative price.

By no means do I suggest that people purge their vocabulary of emotion-laden terms like needs and exploitation. I'm just saying that fooling oneself is not a prerequisite to fooling others.

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## Children are property of the State

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Americans everywhere were outraged at the Cuban diplomat's remark that Elian Gonzales is the property of the Cuban state. If only their outrage extended to their own homeland!

For more than 100 years, Americans have lived under a system of state schooling or, as it is commonly termed, public schooling. Under compulsory-attendance laws, the state requires parents to deliver their children to a state institution to receive a state-approved education from a state-approved schoolteacher using state-approved textbooks and following a state-approved curriculum.

Several months ago, I spent a week in Cuba with the official permission of both the U.S. Treasury Department and the Cuban authorities. The purpose of my trip was to conduct an informal study of Cuba's socialist system as well as the effects of the U.S. embargo on the Cuban people.

One day I was visiting an official state historical museum, which was riddled, of course, with pro-communist and anti-CIA memorabilia. The exhibits were fascinating, but when about a hundred schoolchildren (all in uniform, of course) were suddenly ushered into the museum by their schoolteachers, they (and I) were treated to a couple of hours of Cuba's official version of history, which was even more fascinating.

And then there were the billboards. In the cities and in the countryside, the Cuban people are treated to giant government billboards proclaiming Fidel Castro's two proudest socialistic accomplishments: free public schooling and free national health care.

My conversations with Cubans on the street (I speak Spanish fluently) revealed that while many of them still revere Castro for having the courage to stand up to the imperialism of the United States, they despise (and quietly ridicule) the socialist economic system under which they suffer.

But significantly, Cubans fully understand that such government programs as public schooling and national health care (and occupational licensure and economic regulations) are socialist programs. Contrast this with the American people.

Expressing outrage over the suggestion that children are the property of the state, Americans honestly believe that public schooling is a feature of free enterprise or capitalism. They block out of their minds that through public schooling, children are effectively made the property of the state right here at home.

Now, it's true that in recent years, homeschooling has made significant inroads into the state schooling system, but what really matters is who wields ultimate control over the education of the child. Even parents who homeschool their children are required to report to state education officials to secure official approval that they are educating their children in a correct manner.

In both Cuba and the United States, ultimate control over the education of the child rests with the state, not the family. When a child reaches the age of 6 years old, his status as property of the state requires that he be educated in a state-approved manner.

In American public schools, for example, children are taught an official version of the 1959 Cuban Revolution that is diametrically opposed to the version that the state teaches schoolchildren in Cuba.

If a parent in either country resists, the state will ultimately punish him by removing his children from his control and placing them in the custody of state officials. Or the state will impose an even harsher sanction.

Several decades ago, a man in Utah, John Singer, paid the ultimate price for resisting the idea that children are the property of the state. Long before homeschooling became legal, Singer refused to permit his children to be subjected to the aberrant environment of public schooling and became one of the first homeschoolers in the nation.

The state ordered Singer to surrender his children to the public-school authorities so that they could receive a proper education, but he refused, believing that his children belonged to him, not the state.

One day, state law-enforcement officers secretly surrounded Singer's home and shot him dead as he went to his mailbox to retrieve his mail. They claimed that Singer was "resisting arrest," even though it later turned out that he was unarmed.

The ultimate moral issue is: Who should have control over the educational decisions of children, the family or the state?

The ultimate pragmatic question is: If the free market produces the best of everything else, why shouldn't we end state involvement in education and let the free market reign in the educational arena as well?

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Virginia, publisher of *Separating School & State: How to Liberate America's Families* by Sheldon Richman. A detailed account of his trip to Cuba is found on The Foundation's website: [www.fff.org](http://www.fff.org).

Perhaps the sentiments contained in the following pages, are not yet sufficiently fashionable to procure them general favor; a long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defence of custom. But the tumult soon subsides.

THOMAS PAINE, *Common Sense*, January 1776

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## How to get good healthcare here

by Wes Burnett

What is the best way to ensure adequate or exceptional health care in Garza County? That seems to be a central question for those who support the continued misuse of tax funds appropriated by the Garza County Hospital District.

Let's take a look at the efficiency of what our tax dollars have gotten us through socialized medical care, promoted by those who wish to continue confiscating our money to provide health care here.

Since 1969, taxpayers have shelled out millions of dollars. For that they have received the following benefits:

- (1) a hospital that was in marginal use by the very people who forked over the money to keep it going;
- (2) a merging of that hospital with a Lubbock hospital, which resulted in
- (3) the closing of the Garza County hospital, with no decrease in taxation;
- (4) the continued tax subsidy for a privately owned clinic; and
- (5) a hospital board of directors whose majority has routinely violated the law.

All this in the name of providing "quality" health care for Garza County residents.

### What a waste of money

The problem with this socialized medical system is really quite simple: government can never operate efficient medical care. It is by its very nature inefficient and incapable of competing with private enterprise. It can only smother private enterprise by the sheer weight of its regulatory and confiscatory methods.

No matter how much money is poured into the system, it will never satisfy market demands. Take for instance the promise by the GCHD board in 1998 that there would be a 24 hour health care clinic. What happened to that promise?

It quietly disappeared in a revision of the contract with the provider, which by the way, is an unlawful contract. There is no authority for the hospital district to spend tax money for any purpose other than to operate a hospital for the care of county indigents.

Government subsidies can only distort the market place. With a tax subsidized guarantee of more than \$300,000 per year, what incentive is there to go the extra mile? Or for that matter, the extra block? A tax subsidy only creates the illusion of service, but in fact stymies real competition.

Take away the tax subsidy, and health care will be competitive, because those who wish to offer their services will have to work for it. They will have to prove their worth in the market place.

Hospital board incumbents Mike Travis and David Tyler insist, as do all socialists, that no one will want to work in Garza County without a tax subsidy. Of course, they overlook the fact that before there were tax subsidies for medical care, Garza County had as many as four or five private physicians.

Government, at the county, state and national level, has all but destroyed the dynamics of private enterprise that made this nation so great.

And we will never rid ourselves of state and federal regulations and taxation if we don't start right here in Garza County. We must demand that private enterprise be freed of the restraints of government. We must demand a return to the principles upon which America was founded, and upon which once led Texas to its preeminent economic status in the world.

### Return to American free enterprise

We must demand that our elected officials quit singing the old worn out socialist dogma that is used to strangle competition and free enterprise. It's a shame that we are burdened with political leaders who actually believe that only government can provide essential health care services.

Look at it this way, what doctor or health care provider would want to be under the thumb of political leaders who do not believe in following the law, and who do not believe in private enterprise? Those who enjoy working in that environment surely are not the kind of professionals we need in charge of our health care.

The waste of money and resources of the past have proven beyond any doubt that government can not and will not provide the care we need... only the private enterprise market place can do that. And when we shed ourselves of this socialized medicine albatross, we'll usher in a terrific boom of competitive health care providers. It'll be so impressive, that even the socialists will have to admit their faulty reasoning.

Remember, C.W. Post came and built this town from nothing, and he did it all without a single penny from government. Socialists among us will argue it can't be done, but then, they have no faith in the strength of our people, nor in the spirit of American free enterprise.

Will you stand with me in defense of America's principles of free enterprise?



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# Lady Lopes win district track meet

The Post High School varsity girls captured the district championship Monday in Seagraves, with several qualifying for regional competition. LaRinda Ledbetter earned a second place finish in discus and a sixth in shot put. Dianna Williams took first in the high jump, followed by teammate Manuela Hernandez who took fifth. Hernandez turned around and took third in the triple jump, while fellow Lady Lope Kelly Moore finished in sixth place. Vondi Gradine finished fourth in the long jump.

## 'Lopes fighting for play-off spot

The Lopes lost to Coahoma 11-1 in a game played April 11 in Coahoma. The game was close until the fifth inning, with Coahoma going up 1-0 in the first and 4-0 in the third. Post scored in the fourth, but Coahoma roared back to score seven unanswered runs in the fifth to boost the final score and secure the win. "It was a close game really, until the fifth," the coach said, adding that it was five walks three errors (with two outs) and a couple of base hits that allowed Coahoma to score seven runs. There were 12 walks in the game, and of Coahoma's 11 runs, eight of them came from players who got on base via a walk. Two of the scores were due to errors. One run was earned. "We played well at times, but six errors and 12 walks will not get it done against a team like Coahoma," he said. Post's next game is at home Friday night against Tahoka. "We need a big vocal crowd," the coach said.

In the 3200, DeeDee Jarrett finished in first place while the 400 relay team of Dianna Williams, Yvonne Lopez, Meagan Mills and Manuela Hernandez finished in first place as well. In the 100 hurdles, Post swept the top three places, with Dianna Williams in first, Kelly Moore, second, and Kenda Looney, third. Yvonne Lopez took fourth in the 100 m race, and Mills, Williams, Looney and Lopez teamed up for a third place win in the 800 m relay.

In the 400 m race, Kyzandre Harper finished third, followed by Davida Gregory in fourth and Amanda Workman in fifth. Kelly Moore finished first in the 300 m hurdles, followed by Emily Smith in third. Manuela Hernandez took third place in the 200 m.

## Billy Crawford advances to regional

Billy Crawford qualified for the regional track meet in two events with his performances in the district track meet April 17. Crawford landed first place wins in shot put and discus, with throws of 51'4" and 134' respectively. Other Lopes placing in the district contest included John Radle, third place in the 100 HH, 15.47; Daryl Dissinger, sixth in the 800 m run, 2:22.64; Matt McCallister, third, 400 m dash, 51.85; Jamie Collazo, fourth, 400 m dash, 52.48; Michael Huff, fifth, discus, 117'; and John Radle, fifth, pole vault, 11'. The team of C.J. Sims, Jamie Collazo, Daryl Dissinger and Matt McCallister earned a fifth place finish in the mile relay with a time of 3:36.8. In the junior varsity competition, Seth Redman took second in discus with a throw of 109'; Adam Nobles took fifth in the 110 HH, 19:04, and fourth in the 300 I.H., 46.6; and Luis Zubia, fifth place, pole vault, 8'.

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### Myths and Facts

Mike Travis and David Tyler are asking to be re-elected to the Garza County Hospital District Board. Perhaps you got a copy of their handout, "Keep Healthcare in Post" that they use to explain why you should re-elect them.

Wow! What a silly and oddly strange "paper" - one that goes a long way in explaining the activities of the Board during their administration and err... guidance.

They have in their handout seven sets of questions and answers (sorta), which they proceed to mis-label as MYTH and FACT: when an even casual reading shows that the "Myths" are merely questions they think they need to deal with, and the "Facts" are often answers having nothing much to do with the questions they are supposed to explain.

Let's take Myth 1 - "There is no hospital so why should I pay taxes for a hospital district?" Read it that again and ask yourself, is this a question or a myth?

And the answer they offer is what they call FACT: They claim that the reason as to "why you should pay taxes for a hospital that doesn't exist" is that it's because "you" the people of Post/Garza County didn't take advantage of the hospital when it was here. Ergo you need to pay taxes to

keep the current clinic (operated by Covenant) open. Excuse me? The real Fact that paying Covenant is illegal they don't talk about until their answer to #4. In their answer to this one they claim that they were investigated and there were no irregularities. Say what? I don't recall any investigation on that subject. Where's the evidence of such a thing?

Travis and Tyler seem to conveniently "forget" that their enabling legislation and an opinion from the Texas Attorney General about another hospital district without a hospital, says clearly that they can only operate a hospital - and that's it. They voted for closing the hospital yet they want to continue spending your tax money as if nothing has changed.

So they pay a monthly bribe (subsidy) to Covenant, which is in direct violation of the law which established the hospital district. Mike and David are reminded of this each month at the monthly meetings, and every month they vote to pay the money regardless of what the law says.

It seems the only time they really demand the law be followed in when it suits their purposes, such as not holding an election because the law doesn't allow it. Travis and Tyler also seem to have trouble with understanding simple English when they discuss in #5 what is or isn't Free Enterprise.

They believe, and no I'm not kidding, that taxing us and then paying Covenant at \$300,000 dollars a year to open a clinic in Post is free enterprise!

Free enterprise is when public funds are not involved. Pizza Hut is an example of free enterprise. If people stop coming they go bankrupt. They don't get to have someone give them your money/tax dollars to keep them open when the public doesn't buy their product.

Travis and Tyler think that free enterprise is spending your money to "keep healthcare" in Post. It's easy to spend other people's money

Free enterprise, to anyone who isn't a socialist, is letting Covenant open a clinic and run it without our tax dollars being involved.

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And since such a clinic earns them referrals to Lubbock doctors and hospitals, perhaps millions of dollars per year - I suspect that even with our Hospital District no longer taxing us and paying them, that they will be here for a long, long time.

Charles W. Duncan

### Dimmitt hospital situation

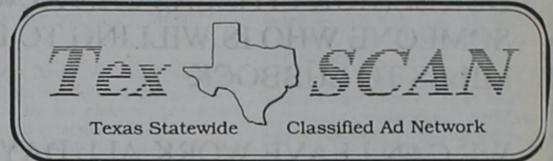
I recently had occasion to visit with Mr Percy Parsons, whose principle residence is at Dimmitt, Texas, a small town about 45 miles west of Tulia.

In the course of our conversation, our medical situation came up. He told me that Dimmitt has a full service hospital with a staff of six doctors, five of which live in Dimmitt. I was astounded and asked how a small town had managed that.

His response was that the county owns the hospital and all the doctors are on salary, paid by the county. All this is paid for with county taxes (of course).

Now, how is it that we are in a muddle about a like situation? Don't bother to answer that.

Geraldine Butler



### CITY CODE

#### Regarding Parking of Trucks

Residential streets in the City of Post are not designed or constructed to handle heavy equipment or trucks. For that reason in 1986 the city adopted an ordinance prohibiting the parking of certain trucks and heavy equipment on city streets.

Most local trucking companies in Post have their own yards or locations on which their equipment is parked overnight or during the day when not in operation. Other parking lots are available for truckers who do not have a company yard located in Post. In part, the code states:

20-1-32....No person may park, nor may the owner permit to be parked, any vehicle having a load capacity in excess of one (1) ton, or which is more than twenty (20) feet in length, or seven (7) feet in height or width, upon any street, alleyway or public thoroughfare in the City of Post..

The ordinance provides for ticketing owners of trucks, as well as drivers. A Warning Sticker or Warning Letter will be issued to first offenders. Second Offenses will be ticketed and receive a summons to appear in the court.



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May 6, 2000

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KEEP OUR HEALTH CARE BY KEEPING:

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## Lunch Menus

### Trailblazers

**Monday, April 24, 2000**  
Grilled cheese, beef vegetable soup, 3-bean salad, fruit and cookies.  
**Tuesday, April 25, 2000**  
Beef enchilada, Spanish rice, green beans, salad, tortilla chips and jello salad.  
**Wednesday, April 26, 2000**  
Chicken w/mushroom sauce, navy beans, mixed vegetables, salad, wheat roll and pineapple cake.  
**Thursday, April 27, 2000**  
Beef tips, brown gravy, rice, brussel sprouts, cornbread, carrot sticks and berry cobbler.  
**Friday, April 28, 2000**  
Chicken fry, cream gravy, oven potatoes, broccoli, hot roll and oranges and bananas.

### Post ISD

**Monday, April 24, 2000**  
Breakfast:  
Lunch: Bad weather day  
**Tuesday, April 25, 2000**  
Breakfast: Waffles, butter and syrup, sausage, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Pizza, corn, salad, peach cup and choice of milk.  
**Wednesday, April 26, 2000**  
Breakfast: Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, orange juice and milk.  
Lunch: Hot sandwich, black-eyed peas, salad, cobbler and choice of milk.  
**Thursday, April 27, 2000**  
Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Breaded pork patty, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello W/topping and choice of milk.  
**Friday, April 28, 2000**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jello, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Fish, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, peas, hushpuppies, apples and choice of milk.

### Southland ISD

**Monday, April 24, 2000**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice and milk.  
Lunch: Corn dogs, beans, fries, cake and milk.

**Tuesday, April 25, 2000**  
Breakfast: Eggs, bacon, toast, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Chicken spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, green beans, jello and milk.  
**Wednesday, April 26, 2000**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, graham crackers, juice and milk.  
Lunch: Baked ham, au gratin potatoes, corn, rolls, cherry delight and milk.  
**Thursday, April 27, 2000**  
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, juice and milk.  
Lunch: Durrrito casserole, beans, rice, cookie and milk.  
**Friday, April 28, 2000**  
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Cheeseburgers, fries, lettuce and tomatoes, ice cream and milk.



Experimental radio broadcasts began in 1910 with a program from the Metropolitan Opera House, starring singer Enrico Caruso.



In ancient Greece, a boxing match began with two boxers standing face to face, their noses touching.

## Congratulations PHS Regional Qualifiers



MATH - (left to right) Jason Fields, coach Kim Mills and Scotty Gaydos.

## Tim & Renee Gaydos

## Les & Helyn Fields

### NOTICE OF Special ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION especial)

To the Registered Voters of Garza County, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Garza County Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 6

2000, for voting in a Special election, to elect two (2) Directors

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el seis de Mayo

de 2000 para votar en la Elección para electar dos (2) Directores.)

#### LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

Post Community Center, 113 West Main, Post, Texas 79356

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at  
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

Garza Hospital District Business Office 608 West 6th Street Post, Texas 79356

(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 19, 2000 (date)

(entre las ocho de la mañana y las cinco de la tarde empezando el diecinueve de Abril, 2000 (fecha)

and ending on May 2, 2000 (date)

(y terminando el dos de Mayo de, 2000 (fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows:\*  
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)

Hours (Horas)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Shirley Taylor

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)

(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

608 West 6th Street

(Address) (Dirección)

Post, Texas 79356

(City) (Ciudad)

(Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on  
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

April 28, 2000 (viñete y ocho de Abril, 2000)

(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 11th day of April, 2000.

(Emitada este día once de Abril, 2000.)

Shirley Taylor  
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

\*If early voting is not going to be conducted on either Saturday or the last Sunday during the period of early voting, delete this part.

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a statement of intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated areas ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The proposed increase would affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers and would be identical in relative magnitude to those proposed by the Company for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The proposed effective date for the increase is April 27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. However, the environs rates will not be changed until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities are changed. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the unincorporated areas surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities from which the Company has appealed to the Railroad Commission. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law only in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa.

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks, and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may, within 30 days following the proposed effective date, file written comments or a protest with:

Docket Services Section  
Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068)  
Railroad Commission of Texas  
P.O. Box 12967  
Austin Texas 78711-2967

Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than May 27, 2000. The deadline to file a petition to intervene in the case as a party is May 27, 2000.

<b>Abernathy</b>	<b>Lamesa</b>	<b>Quitaque</b>
<b>Amherst</b>	<b>Levelland</b>	<b>Ralls</b>
<b>Anton</b>	<b>Littlefield</b>	<b>Ransom Canyon</b>
<b>Big Spring</b>	<b>Lockney</b>	<b>Ropesville</b>
<b>Bovina</b>	<b>Lorenzo</b>	<b>Seagraves</b>
<b>Brownfield</b>	<b>Los Ybanez</b>	<b>Seminole</b>
<b>Buffalo Springs Lake</b>	<b>Lubbock*</b>	<b>Shallowater</b>
<b>Canyon</b>	<b>Meadow</b>	<b>Silverton</b>
<b>Coahoma</b>	<b>Midland</b>	<b>Slaton</b>
<b>Crosbyton</b>	<b>Muleshoe</b>	<b>Smyer</b>
<b>Dimmitt</b>	<b>Nazareth</b>	<b>Springlake</b>
<b>Earth</b>	<b>New Deal</b>	<b>Stanton</b>
<b>Edmonson</b>	<b>New Home</b>	<b>Sudan</b>
<b>Floydada</b>	<b>Odessa*</b>	<b>Tahoka</b>
<b>Forsan</b>	<b>O'Donnell</b>	<b>Timbercreek Canyon</b>
<b>Frona</b>	<b>Olton</b>	<b>Tulia</b>
<b>Hale Center</b>	<b>Opdyke West</b>	<b>Turkey</b>
<b>Happy</b>	<b>Palisades</b>	<b>Vega</b>
<b>Hart</b>	<b>Pampa</b>	<b>Wellman</b>
<b>Hereford</b>	<b>Panhandle</b>	<b>Wilson</b>
<b>Idealou</b>	<b>Petersburg</b>	<b>Wolforth</b>
<b>Kress</b>	<b>Plainview</b>	
<b>Lake Tanglewood</b>	<b>Post</b>	

# Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

April 18, 1990  
10 Years Ago

"Pursuit of a Dream" a new show created by Post freshman Adam Martinez, highlights WBU and area athletes and coaches. It began airing February 28 on the Wayland Information Network.

Adam got the idea for the show while he was home during the Christmas break.

Services for Clara Pearl Nance, 90, of Justiceburg were held Saturday, April 14, 1990 at the Bell-Cypert-Scale Funeral Home Chapel in Snyder. The Rev. Abe Hester, Jr., officiated.

She was born September 8, 1899 in Coleman County, Texas. She married L.A. Nance in 1918 in Garza County. He preceded her in death in 1961.

She had been a rancher in Justiceburg for many years.

Margaret Post of Bossier City, La. has been visiting her sister, Selma Lovelless and niece, Jeanette Bell. She will stay three weeks and then visit other relatives before returning home. She helped celebrate her sister's 87th birthday, Wednesday, April 11.

Who's Ethel Brown, you might ask. Well, Bob Turner answered that one when he brought us a clipping from the Sunday, April 15, 1990 Dallas Morning News (Page 42A) with a copy of "Texas Sketches" by A.C. Greene. He reported on a recipe book that was published by the Dallas Public Library in 1974, with a 75 year-old sugar cookie recipe by Ethel Brown. She was born in 1882 and was a friend of Marjorie Merriweather Post, "who became the richest woman in the United States," Greene reports. "We met out in West Texas," he quotes Ethel Brown, "her father (C.W. Post) was building Post City and we met as girls. I was about 18 years old and we got to be good friends." Anyone remember Ethel?

April 17, 1980  
20 Years Ago

Mrs. Ruth Young, one of the original members of the Post Public Library trustees, was presented a plaque by Jim Cornish "in grateful appreciation for 13 years of service on the board."

Post received snow last Saturday. Mike Flanigan heads Lions Club.

Craig.

Sammie W. Maddox, of the highway department here, receives a service award for 20 years with the state.

Pamela J. Warren of Southland has been named the outstanding student in animal science at Tech.

Jo Ann Miller of Duncanville visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Moreman and her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Moreman and girls, all of Post.

Mrs. Bessie Windham was honored on her 80th birthday with a dinner by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Self defense course is planned by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

April 16, 1970  
30 Years Ago

The first of the big new pumps for the White River water line to Post was installed this week at the clearwell near the filtration plant at the lake.

The Post Dispatch had a breakdown on the old Babcock printing press. Jim Cornish borrowed David Newby's station wagon and drove to Floydada to print there. Thanks to Wendell Tooley and his press crew for their help in getting The Dispatch printed.

The five new directors of the Garza County Hospital District take the oath of office, administered by hospital administrator, Donald Windham. The five new directors are George Pierce, Sexton Huntley, Edwin Sawyers, Charlie Brown and Dr. William C. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Didway and son, Christopher Bain, of Muleshoe spent the weekend visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Didway, and his brother, Walter Didway and family.

Mrs. Linda Malouf, Mrs. Lola Peel, Mrs. Gladys Floyd, Mrs. Pearl Storie and Mrs. Bonnie Adamson hemmed a quilt for the Merry-makers Club in the Adamson home last Friday afternoon.

April 14, 1960  
40 Years Ago

A new Explorer Scout post has been organized here with the First Methodist Church as sponsor.

Liquor store applications stamped roars into Post after Saturdays surprising 133 to 123 vote decision in Precinct 3 for legalized liquor.

Miss Carol Jacobs honored at shower.

Plainview.

Scottie Pierce, Post High School senior, receives a four year athletic scholarship at WTSC, Canyon.

"L'il Abner" in technicolor comes to the Tower Theater.

Dean Johnston and Judy Clary have been named sophomore class favorites for the 1959-60 school year.

Seventh and eighth grade choir is top winner in the Interscholastic League's Region 1 Music Festival in Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Collier are to return today from El Paso where they have been attending the West Texas Pharmaceutical Convention, of which he is president.

Birthdays today are:

Allen Cash  
Mrs. Bob Thomas  
Elvis Curb  
Mrs. Cecil Thaxton  
Joe Boyce Lester

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Nelson and daughter, Carol, of Tahoka visited with Mr. Nelson's sister and family, the Dick Paynes here recently.

Guests of Mickey La Rochelle Monday evening were her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Peterson, of Polar.

Horace and Grace Luty of Kiowa, Kans., and Mrs. G. C. Piersall and daughter, Luty Ann, of Hardtner, Kans., returned to their homes Sunday morning after a visit in the R. A. Moore home.

Mr. and Mrs. Feda Dodson and three children and Mr. and Mrs. Buster Shumard and two children were in Lubbock Sunday.

Mrs. Dick Wade and daughter, Ruby Jewel, spent Wednesday in Lubbock transacting business. They also visited with C. W. and Roy Wade and Bill McCombs.

Mr. and Mrs. Odean Cummings and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Max Tucker and children spent the weekend in Mineral Wells with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Tucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cummings of Carlsbad, N. M., spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cummings.

Mrs. M. L. Nichols and Mr. Dolan and daughter visited with Mrs. Nichols' son, Lester Nichols and family Wednesday of last week en route to their home in Alamogordo, N. M.

Post PTA gets two ratings at 32nd annual district meeting.

R.B. Crisp, gin manager, and family move to Clore City from shower.



MAXINE EARL presents a check from the Lubbock Area Foundation Inc. to Garza Theatre director Will McCrary following the announcement earlier this month that the foundation selected the Garza Theatre for a \$905 grant to underwrite research needed to produce the "Harley Sadler" tent show.

From The Post Dispatch, April 18, 1990



Courtesy the Brownfield News  
MRS. KENNETH V. JONES

## Goodpasture-Jones Marriage Revealed

From The Post Dispatch, April 13, 1950

### The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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ACROSS

- TXism: "holler calf" (surrender)
- Gain's brother
- Gulf mollusk
- TXism: "plain as the on a mule"
- TX Stills tune: "For What \_\_\_ Worth"
- hit film by UTA grad Lou Diamond Phillips
- TX motorists must wear \_\_\_ belts
- TXism: "a milk bucket under a bull"
- "hasta \_\_\_ vista"
- grasped
- Santa \_\_\_ Refuge
- Gov. \_\_\_ "Ma" Ferguson (1924-26)
- TXism: "book wrangler"
- this Winger starred with TX Martin in "Leap of Faith" (init.)
- Richard of film "On Wings of Eagles" about TX Perot
- TX nabob's fly in \_\_\_ jets
- bootmaker Tony
- TXism: "\_\_\_ dollar short"
- Dallas Star shoe
- TXism: "put \_\_\_ two together"
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- they're "upon you" in Texas
- 007 creator Fleming
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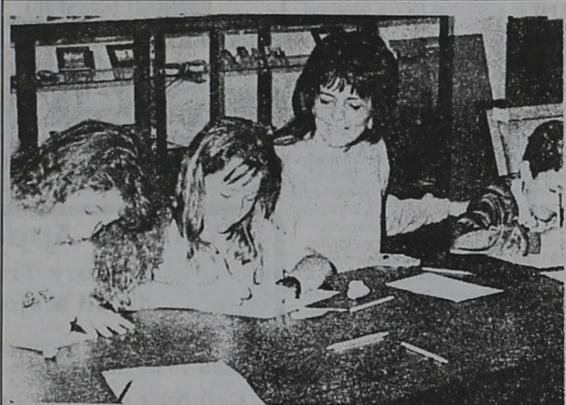
- TX George Jones' "The \_\_\_ On"
- TX La Lomita Chapel was built by \_\_\_ Fathers
- seat of Frio Co.
- TX shade trees
- TX Preston Jones' \_\_\_ Ann Hampton Lavery Oberlander"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ putting up a tent in a windstorm"
- TXism: "suds"
- TX Collin Raye's \_\_\_ Can Be"
- Texans win 'em in the Olympics
- A&M degree
- TXism: "clean \_\_\_ hound's tooth"
- beneath Grand Saline, TX (2 wds.)
- TXism: "beats a poke in the \_\_\_ with a stick"
- TXism: "long \_\_\_ a country mile"
- cow sound
- flower at Varner-Hogg State Plantation Historic Park (2 wds.)
- black poker card
- \_\_\_ Grande
- doctrine suffix
- Gen. Robert E. \_\_\_
- TXism: "nervous as a long-\_\_\_ in a room of rocking chairs"
- TXism: "up \_\_\_ juice" (coffee)
- film: "Texas Chain \_\_\_ Massacre"
- TX film: "Lone Wolf \_\_\_ Quade"
- TX Ginger Rogers was in this Ger-shwin's "Girl Crazy"
- TXism: "burnt some boot leather"
- how a "dead heat" ends (3 wds.)
- \_\_\_ you can"
- Hico h.s. class
- state nurses group
- San Antonio arena
- direction to Waco from Abilene
- TXism: "he \_\_\_ barbed wire for dental floss" (tough)
- TX Fender's "You'll \_\_\_ A Good Thing"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ the mark" (conform)
- TX Willie Nelson's birth month
- TXism: "\_\_\_ a little cane" (celebrate)



Short height and speeches on behalf of the Democratic party earned President James Polk the nickname "Napoleon of the Stump."



The corn in corned beef dates back to a time when "corns" or kernels of coarse salt were used to cure beef. No corn was actually involved in the process.



POST ART GUILD Kids 'N Art students Nikki Pollard, Natalie Pollard and Josh Fumagalli (right) get assistance from Linda Puckett (center) preparing advertisements for the special Easter promotion in this week's edition of The Post Dispatch.

From The Post Dispatch, April 11, 1990

## Mrs. J. H. Babb Is Real Garza Pioneer, Moving Here from Floyd Ranch in 1901

Mrs. J. H. Babb is a true pioneer of Garza county, coming here from Old Emma in Floyd county in 1901.

Lillie Mae Tanner was married to John H. Babb in Putnam, Callihan county, in 1888. At the time he owned half interest in a ranch in Pecos county. There were no women in that section. Mrs. Babb recalls, so her husband refused to take her there. He sold out in Pecos and bought in Callihan county.

Mrs. Babb has always been a great horsewoman and she and her husband broke horses. "I think that is why he fell in love with me," Mrs. Babb says, "because he knew I loved horses."

From Callihan, they moved to Stonewall county, then later to Floyd where the family owned a ranch at Old Emma. Mr. Babb decided that the cold weather would cause him to lose all his stock, so he bought a ranch in Garza, with headquarters on the Yellowhouse river, three miles east of what is now Post.

### Bought Ranch Here

Mrs. Babb remembers that he bought the ranch from a fellow named Babe Smithers, who refused to take his check for the land. His money was in the bank at Floydada and he had to have it transferred to Snyder. She recalls that he rode from Floydada to their ranch, changed horses and rode on to Snyder, without stopping. When he got there, he was unable to walk, but the money was there. He turned it over to Smithers and got possession of the ranch.

### Waterwitch Operates

"My husband didn't believe in waterwitches, so when the forked stick turned over in the man's hand, he just laughed. The waterwitch dug down 30 feet and found water. So we dug a well and had an abundance of water until we moved to town. Then for some reason the well dried up," Mrs. Babb recalled.

Mrs. Babb is 79. She is the mother of five children, Mrs. C. I. Dickinson of New York City, Mrs. Joy A. McCartney, San Antonio; Mrs. Sherrill Boyd of Post;

John H. Babb, Chicago; and Jerrell Babb, Los Angeles. She has 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Since there were no fences, the ranch was only three miles from Post, and John, Dezzie and Florence came to school alone in a buggy. Jerrell, the oldest child, was the first Garza county boy to go away to college.

### Hires Teacher

At one time, the school teacher in Post was very dissatisfied with her pay. Mr. Babb moved her to the ranch and she taught two of the Babb children. Jerrell, the other who was old enough to attend school, was as advanced as the teacher so he stayed out and rode the range with his father.

The next year, a good school was organized in town, but it just taught up to the eighth grade. The family sent Jerrell to Denton to high school, Mrs. Babb recalls.

Her husband was away a lot, Mrs. Babb remembers, and she and the children were terribly lonely at the ranch. Church was held in Post by itinerant preachers. One afternoon a Methodist minister, John West, came out to the house with his family.

Mrs. Babb immediately launched into a recital of how lonely she was.

"You think you have troubles," replied the preacher, "We don't have a place to lay our heads."

Mrs. Babb's husband came home and told West he could live in the ranch house, since the Babbs had built another for themselves.

### Leaves Ranch

Mrs. Babb refused to live on the ranch any longer when it came time for Evelyn, her youngest child, to start to school. She recalls that her husband would not hear of moving into town, until one day, she bought a house from a man.

The family moved into Post about 1915, living in the house now occupied by Mrs. W. F. Cato. Mrs. Babb recalls that there were few stores here then and people bought dry goods by mail or else went to Fluvanna to shop.

### First Washing Machine

She bought the first washing machine in Post, paying \$100 for it. The actual price was \$100.50 and she remembers haggling all day with the salesman for

the 50 cents.

"I told him I absolutely did not want the machine," she recalls. "And he begged me to just get out all my dirty clothes and let him wash them. I found a pair of overalls Mr. Babb had worn to milk in all during the time I was in the hospital—six weeks—and they were covered with milk. I told him if the overalls came clean, I would buy the machine. They did and I had to."

C. W. Post had the first car in this area Mrs. Babb recalls. Their first was a Reo, bought from the late W. O. Stephens. Mr. Babb lost an arm when he was about 40 years old, so she had to do all the driving.

"There were no doors to the car," Mrs. Babb remembers, "just openings for you to climb in. I was afraid the children would fall out the back, so I had to teach John H. to drive when he was only nine years old. Neither he nor I ever had an accident, though."

### John Baptizes

Camp meetings were held around here in the early days and Mrs. Babb remembers going to one in a brush arbor near Post. The adults were listening to the service while the children were playing in a little house some distance away.

A piercing scream rent the air. The preacher paused and advised some of the parents to go and attend the children. Mrs. Babb recalls that her husband slipped out and found his 5-year-old son, John, baptizing a little girl. It must have been a Methodist meeting, says Mrs. Babb, because John was pouring water on the candidate's head—causing the screams.

She remembers that she never could persuade her husband to buy a piano so she finally traded a yearling for an old organ. Later they bought a piano at a sacrifice sale.

When the family moved from their original residence into the house that is now known as the Tom Power apartments, the sound pedal on the piano was broken. Since they were told it would take too much money to repair it, they traded it for a Dahlia phonograph.

"It never was any good," Mrs. Babb recalls.

### Runs Boarding House

For 20 years, Mrs. Babb oc-

From The Post Dispatch, April 20, 1950

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 The family of Oliver McDougle would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of love at the passing of our husband, father, grandfather and brother. Your prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers and food brought to our home, and the meal at the First Baptist Church were deeply appreciated. May God bless each of you.  
 Esther McDougle  
 Oliver, Pam and family  
 Bertha and family  
 Donna and family  
 Venitia and family  
 Uretha and family  
 Juanita, Cephas and family  
 Ila Mae, Jimmy and family

To all of our loving friends and neighbors,  
 For all of your calls, visits, cards, concerns and most of all your prayers, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.  
 This unbelievable tragedy was made more bearable because of all of you.  
 May God bless each of you.  
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**Legal Notices**

**Notice To All Persons Having Claims Against The Estate Of Odella M. Bevers, Cause#1712, Garza County, Texas**  
 Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Independent Administration upon the estate of Odella M. Bevers, deceased, was issued to the undersigned on the 18 day of April, 2000, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county being named, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before said estate is closed, and within the time required by law. Samuel S. Bevers, may be notified at Box 102, Justiceburg, Texas 79330 or in care of his attorney; Preston Poole, 311 W. Main, P.O. Box 296, Post, Texas 79356. Dated: 18 April, 2000  
 Samuel S. Bevers  
 Independent Executor Estate of Odella M. Bevers, Cause#1712

**Legal Notice - Motely, Floyd, Dickens, Kent, Crosby and Garza Counties**  
 In accordance with the provisions of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 74, Subchapter D, § 74.108 (b) and 4 Tex. Admin. Code, Chapter 3, Subchapter A, the Texas Department of Agriculture (the Department) will conduct a referendum on the proposition of whether or not all of the following area of Motley, Floyd, Dickens,

Kent, Crosby, and Garza Counties should be transferred from the statutorily designated Northern High Plains and southern High Plains/Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zones described at the Texas Agriculture Code, §74.1021 (a) to the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone designated at 4 Texas Administrative Code, §3.112: all of Kent County, that part of Garza county that lies below of the Caprock escarpment, that part of Crosby County that lies below the Caprock escarpment, that part of Dickens County that lies below the Caprock escarpment, that part of Floyd county that lies north and east of a line running along FM 97 beginning at the Motley County line; continuing west to the Caprock escarpment; and continuing north along the Caprock escarpment to the Briscoe County line; and that part of Motley County that lies south of a line running along the North Pease River beginning at the intersection of the North Pease River and the Hall county line; continuing southwest to Quitaque Creek; and continuing north-west along Quitaque Creek to the Floyd County line.

If transfer is approved by this referendum, growers in the transferred area shall be subject to payment of a maximum assessment of \$10 per planted row-acre of dryland cotton and \$15 per planted row acre of irrigated cotton, which was approved by the Northern Rolling Plains zone growers to implement a boll-weevil eradication program in the zone. Additionally, if the transfer is approved, growers in the transferred area will be required to pay an assessment for one additional year after the debt for the Northern Rolling Plains Zone is retired. If the transfer is approved, eradication program activities are scheduled to begin with a fall diapause program this fall.

The referendum to transfer these portions of Motley, Floyd, Dickens, Kent, Crosby and Garza Counties as described above, will be held by mail balloting. Ballots will be mailed by May 9, 2000. All ballots cast by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight May 30, 2000, in order to be valid. Any cotton grower having cotton production in 1999 within the area that is proposed to be transferred, as described above, is eligible to vote. A cotton grower, as defined as an individual, entity or joint operator who, as owner, landlord, tenant or sharecropper, is entitled to share in the cotton growth and available for marketing from the farm, or share in the proceeds from the sale of the cotton from the farm.

For more information regarding the referendum and election, or if you are a cotton grower in the above-described area and do not receive a ballot, please contact the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711, telephone 512/463-7593.

**Notice To Creditors Of The Estate Of Mildred Simpson**  
 Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Mildred Simpson, Deceased, were issued to Deborah Simpson, on the 13th day of November, 1999, under Docket Number 1711, by the County Court of Garza County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present same to it within the time prescribed by law and any claims may be presented addressed as follows:  
 Deborah Simpson, Independent Executor  
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 Jones, Flygare, Brown & Warton  
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The Garza Theatre's next production, "Bus Stop," will open with performances scheduled April 28, 29 and 30.

Performances also are scheduled for May 5-6 and 12-13. Friday and Saturday shows will be at 7:45 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m.

Directed by Linda Ellis, the production will feature Jeremy Dania, Jessica Culwell, Laura Bryan, Anthony Burton, Jeff Conner, Valerie Burelsmith, Clent Hill and Stephen Witmer.

Tickets are available at the box office at a cost of \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 6-12.

Upcoming shows at the Garza include the "Harley Sadler Show" in June and early July and "Forever Plaid," directed by Jane Prince Jones, in August.

## Movie Hints

by Wes Burnett

*Editor's Note: This column is strictly the opinion of the writer, and is provided from time-to-time for the enjoyment of our readers.*

### Movies I Like

Two recent movies caught my attention:

• **Rules of Engagement** - It starts out with some pretty bloody and violent scenes, but the bulk of this movie is a tale of political lies, intrigue and military procedures. The court room drama is well worth seeing. Tommy Lee Jones and Samuel L. Jackson are superb in their roles.

This is not a movie for children. I recommend it is as one of the best this year. Now showing at Tinsel Town.

• **Return to Me** - I am such a sucker for romance, I guess I'm just a born romantic, which makes this Minnie Driver flick so good. And for once, there's no pornographic stuff, don't recall much foul language, and well, it's just a great "mushy" story with a cast of real characters. This is definitely a "holding hands" movie for lovers and friends. Oh, it's about a woman who got a heart transplant...you've gotta see the rest of it to enjoy it. It's at Tinsel Town.

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## Why is Covenant Health System Launching Personal Attack?

Last Wednesday evening (4/12/00) I received a disturbing telephone call at my home from Covenant Health System representative Jason Markham, who launched into a personal attack on my character, accusing me of lying and misrepresenting the facts.

In that conversation, Mr Markham emphatically denied that he ever said that Covenant would continue operating a clinic here without tax subsidies. He also accused "the newspaper" of misrepresenting the facts in this matter. By that, I suppose he was referring to The Post Dispatch, the only newspaper which regularly reports on Garza County hospital board meetings.

I reminded Mr Markham that comments he made at the December 10, 1998 hospital board meeting are very clear on the video tape recording of that meeting. He responded by saying that he will be at the May 2 board meeting "to get this straightened out."

I have carefully reviewed the video tape of the December 10, 1998 Garza County Hospital District board of directors meeting, and for the record, the following is a word-for-word transcription of what Mr Markham said:

**"But we in no way intend to leave, whether this hospital district stays or not, and whether the community or the county decides to give us any subsidy or not.**

**"We are entrenched in this community, as the word I used last month, and I don't use it lightly. We are entrenched and we want to be here and we want to bring more healthcare to this community.**

**"Of course, that comes at a price. And what we were looking at and wanted to look at is the perceived need and the real need for healthcare in this community."**

A copy of that video tape, which was recorded by Channel 31, is available at the Post Public Library, and I encourage all who seek the truth of this matter to take time to review that tape for themselves before passing judgement. As I did earlier this year, I will bring a copy of that video tape along with a t.v. and v.c.r. to the May 2 board meeting so that all in attendance will have the opportunity to see and hear Mr Markham's comments, which prove beyond any doubt that the "newspaper" and I have been truthful.

It is a mystery to me as to what would motivate Covenant Health System to launch this personal attack on me and the "newspaper," unless it is an attempt to influence the outcome of the May 6 Garza County Hospital Board of Directors election.

I have never attacked Covenant Health System, and in fact I applaud them for providing healthcare services here. However, I will continue to speak out in opposition to the illegal contract with Covenant, insisting that we spend tax funds only as authorized by law.

Respectfully

Charles J. Propst

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by Terri Cash

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