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Voters choose school, hospital candidates Saturday

Local voters will be going to the polls Saturday to fill open positions on both the Post Independent School District board of trustees and the Garza Hospital District board of directors.

Four candidates are vying to fill two open positions on the Post

ISD school board. Guin Miller, Brad Mason and incumbents Alexa Collier and Jeff Lott filed as candidates. All voting will be at the Post High School Commons.

The Post ISD elects its board members through a cumulative voting process. That process, which operates through an at-large system, names the top vote-getters as the victors in the election; in other words, in an election where two positions are open, the two individuals receiving the greatest number of votes would be declared the winners.

Through the school district's cumulative voting process, each voter has the same number of votes as empty trustee seats in an election — in this case, two seats are vacant, so each eligible Post ISD voter will have two votes. Each vote can be cast for a different candidate, both votes can be cast for the same candidate, or even a single vote can be cast.

Contested races also 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 — Incumbents Leon Miller and Carol Davies

Tobias.

• Precinct 3 candidates — Maria Berta Fuentes, Danny Guthrie.
• Precinct 4 candidates — Incumbent Zoe Kirkpatrick and Charlie "Bill" Duncan.

Voters residing within Precincts 1 and 2 will choose from the at-large candidates only. Precinct 1 voting will be at the First Presbyterian Church and Trinity Baptist Church. Precinct 2 voting will be at the Post Middle School.

Voters residing in Precinct 3 will cast votes in the Precinct 3 election, as well as in the election to fill the at-large position. Precinct 3 voting will be at the Lorenzo Alexander Community Center.

Precinct 4 voters will be asked to determine the Precinct 4 winner, along with casting ballots in the at-large spot, with voting at the Post High School.

In both the hospital district and school district elections, polling will run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sample ballots for both elections are published in today's edition of The Post Dispatch.

For election results Saturday evening, tune in to Post City Radio, 97.7 FM (community radio) and on Classic Cable Channel 12.

Post Notes

Turkey shoot Saturday

A Turkey Shoot will be held Saturday at Monk Palmer's Gun Club, nine miles west of Post on US Hwy 380, just behind Mason's Farm and Ranch Supply. The event begins at 10 a.m. with a \$20 Annie Oakley shot at 2 p.m. Winner takes all. The cost for the event is \$2 per round, including buy back, 50 percent paid back to winner. Concession available, proceeds to benefit the Garza County 4-H trapshooting team.

SPCAA home ownership program

The South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA) is sponsoring a first-time homebuyers program. It is designed for consumer who are ready to purchase a home and need information on how to find and purchase a home and negotiate a loan. Assisted homebuyers must be low/moderate income. For qualifying details call Ysabel Overton or Billie Williams at 495-2329 or Judy Norton at 894-4560.

"Chain Gang" sets fund raiser Saturday

The Garza County Courthouse "Chain Gang," a Relay for Life team composed of courthouse employees, invites everyone to visit the team at Old Mill Trade Days Saturday. Face painting, train rides and a dunking booth will be offered, along with baked goodies. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. Some interesting public officials have volunteered for the dunking booth.

Child safety seat loaner program

South Plains Community Action Association is offering continued services to provide infant, toddler and convertible car seats for children, birth to four years old. Seats are on loan for parents and guardians at no cost on a first come, first served basis. No income eligibility required. For more information call Ysabel Overton or Billie Williams at 495-2329 or visit the office on South Hwy 84.

BBQ benefit set Sunday

The Holy Cross Catholic Church is hosting a benefit BBQ sandwich special on Sunday, beginning at 11 a.m. the event is to help further educations. The cost is a donation.

Special parenting program Thursday

"Growing Grownups" is the theme for a special parent workshop at the Post Elementary School Thursday, May 3 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the parent workroom. Call Reyes Pequeño at 495-2381 for more information.

Roping benefits Southland seniors

A benefit roping for the Southland High School senior class will be held Sunday, May 6 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Fogerson Arena. Books open at 5:30 p.m. Funds raised at the event will help SHS seniors in their planned trip to New York City. Call Jerry Fogerson at 806-996-5559 or Kyle Fogerson at 806-996-5308 for more information.

Dance set Saturday at VFW

A dance will be held Saturday night at the Post VFW, with music by DJ Cowboy from KSNY (101.5).

Southland cemetery workday Saturday

Bring your hoe and rake and enjoy the fellowship and good works at this Saturday's annual "workday" at the Southland cemetery. Donations are accepted by mailing to Rt 2 Box, 74, Southland, Texas 79364.

PHS student art show

The First Annual Post High School Student Art Show begins today at the Algerita Art Center on East Main Street in Post, starting at 7 p.m. Prices, including "Best of Show" and awards in two categories will be announced. Student art work is for sale to the public.

Foster parenting orientation set May 3

The Lubbock Outreach Office of Methodist Children's Home will sponsor an orientation to Foster Parenting on Thursday, May 3 at Forrest Heights United Methodist Church, 3007 33rd Street in Lubbock. For more information call 792-0099.

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.

Benefit to assist Gonzales May 11

A benefit dinner to assist Jimmy Gonzales will be held Friday, May 11 from 12 noon until 7 p.m. at the Holy Cross Catholic Church. The dinner includes fish, potato salad, cole slaw and trimmings for \$5 per plate.

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.

WTC sets local classes

Western Texas College will conduct classes this summer in Post with registration on May 22 at 2 p.m. in the Garza County Juvenile Detention Center and at 6 p.m. May 22 at Post High School. For complete schedule and list of classes contact Suzanne Hudman at the high school or call 495-2770.

Cancer Survivor Walk

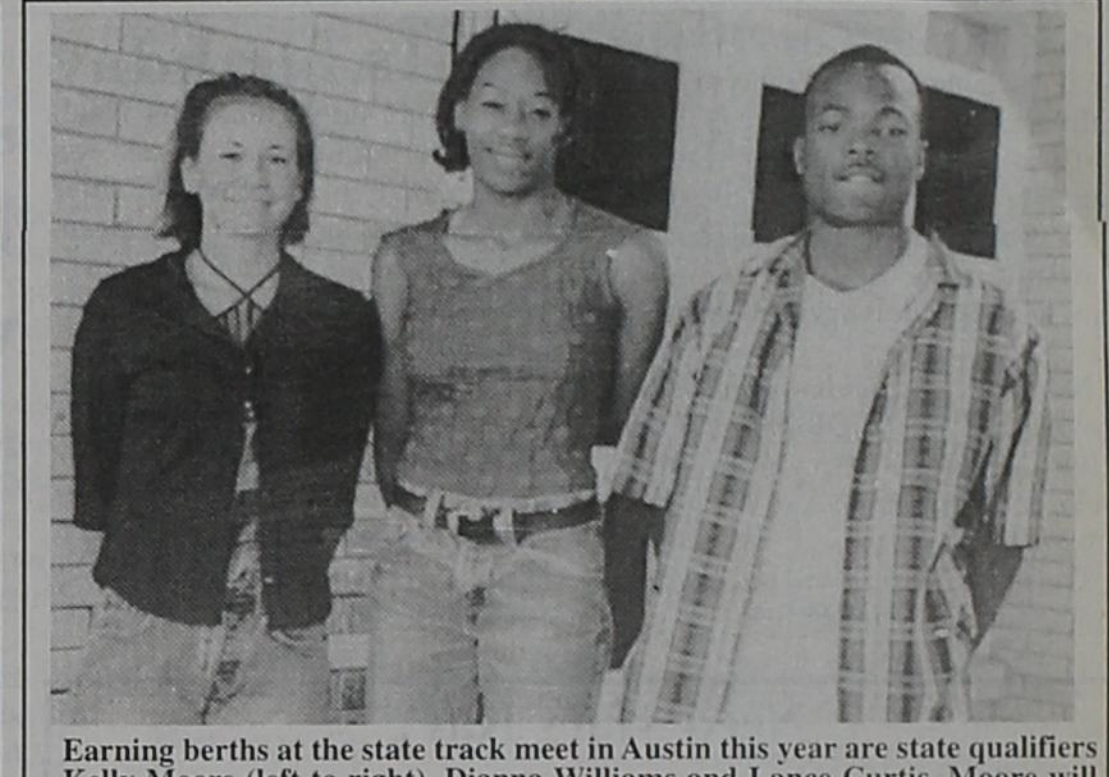
The Relay for Life Survivor Walk will be held Friday evening, June 1 at the Post ISD track. If you or someone you know, who has cancer or has had cancer, would like to participate, please contact Nancy McDonald at 495-3315 or Pat Bilbo at 495-3613. Everyone is welcome. There will be a reception immediately following the walk for all survivors and their families.

Henderson arena sets "play days"

The Henderson Arena will begin with playdays and barrel races starting May 11. For more information call 806-327-5323.



Making another trip to Austin representing Post High School in the state U.I.L. spelling competition are state qualifiers (left to right) Meagan Mills, Tandi Humble and Teresa Salas. They are joined by their coach Doris Giddens (right) who has guided PHS state competitors for the past 11 years.



Earning berths at the state track meet in Austin this year are state qualifiers Kelly Moore (left to right), Dianna Williams and Lance Curtis. Moore will compete in the 300 meter hurdles, Williams in the 100 meter hurdles and Curtis in the long jump. Curtis set a school record last weekend at the regional track meet in Abilene with a 23' leap. The three will compete May 11-12 at the University of Texas track and field stadium in Austin.

It's all about money, not safety

by Wes Burnett

More than 51 percent of most traffic fines have nothing to do with the traffic code violation, but a whole lot to do with raising more money for the state.

In an example of how this rip-off works, a friend recently brought me a copy of a citation for "ride not secured by seatbelt." The total fine was \$53, of which \$25.75 was for the poor fellow not having on a seatbelt. The other \$27.25 went for the following nine state programs:

Judicial and Court Personnel Training, \$1.04; Compensation to Victims of Crime, \$7.82; Consolidated Court Cost, \$8.87; Fugitive Apprehension, \$2.61; Juvenile Crime and Delinquency, \$1.13; Traffic, \$1.56; Courthouse Security, \$1.56; Arrest Fee (DPS), \$2.61 and Transaction Fee for Criminal Cases, \$1.05.

The poor victim of this highway theft wanted to know how he could go about getting reimbursement under the "Compensation to Victims of Crime" program. "I'm not a criminal, I'm not a juvenile, I'm

not delinquent and I'm not a fugitive," he moaned, "it just doesn't make sense that I've got to pay out double."

That sort of chicanery by the Texas legislature is one of the reasons for the continued distrust of citizens, many of whom are victims themselves of this corporate tyranny.

In March, the corporate enforcement officers for the state and county ripped \$34,922.04 from travelers on local roadways, according to reports from the two Justice of the Peace courts. The new monies bring the two-month 2001 total to \$117,030.03.

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

Most, if not all of these victims of highway theft, have no idea that they are part of a gigantic legislative scheme, which considers all who travel to be doing so within certain boundaries of an incorporated area, therefore the "subjects" are required to follow the corporation's rules.

The traffic code is one example of the corporate form of government imposed on Texans, in violation of the guarantee of a republic form of government.

The "Transportation Code" is not even a law, it does not have the constitutionally required Secretary of State certification of publication as part of the statute. Perhaps that omission is based on the fact that there is no constitutional authority for corporate government to enforce corporate rules in violation of basic constitutional guarantees, such as liberty, the right of travel from one place to another.

Although most Texans think of themselves as free to move about as they wish, they discover their true status as corporate "citizens" once they become victimized by the corporation's policy enforcers.

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Hospital district violates contract with Covenant

by Wes Burnett

Overpayment for indigent services by the Garza County Hospital District (GCHD), which was disclosed at the April 13 district board meeting, apparently violates the contract between GCHD and Covenant Health Systems.

Paragraph 1.2 of that contract specifies a limit on the indigent health care expenses and says:

"District's indigent care policies will be modified to limit District's Indigent care responsibility to services provided by such contracted provider."

That means that all indigent health care must be provided by CHS facilities, have to be at Covenant facilities.

The hospital district has been paying medical bills for indigents to several other providers, according to information disclosed at the April 13 board meeting.

The agreement with CHS for a limit on indigent costs is in exchange for exclusive provider status. Indigents have been going elsewhere and GHD hasn't been able to refuse payment because to do so would likely lead to a lawsuit.

The contract also requires that CHS provide a monthly statement of indigent services: (Paragraph 2.2 of the Indigent Health Care Agreement):

"Methodist shall, on a monthly basis, provide an accounting of care rendered under this Agreement, including the name of the patient, the services rendered to the patient and the charges for which Methodist seeks reimbursement."

At a recent meeting, the district was unable to provide details requested by The Post Dispatch regarding indigent services provided at the tax subsidized clinic in Post. District administrator Gina Ladwig said that there were no records available.

Travis admits disqualification

by Wes Burnett

Garza Hospital District board president Mike Travis admitted at the regular meeting April 13 that he did not meet residency requirements when he first was elected to office in May 1998.

The issue was raised during the public forum portion of the meeting when Daymon Ethridge reminded Travis of his statements in Austin to the House Committee on County Affairs.

"You told the committee that the day you moved to Post was the same day the district announced the closing of the hospital," Ethridge said, "Is that correct?" Travis agreed. "That was in October 1996," Ethridge continued, "and you took office in May 1998, is that correct?"

"Yes," Travis replied.

"Then you held office illegally," Ethridge emphasized, "because you did not meet the two year residency requirement."

"I guess so," Travis responded.

As a result of that disclosure, official actions of the board during Travis' first term of office are in doubt. Any vote or decision in which he participated is considered null and void for his failure to meet requirements of the law to hold office.

Alisha McKim earns TTU honor

Alisha McKim was one of 24 Texas Tech University students inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education, on Tuesday, April 17.

The ceremony was conducted in the Red Raider Lounge of the University Center on the Texas Tech campus.

Students inducted into the organization are selected based on scholarship, high personal standards and promise in the field of education. Undergraduate students must possess a 3.5 cumulative GPA, and graduate students must have a 3.7 cumulative GPA for eligibility into the organization.

With more than 60,000 members worldwide, the Texas Tech chapter, NuSigma, is celebrating its 25th anniversary with Kappa Delta Pi.

McKim also was invited to join the Student Council for Exceptional Children. This organization is for education teachers specializing in the field of special education.

Methodist women continue bible study

The First United Methodist Women met April 24 in the home of Mary Edwards.

The study of the book of Matthew continued, focusing on forgiveness.

Next month's meeting will conclude the study using the guide — "Jesus on the Gospel of Matthew, 'Who Do You Say I Am?'"

Members in attendance were Mary Lynn Bell, Joy Dickson, Patty Kirkpatrick, Kathryn Johnson, Dolores Redman, Jo Ann Miller and the hostess.

The next meeting will be May 22 in the home of Jo Ann Miller.



Mrs. Guy Dempsey

Farris birthday

A birthday party honoring Noah "Tater" Farris and Jessica Farris was held April 14 in the home of their great-grandfather, Clarence Warren.

Jessica's father, Scott Farris, made the cake for the event. Tater's cake carried out the Scooby Doo theme.

Tater received a bike, a scooter, helmet and pads and a T-ball and bat for his sixth birthday, while Jessica, celebrating her second birthday, received toys and a bikini.

The party was attended by numerous friends and family members.

Jennifer Jones, Guy Dempsey exchange wedding vows April 20

Jennifer (J.J.) Jones and Guy Dempsey were united in marriage April 20, 2001, in a 7 p.m. ceremony conducted in the First Baptist Church in Slaton. Cleve Kerby officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Marilyn Jones of Southland, while the groom's parents are Sharon Dempsey of Lubbock and the late Keith Dempsey.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose for her wedding a white, matte satin gown by Alfred Angelo. The dress featured a scoop, off-the-shoulder neckline with a bodice and A-line skirt accented with re-embroidered lace, beads and crystals. It also had a chapel-length train. The bride carried three long-stemmed red roses, accented with baby's breath and greenery.

Kristin Dempsey of Lubbock, the groom's daughter, served as maid of honor. She wore a black, calf-length sheath dress and carried two long-stemmed red roses tied with baby's breath and greenery.

Flower girl was Morgen Jones of Kermit, a cousin of the bride. Her wedding ensemble consisted of a white chiffon dress and white shoes.

Serving as best man was Marcus Dempsey of Lubbock, the groom's son. Devin Blanton of Ransom Canyon, a cousin of the bride, was ring bearer. Each wore a black tuxedo coat with tails, white shirt, black jeans and black boots.

Ushers were Loren Jones of Amarillo, brother of the bride, and Micah Applewhite of Lubbock, cousin of the bride.

Glenna Applewhite, the bride's aunt, provided the piano music for the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the church's Activities Building.

The bride, a 1999 graduate of Southland High School, attended WTAMU at Canyon and is employed with Phillips 66 Auto and Truck Plaza in Slaton. The groom, a graduate of Monterey High School, attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock and is employed with Hickam Trucking in Lubbock. The couple will reside in Lubbock.

The groom's mother hosted the rehearsal dinner at the church Activities Building.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

I start out this week sending my prayers and love to Chester, Ronnie, Charles, Judy and Ann, the family of "Batchie" Morris.

Batchie had attended our church for many years and she was such a sweet lady with a wonderful family. I know that they all will feel such a void in their lives. God bless each of them.



The Man and His Ostrich!

A man walks into a restaurant with an ostrich behind him, and as he sits, the waitress comes over and asks for their order. The man says, "I'll have a hamburger, fries and a coke," and turns to the ostrich. "What's yours?" "I'll have the same." Says the ostrich. A short time later, the waitress returns with the order. "That will be \$6.40 please," and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out exact change for payment.

The next day, the man and the ostrich come again, and the man says, "I'll have a hamburger, fries and a coke," and the ostrich says, "I'll have the same." Once again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change. This becomes a routine, until late one evening, the two enter again. "The usual?" Asks the waitress. "No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and salad," says the man. "Same for me," says the ostrich. A short time later the waitress comes with the order and says, "That will be \$12.62." Once again the man pulls exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table.

The waitress can't hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time?" "Well says the man, "several years ago, I was cleaning the attic and I found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just have to put my hand in my pocket, and the right amount of money would always be there." "That's brilliant!" Says the waitress. "Most people would wish for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!" "That's right! Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man. The waitress asks, "One other thing, sir, what's with the ostrich?" The man replies with a slight frown, "My second wish was for a chick with long legs."

Special Happy Birthday

My first born will celebrate her birthday Saturday, May 5th. Now I know she won't mind me telling you that she is 33 years old. I might mind, but she doesn't. Anyway Kerri, hope you have a really great day and Rick and I love ya!!

All Sports Banquet Reminder

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. DON'T MISS IT!!

Birthdays:

Friday, May 11; Clint Johnson and Carson Mason; Happy anniversary to mine and Ricky's kids on their anniversary, Megan and Stan Everett. Saturday, May 12; Gabriel Gonzales Jr. and Issac Schoonover; Sunday, May 13, Happy Mother's Day! Tray Payne, Josh Bustoz and Dylan Huffman; Monday, May 14, D.J. Pruitt. Tuesday, May 15, Ted Piaz, Casey Merritt, Angela Melton, Carey Kidd and Courtney Short. Wednesday, May 16; Tayla Mosser, Jim Boren, Lynn Putman, John C. Boren, Sr. Thursday, May 17; John Boren, Jr., Gordon Terry, Vivian Jefferson, Tony Soto, Adelina Quintana and Darby Person.

The Real Dummy

• **Are we Communicating??** A man spoke frantically into the phone. "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" ask the doctor. "No, this is her husband!"

• **Did I say that?** Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words, "Give me all your money or I'll shoot," the man shouted, "That's not what I said!"

Get Better Pat

My co-worker and my friend, Pat Burnett is really having a tough time with some back problems. This has been a long haul and I know she is ready to feel better. Anyway Pat, I'm thinking about ya!! Get well soon.

Henderson Arena

I will remind everyone one more time about this upcoming event! Enjoy!! There will be a playday for 18 and under classes, with a 3D open barrel race, Friday, May 11th. The books will open at 5:00, stickhorse race at 5:30 followed by exhibition, cloverleaf, straightaway, flags and poles.

Saturday, May 12th, will be a jackpot for 14 and under, 3D class, and open 3 D barrel classes. There will also be a barrel race for parents and their children (only in May). The books will open at 10:00 with exhibitions at 11:00.

Horses MUST have coggins papers. A concession stand is available. Bleachers are available, but you can also bring your lawn chairs. Located 10 miles West on Hwy. 380, look for signs on the left, then 3 mile on Country Road 105. For further information you can call Jo at 806-327-5323. Be sure and hang on to this for future reference. Sounds like it will be a great time!!

Till Next Week

Hope that you have a great weekend. Enjoy the weather, visit Old Mill Trade Days and just relax!!!! See ya next week.

Births

Dylen Kade Cimental

Joey Cimental and Ashley Mason wish to announce the birth of their son, Dylan Kade.

Dylan was born March 20, 2001 at 6:30 pm at Covenant Birthing Center in Lubbock.

He weighed five pounds, twelve ounces and was 18 and 1/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Melinda Mason.

Paternal grandparents are Joe and Melba Cimental.

Mataernal great grandparents are Keith and Penny Adams.

Paternal great grandparents are Irene Guajardo and the late A.G. Guajardo.



Dylan Kade Cimental

Alondra Armendariz Vasquez

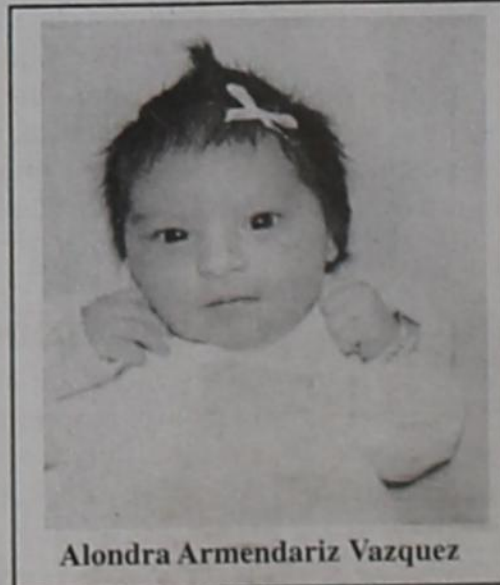
Jose and Marisa Vasquez are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Alondra.

Alondra was born one her Mother's birthday, March 25, 2001 at 9:00 am in Covenant Birthing Center in Lubbock. She weighed seven pounds, ten ounces and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Juan and Isabel Armendariz.

Paternal grandmother is Eduvijes Hernandez.

Great grandparents are Monico and Placida Guerrero.



Alondra Armendariz Vasquez

Congratulations to our Post High School State Qualifiers!

- Meagan Mills, Tandi Humble and Teresa Salas - Spelling Team
- Kelly Moore, 300 meter hurdles; Dianna Williams, 100 meter hurdles and Lance Curtis, long jump

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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

3-On-3 Basketball All-Nighter

The Texans Building Character 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament All-Nighter was held Saturday night, April 28 at the Post High School gym. One-hundred-six youth attended the all night activity sponsored by the Texans Agricultural Extension Service, MAD DAD's and the Garza County Juvenile Probation office.

The night long activity began at 10 p.m. with registration. Miss Lubbock, Kristi Andrews, spoke to the group about the six pillars of character and her experiences going through school relating them to youth issues.

Twenty-three teams of three players registered for the basketball tournament. Eight Middle School girls teams competed until the double elimination process had a victor. Winning this division was the "Superstars" with team members Kaycee Gorman, Je ee Lott and Courtney Short. In the Middle School boys division, nine teams vied for the champion spot with the "Players" coming out on top. The team consisted of Tony Garay, Jerrad Grisham and CoCo Valdez. The "Playa Hata s" won the high school boys division which had six teams competing. Team members were Clinton Curtis, Mark Norman and Justin Norman. Each winning team member received a Texans Building Character t-shirt.

At the conclusion of the tournament, Joe Gregory spoke to the group about positive attitudes, setting goals and each one's importance in life.

Door prizes given out were sponsored by Georges Restaurant, Country Carousel and the Snack Shack. A big thank you goes out to Post ISD for allowing us to use the gym and to all the other volunteers: Cain Abraham, Nita Jo Heckaman, Channa Jones, Labeth Jones, Wayne McKim, Jason Powell, Ty Stevens and Rodney Tidwell.

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.

LULAC holds annual convention

The League of United Latin American Citizens had their 45th annual District I convention in Amarillo April 28 at the Ramada Inn.

Cornelio Saldivar Jr., a former Post resident, was elected district director. He also was honored as Man of the Year, which enables him to advance to the state LULAC convention in Laredo May 29.

Cornelio's youth council, LULAC Youth #281 from Estacado High School, took top honors as well. They

received the Youth Council of the Year award. Nicole Ramos, president of the youth council, won LULAC Sweetheart, and Gilbert Garcia won Mr. LULAC.

Saldivar has been with LULAC for three years and accomplished many things through his involvement in the organization. Perhaps his greatest achievement was when he won the Atezea Award from President Bush for civil rights movement.

The Post LULAC Youth Council #1013 was recognized for its achievements as a new council.



Theresa Doggett and Jackie Cruse.

J&T Designs merges with Boyds Collection Ltd.

The Boyds Collection Ltd. has announced it has completed the acquisition of J&T Imaginations, a designer of high quality Christmas gifts and holiday collectibles based in Post.

The acquisition will expand and diversify Boyds' presence in the Christmas giftware marketplace.

J&T Imaginations was founded in 1998 by designers Jackie Cruse and Theresa Doggett, who combined their talents for sculpting and painting and, together, designed dolls that were sold to Christian stores in rural Texas. The duo's successes evolved into creating life-sized Santa figures, each costumed and hand-sculpted with realistic eyes. J&T's exclusive designs have appeared in many high profile retail and other venues, including, in the 2000 Christmas season, a display of a life-sized J&T Santa in then-Gov. George W. Bush's mansion in Texas.

"Jackie and Teri are impressive and talented designers," said Jean-André Rougeot, chief executive officer of Boyds. "We have followed their work and development for several years, and we are excited to bring their talent to the Boyds family."

"Our retail partners and their customers will appreciate the quality, intricate detail and whimsical appeal that is incorporated into each of their designs. Together, we will offer our retailers a unique and high quality collection of Christmas and holiday decor."

The J&T Imaginations collection of Santas will feature resin interpretations of its intricately sculpted and elaborately costumed life-sized Father Christmas figures. A collection of three 15-inch Santa figures will be introduced to the Boyds retail network and existing J&T retailers in Fall 2001.

"We're thrilled to be part of the Boyds team," Cruse said. "J&T Imaginations will thrive because Teri and I can now fully concentrate our energies on the creative end of the business, as Boyds has encouraged us to do what we do best—design beautiful, appealing and unique Santas and holiday collections."

J&T will operate as a division of Boyds and retain the J&T brand name for its products, which will be marketed and sold through Boyds. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

The Boyds Collection Ltd. is a leading domestic designer, importer and distributor of branded, high-quality, hand-crafted collectibles and other specialty giftware products. The company sells its products through a large and diverse network comprised of independent gifts and collectibles retailers, premier department stores, selected catalogue retailers and other electronic and retail channels. Founded in 1979, it has successfully developed a strong niche and brand identity in its markets because of its affordably priced, high quality "Folksy With Attitude" collectibles.

The name of the halibut fish comes from the word *holy* since it was widely used as food on Christian holy days.

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Sara Stevens, CEA-FCS

Is Your Child Properly Restained in Their Safety Seat?

It's a Question of Life and Death

I recently attended a four day training on the correct installation of child safety seats. I was appalled to learn that 4 out of 5 car seats are not properly installed. According to the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration motor vehicle crashes account for 42% of all unintentional childhood injury related deaths. During 1998, 1,722 children ages 0 to 14 died as vehicle occupants and 61% of those were unrestrained.



Child restraint systems are 71% effective in reducing deaths for infants and 54% for toddlers. If used properly, they reduce the need for hospitalization by 69%. From 1982 to 1995 an estimated 2,934 lives were saved by the use of child safety seats for safety belts. In 1998, 51% of children ages 0-15 involved in fatal crashes were unrestrained.

Until children are old enough to protect themselves (or choose not to) it is our job as adults to take the necessary precautions. Parents can help establish safe patterns of behavior by making sure that children age 12 and under always ride buckled up or restrained in a safety seat in the back seat. Only children age 1 AND 20 pounds should ride forward facing. And NEVER place a child in car seat in front of an air bag, unless the system can be disabled for the duration of the ride.

I recently worked a check-up event in which several other child safety seat installation technicians and I checked several safety seats at the Wal-mart in Plainview. None of the 10+ cars I checked had their safety seats installed properly. If a child had been riding in an improperly installed safety seat and the car was in a crash, those children could have been seriously hurt or fatally injured.

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Obituaries

Geraldine Tucker

Services for Geraldine Tucker, 81, of Slaton were held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 27, 2001, in the First Assembly of God Church. Burial followed in the Englewood Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home. She died Tuesday, April 24, at the Slaton Care Center. Born June 25, 1919, in Snyder, Okla., she married W.F. Tucker in 1933, in Chillicothe. He died March 1, 1983. She was a housewife and a member of the First Assembly of God Church. Survivors include one son, G.L. Tucker of Temple, formerly of San Angelo; one daughter, Jolene George of DeRitter, Louisiana; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sons, Doyle in 1993 and Gerald in 1994, and one daughter, Ganelle in 1993.

Dorothy Jane Kropp

Services for Dorothy Jane Kropp, 80, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 28, 2001, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Isaacs officiating, assisted by the Rev. Charles Burdett. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home. She died Thursday, April 26, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Born Sept. 22, 1920, in Borden County, Texas, she married Roscoe Kropp Dec. 25, 1937, in Lamesa. A resident of Post since 1993, she was a Baptist and a retired nurse. Survivors include her husband, Roscoe, of Post; one daughter, Dortha Jackson of Post; two brothers, G.W. Burdett of Lubbock and Roy Burdett of Tahoka; one sister, Leola "Sis" Dunn of Lubbock; two grandchildren, Benny Jackson of Post and Darla Swiggart of Odessa; and five great-grandchildren.

Faye Hudman

Graveside services for Faye Hudman, 97, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, in the Terrace Cemetery with the Rev. Keith Cooper of the First Baptist Church officiating. Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. She died Friday, April 27, at Golden Plains Care Center in Post. Born March 10, 1904, she married Clovis Hudman Feb. 7, 1923, in Post. He died April 30, 1989. She was a Baptist and a homemaker. Survivors include one daughter, Doris Kress of Green Valley, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren; a number of great-grandchildren; and one sister, Travis Bullock of Roswell, N.M. She was preceded in death by her husband and two sons, Bill Hudman and Charles Hudman.

Beatrice Morris

Services for Beatrice Morris were held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2001, at the First Methodist Church with the Rev. Dan Poole and the Rev. Paul Jones officiating. The Justice-Mason Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. She died Saturday, April 28, in Lubbock. Born Oct. 6, 1917, in Thompsonville in Gonzales County, Texas, she married Chester Morris Jan. 4, 1936, after moving to Post. They lived and farmed in the Close City community until 1961 when the couple moved into Post. She was a homemaker and was actively involved in her children's school activities, serving as room mother on numerous occasions. She was a member of the Graham Methodist Church for most of her life. Survivors include her husband, Chester Morris; her children, Charles and Sharon Morris, Ronnie and Judy Morris, Anne and Bert Gravitt and Judy and Travis Guy; her grandchildren, Ron Morris Jr., Lisa Adrian, Tim Morris, Barry Morris, Chuck Morris, Todd Guy, Jade Guy, Pilar Grantham and Scott Gravitt; 12 great-grandchildren; and sisters and brothers Myrtle Peel, Mae Hedrick, Norman Jones and Hal Jones. She was preceded in death by brothers Walter and Elmer Dee, and sister Bernice. The family has suggested memorials be made to the Graham Methodist Church, to the Trailblazers, or to the donor's favorite charity.

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'Scare tactics' or 'scary stuff?'

by Wes Burnett

In a letter which was circulated last week, Garza County Hospital District board candidates Zoe Kirkpatrick and Leon Miller accused "the newspaper" of using "scare tactics" and inaccurate reporting.

Specifically, the letter, perhaps mailed to Garza County registered voters, said, "We want you to know; contrary to recent newspaper 'scare tactics,'" that "we have no plans to establish an air ambulance - the citizens of Garza County already have this service and do not need this additional expense."

Yet, both Kirkpatrick and Miller have consistently supported the inclusion of air ambulance service in the proposed revisions to the district's enabling legislation. In fact, Kirkpatrick joined board president Mike Travis in Austin, at the expense of Garza County tax payers, to lobby on behalf of the legislation.

If they believe there is no need for the district to implement such expensive services, then why would they devote so much effort to getting the legislature to approve their request for authority to create air ambulance service?

Is it a "scare tactic" for the newspaper to inform its readers and tax payers about these issues? Should your newspaper simply ignore such expensive plans?

Even though Kirkpatrick and Miller deny any plans for creating air ambulance services, their denial is a bit lame compared to their actions in support of securing legislative authority to do exactly what they say they don't intend to do.

Government always takes advantage of its full authority ... and in most instances, exceeds that authority as long as it isn't challenged. The hospital district is no different, throughout the past several years of investigation, it is clear that the majority board members routinely exceed their authority for spending tax funds. We can have very little faith that these board members will suddenly change their ways and start abiding by the limitations of the law.

When it comes to spending other people's money, there doesn't seem to be any limit to their appetite. Individually, none of those majority board members would spend their own money on such boondoggle projects. Yet, when this air ambulance business was questioned at a special called meeting, and the lone dissenting board member objected, Kirkpatrick and Miller voted to retain the language in the legislation.

You can be certain that if this legislation (HB 2477) is approved by the legislature, that Garza County will have an air ambulance service at the expense of tax payers. And it will not take a vote of the tax payers, the board will have the authority to raise the tax rate, if it wishes, and can fund the entire project without voter approval.

It is estimated that the cost of creating and maintaining an air ambulance service would exceed \$2 million. Tax payers should be concerned about this, and especially based on the history of this board's disregard for sound fiscal management.

The circulated letter also said that the two candidates would never "trash" or "dismantle" the volunteer EMS. Yet, they both voted for and support revisions to the district's authority to include creating a full time, fully paid emergency medical staff. In fact, Travis emphasized at a recent meeting that it would be "ludicrous" for a "health care district" not to include ambulance services.

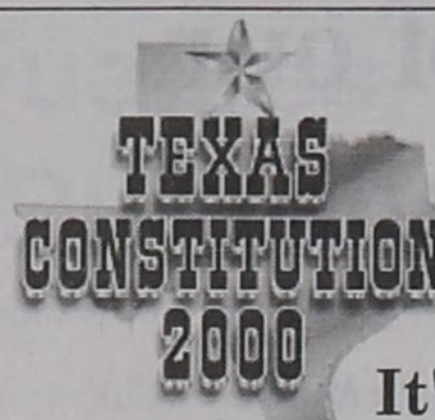
Neither Kirkpatrick nor Miller objected to Travis' plans. Travis has announced that he doesn't think the volunteer service will last out the year... again, neither Kirkpatrick nor Miller expressed any opposition to those comments. It should be clear that "behind the scenes" political manipulations are designed to destroy the volunteer system, so that the district can then take over that service.

It's almost an insult to our intelligence to suggest that once they have the power to do something as grand as they plan, that they will just sit back and let things go along as they have.

Tax payers beware ... if HB 2477 is enacted, and the majority board members continue wielding the power of the purse strings, you can button down the hatches, 'cause it's going to be a rough ride for all who pay the tax bills.

The role of this newspaper is to keep our readers informed about what their elected and appointed government agents are doing with their money. If that's "scare tactics," so be it.

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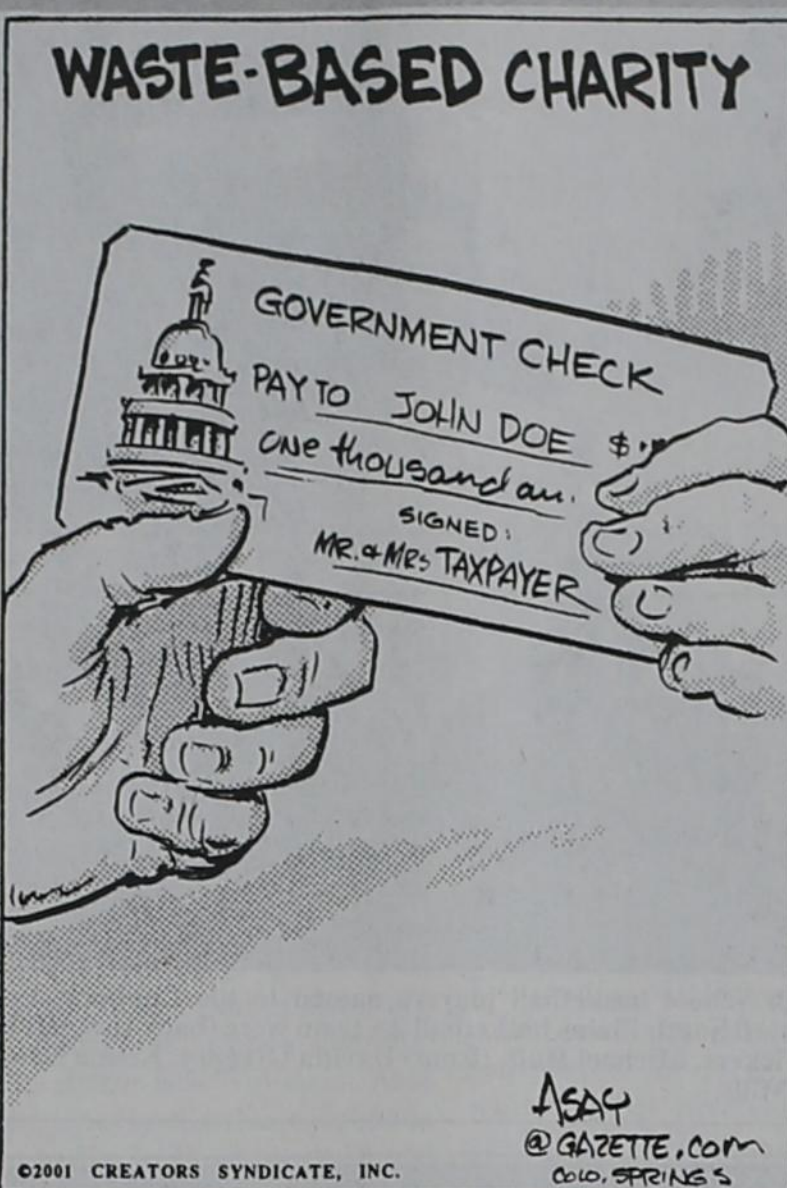
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And thereafter, kids and guns

by Walter E. Williams

Every time there's a school shooting, there are demands for greater gun control measures that range from longer waiting periods and mandated gun locks to stricter licensing and restricted sales.

With all the political posturing and demagoguery that follows, a hysterical public buys into the seeming plausibility that reduced availability of guns, especially to children, will reduce gun violence.

The facts of the matter are just the opposite. Yale University legal scholar John Lott demonstrates this in his book "More Guns Less Crime." Lott's brilliant study destroys one falsehood after another about guns, but I want to focus on one of his findings — gun accessibility and gun violence. But is gun accessibility the problem?



The fact of the matter is that gun accessibility in our country has never been as restricted as it is now. Lott reports that until the 1960s, New York City public high schools had shooting clubs.

Students carried their rifles to school on the subways in the morning, then turned them over to their home-room teacher or the gym coach — and that was mainly to keep them centrally stored and out of the way. Students would retrieve their rifles after school for target practice.

Students regularly competed in citywide shooting contests for university scholarships. In Virginia, rural areas had a long tradition of high-school students going hunting in the morning before school, and sometimes storing their guns in the trunk of their cars during the school day, parked on the school grounds.

For most of our history, a person could walk into a hardware store, virtually anywhere in the United States, and buy a rifle. Few states even had age restrictions for buying handguns. Buying a rifle or pistol through a mail catalog, such as Sears and Roebuck, was easy.

Private transfers of guns to juveniles were unrestricted. Often a 12th or 14th birthday present was a shiny new .22 caliber rifle, given to a son by his father. These facts of our history should confront us

with the question: with greater youth accessibility to guns in the past, why wasn't there the kind of violence we see with today's much more restricted access to guns?

Might it be global warming? Or, might it be children playing cops 'n' robbers and cowboys 'n' Indians too much? And how do we solve today's gun violence: more gun locks, longer waiting periods, more gun laws, more psycho-babbling by school psychologists?

Maybe we should have greater school zero-tolerance policies, where bringing a water pistol, drawing a picture of a pistol or pointing a finger and shouting "bang-bang" produces a school suspension or arrest? That kind of unadulterated nonsense will continue to produce disappointing results.

We will not make inroads into the gun-violence problem until we acknowledge the underlying causes of youth behavior today, compared to yesterday. As I discussed in last week's column, we must come to the realization that laws and regulations alone cannot produce a civilized society.

It's morality that is society's first line of defense against uncivilized behavior. Moral standards of conduct have been under siege in our country for nearly half a century. Moral absolutes have been abandoned as a guiding principle. We've been taught not to be judgmental — that one lifestyle or value is just as good as another.

More often than not, the attack on moral standards has been orchestrated by the education establishment and liberals. School shootings just might represent chickens coming home to roost where they were born.

If we refuse to seriously ask why young people weren't shooting one another at a time when guns were far more accessible than they are today, we do so at our peril.

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The morality of the welfare state

by Jacob G. Hornberger

The following FFF op-ed appeared in both the print and on-line versions of last Sunday's edition (April 15) of the Washington Times <http://www.washtimes.com/commentary/20010415-996124.htm>

As a compassionate conservative, President Bush wants to give federal aid to faith-based organizations. His plan has drawn attacks from religious leaders on the right and civil libertarians on the left.

Religious leaders object to Bush's plan on the ground that it will lead to governmental interference with religious organizations. The point they make was summarized by the Supreme Court in 1942 in the case of Wickard vs. Filburn: "It is hardly lack of due process for the government to regulate that which it subsidizes."

Those on the left end of the political spectrum are complaining that federal aid to religious groups would breach the wall of separation between church and state that is guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Unfortunately, Bush and his critics on both the right and the left are missing a much more fundamental question: Why should government even have the power to take money from one person in order to give it to another?

George Washington is reputed to have said, "Government is not reason. It is not eloquence. It is force." By its very nature, government consists of laws and regulations that either mandate conduct or prohibit it. The rules are not advisory. They are compulsory, and they are enforced by the state's monopoly on the use of force in society.

If a citizen intentionally breaks a law or regulation, he must submit to the state's judgment or pay the consequences for resistance, because behind the state's judgment are armed law-enforcement officers, fines, and penitentiaries.

We regularly witness the state's use of force with respect to the enforcement of laws against violent crimes, such as murder, rape, and theft, and most of us favor the state's use of force in those cases. But the state also initiates force when people violate laws and regulations that govern peaceful behavior.

How does all this pertain to President Bush's plan to give federal aid to religious organizations? If the nature of government is organized force, then the collection and distribution of monies that are ultimately paid to religious organizations is itself based on force. Such being the case, how can force be reconciled with principles of morality and compassion?

Consider for example the U.S. federal income tax, which came into existence in 1916. Despite periodic IRS claims to the contrary, the payment of income taxes is not voluntary. That is, the government does not give people a choice of paying their income taxes or not. Every citizen is required by law to file an annual report of his income and render payment for the taxes due.

What happens if a citizen refuses? Once the IRS targets him, the process of collection will begin with polite requests, but if the resistance continues, the state will ultimately resort to force. For example, the IRS will file a lien on the person's property and then ask a court to foreclose the lien. Once the foreclosure sale is completed, the court will issue an order commanding the tax resister to surrender possession of the property to the new owner. The order will be enforced by armed law-enforcement officers.

In fact, this is exactly what happened to a church in Indiana. Church officials stopped withholding federal income taxes and Social Security taxes from employees' salaries in 1984. The IRS filed a lien for \$3.6 million against the church property and secured a judicial foreclosure of it. Recently, at the point of armed force, church officials were compelled to surrender possession of the property.

I wonder whether any of the money that the IRS collected in the foreclosure sale of that church will be going to faith-based organizations.

So, who's the moral and compassionate person in all this? The taxpayer? The IRS agent? President Bush? Congress? The welfare official?

The answer is: None of the above. Because in the arena of peaceful behavior, morality and compassion mean nothing when they are the product of force. They are meaningful only in the context of voluntary, willing choices of individuals.

Equally important, it's only in a climate of individual freedom, not coercion, in the area of peaceful choices, that morality and compassion tend to rise in a society. When government forces people to help their neighbors, conscience atrophies. When people are free to choose whether to help their neighbors or not, conscience is strengthened.

Thus, if people care about morality and compassion, they should not only be opposing Bush's plan to distribute government aid to faith-based organizations. They should also be questioning government aid to anyone.

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va., which published *Your Money or Your Life: Why We Must Abolish the Income Tax* by Sheldon Richman. Permission is granted to print, forward, copy, and share this article, provided this credit is included.

The Evil of Taxation

"To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

—Thomas Jefferson

'Lopes outlast Tahoka 11-10, enter playoffs

Sparked by Brody Robertson's two-out, two-run double in the eighth, Post plugged past Tahoka High 11-10 Tuesday night at Antelope Field.

The victory clinched the third place slot in playoffs opening Friday at Snyder's Moffett Field. The Bold Gold will open against Coahoma in a single game, which begins at 7 p.m. The contest will be broadcast live by Post City Radio, 97.7 FM (community radio) and on Classic Cable Channel 12.

Post pounded three Bulldog pitchers to close our district play with a three-game winning streak, as Tahoka suffered their only loss in district play. Idalou joins the District 4-2A trio playoff teams.

The Post Antelopes didn't play like a team with the odds stacked against them as Post answered every offensive explosion of Tahoka's with one of their own. Tahoka, thanks to seven runs in the second and one run in the fifth, had Post in a deep hole. Post dug themselves out in their half of the fifth by plating eight runs of their own as Tahoka made three pitching changes.

Tahoka's opening pitcher, Michael Garcia, was cruising with a four-inning shutout until running out of gas in the fifth.

Post starter Michael Huff went 1 2/3 innings, giving up seven runs on one hit. He walked six, but struck out the side in the first inning. Post relieved with sophomore Cody Fox, who pitched 6 1/3 innings. Fox struck out nine, gave up six non-error hits, had no walks and received the support of all 11 Post runs.

THS starting pitcher Michael Garcia opened Post's first half of the fifth by giving up a double to lead off batter Robertson. Garcia followed with a walk to Luis Zubia, Kenny Ratke singled to load the bases. Second baseman Bryan Looney followed with a two RBI single. Huff followed with a RBI single to left field and Jon Eilenberger followed with a RBI single. Both Huff and Eilenberger stole home on wild pitches by Garcia. Tahoka's Blandon Hancock came in to try to snuff Post's rally, but promptly walked Mikey Gonzales and Mitchell Mills.

After a 2-2 count on Fox, Tahoka's Martin Garza relieved and induced Fox to hit into a fielder's choice with Gonzales out at home.

Next batter, Robertson in his second at bat of the inning, took a hard one off his leg — followed by a walk to Luis Zubia. Ratke came up with the juiced and took a 1-0 count pitch off his leg to score Fox. Looney came on to hit into a fielder's choice, forcing Robertson out at home. Huff came up to pop up to a curve ball to Tahoka's first baseman for the third out. End of the inning but the start of the end for Tahoka's undefeated district chances.

Post's boys, playing on an adrenaline rush, knew Tahoka could be beaten. The sixth and seventh innings were a real dog fight as only four batters per inning for each team came up. Score after seven full innings — Tahoka 8, Post 8.

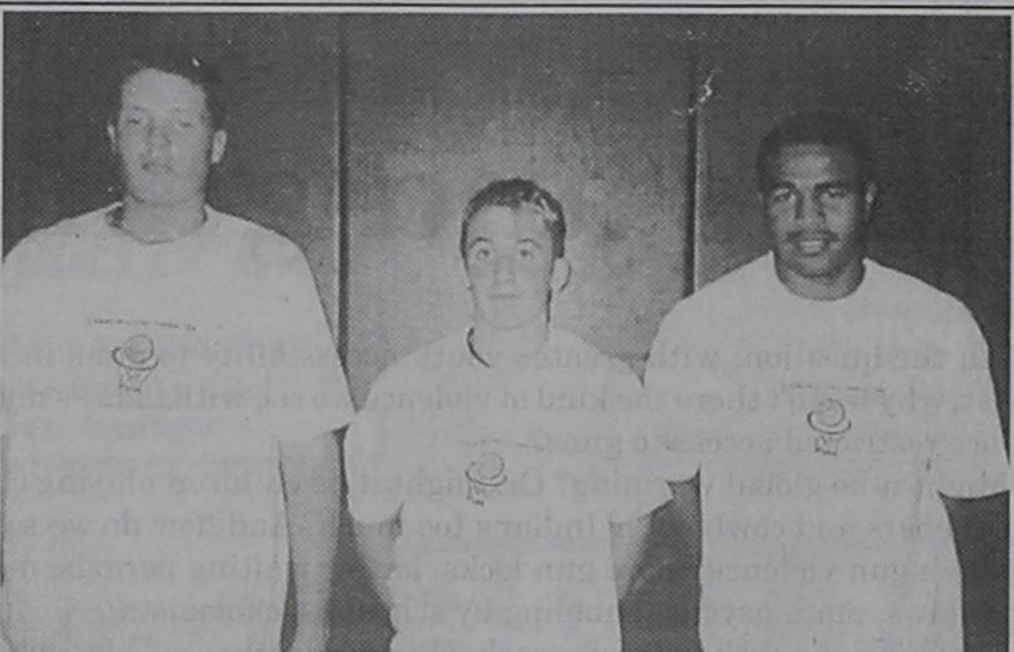
Eighth inning action started with Tahoka's Solarzano and Flowers getting on base via hits and eventually scoring. Tahoka's next two batters hit into ground ball 5-3 and 6-3 put outs. With two outs, P. Fox plunked Tahoka's McCord, then inducing Michael Garcia to pop up to first baseman Gonzales for the third out.

Post batters, licking their chops, wasted no time. Huff and Eilenberger led off with a walk and a single, respectively. Mikey Gonzales, using his smooth swing, pushed a grounder by Tahoka's first baseman. Gonzales' single plated Huff. Mills came up, but hit into a fielder's choice single, forcing Eilenberger out at home. Next batter Fox also hit into a fielder's choice, forcing Mills at second.

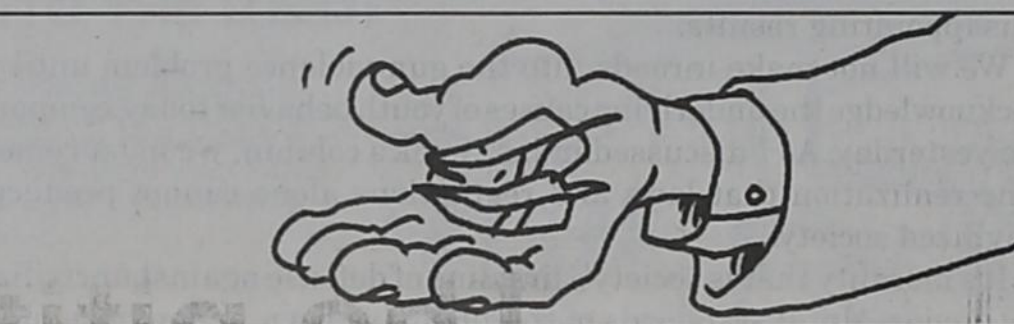
Two outs and Tahoka leading 10-9, Brody Robertson came up seeming ignoring screaming fans and a do-or-die situation to blast a vicious liner down the right field line to score Gonzales and Fox to end one of the most exciting Antelope games of the year.



Post High School basketball players named to the Lubbock Avalanche Journal's All South Plains basketball 2A team were (back row, left to right) Jarrett Vickers, Michael Huff, (front) Davida Gregory, Kenda Looney and Meagan Mills.



Participating in last weekend's 3-on-3 basketball tournament were (left to right) Justin Norman, Mark Norman and Clinton Curtis, known as Playa Hatas.



In some Eastern Orthodox churches, members of the congregation receive bay leaves instead of palm leaves on Palm Sunday.

Williams and Moore advance to state track meet

Dianna Williams and Kelly Moore advanced to the state track meet to be held May 11 in Austin thanks to their finishes in the regional competition over the weekend in Abilene.

Williams took second place in the 100 meter hurdle with a time of 14.12. The time was a new school record.

Moore finished in third place in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 15.13 and first place in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 44.9. Her time in the 300 meter event was a new school record, as well as a new regional record.

Regina Collazo also participated in the meet, placing fifth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 47.48.

"An excellent job by all who competed," the coach said.

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!!!

Registro de Niños de Jardín Infantil

Todos los estudiantes de cuatro años, desde el primero de Septiembre, dos mil uno, pueden atender la escuela Antes de Jardín 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, el conjunto de 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. Llamen 495-3414 y hablen con el principal, el señor Self, por mas informacion.

El Registro de Niños Antes de Jardín Infantil se acontecimiento hoy!!!



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Old Mill Trade Days celebrates 7th anniversary

Thousands of visitors from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma will be in Post this weekend to shop to their heart's content when Old Mill Trade Days celebrates its seventh anniversary.

Shoppers will enjoy the old-fashioned atmosphere of the former Postex Cotton Mill that has been transformed into a multi-faceted center where vendors showcase their wares — handmade crafts, antiques, art, collectibles, clothing, furniture and jewelry. Merchandise is displayed inside two buildings which cover more than 100,000 square feet, as well in open-air shops on the 50-acre site.

With the number of vendors on hand at each Trade Days event, it is easy for visitors to spend a full day at the shopping mecca, where they can find old, new and unique merchandise at bargain prices. And when they get hungry, they have their choice of some of the best food in the region, from hamburgers to hot dogs, soup to nuts — it's all at Old Mill Trade Days.

Sidelining the shopping and the food is live entertainment, featuring some of the best talent in the area. Appearing on Saturday will be Ricky Boen and Texas Mudd from noon to 3 p.m. On Sunday, Lanny Fiel and The Ranch Dance Fiddle Band will be on stage from 1-3 p.m.

Trade Days has 12 scheduled events each year. During each event, the park is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking is free, and admission is \$1 for adults and free for children under 12. For free admission to the park, visit the OMTD Web site at www.omtd.com and print a pass. Also, register to win \$100 in Trade Days bucks.

Old Mill Trade Days is located off U.S. Hwy. 84 on Hwy. 207, 40 miles southeast of Lubbock.

For more information, call 806-495-3529 or visit the Web site.

Gregory Scrivner named national award winner

Gregory Blake Scrivner of Woodland Park, Colo., has been named a United States National Award Winner in science.

As a result of his winning the award, Scrivner's name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally. Fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students achieve this honor.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the USAA. "Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

Winners are selected upon the exclusive recommendation of

teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Scrivner, who attends Woodland Park Middle School, was nominated for the award by one of his teachers.

The son of Sandra Scrivner and Larry Scrivner, the award winner is the grandson of Ruby Bostick and C. Scrivner of Post and the late Frank H. Bostick.

Treasurer attends seminar

Ruth Ann Young of Garza County joined more than 200 Texas county treasurers for the 29th annual County Treasurers' Continuing Education Seminar held April 16-19 at the University Center Complex at Texas A&M University in College Station.

The annual continuing education seminar is sponsored by the Institute of County Government at Texas A&M, which is part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the Texas A&M University System, in cooperation with the County Treasurers' Association of Texas, the Office of Continuing Education, Texas A&M University and the Texas Association of Counties.

The Institute provides the seminar to help Texas county treasurers

complete their state-mandated minimum continuing education requirements. Treasurers who attended all of the sessions received 23 hours of continuing education credit.

This year's seminar theme was "County Treasurers: In God We Trust," selected by Association President Martha Gustavsen, Montgomery County treasurer.

The educational program included workshops on state fines, fees and reports, as well as health insurance, economic forecasts and concurrent round table discussions.

Texas is one of a very small number of states that requires all elected county officials to earn continuing education credits as a legal requirement for holding office.



Southland High School National Honor Society members are (back row, left to right) Jeffrey Brown, T.J. Cloud, Jessica Mendez, Cory Powell, Heather White, (front) Jordan Williams, Cliff Colvin and Dee Dee Valdez.

Southland NHS inducts two

The Southland High School Chapter of the National Honor Society inducted two members at a ceremony held at 7 p.m. March 20 at the Southland schools.

Inductees were Cliff Colvin and Dee Dee Valdez.

Other members of the chapter are Corina Rodriguez, Renee Dobitas, Llawan Ryan, Eric Valencia, Asia Alomari, Kelly Butler, Rebecca Cardona, Zach Ford and David Martinez.

Included in the induction ceremony were five new members of the Southland Chapter of the National

Junior Honor Society. These inductees were Jordan Williams, Heather White, Cory Powell, Jessica Mendez, T.J. Cloud and Jeffrey Brown.

These students join Orlando Flores, Kylee Binford, C.J. Phillips and Alyse Trinidad as NJHS members.

Students in grades 10-12 are considered for NHS membership, while NJHS involves students in grades 7-9. As members, students must maintain and uphold the qualities held in esteem by the societies: scholarship, character, service, leadership and citizenship.

Amity Study Club news

by Louella Bilberry

Amity Study Club met Tuesday, April 24, at the Historical Museum. Linda Puckett gave us free run to roam through all the rooms. It was a wonderful step back in time — so much to see and read about! In fact, we had a hard time getting enough ladies to sit down to even have our meeting!

Our roll call was "When did you arrive in Garza County?" Some came because of Daddy's job, some because of a husband's job, some came as teachers and a few of us were born

here. Two letters of thanks were read, the first from Jayta Cravy on the behalf of the Victims Advocate Program. The next letter was from Dedra Adams for our support of the STARS program.

Then we got serious and chose two Post High School graduates to receive our scholarships. The scholarships are \$500 each, with \$250 given for each semester.

Our last meeting of this club year will be a picnic out at the Middletons for a fun night!

Errol Flynn was the inspiration for the boozing, womanizing film star portrayed by Peter O'Toole in the 1982 hit *My Favorite Year*.

Grassland Church offers special service

Robert and Ramona Williams will help lead special services at the Grassland Church of the Nazarene Sunday.

The couple will sing and he will deliver the sermon at the morning service, and a concert will be conducted during the evening services.

Everyone is invited to attend the special services, with Sunday school beginning at 9:45 a.m.; morning worship at 10:45 a.m.; and the evening service at 6 p.m.

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Voting for Precinct 3 -
Lorenzo Alexander Community Center

The pitiful state of healthcare in Garza County

What we had five years ago:

- A fully staffed hospital
- A 24-hour emergency room
- Four local doctors

What we've got today:

- A Part time, daytime clinic • Two non-resident doctors

Pay more and get less... We can't afford another year of that kind of failure and mismanagement!

Elect New Leadership for better healthcare!

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Attention Pct 4 Voters:

Here's what you've gotten with the hospital board incumbent:

1. Closed our hospital
2. Eliminated our emergency room

Here's what the incumbent supports:

1. Legislation that will replace volunteer EMS with paid staff (more taxes).
2. Unlimited use of tax funds.
3. Using tax funds to subsidize non indigents.

It's Time for a change!

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- Charlie "Bill"

Duncan

Precinct 4

Candidate for Garza County Hospital District Board of Directors

VOTE May 5

Pct 4 Voting at Post High School
7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Zoe Kirkpatrick, Candidate for Re-Election Garza Hospital District

I am Zoe Kirkpatrick. I was not born here, but I got here as soon as I graduated from Tech. Jack and I married while we were in Tech and after college, we returned to his home town and have lived here for 45 years. We have reared our 5 sons on the ranch southeast of Post. We are member of First United Methodist Church. I have served on various church boards and committees, OMTD Board of directors, Texas Tech Foundation Board, Ranching Heritage Executive Board (Texas Tech). Up until recently, I taught swimming and lifesaving to many, many Post children and teen-agers during 20 or more summers. I taught many of you reading this.

I have been on the Garza Hospital District Board of Directors for more than 14 years. During those early years the Board worked well together to be wise and frugal with your taxpayer dollars while trying to provide the best possible healthcare for all who sought it. Recently has become more difficult to

concentrate on healthcare issues. The board has been forced to spend taxpayer money to defend against two expensive (and in my humble opinion) frivolous lawsuits. I would not have chosen to spend your money that way. I continue, however, to fight to maintain the best medical facility and personnel possible under present day circumstances.

On a brighter note, in a Hospital District Board meeting last September, 2000, Leon Miller moved to reduce the hospital district tax rate from sixteen and a half cents per \$100 to a lower thirteen and a half cents. David Tyler, Leon Miller and I voted for this money-saving motion. There was one dissenting vote but the motion carried. Our hospital district has one of the lowest tax rates in the state.

In seeking re-election, I assure you that if I am re-elected, I will keep on working and fighting for quality healthcare for all citizens of Garza county and the surrounding area. I want to keep on!

The words to the *Battle Hymn of the Republic* were written by Julia Ward Howe in 1861 after visiting army camps around Washington.

Votantes del Condado Garza:

Debemos de seguir pagando por las mismas cosas que se estan asiendo o nesitamos un cambio?

- * Hospital cerrado en 1996
 - * Clinica de 24 hrs. cambio a 8-5 por 5 1/2 días a la semana
 - * Servicios de laboratorio la mayoría de los analisis se mandan fuera del pueblo
 - * El pago de la clinica se mandan los \$300,000 per ano por 1/2 de los servicios que se daban al principio
- Cuando algo no trabaja es tiempo para hacer cambios!

Voten por:

Maria Berta Fuentes, Pct. 3
Charlie "Bill" Duncan, Pct. 4
Carol Davies Tobias, At-Large

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VOTEN Mayo 5 los lugares son:

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- Pct. 4 - Post High School

Pol. Adv. paid for by Berta Fuentes, 902 E. 11th St., Post, TX 79356, Charlie Duncan, 118 S. Ave. N, Post, TX 79356 and Carol Tobias, 111 E. Two Draw Rd., Post, TX 79356

Their Broken Promises:

- 24-hour access to the clinic or urgent care facility - **NONE**
- Level 5 Trauma Stabilization Center - **NONE**
- On-site lab services - **LIMITED**

Five Years of Failure and Limited Healthcare Service must go!

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Participating in last weekend's 3-on-3 basketball tournament were (left to right) Tony Garay, CoCo Valdez and Jerrad Grisham, known as Players.

Green Thumb Garden Club News

by Louella Bilberry

The Green Thumb Garden Club met Thursday, April 20, in the home of Annie Laura Francis.

The business for the night was the announcement of members to be the nominating committee to select officers for the coming year. We regretfully accepted the resignation of Jewel White.

This meeting was the annual plant exchange. We drew numbers to get our plants. Some of the plants were familiar, but there were a few new ones too.

May 10, the last meeting for the club year, will be a salad supper in the home of Edna Owen. The new officers will be installed and members to be on other committees will be announced. We will each tell who our secret pal was and draw names for next year.

Attending were Betty Hill, Ida Jones, Carlene Markham, Jan Acker, Edna Owen, Alma Williams, Sybil Cockrum, Patsy Bilbo, Iva Hudman, Naomi Matsler and the hostesses, Annie Laura and Louella Bilberry.

Rotarians elect new officers

The Post Rotary Club elected new officers for the 2001-2002 year at their meeting last Tuesday.

Leon Miller was elected president of the group and Jana Bullard was named president-elect.

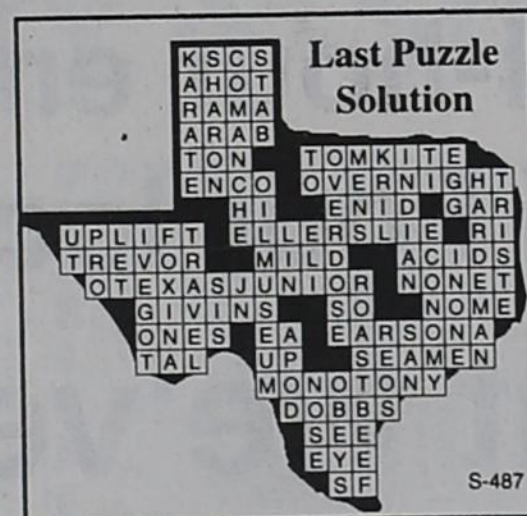
Charles Hardin will serve as secretary, Victor Ashley as treasurer and Ray Bagby as sergeant-at-arms.

Leslie Acker will head up Club Service. Paige Huckabay will lead Vocational Service, Syd Conner, Community Service, and Dr. James Bell, International Service.

The new officers will assume their posts effective July 1 and serve for a period of one year.

City councilman Bill Pool is outgoing president.

Miller and Acker were appointed to attend the Rotary District 2037 district assembly in Plainview Saturday.



Summer session at WTC

Western Texas College will offer classes in criminal justice, computer science, math, history and psychology during the summer session at its Post Extension Center.

Registration will be Tuesday, May 22, at 6 p.m. at Post High School. For more information or a schedule of course offerings, call 915-573-8511, ext. 242.

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What happened to all those promises?

Health services are changing in Post

The Garza Family Health Center, which operates out of the Garza Memorial Hospital facility, is experiencing a few minor changes. As of February 1, the health center will absorb the Post Health Care Clinic, which has also been operating out of the hospital building since the hospital's closure late last year, according to Maritta Reed, administrator of the Garza Hospital District and the rural health clinic.

Another recent change was the departure of Dr. Larry Leininger, whose contract had expired after working in Post for the past four years. With Leininger's departure, Dr. Able Salas and physician's assistant Mike Travis have been handling routine health care and minor emergency services from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week. To allow them some off-duty time during weekend hours, backup physicians and physician assistants come in on Saturdays and Sundays to help meet local medical needs at the clinic, Reed said. During the nighttime hours, medical personnel remain on-call for emergencies.

"We're here 24 hours a day for the community," Reed said. "The clinic is doing well. Even on Saturdays and Sundays it's picking up. People are using us for their primary health care needs, as well as for emergencies."

Meanwhile, the clinic continues to offer routine services such as lab, X-ray, EKG, ultrasound, physical therapy and respiratory therapy. The Garza Family Health Center is operated through Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

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They've broken promise after promise ... it's time for a change!

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You and Your Health

Do you remember when... ?

Do you remember when you didn't know anything? I do not mean in a figurative sort of way, like, "Look at those kids, they don't know anything", but in a literal sense like, "what are you talking about?"



For example, I overheard a couple of computer guy types talking about the latest in computing equipment. It was as if they were speaking in a foreign language. I only picked up on a few tidbits like, RAM, and, INTERNET. The rest could have been German for all I knew.

If I asked one of those guys a question about computing I would only understand about one fourth of their response. I would do a lot of head nodding as if understanding, but really, I would be lost after the first sentence. Think about your own line of work.

If you are in the oil patch you might be a "mudder" or throw the "lead tong". Only a handful of people outside of West Texas would have any idea of what you were talking about. My own brother has been doing the same work for 12 years, and I still don't understand what it is that he does.

It has something to do with computers and the U.S. Public Health Service. You would think after so many years that I could finally get some kind of clue about his occupation. My current theory is that he is a CIA operative and his "job" is a cover up.

My current theory is that he is a CIA operative and his "job" is a cover up. I can hear his CIA boss explaining to him, "Just tell them you are a computer guy and start speaking in German and they will just nod like they understand."

My point is that I also have forgotten what it is like not to know. I have forgotten that most people do not understand what I mean when I say "We'll send you over to get an MRI with Gadolinium to light up the part of your brain that I think is giving us the trouble."

Light up my brain!! With Gadolinium!! What the hell is that and why are you lighting my brain up with it?

In truth I am only getting an x-ray of sorts with a little added coloring to point out certain parts of the brain a little better. Now that sort of explanation you could understand.

Time and again I see that familiar glazed look in the eye of a patient. It is familiar because it is the look I see on my father as he stares into a microwave oven or tries to set the VCR timer. It is the look of complete bewilderment turning into utter frustration. It is practically instantaneous.

Now that I understand this phenomenon, I have taken up a crusade to stamp it out here in the office. We all try to correct each other when we notice medicaleese being spoken. We really do want you to understand what we are trying to do to help. The more you understand, the less fear you have.

So, the next time you are talking to your doctor or computer guy, or the electrician, and the eyes are feeling glazed, make sure they know that you really don't quite understand. They won't think you stupid, and perhaps you can help them remember what it like not to know. It is a good lesson.

Thank you for spending this time with me.
Winston Whitt, MD

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ZOE KIRKPATRICK

CHARLIE "BILL" DUNCAN

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Voting for Precinct 4 - Post High School Commons

SAMPLE BALLOT BOLETA DE MUESTRA

POST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(DISTRITO ESCOLAR INDEPENDIENTE DE POST)

TRUSTEE ELECTION
(ELECCION DE FIDUCIARIO)

May 5, 2001
(5 de mayo de 2001)

INSTRUCTION NOTE: (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION):

You may cast a total of two (2) votes. It is permitted to cast one vote for two candidates or cast two votes for one candidate. Mark an "X" in the appropriate boxes.

Usted puede lanzar un total de dos (2) votos. Se permitia lanzar un voto para dos candidatos o lanzar dos votos para un candidato. Marque un "X" en las cajas apropiadas.

Candidate/Candidato ALEXA M. COLLIER

Candidate/Candidato GUIN MILLER

Candidate/Candidato JEFF S. LOTT

Candidate/Candidato BRAD MASON

All voting May 5 at the Post High School Commons,
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6 Zilker Botanical Garden spring event: "Flora"
7 fast horse breed
8 TXism: "hit me like a ___ of bricks"
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16 TX's Humble Oil became this before Exxon
18 TX George Strait's ___ Male
21 TXism: "howdy"
22 Oklahoma town
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30 Brazoria antebellum mansion
34 this state would easily fit into TX's panhandle (abbr.)
35 actress Claire of '40s film "Texas"
36 TXism: "false alarm chili"
37 sour substances
39 Pampa's "Top ___ Stock Show"
43 the way a daring high wire performer works (2 wds.)
44 receiver Ernest for ex-Oilers
45 TXism: "___ long"

DOWN

1 TX rancher Chuck Norris martial arts skill
2 TX actress Tate who was killed by Manson family
3 city with "Old Cora" courthouse
4 action with a "Texas Toothpick"
9 TXism: "too lazy ___ swat flies"
10 TX Janis died of heroin
46 Alaska or TX town
47 small bills
48 this Ed played "Daniel Boone"
50 TXism: "plain as the ___ mule"
53 ex-Astro GM Smith
54 TXism: "woke ___ a bear" (caused trouble)
55 U.S.S. Texas crew tedious sameness
56 "Lonesome Dove" character Newt
11 TX-based Haggard sells ___ clothes
12 Odessa AM
13 TXism: "___ moon" (full moon)
14 TX electronics co.
15 TXism: "he couldn't find an ___ under a sitting hen"
17 Kilgore's "East TX ___ by the Tail"
19 Quanah is seat of this county
20 sad, mournful
24 Austin Univ.
25 Star Brett Hull or Mav. Juwan Howard
26 TXism: "___ it be"
31 Dub ___ or Mar ___
32 TX actor Wallace
33 George W. concern
38 goal of 9-across: "hole ___"
40 bro's sib
41 brand used by John & Nellie Connally
42 Sunday dinner
49 TXism: "two peas in ___"
51 antique autos
52 ___ Marcos, TX
57 TXism: "plain as the ___ on your face"
58 complies

Tyranny on the highways

(Continued from Page 1)

The Texas transportation code is nothing more than a corporate policy, and since the State of Texas is a corporate subdivision of the incorporated U.S., then all who live or travel inside those boundaries are considered corporate subjects, bound to obey corporate policies.

One of those policies is the registration of privately owned modes of travel, such as cars and trucks. Once an individual voluntarily signs over ownership to the corporation (state), the driver or owner automatically agrees to abide by the rules of the real owner of the car or truck.

Notice that when you register your car or truck, you get a "certificate of title," not an actual title or manufacturer's certificate of origin. The real title is held by the real owner, in a vault somewhere in Austin.

Because of the extortionate expense of defending the right of travel in the corporation's court system, most Texans meekly submit to the extortion and voluntarily gave up their right of travel by declaring themselves "motor vehicle" operators, through applications for certificates of title as well as "motor vehicle" licenses.

Although the Texas transportation code applies only to those people involved in commercial use of the highways, it is obvious that the vast majority of "criminals"

tagged in highway traffic fines were paid by "volunteers."

Very few, if any, of those victims realize that the cars and trucks they drive are not included in the regulations related to the transportation code, unless the original owner voluntarily submitted to the corporation policy.

The Texas Transportation Code defines commercial use of the highways as those carrying passengers or property for hire. Cars and trucks, which are not used for hire in carrying property or passengers, are not "motor vehicles" as defined by the code.

Carrying around a state driver's license is also a severe limit on freedom and liberty... that little piece of paper wrapped in plastic declares the holder to be an "operator of a motor vehicle."

So, when citizens voluntarily apply for a certificate of title to their

"motor vehicle," they have placed themselves under the jurisdiction of the corporate (state) traffic laws, which can constitutionally only apply to those who voluntarily declare themselves owners of "motor vehicles."

The system is perpetuated by ignorance and the expensive fees required to defend against the highway theft program. Those who enforce the corporate rules have the full backing of legislative thieves and a judicial system that puts corporate rules above constitutional guarantees of individual rights.

Under the current Texas legal system, it's a "no-win" situation for most people, except those who wear a corporate badge and those who live off the regular highway revenue producing program.

According to one old French version of *Beauty and the Beast*, Beauty's real name was Zemira.

Error in advertisement

In last week's edition, the advertisement for Kirkpatrick and Miller was in error by the omission of the line, "Are Not Big Spenders." The Post Dispatch apologizes for this oversight.

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- Hospital Board has no authority to control/remove/replace Garza EMS-Garza EMS is an independent operator
- By Law, Hospital Board cannot purchase/acquire a helicopter for Garza County without a bond issue or voting from the general public
- Garza Hospital tax cannot be increased, by law, over 3% of \$13.586 (current rate) or 40 cents. Any amount over this is subject to roll back by petition of the public

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Card of Thanks

Our Heartfelt Thanks
We would like to thank the EMS for their help with Mother throughout the years. We also wish to express appreciation to all those in the community and the people who brought food, cards, and flowers to the house. A special thanks to those who contributed to the wonderful meal at the church for the family. Our gratitude goes to Rev. Dan Poole and Brother Paul Jones who were there for Mother throughout the years and for the beautiful service to celebrate her life. Thank you to Jane Terry and Patsy Bilbo for the music.

For anyone who contributed anything that we may have forgotten, please know that we truly appreciate everything that was done. The meaning and value of being part of such a wonderful community as Post is clearly felt at a time like this.
The Batchie Morris Family

I just want to thank all of my friends for the lovely cards, phone calls, food and most of all your prayers during my hospital stay and

Thanks also to Lavina Palmer, John Redman and Joe Sanchez of the EMT's for being there when I needed you.
May God bless you,
Lucille Bush

A special Thank You in our time of loss to all that were so gracious. Thank you for the food, flowers, especially the prayers in these last days. Thank you for all of your acts of love and kindness. A special thanks to Bro. Jerry Graham and Betty and Bro. Keith Cooper for their visits and prayers. We also Thank each of you at Golden Plains Care Center who helped take care of our loved one. May God bless each one of you in a special way.

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We want to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food and phone calls. Thank you to the ladies of First Baptist Church for the lovely meal you provided for our family. The care and concern you gave us in our time of need means so much to all of us.

Mary Gale Young
Tommy and Ruth Ann Young
Jay Young
Ken, Sherri, Ashley and J.D. Young
D'Lynn, Jayson, Emma K and Jack Barnhart

Personals

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

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous
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Garage Sales
Saturday, 905 W. 6th, 8:30 am.

3 family garage sale. Little bit of everything. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9 am till 7:10 W. 11th.

513 W. 4th, Saturday, 9 am till 7:00 am and lots of misc.

Friday, 8 am till 7:15 W. 15th, 495-3361. Clothes for the whole family, pots and pans, furniture and lots of etc!

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Legal Notices

Small Motors Shop will be closed due to the death of Mr. Young. If you have machinery or equipment there please come by and pick it up or call 495-3787. Items not picked up within thirty (30) days, June 1, will be sold.
Mary Gale Young

Notice of Hearing For Oil And Gas Well Permit City Of Post, Texas

Notice is hereby given that The George R. Brown Partnership, acting under and pursuant to Ordinance No. 238, which Ordinance amended Ordinance No. 89, passes on February 14, 1950, and relating to the drilling for, mining, or in any manner engaging in operations for the purpose of extracting oil, gas or other petroleum products from the City of Post, and correcting exhibit B in Ordinance No. 89, and allowing additional drilling within the territorial limits of the City of Post as same existed on February 14, 1950; Made, passed and entered on the 29th day of March, 1966, filed with the City Secretary of the City of Post an application for a permit to drill a well for oil and/or gas upon lot number, in section number 1233, of the town of Post, Garza County, Texas, according to the map of plat of said town of record in volume 13, page 1, of the deed records of Garza County, Texas, reference to which is here made; Such well to be in section number 1233, as shown in said Ordinance No. 238.

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\$32,913
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\$29,450 Sale Price

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Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor: 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.

Not happy with newspaper story

Please be advised that I represent Mr. Jim Neff of Post, Texas. You may be aware that Mr. Neff and his family are long time residents of Garza County. On page seven of the April 26th edition of the Post Dispatch, you published a news story with the headline, "Woman's Culture Club hosts Caprock District Convention." Mr. Neff strongly objects to and is offended by certain language in that article. In particular, the objectionable statements are, "... Craig and former member Neff each left abusive relationships. I didn't even get out with my mother's doilies," Neff said. "These statements clearly describe her alleged experiences of abuse and harassment. Even if her statements only defame by innuendo, such statements are still actionable. The words of defamatory

statement need not always be obviously defamatory on their face. A reasonable explanation of the defamatory nature of the statement may be offered as part of the plaintiff's case. This explanation is called an "innuendo" (see Gartment v. Hedgpeh, 138 Tex 73, 157 S.W.2d 139, 142 (1941) — "innuendo explains the words used and annexes to them their proper meaning, if they are ambiguous."). The statements attributed to the former Mrs. Neff and published by you are not expressions of opinion. Even if Mrs. Neff had qualified or conditioned her statements as opinions, opinions may be actionable if they imply false statements of objective fact. Thus, a speaker or writer cannot insulate himself or herself from liability for defamation by simply couching statements of fact as opinions, such as, "In my opinion, John Jones is a liar." Statements of opinion are to be subjected to the same constitutional

analysis that governs statements of fact. The United States Supreme Court specified that decisions that concluded that there was a constitutional privilege for opinions based on the dicta in Gertz were mistaken (Milkovich v. Lorain Journal Co., 497 U.S. 1, 110 S. Ct. 2695, 111 L. Ed. 2d 1 (1990)). The former Mrs. Neff, Mary Rudolph Neff, requested and was granted the use of her maiden name, and presumably should be known by Mary Rudolph. However, she now persists in using her former husband's surname even though no children were born to the marriage. She apparently selectively chooses to use her former husband's name when she is involved in women's organizations that have agendas directed at husbands. She was married only once and, consequently, your reference to an "abusive relationship" can refer only to her marriage with Jim Neff. Therefore, your article clearly identified Mr. Neff as an abusive husband, and then represents that he prevented his former wife from leaving with her mother's doilies. It is not necessary that the victim be specifically named by the defamatory communication. Defamation is actionable as long as those who know and are acquainted with the victim understand that the defamatory statement is directed at him (see Newspapers Inc. v. Matthews, 161 Tex. 284, 339 S.W. 2d 890, 894 (1960)). For example, a plaintiff's uncontroverted statements that he was recognized by others in his profession as the person referred to in a newspaper article as having "a loose tongue, given to fabrication, and circulating an erroneous report," even though he was not specifically named in the report, presented fact questions that precluded summary judgment in favor of the defendant (Gilver v. Houston Post Company, 310 S.W. 2d 377, 379, 382-385 (Civ. App.—Houston 1958, ref. n.r.e.)). In another case, a statement that "the mother of" a particular child abused the child, made to a person who knew the plaintiff to be the child's mother, was defamatory, while a statement accusing "her" of child abuse, made to a person who did not know who "her" referred to, was not defamatory (Lozano v. Lozano, 983 S.W. 2d 787, 793 (Tex. App.—Houston (14th Dist.) 1998, pet. granted)). If you had checked the district clerk's file in Garza County in the Neff divorce, you would see that there was never any injunctive relief sought by the former Mrs. Neff or any motions filed that addressed any claim of abuse or the detaining of Mrs. Neff's property. There were never any criminal charges filed against Mr. Neff, and Mrs. Neff never saw any medical provider with symptoms, injuries or complaints of spousal abuse. The only hearing before the judge was the final hearing. To the contrary, I personally am familiar with the delivery of a truckload of personal items to Mrs. Neff's attorney that had been requested by Mrs. Neff. At all times, she had keys to their home and would have been welcomed to enter the home and take whatever she wished. She chose to go into hiding and

conducted herself in a highly theatrical and dramatic manner and adopted the post of "the aggrieved wife." At the divorce hearing, virtually all the relief that she requested was denied by District Judge George Hansard. I specifically recall that the judge explained to Mrs. Neff that law simply does not allow several of the radical remedies that she requested. In the very short time since you published this article, both Mr. Neff and his family have been subjected to public comment and humiliation. Mr. Neff has remarried and made a new life for himself during the years since the divorce from Mary Rudolph, and had put to rest much of the vitriolic gossip that was started by his ex-wife. Your article has revived these embarrassing and false allegations and Mr. Neff will apparently have to live through another period of public condemnation as an alleged "wife abuser." In his behalf, I demand an immediate withdrawal and correction of the comments made in the article and a public apology to Jim Neff. Clearly, none of the comments made and published and circulated by Mary Rudolph (the former Mrs. Neff) were privileged, and clearly, Mr. Neff is a private figure that has not sought any sort of publicity or public attention. Your agreement or failure to make these amendments will dictate our next action. Mike Millsap, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Lubbock

That bill will give them a blank check to spend your tax money on anything they can imagine that could come under the heading of "health care!" Lastly, Ms. Kirkpatrick mentions what she terms "frivolous" lawsuits for which the board has "been forced to spend taxpayer money" to defend the district. Much of that tax money for legal expenses has been for such things as the submission to the Dept. of Justice and the legislation which they are trying to get passed in Austin. If Ms. Kirkpatrick (and the others on the board in 1997) would have followed through with the first agreement they made to comply with the Voting Rights Act rather than ignoring it, the last lawsuit would not have been necessary either. It doesn't matter to them that voters' rights are violated. They don't care if they break the law. So just whose fault is it that tax money was spent unnecessarily? Berta Fuentes and Frank Tobias

'Anne of Green Gables' opens Friday at Garza

The Garza Theatre will observe the initial performances of its next production, "Anne of Green Gables," this weekend — May 4, 5 and 6. Additional performances are set for May 11-12 and 18-19, with certain times set for 7:45 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinee. Laura Bryan will direct the play, which stars Amanda Workman, Mitchell Britton, Shirley Cahn, Lannie Lee, Stan Tucker, Mandy Gray, Kristin Thomas, Teresa McHam, Jay Young, Valerie Burlesmith, Jenny Haning, Kindyl Keeton, Jennifer Paxton, Adam McHam, C.J. Long and Bryan. Tickets will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. For more information on the play and its performances, contact the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005.

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Adding facts about hospital tax

In light of the newspaper ads and a letter that has been circulating around Garza County from Ms. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Miller, we feel we need to add important information to the incomplete facts they quote.

Both the ads and the letter state that Ms. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Miller voted to lower the tax rate from 16.5 cents to 13.586 cents last year and Ms. Tobias voted against this. Yes, this is true, BUT what they don't tell you is that Ms. Tobias voted against it because the revenue raised would be MORE than the year before and she felt that the tax rate should be even LOWER!!!

It sure sounds good to tell the taxpayers that you lowered their tax rate until they check the dollar amount of the taxes they must pay. Because of reappraisals, the taxable value of most taxpayers' property went up, therefore even at the lower rate, they are hit with a LARGER tax bill!

And if the legislative bill they've sent to Austin passes, tax bills will be even higher because of all the extra stuff it will allow them to spend tax money on! They say they don't plan to establish an air ambulance, but if not, then why include it in the bill?

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Willie Key (second from right) was treated to a surprise 90th birthday party by family and friends at Alamo Restaurant. Willie was joined at the event by her daughter Eva Lou Page (right) and sisters Joyce Hancock (left to right) and Jimmie Pettigrew. Approximately 40 friends and family shared the event, including her grandson Ronnie Page of Littlefield and his children Jarrod, Jenni and Tyler of Lubbock; Mr and Mrs Horace Hancock of Seminole and Mr and Mrs Hern Pettigrew of Slaton.

One precedent creates another. They soon accumulate and constitute law. What yesterday was fact, today is doctrine.
—The Letters of Junius

SPS introduces new service

Beginning this week, Travelers Express, the "paystation" vendor which handles in-person payments of electric bills from Southwestern Public Service Company, will begin charging customers a \$1 fee for the service.

The vendor will share the fee with the paystation agent who accepts and then remits the customer's electric bill payment to SPS. Southwestern Public Service will not receive any of the fee.

Previously, SPS has paid a vendor and its paystation agents for accepting in-person payments.

"The new system will be fairer," said Bill Crenshaw, SPS communications consultant. "The customers who impose the cost for in-person payment will pay that cost, and only those customers who use the paystations will pay for that service."

More than 80 percent of Southwestern's customers pay their bills by return mail or automatic bank drafts, Crenshaw said, adding, "Automatic bank drafts are especially convenient. Customers still receive statements monthly, never had to deal with sending checks or money orders, and are assured their bills are paid on time."

"Now, newly, it is possible for our customers to pay by phone."

SPS customers can authorize bank drafts for a given month's billing by telephone SPS, providing their bank account, their bank's routing number (the nine-digit number in the bottom lower left of a printed check) and their SPS account numbers, he said.

Travelers Express, the paystation vendor, is replacing a vendor SPS had used since 1997. Travelers Express has not newly contracted with many of the paystation agents who previously have accepted SPS payments, Crenshaw said.

"The new vendor is signing up new agents as quickly as he can," he said.

To learn locations of the new Travelers Express agents, to pay by telephone or to arrange personalized payment plans, customers can call SPS at 1-800-750-2520 (or 1-800-687-8778 for a Spanish-speaking service representative), Crenshaw said.

WTC Fall 2001 registration

Students currently enrolled at Western Texas College may preregister for the fall 2001 semester through Friday.

Fall class schedules may be picked up at the registrar's office and the counseling office on campus.

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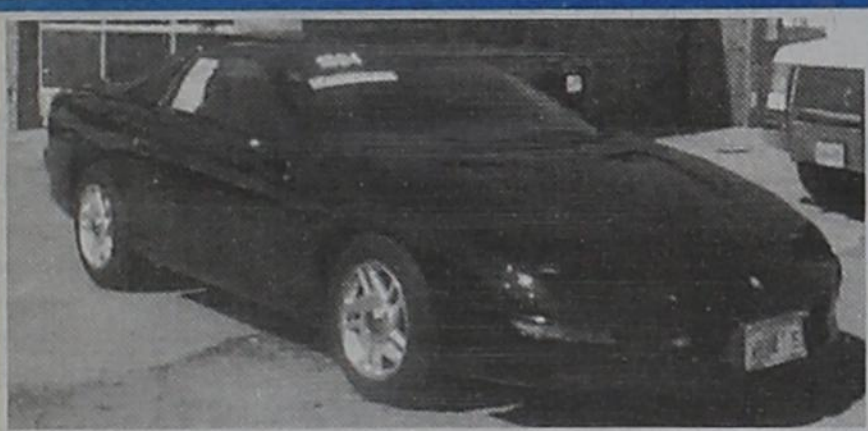
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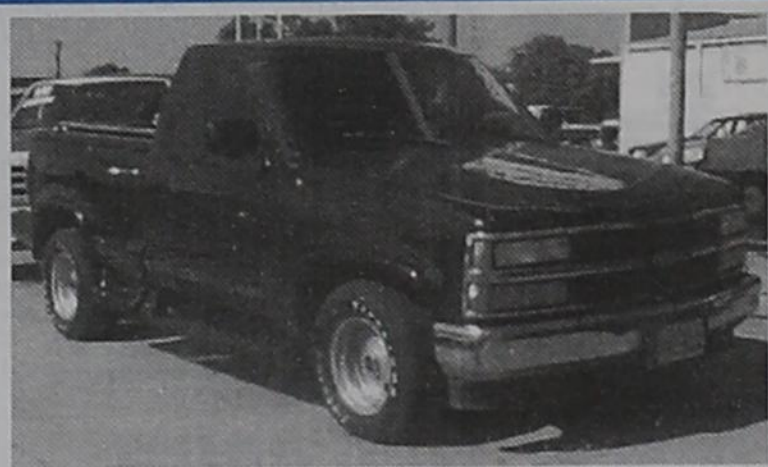
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