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Local brothers die in tragic house fire



Fire gutted this house on West 10th Street, killing Jose Rodriguez and Gregorio Rodriguez. (Photo by Thomas Zachary)

Two local residents lost their lives early Monday morning in a house fire in the 400 block of West 10th Street.

Gregorio Rodriguez Jr., 46, and his 45-year-old brother, Jose L. Rodriguez, were pronounced dead at the scene of the fire, which was initially reported at about 2:14 a.m. via a 9-1-1 call from the brothers' next-door neighbor.

The fire department was notified, and lawmen were dispatched to the scene. The first sheriff's deputies arrived within a minute of the 9-1-1 call, Chief Deputy Tommy Binford said. Upon their arrival, the wood

frame structure was already engulfed in flames.

Firefighters immediately began working to extinguish the blaze. At about 2:39 a.m., reports indicate they located the first of two bodies discovered in the residence.

One of the men was found inside a small hallway in the home, while the other was found in the floor of a bedroom.

Post volunteer firemen were on the scene until 3:54 a.m.

Autopsies were ordered on the bodies of the two men, as is customary in unattended deaths. A representative in Justice of the Peace Dee Justice's office said

late Tuesday that results of the autopsy studies had not yet been received.

According to a preliminary report from the fire marshal's office, which is conducting the investigation into the incident, the fire is believed to have started in the living room on the northeast side of the house, possibly in a sofa near the door of the residence, Binford said. No evidence of foul play has been discovered.

The Rodriguez brothers were longtime Post residents, having moved to the community in 1958. Each worked as a handyman.

Joint funeral services for the two men were conducted Wednesday afternoon.

Early voting opens for GHD election

Contested races have developed for all three vacant seats on the Garza Hospital District board.

Voters will be asked to choose from the following list of candidates to fill the open board positions:

- At-large candidates — Leon Miller, Carol Davies Tobias.

- Precinct 3 candidates — Maria Berta Fuentes, Danny Guthrie.

- Precinct 4 candidates — Zoe Kirkpatrick, Charlie "Bill" Duncan.

With regard to the status of the Justice Department's approval of

the Garza Hospital District election, hospital administrator Gina Ladwig said late Tuesday that district officials expect to have an answer early Wednesday morning.

"We're anticipating pre-clearance tomorrow," she said. "The attorney for the hospital district gave us no answer over the phone, but advised there would be an answer tomorrow."

Early voting in the May 5 hospital district election began Wednesday and will continue through May 1.

Early voting by personal appearance is under way in the May 5 Post Independent School District board of trustee election.

Early voting will run through May 1.

Four candidates are vying to fill two open positions. Guin Miller, Brad Mason and incumbents Alexa Collier and Jeff Lott filed as candidates.



Annual awards presented by Management & Training Corp. at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility last week recognized Judge Giles W. Dalby (left to right), Alan Alexander, Charla Miller and Bert Crisp.

'Moving with the Spirit' featured at Methodist Church Sunday

"Moving with the Spirit" is the name of the musical to be presented Sunday evening at the First United Methodist Church.

The presentation will begin at 7 p.m., and everyone is welcome to attend.

Participating in the production are Buddy Payne, Voda Beth Gradine, Patsy Bilbo, Ray Bagby, Mary Edwards, Zoe Kirkpatrick, Jim Plummer, James Bell, Preston Pool, Patty Payne, Earlene Bagby, Traci Stevens, Brandi Stevens, Marlee Plummer, Ashley Young, Kayla Morris, Christin Collier, Pixie Grisham, Tanya Kirkpatrick, Ronnie Gradine, Jimmy Redman and Janis Plummer.



"Moving With The Spirit" cast members at First United Methodist Church are (back row, left to right) Buddy Payne, Voda Beth Gradine, Patsy Bilbo, Ray Bagby, (front row) Mary Edwards, Zoe Kirkpatrick and Jim Plummer. (Photo by Sandy Smith)



First United Methodist Church choir members preparing for Sunday's musical are (back row, left to right) Delores Redman, Diane Windham, Zoe Kirkpatrick, (middle row) Barbara Babb, Jona Jones, Patsy Bilbo, (front row) Patty Kirkpatrick, Rachel Dunn and Lisa Kirkpatrick. Natalie Shepherd was not available for the photo. (Photo by Sandy Smith)

Post Notes

Volunteers needed for concession stand

The Post summer baseball program is seeking volunteers to help serve at the baseball concession stand during games. Call Greg Williams at 495-3880 or Larry Mills at 495-3719 to assist.

VFW ladies set garage, bake sale

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will hold a garage and bake sale April 27 and 28. The sale will begin at 8 a.m. both days at the VFW Post. Call JoAnn Stelzer at 495-3393 or the VFW at 495-3785 to make donations for the sale.

Spring Art Show April 24-29

The Spring Art Show opens April 24 and continues through April 29 at the Algerita Art Center on East Main Street. Entries will be accepted April 24 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and April 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. Judging will be held April 26 with the show open to the public April 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Awards will be presented April 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. Call 495-3493 for more information.

3-on-3 all-nighter tourney

Start forming teams now for the Texas Building Character 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament All-Nighter scheduled for April 28, 2001 at the High School Gym. The night will begin at 10 p.m. with presentation by Miss Lubbock. During the evening there will be a basketball tournament, dancing, games, movies, food and a lot more! The event will conclude at 8 a.m. with an inspirational speaker. Please plan to attend!

All Sports Banquet May 3

The All Sports Banquet has been set for Thursday, May 3, 2001 at the Post Community Center. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Tickets for the event may be purchased from Jana McCallister at CitizensBank or call Larry Mills.

Post Elementary Book Fair

The Post Elementary School will host the 2001 Scholastic Book Fair April 30 through May 4 at the school's library. Family Book Fair Night will be held on Tuesday, May 1. This year's theme is "Climb Up for a Reading Adventure Treehouse." Plan now to attend these special events and help your child experience the wonderful world of reading through outstanding book selections.

Junior/Senior Prom

The Post High School junior class is making plans for the junior/senior prom to be held on Friday, May 18th. The juniors would greatly appreciate any donations from businesses or individuals of merchandise, gift certificates, or cash/check to be used for the prom "auction". Each donation is tax deductible and receipts are available. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact Kim Mills, Delton Moore, Nancy McDonald, Perry Smith, or Sandra Alexander at Post High School, 200 West 6th Street, 495-2770.

"Moving with the Spirit" April 22

The musical, "Moving with the Spirit," will be performed at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 22 beginning at 7 p.m. The public is cordially invited.

MTC announces annual awards

The annual MTC Excellence Awards were distributed recently at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

Warden Joe Rasbeary presented the awards, giving each honoree a certificate and a cash award.

This year's recipients included:

- Community Supporter of the Year — County Judge Giles W. Dalby. Dalby was honored for the "many hours of his time to provide support and assistance...."

- Correctional Officer of the Year — Lt. Alan Alexander, who was lauded for his "outstanding performance as a correctional officer and supervisor." Alexander was also recognized as the Dalby Supervisor of the Year.

- Staff Support Person of the Year — Charla Miller, human resource manager. Miller was recognized for her "outstanding performance as staff support person for new employees and existing staff."

- Programs Person of the Year — Bert Crisp, CMC. Crisp was feted for his "outstanding performance as programs person" and for his work in the classifications department.

The names of each of the above award recipients have been submitted to the corporate MTC office in Ogden, Utah. There, they will be considered for the corporate MTC Excellence Awards, which include a trip to Utah.



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Mr and Mrs Bill Dixon celebrate 50th anniversary

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dixon Sr. will host a 50th wedding anniversary reception for their parents Saturday, April 21, 2001, from 2-4 p.m. at the Hagerman Baptist Church in Sherman.

The Dixons, formerly of Post, were married April 19, 1951, in Lovington, N.M.

Mrs. Dixon is the former Margaret Chastain. She was born to Charles and Viola Chastain in Marshall, where she attended school. She is a homemaker and retired from Wal-Mart.

Mr. Dixon was born to Jess and Mattie Dixon in Snyder and attended Post schools. He is a retired oilfield worker and worked for National Life and Accident Insurance Co. for many years.

The Dixons reside in Pottsboro and attend church at Hagerman Baptist Church. She enjoys flower gardening and studying her Bible, while he raises and trades livestock.

The Dixons are the parents of one son, Billy C. (Bokie) Dixon Jr. of Sherman, and four daughters, Patricia Rapp, Frances Carrell and Jame Swindell of Pottsboro and Sandy Petree of Savoy. They have 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Margaret and Bill Dixon

Local theatre veterans on "Fiddler" cast

Lubbock's Cactus Theater, 1812 Buddy Holly Ave., will present "Fiddler on the Roof" in performances through May 5.

Jane Prince Jones is serving as director of the production, which will run April 20-21, 27-28 and May 4-5. All performances are at 8 p.m.

Cast members for the Cactus production of "Fiddler" include Tim McIntire as Tevye; Mira Goode as Golde; Cami Caldwell, Haylet Burton, Jessica Culwell, Brittney Bennett and Brittany Hoffman as the couple's five daughters; Christy Morris as the matchmaker, Yente; Jarrett Mallon, Ryedka; Benn Wells, motel; Pat Farmer, Perchik; Tom Wagner, Lazar Wolf; and Billy McClaren, the fiddler.

Bill Woodard, Cordell Green, Peter Contreras, Brett Aiken, Bobby Knode, Rick Fay, Micah Robnett, Lisa Hallman, Ronnie Woodard, Gini Woodward, Taylon Garrett and Dustin Garrett round out the cast.

Musical director is Marilyn Arland. Choreographer is Suzanne Aker. Costumer is Margie Rhodes, and technical director is Toby Caldwell. Set artist is John Thomasson. "Fiddler on the Roof" is an adaptation of a collection of stories by the great Yiddish author Sholem Aleichem, whose name means "Peace be with you." Aleichem began his career in the late 1800s, basing his tales on his own personal experiences, creating the character of Tevye the dairyman.

"Fiddler" is set in the small Jewish village of Anatevka, Russia, in 1905 and concerns the efforts of Tevye, his wife, Golde, and their five daughters to cope with their harsh existence under Tsarist rule. Many of Anatevka's inhabitants were poor, and their futures were uncertain, but because they were people of tradition, hope and spirit, there were moments of tenderness and joy.

These areas of Eastern Europe were largely destroyed by Hitler during World War II, but the plight of people such as these lives on wherever prejudice pits one group against another and wherever minority communications are economically and politically isolated in ghettos, barrios, on reservations and in pockets of poverty.

In 1961, renowned writer Joseph Stein, composer Jerry Bock, and lyricist Sheldon Harnick collaborated to create the musical "Fiddler on the Roof." It opened at the Imperial Theater in New York on Sept. 22, 1964, and closed July 2, 1974, after a run of 3,242 performances. It was revived in New York in 1976, 1981 and 1991.

Some of the musical's most popular pieces include "Sunrise, Sunset" and "If I Were a Rich Man." The title of the show was inspired by a painting by Marc Chagall, a painter who was known for his portrayal of the difficulties and poignancy of Jewish life.

Reserved seats are \$15 and \$20. Call 762-3233 for reservations and more information on the production, which is sponsored by the Cactus Theater, Citizens Bank of Slaton and Post, and Music Theater International.



The first carbonated soft drink was created by Dr. Philip Syng Physick in Philadelphia in 1807. Dr. Physick used the fizzy water to treat his patients.

Births

Rani Dawn Cowley

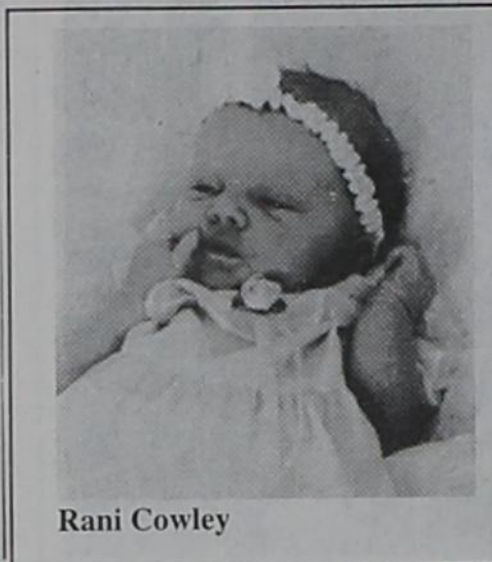
Joey and Tabatha Cowley would like to announce the birth of their daughter Rani Dawn Cowley.

Rani was born at 12:03 p.m. March 2, 2001 at Covenant Medical Center. She weighed seven pounds, five ounces and was 20 inches long.

Rani is joined at home by two sisters, Teraka and Destiny and one brother, Tyler.

She is the granddaughter of Gary and Jaquita Blevins and Debbie Cowley and the late Donnie Cowley.

Great grandparents are Bill and Juanita Blevins and Geln and Vinnie Darnell of Eunice, NM, Polly McCarley and Leroy Martin of Rogers, Ar. and Bobby and Laura Cowley of Nacona, Tx.



Rani Cowley

Meagan Brooke Cowley

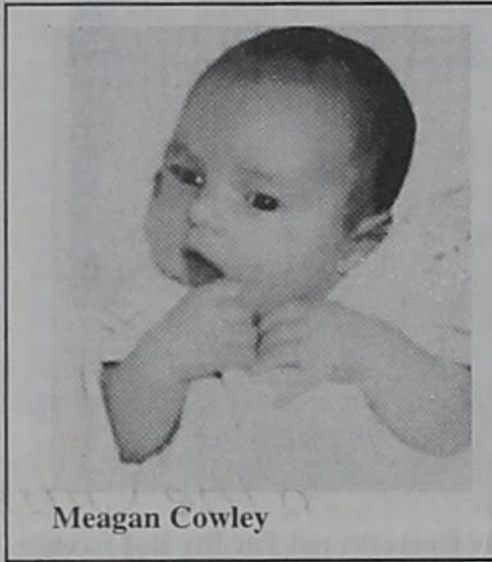
Chloe Nicole Cowley would like to announce the birth of her sister, Meagan Brooke.

She was born Sunday, April 8, 2001 at Lynn County Hospital in Tahoka. She weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Meagan's parents are Bobby and Pam Cowley.

Maternal grandparents are Kenny and Carla Reiter of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Debbie Cowley and the late Donnie Cowley of Post.



Meagan Cowley

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Boy oh boy, this Texas weather!! Have you ever? One day 83 the next 49. I know that my family alone is supporting Tylenol!!

Just about everyone that you talk to has either a cold, sinus, sore throat, "drippy" eyes or nose, or just plain feels bad. Maybe the weather will smooth out now that Easter is over and then we can just be plain HOT!



Best of George Carlin

- I'm not working out. My philosophy is no pain, no gain.
- I'm in shape. Round is a shape?
- Ever notice that anyone going slower than you is an idiot, but anyone going faster than you is a maniac?
- One out of every three Americans suffers from mental illness. Think of your two best friends. If its not them, then it must be you?
- Ask people why they have deer heads on their walls and they tell you its because they are such beautiful animals. I think my wife is beautiful too but I only have photographs of her on the wall!
- They show you how detergents take out bloodstains. I think if you've got a T-shirt with bloodstains all over it, maybe your laundry isn't your biggest problem.
- Future historians will be able to study at the Jimmy Carter Library, The Gerald Ford Library, The Ronald Reagan Library and the Bill Clinton Adult Book Store!
- I'm desperately trying to figure out why Kamikaze pilots wore helmets.

All Sports Banquet

The All Sports Banquet will be held May 3rd, at The Post Community Center. Tickets are available advance for \$10.00 or at the door for \$12.00. They go on sale April 19-30.

You can see Jana McCallister at Citizen's Bank or call Larry Mills at 495-3726.

Birthdays:

Friday, April 27; Samantha Edwards, Paytin Davis, Skylar Davis, Mendy Dalby, Karen Palmer, Lois Childs and Heather Mason. Saturday, April 28; Laura Eaton; Sunday, April 29, K'Nell Dalby and Juanetta Bocko; Monday, April 30, Kenny Bullard, Labeth Jones, Roy O'Brian and Kamron Reed; Anniversary, Steve and Delores Mosser. Tuesday, May 1, Georgie Wilson, Anthony Merrell, Kristi Stanley; Anniversary, Doug and Krisha Hoelscher. Wednesday, May 2; Lindsey Morrow, Matthew Ledbetter and Angie Cruse Wiseman. Thursday, May 3; Vance Guthrie, Zach Harris, Perry Smith and Mario Luna.

Busy Bush Easter

Rick and I had a great Easter Sunday. After church we gathered with 31 of our family members for Sunday dinner.

We had the best time and the kids did not even realize that the wind was blowing 60 miles an hour. They hid eggs all evening. When Kylee and Alison (our two, three year old granddaughters) couldn't find anymore eggs, they hid Doc's (our hundred pound Golden Retriever) dog food nuggets!

Those attending: Jane and Mack Terry, Fannie Ballentine, Lucille Bush, Kerri and Robby Dean with Kaylyn, Kylee and Kenley, Kelly Crispin with Colby and Paige, Krisha Bush with Zachary and Valerie Mize all of Post, Jana Underwood and Raylea and Jibber and Cindy Herridge with Cody and Caden all of Gail, Megan and Stan Everett, Stephen and Amanda Quisenberry with Alison and Ethan all of Lubbock. And last but certainly not least, Mark and Tammy Ballentine with Matthew and Lauren of Shallowater.

First United Methodist Church

The choir members of the First United Methodist Church along with the help of many others are offering a rather unique musical Sunday evening. Details are in Post Notes, but I'm sure you will want to attend. It sounds really neat, but I will not give any clues!!

What about George Washington??

Once there was a little boy who lived in the country. They had to use an outhouse, and the little boy hated it because it was hot in the summer, cold in the winter and stank all the time.

The outhouse was sitting on the bank of a creek and the boy determined that one day he would push that outhouse into the creek.

One day after a spring rain, the creek was swollen so the little boy decided today was the day to push the outhouse into the creek. So he got a large stick and started pushing. Finally, the outhouse toppled into the creek and floated away.

That night his dad told him they were going to the woodshed after supper. Knowing that meant a spanking the little boy asked why. The dad replied, "someone pushed the outhouse into the creek today. It was you, wasn't it son?" The boy answered yes. Then he thought a moment and said, "Dad, I read in school today that George Washington chopped down a cherry tree and didn't get into trouble because he told the truth." The dad replied, "well, son, George Washington's father wasn't in that cherry tree!"

Little in advance

The ladies from the VFW are planning a garage and bake sale on April 27th and 28th. On the 27th (Fri) it will be 8 am till 3 and on the 28th (Sat) it will be 8 am till 7.

I know that now as in the past that if you have anything that you would to donate, just call JoAnn Stelzer and she will see that it is picked up. Remember these ladies need your help. They do lots of good stuff!

e-mail

A four year old girl was learning to say The Lord's Prayer. She was reciting it all by herself without help from her mother. She said, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us some e-mail. Amen."

Till Next Week

May God bless each of you. See ya next week!!

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Congratulations to Macee Mills and Nikki Pollard!



Macee Mills



Nikki Pollard

Macee and Nikki were recently inducted into the Texas Tech Mortar Board, the highest national honor society on the Texas Tech campus. Only 40 seniors are selected for the honor! Macee is the daughter of Larry and Kim Mills. Nikki is the daughter of Jay and Sherry Pollard.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Sara Stevens, CEA-FCS

Spring Stain Removal

Baseball season has already started for high school and is fast approaching for little league. Here are a variety of tips for moms who love to see their child play, but hate those pesky stains that always seem to accompany "America's greatest pastime." (Remember it is always important to read care labels before trying any of the following!)



Grass Stains: Pretreat the stain with a heavy-duty liquid detergent, then rinse thoroughly. Soak the stained garment in a dilute solution of all-fabric powdered bleach. If the stain persists, and the garment is white or colorfast, soak in a dilute solution of liquid chlorine bleach and water.

Clay: First, brush off dry clay. Use a small amount of powdered detergent (containing no bleach) and mix with enough household ammonia to make a paste. Apply using a cotton cloth. Let set about 10 minutes; launder in hottest water safe for fabric. Repeat if needed.

Mud: If wet, soak in cold water and rub fabric against itself under running water to dislodge stain. Launder in warm water with heavy-duty laundering detergent. If dry, brush off dry mud. Soak in cold water using a liquid detergent. Wash in warm (not hot) water with detergent, rinse, and inspect. If stain remains, soak an additional half hour, then re-wash.

Blood: Using hydrogen peroxide will pull blood (even dried blood) out of almost anything and very rarely alters the color of the garment. Test on an unseen area before using.

All the other mothers will be jealous of how clean your child's baseball uniform is. Share your secrets and enjoy baseball season.



These Post Elementary students completed Level 1 in the CEI Reading Lab this last six weeks. The CEI Lab uses computer technology to help students become better readers. Earning high marks were (back row) Brandon Crawford, Kyla Perez, Jonathan Perez, Abby Holly, Sherika Thurman, (middle row) Evette Rodriguez, Robert Contreras, Erika Ortiz, (front row) Nikki Pewitt, Crystal Sanchez, Henry Apolinar and Franchesca Varela. (Photo courtesy Post Elementary School)

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Beef Cattle Herd Health Clinic

A beef cattle health program will be held on Thursday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m. at the Borden County Community Building in Gail. The program will address the issue of "BVD", a contagious viral disease that can cost the beef producer tremendously if infection of this disease gets to your cattle.

Drs. Bo Brock and Zach Smith of the Brock Veterinary Clinic in Lamesa, will discuss annual vaccinations for the cow/calf producer as well as the stocker producer. The many kinds and types of internal/external parasite control will be reviewed. David Christian of InterVet will give an overview of vaccines produced by InterVet as well as sponsor a meal at 6:00 p.m.

The educational program will follow the meal and should conclude by 7:45 p.m. Programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Respect for the vulnerability of human beings is a necessary part of telling the truth, because no truth will be wrested from a callous vision or callous handling.

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Extension Extras

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Beef Cattle Herd Health Clinic BVD and Vaccination Program
Thursday, April 19, 6:00 p.m. at the Borden County Community Building in Gail.

EPC Executive Board Meeting

Extension Program Council Executive Board will meet Monday, April 23, at Noon, at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service office at 102 South Avenue L. Please bring a sack lunch.

GCJLA Annual Meeting

Garza County Jr. Livestock Association will meet Tuesday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Anyone interested in joining the association is welcome to attend.

3-On-3 Basketball Tournament Lock-In

The TAEX 4-H and Youth Committee is sponsoring Texans Building Character 3-On-3 Basketball Tournament All-nighter, April 28, 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. at the Post High School gym. Pizza will be provided but bring your quarters for drinks, candy and chips. There will be fun, movies, dancing and special guest Miss Lubbock. Start forming your basketball teams now!



In Lapland, Easter is celebrated with reindeer races.

To the Citizens of Garza

County from the residents and staff at

Golden Plains Care Center:

Thanks for the great response

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Post Art Guild

Spring Art Show

April 24th through April 29th

Algerita Art Center

131 East Main Street

Post, Texas

Entrees

Tuesday, April 24th...9 AM to 7 PM

Wednesday, April 25th...9 AM to Noon

All entries must be ready for hanging or display. No class work, kits, wet paintings, or works deemed in poor taste will be accepted. All entries must hang until show closes.

FEES

Non-Members \$5 per entry

Members \$3 per entry (5x7 image or less)

Judging

Thursday, April 26 9 AM to Noon

Awards

Purchase Awards Approximately : \$2000

Best of Show : \$100

People's Choice: \$25

Rosettes in all of the above

Ribbons in all categories

Public Viewing

Friday, Saturday 9 AM to 6 PM

Sunday 1 to 3 PM

Patron's Reception

April 26th, 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Awards Presentation at 3 PM

Raffle

Raffle tickets will be sold at \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 for a chance to win \$300 art purchase of your choice.

Congratulations 8th Grade Boys' Track Team



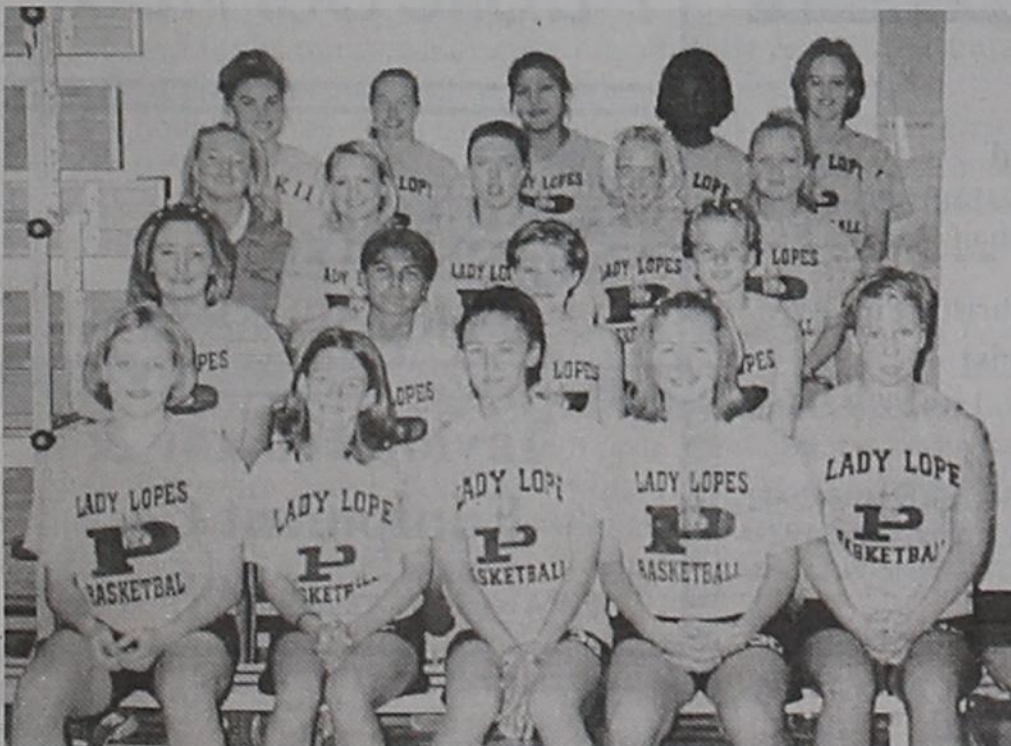
8th Grade Boys' Track Team (back row, left to right) Travis Hopper, Jerrad Grisham, Theo Paiz, James Soto, Brady Wuensche, Tony Garay, (second row from back) Jett Lot, Eric Gonzales, Jessie Soto, Steve Rivera, (third row from back) Brice Feagin, Randon Blacklock, Israel Landa, Martin Garcia, Ryan Babb, Zachary Lopez, (front row) Josh Hair, Quinton Odom, Cody Marts, Brent McDonald and Jordan Tatum. (Photo by Sandy Smith)

Allen & Pixie Grisham

Mark & Kristi Odom

Phil & Windy Mathews

Congratulations 8th Grade Girls' Track Team



8th Grade Girls (back row, left to right) Dianna Ratke, Gentry Creech, Belia Hernandez, Cherrel Reed, Courtney Short, (second row from back) Patricia Hester, Donae Dalby, Nikki Norman, Christin Collier, Lyndee Strawn, (third row from back) Kristy Shifflett, Ashley Guerrero, Traci Nelson, Mendy Morgan, (front row) Jessica Engledow, Kayla Dunn, Meagan Hoover, Kaycee Gorman and Logan Gregory.

Mark & Carol Shot

Kenny & Nora Ratke

Terry & Ofelia Hoover

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Obituaries

Ray O. Hodges

Graveside services for Ray O. Hodges, 92, of Midland, formerly of Garza County, were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, April 9, 2001, in the Terrace Cemetery with the Rev. Steve McMeans officiating. Ellis Funeral Home of Midland was in charge of arrangements.



He died April 5.
Born May 11, 1908, in Jayton to Flemon and Mary Caroline Hodges, he came to Garza County in December 1929 at the age of 16. He was a Sunday school teacher in the 3-year-old class at the Post First Baptist Church. He married Annie Caffey in Tahoka Nov. 15, 1935, and ranched and farmed about five miles north of Post for 52 years. A charter member of the Post Stampede Riding Club, he enjoyed working at the rodeo each year. The Hodges moved to Midland Nov. 25, 1992.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gwen and Bill West and Lois and Jerry Morris; one brother, Clyde Hodges of Gravette, Ark.; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter and son-in-law, Doris Ann and Gary Brewer.

Dora Fay Holly

Services for Dora Fay Holly, 65, of Post were held at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2001, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Mike Holly officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

She died Thursday, April 12, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Born Jan. 4, 1936, in Irving, she finished high school at Hobbs High School in Hobbs, N.M. She moved to Post from California in 1970. She worked for the Post Cotton Mill and enjoyed playing Bingo. She was a member of the Episcopal church.

Survivors include one son, Raymie Holly of Post; two daughters, Melani Holly and Lisa White, both of Post; one brother, Allan Hampton of Arkansas; two half-sisters; four granddaughters, Ashley Holly, Amber Holly, Abby Holly and Lacey White; and one grandson, Garrett White.

Pallbearers included Tommy Reed, Chris Belongia, Isaac Schoonover, Joe Don Schoonover, Chris Dawson and Randy Baker.

Gregorio Rodriguez Jr.

Services for Gregorio Rodriguez Jr., 46, of Post were held at 2 p.m. April 18, 2001, in the Templo Bethel Assembly of God with the Rev. Mace Saenz officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

A prayer service was conducted at the funeral home Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

He died Monday, April 16, at his home.

Born Aug. 20, 1954, in Scottsbluff, Neb., he had lived in Post since 1958. He was a handyman who had worked in Post for many years.

Survivors include two daughters, Michelle Ortiz of Midland and Teresa Rodriguez of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Sally Paiz of Post and Carmen Palos of Lubbock; three brothers, John Rodriguez, Edward Gutierrez and Johnny Hernandez, all of Post; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mona Rodriguez, in August 1999.

Jose L. Rodriguez

Services for José L. Rodriguez, 45, of Post were held at 2 p.m. April 18, 2001, in the Templo Bethel Assembly of God with the Rev. Mace Saenz officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

A prayer service was conducted at the funeral home Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

He died Monday, April 16, at his home. Born Sept. 10, 1955, in Scottsbluff, Neb., he had been a resident of Post since 1958. He worked as a handyman in Post for many years.

Survivors include two sisters, Sally Paiz of Post and Carmen Palos of Lubbock, and three brothers, John Rodriguez, Edward Gutierrez and Johnny Hernandez, all of Post.

Mary Beach

Services for Mary Katherine Bird Beach of Lubbock will be held Saturday, April 21, 2001, at 10:30 a.m. in the First Methodist Church in Post with the Rev. Buddy Payne officiating. Burial will follow in the Beach Cemetery on her ranch east of Post under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She died at her home Tuesday, April 17, following a lengthy illness. Born July 27, 1923, at her parents' home on the Bird Ranch, she attended the Verbena school and Post High School, graduating in 1940. She attended West Texas College in Canyon for two years.

In 1942, she married Paul Beach, an Army Air Corp pilot. She lived in Las Vegas with her family for many years, completing her college degree in 1964 as part of the University of Nevada's first graduating class. She continued to run her ranch outside of Post, raising black Angus cattle. She moved to Lubbock in 1972, dividing her time between traveling, family and maintaining the ranch operations.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Kathy Beach; three grandchildren, Paul Allen Beach II, Pamela Anne Beach Kramer and Patrick Andrew Beach; four great-grandchildren, Esme Bird Beach, Myles Harrison Beach, Lindsey Catherine Kramer and Henry Grayson Kramer; a brother and sister-in-law, Jimmy and Ada Lou Bird of Post; three nieces; one nephew; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Dr. Diane Kay Beach, who died in a house fire in 1983.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Dr. Diane Beach Scholarship Fund at Texas Tech University or to the donor's favorite charity.

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'Thou shalt not steal'

by Wesley W. Burnett

I am often amazed that Christians and Jews who profess belief in God's commandments, casually and indifferently defend government theft without question. At this time of year, when millions of hard working people struggle to meet the government imposed "deadline" for paying "income" taxes, it is appropriate to review God's word on this issue.

The question facing the faithful is quite simple, are we to accept the Ten Commandments in our lives today? If so, then we must take a serious look at what those commandments mean to us.

One of those commandments given to the people by God through Moses, is the widely accepted concept of property ownership, and it is stated thusly, "Thou Shalt Not Steal" (King James Version).

Any common dictionary of the English language defines "stealing" as an action which results in the taking of property from someone against their will.

The definition of taxation also is clearly defined as an action by government to assess and collect money or property, using force and forfeiture if necessary against those who refuse to pay.

Taxation is equivalent to theft. The only difference is that taking money or property by force is illegal if it is done by individuals, but is considered legal if done by a collection of individuals, such as in a democracy.

Taxation is simply an extension of theft, delegated by the majority (mob rule) to satisfy the majority's desire to accomplish some collective goal. Those who support this "legalized" theft are in direct violation of God's commandment: "Thou Shalt Not Steal."

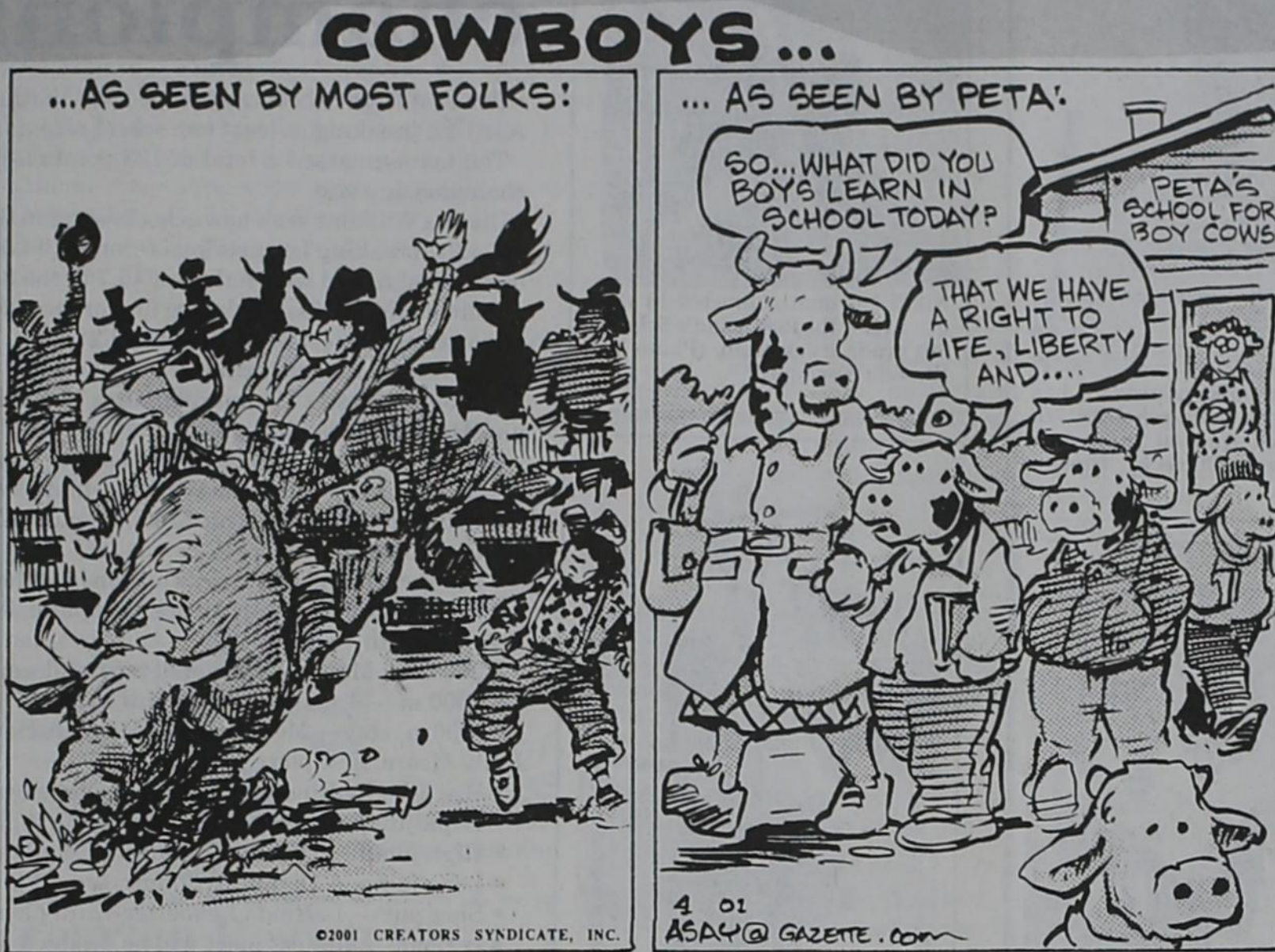
Government supported by this immoral action can never be justified as being "okay." It's the same as violating any of the other nine commandments. Theft is theft, whether it be by one person or approved by millions through their delegated government agents.

Just as we would never allow government the power to commit murder, so should we reject government theft.

If we are to claim to be God's people and stand in obedience to his commandments, we must demand the elimination of taxation.

It is easy to be conspicuously "compassionate" if others are being forced to pay the cost.

M.N. Rothbard



And thereafter, laws versus values

by Walter E. Williams

During the '40s, when I attended primary and secondary school, one didn't hear of school shootings. Why? Did we have better laws banning guns in and around schools? Or hadn't guns been invented?



Many of today's youngsters begin the school day passing through metal detectors. Guards patrol hallways, and police cars patrol outside. Despite these measures, assaults, knifings and shootings occur.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics' 1996-97 report, there were nearly 4,000 incidents of in-school rape and sexual battery, 11,000 incidents of physical attacks or fights in which weapons were used, and 7,000 robberies in schools.

About 190,000 fights or physical attacks not involving weapons also occurred at schools, plus there were 115,000 thefts and 98,000 incidents of vandalism. These statistics understate the true magnitude of the problem because not all school violence is reported.

Along with school violence, many youngsters today exhibit little reservation in using foul language — not only to their peers, but in the presence of and to teachers. Most Americans living today have little or no knowledge of yesteryear's school environment.

As such, they just might think what goes on in schools has always been. But those of my age know that schools, even in poor neighborhoods, in earlier periods were generally civilized. Yes, teachers had complaints about students back then, but they're trivial compared to today's.

Back then, behavioral problems were: students passing notes, chewing gum in class, running in the hallways, jumping in or out of line and smoking in the bathrooms or fire escapes. That's a far cry from today's problems of school rapes, murder, theft, and assaults and threats to both students and teachers. We just might ask what could explain the differences in student behavior today and yesteryear.

A probable answer is seen if we recognize that society's first line of defense is morality — the morality of those thou-shalt-nots: shalt not kill, shalt not steal, shalt not lie, cheat, etc. The importance of morality is that people behave themselves even if nobody's watching.

There are not enough cops and laws to replace personal morality as a means to produce a civilized society. Indeed, the police and criminal justice system are the last desperate line of defense for a civilized society. Unfortunately, too many of us see police, laws and the criminal justice system as society's first line of defense.

For nearly half a century, the nation's liberals have waged war on traditional values, customs and morality. Our youth have been counseled that there are no moral absolutes. Instead, what's moral or immoral is a matter of personal opinion. During the '60s, the education establishment challenged and undermined lessons children learned from their parents and Sunday school with fads like "values clarification."

So-called sex education classes are simply indoctrination that undermines family/church strictures against pre-marital sex. Lessons of abstinence were considered passe and replaced with lessons about condoms, birth-control pills and abortions. Further undermining of parental authority came with legal and extra-legal measures to assist teen-age abortions with neither parental knowledge nor consent.

Customs, traditions, mores and rules of etiquette, not laws and government regulations, are what makes for a civilized society. These behavioral norms, mostly transmitted by example, word-of-mouth and religious teachings, represent a body of wisdom distilled through ages of experience, trial and error.

Starting in the '60s, traditional behavioral norms became seen as inconvenient, fun-robbing, or inconsistent with one social agenda or another. Traditional values were discarded without an appreciation for the role they played in creating a civilized society, and now we're paying the price.

What's worse is that few of us make the connection, and insist on more laws in the wake of school shootings.

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It's time to dump the income tax!

by Vin Suprynowicz

Introduced by the Woodrow Wilson "Progressives" in the years just before the First World War (along with such other strokes of genius as the Federal Reserve Board, direct campaign-cash bribing of U.S. senators, alcohol Prohibition, and the Harrison Narcotics Act), America's income tax was first advertised as a surcharge on only the richest Americans.

This virtually imperceptible levy of 1 or 2 percent on the yacht-and-mansion set was to rise no higher than 7 percent, and then only on those who earned at least half-a-million bucks a year — real money, back when a \$20 gold piece could buy the equivalent of \$250 in modern goods.

A funny thing happened just as the economic boom of the 1920s got rolling, though: at virtually the same time visionary investors were starting to get rich on the 1920s equivalent of the World Wide Web — Pierce Arrow, General Motors, Goodyear and Standard Oil — the darndest thing happened to the number of Americans officially reporting annual incomes of a million dollars or more: They began to dwindle away.

No, they hadn't all moved to Switzerland. Rather, in the first major wave of unintended consequences flowing from America's great experiment in socialist redistribution, the fat cats had reached out and found advisors willing to invent two new professions for them: the tax lawyer and the tax accountant.

Suddenly rich people were investing in fine art and donating it to museums for the newfangled "tax deductions." (Yes, art is nice. But this didn't create nearly as many jobs as a new steel mill.) And previously lucrative corporations had to shrug and inform Uncle Sam with heavy heart that they were barely breaking even, what with all these new "licensing and consulting fees" they were suddenly paying to newly incorporated shadow entities in places like Switzerland, Guernsey, and the British Virgin Islands.

The games had begun. The "emperor's new clothes" for the mewling collectivists who still endlessly whine that any tax cut will "unfairly benefit the rich" (read: unfairly reduce the amount of loot I get to allocate for my vote-buying)?

The one thing these class warriors don't want anyone to notice is that — after decades of lobbying for loopholes — the rich can shelter so much of their income today that their accountants often recommend they pass up a few deductions just "for appearance sake." When Standard Oil heir Nelson Rockefeller appeared before the Senate for confirmation as vice president in the 1970s, he was asked what he'd paid the previous year in income taxes. Mr. Rockefeller replied that he had not paid a thing. The Congressional Record does not record the way his fellow millionaires in the Senate responded, but there are recurrent reports that the senators cheered.

So who's left carrying the bulk of the burden — not only of the actual

bill, but also devoting hour after frustrating hour to deciphering and filling out all these government forms?

The middle-class wage slave, of course — since his or her employer dutifully reports his or her full compensation to the IRS on a form W-2 each January.

Tax rates on these everyday Joes and Janes have reached the point where the Tax Foundation reports 123 days per year are now spent working for Uncle Sam — a far higher percentage of our time than sharecroppers were required to work for Massa down on the old plantation. Where Americans were able to keep for themselves all they earned after April 22 as recently as 1994, the foundation reports Tax Freedom Day now doesn't arrive till May 3 — the latest date in history.

Of course, that's not all attributed to the federal income tax — Medicare and Medicaid, sales and excise taxes, property taxes, state and local levies are all factored in. But the federal individual income tax remains by far the most burdensome of these.

Most Americans are willing to contribute something to fund the legitimate, duly delegated activities of government. No one wants to see our ambassador to France going without neckties and socks. But does anyone believe that by spending 10 times as much as our great-grandparents did, we now get a government that does a 10 times better job defending our liberties?

The IRS and its code are so complicated that the General Accounting Office reports IRS employees themselves give wrong answers to taxpayer inquiries 47 percent of the time — after failing to answer the phone 37 percent of the time in the first place.

Americans hate the tax code and the arrogant, inconsistent agency that enforces it ... and with good reason.

Since April 15 falls on a Sunday this year, numerous 1040s — and more "automatic extension" forms than ever before — will hit the mailboxes by midnight Monday. But "compliance" rates are nonetheless falling markedly, as Americans wonder how they can possibly be paying "their fair share" under a system more fraught with loopholes and complexities than the worst fever dream ever to plague the bureaucrats of Byzantium.

It's time to trash the whole system. A flat tax — with no redistributionist "brackets" — does sound like a slight improvement. But can we really trust this current bunch not to gimmick the thing up with more socialist claptrap at the last moment? I don't think so. Besides: such a scheme would still violate Mr. Jefferson's sober advice not to "take the bread from the mouth of labor." Why squander the hunger for reform on such a paltry adjustment?

A national sales tax? There's a recipe for jailing kids who sell Kool-Ade on the sidewalk. And again, we'd just be trading new tyranny for old.

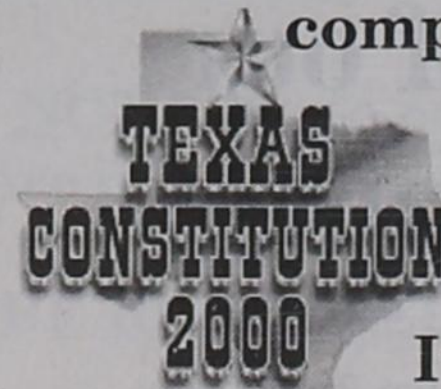
Half of the federal government's revenues still come from excises and other sources outside the personal income tax. To find a federal government spending half as much as it does today we would have to go back only a dozen years. Does anyone remember sighing with frustration during the administration of Ronald Reagan that "Darn it, this federal government is just way too small"?

No, the best reform of all would be to get rid of the current federal income tax, and replace it with ... nothing.

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Lopes clobber Jackrabbits 15-3

After a couple of weak defensive games, the last thing Post's baseball team wanted to see was a Ralls team come in to have a monster inning. In two straight losses against Tahoka and Idalou, Post was beaten because of one big inning. Tahoka got an eight-run inning in 13-6 win, while Idalou ran up 11 runs in the fifth inning of a 13-3 victory.

Mission accomplished — Ralls managed but two runs in their opening inning on a Ralls leadoff homerun by Eric Arriaga, one of the top Class 2A hitters on the South Plains. However, it was all Post from their half of the first inning as the offense pounded out a total of 16 hits and scored in all but one inning.

More importantly, the young Lopes squad had an error-free game. Benefiting from this superior defensive gem was pitcher Cody Fox, who scattered six hits, three hit batters and two walks.

Post 10-run-ruled their first opponent in sweeping the Ralls Jackrabbits 15-3.

Hitting for Post were Kenny Ratke, two singles, one RBI, scored twice; Bryan Looney, three singles, one double, two RBIs, scored three times; Michael Huff, two singles, one walk, one RBI, scored three times; Jon Eilenberger, reached base on an error, one double, two RBIs, scored twice;

Seth Redman, one hit batter, one RBI, scored once; Mikey Gonzales, one double, one RBI; Brody Robertson, one hit batter, one RBI, scored once; Mitchell Mills, two walks, one hit batter, two RBIs; Cody Fox, two singles, three RBIs; Roland Casteneda, three singles, one RBI, scored twice; Waylan Strawn, one single, scored once.

'Lopes place 4th at district track meet

The Post Antelopes varsity squad finished in fourth place in the district track meet held last week.

Competitors earning a first or second place finish in their event will go on to compete in the regional track meet in Abilene April 27-28.

Event rankings for Post included:

- 400 m relay — Brandon Bell, Roland Casteneda, Brody Robertson, Lance Curtis, third place, 44.14.

- 100 m dash — Brandon Bell, second place, 11.32; Roland Casteneda, fifth place, 11.55.

- 200 m dash — Lance Curtis, first place, 22.95.

- 1600 m relay — Cody Fox, Brody Robertson, Michael Huff and Lance Curtis, fourth place, 3.40.44.

- Shot put — Noah Gutierrez, second place, 44'3"; Jonathan Eilenberger, fifth place, 43'5".

- Discus — Michael Huff, fifth place, 118'; Brian Looney, sixth place, 112'.

- Triple jump — Brandon Bell, first place, 42'2".

- Long jump — Lance Curtis, first place, 22'6"; Brandon Bell, third place, 20'11".



Stace Norman leaps over the bar for the Post Middle School 7th grade track team at the recent district meet. (Photo by Rhonda Norman)



Nikki Norman competed in the discus for the Post Middle School 8th grade track team. (Photo by Rhonda Norman)



Patricia Hester tosses the discus at the middle school district track meet. (Photo by Rhonda Norman)



Jace Pollard throws the discus for the Post Middle School 7th grade track team. (Photo by Rhonda Norman)

JV boys take 4th at district meet

The junior varsity Lopes posted a fourth place finish in the district track meet held recently.

In the 3200 m run, Ricky Reyna earned a first place finish and Rene Mendoza a second place finish.

In the 400 m relay, the team of Zane Marts, Kris Hernandez, Francisco Duran and Mitchell Mills finished in third place.

Wayland Strawn pulled a second place finish in the 110 high hurdles. Mark McCallister finished sixth in the 400 m dash.

In the 300 I.H., Adam Nobles finished in second place, Kenny Ratke in third place and Wayland Strawn in sixth place.

Ricky Reyna finished in first place in the 1600 m run, followed by Carlos Hernandez in third place.

In the 1600 m relay, a fourth place finish was logged by the team of Rene Mendoza, Mark McCallister, Zane Marts and Kenny Ratke.

Mark McCallister finished in fifth place in shot put, while Owen Gilbert and Kris Hernandez took third and fifth places respectively in discus.

Lady Lopes capture district championship

The Post High School Lady Lopes won the district track meet at Sundown April 12, breaking at least two school records in the process.

The team amassed a total of 193 points for their third straight district championship win.

Dianna Williams set a new school record in the 100 m hurdles with a time of 14.34, breaking her previous record of 14.5. Kelly Moore also broke her own school record with a time of 45.7 in the 300 m hurdles.

Individuals and teams placing first or second are eligible to compete in the regional track meet in Abilene April 27-28.

Lady Lopes results included:

- 400 m relays — Dianna Williams, Manuela Hernandez, Yvonne Lopez and Meagan Mills, first place.

- 800 m — Tandi Humble, fourth place.

- 100 m hurdles — Dianna Williams, first place; Kelly Moore, second place.

- 800 m relay — Meagan Mills, Dianna Williams, Regina Collazo and Yvonne Lopez, first place.

- 400 m — Davida Gregory, third; Erica Moore, fourth.

- 300 m hurdles — Kelly Moore, first place, Regina Collazo, second; Tayler Starkey, sixth.

- 200 m — Manuela Hernandez, first place;

- 1600 m — Tandi Humble, third place.

- 1600 m relay — Meagan Mills, Manuela Hernandez, Davida Gregory and Kelly Moore, first place.

- Discus — LaRinda Ledbetter, second place.

- Triple jump — Manuela Hernandez, first place; Kelly Moore, third place.

- High jump — Dianna Williams, first; Manuela Hernandez, third.

- Long jump — Dianna Williams, second place.

- Shot put — LaRinda Ledbetter, third place; Jessica Mason, fourth.

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Garza County volunteers recognized

The week of April 22-28 is National Volunteer Week, a time to recognize the efforts of eight senior companions who serve with the South Plains Community Action's Senior Companion Program in Garza County.

The Garza County companions include Emilia Cervantez, Richard Collins, Alyne Clanton, Bobby Harper, Mollie O'Brien, Angela Raymundo, Margarita Romero and Lupe Ybarra. These companions are active in the community, with most working with at least two clients — homebound senior citizens — for 20 hours a week.

Companions provide companionship, run errands, do meal preparations and light housework for the client and, in some cases, provide respite for spouses or caregivers who provide 24-hour care for a homebound adult.

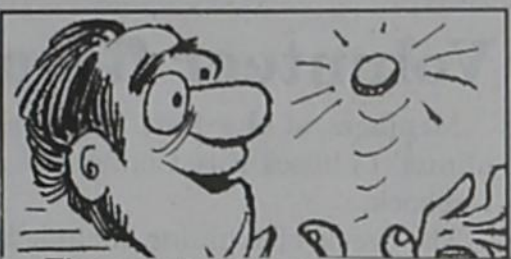
The companion is often supplementing the services of a home health agency or other provider service, and there is no charge to the client for the service of the companion. The program is operated through grant funds and donations.

Take Care of Yourself So You Can Take Care of Your Baby.

"As government programs at all levels are cut back and problems in our communities continue to mount, our senior companions are a fresh resource for solving problems and a smart investment in our future," said Patty Hartin, program director.

The Garza County companions contributed more than 8,029 hours during the year 2000. To have hired workers to have handled what they did would have cost family and the supporting communities more than \$112,400, Hartin said.

The South Plains Senior Companion Program is federally funded by the Corporation for National Service, which administers AmeriCorps; the National Senior Service Corps, which includes 24,000 foster grandparents, 12,000 senior companion volunteers and 450,000 retired and senior volunteers; and Learn and Serve America, which involves 500,000 school and college students in community service.



The word "dime" comes from the Latin word decimus meaning "tenth."

Pre-Kindergarten Registration

All students who are 4 years old by September 1, 2001 will be able to attend our Pre-K program next year.

Our program is open to all 4 year old children of Garza County.

ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION!!

You no longer have to qualify for this program. If you have a child, or you know of someone that has a child that will be 4 years of age by September 1, the staff at Post Elementary School would like to encourage you to enroll him or her in our school program next year. Please come by the elementary office for a registration packet or for more information call Mr Self at 495-3414. Pre-K registration is happening NOW at Post Elementary!!!

Lunch Menus

Trailblazers

Monday, April 23

Baked ham, navy beans, carrots and zucchini, tossed salad, cornbread and pineapple cobbler.

Tuesday, April 24

Chicken strips, cream gravy, new potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad, hot roll and brownies.

Wednesday, April 25

Soft taco's, pinto beans, salad, salsa/chips, apricots and cookies.

Thursday, April 26

Brisket, potato salad, turnip greens, cornbread and peach cobbler.

Friday, April 27

Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, green onions, hot roll, purple plums and cookies.

Post ISD

Monday, April 23

Breakfast: Waffles, butter and

Notice of Request for Sealed Bids for DEMOLITION OF DEMOLITION HOUSES

Notice is hereby given that the City of Post is soliciting sealed written bids by insured, qualified contractors to demolish and haul the debris of eleven (11) houses, previously condemned by the city.

Successful bidder is required to have sufficient equipment and insurance to handle the job.

The homes are all located in Post, Texas, at the following addresses:

1. 415 South Avenue H
2. 309 North Avenue H
3. 313 North Avenue H
4. 402 West 14th Street
5. 512 Ralls Highway
6. 509 Oak Street
7. 616 May Street
8. 617 Pine Street
9. 510 South Avenue H
10. 603 South Avenue H
11. 110 North Avenue Q

A list containing bid amounts for the total job, and for each separate house, should be signed, dated, placed in a sealed envelope, and submitted in writing by 5:00 pm April 23rd, 2001, to Wynonne Kennedy, City Secretary at 105 East Main Street in Post, Texas 79356. Late bids will be thrown out.

Questions may be directed to Cynthia Williams, Code Enforcement Officer or Fred Stephens, City Manager at 806-495-2811 or at 105 East Main Street, Post, Texas 79356.

syrup, sausage, fruit and choice of milk.

Lunch: Chicken-fried steak, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding and choice of milk.

Tuesday, April 24

Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit and choice of milk.

Lunch: Tacos, lettuce and tomato, pinto beans, corn bread, cobbler and choice of milk.

Wednesday, April 25

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit and choice of milk.

Lunch: Ravioli/meat sauce, salad, California mix, pineapple slices, garlic toast and choice of milk.

Thursday, April 26

Breakfast: Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit and white milk.

Lunch: Fajitas, onions and peppers, salad, pears, cake and choice of milk.

Friday, April 27

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, orange-pineapple juice and white milk.

Lunch: Sandwich, chips, salad, pickle spears, orange and choice of milk.

Southland ISD

Monday, April 23

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice and milk.

Lunch: BBQ ribs, potato salad, beans, bread, apple crisp and milk.

Tuesday, April 24

Breakfast: Bacon, toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Beef and noodles, cream potatoes, green peas, chocolate pudding and milk.

Wednesday, April 25

Breakfast: Breakfast tacos, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, jello and milk.

Thursday, April 26

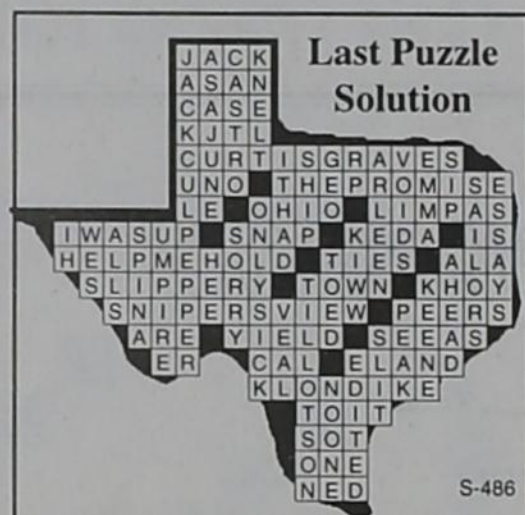
Breakfast: Cereal, Graham crackers, juice and milk.

Lunch: Chicken fajitas, rice, salad, cookie and milk.

Friday, April 27

Breakfast: Muffins, bacon, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Cheeseburgers, fries, H.B. salad, ice cream and milk.



Tobias seeks reelection to GHD

My name is Carol Davies Tobias and I am a candidate for the At-large Director's seat on the Garza Hospital District Board of Directors. I am a life-long resident of Garza County and my only absence of any significance was when I was in college.

Much of my college education was spent commuting from Post, however, as I lived here and finished business college in Lubbock. I currently work as a substitute rural mail carrier for the US Postal Service and also a substitute schoolteacher for Post ISD. My husband, Frank Tobias, and I have three children and we worship with the Graham Church of Christ.

Not only was I born and raised here, but several generations of my family have lived here. In fact, both sides of my family (Davies and Wilks) helped establish this county, therefore I care deeply about what happens here. I feel I have an obligation to try to re-establish as much as I can of what health care we used to have in Garza County.

When I was a child, I remember we had Dr. Williams, Dr. Surman and Dr. Tubbs here. Since then, we have had several others. Only in recent years, after doctors were paid to come in, we have had a "revolving door" of health care providers. During this time, health care in Garza County has deteriorated. We simply cannot allow this trend to continue!

You first elected me to the Garza Hospital District Board two years ago and since then, I have tried to improve as much as I could. Many things have come to light in these two years that were done unprofessionally or in ignorance of the law. Some of these things have been corrected, but not all.

Because of this, I feel the job you elected me to do has not been finished. I would respectfully ask that you re-elect me to the Garza Hospital District Board so that I may continue to work on correcting things and make improvements in our health care in Post.

If re-elected, I plan to work to provide a minor emergency center for Garza County. We need to have medical care available when we need it, rather than only during "office hours".

Also, I will continue to support our volunteer EMS system. It does not need replacing with a tax supported paid system, much less including an air ambulance. I will work to improve health care in Garza County without raising taxes.

The ruby-throated hummingbird moves its wings at a rate of 200 wingbeats per second.

Registro de Niños de Jardin Infantil

Todos los estudiantes de cuatro años, desde el primero de Septiembre, dos mil uno, pueden atender la escuela Antes de Jardin Infantil.

Nuestro programa esta abierto para todo los niños del condado de Garza.

ATENCION, ATENCION, ATENCION!!

Hoy no necesita calificar para este programa.

Si usted tiene un niño o niña, o conoce alguna persona que tiene niños de cuatro años, o conoce a maestros de la escuela elemental de Post los anima que registren los niños para el año proximo de escuela. Por favor pasen por la oficina elemental para escoger su paquete de asiento. Llaman 495-3414 y hablen con el principal, el señor Self, por mas informacion.

El Registro de Niños Antes de Jardin Infantil se aconteciemente hoy!!!

VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE IN HEALTHCARE VOTE FOR DANNY GUTHRIE GARZA HOSPITAL DISTRICT PRECINCT 3

INTRODUCTION: My name is Danny Guthrie and I was born and raised in Post. I began my work experience here in Post in the Postex Plant until its closing. I then worked in the oilfields of Post for a number of years. I have since changed my career due to my interest in the health care industry. I have 10 years experience in the health care industry and I am currently employed as Administrator at Golden Plains Care Center. I have been at Golden Plains since 1997.

EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education-Nursing Services; Registered Nurse; Licensed Nursing Home Administrator.

GOAL: My goal, as a Post resident, is to promote the best possible health care for the citizens of Post. In conversations with many citizens, it is evident that the majority of people would like to see our hospital reopened for at least Emergency Medical Care.

At this time, it is not possible for our ambulance to take patients to the existing hospital building. However, this CAN be changed. I have spoken to the Texas Department of Health and Human Services Licensing Division for hospitals and the Architectural Division for Life Safety Code.

I was informed that a new license could be issued without any stipulations due to the fact that the Hospital District Directors surrendered the former license. The closing was not due to any regulatory deficient practices.

The Architectural Department informed me that the hospital WOULD NOT have to conform to new Life Safety Code regulations, but WOULD OPERATE under the codes that were in place when the building was built and/or in operation before its closing.

This was welcome information. As you can see, our HOSPITAL CAN BE REOPENED AND OPERATED WITHOUT HUGE COSTS as some would have you believe.

And, we do not have to provide for ONLY indigent citizens in the county, but for ALL citizens in the county. I need your support in this years election to promote the very best health care for Garza County.

It is my promise that I will work hard for ALL citizens of our county. Thanks.

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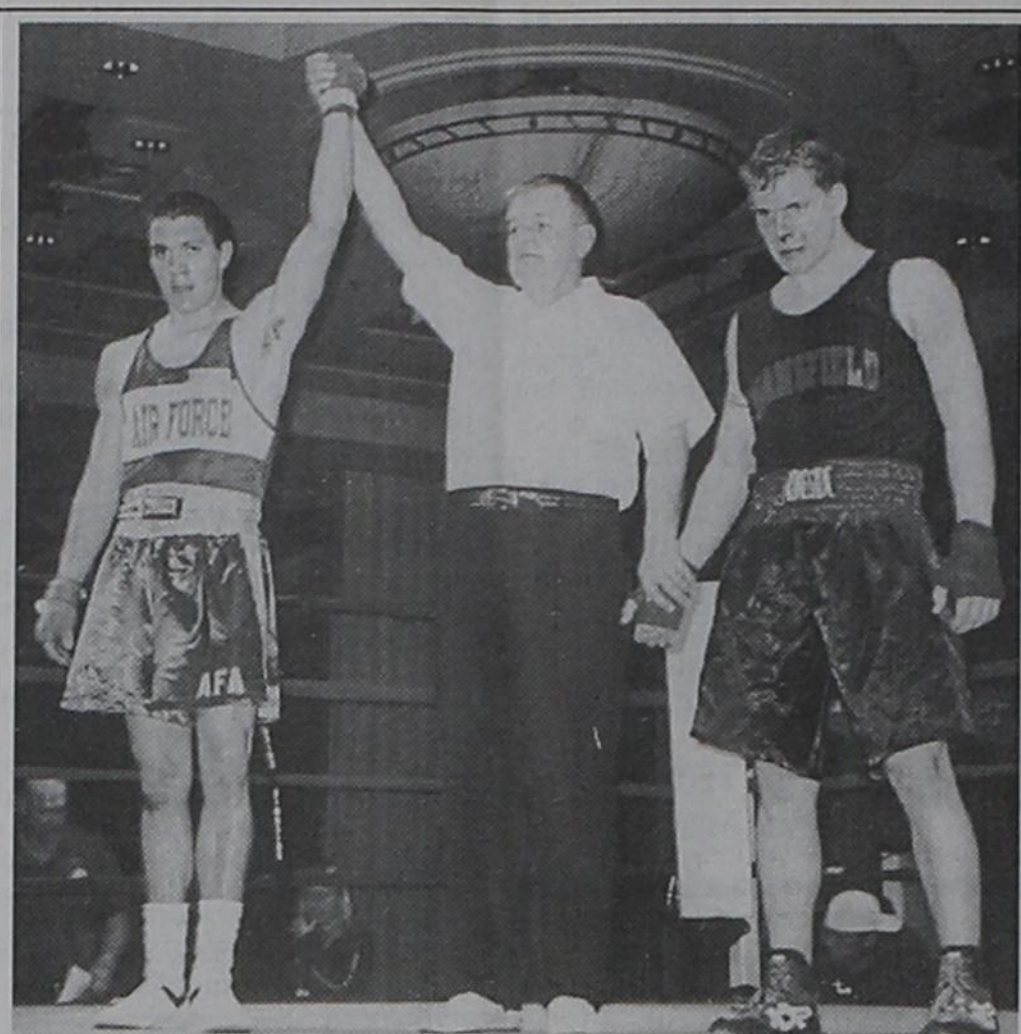
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Congratulations 7th Grade Girls' Track Team



7th Grade Girls' Track Team (back row, left to right) Kadie Vernon, Ashley Young, Kayla Morris, Diann Heckaman, Erin Wartes, Sheakell Moore, (second row from back) Monica Lopez, Sierra Ortiz, Laurel Tatum, Sunnie Barbosa, Ashley Wilson, (third row from back) Courtney Copeland, Alana Zubia, Jeneé Lott, Hayley Massey, (front row) Ashley Cornesh, Shannon Rasberry, Alisha Reiter, Rosanna Orona and Mariah Couch.

Charles & Sharon Morris
Greg Massey
Kelly & Donna Baker



Clell Knight (left) at the recent Reno, Nev. quarter-final win over Steve Quigley (right) of Mansfield, Ohio.

Charlie 'Bill' Duncan files for GHD slot

I am seeking election to the Garza County Hospital District, Precinct 4. I'm a graduate of Post High School and former administrator of the Presbyterian Doctors Clinic in Lubbock. I am a retired Therapist and Counselor.

I did my Graduate work in two areas, counseling and public [hospital] administration.

I was one of the Garza County citizens serving on a local committee to recommend possible amendments to the current hospital district's enabling legislation.

Residents of Precinct 4 asked me to run for this office in part due to my experience; my being part of the citizens committee; and since they had either seen me on public TV or at the Board meetings and they felt I had a grasp of what the issues are.

If elected, I will strive to bring better health care to Garza County, implement improved management of the district and eliminate wasteful spending of tax funds.

Knight places second at national finals

Progressing from the Western Regional Finals as champion in the 156-pound class, Clell Knight recently went to Reno, Nev., for the National Collegiate Boxing Association Championship.

In his first bout, Knight fought University of Mansfield's Steve Quigley, an unorthodox boxer. Knight, a classic boxer, dominated the fight and easily won a unanimous decision, advancing him to the semi-finals.

Knight then went up against West Point's David Hawk, once again claiming victory to secure his position in the finals.

In a bout for the national championship, Knight's hard-fought match went the distance against Alex Komlov, a senior from Penn State. By decision, Komlov won the gold and Knight brought home the silver medal for the United States Air Force Academy, gaining points for the USAF's claim for the national team championship.

The USAF captured its third consecutive national boxing team championship.

Knight, who won the Wing Open, the Western Regional Championship and the silver medal at nationals, said he owes his achievement to one of the finest coaching staffs in the nation. He was named "All American" in boxing.

In a quote taken from the head boxing coach at the USAF, "I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of this team and the effort that they put forth throughout the season," said Coach Eddie Weichers.

"Clell will be back. He gained valuable experience in his first season as a collegiate boxer. I think he is destined to be a national champion in the future."

Volunteer firemen at conference

Members of the Post Volunteer Fire Department attended the 53rd annual Lubbock Fire Conference April 2-5 at the new training complex in Lubbock.

The week of training included classroom instruction, as well as field projects with hands-on firefighting.

Post firefighters attending were Jason Powell, Wayne McKim, Mario Luna, Kelly Baker, Lannie Lee, John Gearhart, Les Looney, Ivan Line, Bradley Cimental, Brandt Taylor and Ryan Braim.

The training the firefighters received was in several areas, including arson detection, hazardous materials, EMS training, rescue/extraction, wildland fires, forcible entry, nozzle and hose handling, SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) and protective equipment, house fires and LPG fires.

Rodney Tidwell and Mark Short were in attendance as instructors on the house/garage fire project on the fire field.

The Lubbock Fire Conference is one of several fire training schools that Post firefighters attend each year as the department strives to increase knowledge in all areas of firefighting and rescue technique.

You and Your Health

Pineapples don't grow on trees...

I received such sympathy over the "Pineapples Don't Grow on Trees" column from last week that I have decided to reveal an even more embarrassing moment when I squared off against Mother Nature.

It was one on one. Me against her. I didn't stand a chance as you have probably guessed by now. We were living west of Buffalo Gap at the time, up along the headwaters of the Elm Creek.

The Elm bubbles up from springs in the area and meanders over the sandstone strata that lies just above the red clay that gives the Elm its distinctive red color as it flows northward (only in Abilene could water in Texas flow north instead of south) through the original county seat of Taylor County, Buffalo Gap, and on into Abilene.

As far as I know, those springs have never run dry. Even in the worst of droughts a few puddles of water can be found along the creek bed as it winds through the Franch. The Franch is our family home.

Originally called Los Olmos after the great Elms that grow there, the name Franch evolved in response to the countless inquiries as to whether we lived on a farm or a ranch. As it was neither, well, it was The Franch.

And through it runs Elm Creek with its constant source of water. An oasis in the dry heat of West Texas, it has been the home place for many years. As those of us who live on the edge of the desert know, where there is ample water, nature can be found in abundance. So it is at the Franch. Winston against Nature.

It was an embarrassment waiting to happen. One particularly dark night the dogs began barking and growling and would not stop. In accordance with the age old agreement between Man and Dog, I went out to investigate.

The two dogs got quiet as I drew near, their job done they backed a safe distance away. There on the ground was a large rat-looking creature with a pointy, bony tail. In a Homer Simpson like flash of insight I recognized it as an Opossum, or 'Possum for short. (Actually, you only save one letter by using the shortened version. Who came up with that one?)

The only problem was that it was dead. The first possum I had ever seen and it was as dead as a crash dummy at a Yugo plant. Or was it? After all, didn't they call acting like you were dead to escape capture "playing possum?"

Even though its little mouth was frozen in a teeth-baring snarl, tongue slightly protruding in a very unnatural way, I decided to verify its demise. I picked up a hefty stick and proceeded to poke and prod the poor little rat look-alike and sure enough, rigor mortis had sat in. Stiff as a board.

Convinced, I walked back into the house knowing that Mother Nature would take care of the body as the night progressed. I wondered if buzzards circled at night in the cool air above their next meal like they do on the thermals of warm West Texas days?

I was the picture of intellectual curiosity. The dogs didn't follow but kept sort of circling the dead possum. They knew. They just didn't know what to do. When you sound the alarm and the human comes and checks things out and then goes away, it's out of your hands, or paws. They sulked away.

About twenty minutes later the barking suddenly resumed. I went to the door to look and there, across the front yard, ran the possum, its long rat tail disappearing from my view into the night. Was it laughing at me or was that just the rustling of the tall, dry grass?

If evolution had a sense of humor the possum would have developed the ability to laugh at those it has fooled. As it is, I suppose it is just content to get away with its life. I stood there in shock. I had just fallen for the oldest survival adaptation in the book.

I had just been played possum on by a possum! I had even suspected it but the deception was too complete. The dogs walked by and it looked like to me they were shaking their heads in disbelief that I could fall for such an old trick.

How could that possum look so dead? How could it let me poke it and not move or visibly respond? Well, that is what it does for a living, so to speak. It plays dead. Several million years of practice has allowed the possum to elevate this "playing dead" thing to an art form.

We all have developed skills or coping mechanisms to enable us to survive as we go through life. It didn't take me long as a chubby school boy to learn that being nice to the lunchroom serving ladies got you an extra roll and larger portions.

Later on I would develop a more advanced tool for surviving in a world that was so frightening. I developed a sense of humor. When things get tense at work or at home, I get downright silly. Most of the time it is appropriate and the situation lightens a bit. Occasionally it seems a little out of place, like at a funeral, or parent-teacher conference.

But that coping mechanism has worked so well for me that it is as ingrained into my life as the ability to wear that false, snarling death mask is etched into the "hard wiring" of the possum.

It either works or it doesn't. Much like an attorney trying sell a jury on an outlandish set of circumstances that will get his client off, much of it depends on the gullibility of the jury.

In the case of possum v. Winston, the jury, save for the dogs, never had a chance. Thank you for spending this time with me. Winston Whitt, MD

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 5

20 01, for voting in a Special election, to elect three (3) 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 cinco de Mayo

de 20 01 para votar en la Elección para electro tres (3) Directores.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES

(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

PRECINCT #	COUNTY BOX #	LOCATION
1	1, 2, 5	Trinity Baptist Church & Presbyterian Church
2	6, 8	Junior High School Library
3	3, 9	Lorenzo-Alexander Bldg. (Meals on Wheels Bldg.)
4	4, 7	Post High School Commons

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)

Post City Hall Council Chambers 105 East Main St. Post, Texas 79356
(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 18, 2001 (date)

(entre las ocho de la mañana y las cinco de la tarde empezando el diesiocho de Abril, 2001) (fecha)

and ending on May 1, 2001 (date)

(y terminando el primer día de Mayo, 2001) (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:)

Billie Windham
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

c/o City of Post 105 East Main St.
(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 27, 2001 veintiete de Abril, 2001.
(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 19th day of March, 20 01.

(Emitada este día diecinueve de Marzo, 20 01.)

Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)

Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

April 24, 1991
10 Years Ago

Florence King, a teacher at Post High School, recently was nominated by Roger Adams, a freshman at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, as the educator who had the most impact on his intellectual development in high school.

The ground breaking at Lake Alan Henry was very exciting. There were a lot of people from Post who attended and showed support for the project and I was happy to see that.

Michael Lloyd Anthony will receive the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during commencement ceremonies May 10.

The Wetland regulations of the 1990 Farm Bill have changed, stated Obie G. Kelley, Jr District Conservationist of the SCS in Post.

Airman John W. Bilberry has graduated from the aerospace propulsion specialist (turboprop) course at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill.

Members of Kim Burnett's and Allen Dolberry's families met for a noon luncheon and visit Sunday, April 21 in Post in preparation for the bridal shower that afternoon.

April 30, 1981
20 Years Ago

Radley Nichols and Missy Womack were named the 1981 Little Mr & Miss Post. Chadlee Murphy and Shayla Wallace were named Little Mini Mr & Miss Post.

Wade Giddens is the regional winner of the conservation essay contest. Tom Marrier is the first Vietnam war veteran to be elected commander of the John Miller VFW Post #9796 here.

A new birth in Garza County is Maria Olidya Saucedo born April 21. A supper was given to honor Lissa Claborn on her 19th birthday on Monday April 27th. Guest attending were Belinda Baker, Lance, Gene and Mary Lee all of Post.

Three former Postites Danny Cooper, Randy Hudman, and Donnie Windham won first place in the annual cabrilla cookoff this year held in Abilene.

April 29, 1971
30 Years Ago

The Post Jr. High Band rated first division for concert performance and second division in sight reading in the Region 16 UIL band contest at Estacado High School in Lubbock.

The Garza County Museum dedicated the museum kitchen to the memory of "the pioneer woman". Mrs. Walter Boren dedicated the kitchen while dozen of visitors watched on.

Miss Irene Walls, bride elect of Arnold Fry, was complimented with a bridal shower April 19th.

Last Saturday, members of the Girl Scout Troop 90 and leaders, Patty Kirkpatrick and Carol Peppers picked up trash for the community clean-up drive.

Judge Giles Dalby throws out the first ball to officially open the Little League baseball season here Monday evening.

Mrs. Mary Stolle celebrated her 87th birthday with a party. She was born April 27th.

April 27, 1961
40 Years Ago

Robbie King of Post will participate in the calf roping and bull riding event at the Tahoka Rodeo.

Visiting in the B. F. Brewer home Sunday were Mr and Mrs. A. G. Mueller of Tahoka.

The sure sign of spring is that the O. H. Hoovers are at their cabin on Lake Stamford just loafing and fishing, hoping to catch some of the big fish that got away.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Tipton moved into their new home last Saturday. Airman Andrew B. Askins has completed basic training at Lackland AFB. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McAlister are visiting in Goree with friends and relatives.

They expect to be gone a week. Jimmy Minor, Post High School senior, placed fourth in the Regional Science contest Sunday held at Texas Tech. Jimmy also won 4th place in the slide rule contest.

April 26, 1951
50 Years Ago

E. P. Wicker, Jr., Garza County 4-H Club boy, has been selected as one of four Texas 4-H Club members to represent the State at the 1951 National 4-H Club camp.

The Clifton Yorks visited Mrs. Young in Lubbock Sunday. They attend the junk car races in the afternoon.

Delphina Mena is out of school with the measles. Joy Scott, who is seeking higher learning in Hardin-Simmons is engaged to Bill Poole, also of HSU.

Mrs. Bruce Shepherd and baby daughter, Reese Ellen, were brought home from West Texas Hospital in Lubbock Tuesday. Pat Walker is guest speaker here for the Post Jr.-Sr. Banquet.

60 years ago this week

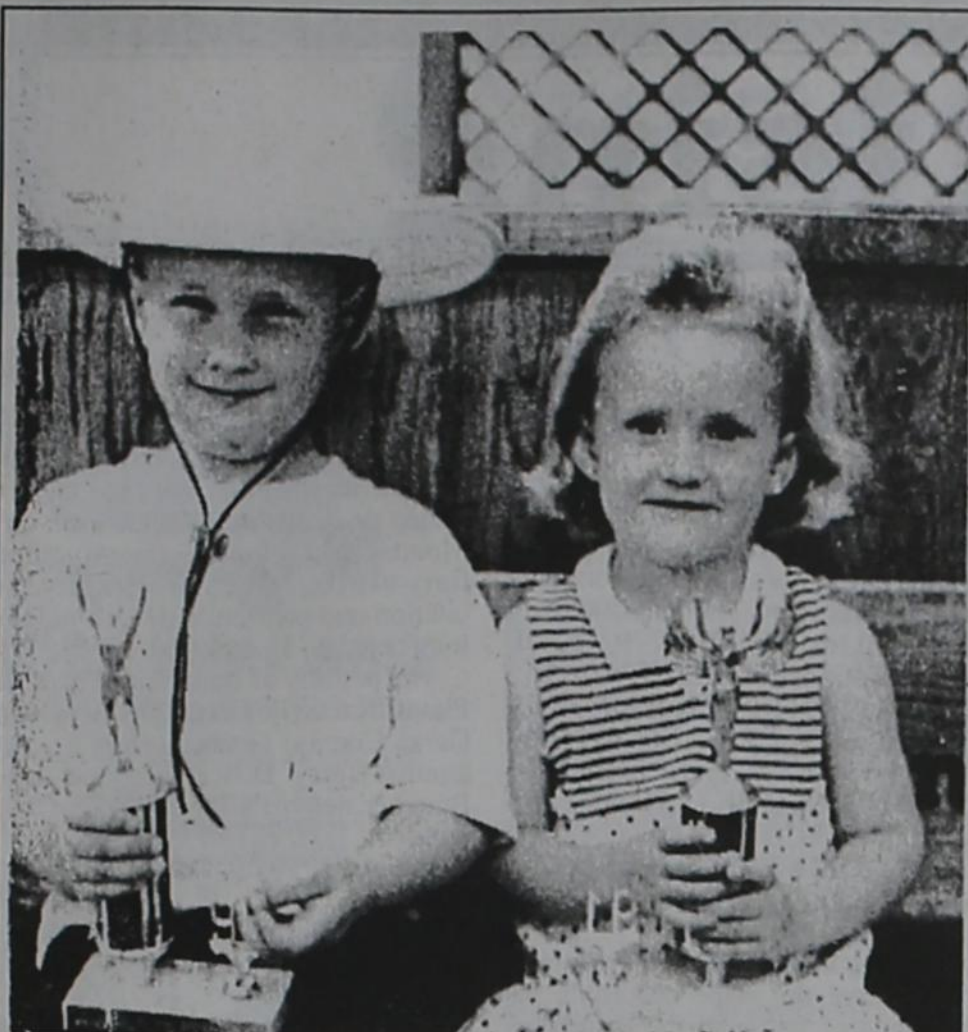
The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Caffey, three miles west of Post was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Lula Mae Taylor and John Willis were married Tuesday morning by County Judge Ira Weakley.

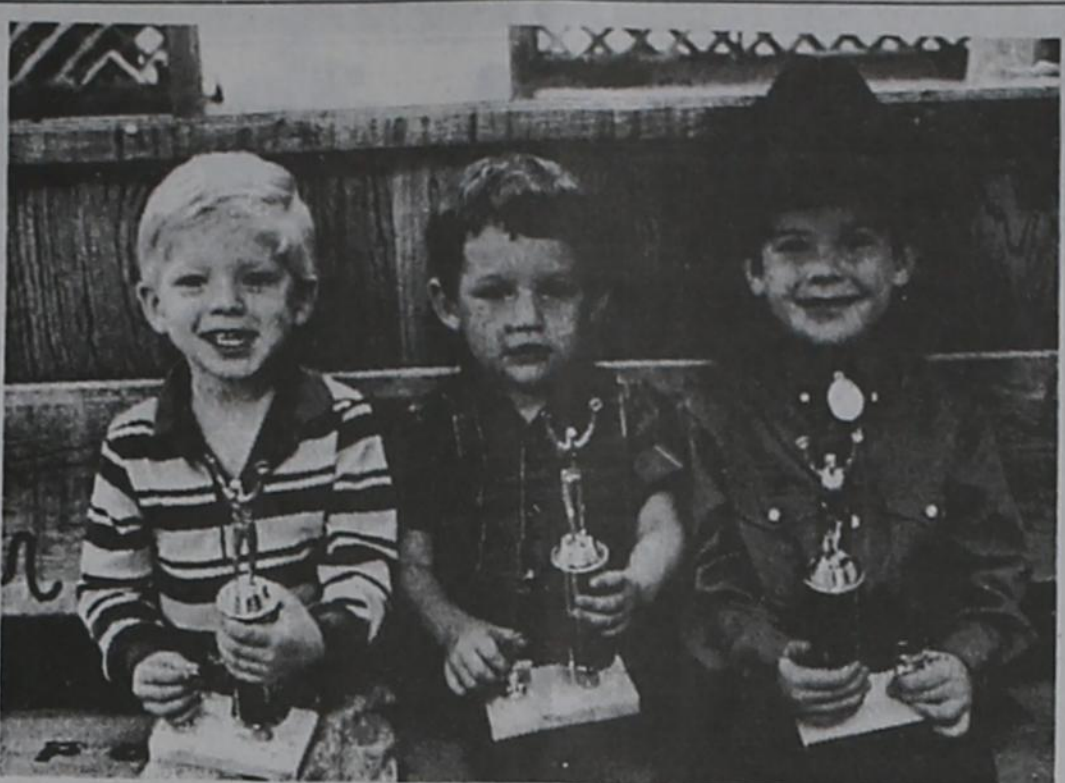
Nine members of the senior boys basketball team received sweaters. Farmers of the Pleasant Valley community held a meeting and discussed plans for forming a gin society and erecting a gin at that place.

Sauage was 18 cents a pound, loin or T-bone 20 cents at Jim Power Grocery and Market.

The Post Dispatch advertised for cotton rage at three cents per pound.



COLT VERNON (left) was runnerup Little Mr Post and Kadle Vernon was runnerup Mini Miss Post.



JACK FLUTT (left) was named the winner of Mini Mr Post, Chris Burtch (center) was runner up Mini Mr Post and Michael Williams was winner of the Little Mr Post title.



KERI COWLEY was winner of the Mini Miss Post title.



MISTY TROXELL (left) was runnerup Little Miss Post and Jerica Tyler was winner of the Little Miss Post title.

From The Post Dispatch, April 17, 1991

This Week In History

On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere and William Dawes rode to alert patriots that the British were on their way to Concord to destroy arms ... **April 19, 1775,** at Lexington, Mass., Minutemen lost eight men, and on the return from Concord, the British took 273 casualties ... **April 21, 1855,** a railroad train crossed the Mississippi on the river's first bridge between Rock Island, Ill. and Davenport, Ia. ... **April 15, 1861,** President Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers for the Union Army ... **April 19, 1861,** Lincoln blockaded southern ports, cutting off vital exports and aid ... **April 18, 1865,** General J.E. Johnston surrendered 31,200 men to General Sherman at Durham Station, N.C. ... **April 18-19, 1906,** the great San Francisco earthquake and subsequent fire left 503 people dead with \$350 million in damages ... **April 21, 1960,** Congress approved a strong voting rights act ... **April 17, 1961,** Cuba's "Bay of Pigs" was invaded by Cuban exiles, trained, armed, and directed by the U.S., in an attempt to overthrow the regime of Premier Fidel Castro; the effort was repulsed by Castro's forces ... **April 15, 1972,** the U.S. resumed bombing Hanoi and Haiphong after a four-year lull in response to North Vietnamese attacks across the demilitarized zone ... **April 18, 1978,** the U.S. Senate voted to turn over the Panama Canal to Panama on Dec. 31, 1999 ... **April 20, 1983,** President Reagan signed a compromise, bipartisan bill designed to rescue the Social Security System from bankruptcy ... **April 17, 1990,** the Commerce Dept. reported that consumer prices had risen 0.5 percent in March, equaling the advance reported for February ... **April 17, 1990,** President Bush warned that if the U.S.S.R. imposed an economic embargo on Lithuania, the U.S. would consider "appropriate responses" ... **April 18, 1990,** the Commerce Dept. said that the U.S. merchandise trade deficit had fallen to \$6.49 billion in February, the smallest monthly gap since 1983 ... **April 18, 1990,** the Soviet government cut off the flow of crude oil into Lithuania ... **April 19, 1990,** the Soviets shut down three or four natural gas pipelines serving Lithuania

ACROSS

- Nicholson of TX-filmed "Terms of Endearment"
- TXism: "comfortable ___ old boot"
- Roe v. Wade was a TX court ___
- Wichita Falls TV
- this Houstonian was among 1st blacks elected to U.S. legis.
- "one" so. of border
- Glen Rose religious drama (2 wds.)
- actress Evans in TX Kenny's "Gambler, Part II" film (init.)
- hall-of-fame state for great Cowboys
- TXism: "a dish rag ___"
- TXism: "the creek without a paddle" (had trouble)
- TXism: "he's still got some ___ in his garters" (able)
- San Antonio AM
- Stephen F. Austin in 1835: "War ___ our only resource"
- Travis Tritt's ___ "On"
- cowboy bolos
- pie ___ mode
- TXism: "as a greased pig"
- TXism: "paint the red"
- Laredo FM
- did Lee Harvey have this from the 6th floor? (2 wds.)

DOWN

- at 17, TX Ginger Rogers eloped with this man
- TXism: "dainty ___ bride"
- Dimmitt is its seat
- prepared to propose
- TXism: "if ___ been a snake it would have bit you"
- U.S.S. Texas
- Metro or Prizm
- TX Perot (init.)
- jury members in TX
- TXism: "the bigger they ___ the harder they fall"
- TXism: "run up a white flag"
- TX Charley Pride's "My Eyes Can Only ___ Far As You"
- TXism: "let ___ rip!"
- this Farley established TX's Boys Ranch in '39
- exotic antelope raised in TX
- gold rush site in 1890s
- TXism: "don't cotton ___"
- TXism: "likes ___ to pull a cork"
- TXism: "___ horse town" (small)
- Jim ___ Creek in Coleman Co.
- actress Whelan of film "San Antonio"
- invalidates
- first female TX Sec. of State Meharg
- drink hot coffee
- TX Ginger & film sister romanced in "Follow the Fleet" assignments in English class
- TXism: "was around when the Dead Sea was ___"
- Gov. Hogg's daughter (init.)
- Studi co-star of TX "Ned Blessing"
- TX Buck Owens show: "___ Haw"
- pigeon-___
- Alamo's Davy Crockett: "Be sure you're right, then go ___"
- Austin's Huston-___ College
- in Johnson Co. off 67
- calf meat
- highest point in TX: Guadalupe ___
- a narrow cut
- corrected or revised a news story
- TXism: "nary a soul"

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank friends and family for all of the help, flowers, food and all the prayers that they extended during our time of loss.

Mere words cannot express how much everyone means to us. A special thanks to Mike for his prayers and services and for his love for our mother. Our mother will be gone but not forgotten by many. We will miss her dearly.

Thank you,
Melani, Raymie, Lisa and families

My name is Jana Manske of Rule, Texas. I am writing to thank a couple, with their two children, who helped my son Jace when he had an accident on Sunday morning, March 4 at 8:30.

Jace did not get your names but said the lady gave him a coat to wrap up in and comforted him till the ambulance arrived. That was all he could talk about and wishes he had gotten your names.

I know you are angels here on earth and you will never know how thankful I am. May God bless you.
Jana Manske

My family and I would like to express our heart felt thanks to everyone who helped make the loss of our father, grandfather and great grandfather, Ray O. Hodges, a bit more bearable.

He loved this area so very much and always enjoyed his friends here. Your remembrance of him with your cards, flowers, food and prayers will always be cherished.

Jerry and Lois Morris
Mindy, Camille and Cade Choate
Jerry, Stefanie and Tyler Morris

Personals

To whom it may concern: As of April 10, 2001, from this day forward, I will not be responsible for any debts other than my own.
Lanny Poe

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

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous

Meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday of the month, which is an open meeting. Door opens at 7 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., cake and coffee following the meeting. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-2452, 495-4185 or 629-4185.

Services and Repairs

Concrete slabs, patios, sidewalks, asphalt, sealcoat patching. Call 806-523-2401.

Help Wanted

Need extra income? New national internet company needs you! No experience needed. Training provided. Call 806-785-3020 or 806-781-2936 for information.

Pizza Hut in Post is accepting applications for evening shifts. Pick up an application during regular business hours. EOE

Now hiring for the position of Pumper/Roustabout. Experience in pumping and field repair necessary. Must be able to pass drug screen and physical. Must have a clean driving record. Call 629-4221 to request an application.

Part time secretary needed. Must have experience in accounting and bookkeeping w/computer skills. Send resume to: David Stelzer, P.O. Box 555, Post, Tx. 79356.

Homes for Rent

House for rent. 3 BR, 1 bath, c/h/a. Call 771-3178.

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2000 Fleetwood double-wide. 3/2, c/h/a, 2000 sq. ft. Very nice! 495-4819.

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Residential Lots for Sale

For sale or trade. Residential lot West of Broadway. 60 x 145 on West 11th street. \$5000 cash or consider trade for vehicle, tools, guns ect. or equity in other property in Lubbock. Call Bret, 795-7567 or 778-2730.

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Garage Sales

Moving sale, Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, 8 am to 6 pm only. 409 Osage. Singer sewing machine, refrigerator, gas heater, furniture, many household items and clothing.

Several families, Saturday, 21; 9 AM. 315 N. Ave. K. Water bed, piano, lots of everything. No early callers.

3 family yard sale, Saturday, 8:30 till? 707 W. 15th.

Pets and Supplies

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Vehicles for Sale

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1995 Mercury Cougar, red exterior, gray interior, call 495-0139.

Wanted to Buy

100 cords of mesquite wood. \$75 per cord, will pick up or \$85 per cord if delivered to Lubbock. 745-4973.

Commercial Property

Commercial property, sell or trade. .598 acres w/building, US Hwy 380 East, just outside city limits. Call 495-3669.

Lost and Found

Lost: Golden Lab, about 7 months old (app. 18" high) from 412 West 11th. Answers to "Xaviar Rangel". Last seen in 400 or 500 block of 13th on Monday. Please call 495-0515 or sheriff's office, 495-3595.

Legal Notices

Notice of Bids
Bids are being received by Garza County Regional Juvenile Center for the following: Milk, bread, and other food items. Bids will be accepted in the office of the Nutrition Coordinator until 11 A.M. June 11, 2001. Bids will be reviewed by the Garza County Commissioners on June 18, 2001. Bid specifications may be obtained by calling (806) 495-0266 ext. 22 or may be picked up at 800 N. Ave. F, Post, Tx. Garza County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

Kerry Petroleum Company, Inc., 500 West Texas, Ste 1450, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.
The applicant proposes to inject fluid

into the San Andres formation, Connell B lease, Well Number 23. The proposed injection well is located 5 miles Southeast of Post in the Rocker-A, NW (San Andres) Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2500 to 3000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

Legal Notice

Application has been made with the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission for a Wine only package store permit by Warren Gerald Reynecke DBA, Post Beverage Barn, to be located at 612 East Main, Post, Texas, Garza County.

Notice of Sale

On May 1, 2001 at 4:00 PM the following property will be sold for cash at Public Sale to satisfy a landlord's lien, authorized by CH. 59 of Texas Property Code. Property is stored at: Sanders Storage, located at South Broadway, Post, Texas 79356.

Unit #21
Tenant Name: Patricia Nelson
Inventory includes: misc. fishing and camping equipment; small file cabinet, exercise machine; stadium seats; Ford p/u grille; misc. bicycle parts; small bird cage; heavy extension cord; misc. items; Christmas decorations, etc.
Unit 32
Tenant name: Maria Gonzales
Inventory includes, 2 dressers w/mirrors; entertainment center; craftsman router (in carry case); washer; many misc. items.

Notice To Contractors of Proposed Texas Highway Improvement Contracts

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (S)
District: Lubbock
Contract 0297-06-018 for OVERLAY in LYNN County, etc will be opened on May 2, 2001 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Contract 6070-98-001 for STRIPING AND RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS in LUBBOCK County, etc will be opened on May 9, 2001 at 9:00 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$181,865.50.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available for TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor. NPO 3340

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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: "As the Mortgagee of record, Plaintiff seeks to enforce its right arising under a note and mortgage secured by the property commonly known as 209 West 11th, Post, Texas 79356 and more fully described as: BEING ALL OF LOT FOUR (4) IN BLOCK SIXTY (60) OF THE City of Post, Tx, as SHOWN BY A MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 13, PAGE 1 OF THE DEED RECORDS OF GARZA COUNTY, TEXAS" as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the said Court at Post, Texas, on March 23, 2001.

Jerry Hays, District Clerk
106th Judicial District Court
Garza County, Texas
by Lina Duran, deputy

Phone: 806-745-4411
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

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Texland Petroleum Inc., 777 Main Street, Suite 3200, Fort Worth, Texas 76102 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Glorieta formation, Canyon Valley Unit lease, Well Number 4-1 and 4-3. The proposed injection well is located 7 miles south of Caprock, Texas in the Forbes (Glorieta) Field, in Garza and Crosby County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3540 to 3570 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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The State of Texas

To Jeanne Bratcher and to All Whom It May Concern, Defendant (s)

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk that issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

The petition of Beneficial Texas, Inc., Plaintiff, was filed in the District Court of Garza County, Texas, on July 21, 2000, against Jerry D. Bratcher and Jeanne Bratcher, numbered 00-07-05625-CV, and entitled.

Beneficial Texas, Inc. Vs. Jerry D. Bratcher and Jeanne Bratcher and 209 West 11th Street Post, Texas 79356

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: Beneficial Texas, Inc. are Plaintiffs and Jerry D. Bratcher and Jeanne Bratcher are Defendants.

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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.

Thanks for concession stand help

We would like to thank everyone who made it possible to have a successful concession stand for the Caprock Relays. Thanks to all the parents/guardians who worked, cooked (the cooks stood out in the freezing rain), and/or helped get things organized. A big thank you to Jose Alvidrez of Sonic Drive In, and Jackson Bros Meat Locker who donate so much to our organization as well as to this community. Finally, thanks to everyone for supporting our concession stand, so that we may continue to support our athletic program.
Post Booster Club

like my day is easier to live. Although I am not necessarily religious-oriented, I have to have God around during my waking hours to make my alcoholic life even come close to being normal. In fact, I'm not even sure what normal is.

So in looking for "curbs," God would make a good one. We used to see a few films in school that were so bloody from drunken blunders that it would make a person nearly puke to watch. Sometimes those films would make me slow down and think about it for a few days.

I seen some rather sickening films when I was in treatment centers also. As the officer suggested, have DPS show some of this material at some of the school assemblies.

The ol' "do as I say, not as I do" rule don't seem to go over too well with kids either. They will eventually "do as I do."

Love, attention and equal opportunity in daily life helps. It would have helped when I was young. I had the love, but not the attention in school and daily life. When I discovered alcohol, I quickly got plenty of attention. And the equal treatment got worse.

In my life of hell, I have never seen a single winner in the game of practicing alcoholism or drug addiction. One hundred percent of 100% will either very quickly or at least eventually become automatic losers. No practicing drunk or druggy will win.

We are doomed if some sort of treatment or program is not put into place. There is only the very few that can stop cold turkey.

Of course, it's easy to stop, but it's damn sure hard to stop starting.

Another thing I think would help the kids is to get some folks that has been out there on the wrong side of the fence and knows how miserable life can be and knows what the other side of rock bottom looks like in a life of alcohol and drugs. I don't mean men, but there is lots of people that would be glad to do it. Most can tell a rather sickening story.

Also, I don't mean bring AA into the school system. I mean get some that know what they are talking about and tell it like it is. Young people can't possibly in their wildest dreams and visions see what it's gonna be like down the road.

Kids are not dumb. Even let them talk at some of these assemblies. Let them tell what they want out of life. We might be surprised at what they might have to offer. What I thought was a problem as a kid, now that I can look back, wasn't such a big problem after all. But I thought it was at the time.

Get some qualified recovering alcoholics and drug addicts to visit with the kids that want to talk to someone. Sometimes, the folks that has been there might know what questions to ask, or which is the right button to push.

Personally, I would help any kid, anytime, day or night it is something I can help with. I prefer not to have minors in my home alone. That can lead to rumors of all sorts of problems. But I would do it in any suitable place or facility. It's something I don't know anything about or is beyond my knowledge, I can find someone that can fit that picture.

Kids are and always will be our most valuable asset. We must never say no to trying to help a kid.

Again, I admire the officials for taking a look at the situation. They must get the ball rolling and keep it rolling. If we think we got problems now, check back in a few years. Yes, some sort of "curb" is imminent. Go for it.

O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson
P.S. Also, arrangements can be made to go look at a few alcohol and drug-pickled lungs and livers up at TTHSC, Lubbock, Texas. That sight isn't very pretty either.

Thanks for your help!

I want to thank the folks at McDonald's, the EMS and everyone else involved for everything they did to help me. I also want to thank the Slaton ambulance. I appreciate it very much.
Margie Hice, Ralls

Getting tired of being harassed

Some of the people in Post are being harassed by the Highway Patrol. You can't go anywhere in town without being stopped. They are minor things that the Highway Patrol stop you for.

Example — you have your lights too bright, or they are too dim. For not having a front license plate, a bolt missing on the license plate.

A woman's car stopped on her. She parked it and caught a ride with a friend. While she was gone to get help, the Highway Patrol searched her car.

One man is selling his package store because the Highway Patrol keeps driving through his lot.

Local businesses are being harassed by the Highway Patrol. They set across the street, taking down license plate numbers. It doesn't matter if you are drunk or sober, they will follow you until they think up something to stop you for. We are not for driving drunk, but we are tired of being harassed for no reason.

People are afraid to even leave their homes to go out.

The people are afraid to come to Trade Days because of the Highway Patrol

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Bertha Fuentes announces GHD candidacy

My name is Maria Berta Fuentes and I am a candidate for the Precinct 3 Director's seat on the Garza Hospital District Board of Directors. I moved to Post 10 years ago when I married Richard Fuentes. I had lived in Post as a child for about 5 years and attended school here. Presently, I am working at the University Medical Center Emergency Room, but I have been employed in the medical field for 12 years. During those years, I have continued my education, earning my Emergency Medical Technician Basic certification.

For some time, I have been very interested in what happens with our local health care. I worked at Garza Memorial Hospital before it was closed and I have worked as a Home Health Aide for many individuals in Garza County. As a result, I know from direct experience how our local health care has deteriorated. We

need to improve our level of health care in Post to include a 24 hour clinic or minor emergency center. The clinic we have now is good, but it could be better.

My goal for Garza County is to have better health care without raising taxes. We do not need to expand the authorized uses for tax money to include such things as an air ambulance system or recruiting medical personnel as the bill which

our current board majority has put before the Texas Legislature now would do. Better health care is possible without overburdening our property owners with excessive taxes.

If I am elected, I will work to provide Garza County a better clinic without raising taxes and allow our EMS to continue to function without interference. I will respect and obey the law.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

re: Expansion of C-2 Commercial Zone along US 84 northward from 15th Street

Current zoning ordinances provide a commercial designation outward a distance of 160 feet along **both sides** of US 84 from 15th Street northward to the city limits. The current depth of 160 feet is insufficient for many businesses in existence along US 84, as well as for new commercial uses.

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on May 1, 2001 at 6:30 pm at 105 East Main Street in Post, Texas for the purpose of receiving comment and testimony about expanding the C-2 (Commercial) zoning designation from an outward depth of 160 feet to a new distance of 500 feet from the right of way lines of US Highway 84. All real property within 500 feet of **both sides** of US Highway 84 is affected. Those properties include:

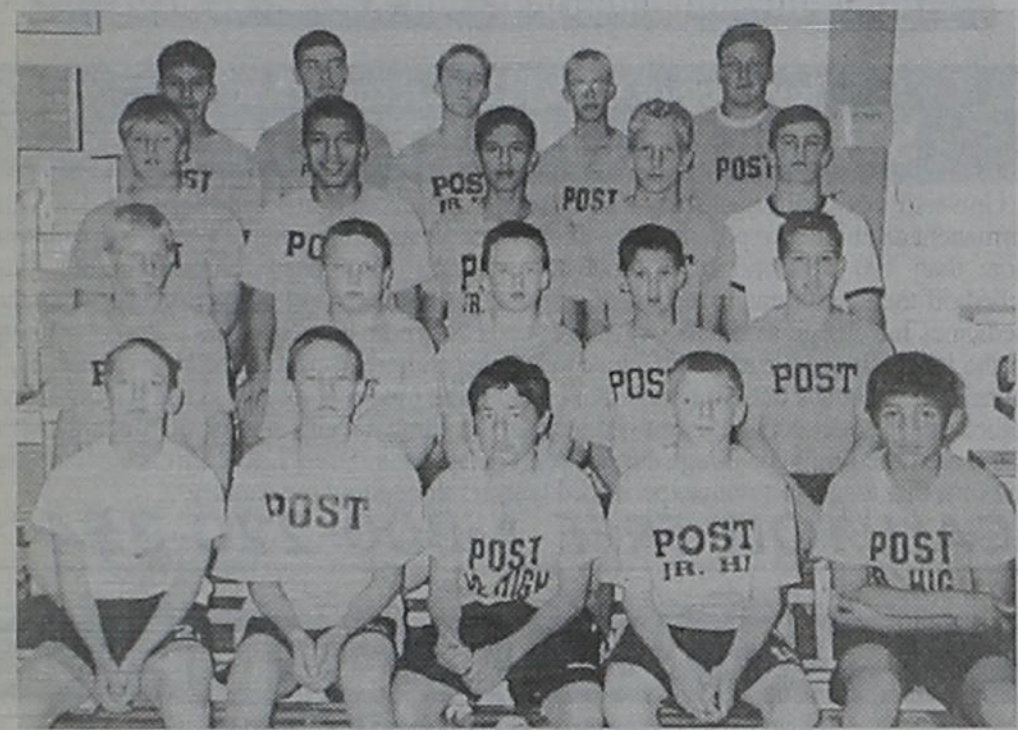
- portions of the Welch Addition
- portions of the Fred Robinson Addition
- various unsubdivided parcels

Expansion of the Commercial C-2 Zone will allow commercial enterprises to build, expand, and operate within 500 feet on either side (**both sides**) of US Highway 84 northward from 15th Street to the city limits.

Questions should be directed to Fred Stephens, City Manager, City of Post, 105 East Main Street, Post, Texas 79356; Pho 806-495-2811; Fax 806-495-3724; e.mail . You are invited to appear at the public hearing May 1st at 6:30 pm at 105 East Main Street in Post, Texas.

s/ Wyvonne, Kennedy, City Secretary

Congratulations 7th Grade Boys' Track Team



7th Grade Boys' Track Team (back row, left to right) Jaime Muñoz, Eric Reyna, Stace Norman, Braden Bratcher, Jace Pollard, (second row from back) Israel Beggs, Israel Barbosa, Kenneth Garay, Keith Meredith, Sterling Smith, (third row from back) Michael Morris, Colt Mason, Justin Harris, John Norman, Miles Gray, (front row) Jacob Egbert, Chris Putman, Aaron Fox, Jake Fluitt and Robert Apolinar.

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15 arrested here last week

Fifteen arrests were made in Garza County during the past week, according to the jail log at the sheriff's department.

A 22-year-old male was picked up on Department of Public Safety warrants and a 42-year-old male was arrested for driving while license suspended.

A 17-year-old female was jailed for driving under the influence, and a 31-year-old individual was picked up for driving while license suspended.

Another driving while license suspended episode ended in a commitment for a 21-year-old man.

A 39-year-old male was arrested for driving while license suspended and possession of marijuana.

A 34-year-old female was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

A 30-year-old male, a 41-year-old male and a 29-year-old male were each arrested for driving while intoxicated.

A 25-year-old man was arrested for public intoxication and a warrant, while a 23-year-old male was picked up for evading arrest. A 24-year-old was jailed for DWI, while another alleged DWI, this one involving a 49-year-old man, led to a commitment.

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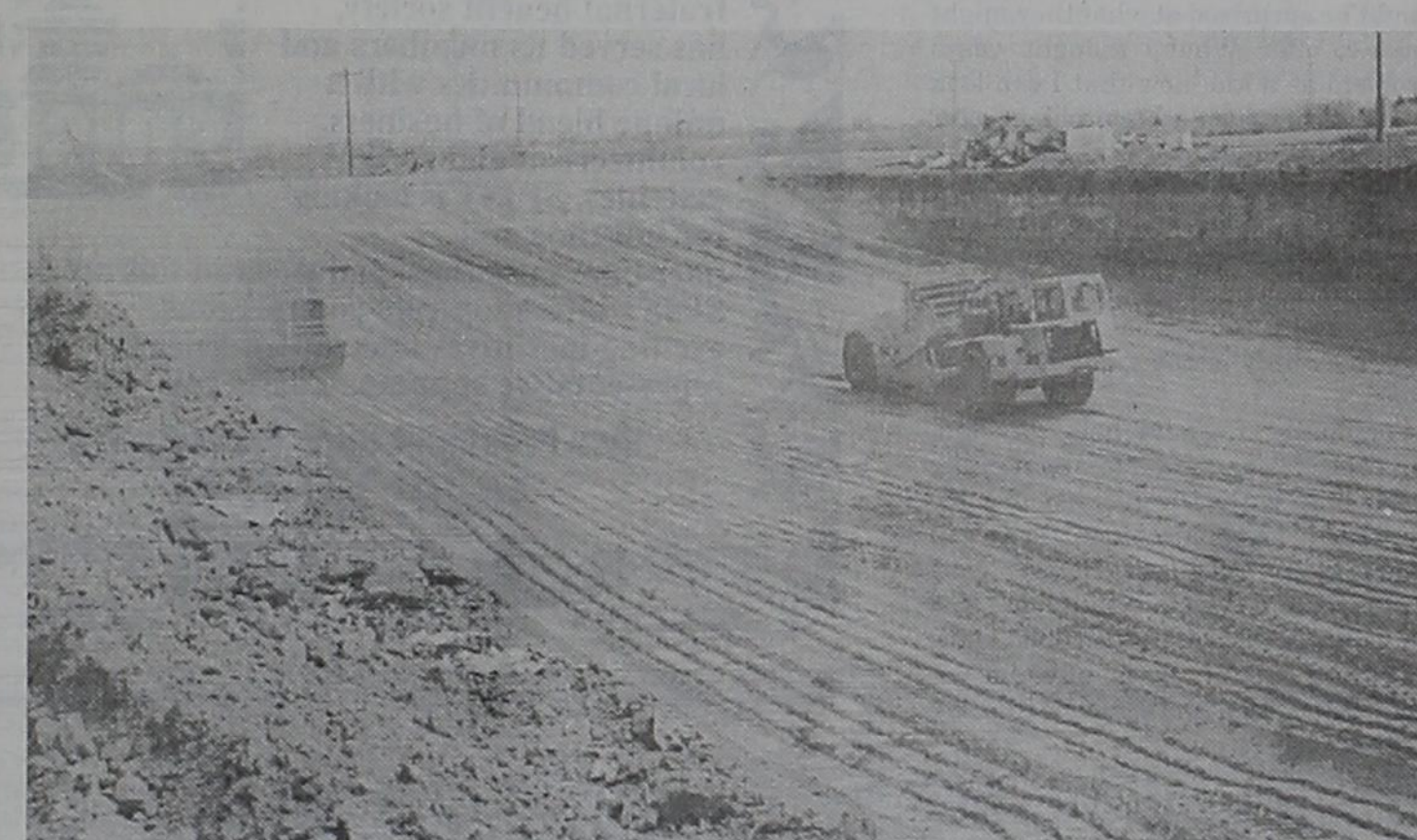
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