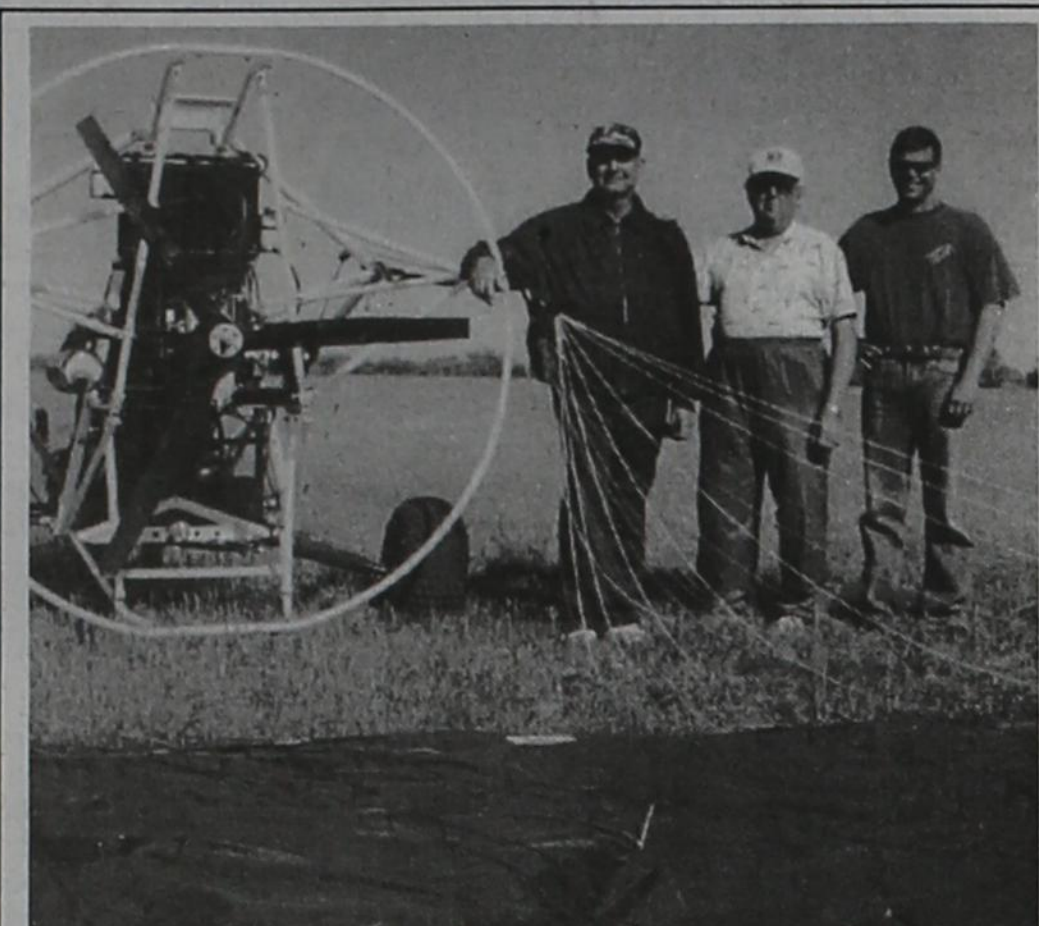


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Garza Theatre - Tickets on Sale Now!



It's certainly another way to fly ... Lawrence Ward, Alvis Moore Jr and Kirk Massey created a bit of stir around town last week when they landed their "Power Chutes" near Old Mill Trade Days. Reports came in that parachutes were floating down, some folks actually wanted to know if Post was being "invaded." Ward operates Your Destiny Inc., dealer for Destiny Powerchutes, in Graford. (Photo by Thomas Zachary)

## More sewer line work ahead

**by Wes Burnett**  
The Post City Council, at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, approved an additional \$300,000 for sewer line work at three intersections of U.S. Hwy 84. The three lines have to be lowered as part of the major concrete construction work expected to begin in September 2002.

The council voted to include the additional work as an amendment to the existing contract. Texas Department of Transportation engineer Bryan Wilson explained to the council that the lines in question had not been included in the original work due to the lack of elevation information on old city infrastructure maps. "We're fortunate that you discovered these lines before we started construction," Wilson said.

The major improvement work on U.S. Hwy 84 is funded by the federal government, with bids expected to be opened in July and construction to begin in September. "We've got to have all utilities cleared before construction starts," Wilson added.

In other action, the council approved matching funds of \$7,500 for a grant application presented by Post ISD teacher James

Easterling, who is coordinating technology issues. Easterling explained that the jointly funded project by the city, county and Post ISD would provide up to \$250,000 in the federal grant for equipment, supplies and training, and could be used to provide computer services to Post Public Library, Garza County Museum and the Senior Citizen Center.

The council rejected a waiver request by Herb Walls regarding a portion of his residential fence, which sits partially on city property.

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## Citizens question project

**by Wes Burnett**  
Post and Garza County citizens attending two public hearings Tuesday soaked up details about the impending City of Post backup water supply project, asking questions and getting answers from city officials and engineers.

Former Mayor Jim Jackson asked, "How much is this going

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A few Canadian Snow Geese are still nesting at South Lake in Post. The geese normally would be gone by now, but their little geeslings are being nurtured until they can fly. Hooter Ammons, who feeds and keeps watch over the visitors, worries that people here don't realize what a treasure it is to have these endangered geese here. "I just hope someone doesn't try to steal or harm those little critters," Ammons said. (Photo by Thomas Zachary)

## Post Notes

### National Nursing Home Week

National Nursing Home Week is May 13-17, with local observations being led by the staff and volunteers at Golden Plains Care Center. The week begins Monday with "Up, Up and Away Day," Tuesday, "Fiesta Day," Wednesday will be "Western Day," Thursday is set for "Sports Day" and Friday is "Ice Cream Social Day." Festivities begin at 10 a.m. each morning. The public is invited to join in the fun.

### Class of '02 Salute May 23

Area businesses and advertisers are encouraged to call soon to reserve their favorite 2002 high school graduate for the popular graduation salute published by The Post Dispatch. Graduating seniors at Post, Southland and Borden County high schools will be featured. Call 495-2816 to reserve a sponsorship, still only \$25 (the same price since 1983).

### Spur offers country music show

Buddie Boswell's "Union Mill Opry" country music show will be held Saturday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in Spur's Palace Theatre. Admission is \$8, with students kindergarten through 12th at \$4 each. Call 806-892-3484 for more information.

### Booster Club T-Shirt Sale

The Post Antelope Booster Club is selling Antelope Baseball shirts for \$15. Those interested should contact Gina Lott at 629-4265 or Larry Mills at 495-3719 or 495-3726.

### All Sports Banquet May 13

The annual All Sports Banquet will be held May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Post Community Center. Advance tickets are \$10 each. Tickets sold at the door are \$12 each. Tickets may be purchased at Collier Drug, Wells Fargo, CitizensBank, PHS office or Caprock Veterinary Clinic.

### Special notice to Post businesses

The Post ISD athletic department is changing its contract for poster services affecting the 2002-2003 school year. The new authorized representative for Post ISD poster advertising is Great Texas Sports of Austin. The football and basketball poster ads will be less expensive with Great Texas Sports, with better quality materials, according to athletic director Richard Gorman. "The athletic department sincerely appreciates every business who supports the athletic programs in Post," Gorman said, "we hope this change will not be a problem." If any business has questions concerning the poster companies, they should contact Gorman at 495-3164.

### Free Texas Forum May 21

Garza County citizens interested in learning more about the benefits of a new Texas constitution are encouraged to attend the May 21 monthly Free Texas Forum. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. at Chapa's Family Restaurant. The Free Texas Forum is held monthly on the third Tuesday. For more information call 495-0122.

### Cancer survivor walk

The Relay for Life Survivor Walk will be held Friday evening, June 7 at the Post ISD track. If you or someone you know, is a cancer survivor and 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.

### EMT classes begin May 28

The EMT-Basic Course will begin May 28 and continue through August 30, 2002. Classes will be at 107 E. Main in Post. Registration forms may be obtained from Rodney Tidwell at MAD DADS or call 495-1244 for registration information. Deadline for registration is May 25. The course is \$385 plus books. Students will be refunded the cost after serving 52 shifts of duty. Borden County EMTs will serve as instructors for the course.

### Wildlife Seminar

The Sustainable Wildlife III program will be held May 16, 8:30-4:10 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch north of Snyder. Pre-registration is \$20 if paid by May 9 or \$30 at the door. For registration form come by the Extension office at 102 South Avenue L in Post.

### Brisket Sale

Garza County 4-H will sell and cook briskets again this year. If you are interested in ordering a half or whole brisket, please contact any 4-H'er or the Extension office at 495-4400. Briskets will be \$15 for a half and \$25 for a whole and will be ready to pickup or be delivered May 17. 4-H families need to come by the Extension Office to pick up brisket order slips.

### Wildlife for Profit and Fun

A wildlife program for farmers and ranchers will be held at the Cash 2-Bit Ranch Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. Coffee and snacks will be served. Wildlife specialist, lawyer and ranchers will discuss various aspects of leasing land for hunting. The ranch is located 11 miles north of Post on west side of Hwy 651. For more information call the Extension office at 495-4400.

## GHCD voters want term limits

Saturday's voter referendum in the Garza County Health Care District indicates the majority of local taxpayers would like to see a two-term limit for district board members.

In the referendum on board member term limits, a total of 89 voters approved the need for limits, while 57 voters said no, according to figures supplied by the health care district.

Currently, there is no limit on the number of terms a director can serve, and all terms are for two years.

Of the "yes" votes, 66 voted for a limit of two two-year terms (or four years total); 14 favored three terms (a total of six years of service); five supported a four-term limit (or eight years); and two voted in favor of a five-term (10-year) limit.

A total of 156 ballots were cast in the election, which saw no contested races for directors' seats.

Incumbent Michael Travis netted 107 votes to retain his at-large position on the district board, while newcomer Ray Bagby earned 46 votes.

No one filed as a candidate for the Precinct 1 position. That post is expected to be filled by board appointment in coming weeks.

Votes from the weekend election were to be canvassed tonight, May 9, by board members.

## Post ISD voters choose incumbents

Post Independent School District voters returned two incumbents to their trustee positions in Saturday's election.

Mark Kirkpatrick and Barbara Hardin, both members of the Post ISD board since 1990, were the top two vote getters in the at-large election. Kirkpatrick earned 215 votes, while Hardin had 185 votes.

Challengers Susan (Suzi) Clary and Vera Wartes received 76 and 52 votes respectively.

A total of 271 voters cast ballots in the election, according to district officials.

Ballots from the election were to have been canvassed Wednesday morning at a special called meeting of the board of trustees.



Post Hospital Foundation director Jack Alexander (second from left) is joined by Garza Health Care District administrator Tonya White (left) and EMTs Christopher Metzgar, Rodney Tidwell and Ronnie Metzgar. The hospital foundation has established a reimbursement program for those interested in completing EMT training. Ronnie and Christopher will complete their Intermediate EMTs coursework May 22. Tidwell has complete basic and intermediate training. He and Christopher Metzgar plan to complete their EMT paramedic training. The hospital foundation provides other scholarship opportunities for those interested in participating with the volunteer ambulance service. Call 495-282 for more information.



"Remember Mama" cast members (left to right) Christy Morris, Micah Robnett, Kindyl Keeton, Christine Zellmer, Mark Martin and (front) Alexandra Coor continue performances this weekend at the Garza Theatre. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

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## Bridal shower honors Mrs Marc McClain

Mrs. Marc McClain, the former Miss Kimberly Craig, was honored with a bridal shower March 24 in the home of Nancy Thuett.

Guests were served refreshments from a table decorated with an arrangement of fresh spring flowers and cut glass appointments.

Special guests included Sherri Craig, mother of the bride, and Patsy Craig, grandmother of the bride.

The hostess gift was a comforter and matching bed skirt.

Hostesses were Eydie Capps, Frances Craig, Janice Dube, Jane George, Carol Hester, Marsha Norman, Mary Margaret Norman, LuAnne Terry, Nancy Thuett and Wilma Williams.

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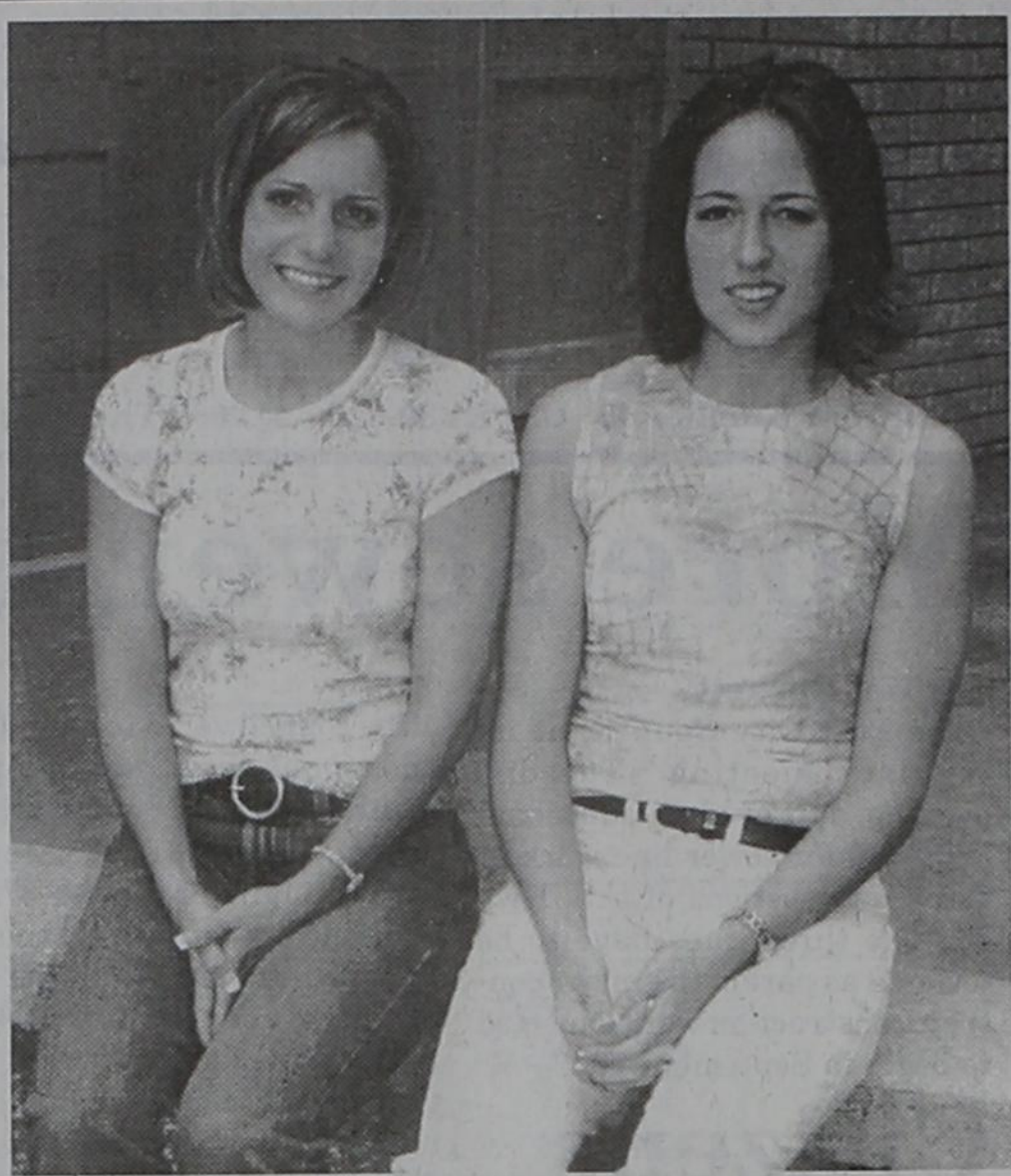
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Post High School seniors Meagan Mills (left) and Tandi Humble were selected to the Academic All-State honor by Texas Girls' Coaches Association (TGCA). Mills competed at the state U.I.L. spelling competition last week. She also has been selected to play in the Texas Girls' Coaches Association All-Star basketball game, set for July 11 in the Daniel Meyer Coliseum on the TCU campus in Fort Worth.

### Xcel Energy sets lower prices

Xcel Energy's summertime prices for electric service this year will be about 20 percent lower than in 2001.

The lower prices reflect decreased costs of natural gas used to produce electricity at five of the company's seven regional power generation sta-

tions. In 2001, natural gas costs were unusually high.

"For instance, in Texas last summer, the electric bill for a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of service was \$82.64," David Hudson, director of regulatory administration and pricing for Xcel Energy, said. "Although that was the lowest price for electric service in this region, we'll reduce it by about 20 percent, to \$65.66 - a drop of \$16.98 - this summer."

Businesses and industrial customers, because they use larger amounts of power and energy, are seeing larger percentage reductions in prices than residential customers do, just as they saw larger price increases last year, Hudson said.

Reductions in prices began late last year for about 299,500 Xcel Energy-served homes, businesses and industries in the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas, and for some 120,000 eastern New Mexico, Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas customers, he said.

## Howard and Betty McCampbell celebrate 50th anniversary

Howard and Betty McCampbell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary April 28 with a party in their daughter's home in Wichita Falls.

Hosts for the event were the couple's children, Deborah Considine of Wichita Falls, David McCampbell of Amarillo and Shannon Jarnagin of Idalou.

Howard McCampbell and Betty Dent, both natives of Post, were married April 25, 1942, in Lubbock.

An avid coin collector, he worked at Pan-Tex until hire retirement in 1984. She enjoys church-related activities and water exercise.

The McCampbells are members of Fain Presbyterian Church, having lived in Wichita Falls for six years.

They have seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

### Post Toasters

by JoAnn Mock

"Stop and smell the roses." Wow, notice the abundance of roses and pretty floral and fauna that enhance the appearance of Post. Isn't it beautiful around the courthouse, it is a marvelous sight.

All the colorful flowers, balloons, produce and spring décor makes shopping for groceries very enjoyable at United.

My guests and I window shopped before the play Saturday. They were amazed at the variety of "stuff" we have here.

Applause to all the gardeners, display artists and workers that beautify Post. Thanks to these Post Toasters.

"I Remember Mama" is a play about one of the sweetest mothers, a tribute written by her daughter. Most mothers, like me, sat there wondering if our children will remember us like that? Anyway, Christy Morris as Mama was just great as a mama trying to cope with everyday problems of her family. This play had a large cast and everyone performed beautifully.

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**Determine never to be idle. No person will have occasion to complain of the want of time who never loses any. It is wonderful how much may be done if we are always doing.**

—Thomas Jefferson

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Garza plays are sometimes like life lessons as we recall that Mamahood (as portrayed) means doing everything possible, including self sacrifice, for your kids.

Don't forget, Post Toaster event with Giles McCrary as speaker, at the Garza County Trailblazers on May 16 at 7 p.m.

### Births

#### R.C. Curtis Jr IV

Erika Bustoz and R.C. Curtis Jr. III are proud to announce the birth of their first son, R.C. Curtis Jr. IV, born at 5:36 p.m. April 25, 2002, at Highland Medical Center in Lubbock.

The baby weighed eight pounds, four ounces, and was 22 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Ernie Bustoz and Mari Bustoz of Post. Paternal grandparents are R.C. II and Helen Curtis of Post.

Paula Boyd of San Antonio is the maternal great-grandmother. Paternal great-grandparents are R.C. and Johnny Curtis of Post and Addie Latsen of Post.

Maternal great-great-grandmother is Teodora Mendez of Coutulla.



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Stan Tucker (right) and Alexander Coor (middle) are joined on stage by "Mama" Christy Morris (left) in a scene from "I Remember Mama," which continues this weekend at the Garza Theatre. Call 495-4005 for reservations.

### Morris, Martin, perfect match in "I Remember Mama"

by Louella Bilberry  
"I Remember Mama" — a sweet story of a family of limited means, but so rich in family love.

Mama (Christy Morris) and Papa (Mark Martin) are perfect in their parts. They are comfortable with each other, making themselves believable to us. They did very well with their Norwegian accents, too.

Daughter Katrin, our storyteller, is played by Kindyl Keeton. She has graced our stage before. She projects her voice to perfection. We had no problem understanding clearly every word she spoke.

The aunts are delightful — snippy, gossipy, nosy and opinionated.

Jay Young is perfection personified in his role as the timid suitor of Aunt Trina. She is all aflutter, hoping to get a dowry from rich Uncle Chris.

It is a pleasure to have Tim McIntire back. He plays brash Uncle Chris, loud and pompous.

This has been a well cast production, even down to the cat. Use of a spotlight was an interesting touch.

Yes, I remembered Mama, but I'd forgotten some of the story line.

Attendance has been good for each performance. I hope you don't miss it!

### Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

#### Garden Checklist for 2002

\* Cut off old blossoms on spring flowering annuals, such as pansies, snapdragons, stock and calendulas, to prolong the flowering season.

\* Continue to fertilize roses every four to six weeks with small amounts of a balanced fertilizer.

\* Allow foliage of spring flowering bulbs to mature and yellow before removing.

\* Set out plants of hybrid portulaca (purslane) in sunny areas. Make rooted cuttings of your favorite colors by placing 3 to 4 inch stems in moist, sandy soils. It's not too late to sow directly into the soil seeds of sunflower, zinnia, morning glory, portulaca, marigold, cosmos, periwinkles and gourds. Achimenes, cannas, dahlias and other summer flowering bulbs can also be planted in May.

\* Pinch back the terminal growth on newly planted annual and perennial plants. This will result in shorter, more compact, better branched plants with more flowers.

\* Plant caladium tubers, petunias, Impatiens, begonias and torenias in well prepared shady areas.

\* Make cuttings of your favorite chrysanthemums and root them in a mixture of sand and peat moss over cutting box with plastic and place in shaded area for 5 to 6 days to prevent wilting.

\* Replace or replenish mulch materials in flower beds and shrub borders to conserve moisture and reduce weed growth.

\* Remove or cut back frost-damaged crape myrtle and

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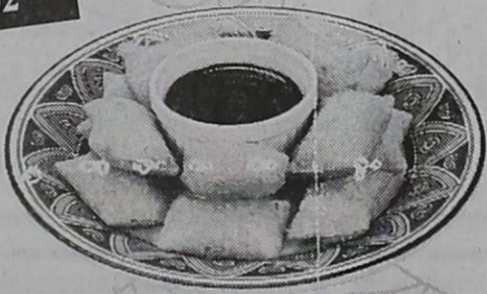
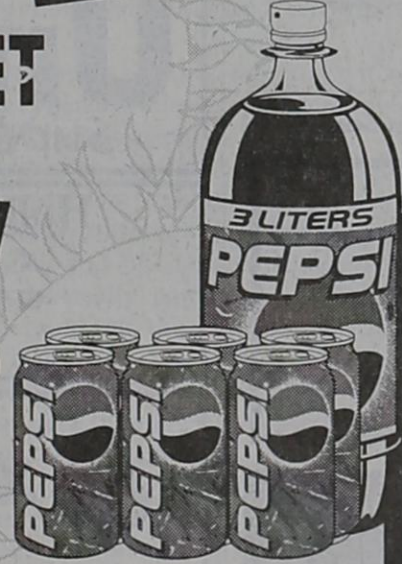
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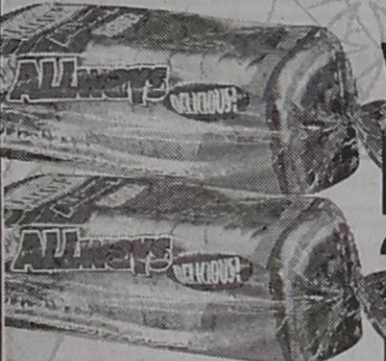
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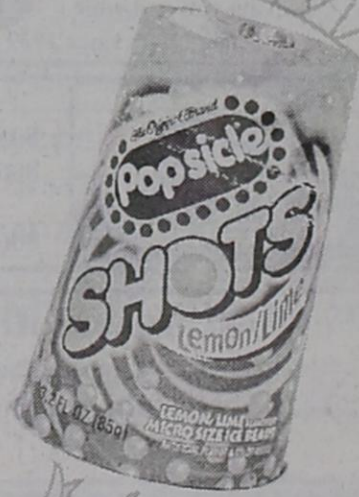


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# Obituaries

## Jack W. Tyree

Graveside services for Jack W. Tyree, 77, of Sweetwater were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 2, 2002, in the Snyder Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Day, pastor of the Avenue D Baptist Church, officiating. The Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Tuesday, April 30, at Luman-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans Home in Big Spring.

Born March 1, 1925, in Bagdad, Florida, he married Clara Silvia Cole in 1967 in Casper, Wyoming. She died March 9, 1993. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he did highway construction.

Survivors include one brother, Horace Tyree of Lubbock; one sister-in-law, Lorraine Wilburn of Abilene; one niece, Carolyn Hale of Sweetwater; one nephew, James William Tyree of Clyde; two great-nieces; two great-nephews; and three great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

One brother, James Moody Tyree, preceded him in death in 1952.

## Willie Mae Key

Services for Willie Mae Key, 91, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Monday, May 6, 2002, in the Justiceburg Baptist Church with the Rev. Don Blacklock officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery in Post under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Friday, May 3, in the Golden Plains Care Center.

Born April 23, 1911, in Lone Wolf, Okla., she married Henry Key May 16, 1929, in Post. He died Sept. 23, 1989. She drove a school bus for the Post

Independent School District for many years and was a Baptist.

Survivors include one daughter, Eva Lou Page of Post; three sisters, Johnnie Faye Crowley of Teague, Joyce Hancock of Seagraves and Jimmie Pettigrew of Slaton; two grandsons, Joe Key Page and Ronnie Lee Page, both of Littlefield; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

## Josefa Treto

Graveside services for Josefa Treto, 76, of Lubbock will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 12, 2002, in the Southland Cemetery with the Rev. Ricky Cordona officiating. The Hudman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. She died Monday, May 1, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Aug. 23, 1925, in Donie, Texas, she married Urbano Caldera Sr. in 1954. He preceded her in death in 1957. She married Rudolfo Treto in 1965. He preceded her in death in 1991.

Survivors include three sons, David Caldera and Urbano Caldera Jr., both of Lubbock, and Albert Treto of Amarillo; one brother, Isidro Vasquez of Southland; two sisters, Anita Garcia of Colusa, California, and Losaya Masanillas of Yuba, California; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jimmy Caldera, in November 1973.

## Juanita Inez Smith

Memorial services for Juanita Inez Smith, 80, of Post will be conducted at a later date. Hudman Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements. She died Sunday, May 5, 2002, in the Golden Plains Care Center.

Born Jan. 13, 1922, in Dickens County, she was a cook at the nursing home until her retirement. She also was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include one brother, Alvis Smith of Rogers, Ark.; two sisters, Christine Smith of Post and Doris Caldwell of Fort Worth; and one cousin, Flora Fry of Post.

## Patricia Ann Crowley

Services for Patricia Ann Crowley, 62, of Post, were held Monday, May 6, 2002 4:00 PM at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Les Atkins, Pastor officiating. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.

She died on Friday May 3, 2002 at her Residence.

She was born on October 16, 1939 to Lonnie Murrie and Clara 'Bill' (Wright) Crowley here in Post. She later moved with her family to Snyder and started school there and then moved to Eastland. They returned to Post in 1950 and she graduated Post High School. After graduation she moved to Dallas, then Sherman and to Lubbock. She returned to Post in 1999 and worked for Allsup's and at the time of her death was employed by South Plains Community Action here in Post. She was preceded in death by her father Murrie Crowley, January 16, 1981.

Survivors include her mother: Bill Crowley of Post, one Son: Aubrey L. (Chip) Williams, Jr. of Gonzales and one Daughter: Lisabeth (Beth) Codney of Ft. Worth. One Brother: Lonnie M. Crowley, Jr. of Lubbock. Eight grandchildren. One great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Redman, Jerry Taylor, Shannon Crowley, Walton McQuien, Wendell Johnson and Gerald Pollard.



The first known use of O.K. was in the New York New Era in 1840 as part of a name: The Democratic O.K. Club. O.K. was an abbreviation for Old Kinderhook, a nickname for future president Martin Van Buren. Kinderhook, New York was Van Buren's birthplace.

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## Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

### THE LIFE OF A PETTY KING

KINGS WERE NUMEROUS IN BIBLICAL DAYS. EVERY CITY HAD ITS OWN KING MUCH AS TODAY WE HAVE MAYORS TO CONDUCT AND OFFICIATE THE BUSINESS OF THE CITIES. HOWEVERT, THE MODERN MAYOR MUST CONSULT THE CITY COUNCIL, ALDERMEN, ETC., THE BIBLICAL KINGS AND THEIR AURA OF ROYALTY ENABLED THEM TO ASSUME MUCH GREATER AND DICTATORIAL POWERS. WHEREAS MODERN MAYORS ARE CONCERNED WITH BUDGETS, UNION DEMANDS, TRADE AGREEMENTS, AND COMMERCE FOR THE CITY IN GENERAL, THE BIBLICAL SMALL-TIME KING WAS MORE CONCERNED WITH WHAT CITY HE WOULD MAKE WAR ON FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLUNDERING, TAKING SLAVES, AND ANNEXING TERRITORY. HIS NEXT CONCERN WAS WHAT ENEMY MIGHT ATTACK HIS CITY FOR THE SAME REASONS. ALL OF WHICH FORCED THESE ANCIENT KINGS INTO A SERIES OF ALLIANCES WITH THEIR NEIGHBORING CITIES TO FORESTALL SUCH A CALAMITY BEFALLING THEM. THE END RESULT WAS A MAZE OF COMPLICATED POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS WHICH TODAY MIGHT TAKE A COMPUTER TO UNSCRAMBLE!



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## Amish face attacks from welfare state

An Amish farm has come under attack from the paternalistic welfare state in Pennsylvania. According to a story in the New York Times, many Amish families are offering hungry tourists a home-cooked meal in return for a donation.

This has put both the State Bureau of Food Safety as well as the Pennsylvania Restaurant Association in an uproar. Why? Well, not because the food's no good: On the contrary, tourists rave about the "oven-fresh bread, ham loaf, noodles, and shoofly pie."

And, no, not because eating conditions are unsanitary: Dee Dee Meyer, a restaurant chef in Pennsylvania, noted, "I'd eat off the floor in an Amish house." So, what's the problem? The Amish, who historically have believed that life, liberty, and property are inherent and fundamental rights that preexist government (as the Founding Fathers of our country believed) refuse to ask the state for a license to operate a restaurant.

As Don Ranck, a farmer who isn't Amish, put it, "They basically want to be left alone." Well, then who's complaining? Surprise, surprise: Not the customers but rather other restaurants, who don't like the competition, and the state, which has the power to shut down non-licensed eating establishments.

Attempting to justify its "get a license or shut down" order, the state pointed to an e-coli infection suffered by people who had dined at an Amish farm run by Elam and Barbara Fisher a few days earlier—even though, according to The Times, "no fault was firmly tracked to the Amish."

Faced with the state's ultimatum, the Fishers have decided to shut down. John Stoltzfus, a neighbor, commented, "Elam's health is not good and this was a way for him to make a little money and survive." Just chalk it up as another success story for the paternalistic welfare state and its modern-day tyranny in America.

*Jacob G. Hornberger is the founder and president of the Future of Freedom Foundation*

### Our unalienable rights?

"All men are born free and independent, and have certain natural, essential, and unalienable rights, among which may be reckoned the right of enjoying and defending their lives and liberties; that of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property; in fine, that of seeking and obtaining their safety and happiness." — John Adams



## And thereafter, who should decide?

by Walter E. Williams

There are six-person and there are three-person families. So is it fair that a six-person family live crowded in a 1,500 square foot house, while that three-person family enjoys 5,000 square feet?

It's the same thing with cars. I've seen five-person families squeezed into a Honda and two-person families riding comfortably in a Lexus SUV. Sometimes checking into a hotel, there's a husband, accompanied by a wife and three children, asking for two roll-away cots to be placed in the room, while Mrs. Williams and I check into a spacious suite with a sitting room.

Is any of this fair? Shouldn't there be some kind of committee to decide which family deserves and gets the larger house or roomier car, and which family should have the more spacious hotel accommodations?

You say: "Williams, you've finally lost it. Can you imagine all the hassle and conflict that would result from some want-to-be tyrants deciding who should get what? Moreover, who in their right mind would produce homes, cars and hotels if some wacko communistic scheme decided who gets what, instead of the way we now do it — through prices people are willing to pay?" You're right, and your reasoning also applies to organ transplants. Let's look at it.

Last December, Larry Kramer, founder of Gay Men's Health Crisis and ACTUP, received a liver transplant at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Kramer is 66 and a homosexual with AIDS, who spent seven months on the organ transplant waiting list. When the news broke about his having received a liver transplant, there was outrage on the talk radio circuit. Talk show hosts and their callers decried Kramer's transplant, arguing there were needier and more deserving people waiting around for livers. Some callers argued that people with self-inflicted illnesses, such as AIDS, obesity or smoking-related cancers, shouldn't receive organ transplants, or at least should have the lowest priority.



All of that is nonsense. Who gets what organ transplant should be decided using the same mechanism as we use to decide who gets what house, car or hotel room — namely, prices.

In other words, there should be a market for buying and selling organs. The greatest salutatory effect of an organ market would be a massive increase in the supply of organs. For example, I should be able to write a contract to sell my organs, say, to Body Parts, Inc., for \$300,000. The proceeds might become a part of my estate. At my death, my organs would be harvested and the \$300,000 paid to my estate.

Most people think organ donations are the way to go. For those people, I'd like to ask: What else would they like to see provided through donations? Cars are important. Why not provide them through donations? What about houses, food, clothing, medicine, doctor and plumbing services? If these goods and services were mandated to be provided through donations, we'd have the same supply problems as we have with livers, hearts and kidneys.

An organ market would eliminate the arbitrariness of doctors and bureaucrats sitting around like gods, deciding who will die and who will live.

You say, "Williams, with market allocation of organs, only the rich would be served." Nonsense. I'd like to see the evidence for such a conclusion. Is it only the rich who have cars or homes or hotel rooms and are able to acquire loans?

The great unappreciated advantage of market allocation of goods and services is that it reduces the potential for human conflict. Why is it that we see conflict in who gets what organ or what's taught in public schools, and no conflict in who gets what car, home or what's taught in private schools? The answer ought to tell us something.

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# Property rights under assault in Arizona

by Vin Suprynowicz

An Arizona judge ruled April 29 that the city of Mesa can seize Randy Bailey's profitable brake repair shop and transfer the property to his larger and more powerful neighbor — an Ace Hardware store looking to expand.

The Washington-based Institute for Justice, the public interest law firm which is handling the case for Bailey, immediately appealed the ruling, which is now stayed pending appeal.

The reason this case matters far beyond the Phoenix suburb, where the Bailey family has operated its profitable little business for 31 years, is that cities all across the country "are using the power of eminent domain to take homes and businesses from one set of owners to transfer to more politically powerful ones," explains attorney Clint Bolick, who's handling the case for the IJ. "It's corporate welfare at its most brazen."

In the mid-1990s, Mesa leveled an entire neighborhood — 63 homes — for a resort and water park that never materialized, Bolick reports. "Today the homes are gone, the taxpayers are out \$6 million, and the land remains vacant."

That's because local governments — once responsible for (start ital)protecting(end ital) property rights — are instead now "playing real estate developer," Bolick charges.

It's important to note that Mesa wants to take the property "not to build a road, a school, or a hospital, but to sell to an Ace Hardware Store," Bolick explains. "Bailey's Brake Service has been family owned at this location for 31 years; it's very profitable. But even if he gets full market value for his property he may be forced to go out of business because of the high cost of relocating."

Environmental regulations which have piled up since the shop originally opened would make it prohibitively expensive for Bailey to relocate, even if he were paid "fair market value" for his property, Bolick explains.

The excuse Mesa is using is that they're allowed to seize property for redevelopment if it's "blighted."

Mesa redevelopment director Greg Marek testified the brake shop is surrounded by vacant land, empty buildings and an abandoned gas station, and constitutes a "legal non-conforming use."

"If you didn't use (the power of eminent domain in this way), you would have downtowns in a mess," argues Tom Verploegen, executive director of the Mesa Town Center Corp., who supports the forced property transfer.

But "There's been no formal finding of blight," Bolick explains. And even if blight had been proven, "The city's policies call for rehabilitation and structural renovation wherever feasible. But it turns out the city doesn't have a rehabilitation or structural renovation program, so they just skip all that and go right to eminent-domain seizure."

Perversely, such indiscriminate tarring with the brush of alleged "blight" can become a self-fulfilling prophecy. In the early 1990s, the neighboring city of Scottsdale "declared the Fifth Avenue area north of Old Scottsdale a redevelopment zone and waited for a developer to propose a replacement for the thriving small shops and art galleries," Bolick wrote in a March 4 commentary for the daily Arizona Republic. "Under the cloud of eminent domain, the area has had difficulty attracting long-term tenants or new investment."

Heavy-handed government "improvement" schemes don't eliminate blight. Rather, by interrupting the natural cycle of free-market investment — private speculators waiting for land prices in a given area to drop before buying up and consolidating parcels — they (start ital)cause(end ital) blight.

This, inevitably, is the "end result of these social engineering practices," Bolick adds.

But while Arizona Superior Court Judge Robert Myers doesn't seem to have grasped the corrosive effect of such cynical land-grabs, some public officials do appear to "get it."

"How secure do you feel in your property rights?" asks Arizona State Treasurer Carol Springer in a posting at her official web site.

"If you've been following the story of Bailey's Brake Service, you might be a little frightened by an emerging trend. ... Should the City of Mesa succeed in acquiring Bailey's property through the use of eminent domain, it will set a precedent for a whole new wave of government taking. ...

"The developer asked the City of Mesa to condemn the brake shop under eminent domain and enable him to acquire the property. ... This is a far cry from the original intent of eminent domain laws. ...

"Property rights are one of the cornerstones of this country. When the founding fathers came here from Europe it was largely to enjoy the benefits of private property ownership," Ms. Springer points out. "John Adams said that, 'The moment the idea is admitted into society that property is not as sacred as the Laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it, anarchy and tyranny commence. Property must be sacred or liberty cannot exist.'"

Not only are our private property rights guaranteed by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, Arizona's own state constitution stipulates that "Private property shall not be taken for private use," Ms. Springer reveals.

"Property rights are not a partisan issue, they are an American issue," she concludes. "Those that have the most to lose are the homeowners, the people who work an entire lifetime to procure the American dream of home ownership. The power of America is in its citizens' right to secure their future through property ownership. This is bedrock on which the wealth of this country is built."

A Republican state lawmaker who plans to introduce legislation in Phoenix to curb such uses of eminent domain agrees.

"This should frighten everybody in the state," Eddie Farnsworth, R-Gilbert, told Arizona's East Valley Tribune. "One of the fundamental rights we have, and what separates us from socialism, is private property rights. To me, freedom and property ownership are inseparable. If you lose one, you lose the other."

Amen to that.  
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"This Sunday, after brunch, go for a walk with your mother, grandmother and the rest of your family," Secretary Thompson said. "And then together pledge to walk and stay active throughout the year. Families literally can walk down the path to better health."

To highlight the health benefits of physical activity, especially for older Americans, Secretary Thompson will lead senior citizens on a half-hour walk around the National Mall in Washington. Assistant Secretary for Aging Josefina G. Carbonell and representatives of national aging organizations will also participate in the walk, which is part of HHS' May activities for Older Americans Month, National Osteoporosis Prevention Month and National Physical Fitness and Sports Month.

Researchers have found that people of all ages can benefit from being active and that staying physically active can help prevent certain diseases and disabilities as people age. Nationally, lack of physical activity contributes to an estimated 300,000 preventable deaths each year from diseases such as heart disease, stroke and diabetes.

Osteoporosis is a disease characterized by loss of bone density and quality, leading to increased risk of fracture. About half of all women and one in eight men will suffer a fracture due to osteoporosis during their lifetime.

Walking, jogging and other weight-bearing exercise helps keep bones strong and also improves balance and muscle strength, which are important in avoiding falls and fractures.

"It is never too late to start exercising and eating properly," Assistant Secretary Carbonell said. "We all need to incorporate regular exercise and physical activity into our daily schedules so that we can live long, healthy and productive lives."

As part of the event, HHS will also distribute a free guide on exercise for older Americans developed by the National Institute on Aging at HHS' National Institutes of Health. The guide includes tips for older Americans on appropriate activities that can help prevent disease and disability and improve their health. Copies of the guide are available in English and Spanish and can be obtained at <http://www.nia.nih.gov/exercisebook/> or by calling 1-800-222-2225.

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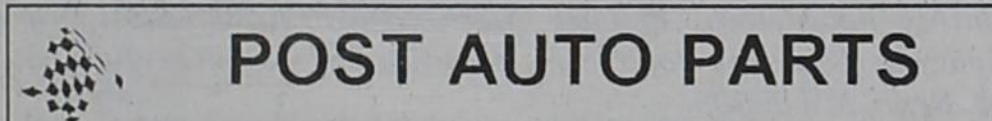
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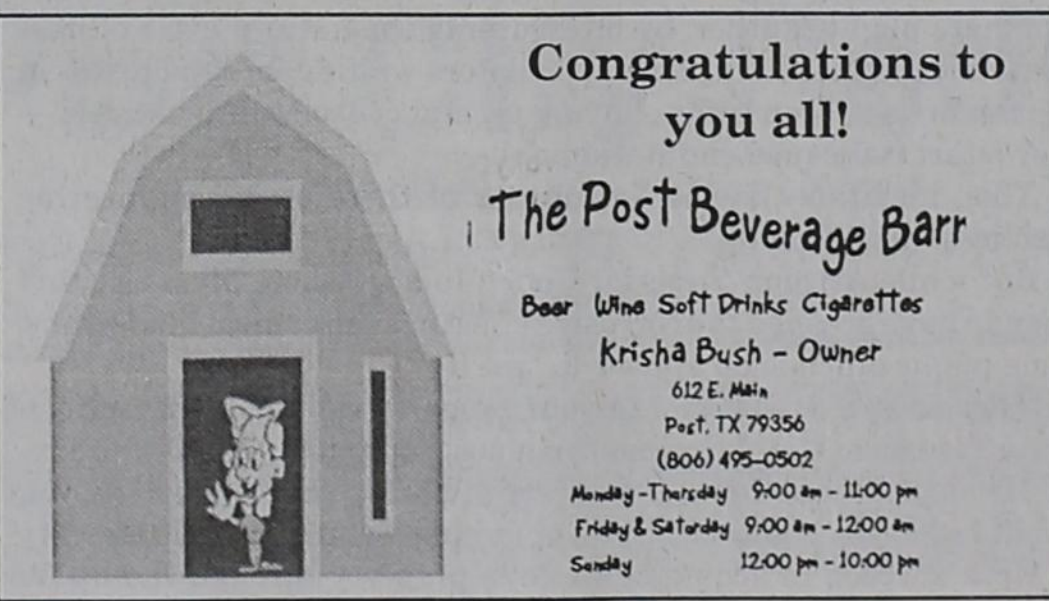
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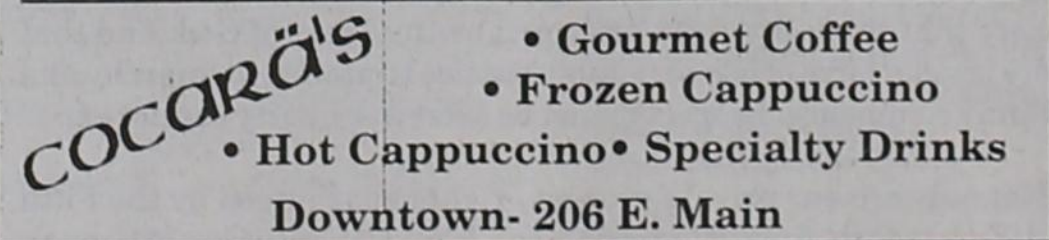


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## Haney gets Tech baseball scholarship

Josh Haney, grandson of Billy and Weaver McKamie of Post, will be wearing Texas Tech colors when baseball season rolls around next spring.

A candidate for graduation from Midland Junior College this month, Haney will play at Tech under a baseball scholarship. And with good reason. The shortstop helped lead his junior college team to its first appearance in the Region V Baseball Tournament.

In a Midland Reporter-Telegram article written by Oscar LeRoy, Midland College coach Steve Ramharter said Haney has all the makings of a "good player." If his team had more players like Haney, the article read, his job as coach would be much easier.

"Haney is the total package, from what kind of player he is to the locker room and the leadership he brings on and off the field," Ramharter said in the article.

Haney, an All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference performer in 2001, has had a strong season. At the time the Reporter-Telegram article was published, he was batting .409 with 13 home runs and 58 RBIs. Also, he led the team in slugging percentage (.805), on-base percentage (.514), runs scored (69) and walks (33).

"I didn't realize how good of a year I was having," Haney told the Reporter-Telegram. "I guess I just relaxed since I got my signing out of the way (in November). Since I got it out of the way early, I just came out

and had fun. It's a lot easier that way."

A graduate of Midland Lee High School, Haney cites his junior college play as one of the primary factors for his success. He said he's much improved from his days at Midland Lee. At 5-feet-9 and 175 pounds, he's dropped 30 pounds and has become a "much more aggressive batter."

"It was definitely the best move I've ever made," he said. "It definitely helped me out. I really don't know if I would be playing baseball right now if I tried to go off somewhere my first year."

Haney, who'll be playing shortstop at Tech, is the son of Jana and Doyce Haney of Midland.

## PMS gold team takes fourth

The Post Middle School boys' golf team finished in fourth place in district at the district golf tourney held Monday in Idalou, and two local students ranked as top medalists.

Teammates Jonathan McGregor, Jace Pollard, J.J. Harris, Sterling Smith and Colter Creech finished in fourth place overall. McGregor captured the third place medalist award.

In the girls' competition, Ashley Powell tied for third place medalist. "Our golfers played well considering the short amount of time they had to prepare and the lack of a golf course on which to play," the coach said.



Mitchell Mills cocks his arm for the throw to second base during action last Friday afternoon in Snyder. The 'Lope' baseball team completed its season in the three-game bi-district championship, losing the first and third games, while winning the second one Saturday afternoon.



The green room in which actors rest or wait got its name because the walls in such rooms were often painted green to rest actors' eyes after exposure to bright lights.



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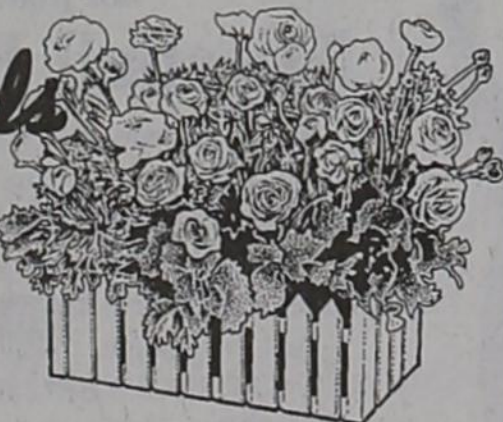
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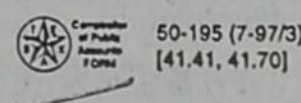


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## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

### Informal Review

You may call (806) 495-3518 to discuss your protest with a CAD employee & try to come to a settlement without meeting with the ARB.

### Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold

their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

124 East Main, Post, Texas

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

### Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

### Tax Payment

If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

### More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at Garza CAD, 124 East Main, Post, Tx. 806-495-3518. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

### Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB

#### Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

#### Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.





## Extension Extras

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

### Wildlife Seminar

The Sustainable Wildlife III program will be held May 16, 8:30-4:10 p.m. at the Wagon Wheel Guest Ranch north of Snyder. Pre-registration is \$20 if paid by May 9 or \$30 at the door. For registration form come by the Extension office at 102 South Avenue L in Post.

### Brisket Sale

Garza County 4-H will sell and cook briskets again this year. If you are interested in ordering a half or whole brisket, please contact any 4-H'er or the Extension office at 495-4400. Briskets will be \$15 for a half and \$25 for a whole and will be ready to pickup or be delivered May 17. 4-H families need to come by the Extension Office to pick up brisket order slips.

### Wildlife for Profit and Fun

A wildlife program for farmers and ranchers will be held at the Cash 2-Bit Ranch Wednesday, May 15, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. Coffee and snacks will be served. Wildlife specialist, lawyer and ranchers will discuss various aspects of leasing land for hunting. The ranch is located 15 miles north of Post on west side of Hwy 651. For more information call the Extension office at 495-4400.

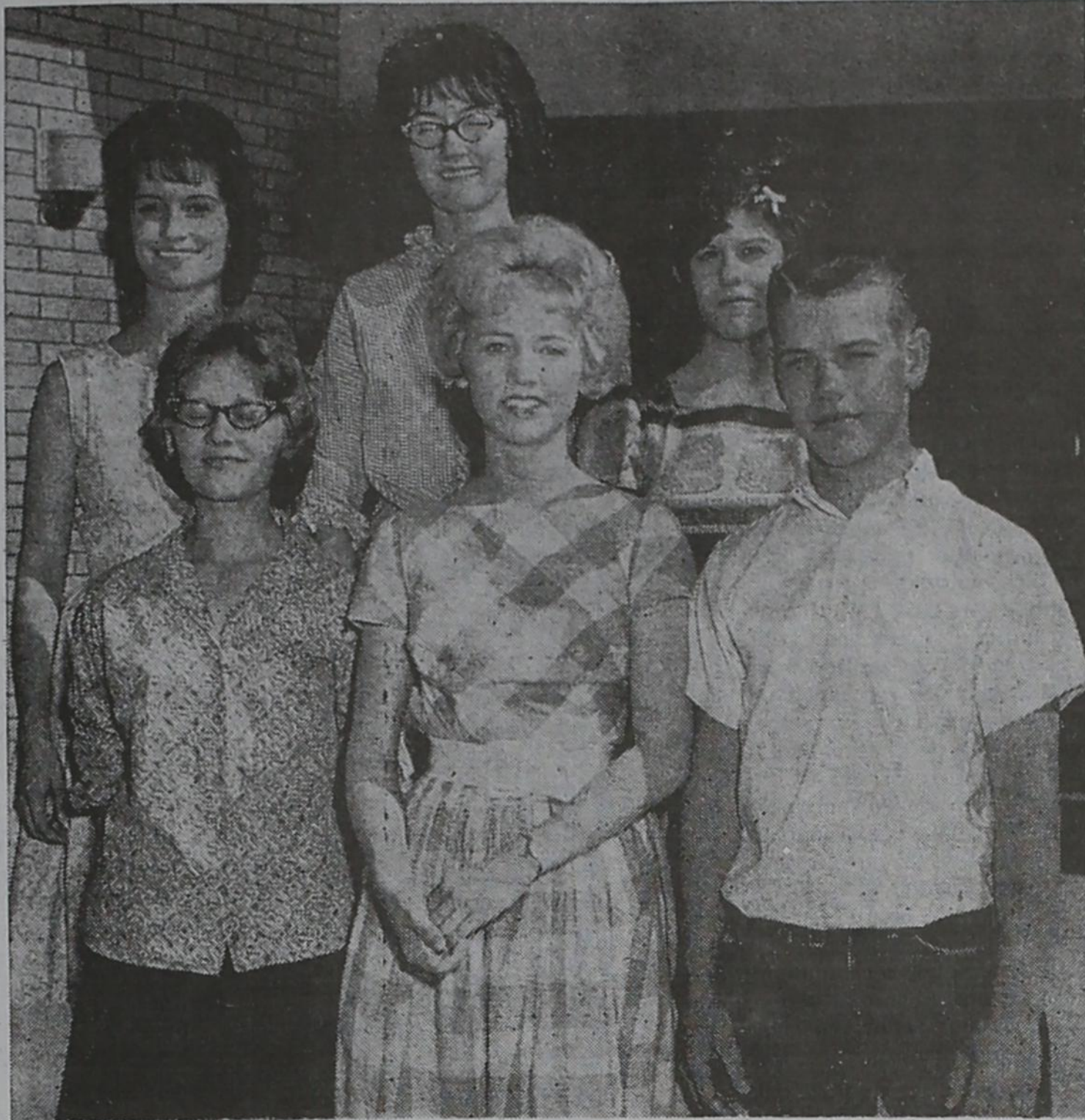
### 2002 4-H Bears

If you would like to order a 2002 4-H Bear call the Extension Office. Cost of the Bear will be \$10.

Steer Projects Anyone interested in showing steers need to contact Greg Jones at the Extension office. State and county validation (on feed) deadline is June 30. County validation will be June 25, 2002.

### Camp Applications

All 4-H'ers who want to attend any of the camps this summer need to come by and pick up an application. There are various camps with various due dates including Prime Time, Spectra, Range Workshop, Goat Camp, Lamb Camp, Leadership Camp and Electric Camp. Deadlines for these camps are coming up soon.



### PHS ELECTS CHEERLEADERS FOR 1962-63

Cheering on the Antelopes next school year will be these six Post High School cheerleaders elected last Friday in balloting following tryouts. Elected as head cheerleader was Sharon Isaacs (front center), who is a senior. Others in the front row are Pamela Owen, freshman, G. T. Mason, sophomore. Back row, left to right, are: Linda McMahon, junior, Janith Short, senior, and Mary Beth Ford, junior.—(Staff Photo)



Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit by Tumbleweed Smith

### A Bluebonnet Legend

The bluebonnet is known by other names such as buffalo clover, wolf flower and el conejo (the rabbit). Its most familiar name probably began when settlers moved to Texas.

The blue flower they saw growing wild were thought to resemble the bonnets worn by women to shield them from the Texas sun. Margaret Looper of Huntsville has studied bluebonnets and Indian legends that go along with the popular wildflower. Margaret supplied Tomie dePaola material for the book, Legend of the Bluebonnet. "Great spirits, the land is dying."

Your people are dying, too," the long line of dancers sang. "Tell us what we have done to anger you. End this drought. Save your people. Tell us what we must do so you will send the rain that will bring back life." For three days, the dancers danced to the sound of the drums and for three days the people called Comanches watched and waited.

Drought and famine are hardest on the very young and the very old. Among the few children left was a small girl named She-Who-Is-Alone. She sat by herself watching the dancers. In her lap was a doll made from buckskin, a warrior doll. The eyes, nose and mouth were painted on with the juice of berries. It wore beaded leggings and a belt of polished bone.

On its head were brilliant blue feathers from the bird who cries "Jay-jay-jay." She loved her doll very much. The shaman went to the top of the hill to listen for words from the Great Spirits who would tell him what to do so the rains would come and the earth would be green and alive.

While the shaman was gone to the hill, She-Who-Is-Alone thought of the mother who made the doll, of the father who brought the blue feathers and her grandparents who had all died in the famine. The warrior doll was the only thing she had left from those distant days.

The shaman returned and spoke: "I have heard from the Great Spirits who said the people have become selfish. They have taken from the earth without giving anything back. The Great Spirits say the people must make a burnt offering of the most valued possession among us.

The ashes of this offering shall be scattered to the 4 points of the earth. When this sacrifice is made, drought and famine will cease and life will be restored to the earth. That night, She-Who-Is-Alone held her doll tightly to her heart. "You," she said, looking at the doll, "are my most valued possession. It is you the Great Spirits want."

After everyone was asleep, the small girl took a glowing stick from the tipi fire and crept out into the night. She ran to the place where the shaman had heard from the Great Spirits. She spoke, "Here is my warrior doll. It is the only thing I have from my family who died in this famine. It is my most valued possession. Please accept it."

She then gathered twigs and started a fire with the glowing firestick and thrust her doll into the fire. In the morning, the ground was covered with flowers, beautiful flowers the color of the blue feathers on her doll.

# Yesteryears

### May, 1992

#### 10 Years Ago

Everyone at Monday evening's public hearing concerning the solid waste management problems facing Post and Garza County agreed that Post should fight to keep its landfill open.

Luis and Lina Duran are proud to announce the birth of their son, Luis Armando, born Friday, May 1, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

The American Maine-Anjou Association is pleased to announce that Barrett Glenn Scrivner, of Post, has joined the AMAA as a new Junior Active member.

Erik Howard has been elected assistant vice president of Wachovia Bank of North Carolina, N.A. in Greensboro.

Anchored by a determined and still feverishly ill Sara Alexander, the Post Lady Lope 400 meter relay team racked up another notch for trips to Austin as they scorched the competition in Abilene at the Region I Track and Field Championships.

Jimmy Baker was honored last Friday with a retirement ceremony. Baker retired from Southwestern Public Service on April 30. "I plan to spend more time fishing and being with my grandchildren," Baker emphasized with a smile.

### May 6, 1982

#### 20 Years Ago

One thousand Garza County Democrats went to the polls, Saturday, May 1 electing two new Justices of the Peace. Shelia Melton defeated her former boss, Zora Robinson and Dee Justice defeating incumbent Pat Kitchens.

The weekend volleyball tournament, sponsored by the Post Chamber of Commerce, to benefit the Diamond Jubilee to be held in July netted the benefit between \$800 and \$900.

Kenneth Wayne McKamie and Sidney Williamson, were united in marriage Saturday, May 1 in the Hodges Chapel of the First Christian Church in Lubbock.

The Post Antelope tracksters who qualified for the regional meet this year are Steven Fluitt, Milton Williams, Will Kirkpatrick, Mark Odom, Richard Cisneros, Tim Tannehill, Ricky Saldivar, Adam Mendoza and Irvin Price.

Jeff Lamb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lamb was named West Texas Tumbling Association's Athlete of the year for the West Texas Area.

### May 4, 1972

#### 30 Years Ago

James Sweeten, an employee of Burlington Industries Postex Plant, was elected president of the Post Jaycees at a dinner meeting last Thursday.

George Carter, an industrial designer who has his own foundry business so he can develop his own prototype capabilities, announced here today he is moving his business to Post.

Postings: This Dispatch this week has a new society editor and "gal Friday" in Mrs. Bonnie Duren. "Welcome aboard Bonnie."

Lois Kennedy and Linda Richardson were revealed as the Xi Delta Rho and

Mu Alpha "Girl of the Year," respectively, at the two chapters' joint celebration of Founder's Day.

After graduation, the following students plan to attend Ryder's Tech in Dallas: Don Eilenberger and Gary Shepherd. Those planning to attend South Plains College in Levelland are: Jackie Moore, David Hart, Linda Manuel, Melvena Stewart, Kyle Josey and Scotty Hoyle.

Sophomore Mark Bevers will today for Austin where he will represent Post High School and Region I in the Class AA mile run at the state track and field meet.

### May 10, 1962

#### 40 Years Ago

The last few days have been the busiest in the history of the Post Volunteer Fire Department, with 16 alarms having been answered between Saturday morning and late last night. Most of the blazes have been grass fires, but one totally destroyed the farm home of Doyle Young.

Deputy Sheriff Lloyd H. Merritt was found guilty of assault and battery by a jury yesterday morning and was fined \$5. Merritt immediately gave notice of appeal of the verdict, with the next level of appeal the county court.

A surprise going away party was held for Mr. and Mrs. V. F. (Bing) Bingham by a group of friends at the American Legion Hall Saturday night.

Billy Blacklock, a member of the PHS's FFA dairy product judging team, won top individual honors Saturday at the State FFA judging contest at College Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Eaton announce the birth of a son, Ronnie Joe, May 6, in Garza Memorial.

A colorful new S&H catalog is now available to shoppers in Piggly Wiggly Stores and other area stores which give S&H green stamps.

### May 8, 1952

#### 50 Years Ago

Completion of work on the new \$400,000 Garza Memorial hospital has been set about June 1 and the hospital will then be turned over to county officials by McQuade Const. Garza Memorial hospital is a 24 bed unit, with six single beds and nine double bedrooms. Eight bassinets are included in the equipment in anticipation of an increase in Garza county's population.

A majority of West Texans will be waiting with bated breath, for on that day the announcement will be made on the decision of the Southwest Conference concerning the admittance of Texas Tech. If taken into the conference, it will be one of the biggest assets to West Texas in some time.

Mrs. Jack Burress was honored with a "housewarming" in her new home. Hostesses for the occasion were Mrs. K. Stoker, Mrs. Lee Davis, Mrs. Willard Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Preston Mathis and Mrs. Jess Cornell.

A daughter, Donna Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Maddox in Lubbock Memorial hospital.

Ellis Mills, Post grade school principal, was elected as Garza county's delegate to the State Democratic convention to be held at San Antonio.

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**ACROSS**

1 football exercise: \_\_\_\_\_-ups

5 TX Bush is \_\_\_\_\_ big government

6 Iowa \_\_\_\_\_ TX

7 former Cowboy TE Billy Joe Du \_\_\_\_\_

8 Tex Ritter title: \_\_\_\_\_ Beloved Cowboy

17 TXism: "It ain't \_\_\_\_\_ in cement"

18 TX Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ Rayburn

21 Darin of TX-filmed "State Fair" (init.)

22 Gomer \_\_\_\_\_

23 TXism: "run it by a \_\_\_\_\_" (finalize)

24 TXism for "hog" \_\_\_\_\_ tragic fate

29 TXism: "rough as a \_\_\_\_\_ cob"

31 with 12-down, "yes, yes" so, of border \_\_\_\_\_

32 TXism: "if it was a snake it would \_\_\_\_\_"

34 gasp for breath \_\_\_\_\_

35 OJ's judge \_\_\_\_\_

36 state's 1st passenger service: \_\_\_\_\_ Transport \_\_\_\_\_ back riding \_\_\_\_\_

37 unadvised absence from Fort Hood \_\_\_\_\_

39 Lipton Co. seat \_\_\_\_\_

40 cowboy hat material \_\_\_\_\_

41 trap or drum \_\_\_\_\_

42 this George was in "Kramer" film with TX JoBeth Williams \_\_\_\_\_

43 TXism: "loose as a \_\_\_\_\_"

45 TXism: "worth his weight in oil \_\_\_\_\_"

46 ending for great or grand in reference to TX \_\_\_\_\_

47 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse \_\_\_\_\_"

48 Cowboys NY foe \_\_\_\_\_

49 TXism: "has to sneak up on \_\_\_\_\_ fix her hair" (homely)

51 TXism: "he shoots \_\_\_\_\_ eye bullets" (good shot)

52 horse doc \_\_\_\_\_

53 time zone for George W. (abbr.) \_\_\_\_\_

54 TX George Strait's "Marina Del \_\_\_\_\_"

**DOWN**

1 Houston restaurant: \_\_\_\_\_ House \_\_\_\_\_

2 TXism: "he'd be \_\_\_\_\_ in a battle of wits" (dumb)

3 Elm in Dallas \_\_\_\_\_

4 football center \_\_\_\_\_

9 TX Willie sang "What Was \_\_\_\_\_ Wanted" \_\_\_\_\_

10 serene \_\_\_\_\_

11 heavy beer \_\_\_\_\_

12 see 31-across \_\_\_\_\_

13 this Dorothy was in film "Two Guys From Texas" ('48) \_\_\_\_\_

14 San Antonio Museum \_\_\_\_\_

15 TX Nokona baseball gloves are hand- \_\_\_\_\_

16 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ your hand at it" \_\_\_\_\_

19 makes new again \_\_\_\_\_

20 in '93, TX Ranger Palmeiro joined the Baltimore \_\_\_\_\_

22 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ as a church mouse" \_\_\_\_\_

24 "Giant" Rock (init.) \_\_\_\_\_

25 horse morsel \_\_\_\_\_

26 TXism: "don't cry \_\_\_\_\_ spilt milk" \_\_\_\_\_

27 TX golf hat & visor corp. \_\_\_\_\_

28 Los \_\_\_\_\_ TX \_\_\_\_\_

29 exploring \_\_\_\_\_

30 TXism: "got the \_\_\_\_\_ before the horse" \_\_\_\_\_

33 an Asian language \_\_\_\_\_

34 Eastwood western: \_\_\_\_\_ Rider

35 TXism: "couldn't be happier unless \_\_\_\_\_ strike oil in my backyard" \_\_\_\_\_

37 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ laid eyes on" \_\_\_\_\_

38 picnic pest (2 wds.) \_\_\_\_\_

40 bear heads \_\_\_\_\_

41 to brand the hide \_\_\_\_\_

44 TXism: "don't give a hoot \_\_\_\_\_ holler" \_\_\_\_\_

45 Albany h.s. mascot \_\_\_\_\_

48 TXism for "tough" \_\_\_\_\_

50 Lubbock Air Force base \_\_\_\_\_

## Water questions (Continued from Page 1)

to cost us?" Mayor Archie Gill said that tax rates could double, and water rates could go as high as \$2.25 per thousand gallons. Gill pointed out that White River Municipal Water District (WRMWD) has announced another rate hike in the near future, "and we don't know how much that's going to be, so we can't give you an exact answer, but that's our best guess right now."

Gill also emphasized that the purchase of Canadian River water from Slaton is a backup measure. "We are still doing business with White River, we've got a contract through 2005, and we're going to meet our obligation, but they may not have any water to send to us, and we've got to get a backup water supply."

"Right now we don't have enough water storage to put out any major fires," Gill added. "On hot summer days the pump runs around the clock just to keep water in the lines. We need more storage tanks, or we're going to be in deep trouble."

Some of the issues addressed at the public hearings included:

- Post summer peak water use days is 1.6 million gallons per day.
- Post present water storage capacity is 980,000 gallons.
- On hot summer days the city uses 163 percent of its water storage.
- In the afternoons of hot summer days, Post has little or no water in storage tanks to fight fires.

- Post plans to use water from White River as long as White River has enough water to sell.
- It's possible that White River's water shed has been altered and diminished because of agricultural conservation practices.
- The four cities which created WRMWD developed an emergency water well field near Crosbyton, and if or when White River runs out of useable water, the four cities will use the emergency well field for basic needs. In that case, water will be rationed.
- The well field produces 2.2 million gallons daily, according to a four hour winter test. The four cities of Ralls, Crosbyton, Spur and Post use more than that in warm weather. The well field does not produce enough water to permit full use of water as we currently know and enjoy.

Gill pointed out that Post is paying for 242.9 million gallons of water per year, but only uses 145 million gallons. "But the real problem we face is that we don't have any answer to the question, can White River deliver all we need? One of the problems is a 40 year old pipeline which has a limit on how much can be pumped through it."

During the second public hearing, County Judge Giles Dalby was asked about the status of the Post Lake. Dalby explained that White River and the Brazos River Authority have agreed to a contract with provisions

for the permit to build the lake to be transferred from White River to the Brazos River Authority. "We're now waiting for funding for the \$1.2 million study that is required," Dalby said.

"I just found out recently that although the legislature appropriated funding for the study, it can not be started until the comptroller certifies that there are funds available," Dalby added. "Right now we are number three on the list of appropriate but not funded projects."

Dalby said that when it is funded, the Post Lake development could take five to 10 years for completion.

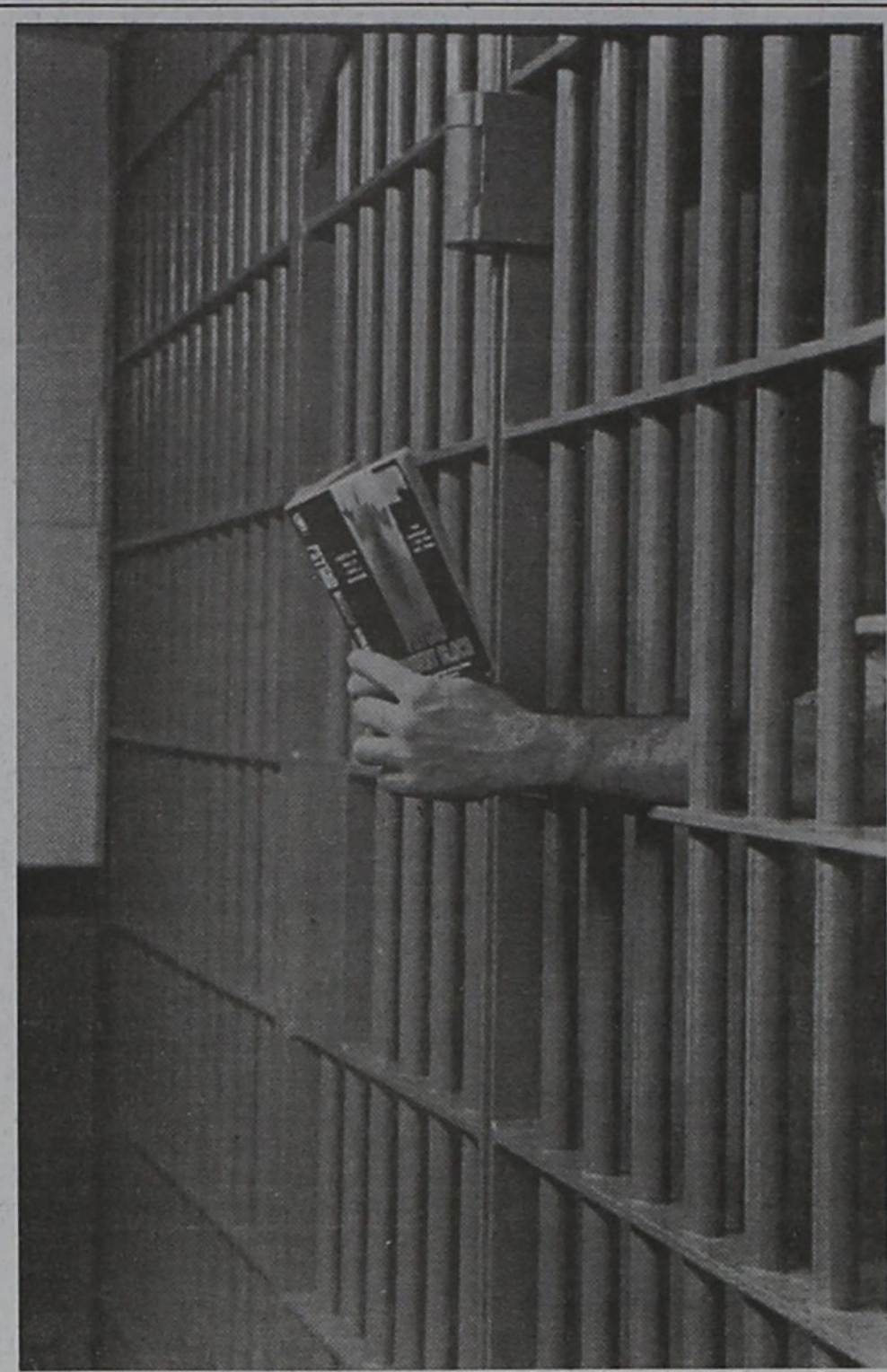
He also said that Garza and Kent counties are planning to create a multi-county water district and seek water from Lake Alan Henry for distribution. "It looks like Lubbock is now considering selling water from Lake Alan Henry," Dalby added. "I understand they're looking to selling water to cities south of here."

Gill pointed out that the City of Post had inquired about purchasing water from Lake Alan Henry, only to discover that the pipeline cost would be approximately \$30 million. "Looks to me like our best option is the one with Slaton," Gill said.

Engineer Rich Oller explained that the project includes two storage tanks, one in Slaton and one in Post, with the larger one here. "By keeping those tanks full," Oller said, "we can have constant pressure in the line and have more than enough storage for emergencies."

The 27 mile pipeline, mostly along U.S. Hwy 84 (on the west or south right of way) will run to a two million gallon storage tank just below the caprock near the existing storage tank.

The words *alumnus* and *alumna* are the Latin words for "foster son" and "foster daughter." Though used in Great Britain to mean "pupil," in America they describe only graduates of a school or college.



This photograph earned former Post High School graduate Lanny Lee an award recently at Temple College. "During spring break we came to Post and I needed to take some photos for my mid-term," Lee explained. "I chose to take a shot of a prisoner, but found out I couldn't do that. However, my friend Tommy Binford volunteered to pose for the photo." Lee's photo was one of seven prints to be published in the Temple College Literary Journal. "I want to thank Tommy for posing," Lee added.

## Menus

### Post ISD

- May 13-Breakfast - Pancake on a stick, fruit, milk
- Lunch - Hot Pocket, salad, pears, reece's cup, choice of milk
- May 14-Breakfast -Breakfast taco, fruit, milk
- Lunch - Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, california mix, pineapple slices, garlic toast, choice of milk
- May 15- Breakfast - Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk
- Lunch - Fajitas, onions & peppers, salad, fruit cocktail, cake, choice of milk
- May 16- Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit, milk
- Lunch - Beef roast, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, choice of milk
- May 17- Breakfast - Fish, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, peas, hushpuppies, fresh apple, choice of milk

### Garza County Trailblazers

- May 13- Chicken strips, or liver, & onions, gravy, scallop potatoes, salad, biscuit, chocolate cake
- May 14 - Chicken fry, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot roll, fruity jello
- May 15- Chicken & dumplings, green peas, cauli. w/cheese, hot roll, gingerbread
- May 16- hamburger steak, baked potatoes, okra, cornbread, apricot-oatmeal cookies
- May 17- Brisket, potatoe salad,

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## Birthdays This Week

- May 9-Terri Steggs, Tim Tanner, Rebecca Tanner
- May 10-Cliff Laws, Jeremiah Martin
- May 11-Clint Johnson, Sherry Williams, Carson Mason
- May 13-Dylan Huffman
- May 14-D.J. Pruitt
- May 15-Kiersten Smith, Casey Merritt, Angela Melton, George Reece

## Sheriff reports nine arrested

The Garza County Jail logged in nine arrests during the past week, according to sheriff's department reports.

Arrested April 30 was a 37-year-old male on a warrant.

Two arrests were made April 2, including that of a 48-year-old male for parole violation and a 24-year-old male on a Lubbock County warrant.

A female, age unlisted, was arrested April 3 on a Terry County warrant.

Three arrests were made May 4, including that of a 23-year-old male for driving while intoxicated, making alcohol available to a minor and driving while license suspended; a 19-year-old male, warrants; and a 24-year-old male, public intoxication and making alcohol available to a minor.

Arrests made May 5 include that of an 18-year-old male for public intoxication and a 19-year-old male for driving while intoxicated.

## Thanks for help!

The Post Junior High-Cheerleaders want to say a huge thank you to the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility for their generous contribution of meat; to Mark Odum for all his time and hard work; to Curt Greer for helping out on his day off; and to everyone who bought BBQ and/or made a contribution.

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## City Council

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City manager Fred Stephens informed the council that six to eight requests have been fielded by the city staff from people interested in tapping onto the future water line from Slaton to Post. "We need to give some thought to our policy about selling some of the water, right now we just can't say," Mayor Archie Gill requested Stephens to present cost figures at next month's meeting for consideration.

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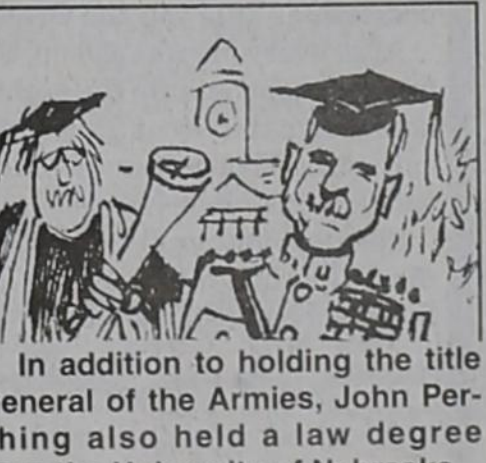
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