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## EMS gets \$21,000 in tax subsidies

by Sheri Lewis

City, county and hospital district officials moved Tuesday to resuscitate what appears to be a financially ailing local EMS service.

In an effort to keep the county's only local ambulance service alive and operational, representatives of the three governing

agencies agreed to inject \$21,000 into the Post EMS. Their action came in a special called meeting which included a detailed report by the service's administrator, bookkeeper and bill collector, Debbie Jenkins.

Jenkins reported that after having paid bills this month, the service had about \$500 remaining in

its operating fund. Despite the fact that a small amount of grant monies are available to the service, a pair of outstanding bills – including one for the repair of an ambulance – will void any increase the service could hope to see in its operational funds.

"We just can't go on like this," said Jenkins, who took over the administrative duties of the service following the October death of her father, longtime EMS coordinator and administrator John Redman. "It's gotten pretty serious."

Jenkins said the service has been without "any financial assistance" since the closure of the hospital several years ago. Collections have progressively slowed, and there have been "a lot of problems" in receiving reimbursements from Medicare.

As a result, Jenkins said emergency personnel – both EMTs and paramedics – have remained uncompensated since December. Emergency personnel are eligible to receive a small stipend for each transport, or "run," they make. Additionally, Jenkins said she gave up her own \$600 monthly salary in October to help stretch the service's budget.

In addition to her now-volunteer work with the EMS service, Jenkins holds down a full-time job. Despite her longtime association with the ambulance service, she plans to resign her position in coming weeks.

"It's turned into a full-time job... It's just too much for me to do," she said, adding that all of the ambulance service billing she does by hand – that is, using a typewriter. The service has access to a computer, but no software compatible for billing and bookkeeping purposes.

The service offers some of the "lowest rates in the entire region," Jenkins said. A basic life support trip is \$119, while a trip involving advanced life support is billed out at \$175. Mileage is \$2.95 per mile, with a 45-mile maximum.

But even lower-than-average costs don't help collections. Jenkins estimated the service made 450 runs in the year 2001, but she was unable to calculate the number of unpaid bills.

Hospital district board member Mike Travis said the service would be "lucky" if it collected 50 percent of its bills.

Heightening the problem is the service's lack of collection procedures. Jenkins said the local ambulance committee directed that no aggressive measures be taken to collect unpaid bills. Typically, three notices are mailed out. If left unpaid, the account is written off.

"I don't like the way that sounds," Mayor Archie Gill said.

Danny Guthrie, another hospital board member, suggested that if the ambulance service completed an end-of-year cost report showing some write-offs, there might be some reimbursement dollars available from Medicare.

The majority of unpaid bills can be attributed to individuals without health insurance, Jenkins said, and the majority of calls the service receives involve situations that are "not really an emergency." Many of the transports the service makes could have been handled by private vehicle; nursing home patient transports, too, are not usually emergency situations, but often can't be handled without the use of an ambulance.

In the meantime, changes in the Medicare coding system have

made it more difficult for the ambulance service to collect on some runs.

"If it's not a specific diagnosis, it can't be billed," Jenkins said. "It pretty much has to be a dire emergency for them to pay."

Travis suggested that in light of Jenkins' plans to vacate the administrative position as soon as possible, the hospital district would be willing to attempt to take over the bookkeeping and billing for the ambulance service. Representatives of all three entities agreed that prior to the changeover, a routine audit should be conducted to protect everyone involved.

"It keeps everything clean," Commissioner Lee Norman said. "It's no reflection on (Jenkins) at all," Travis said.

Norman said he would make some contacts to determine the cost of an audit, but County Judge Giles Dalby insisted immediate action be taken to ensure

the ambulance service's survival. "We need to get an infusion of money) in here so these people can pay some bills," the judge said.

Officials calculated back pay due the service's employees, outstanding bills and a small overage to help boost the existing operating fund to decide that \$21,000 – or \$7,000 from each entity – was needed to keep the service afloat.

County and hospital district officials voted unanimously in their respective groups in favor of allocating the monies to the ambulance service. By the time voting took place, however, a quorum of city council members no longer existed. City officials agreed to take the matter up officially at their next meeting.

In addition to allocating the operating funds, representatives of the three entities discussed the need to revive the almost-defunct ambulance committee to help fur-

ther support the EMS service.

One of the primary ways the committee could help boost the ambulance service, officials said, would be through the revamping of collection procedures.

"We need to work on collections," council member Harold Craig said.

"We need to let (non-paying customers) know we mean business," Dalby said.

The committee's first duty, however, will be the naming of a new administrator for the ambulance service.

Officials scheduled the ambulance committee to meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday night in Dalby's Main Street business office. The primary agenda items will be the search for a new administrator, but officials agreed they want the committee to hear input from the EMTs and paramedics involved in the ambulance service.

The Tuesday night meeting will be open to the public.

## Post Notes

### PHS Art Show at Algerita Art Center

The 2nd Annual Post High School Student Art Show will be held Friday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Algerita Art Center on East Main Street. The show will be juried by the Western Texas College art director. Students will receive cash awards and their works will be available for sale. Support of these young artists is urged.

### Post Church of the Nazarene revival

The Post Church of the Nazarene, 10th Street and Avenue K, is hosting revival services beginning Wed., May 22 and continuing through Sunday, May 26. The Richardson's Music Ministry will present special music and Mahlon Richardson will preach gospel messages. Services are 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information call Pastor Ron Miner at 495-3044.

### VFW hosts Memorial Day breakfast

The Post VFW will host a Memorial Day breakfast on Monday, May 27 beginning at 7 a.m. at the VFW Hall on the Clairmont Hwy (U.S. Hwy 380 East). A flag ceremony and program will follow at 10 a.m. at Terrace Cemetery, with Post Church of the Nazarene's Rev. Ron Miner as guest speaker.

### Ladies' Auxiliary VFW sell "poppies"

The Post VFW Ladies' Auxiliary will accept donations for "Buddy Poppies" Friday, May 24 from 9 a.m. until noon at CitizensBank and Wells Fargo. Saturday, May 25 the ladies will be at United Supermarket from 9 a.m. until noon. Money collected will go to the Disabled Veterans of Foreign Wars and or their families.

### Marriage celebration May 24-26

The Plains Baptist Assembly is hosting a "Marriage Celebration 2002" May 24-26, with Jon and Kelly Randles as keynote speakers. For more information call the assembly at 806-983-3954.

### 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.

### 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).

### Methodist Church sets VBS dates

The First United Methodist Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School from June 10-14 from 9 a.m. to noon. All kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome.

### Basketball Camp June 3-6

Coach Vick's Antelope Basketball Camp will be held this year from June 3-6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Antelope Arena. A coach or camp counselor will be in the gym during lunch for those who wish to bring a sack lunch for the day. The camp is \$20 per student age third grade through ninth grade. Participants will need "a great attitude, water bottle, gym shoes, shorts and light colored t-shirt and money for refreshments."

### Summer food service program

The Post ISD announces the sponsorship of the summer food service program, to be held Monday through Thursday beginning June 3, 2002. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the school cafeteria through June 28. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and lunch from noon until 1 p.m. Children 18 years of age and younger are eligible to participate.

### Church seeks donation for special event

The Calvary Baptist Church is accepting donations to be used for a city-wide Family Fun Carnival set for Saturday, August 10. Donations will provide free food, drinks, gifts and entertainment. The carnival will be a block party for adults and children. The church needs help for this event to be successful. Contact Pastor Les Atkins at 495-2342 or 495-3342 to help.

### Cancer survivor walk

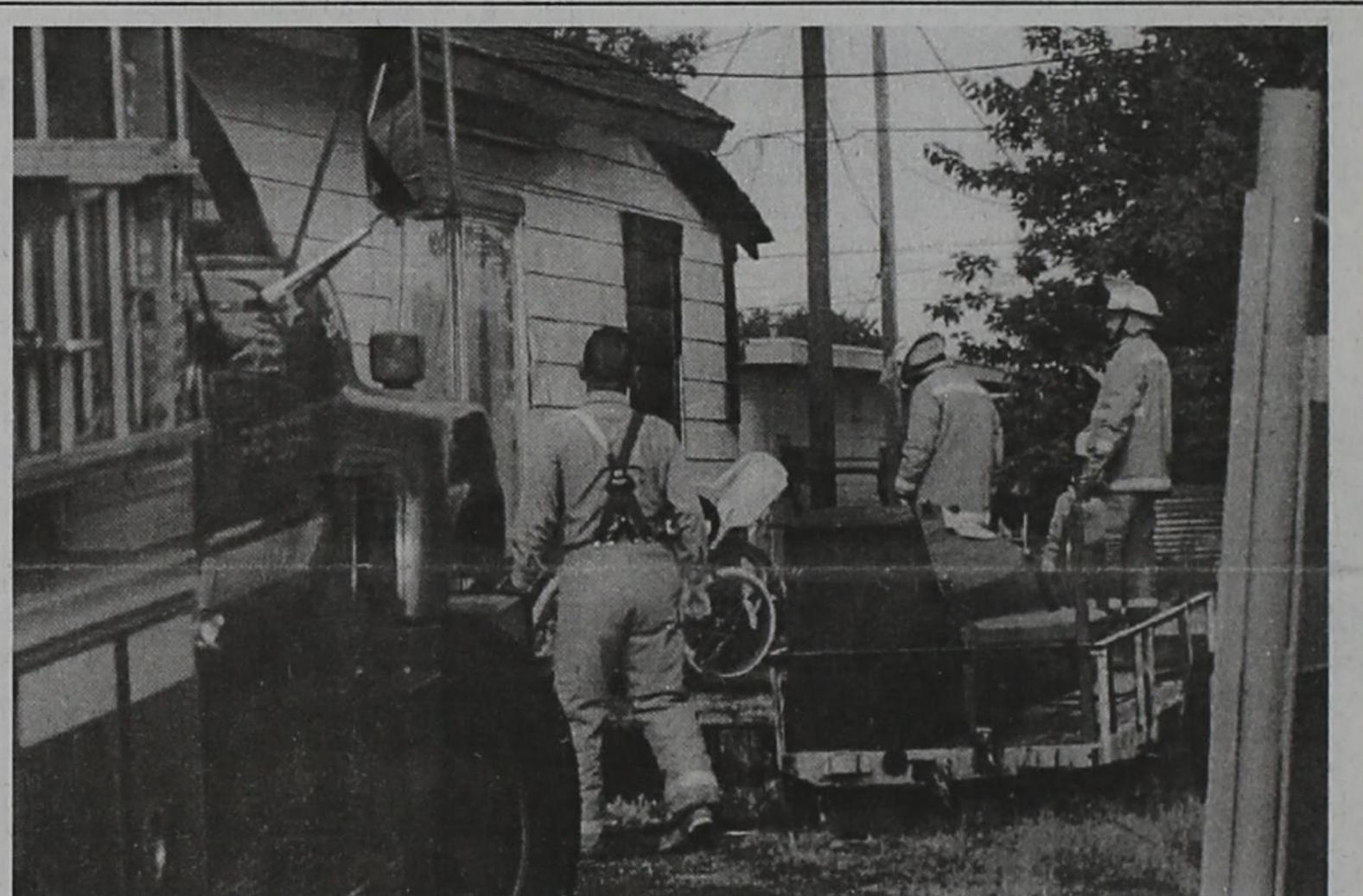
The Relay for Life Survivor Walk will be held Friday evening, June 7 at the Post ISD track. If you or someone you know, is a cancer survivor and would like to participate, please contact Nancy McDonald at 495-3315 or Pat Bilbo at 495-3613. Everyone is welcome. There will be a reception immediately following the walk for all survivors and their families.

### Public swimming pool opens May 25

The Post public swimming pool opens Saturday and Sunday, May 25 and 26 from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information or to reserve the pool for private parties and water aerobics, call (806) 780-2333.

### Sunday is Day of "National Mourning"

Memorial Day – May 30 (traditional) or May 26 (this year's Congressional designation) – is a day of "national mourning." All U.S. flags should be displayed at half-staff during the morning hours, and at noon they should be raised to full-staff, according to information provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary. By pausing for a few moments of personal silence. Attending a commemorative ceremony. Placing a flag on a gravesite. Marching in a parade, dedicating a memorial or wearing a Buddy Poppy. Buddy Poppies will be sold Friday and Saturday.



A residential fire last week was quickly extinguished by Post volunteer firemen. Responding to a call at approximately 8:45 a.m., firemen found the back portion of the house in flames. There were no injuries to the mother and two children living at the home were able to leave as soon as the fire was noticed. Fire inspectors suspect that an old couch in the back yard caught on fire from embers fanned by wind from the family's BBQ grill. The family had fired up the grill Wednesday (5/15/02) evening.



A special fund raising event last Thursday evening at the Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast featured samples of Vatican art to be on display at Texas Tech. Attending the fund raising event were special guests (left to right) Vatican art director Fabio Piacentini of Rome, Italy; director of the Vatican Art Exhibit Foundation Rita Schumacher and Father Malcom Neyland.

## Local governments kick in money for new EMS radios

In addition to discussing the provision of financial aid to the ambulance service, representatives of the city, county and hospital district agreed Tuesday evening to fund the purchase of new UHF radios for EMS personnel.

The ambulance service has six radios, but all are "antiquated," said County Judge Giles Dalby.

EMT Rodney Tidwell, on hand for the meeting, said all of the

radios date back to 1980 or earlier.

The existing units, he said, leave EMS personnel unable to contact Aerocare, hospitals or other EMS departments directly. New UHF "med" radios – one for each of the two ambulances and four handheld units – would "hook us up when we need assistance," Tidwell said.

With each entity having a quorum, individual group votes were

taken and the city, county and hospital district agreed to pay approximately \$813 each, splitting the \$2,440 cost for the new radios.

Additionally, the group discussed the impending need for the purchase of another ambulance. The ambulance service has two module-type ambulances – a 1997 model with 116,000 miles and a newer unit purchased in

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Giles C. McCrary (left) and Jack Alexander display special items related to the Vatican Art Exhibit to open next month at Texas Tech University. McCrary presented a special program at the first "Post Toaster" last week, highlighting his recent trip to the Vatican to assist in arrangements for the art exhibit.

## Vatican Experiences highlights first Post Toaster

by JoAnn Mock

Learning about personal "Vatican Experiences" from Giles McCrary was a special treat for the ones assembled for the first Post Toaster event at the Trailblazers.

The presentation gave special meaning and appreciation to the efforts of arranging, restoration, packaging and shipping of the Frescos that will be exhibited at the Texas Tech Museum this summer.

The exhibit arrived in Lubbock this past week, as each Fresco was double crated with its own humidity and air conditioning unit for shipping. They will be returned the same way. This is the first time that these priceless art works have been viewed by the public since the 13th century and will not be shown again.

When asked how they were able to bring it to "small town" Lubbock, Giles said that Father Malcolm stressed the fact that Lubbock was actually in the middle of the North American continent.

The showing is a dream come true for Father Malcolm Neyland. He began working on this project in 1988. Giles has traveled with Father Malcolm to Rome many times during the past five years, serving as a business mentor and advisor. Most negotiations were made with the Vatican museum director and the Vatican secretary of state. The group was able to have a personal audience with the Pope whose stipulation was that the exhibit would be free to the public.

Giles explained that since 64 A.D., Rome buildings had been stacked on top of each other. New construction or restoration goes through months of historical searches to determine what was underneath. There had actually been five structures under the Vatican, beginning with a Pagan temple long before the birth of Christ.

The exhibits that will be in Lubbock this summer was originally in an area built in the 13th century. The 31 Frescos were painted on wet plaster; therefore, walls were actually cut out and restored. The painstaking and careful restoration has taken five years. Restorers would spend an entire day in restoring just one square inch.

Giles was also amazed about the traffic in Rome. The Vatican provided bus transportation for the group. Only official cars are allowed in the Vatican. Giles said that the drivers were aggressive but considerate. He had not seen even a fender bender during his visits. He doubted that Texas drivers would fare well there. "Smart" cars (room for two passengers; no trunk), motorcycles, bicycles are favorite means of transportation.

Having the exhibit in a remote area such as West Texas is an unusual event and a once in a lifetime opportunity to view art works painted 800 years ago of the saints and martyrs of the early Christian movement. Giles has immense pride for Father Malcolm and his abilities to obtain the exhibit for Lubbock and West Texas.

The next Post Toaster event will be July 18 and will feature Gene Mathis on "Discovering Your Roots." Contact JoAnn at the Caprock Cultural Association for more information. (806) 495-4148. For Vatican ticket reservations, call (806) 742-6800.

## Eaton, Ryder earn SPC degrees

Two students from Post received diplomas Friday, May 10, during commencement exercises at South Plains College.

Ronnie Eaton, Jr., received an Associate of Arts Degree, and Tonya Rider received a Certificate of Proficiency in Surgical Technology. In a time-honored ceremony, a record number of participants crossed the stage during SPC's 44th annual commencement exercises to receive a diploma or certificate of proficiency.

A record total of 476 students participated in the ceremonies and 735

students applied for graduation. Dr. Kelvin Sharp, vice president for academic affairs, certified graduates, and Mike Box, chairman of the Board of Regents, presented diplomas and certificates.

"We are excited about the tremendous turn out of students participating in graduation exercises," said Dr. Sharp. "This is a tribute to them and to the families that have supported them through their college careers. Being recognized at a graduation ceremony is a major accomplishment; it symbolizes the fact that the students have reached one goal and are preparing for the next one."



Helping at last week's fund raising event for the Vatican Art Exhibit were Texas Tech Pi Phi members (left to right) Kyleigh Merritt, Macee Mills, Laura Snider, visiting with Post's Tommy Young. The event was held at the Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast and included a silent auction, live entertainment and dinner.

## Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

### Contact Officials Before Moving Traps

Boll weevil eradication is beginning its second year on the High Plains, and one obvious difference this year will be the number of traps placed around cotton fields. The increased number of traps is necessary for making treatment decisions, and foundation officials seek growers' cooperation in protecting them.

Foundation personnel follow specific guidelines in placing traps around cotton fields so they will be effective in attracting weevils and provide good information on weevil activity. Traps are placed to optimize their usefulness while providing the least disruption to farm operations. Where possible, traps are set next to existing structures such as fence or telephone posts. When this is not possible, employees try to place the traps so they will not be in the way when growers are working the fields.

Growers may believe, however, that some traps are in the way and decide to move or remove the traps. Doing so can hamper the progress of the eradication program, officials say. Producers are asked to contact their field unit supervisors before moving or removing any trap. The supervisors will find a placement for the traps that meet program goals and reduce interference to farmers' operations.

Occasionally a piece of equipment will clip a trap and knock it down or break it. Also, inclement weather can damage traps or blow them down. Traps are checked weekly, and growers will quickly grow accustomed to the schedule for their fields. Should they notice damaged or downed traps between regular inspections, growers should contact their field unit supervisors with the information so the traps can be repaired or replaced.

Well-maintained traps allow foundation personnel to monitor weevil activity and make proper treatment decisions. Damaged or missing traps may result in extra treatments to ensure that weevils don't have the opportunity to infest fields unnoticed.

Growers may contact their district offices for more information. The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

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Post High School students and faculty recently honored by the Post Rotary Club are (back row, left to right) principal Johnny McGregor, Michael Gonzales, Justin Acevedo, Tandi Humble, Kelly Moore, Jay Waylon Strawn, Manuela Hernandez, Post Rotary president Leon Miller, (front row) LaRinda Ledbetter, Heather Bullard, Emily Smith, Tisha Cowley and Meagan Mills. A.J. Dickman was unavailable for the photo. (Photo by Paige Huckaby)

## Amity Study Club News...

Amity Study Club met Tommy Young's cabin on Tuesday May 16 at 6:30 PM. Members were entertained

### Arimy Gradine earns McMurry honors

Post native Arimy J. Gradine received a BBA in Finance (cum laude) during commencement exercises held Saturday, May 11, 2002, in McMurry University's Radford Auditorium in Abilene.

Gradine was one of 150 seniors who received their diplomas.

Commencement speaker was McMurry University alumnus Phil Brewer of Roswell, N.M., who has maintained a general civil law practice in Texas and New Mexico since 1979. A recognized specialist in the field of oil and gas law, Brewer is an active community member, having served on the McMurry Alumni Board and the McMurry Board of Trustees.

Prior to the commencement, seniors and their families participated in baccalaureate services on Friday, May 10, at 5:30 p.m. at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

### Jeremy Josey completes ACU degree

Jeremy Kyle Josey, son of Kyle and Diane Josey of Post, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a Bachelor of Science degree in education during commencement exercises for Abilene Christian University held at 2 p.m. May 11, 2002, in Moody Coliseum in Abilene.

While attending ACU, Josey was a member of Gamma Sigma Phi, a social club in which he served as an officer for two years; ACU's honor society for history majors; and Kappa Delta Pi, an international honor society in education. Also, he served with the Wildcat Kids Organization and the Welcome Week Committee.

Josey is the grandson of Rayford Holtman of Childress and Theona Josey of Post and the late Lester Josey.

by a nature's croaking frog choir beside a small lake in front of the cabin while they enjoyed a wiener roast.

Delicious fruit cobblers were served by Tommy. He had cooked them over a campfire. Sandra Alexander gave a meditation. There was a short business meeting.

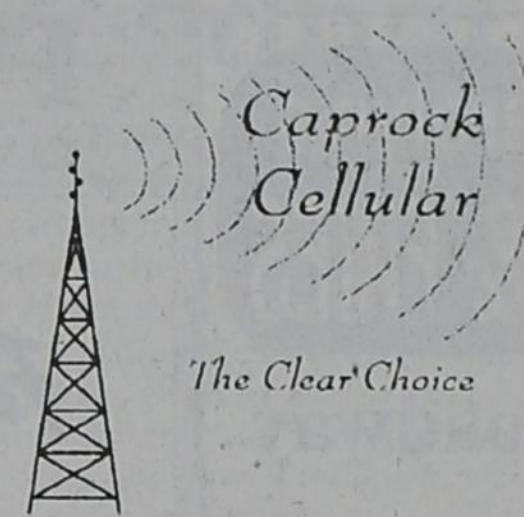
Janie Davis conducted the installation of the new officers; President-Ruth Ann Young, Vice President-Sandra Alexander, Recording Secre-

tary-Patsy Bilbo and Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer-Anne Sims.

Members present were; Sandra Alexander, Barbara Babb, Margaret Bull, Ginger Carlisle, Janie Davis, Joy Dickson, Juanelle Ethridge, Suzanne Hudman, Naomi Matsler, Janey Middleton, Jo Ann Miller, Edna Owen, Joy Pool, Kathie Rankin, Anne Sims and Ruth Ann Young.

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DISTRICT CHAMPS - Post Middle School seventh grade tennis team members Steffi Norman (left) and Kylie Easterling won the district championship this year. (Photo by Rhonda Norman)

### Rotary Club recognizes PHS seniors

The Post Rotary Club recognizes 14 Post High School seniors for their outstanding achievement each year.

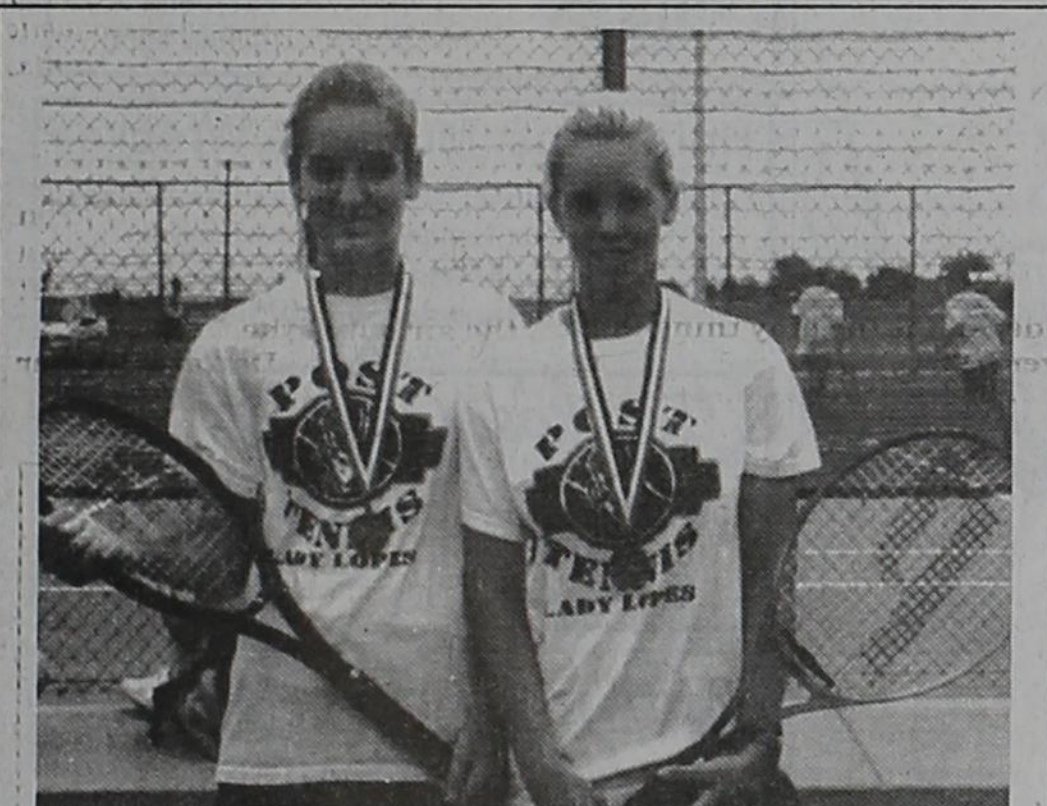
This year's honorees included Michael Gonzales, Justin Acevito, Tandi Humble, Kelly Moore, Jay Waylon Strawn, Manuela Hernandez, Larinda Ledbetter, Heather Bullard, Emily Smith, Tisha Cowley, Meagan Mills, A.J. Dickman and Hector Reyna.

Each of these seniors attended Post Rotary Club meetings during the 2001-2002 school year and on April 30, the club honored them with a luncheon and a "good luck" cake.

Rotary President Leon Miller and Club Director Paige Huckaby presented recognition certificates to each student.

The Post Rotary Club awarded four \$250 college scholarships this year. Bullard will receive the James Mitchell Scholarship, which recognizes more than 50 years of Rotary Club service by James Mitchell, who recently retired from the club.

Other scholarship recipients included Dickman, Mills and Moore.



Post Middle School eighth grade tennis team members Ashley Wilson (left) and Kayla Morris earned second place at the recent district meet. (Photo by Rhonda Norman)

### Extension Extras

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

#### Thanks A Bunch!

Thanks to everyone who helped make the annual brisket cooking fundraiser a success. We appreciate all of the time that it takes to prepare, cook and deliver. Thanks too to everyone who purchased a brisket supporting Garza County 4-H.

#### Photography Contest Results

The 2002 Texas Photography Contest was held recently with Garza County placings. Congratulations to these that placed and to all participants. Breann Heckaman: Blue, color picture (Animals); Jana Schwarzkopf: Blue, color picture (Flora/Plants); Jose Ladinos: Red, color picture (People); Breann Heckaman: White, color picture (Landscape/Scenic).

#### 2002 Centennial 4-H Bears

If you would like to order a 2002 Centennial 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, Range Workshop, Goat Camp, Lamb Camp, Leadership Camp and Electric Camp.

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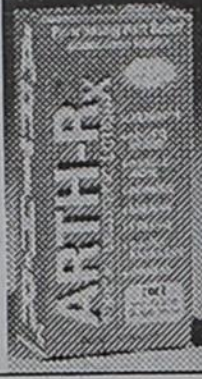
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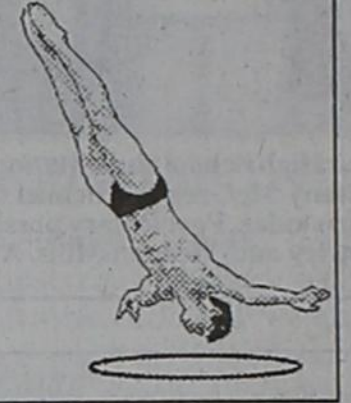
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## Civil Liberty and the state: The Writ of Habeas Corpus

by Richard M. Ebeling

Limiting the powers of government has been one of the leading struggles in the history of mankind. Through most of man's time on earth, governments have presumed to rule, command, order, and threaten multitudes of human beings—to make the mass of humanity bend to the will of their political masters.

The political rulers have often considered themselves to be gods, with powers not much less than that of a divine being. In 1609, for example, King James I of England said in a speech before Parliament:

"Kings are justly called gods; for they exercise a manner of resemblance of divine power upon earth. For if you will consider the attributes of God, you shall see how they agree in the person of a king. God hath power to create or destroy, make or unmake at His pleasure, to give life or send death, to judge all and to be accountable to none. And the like power have kings. They make and unmake their subjects; they have power of raising up or casting down; of life and death; judges over all their subjects and in all cases, yet accountable to none but God."

A few years later, in 1616, he added, "As it is atheism and blasphemy to dispute what God can do, so it is presumption and high contempt in a subject to dispute what a king can do, or to say that a king cannot do this or that."

The overthrowing of this arrogant pretense by political authority was a long and dangerous task. Men have risked their lives and fortunes to oppose arrogant political power. When they have done so, they have served as examples and set legal precedents that then secured areas of protected liberty for their contemporaries and for future generations.

A shining example of this is the writ of habeas corpus. Habeas corpus means, literally, "You are to have the body," i.e., "You are to bring the body, the prisoner himself, before us," so that a court of law may be informed as to why a man has been imprisoned.

If there is no legal reason for the man to be held in prison, he is to be set free. Or if there is good reason for him to be held, then court proceedings are to be speedily put in motion to determine his guilt or innocence with respect to the charges brought against him.

The roots of habeas corpus in English history, the barons had extracted the principle of due process of law from King John, in 1215, in the Magna Carta.

Clause 39 of the Magna Carta guaranteed, "No free man may be taken or imprisoned, or ousted of his lands, or outlawed, or banished, or hurt in any way, nor will we [the king] go against him, nor send our officers against him, save by lawful judgment of his peers or by the law of the land."

In other words, under the principles of due process of law ("the law of the land") no free man could be put in prison and held there without legal justification. While the fight against the continuing attempt by English kings to hold men indefinitely without charges was fought several times in the 400 years following the signing of the Magna Carta, the battle reached a climax in the 1620s during the reign of Charles I.

Twice, in 1625 and in 1626, Charles dissolved the Parliament because the members of the House of Commons refused to grant him the monies he needed to finance a foreign war. Charles drew up a list of names of those persons around the country with the financial ability to lend money to him.

Many were then imprisoned for refusal to lend him the prescribed amounts. Five of them—Sir Thomas Darnel, Sir John Corbet, Sir Walter Earl, Sir John Hevingham, and Sir Edmund Hampden—appealed for writs of habeas corpus in 1627.

The counsels for the defendants argued before the court that the Magna Carta and other legal precedents in which kings since then had given their accession to the concept of habeas corpus required for these men to be released or at least released on bail while awaiting trial.

Only in January 1628 were they released, but not in deference to a writ of habeas corpus, but as a "gesture" by the king, as he was calling a new Parliament into session and hoped for the goodwill that would lead to the funding of his war expenditures.

Charles warned the new House of Commons that if the members did not give in to his demands for tax revenue, "I must in discharge of my conscience use those other means which God hath put into my hand, in order to save that which the follies of some particular men may otherwise put in danger."

The members of the Commons understood very clearly that this meant, among other things, the threat of discretionary arrest and indefinite imprisonment without charges. Rather than surrender to the power of the king and his government, the Parliament stood its ground.

Sir Edward Coke, the great English legal philosopher of the common law, took on a leadership role in the defense of civil liberty. Francis W. Hirst, in his volume *Liberty and Tyranny* (1935), pointed out, "In an age of servility, corruption, and treachery he [Coke] never betrayed a friend, never truckled to an enemy, never took a bribe, or tampered with the integrity of judges."

During the Parliamentary debates over the funding of the king's expenses, Coke spoke out against compulsory lending to the government and said in reference to those who had been arrested and imprisoned for refusing to lend money to the king, "What is this but to declare upon record that any subject committed by such absolute command may be detained in prison forever? What doth this tend to but the utter subversion of the choice, liberty, and right to every freeborn subject in this kingdom?"

The Habeas Corpus Act Inspired by Coke's words, the House of Commons then passed two resolutions, which were later incorporated into the Habeas Corpus Act of 1679:

1. That no freeman ought to be committed or detained in prison, or otherwise restrained by command of the King or Privy Council, or any other, unless some cause of the commitment, detainer, or restraint be expressed, for which by law he ought to be committed, detained, or restrained.

2. That the writ of Habeas Corpus cannot be denied, but ought to be granted to every man that is committed or detained in prison or otherwise restrained by the command of the King, the Privy Council, or any other.

When Charles sent a message that he would respect the principles of the Magna Carta in general, Coke replied, "Did ever Parliament rely on messages?... The King's answer is very gracious; but what is the law of the realm? That is the question.... Let us put up a Petition of Right; not that I distrust the King, but that I cannot take his trust but in a Parliamentary way."

In other words, even kings had to have their prerogatives specified and clearly limited in law and enforced by law, so that no man's civil liberty was in doubt or unguarded by the rule and protection of the law. John Seldon, one of the leading English legal figures of the 17th century made this point clear when he explained the importance of the writ of habeas corpus:

"In all cases where any right or liberty belongs to the subject, by any positive law written or unwritten, if there were not also a remedy for the enjoying or regaining this right or liberty when it is violated or taken from him, the positive law were most vain and to no purpose.... In this case of right or liberty of person, if there were not a remedy in law for regaining it when it is restrained, it were of no purpose to speak of laws that ordain it should not be restrained."

When the two resolutions restricting the imprisoning and detaining of individuals without a writ of habeas corpus were returned to the House of Commons from the upper House of Lords with a proviso that "nothing therein contained should be construed to entrench on the sovereign power of the Crown," Coke stood up and spoke against it.

"In my opinion," Coke declared, "it weakens Magna Carta and all the statutes whereon we rely for the declaration of our liberties; for they are absolute without any saving of 'sovereign power.' Should we now add it, we shall weaken the foundation of law, and then the building must fall. If we grant this, by implication we give a sovereign power above all laws."

The House of Commons rejected the proviso and the House of Lords finally withdrew it. Again the king tried to get around Parliament's insistence by promising a respect for the laws and customs of the country. But the members of the Commons rejected his subterfuge.

Coke declared: "Let us palliate no longer; if we do God will not prosper us." Finally, the king gave in to a joint statement prepared by the Houses of Commons and Lords insisting that he accede to the two resolutions, and the Petition of Right was passed and read into the Statute Book.

According to the Parliamentary Journal, "When these words were spoken, the Commons gave a great and joyful applause, and His Majesty rose and departed."

That night bonfires were lit in various parts of London to celebrate what was said to be "the second Magna Carta."

Francis Hirst, in his account of the codification of the writ of habeas corpus, points out the important connection between civil liberty and the economic freedom of ownership of property:

"It has not, I think, been noticed that in this great affair, property and liberty combined in self-defense. The leading patriots in both Houses were men of property. Seldon was wealthy enough to be independent alike of Court favor and legal emoluments; Coke had a large fortune and great estates in Norwalk and other counties. They pressed the argument that freehold property, as well as freedom, would be endangered if the law and legal remedies were subordinated to the arbitrary will and power of the Crown. Thus the passing of the Petition of Rights provides another illustration and proof, if proof were needed, of the commonplace but neglected truth that the freedom of citizens is inseparable from their freedom to hold property."

In spite of the law and the king's pledges to respect it, in 1629 Charles again dissolved Parliament and proceeded to arrest and detain a number of members of the House of Commons, including John Seldon. But now the king tried to rationalize their detention by charging "notable contempts ... against ourself and our government and for stirring up sedition against us."

After a brief period, the king released most of those arrested and held in the Tower of London. But one, Sir John Elliot, who was particularly resistant to any demands of the king, was held in the Tower until his death in 1632.

### A protection from tyranny

Over the four centuries since Coke and the members of the House of Commons codified the writ of habeas corpus in English law, it has served as a protection for people from the arbitrary and vindictive actions of those who hold political authority in government.

Article I, Section 9, of the U.S. Constitution says explicitly, "The privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it." (In the Constitution of the Confederate States of America the same wording was used in Article I, Section 9.)

Moreover, the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution reflect an intention to protect the individual from search, seizure, imprisonment, and punishment without proper legal cause and due process of law.

Indeed, Alexander Hamilton, in *Federalist* No. 84, insisted, "The writ of habeas corpus [and] the prohibition against ex-post-facto laws ... are perhaps greater securities to liberty ... than any [other the Constitution] contains."

Governments have oftentimes used the excuse of national emergency, war, or public safety to temporarily abrogate the writ of habeas corpus. Yet in each instance those with calmer minds and longer-term perspectives have warned of the danger of such power in the hands of government officials, whether elected or appointed, who in the zeal of the moment or in the service of political or other misplaced ends, may easily rationalize and abuse their power over the citizens and residents of the country.

Seized by the police power of the government, or thrown into the limiting confines of prison or jail, or denied legal recourse or appeal to demand public charges and a judicial hearing for an indefinite period at the pleasure and caprice of those wielding control over his person, the isolated and powerless individual can more easily be manipulated and psychologically terrorized by those holding the keys to his freedom.

He is no longer a free man, a citizen with political rights and civil liberties. He is a detained and incarcerated political subject under the discretionary authority of those who will determine his fate.

Recalling the battles that have been fought in the past to establish our civil liberties and the dangers that are always run when they are violated and denied is never so important as when they are once again under attack. The future of our freedom depends on it.

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# Jimmy Carter's Freedom

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Jimmy Carter's remarks during his recent trip to Cuba are a perfect reflection of the muddled mindset that characterizes both Democrats and Republicans when it comes to the subject of freedom.

Carter raised the importance of four aspects of liberty during his trip—political liberty, civil liberty, economic, and educational liberty. With respect to political liberty, Carter rightfully criticized Cuba's totalitarian dictatorship and emphasized the importance of such things as free and open elections in which people have the right to elect their political leaders.

Most Democrats and Republicans would agree with Carter's remarks. With respect to civil liberty, Carter emphasized the importance of fair and open trials. Many Republicans, however, even while condemning Fidel Castro as a Communist, would sympathize with how Castro deals with suspected criminals. In Cuba, there are no jury trials, and accused criminals are tried by military tribunals.

There are no independent defense attorneys, no right to counsel, no right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, and no right of appeal. In fact, there are none of the protections in criminal cases provided in the U.S. Bill of Rights that Republicans often condemn as "constitutional technicalities."

But it was Carter's remarks about economic liberty and educational liberty that caught both Democrats and Republicans flat-footed and silent. On the first day of his visit, Carter said, "Our people are completely free to form their own businesses, to hire other people to work, and make a profit." Excuse me? Completely free?

Carter's words might describe Americans in 1890 but they bear absolutely no resemblance to America today. In order to form such businesses as law, medicine, hairdressing, shoeshine, restaurant, and many more, Americans must first secure a license from the state (just as Cuban citizens must do) and if they fail to secure such permission, they're put in jail (just as Cuban citizens are).

If Americans hire illegal aliens, both the employer and employee are subject to being incarcerated and fined (just as they are in Cuba). Employers and employees are legally prohibited from entering into a labor contract that calls for a wage lower than the legally established minimum (just as they are in Cuba).

Finally, profits are strictly controlled by the amount of income tax levied by the Internal Revenue Service (just as they are in Cuba). To Carter's credit, even while claiming that Americans have economic liberty, he did seem to recognize what Republicans refuse to recognize: that the U.S. government's decades-long embargo against the Cuban people itself is a violation of the economic liberty of the American people.

Here is what Carter said, "The embargo freezes the existing impasse, induces anger and resentment, restricts the freedoms of U.S. citizens and makes it difficult for us to exchange ideas and respect."

Unfortunately, for decades the U.S. government has embraced socialist controls on the American people in the purported attempt to free the Cuban people from a communist dictator. The most humorous aspect of Carter's pronouncements, however, involved his praise of Castro's socialist economic and educational system, comments that neither Republicans nor Democrats would dare touch with a ten-foot pole.

Carter said, "The Cuban government is dedicated to providing superb education, health care, and equal opportunities to all the people" and "We have struggled unsuccessfully to guarantee the basic right of universal health care for our people." Whether he realizes it or not, Carter is effectively saying that socialism is great in the areas of education and health care and that Americans should continue moving in that direction! Which Republican or Democrat would disagree?

The only difference is that Democrats and Republicans honestly believe that such things as Social Security, public schooling, Medicare, and Medicaid are "freedom and free enterprise," while Castro and his communist cohorts correctly recognize them as socialism.

### Thought for the Week

"War is never a handy remedy, which can be taken up and applied by routine rule. No war which can be avoided is just to the people who have to carry it on, to say nothing of the enemy. In the forum of reason and deliberation war never can be anything but a makeshift, to be regretted; it is the task of the statesman to find rational means to the same end."—William Graham Sumner

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### Legal Notices

To whom it may concern: property abandoned at 118 Tennessee Street in Southland, Texas, if not claimed, will be disposed of after June 6, 2002.

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF CHANGES IN ELECTION PRECINCTS

Pursuant to 42.035, Texas Election Code, the Commissioners court of Garza County, Texas, herein provides notice of changes in County political boundaries as adopted by the Commissioners Court, and as precleared by the United States Department of Justice on the 12th day of April 2002.

Interested individuals may review the adopted changes in the office of the County Clerk during regular business hours.

The changes in county election precincts were necessitated by redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts in compliance with the United States Constitution and 42 U.S.C. 1973, also known as the Voting Right Act, following the release of 2000 census data. Changes in county election precincts were designed to achieve numerical balance between the four commissioners court precincts, and to insure the voting rights of all citizens of Garza County, Texas.

Jerry Hays County Clerk

STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION TO: CATHY HOWELL MCCLELLAN, 605 B LAWRENCE AVE., LEAVENWORTH, KS 66048 GREETINGS:

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

The amended petition of CONOR HOWELL, Plaintiff, was filed in the District Court of Garza County, on May 13, 2002 against BUDDY HOWELL and CATHY HOWELL MCCLELLAN, numbered 01-06-05707-CV, and entitled,

CONOR HOWELL, Plaintiff vs. BUDDY HOWELL and CATHY HOWELL MCCLELLAN, Defendants

The name and address of the attorney for Plaintiff, or the address of Plaintiff is: Brian E. Murray P.O. Drawer 1469 Lubbock, Texas 79408-1469

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, an Cancellation of Forged Deed and Removal of Cloud on Title as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Post, Texas, on May 16, 2002 Jerry Hays, District Clerk 106th Judicial District Court By Lina Rodriguez deputy

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DESIE VERA WATLEY GARTMAN

Administration of the Estate of Desie Vera Watley Gartman, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original letters testamentary to Patricia Elaine Gartman North on April 23, 2002, by the Probate Court of Garza County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 1768, styled

In Re: Estate of Desie Vera Watley Gartman, Deceased, in which court the matter is pending.

All persons having claims against the estate are notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

Dated: May 17, 2002 Scott Seamster Post Office Box 360 Abilene, Texas 79604 (915)677-6291 (915)677-6313 FAX State Bar No. 00784939 Attorney for the Estate

## CitizensBANK announces new board member

CitizensBANK Chairman E.W. Williams Jr. has announced that H.P. "Bo" Brown Jr. has been elected to the board of directors of the bank and of its holding company, LubCo BancShares Inc.

CitizensBANK, with more than \$100 million in assets, is headquartered in Slaton and has branches in Post and Shamrock.

Brown, a practicing attorney in Lubbock, is the chairman of the Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group and of the Upper Brazos Watershed EQIP Priority Area. He also serves on the board of directors of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, the Endowment for the Preservation of the Ranching Heritage of America, and the Ranche Heritage Association.

Brown is co-owner of Coyote Lake Feedyard Inc. of Bailey County and of Tobosa Ranch, a farming and ranching operation also located in Bailey County. He and his wife, Dr. Lady Falls Brown, also have ranching and farming interests in Garza and Gaines counties.

His daughter, Susannah Mercer, a former Post Middle School teacher, is now a teacher in Lubbock. She is married to Clay Mercer, a former bank officer at CitizensBANK Post who is now a bank officer in Lubbock.

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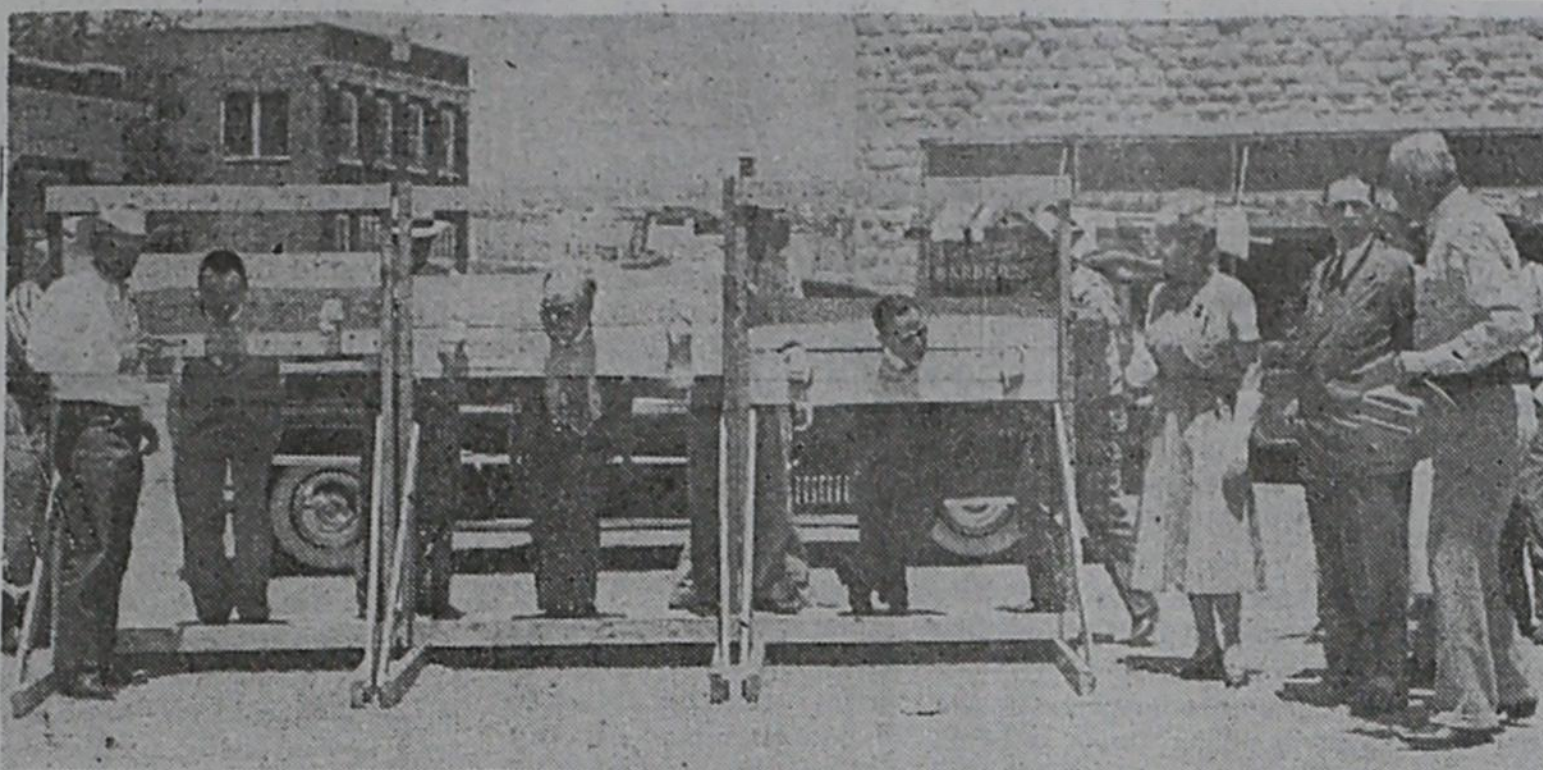
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# The Post Dispatch

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1952

## SECTION TWO

# Yesteryears



**DAVIES PARTY MEMBERS ARE "ARRESTED"**—The penalty for not wearing Western clothes has been the stockade in Post. And the members of the party which accompanied Mrs. Marjorie Davies to Post last week were no exceptions. They are shown above securely bound after the officers apprehended them. In the picture from left to right are: Boy Hart, Double U foreman; Stanley Rambaugh, Kenneth Montgomery, Mayer Mableman, Sheriff Carl Rains, Mrs. Davies, David Close and O. D. Cardwell. —(Dispatch Photo).

Nothing is so common-place as to wish to be remarkable.  
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
by Tumbleweed Smith

### Adventurers with Tangle-Eye Tye



H. H. "Mutt" Milford of Honey Grove was working on a pipeline in Canada when his buddy Tangle-Eye Tye was summoned to help with some pipe bending. He was a heavy equipment operator and had been lowering pipe into the pipeline trench. Mutt continues the story.

"They were running behind in the bending. They needed a side-boom operator. They decided they'd borrow Tangle-Eye Tye. 'Now Tangle-Eye was a good tractor driver. You just never did know exactly where he was looking. 'I was working at a road crossing as a welder.

Tangle-Eye raised that boom up and here he comes. Had it in sixth gear. Those D-7 Cats go fast in sixth gear. Here he comes. Straight down the right-of-way. 'You'd think he'd be looking down the right-of-way where he was driving, but he was looking way over to his left driving that side-boom. 'Well here he comes to this road crossing. Wide Open.

That side-boom was up the air about twenty-five feet. Now at this intersection there were about a hundred power lines over the roadway. He caught every one of them. He pulled posts up for four hundred yards on each side. Finally all those wires snapped and Tangle-Eye just kept right on going.

"All the utility companies got called. Electric, Telephone, everything. It was a big 911 emergency to get all those people out there to repair the lines. It was on a weekend. Trucks were everywhere wiring that mess back together, poking those poles back in the ground and everything.

"Hours later their work was done. They were tired and ready for some weekend rest and relaxation. As they were pulling off their coveralls at the site they were cussing these Texas pipeliners up here in Canada tearing up everything.

"But they knew their work was over and they were ready to party. They were looking forward to Saturday night. 'And about that time here comes a side-boom coming back from the other direction to go back to the lowering in area. 'It was Tangle-Eye Tye. He had it in seventh gear.

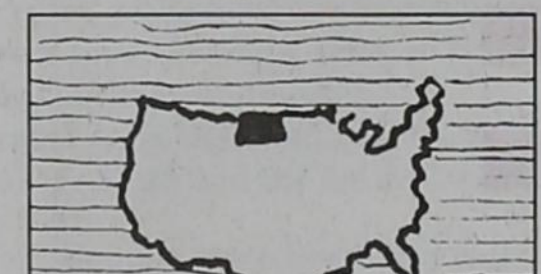
"You're probably ahead of me on this. 'He come on down. His head was looking way off to the side. He come by this time and he hit those lines again.

"And he had to change gears three times because they put those posts in the ground real good this time. But changing gears three times worked. He got them all down.

"Those old boys who had their coveralls half off just started pulling them back on."

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## Menus

### Post ISD

May 27-SCHOOL HOLIDAY  
May 28- Breakfast -Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk  
Lunch - Manwich, salad, pears, choice of milk

May 29-Breakfast -Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk  
Lunch - Chili dog, french fries, mixed greens, cake, choice of milk

May 30- Breakfast - Cereal, toast, fruit, milk  
Lunch - Chicken sandwich, salad, french fries, fruit, choice of milk

**Garza County Trailblazers**  
May 27- CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

May 28- Chicken fry, cream gravy, corn, green peas, carrot salad, wheat roll, pears

May 29- Brisket, scallop potatoes, fried okra, 3-bean salad, wheat roll, apricot dessert

May 30- Pepper steak, rice, squash, salad, wheat roll, pineapple cake

May 31- Fried chicken, new potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad, biscuit, brownies

### ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "\_\_\_ as a dish rag"
- 5 TX Skaggs Alpha Beta became Jewel in '91
- 6 TXism for women
- 7 TXism: "blind as \_\_\_"
- 8 Rangers traded this pitching Robb to Florida in '93
- 9 you can learn how to be a fighter pilot at this TX company
- 16 TXism: "a whole \_\_\_ (many)"
- 18 irregularities
- 21 Saint \_\_, TX
- 22 TXism: "a \_\_\_ in a skillet would have more fun"
- 23 crim. evidence
- 24 TX Rodriguez's \_\_\_ By"
- 30 it was used to drill Spindletop (2 wds.)
- 34 Heisman winner Delmer from TX
- 35 cuts into glass
- 36 Coleman Co. fair: Fiesta \_\_\_ Paloma
- 37 TX Charley Pride played baseball in old \_\_\_ League
- 39 at Fort Hood:

### DOWN

- 1 TX-filmed "\_\_\_ Run" ('75)
- 2 Port \_\_\_\_, TX
- 3 Drayton \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_ bought the Astros in '92
- 4 seat of Garza Co.
- 9 Winters h.s. class
- 10 nighttime weapon scope
- 11 this Calhoun starred with TX Hyer in "Red Sundown"
- 12 TX Vikki Carr tune: "Cosas del \_\_\_"
- 13 confining a critter
- 46 pie a la \_\_\_
- 47 UT pro RB Eric \_\_\_
- 49 TXism: "\_\_\_ bottle of week-old soda pop"
- 52 Cowboy's \_\_\_ season
- 53 China premier \_\_\_ Peng
- 54 this Michael starred with TX Martin in "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels"
- 54 TXism for small amount of extra cash
- 58 TX Crowell wrote Seger's \_\_\_ on the Moon"
- 59 \_\_\_ City, TX
- 60 TXism: "\_\_\_ a spell"
- 61 TXism: "went to the well once \_\_\_ often"
- 14 "the" south of the border
- 15 a Fort Worth Bass Run seat of Tyler Co.
- 19 "entrance" south of the border
- 20 TX Reynolds film: "\_\_\_ For Me"
- 24 exercise class
- 25 gov't agcy. that stormed Branch Davidian base
- 26 TX Rdddenberry's genre: \_\_\_-fi
- 27 Gulf catch
- 28 CAF has WWII \_\_\_ schmitt

### The Original

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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## Nine arrested here last week

Nine arrests were posted in the Garza County Jail log during the past week, according to records provided by the local sheriff's department.

On May 14, three individuals were jailed, including a 39-year-old for unlawfully carrying a weapon; a 38-year-old for public intoxication; and a 35-year-old for public intoxication and Lubbock warrants.

Two arrests were made May 16, including that of a 35-year-old for driving while intoxicated and a 29-year-old who was held for the Border Patrol.

On May 17, a 27-year-old male was arrested on a judgment and a 62-year-old was picked up for DWI/first.

A pair of males, ages 23 and 21, was arrested May 19, both charged with possession of marijuana, Class B, and possession of drug paraphernalia, Class C.

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| Best Passer             | Free Throw Competition  |
| Best Shooter            | Hot Shot Competition    |
| Best Rebounder          | Ball Handling Champion  |
| Best Offensive Player   | Lay Up Champion         |
| Best Defensive Player   | Free Throw Runner-Up    |
| Most Improved Dribbler  | Hot Shot Runner-Up      |
| Most Improved Shooter   | Ball Handling Runner-Up |
| Most Improved Rebounder | Lay Up Runner-Up        |

3 Point Runner-Up

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\*Awards ceremony will be on Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Camper's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_  
T-Shirt Size: XS S M L XL

For any questions, Call Coach Vickers at 495-0232 (H) or 495-3164 (W).



## Letters to the Editor

**Letters to the Editor Policy:** We require all letters to be signed. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of The Post Dispatch nor its staff.

### About mail service...

**Editor's Note:** The following letter was sent to last week's letter writer complaining for mail service.

As Postmaster it is my responsibility to provide this community with dependable and reliable mail delivery service to this community.

I apologize for any problems you are having with your mail service and I can assure you I will be monitoring the mail for that area to improve the service.

I am concerned about the article that your husband mailed from your mailbox and was later found by a neighbor down the street. I have spoken with all delivery persons this morning

concerning collecting mails from the customer boxes and the proper way to secure those mails until they return from the routes in the afternoon. This is the type of situation that I appreciate knowing and will correct.

I am also concerned about the letter that was addressed to an Osage Street address but delivered to your address. I have also discussed with the delivery carriers concerning property delivery of the mails. I will be glad to come and pick up any mails that were misdelivered to your residence. Please call me at 495-2330 and I will come and pick up those articles. This gives me a chance to discuss this error with the delivery person on the day the error happened and also allows me the opportunity to deliver the article to the correct address.

I spoke with your daughter concerning the check that was returned to the IRS. I apologized for that error and assured her that situation would not happen again. What I meant by saying "I wish I could see the article that was returned was each piece of returned mail is endorsed by the delivery employee and the reason it was returned." That way I would have known who made the error and would have been able to discuss this situation with the employee

that actually caused the problem. Again, I apologize to you and her for that situation.

The delivery person for that area is our newest employee and a very dedicated young man. I feel with his dedication and customers letting us know where the problems are many delivery problems will be eliminated. I often deliver the mails in that area to monitor the delivery area. This allows me an opportunity to know the area better and solve some delivery problems.

Again, I apologize for any problems the delivery of the mails have caused you and your family. Please call me at 495-2330 if you continue to have problems. I realize that your family is moving but should there be any problems with the forwarding of your mails please contact me.

It is my intent to be very involved in this community and strive to improve the mail service to this area. I won't be able to eliminate all human error but we will be responsible and make an effort to make as few errors as possible. The employees in this office and I appreciate very much the opportunity to serve this community and will make all the efforts to improve the service to this area.

Roy W. Willis Postmaster

## Remember our veterans

Is the sick and disabled Vietnam veteran the forgotten man?

The war that he fought in has been dubbed "America's most unpopular war," but he fought and today he is still fighting. Fighting to regain his health, his strength and some of his earning power. And, he seems to have lost some of his confidence in his fellow citizens.

Have Americans grown so callous that they can turn their backs on these men who have given so much? The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States doesn't think so. The VFW is pledged to serve the disabled and the needy veteran and to aid and comfort his family.

Combat veterans themselves, the members of the VFW, and their wives, mothers, sisters and daughters who make up the Ladies Auxiliary, have met the challenge by lending a helping hand in the battle against doubt, boredom, bitterness and despair. In veterans' hospitals, at the seats of government and in the community, you will find VFW volunteers and trained staff members at work on behalf of all veterans.

Thousands of men are bedridden for

life and others are destined to spend the rest of their days in wheelchairs or on crutches as the result of a war they haven't fully understood. Many more have found themselves handicapped in adjusting to the challenges of a civilian life, which they felt has passed them by.

A grateful government has provided hospitalization where needed and disability compensation to those with impaired earning power, but no governmental action, regardless of how well meaning, can provide the personal touch and the individual understanding that alleviates fears and eliminates despair.

The VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary have such a program, but funds are needed to carry it on. While the VFW raises most of its money from within its own membership, the public is afforded the opportunity to help through the purchase of a "Buddy" Poppy during the annual VFW Buddy Poppy Sale.

This year, the Buddy Poppy Sale will be May 24-25. When a VFW volunteer offers you a poppy, please contribute generously and wear it proudly. Your help will go a long way toward soothing the pain of a deserving veteran.

Lana Comer

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95 KIA Sephia, 4 Dr., red, auto, 4 Cyl. .... \$2,500  
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