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Travis: EMS won't last out the year

by Wes Burnett

Garza County Hospital District president Mike Travis declared Monday evening that the local volunteer Emergency Medical Service (EMS) won't last out the year. That's the explanation given at Monday evening's special called meeting for expanding the district's authority to fund and operate emergency medical services.

Travis, supported by board members Zoe Kirkpatrick, David Tyler and Leon Miller, said that from his "vast EMS experiences," he could see the possibility of the volunteer service disbanding in the near future. Travis said he certainly didn't want to see that happen, but he insisted that the hospital district must be prepared to take up the slack.

Only board member Carol Tobias expressed faith in the local volunteers, saying that the EMS has a long history of outstanding service, "and there is simply no need for us to be involved in ambulance services."

Travis also said that a "health care district without emergency ambulance service is ludicrous."

When contacted by The Post Dispatch Tuesday, EMS volunteer leader John Redman said he was surprised at the district's action. "We're short of volunteers right now," Redman said, "but my goodness, we aren't about to shut down. I can't imagine why Mr Travis would think such a thing."

Apparently Travis and the other majority board members are uncertain about the ability of the local volunteers to continue providing the service. The proposed expansion to the district's authority includes using tax funds for airlift equipment and operation. "What's

this business about running a helicopter here?" Redman asked.

Redman insisted that the Garza County EMS will not abandon its tradition of serving the people here.

If approved by the legislature, HB 2477 will expand the district's authority to spend tax funds and to raise the tax rate from 16.5 cents per \$100 evaluation to 75 cents. The current rate provides \$500,000 in tax revenue, raising the amount to its maximum would generate approximately \$2.25 million.

That would be more than enough to fund EMS services without requiring a bond election. Several citizens at the Monday meeting expressed opposition to the proposed legislation. "If it (HB 2477) stands as it is now," Daymon Ethridge emphasized, "I will oppose it and I will certainly support dissolution of the district."

Tobias asked the district's attorney Cal Huffaker to explain why there is no provision for voters to approve the changes being proposed to the enabling legislation. "The voters here had to approve it in the first place, and we should demand that right if these changes are made."

Huffaker said that the changes are amendments to the old law, and voters do not have the choice to approve or disapprove legislative actions. Ethridge pointed out that the proposed changes are not minor corrections but major and drastic changes to the original. "This is not what the voters in Garza County approved," he insisted.

Introduced by State Representative David Counts, HB 2477 is the House County Affairs Committee. No hearing date has been set, but Huffaker told board members he would notify them as soon as he knows the date of the hearing.

"It's important that you be in Austin to support the bill," he emphasized. "This is a political process, and there needs to be strong local support, otherwise it will fail."

Travis urged board members to take an active role in lobbying for the bill's passage. When asked if tax funds would be used for board members to attend the Austin hearings, Travis said that if the board approves, they will use tax funds for that purpose.

A petition is being circulated by concerned property owners, urging the legislature to reject HB 2477. Opponents also plan to attend the hearing to defend property owners and taxpayers.



"Chief" Frank Runkles will once again lead the traditional Ta'bana Yuan'e ceremony at South Park n Post. Visitors should be at the site by 6 a.m. for the sunrise event.

May 5 election shaping up with candidate filings

No new candidate filings had been recorded in the upcoming city, school district and hospital district elections as of mid-morning Tuesday.

Wednesday is the filing deadline for city council and school board candidates, while Monday will be the final day a write-in candidate may declare his or her candidacy.

Under existing election procedures, the deadline for filing as a candidate for the hospital board is 5 p.m. April 10.

As of Tuesday morning, city council incumbents Juanita Pantoja and Dick Odom, representing Wards 1 and 2 respectively, had filed. Mayor Archie Gill has also filed for reelection, according to city officials.

In the Post Independent School District, which fills its board of trustees through a cumulative voting process, four candidates — Guin Miller and Brad Mason and incumbents Alexa Collier and Jeff Lott — are presently slated to round out the ballot, school district officials said.

No filings have yet been received for the upcoming hospital district board election, according to a hospital district spokesperson. Three board seats — those held by Zoe Kirkpatrick, Leon Miller and Carol Tobias — are scheduled to be filled in the May 5 ballot.

Post Notes

Booster club needs help

The Post Booster Club will be selling burgers, sausage wraps, and drinks, all three days in the school cafeteria during the Caprock Relays Friday and Saturday. Breakfast burritos will be offered on Saturday morning. Workers are needed for all days, if you are able to help any of these days, please contact Larry Mills @ 495-3719, or Jackie Gonzales @ 495-4021, or Ronnie Gradine @ 495-2070. Friday events begin at 4 p.m., with high school action starting Saturday at 8 a.m. The concession stand will be located inside the school cafeteria and will include hamburgers, sausage and other goodies.

Church offers fish fry

The Church of God of Prophecy is offering fish fry dinners at \$5 per plate on Friday, March 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. The dinner includes fish, potato salad, cole slaw, hush puppies and beans. Call in orders to 495-3644.

Relay for Life meeting Monday

Organizers for the June 1-2 "Relay for Life" are holding a special meeting Monday, March 26 at the Post Community Center, beginning at 6 p.m. Those interested in learning more about the event are urged to attend and assist with the "Relay for Life." Call Rodney Tidwell at 269-3960 for more information.

Methodist Women meet Tuesday

The First United Methodist Church Women will meet Tuesday, March 27 at 10 a.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall.

SHS roping for NYC trip

Southland High School seniors are holding a benefit team roping Saturday to assist the class in raising funds for the senior trip to New York City. The roping will be at the Fogerson Arena at Southland. Call Jerry Fogerson at (806) 996-5559 or Kyle Fogerson at (806) 996-5308 for more information.

Rotary Club 'broom sale' March 27

The Post Rotary Club will hold its annual "Broom Sale" on March 27 at the intersection of West Main Street and U.S. Hwy 84. This is an important fund raising event for the local Rotarians.

Church announces March 29 revival

The Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th St., extends an invitation to the public for the Women's Ministry Revival, March 29 through April 1, beginning at 7 p.m. March 29, 30 and 31. The revival ends with a Sunday morning service with special speaker Sister Felicia Payano.

Little League Try-Outs

Post Little League Baseball will conduct its try-outs for youth ages nine through 12 years old on March 31 and April 2. The March 31 try-outs begin at 1 p.m. and April 2 try-outs begin at 7 p.m. Youth ages nine through 12 must try-out to be eligible to play.

"Jam with Jesus" March 28

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting March 28 at the school auditorium will feature Sudan's FCA band with a "rock" for God concert. All junior and senior high students are invited to the event, which begins at 7 p.m.

All Sports Banquet May 3

The All Sports Banquet has been set for Thursday, May 3, 2001. All senior parents/guardians are encouraged to help. Pam Gorman will be in charge of decorations this year, and would appreciate all the help she can get. If interested contact her at 495-2934.

Auditions for "Anne of Green Gables"

Auditions for Garza Theatre's May production of "Anne of Green Gables" will be held March 24 at 2:30 p.m. at the theatre in Post, and in Lubbock on March 25 at 6 p.m. at the Monterey Church of Christ at 58th and Memphis. The show, written by Lubbock's Sylvia Ashby, will be directed by Laura Bryan, assisted by Mitchell Britton. Performances will be held May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 18 and 19. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

Another whopping month for highway collections

by Wes Burnett

State and county highway revenue agents pounced on Garza County travelers to the tune of \$35,491.22 during the month of February, according to reports from the two Justice of the Peace courts. The new monies bring the two-month 2001 total to \$82,107.99.

It's a wonder travelers bother to use the highways here, considering the high cost of travel in Garza County.

Most, if not all of these victims of highway theft, have no idea that they are part of a gigantic legislative scheme, which considers all who travel to be doing so within certain boundaries of an

incorporated area, therefore the "subjects" are required to follow the corporation's rules.

The traffic code is one example

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GHD chooses election judges

by Wes Burnett

Appointment of election judges for the five Garza County Hospital District voting boxes was finalized at Monday evening's board meeting.

Billie Cross joins Kay Hays to complete the two Precinct One voting boxes, along with Cherry Eckols in Precinct 3; Sheri Riedel, Precinct 2; Melinda Morgan, Precinct 4 and Billie Windham as early voting judge. Election judges are to name their alternates and clerks for formal appointment at a later date.

Board members Carol Tobias' nomination of Alice Cruse to serve as Precinct 3 election judge was rejected by the board majority. Tobias pointed out that Cruse was well qualified and that she believed it important for a minority citizens to serve as election judge.



Spring is in the air ... and the trees downtown are showing the signs. Course, old timers will remind us that Easter isn't here yet ... and there's usually a freeze just before Easter... we'll see. (Photo by Sandy Smith)

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Xavier Rangel (center) was recently honored by League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC). Presenting the award are LULAC vice president Jessica Montañez (left) and president Amber Hernandez.

LULAC youth name "Teacher of the Month"

The Post LULAC Youth Group recently selected Coach Xavier Rangel as Teacher of the Month for February. The recognition is sponsored by Casa Olé and the Post LULAC Youth members. The LULAC Youth will be attending a Plainview meeting where they will meet Edward James Olmos, a well-known Latino actor who has played such roles as Abraham Quintania in the movie "Selena." The group will travel to Austin March 31 for a state gala where the keynote speaker is the new Texas senator. The LULAC Youth meet each Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Holy Cross Catholic Church. Anyone interested is invited to attend; all races are welcomed.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Here we are for one more week. At least this looks like it is going to be a pretty one.

I love this sunshine and warm weather. Now I know these farmers and ranchers love that rain any time they can get it and I would never complain cause I don't want the Lord to think I don't appreciate it either, but I'm sure glad He made the sun too!!!



Southland Roping

Be sure to pay attention to Post Notes about the roping in Southland to benefit the Seniors of Southland High School. They are trying to earn money for their Senior trip so you might want to contribute!!

Old Postex Friends

Word has been received that Margaret Price passed away last week. Margaret was the wife of Tom Price, former Superintendent of Postex Mills. The Price's lived in Post for many years with their sons, Stuart, who graduated from Post High and Steve.

They were residing in Rocky Mountain, Virginia at the time of Margaret's death.

How do these people survive??

A lady at work was seen putting a credit card into her floppy drive and pulling it out very quickly. When inquired as to what she was doing, she said she was shopping on the Internet and they kept asking for a credit card number, so she was using the ATM "thingy".

Several years ago, we had an intern who was none too swift. One day she was typing and turned to a secretary and said, "I'm almost out of typing paper. What do I do?" Just use copier machine paper, the secretary told her. With that, the intern took her last remaining blank piece of paper, put it on the photocopier, and proceeded to make five "blank" copies.

I was in a car dealership a while ago, when a large motor home was towed into the garage. The front of the vehicle was in dire need of repair and the whole thing generally looked like an extra in "Twister". I asked the manager what had happened. He told me that the driver had set the "cruise control" and then went in the back to make a sandwich.

To Willie Mae

My good friend, Willie Mae Dye, is celebrating her birthday Wednesday, March 28. I don't get over to see Willie Mae like I should, or for that matter my other friends at Golden Plains, (I'm going to try and change that), but anyway I want Willie Mae to know I love her and I hope she has a great birthday!!!

Grannies and Grumps only

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my four year old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!!"

Birthdays

Friday, March 23: Aaron Davis, Evette Rodriguez and Carol Tobias; anniversary, Steve and Jamie Cooper. Saturday, March 24: Richard Curtis, Jon James and Chris Welsh. Sunday, March 25: Faye Ogle, Vondi Gradine and Morgan Williams Monday, March 26: Teresa Lopez, Kelly Mosser an Hunter Cooper; anniversaries, Chris and JoAnn Stelzer and Steve and Janice Mason. Tuesday, March 27: Deborah Davis and Mario Tobias. Wednesday, March 28: Clifford Williams and Willie Mae Dye.

Glenda

I had not heard that Glenda Morrow had been down and out having a hip replaced. From what I hear she is on the mend and having therapy done at her home.

I know getting around will be much easier for you now Glenda, so you hang in there and get better so you can get out and about really soon.

Baseball

Parents, be sure to notice the ad, and Post Notes about all of the baseball available to your kids this summer. There are lots of good guys out there trying to set this up so your kids will have a great season, so don't forget to sign up.

Church Bloopers

- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.
- First song of the service is "Angels We Have Heard Get High".

Till Next Week

Guess that's all. Have a great weekend and may God bless each one of you.

OS Museum opens "Glories of Spring" show

"The Glories of Spring," the newest exhibit at the OS Museum, has opened for public viewing.

Billed as an "egg-stravaganza of wonderful things to dazzle the eye and excite the senses," the exhibit includes Fabergé eggs from Russia, Boehm porcelain florals from England, Halcyon Days eggs from England, beautiful icons and eggs from Russia, Irish Waterford, Lladro sculptures from Spain, Swarovski crystal from Austria and samples of mid-19th Century ivory from China.

The museum, located upstairs at 201 E. Main, is open from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. An elevator is available.



Anna Wilson isn't taking any chances with "Hats and Beards" month... she's totally prepared. It's all in fun for the Garza County Trailblazer fund raising for the new senior citizen building. (Photo by Sandy Smith)

Local students on ACU Dean's Honor Roll

The following local students were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 2000 semester at Abilene Christian University. To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average. ACU is a prestigious private Christian university with rigorous academic standards.

- * Kelci Hart of Post. Hart also graduated from Post High School.
- * Jeremy Josey of Post. Josey also graduated from Post High School.
- * Charles McCook of Post. McCook also graduated from Borden High School.

SHS plans roping for trip to NYC

Want to help the Southland High School senior class make a trip to New York City?

Get a rope! The Southland seniors are sponsoring a benefit team roping Saturday at the Fogerson Arena in Southland. Books open at 1 p.m., and roping will begin at 2 p.m. #6 and #8 — capped at a #4; four for \$24. No 'go' money — all in the average. U.S. numbers will be used, so anyone who does not have a number should see Kyle Fogerson or Jerry Fogerson before they enter.

Prizes have been donated by Godbold, Supreme Feeds, A&T Feeds, Gebos, The Saddle Shop at Post, Higginbotham's at Post, Hardware Cafe in Southland, Slaton Steakhouse, the Alamo in Post, George's at Post, Chapa's at Post, Pycos Industries in Lubbock and the Southland FFA. For more information, contact Jerry Fogerson at 806-996-5559 or Kyle Fogerson at 996-5308.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Sara Stevens, CEA-FCS

Finding Recipes on the Internet

There are several ways to locate recipes on the Internet. Here are some suggestions to get you started. If you don't have easy access to a computer, share this information with a friend or family member who is linked to the Internet and have them "surf the net" for you.

Many of these sites offer added features of letting you specify certain ingredients, preparation time, and nutritional content. They also provide cooking tips, definitions of food terms and much more.

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www.foodtv.com — Find recipes from shows on the television food channel.

www.gorge.net/business/scaldown Visit this web site for the Quick & Healthy Recipe and tip of the month. Save time and add meal time variety by visiting this site each month.

www.homearts.com — The Hearst Corporation, known for such magazines as Good Housekeeping, RedBook and Country Living, offers this site.

www.homebaking.org — Visit Home Baking to access links to food companies and organizations, an ingredient glossary and an "Ask the Experts" (under "Educator Resources").

www.intelhealth.com — Visit Johns Hopkins "Healthful Recipes" database. All of the recipes contain no more than 30 percent of calories from fat.

www.kitchenlink.com — This site features links to more than 10,000 food and cooking sites.

www.MealsForYou.com — This site offers recipes and meal plans for different types of dietary requirements.

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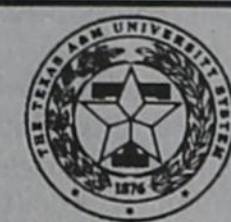
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Also, try locating the web site of a product you use. They normally have great recipes using their products. For example, if you use a lot of Campbell's soup in your recipes, try visiting www.campbellskitchen.com.

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4-H Rifle Project

If you want to participate on a rifle team, contact Bruce Ledbetter at 495-3139.

Judging Team Info

Judging team practice for Spring contests will begin Monday. If you want to participate, call 495-4400 to sign up.

4-H Electric Project

If you want to learn about electricity, electrical safety and building electrical projects, you need to sign up for the Electric Project. Rebecca Dimak from Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc. will be working with this project so call today to sign up.

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VALOR opens Brownfield office

VALOR Telecom, local and long distance service provider, has opened a new direct sales office in Brownfield.

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Movie Hints

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.

by Schahara Hudelson

CROUCHING TIGER, HIDDEN DRAGON (9) I tried to drag anyone I could think of to this movie, but they all refused to watch subtitles. However, I finally caught Rusty in a weak moment, and he agreed to go. Not since Life is Beautiful have I been to another foreign film, and this one was worth seeing. Chow Yun Fat, Michelle Yeoh, and Zhang Ziyi all co star in this faster than a speeding bullet martial arts, plus a bit of fantasy, flick about love, theft, and discipline. Most critics are giving this movie to Fat: I'm giving it to Michelle Yeoh. Make yourself go see this movie. It will stretch you and broaden your horizons. Reading subtitles becomes as natural as reaching for your popcorn. You can do it.

15 MINUTES (8) If NY City is really this intense, then I'll take Home on the range any day of the year!!! The plot revolves around the 15 minutes of fame theme, with the most talented actor of our time: Robert Deniro with a mostly weaker cast surrounding him, Ed Burns & the Greek chick from a TV show of somekind. I don't watch TV.

But then, who can live up to his standards of performance? I would go see anything Deniro was in simply because he is such a screen presence.

Two foreigners come to the US to become famous but how they do it is not only foul, revolting, smothered in the F word, cigarettes abound, in the nastiest side of NY City you could see, but they are also really good in their roles. Unknown actors to me.

While this movie made me so uncomfortable and I detested the language and graphic violence, Deniro is just good. And he makes this movie good — for me. Just be warned before you attempt it.

THE MEXICAN (4) Probably not a movie about what you think. The Mexican is not a person. Brad Pitt and Julia Roberts share zero chemistry in this movie, which features Brad Pitt swinging-the-air-mad the whole movie, and Julia Roberts equally mad. With millions of people in the world, do two people have to endure this for true love? James Gandolfini, or whatever his name is, I don't watch the Sopranos) stars as the Gay Mobster, which of course, fulfills Hollywoods Gay Agenda for each movie these days.

There are a couple of entertaining moments, but I can't name them right now. And if it hadn't been for laughing at THE CACKLER, the movie goer-lady who goes to as many movies as we do, I wouldn't have laughed at all. SHE loved this movie. But then, she laughs heartily at every movie. It must be lovely in her world. Overrun with the F word. Smoking agenda. Lightly taken killings.

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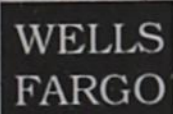
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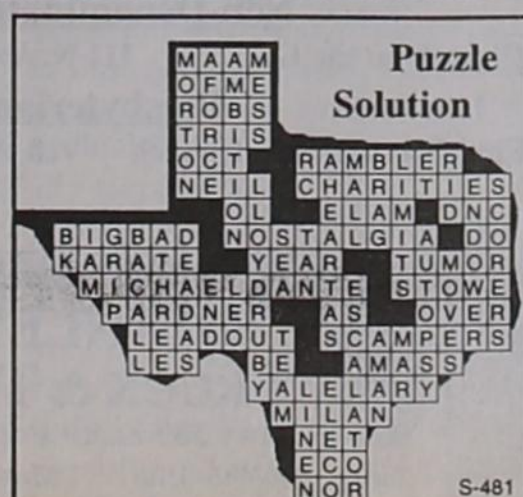
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Obituaries

Mildred Lois Hair

Services for Mildred Lois Hair, 70, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 18, 2001, in the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Graham officiating, assisted by the Rev. Charles Stice. Burial was in the Grassland Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Friday, March 16, at her home. Born April 20, 1930, in Jack County, Texas, she married Creed Braddock in April of 1948. He died Jan. 26, 1979. She married Gene Hair Sept. 6, 1981, in Post. She was a homemaker and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Gene, of Post; four stepsons, Ronnie Hair of Andrews and Arville Hair, Kenny Hair and Gary Hair, all of Post; three stepdaughters, Carol Hair, Shirley Smiley and Linda Coffman, all of Odessa; one sister, Hazel Braddock of Tahoka; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and niece Tammi Angeley, as well as a number of other nieces and nephews.

Life teaches us to be less harsh with ourselves and with others.
—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Rabies alert issued for Panhandle and South Plains

Rabies appears to be on the rise in the Texas Panhandle and the South Plains, suggesting the need for continued caution on the part of all residents.

In 2000, the Panhandle and South Plains area had 26 animal cases of rabies, a 73 percent increase over the 15 cases reported in 1999.

Counties reporting animal cases of rabies in 2000 included Randall, six cases; Deaf Smith, five cases; Bailey, three; Parmer, three; Lubbock, three; Dallam, two; and one each in Castro, Gray, Hale and Lamb.

Last year's cases included 24 caused by a skunk rabies variant (infecting 17 skunks, five cats, one cow and a bobcat) and two caused by the bat variant.

Statewide, some 830 animal rabies cases were reported in 1999, compared with 400 the year before—a 107 percent increase. Most were skunk rabies variants (605, an 160 percent increase). In addition, the 166 cases due to bat rabies variants represented an increase of 84 percent.

According to Texas Department of Health veterinarian James

Alexander, March through May is traditionally the peak period for rabid skunk reports, and recent information shows increased skunk populations across the area.

"Rabid skunks can easily enter a fenced yard and expose pets," he said. "If your pet is not currently vaccinated against rabies, now is the time to have it done."

In January, Randall County had the region's first rabies case of the year. A rabid skunk was found at a residence in southwest Canyon. This is the first rabid animal reported within the Canyon city limits in more than 15 years.

No humans were exposed; however, two dogs were exposed to the rabid animal. One dog had to be destroyed. The other received a booster vaccination and is in isolation for 45 days because of the exposure.

Alexander said anyone who sees a wild animal such as a skunk, raccoon or bat that is active during daylight hours should contact their local animal control department. Animal control is a police department

function in many towns and is part of the sheriff's department in most rural areas.

Stray animals, especially when seen within the city limits, also should be reported. Domestic pets that have contact with wild animals should be evaluated by a veterinarian to determine if there was a risk of exposure to rabies.

Some pets exposed to rabid animals can be saved if vaccinated, but others must be destroyed. The safest way to reduce the risk of losing a pet to rabies is to keep all vaccinations and boosters current.

Since rabies is transmitted through an infected animal's saliva, any person bitten by an animal or exposed to its saliva should contact a health care provider to see if treatment to prevent rabies infection is needed.

Alexander said an additional concern is bats that may have contact with humans. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that in situations where a bat is physically present and the person cannot exclude the possibility

of a bite, post exposure treatment should be considered unless prompt testing of the bat rules out rabies infection.

No man chooses evil because it is evil; he only mistakes it for happiness, the good he seeks.
—Mary Wollstonecraft

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BY JOHN LEHTI

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ALTHOUGH SOLOMON'S FAME AS A WISE KING IS NOTED IN THE BIBLE, LITTLE HAS BEEN SAID OF HIS NEIGHBOR TO THE SOUTH—THE QUEEN OF SHEBA. THIS YOUNG WOMAN, RULER OF WHAT TODAY IS THE MOST SOUTHERN POINT OF SAUDI ARABIA, HAD TO BE AS EQUALLY SMART AS HER MORE FAMOUS NORTHERN COUNTERPART, THOUGH MISTRESS OF A RICH COUNTRY HERSELF (CALLED YEMEN TODAY, THE LAND WAS A CROSSROADS OF MANY IMPORTANT TRADE ROUTES TO THE EAST, THUS SHEBA DID PROFIT IMMENSELY) SHE COULDN'T HELP BUT BE IMPRESSED BY THE TALES OF SOLOMON'S TREMENDOUS WEALTH AND THE ABSOLUTE LUXURY OF HIS PALACE... SO SHE ADORNED HER STRANGE DARK BEAUTY WITH HER FINEST GARMENTS AND SET OFF TO VISIT SOLOMON IN THE NORTH.

NOW, IT SHOULD BE QUITE OBVIOUS THAT SHEBA'S VISIT WASN'T JUST TO VIEW SOLOMON'S MAGNIFICENCE—FOR THE TRIP ITSELF HAD TO TAKE THE BETTER PART OF THREE YEARS—AND SHE WENT WITH A GREAT TRAIN OF CAMELS LOADED WITH GIFTS, SPICES, PRECIOUS STONES, PEARLS, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY TALENTS OF GOLD (ABOUT \$185,000). THIS YOUNG QUEEN WAS "LOADED FOR BEAR" AS THE SAYING GOES—AND SHE GOT IT!

ONCE AT SOLOMON'S COURT, THE QUEEN OF SHEBA "OOHED AND AHHEED" AT EVERYTHING SHE SAW AND HEARD! SOLOMON'S HEAD HAD TO BE SWIMMING FROM ALL THE VERBOSE FLATTERY WITH WHICH SHE DELUGED HIM, AND SOLOMON, CERTAINLY A LADIES MAN BY REPUTATION, SEEMS TO HAVE SUCCUMBERED TO HER SUBTLE CAMPAIGN—AT LEAST THE RECENT LATE EMPEROR OF ETHIOPIA, HAILE SELASSIE, THOUGHT SO—FOR HE TRACED HIS OWN LINEAGE BACK TO MENELIK, SUPPOSED OFFSPRING OF THE ROYAL COUPLE'S "CONFERENCE", HOWBEIT, WHEN SHEBA LEFT, SHE TOOK BACK TO HER OWN COUNTRY IMPORTANT TRADE AGREEMENTS, PROFITABLE TO HER FOR YEARS TO COME, FOR, IN THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE... "AND KING SOLOMON GAVE UNTO THE QUEEN OF SHEBA ALL HER DESIRE, WHATSOEVER SHE ASKED..." SMART LITTLE LADY!

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The success side of American education

by Walter E. Williams

It's generally agreed that American primary, secondary and, increasingly, undergraduate education is a failure. But that assessment depends upon just what evaluation criteria is chosen.

By some criteria, American education might be deemed a remarkable success. Let's look at it. Pretend you're a politician or high-level bureaucrat seeking low accountability standards, as well as more power and control over American lives.

Which would you prefer: ignorant and uninformed constituents, or ones who are educated and informed? Would you prefer constituents who evaluate public policy proposals in terms of emotion, soundbites and speaker delivery styles, or would you prefer constituents who could clearly think through and dispassionately evaluate public policy?

I'm betting that on balance politicians and bureaucrats, seeking power, control and lower accountability standards prefer ignorant, uninformed and emotional clients and constituents. You might be a politician wanting to keep more taxpayer earnings in Washington.

Your strategy for that goal might be to employ demagoguery by claiming your opponent's across-the-board tax proposals are simply "income tax cuts for the rich." You might make a pretense of concern and compassion by demanding that any income tax cuts should be for those "working Americans" who are in the bottom half of income-earners.

Surely you wouldn't want Americans to be so informed as to know that the lower half of income-earners pay only 4 percent of the total income taxes. Informed Americans would see through your scheme and quickly recognize that income tax cuts aimed at the lower 50 percent of income-earners are no tax cuts at all.

Say you're a politician who wants to disarm Americans with piecemeal encroachments on the Second Amendment. You'd surely want Americans to believe that the Framers gave us the Second Amendment so that we can go deer and duck hunting.



You would not want Americans to know that James Madison said during the constitutional debates, in Federalist Paper No. 46, "The Constitution preserves the advantage of being armed which Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation ... (where) the governments are afraid to trust the people with arms."

You also wouldn't want Americans aware of Noah Webster's observation in "An Examination into the Leading Principles of the Federal Constitution": "The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword, because the whole body of the people are armed and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops."

Suppose you're a politician pushing for government spending on social programs and you say authority for doing so is found in the Constitution's "general welfare" clause.

Surely you wouldn't want Americans to be familiar with Madison, the acknowledged father of our Constitution, who made this statement about the general welfare clause: "With respect to the words 'general welfare,' I have always regarded them as qualified by the detail of powers connected with them."

To take them in a literal and unlimited sense would be a metamorphosis of the Constitution into a character which there is a host of proofs was not contemplated by its creators." In keeping Americans ill-educated, ill-informed and constitutionally ignorant, the education establishment has been the politician's major and most faithful partner.

It is in this sense that American education can be deemed a success. The education establishment and politicians, particularly Democratic politicians, work hand-in-glove to further both of their goals. The education establishment makes large payments into the political campaign coffers of politicians, and politicians return the favor with large government education expenditures.

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Bill leaves petition-passers babbling like lunatics

by Vin Suprynowicz

When margarine was first introduced, decades ago, dairy producers verged on panic over the prospect of a supposedly healthier and less fattening substitute for butter — cheaper and virtually indistinguishable from "the real thing," to most people's minds — suddenly showing up in the neighborhood dairy case.

The lobbyists promptly went to work, and in states where the dairy industry held the greatest political sway — primarily in the Midwest — means were quickly found to make the "new alternative" considerably less attractive.

Margarine was never banned outright. Nothing that blatant would have been likely to withstand a court challenge.

And the most outrageous proposals — requiring manufacturers to dye their naturally white product an unappetizing purple or green to "make clear its vegetable origins" — didn't last long. But in many states the Legislatures did indeed outlaw the sale of margarine already dyed the color of butter, requiring housewives for many years to go through the ritual of opening a small, enclosed packet of orange dye and stirring it into their bought-white margarine to give it a more appetizing appearance ... all in a blatant protection racket to minimize the new product's impact on the dairymen's bottom line.

Such rackets go far beyond merely prosecuting people who write "butter" on a package of margarine. They're a blatant abuse of the legislative process for the selective benefit of an established few, all the more scurrilous because their sponsors rarely admit what they're really up to, instead gushing endless double-talk about "protecting and informing members of the public who may not be careful enough to do their own research."

Take, for example, Assembly Bill 164, currently pending before the Nevada Legislature.

Article I Section 9 of the Nevada Constitution directs that "Every citizen may freely speak, write and publish his sentiments on all subjects being responsible for the abuse of that right; and no law shall be passed to restrain the liberty of speech or of the press. ..."

Article 19, Section 2 of that same state Constitution informs us that "The people reserve to themselves the power to propose, by initiative petition, statutes and amendments to statutes and amendments to this constitution."

In reality, however, the hoops through which earnest Nevadans must jump to place such initiatives on the ballot are already fairly onerous — many such efforts fail despite substantial funding and the collection of more than enough signatures statewide, due to an arbitrary requirement that the same percentage of registered voters must sign a measure in 13 of the state's 19 counties ... including the sparsely populated cow counties. (Imagine being told Kenny Guinn got more than enough votes

to win the governorship statewide, but will not be allowed to take up the office because he failed to carry little Esmeralda County.)

But now, it appears that even those restrictions are leaving the Nevada peasantry too many opportunities to make or amend their own laws. That is to say, a few such initiative petitions actually still find their way onto the ballot, causing all kinds of embarrassment to lawmakers who have smugly insisted for years they were only "representing the desires of their constituents" while nefariously blocking access to medical marijuana and the like.

So now come Assembly members Cegavske, Nolan, Bache, Beers, Giunchigliani, Goldwater, et al., with a proposal to make the placing of any further citizen initiatives on the Nevada ballot a virtual impossibility.

First, AB 164 stipulates "A person who attempts to obtain the signature of a voter on a petition for initiative or referendum ... shall disclose to the voter whether the person is being paid to obtain signatures on the petition before the person requests that the voter sign the petition."

Then, "before the voter signs the petition," the petition passer would be required to "(a) Accurately describe to the voter the effect the initiative or referendum will have upon the law of this state; and (b) Provide to the voter: (1) A comprehensive summary of the initiative or referendum, in writing, that has been approved by the secretary of state pursuant to this section; (2) Written instructions describing the procedure through which the voter may request the removal of his name from the petition, including, without limitation, the deadline for requesting the removal of his name; (3) A form prescribed by the secretary of state that the voter may use to request the removal of his name from the petition; and (4) A written summary of the requirements of this paragraph."

Let's get real. Nevada already requires that "Each referendum petition and initiative petition shall include the full text of the measure proposed." Any voter asked to sign a petition has every right to stop and read the entire text, or else withhold his or her signature. But the reality is that petition-passers are lucky to be allowed time to proclaim a one- or two-sentence summary of what they're offering before a shopper makes a snap decision whether to pause at the store entrance to scrawl her signature.

Requiring petition-passers to push multiple forms into busy shoppers' hands while droning out some lengthy summary of their proposal, word-for-word as pre-approved by the Secretary of State — after being required to introduce themselves with the statement, "Hi, I'll get a buck for every signature I gather out here tonight!" — constitutes "compelled political speech and is unconstitutional," objects Janine Hansen, experienced petitioner and state president of the Nevada Eagle Forum.

Ms. Hansen is correct. This legislation can have no purpose but to

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New law trashes EMS

by Wes Burnett

Of all the insults to Garza County taxpayers, perhaps the worst about the hospital district's proposed revision to its charter is the taking over of our volunteer emergency medical services.

As I said during the public forum at the March 13 hospital district board meeting, this is an affront to all those volunteers who have provided outstanding service to the community. Our volunteer ambulance service has been and continues to be a hallmark of volunteerism.

It is shameful for the Garza County Hospital District to even consider such an outrageous proposal as is included in State Representative David Counts' latest attempt to rip off taxpayers here. In his legislative effort, titled "HB 2477," Counts not only completely overturns the scope and purpose of the district, he sweeps aside our volunteer EMS with the stroke of a pen.

If enacted by the legislature, the new bill will give hospital directors the authority to obligate taxpayers through the issuing of general bond debt to acquire and operate a mobile emergency medical or air ambulance service.

We ask, what is wrong with our long standing volunteer EMS? Why is this traditional service being challenged by the hospital district? Have our volunteers not proven time and time again their worth?

And they serve at no expense to the taxpayers. Why would the hospital district board want to put this financial burden on taxpayers? It just doesn't make any sense to trash an efficiently operated volunteer service...

Unless of course those promoting this idea are in fact socialists, determined to put all health care under the control of government, funded by the force of arms through a "legalized" theft program.

As several taxpayers have insisted, it's time for the Garza County Hospital District board of directors to call Mr Counts in Austin and tell him to throw HB 2477 into the trash bin.

And while they're at it, those same board members should step back and take a real close look at the purpose of this hospital district: to provide medical care for the indigent of this county.

And that means those who meet the stringent financial standards set by State of Texas law for indigency status.

We don't need a new law for our hospital district, we need the current law to be enforced. Just following the law as it is now written would eliminate most of the gripes from taxpayers here.

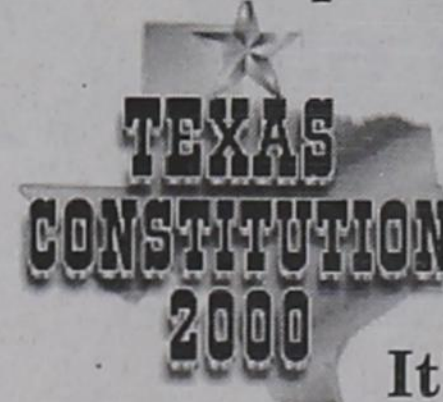
virtually eliminate the constitutional safety valve provided through direct citizen access to the ballot — leaving petition passers droning out their absurd mandated speeches like so many lunatics shouting at the backs of rapidly vanishing passers-by — all justified under the bogus contention that some government watchdog must "protect us" from accidentally signing something we didn't bother to read.

As the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Thomas Vs. Collins* (1945): "The very purpose of the First Amendment is to foreclose public authority from assuming a guardianship of the public mind. ... In this field every person must be his own watchman for truth, because the forefathers did not trust the government to separate the true from the false for us."

AB 164 should be committed to the shredder. And its many sponsors should be duly ashamed.

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Williams leads Lady Lopes at Shallowater meet

The Lady Lopes took second place overall and landed one of their own as the high point individual in the Shallowater Invitational Track Meet March 9.

Dianna Williams logged 29 total points to take the high point individual honors. Along the way she broke the meet's record in the 100 hurdles, as did teammate Kelly Moore in the 300 hurdles.

The team featuring Williams, Yvonne Lopez, Meagan Mills and Manuela Hernandez took first in the 400 relay. Williams captured first in the 100 hurdles, while Moore earned first place in the 300 hurdles. Williams topped the high jump competition, and LaRinda Ledbetter earned a first place finish in discus.

Second place finishes were made by the 800 relay team composed of Mills, Williams, Regina Collazo and Lopez; Tandi Humble in the 1600 m; the 1600 m relay team of Mills, Hernandez, Davida Gregory and Moore; Hernandez in the triple jump; and Ledbetter in the shot put contest.

Other results included Humble, third place, 800 meter; Dee Dee Jarrett, fourth place, 3200; Moore, third place, 100 hurdles; Kyzandre Harper, third, and Lopez, fourth, in the 100 dash; Gregory, sixth place, 400 dash; Collazo, third place, 300 hurdles; Hernandez, third, 200 m; Moore, sixth place, triple jump; Hernandez, fourth place, high jump; and Jessica Mason and Crystal Crawford, fifth and sixth places respectively, in the shot put.

The team will compete at the Caprock Relays at home Saturday.



Angel Blevins got caught last week without her "hat" ... oops, that'll cost her \$10 for the "Hats and Beards" month in support of the Garza County Trailblazers building fund. (Photo by Sandy Smith)

'Lopes edge Ira 14-13

The Lopes baseball team earned one for the win column March 6 with a 14-13 win over Ira.

The sixth inning was a big one for the squad, with "our bats and their mistakes," the coach said. "A lot of their runs came from our mistakes, though."

Mitchell Mills started the game as the Lopes pitcher and played well, with Cody Fox taking over the mound in the third inning. Fox faced 21 batters, striking out 11 and allowing one unearned run.

Post went 14 for 35, including three triples.

Individual hitting statistics for the Lopes included Kenny Ratke, 1 for 4, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Luis Zubia, 2 for 5, 2 runs, 1 triple; Cody Fox, 3 for 4, 4 runs, 3 RBIs; John Eilenberger, 2 for 3, 3 RBIs, 2 triples; Mitchell Mills, 1 for 4, 1 run, 2 RBIs; Mikey Gonzales, 3 for 4, 1 run, 2 RBIs, 2 doubles; Brody Robertson, 0 for 3; Seth Redman, 2 for 4, 2 runs, 1 RBI; Patrick Gonzales, 0 for 2; and Waylon Strawn, 0 for 2.

On March 10, the team dropped a 16-2 game to Brownfield.

"Errors tell the story," said the coach.

Ratke was the losing pitcher.

Hitting for Post were Ratke, 2 for 3; Eilenberger, 1 for 3, a home run, 1 RBI; and Strawn, 1 for 2, a single, 1 RBI.

The team lost to Slaton March 12 by a score of 15-5.

Fox was the losing pitcher.

"We hit the ball well," the coach said, "but we could not stop them."

Hitting for Post were Ratke, 2 for 2; Roland Castaneda, 1 for 3 and a 425-foot home run; Michael Gonzales, 3 for 4, 1 RBI, 2 runs; Strawn, 2 for 3, 1 RBI; and Patrick Gonzales, 1 for 3.

Tennis teams tested at recent tournaments

The 2001 Antelope tennis season is well under way, beginning March 2-3 with team tennis in Plainview.

The Lopes played against Floydada, Friona and Hart.

"It was good for us to play a lot of matches this early in the season," said Coach Dane Vickers. "Although we only won 15 out of 35 matches, the experience was good and the competition was tough."

The team traveled to Anton March 6 where they won seven of their nine matches.

On March 16-17, the squad participated in the Plainview Tennis Tournament.

"We were a little short-handed because of spring break, but Ashley Holly won her first match 8-0 and lost her second 3-8. Noah Gutierrez won his first match 8-4 and then lost his second match 2-8.

"Brice Easterling won the consolation championship. His first match he lost... 7-9, then came back and beat Conrad from Grover 8-3, Jameson from Shallowater 8-1, Seal from Childress 8-4 and Flores from Shallowater in the consolation championship 8-3. Brice played five matches Friday, and I was real proud of the way he competed all day long."

The team will travel to Lubbock Friday and Saturday for the Lubbock Invitational.

Members of the 2001 Antelope Tennis Team are Ashley Holly, Brandi Gunn, Tandi Humble, Meagan Mills, Kelly Moore, LaRinda Ledbetter, Brice Easterling, Ty Mason, Clint Johnson, Jeremy Payne, Noah Gutierrez, Steve Norman and Wesley Jarrett.

New book tells story about Texas bootleggers

Author Dr. Elva Edwards has written a book, "A Texas Tragedy: Orphaned by Bootleggers," which details the tragic car accident that killed both of her parents, Calvin and Pearle Edwards, and her grandmother, Mrs. D.T. Rogers.

The accident orphaned the author at the age of 19 months, as well as her sister and 10 other children, on May 21, 1951.

"A Texas Tragedy: Orphaned by Bootleggers" tells the story about what happened when a car, loaded with bootleg whiskey and traveling without any lights, ran a stop sign at the West Texas country crossroads and collided with the cotton farming family. Author Edwards details the illegal bootlegging business, known

as the West Texas Mafia, and uncovers questions surrounding the accident that involved Pinkie Roden, the most powerful bootlegger in West Texas.

Three trials, the emotional devastation of the author's Texas farm family, outlaw money and corruption involving the highest level of state government form the focal point of this true story. The author closes a seven-year investigation of the accident with the publication of this book.

Edwards will conduct a book signing May 20 — in observance of the 50th anniversary of her family's death — in Tahoka.

Questions or comments may be e-mailed to elva@ecentral.com.

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

March 27, 1991
10 Years Ago

Post High School tennis team members Nancy Criado, Sarah Williams, Sandy Allen and Cole LeBlanc advanced to the semi-finals during competition at Plainview March 22 and 23.

Marine PFC Timothy J. Rudd, son of George and Judy Rudd of Post, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence, homeported in San Diego.

He joined the Marine Corps in May 1990.

The Women's Division of the Post Chamber of Commerce held an enlistment supper on March 16 at the Senior Citizen's building.

Katharine Cathcart told her

experience during her first round-up time. Maxine Earl gave the history of the Algeria Hotel from its beginning to the present time.

Richard and Bertha Fuentes were treated to an old fashioned "pounding" last Sunday evening at the Catholic Church Hall, to welcome the newly married couple back to Post.

"Pounds" of food items as well as other gifts were presented to the couple. Guests were served cake and punch.

Hostesses included Carmen Abraham, Amy Abraham, Carol Tobias, Vera Sanchez and Odella Bevers.

April 2, 1981
20 Years Ago

Three Post basketball players were selected to 5AAA All District basketball teams last week. They are Luann Kennedy, Leslie Willard and Marinette Hays.

Post High School one-act play will be presented in contest today at O'Donnell.

Mr and Mrs Aubrey Ritchie celebrates 50th wedding anniversary. Norman and Jerri Baumann visited in Petersburg with her parents, Mr and Mrs J.D. Saffel and other relatives and friends.

Mark Holly wins 400 meter dash at San Angelo Relays. Rhonda Rogers has been selected to be a finalist in the annual 1981 Miss Northern Texas National Teenager pageant.

Mr and Mrs Dan E. Cockrum, Michael, Kim and Andrea visited this past week in the home of Mr and Mrs Dan Cockrum. The family makes their home in the Big Bend National Park.

April 1, 1971
30 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs W.G. Bush, Mr and Mrs Wade Terry and Mr and Mrs Thurman Francis attended an antique car show in Lubbock Sunday afternoon.

Mrs Jim Hays was honored with a surprise birthday dinner given in her home by her children.

Post FHA girls go to Midland for area meeting. Navy seaman apprentice Terry L. Schutte has graduated from the Naval Submarine School at Groton, Conn.

The two movies showing this week at the Tower Theater at "King Kong Escapes!" and the "Green Slime."

Mrs Mary Lois McNeely spent the weekend in Fort Worth with her son, Larry, and family.

VFW donates American flag to cemetery.

March 30, 1961
40 Years Ago

Diane Pruitt is this years Garza County Spelling Bee Champion. Teddy Scott gets second place and Sherry Woods comes in third.

Pvt Richard Simpson is now stationed in Germany. He is a member of the 41 Artillery.

Sara Jane Dunn celebrates her 2nd birthday with a family dinner.

Mr and Mrs Wayne Runkles spend the week at Possum Kingdom where they visited several friends from Cisco.

Explorer Post 316 was reorganized Tuesday night.

Bing Bingham was elected president of the new Garza County Youth Program organization.

Happy Birthday today goes to Leck Wall, Nonnie Rodgers and Jerry Hoover.

Dr A.C. Surman was honored at a Doctor's Day Dinner in Lubbock.

March 29, 1951
50 Years Ago

Bob Poole was re-elected commander of the John Miller Post #6797 of the VFW here.

Johnny Montgomery, son of Mr and Mrs Orb Montgomery, was bruised Saturday when he was run over by a car. He had no broken bones.

Walter B. Holland and Dan Altman were elected co-managers of this years Post Miller ballclub.

Jane Ann Turner and Helen Thaxton, students at the University of Texas, spent the Easter holidays with their parents.

Karen Shepherd celebrated her third birthday with a party Monday given by her mother, Mrs Bruce Shepherd. Guests attending were Linda Ward, Johnny Bilberry, Ray Cross, Sherry Woods and Bruce Shepherd, Jr.

O.G. Hamilton attended the matched roping in Tahoka Sunday.

C.H. Hartel was in Eden last week on business. His wife spend the week with her parents, the Walter Caffey's.

60 years ago this week

Prize money amounting to approximately \$1300 has been posted for Post's first "big-time" non-professional rodeo to be held here June 6-7.

Two trustees will be elected to serve three-year terms April 5 to fill places occupied by W.A. Cash, president, and Willard Kirkpatrick, on the Post Independent School board.

The past weeks' rainfall totaled 3.27 inches, coming close to shattering a record for March precipitation.

The Garza Theatre is cooperating with the Greek war relief fund being sponsored by the theatres of this district, B.J. Edwards, manager, announced.

The \$100,000 bill, with Woodrow Wilson's portrait on the front, was printed only for use in transactions between the Federal Reserve System and the Treasury Department.

This Week In History

On March 30, 1867, Alaska was sold to the U.S. by Russia for \$7.2 million through the efforts of Secretary of State William H. Seward ... **March 29, 1951**, Julius Rosenberg, his wife, Ethel, and Morton Sobell, all U.S. citizens, were found guilty of conspiracy to commit wartime espionage. The Rosenbergs were sentenced to death, Sobell to 30 years ... **March 26, 1962**, the Supreme Court backed one-man, one-vote apportionment of seats in state legislatures ... **March 31, 1968**, President Johnson curbed bombing of North Vietnam ... **March 29, 1971**, a court-martial jury convicted Lt. William L. Calley, Jr. of premeditated murder of 22 South Vietnamese at My Lai in 1968, sentencing him to life imprisonment ... **March 30, 1972**, North Vietnamese forces launched the biggest attacks in four years across the demilitarized zone ... **March 28, 1979**, a major accident occurred at a nuclear reactor on Three Mile Island near Middletown, Pa. ... **March 30, 1981**, President Reagan was shot in the chest by a would-be assassin in Washington, D.C., as he walked to his limousine following an address ...

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ACROSS

- 1 how a cowboy addresses a lady
- 5 TXism: "scared the daylight out of"
- 6 TXism: "steals blind"
- 7 great TX center fielder Speaker
- 8 mo. of UT-OK game
- 9 TX Bill Boyd was the "Cowboy"
- 16 George W.'s brother
- 18 good works
- 21 TX Joplin's "I Got Dam ___" Kozmic Blues Again, Mama"
- 22 TX actor Jack
- 23 TX Ann presided over this in '92 (abbr.)
- 24 TX Jimmy Dean's ___ John"
- 30 longing for the past
- 34 TXism: "that'll ___ nicely"
- 35 TX rancher Chuck Norris was ___ champ for 7 years
- 36 TX Miller's "Dang Me" was Song of the ___ in '64
- 37 abnormal growth
- 39 this actor starred with TX Audie in "Arizona Raiders"
- 43 Harriet Beecher
- 44 TXism for "friend"
- 45 TXism: "likely ___ not" (probable)
- 46 TXism: "just ___ yonder"
- 47 TXism: "get the ___ (hurry)"
- 49 runs lightly

DOWN

- 1 seat of Cochran Co.
- 2 film of 35-across: ___ Of One"
- 3 TX Rip Torn played Nixon in TV film "Blind ___"
- 4 "Don't ___ With Texas"
- 9 Aggie coach ___ Slocum
- 10 TXism: "got ___ big as Texas" (kind)
- 11 "shop 'til you drop" location
- 12 what Texans do best
- 13 TV music show: Austin City ___
- 14 TX-based "Giant" actress (init.)
- 15 TXism: "get shut of"
- 17 TX auto racer from Wichita Falls
- 19 one who provides a source of income
- 20 Mav. Dirk Kowitzki & Spur Tim Duncan
- 24 Gov. Ann named this Krueger to U.S. Senate (init.)
- 25 TX Lovett tune: "Here ___ a doornail"
- 26 rodeo cowboys use rosin to get a better one
- 27 Lauren of western "The Shootist"
- 28 TXism: "___ loop roper" (bad)
- 29 TXism: "___ a doornail"
- 31 ___brook, TX
- 32 Padre Island acquisition
- 33 cadaver exam
- 38 Bob Seger's "Night ___"
- 40 TXism: "I'm at the ___ of my rope"
- 41 Texan born in Aug.
- 42 Sanger Bros. had 1st one in TX
- 48 eleven Cowboys or five Spurs
- 50 Neil to Houston: "That's one small step for ___"
- 51 Del ___ College
- 56 bed sheets
- 57 TX Spanish paper: ___ Deportivo

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Post ISD superintendent Bill Shiver (right, back) and David King (left) are welcomed by Jane Mason and Barbara Hardin at last week's Woman's Culture Club meeting. Shiver provided information to the group about the impact of state funding changes on the school district. King offered musical entertainment for the event.

From The Post Dispatch, February 20, 1991

'Texas Heritage' speaker's topic

Tom Bouchier, a re-a pioneer, gave Post Rotarians a historical treat at their Tuesday luncheon as he reviewed the history of this area in a talk entitled, "Our Texas Heritage."

Bouchier in opening pointed to Lester Nichols and said, "He had two ancestors who died at the Alamo," and then he pointed to Mrs. T. L. Jones, club pianist, and added, "Two of Maggie Mae's great uncles fought in the battle of San Jacinto."

Bouchier said the last Indian uprising in Texas occurred in 1841 at Fort Worth. He said all of this area remained Indian territory after that with the three major tribes being the Comanches, the Apaches, and the Tonkawans.

It was in 1849, Bouchier said, that the 3,000 mile long overland stage was opened up to the West Coast, coming through Buffalo Gap near Abilene, going to San Angelo and then to El Paso.

General Robert E. Lee, he said, was once stationed at Camp Cooper in Throckmorton County to guard against Indians.

Turning to the "War Between the States", Bouchier said this was "the beginning of the end of state rights." He said a group of Texans "organized for a buffalo hunt" in the early days of the war, but marched and captured the federal fort at San Antonio instead, which wasn't so hard, Tom added, because it was commanded by a southern officer.

Bouchier said the First Texas Brigade throughout the war was part of the elite shock troops of General Lee's Army of Virginia. When the surrender came at Appomattox only 473 men were left of the original 4,000 Texans in the three regiments. "They suffered the worst casualties of any unit on either side during the war and

rated as the very best," he said.

The oldest settlement in this area was on the White River, where there were more buffalo there and at Spring Creek, south of Tahoka, "than anywhere else in the world."

He said the Mexicans came up from El Paso to White River to kill buffalo and take the meat back to Mexico.

Bouchier said in 1872 one of the worst slaughters in civilized history occurred at Blanco Canyon, near the present White River dam, when U. S. troops blocked shut the mouth of the canyon and slaughtered thousands of Indian men, women and children, and also killed 1,400 of their horses.

The Indians were driven on west to Santa Fe and in 1877 the "big ranchers moved in." He said five different Slaughter brothers were involved in area ranching and that this was all still free range.

He termed the period of 1878 to 1885 as the "heyday of ranching" in this area with free range, lots of grass and high beef prices.

The droughts of 1885-87 "broke" the big ranchers, and cattle "by the millions of head" were lost. He said at least 100 miles wide through the area was without water.

Bouchier said next the "small ranchers" moved in, fenced a lot of land — some that belonged to them and some that didn't. Then the nesters started coming. Out-numbering the ranchers and benefitted by the Texas "one-section act" of 1892 and the "four section act" of 1896, they staged a "real nester" "land rush" in 1904.

Bouchier called this "the beginning of the end" for the ranchers.

There probably would have been more history, but Tom glanced at his watch, saw it was 1 p. m. (quitting time for Rotary programs) and said "That's enough history for today."

From The Post Dispatch, Feb. 18, 1971



MARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY—The Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Dick of Lubbock celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at a dinner in Lubbock, hosted by their children. The Rev. Mr. Dick was once pastor of the local Baptist church. Mrs. Hazel Young of Post is their daughter. (Photo courtesy the Lubbock Avalanche - Journal.)

From The Post Dispatch, Feb. 8, 1951

Lunch Menus

Trailblazers

Monday, March 26
Chicken w/mushroom sauce, black-eyed peas, carrot salad, cornbread, orange sections and chocolate cake.

Tuesday, March 27
Turkey, dressing, green beans, tossed salad, hot rolls and apple cobbler.

Wednesday, March 28
Hamburger steak, brown gravy, oven potatoes, okra, hot roll, apricots and oatmeal cookies.

Thursday, March 29
Brisket, au gratin potatoes, fried squash, sliced tomatoes, cornbread and apricot cobbler.

Friday, March 30
BBQ chicken, corn, green beans, cabbage salad, biscuits and raisin pie.

Post ISD

Monday, March 26
Breakfast: Waffles, butter and syrup, sausage, fruit and choice of milk.
Lunch: Tacos, lettuce and tomato, pinto beans, cornbread, cobbler and choice of milk.

Tuesday, March 27
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit and choice of milk.
Lunch: Chicken fried steak/gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding and choice of milk.

Wednesday, March 28
Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit and choice of milk.
Lunch: Burrito, salad, pears, Snickers bar and choice of milk.

Thursday, March 29
Breakfast: Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit and choice of milk.
Lunch: Ravioli meat/sauce, salad, California mix, garlic toast, pineapple slices and choice of milk.

Friday, March 30
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, orange juice and white milk.
Lunch: B-B-Que on bun, cole slaw, fruit cocktail, peanut butter, cake and choice of milk.

Southland ISD

Monday, March 26
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice and milk.
Lunch: Corn dogs, pork-n-beans, salad, jello and milk.

Tuesday, March 27
Breakfast: Breakfast tacos, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Sack lunches and milk.

Wednesday, March 28
Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, juice and milk.
Lunch: Steak fingers, cream potatoes, beans, roll, gravy, cake and milk.

Mars is known as the "red planet" because of the iron oxide in its soil.



SCULPTOR AT WORK — Ben Miller of Justiceburg, above, works on one of his latest bronzes, "Ride Him Daddy."


From The Post Dispatch, March 5, 1981

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 of the corporate form of government imposed on Texans, in violation of the guarantee of a republic form of government.
 The "Transportation Code" is not even a law, it does not have the constitutionally required Secretary of State certification of publication as part of the statute. Perhaps that omission is based on the fact that there is no constitutional authority for corporate government to enforce corporate rules in violation of basic constitutional guarantees, such as liberty, the right of travel from one place to another.
 Although most Texans think of themselves as free to move about as they wish, they discover their true status as corporate "citizens" once they become victimized by the corporation's policy enforcers.
 The Texas transportation code is nothing more than a corporate policy, and since the State of Texas is a corporate subdivision of the incorporated U.S., then all who live or travel inside those boundaries are considered corporate subjects,


bound to obey corporate policies.
 One of those policies is the registration of privately owned modes of travel, such as cars and trucks. Once an individual voluntarily signs over ownership to the corporation (state), the driver or owner automatically agrees to abide by the rules of the real owner of the car or truck.
 Notice that when you register your car or truck, you get a "certificate of title," not an actual title or manufacturer's certificate of origin. The real title is held by the real owner, in a vault somewhere in Austin.
 Because of the extortionate expense of defending the right of travel in the corporation's court system, most Texans meekly submit to the extortion and voluntarily gave up their right of travel by declaring themselves "motor vehicle" operators, through applications for certificates of title as well as "motor vehicle" licenses.
 Although the Texas transportation code applies only to those people involved in commercial use of the

highways, it is obvious that the vast majority of "criminals" tagged in highway traffic fines were paid by "volunteers." Very few, if any, of those victims realize that the cars and trucks they drive are not included in the regulations related to the transportation code, unless the original owner voluntarily submitted to the corporation policy.
 The Texas Transportation Code defines commercial use of the highways as those carrying passengers or property for hire. Cars and trucks, which are not used for hire in carrying property or passengers, are not "motor vehicles" as defined by the code.
 Carrying around a state driver's license is also a severe limit on freedom and liberty... that little piece of paper wrapped in plastic declares the holder to be an "operator of a motor vehicle."
 So, when citizens voluntarily apply for a certificate of title to their "motor vehicle," they have placed themselves under the jurisdiction of the corporate (state) traffic laws, which can constitutionally only apply to those who voluntarily declare themselves owners of "motor vehicles."

The system is perpetuated by ignorance and the expensive fees required to defend against the highway theft program. Those who enforce the corporate rules have the full backing of legislative thieves and a judicial system that puts corporate rules above constitutional guarantees of individual rights.
 Under the current Texas legal system, it's a "no-win" situation for most people, except those who wear a corporate badge and those who live off the regular highway revenue producing program.

Five arrests reported here

Five individuals were booked into the Garza County Jail over the past two weeks, according to sheriff's department records.
 On March 6, a 35-year-old male was picked up on a Palm Beach County warrant.
 On March 8, a 25-year-old male was arrested on a warrant out of Lubbock.
 A 31-year-old female was arrested for DWI (driving while intoxicated) on March 11, and a 31-year-old male was picked up on the same date and held for pick up by the border patrol.
 On March 15, a 38-year-old female was arrested for DWI.

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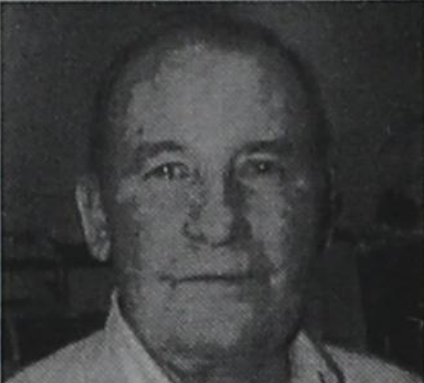
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Post Little League Baseball T-Ball and Softball Sign-ups

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 The cost is \$15 for one child and \$10 for each additional child. Parents need to bring the child's original birth certificate for registration. Ages five to 18 years old are eligible to participate. The child must be at least age five before August 1.
 Registration Ages: T-Ball, 5-6; Minor League, 7-11; Little League, 9-12; Jr and Sr League, 13-16 and Softball 9-12.
Coaches Meet
 A meeting of coaches for Post Little League baseball will be held March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Norwest Bank community room. Anyone interested in coaching T-Ball, Softball, Minor League, Little League, Jr or Sr League must attend.
Try Outs
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 Please provide information about allergies or medical conditions that the team should have in case of emergency: _____
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 I/We know that participation in baseball or softball may result in serious injuries and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Inc., the organizers, sponsors, participants and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities for any claim arising out of any injury to my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident or liability insurance.
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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.

Lost property owner not happy

This is in response to your article about the potential on possible increases of the tax load by the GHD. I am no longer a property owner here anymore, because you see I lost my home to a tax auction here approximately five years ago.

Our American dream of 20 years was turned into a nightmare for less than a dime on the dollar. Don't get me wrong, I made some colossal mistakes, but I've paid dearly for them in broken hearts and tears. People I thought who had been my friends for years, I found out were merely just acquaintances.

And if you think they won't have the sheriff and his boys come through you in the street, you've got another thing coming. I would refer all property and business owners in Garza County back to their history books, because he who does not heed his history is doomed to repeat it.

Really, ours is an age-old classic problem, dating back to the beginning of man. "Trust me!" they say. Vote for me, and I'll take care of you. That is as soon as I take care of me. Well, they never seem to ever get through taking care of themselves, and like it or not, we're forced to pay for it, either in cash or property, with the police force used to back it up.

It's all become a modern-day Sherwood Forest. Our whole system, from top to bottom, has been infiltrated by nothing but "self-serving arrogant politicians," from our own Mr. Travis,

to David Counts, to our present governor, Rick Perry, who in my opinion is the biggest thief who ever walked.

You pose the question, do they think the residents of Garza County have unlimited resources for tax purposes. The answer is yes, they do. It just might not be the current residents. People don't realize that every square inch of this country is being held ransom by our government, and if you can't pay the ransom, they'll damn sure fine someone who can.

The middle class buy out the lower class. Then the upper class buys out the middle class. Then the government and tax entities buy out the upper class, and the game's over. When the banks and government own all property, tax revenues go to zero, chaos takes over, then martial law. Need references?

If you really want to understand what's happening to us, read "The Milagro Beanfield War" by Jon Nichols. On the new lake issue, why don't we just buy Allen Henry? I bet Lubbock would like their \$40 million back, and just start over.

How about Rome, Germany, Bosnia, Colombia, the Great Depression. A potato actually does become worth its weight of gold. So citizens, you better take back control of the steering wheel, because you're on a runaway train. Or risk becoming just like me, homeless in my own hometown.

Will M. Bevers

"War on Drugs" is a joke

The war on drugs is nothing short of

a joke. In my opinion, there is no man, or even a group of men, that can even slow down the raging and rampant sale of drugs. I believe God will have to handle that job. God doesn't have any need for money, so I think he will be able to handle it one day.

I would think it will take the entire destruction of the earth to ever wipe it out. God will do it someday if mankind doesn't manage to do it first. Money is the number one cause of drug use. Although the use of drugs will never cease, remove the large sums of money and drug use will slow down to a certain point or level.

There is the saying, "Some will, some won't... some do and some don't." That will always be the case. Drug use is simply out of control, and it's only gonna get worse. As prohibition days proved, it slowed down alcohol consumption, but did not stop the use. It merely slowed down corruption and a few other problems. Tax was added, money deals were slowed down some and life went on.

Looking at ancient history of the Chinese country, hundreds of years ago, opium brought them to their knees. It is presumed that was why they became so many years behind the times. I wonder sometimes if that's where we are eventually headed?

I hate to think what may have to happen, but the only thing I see that is ever gonna come close to slowing down drugs will be legalization and add an extremely high tax rate. Personal profits from drug sales will have to cease.

God no longer has much control. Mankind has taken everything into his own hands and left God out standing in the cold. Money and greed and corruption has taken total control of the world. I'm not even a religious person, but it don't take a fool to see that we better be getting some God

back in the picture.

It sometimes seems that the devil works harder at his projects than God does, but I better not talk about God too much. He might slap my jaws. But I have learned in my world of alcoholism I must keep God nearby. I don't always go where God goes, but he does go everywhere I go.

I know that to be true, or I wouldn't be sitting here this very minute. The bumpy road I have been down had to have God's help to survive it. There's not enough luck in the world to have ever got me down that route, in one piece. So what can I say? Thank God....

I believe sex education and drug education only teaches the people a safe way to be either one. I'm sure it may be of some benefit, but not like it is talked up to be. From my own experiences, "Just say no" has very little value also.

For some reason, I never got involved with drugs, but I managed to help pay for a few alcohol facilities. Basically, I see very little difference, with the exception that I believe drugs to more severe brain damage than does alcohol. I will be the first to admit, I have had memory loss and internal organ damage, but I think hard drugs literally fry the brain. At least I've seen a lot of it, anyway.

Prisons are not even close to being the answer either. The rapid rate of prison construction is not about correction or rehabilitation... it is all about money. There are big bucks in hording and corralling prisoners.

It doesn't matter what the reason is that a person is incarcerated or if rehabilitation is possible. Their (prison owners and operators) main concern is the gathering of the almighty dollar. I believe that the vast majority of alcohol and drug users should be placed in rehabilitation, not the penitentiary.

Of course, I agree that there are the few that there is no other choice for some chemical dependent folks but to be put away indefinitely. Because there is no hope for some. When I talk about putting people in for chemical abuse, alcohol and drug use, I mean lock-up treatment.

I believe they should receive no less than six months' treatment with no early release. I have been to a treatment facility twice since 1980. It helped me a lot, but it was not necessarily the answer. The first time was for 30 days and the second time was for 71 days.

I have eight months this go-around. I have finally figured out that I have to take a daily dose of good medicine and I have to devote all the time I spent drinking and being a fool to my Alcoholics Anonymous program, plus some.

I believe the government, all the way

from the locally-operated plumb to the White House, will soon see that rehabilitation facilities and bringing God back into the picture is as near as we will ever get to some sort of answer.

I truly hate to say or admit it, but legalization of drugs and the removal of big bucks from the drug industry is probably part of the answer. We all know that whether it is legal or illegal, "some will, some won't... some do, some don't."

Also, I believe that most kids, maybe I'm wrong, that if told they can't do something or must not do something such as alcohol or drug use, some will bust a gut to do it anyway. I know I was like that.

Probably if Mom had told me to go ahead and try to become a professional alcoholic I probably wouldn't have succeeded. Seems I always managed to do the opposite of what I was told or instructed.

All diseases are treatable. We don't put people in prison for having cancer or diabetes or heart disease. We treat it and try to heal it. These diseases are usually not self-inflicted, although we sometimes help them progress with our eating, sleeping and exercise habits, plus smoking, etc.

So why should not the government build more treatment (long-term lock-up type) facilities? There is money to be made in that too. The taxpayer is gonna pay anyway, so let's treat the sick. There are thousands out there that are chemically dependant-sick.

Most could still be useful to society if pressurized or forced treatment could be applied. Of course, there will always be some that are incurable. Send them to prison or to an insane asylum. That's after there is no other choice.

Of course, DWIs or under the influence need to be taken off the road. I didn't say they didn't need to be, but drunks or druggies don't wanta be where they are in life.

Alcohol or drug addiction are incurable, but either one can certainly be put into remission.

I'd sure like to see the day when more tax dollars go toward treatment and rehabilitation than for prisons. At the rate things are going, seems to me as much as half of the American population is gonna be in the pen.

I see the war on drugs being about like the military going to war and not taking any weapons. It is a wasted effort.

I see alcoholism and drug addiction as a comparison to a person jumping into a raging river, headed for the waterfalls. We are doomed unless we can somehow make it to shore... the shoreline being a treatment and rehabilitation facility.

I'm sure glad my weeny dogs don't do drugs or drink. I barely can afford their dog food. My mass puppy production operation is not going well either. I have them all trained for combat and security duty; problem is, I haven't had that much demand for guard dogs or Navy Seal procedures.

With no prison escapes or salesmen coming around frightening me, I just have too many dogs in that field. But I have come up with a promising idea. I woke up the other morning and they had my six months' savings of Coke cans scattered throughout the entire house.

Then have three can-gathering dogs and three guard dogs. My weeny dogs may turn out to be valuable assets after all. I also am constantly looking for ways to bring in the almighty dollar. Why not have them gather cans?

That's one cent a trip, at 500 trips, a whole five bucks... Wow! \$\$\$
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

What's our school board up to?

What's going on in our schools? More to the point, the school board itself.

I don't want to get ahead of myself, we do have some really nice people on our school board, and they have difficult decisions to make and many times they feel unappreciated. But you know the old saying, "One bad apple can ruin the whole barrel."

The actions of one school board member can easily create an atmosphere, making all school board members appear to either support uncivilized behavior by their silence, or by behaving in a similar fashion. They all seem to be like a clan, defending one another at all costs.

And we can't confront these school board members publicly or directly, because we know from experience that our children will suffer the consequences if we complain. Too often these folks behave as if they are "king and queen" of the campus.

I think it's time for parents to join together and insist that school administrators and school board members answer to us, rather than us answering to them. And if they can't accept criticism, they should not pretend to be public servants.

And yes, I have requested the editor withhold my name from publication because I love my children too much to have them be subjected to ridicule or worse because I am exercising my right of expression.

As for Mr Short's letter (03/15/01), it's a bit different for him, his children's father is a school board member.
Name withheld by request

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