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Garza Theatre - Tickets on Sale Now!

Post Notes

Graham Community Fellowship August 6

The Graham Community Center Homemade Ice Cream Fellowship will be held August 6 at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to bring a freezer of ice cream or cookies to share. The event is free to everyone!

PHS annuals available at school

The Post High School annuals are available at the high school office from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. See Tammy Sparks.

Christian school kindergarten

The Christian School kindergarten begins August 19, with preschool beginning September 3 and 4. All students who will be attending preschool and kindergarten at First Baptist Church are asked to have all records in order (shot record, birth certificate, social security numbers) and fees paid no later than August 1. Supply lists, other enrollment and uniform information will be arriving in the mail. Call Nancy Gordon at 495-2603 or 495-3554 if you have questions.

KCBD news live from Post August 2

NewsChannel 11's "Live Community Coverage Tour 2002" will be held in Post on Friday, August 2 live at 6 and 10 p.m. The broadcast will be at the Garza County Courthouse and the public is invited to attend both news casts. Coca-Cola, sausage-on-a-stick and ice cream will be available for a \$1 donation to a local charity. Karin McCay, Abner Euresti, John Robison and Emily Jones will be in Post for the live newscast. The Post Dispatch and the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau are local sponsors for the event.

Rodeo Parade entries sought

The Post Stampede Annual Rodeo Parade will be held Saturday, August 10 at 3 p.m. Line up will be at 2:30 p.m. on the West side of the courthouse. Prizes for floats will be \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 for third place. Riding clubs will receive trophies and an added \$100 for first place. Send entries to the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau at P.O. Box 610, Post, Texas or call 495-3461.

Southland Reunion August 3

The Southland Reunion will be held Saturday, August 3 at the Southland school building. Registration is at 3 p.m. with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. (meat will be furnished). JoNeal Hargrove, Class of 1956, will be featured speaker. Anyone who has lived or attended school in Southland, or taken part in the community is cordially invited.

Nazarene Church Vacation Bible School

The Church of the Nazarene Vacation Bible School will be held August 5-9 from 6 to 9 p.m. The event will feature "Gooz Wurkus Circus" and all youth are invited. The church is located at 202 W. 10th Street.

PHS orientation for new students

A brief orientation for students new to Post High School will be held August 8 at 6:30 p.m. Incoming freshmen, parents and students new to Post High School are invited to attend. A short introduction will take place at the old gym, then students will be able to look around the school to become familiar with class location, lockers and other facilities. All 2002-2003 PHS students will report to homerooms at 8:15 a.m., Tuesday, August 20 for the first day of the new school year.

Reward offered to convict vandals

A generous reward has been offered to anyone providing information which leads to the arrest and conviction of vandals responsible for damage to the historic building at 208 E. Main Street in Post. The destructive act early Monday morning included ripping bricks off the top of the building and tossing them onto the sidewalk covering, destroying signage on the building and strewing the broken bricks across East Main Street. Concerned citizens who have information to assist in bringing the vandals to justice are urged to call the Garza County Sheriff's Department at 495-3595.

Youth offering car wash August 10

A Baptist and Methodist youth car wash will be offered Saturday, August 10 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Methodist Church parking lot, 216 W. 10th. All donations are appreciated and will be used to support the Post EMTs. To make a donation, call Mike at 495-1074 or 441-1592.

Middle School orientation August 13

An orientation for all Post Middle School students will be held Tuesday, August 13 at 6 p.m. in the Elementary School auditorium. Class schedules will be distributed at the orientation.

Family Fun Carnival August 10

The Calvary Baptist Church is sponsoring a Family Fun Carnival August 10 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the church grounds, 6th and Avenue H. The event is for all ages, featuring games and entertainment.

Calvary Baptist Vacation Bible School

The Calvary Baptist Church Vacation Bible School is set for August 12 through 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church, 6th & Avenue H. The program is for children ages kindergarten through sixth grade and includes Bible study, crafts, fun and refreshments. Call 495-2342 or 495-3342 for more information.

Free Texas Forum August 20

The monthly Free Texas Forum will be held Tuesday, August 20 beginning at 6 p.m. at Chapa's Family Restaurant. All Garza County citizens interested in learning more about the ratification of a new Texas constitution are encouraged to attend. Call 495-0122 for more information.

KPOS Radio Colgate Country Showdown

Tickets are now on sale for the August 24 KPOS Radio sponsored Colgate Country Showdown at the Garza Theatre. The professional talent show features the best talent in West Texas. Winner of the event will advance to the state finals in Abilene. Reserved seating tickets are \$5 each, call the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005.

Garza County roping August 3

The Garza County Team Roping will be held August 3 at 7 p.m. Contact Danny Vernon at 495-2415 to enter. Deadline for entries is August 1. The pre-county roping will be held at the Millertime Arena on July 27 at 1 p.m.

City, County agree on joint project funding

by Wes Burnett

At a joint meeting last week (7/23/02) between the Post City Council and Garza County Commissioners' Court, the two government units agreed to continue jointly funding several community activities.

A big chunk of the discussion involved the Garza County Sheriff's Department proposed budget of \$602,000, with the city agreeing to fund one half of the budget. Sheriff Kenny Ratke explained that the budget did not include any pay raises for the staff.

The sheriff and Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby also explained that the county may have to add a deputy to supervise county prisoners who perform outside maintenance tasks. Dalby said that the grounds outside of the Dalby Correctional Facility will have to be maintained by the county, following a decision by the Federal Bureau of Prisons that inmates at the Dalby facility will not be allowed to work outside of the fenced area.

"We'll have to keep the grounds outside the fence," Dalby explained, "and it looks like we'll have to use county prisoners." That will require at least one additional deputy, at an estimated cost of \$34,000 per year.

City and county officials also aired differences over the costs of operating the community center. The original agreement called for the city to pay for "capital improvements" while the county would pay for operational expenses until the county's expenses matched the original investment by the city.

An update on exact costs by each government unit was being prepared, with plans for the community center board to review and make a recommendation to both the county and city as to the current financial standing.

Following the joint meeting, city council members took up a short agenda, which included an agreement to buy heavy equipment through a state operated cooperative.

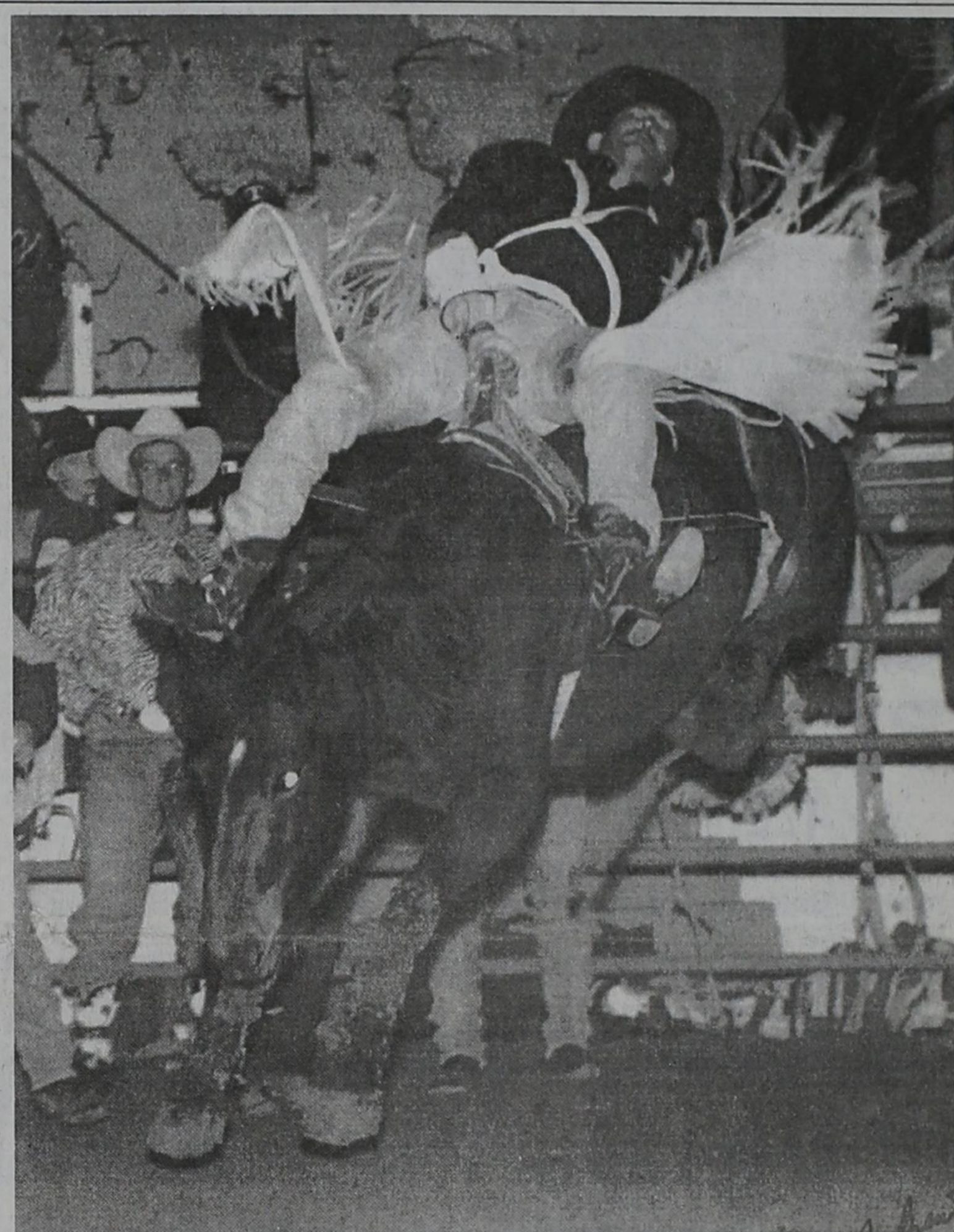
Big Water Rate Hike

Water rate increases were also approved, taking into account the recent dramatic rate increase imposed by White River Municipal Water District. The new rates take affect September 1 and are in-city \$29.50 for the first 3,000

gallons, plus \$2.40 for each additional thousand. Outside of city rates are \$35 for the first 3,000 gallons and \$2.55 for each additional thousand.

City manager Fred Stephens informed the council that total taxable valuations have de-

creased to \$84 million, which will require a tax rate increase to maintain the current level of funding.



Gary Puckett will be one of the local cowboys participating in this year's Post Stampede Rodeo, which opens Thursday, August 8. The big rodeo parade will be held Saturday, August 10 at 3 p.m. The rodeo includes dances Friday and Saturday with "Cowjazz." (See next week's edition of The Post Dispatch for complete schedule and details)

KCBD-TV in Post Friday

KCBD-TV, NewsChannel 11 of Lubbock will be in Post Friday evening to offer a close-up look at broadcast news.

The television station will broadcast its 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. newscasts from the Garza County courthouse as the news team wraps up its weeklong Live Community Coverage Tour 2002.

Individuals interested in watching the live broadcasts are welcome to attend. Two sessions

are scheduled, including one from 5:30-8 p.m. and another from 9:30-10:30 p.m.

News anchors Karin McCay and Abner Euresti, meteorologist John Robison and sportscaster Emily Jones will be on hand to meet and greet the public between broadcasts.

Coca-Cola, sausage-on-a-stick, and ice cream will be offered for \$1 donations. Contributions will be donated to a local charity, according to the NewsChannel 11 press release.

The tour began Monday in Levelland and traveled to Crosbyton, Brownfield and Plainview before coming to Post. In each community, KCBD-TV reporters profile the host community, providing its South Plains viewers with an inside look at small West Texas cities.

Retailers supporting the Live Community Coverage Tour 2002 include United Supermarkets, Blue Bell Creameries, Coca-Cola and Radio Lab.

Harley Saddler show opens at Garza Theatre

The annual Harley Sadler Show, "How the West was Fun," will be the next production featured at the Garza Theatre.

Initial performances of the play will be this weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Additional performances are set for Aug. 9-10 and 16-17.

Directed by Christy Morris, the play will include performances by Emily Hataway, Micah Robnett, Patrick Ryan Jones, Heather Bullard, Mickie Klafka, Katie McNeil, Melissa Stambaugh, Chris Davis, Ginny Andrews, Kathy Kidder, Kristie Thomas and Rocky Wilkins.

Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 8 p.m. The Sunday matinee is scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets to the event are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12.

For more information, contact the theatre's box office at 495-4005.



Garza County veterinarian Dr. Larry Mills treats a pet during last Saturday's annual Post Rotary Club "Dog Dip." Dr. Mills said that the event was one of the best ever, with more than 70 pets treated. (Photo by Becky Sturgeon)



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Sheriff reports eight arrests

Eight arrests were recorded in the Garza County jail log during the past week. According to records provided by the sheriff's department, a 49-year-old male was picked up July 23 for driving while intoxicated. On the following day, a 45-year-old man was arrested for the same offense. On July 25, a 39-year-old male was picked up on bond forfeiture. A 24-year-old male was picked up on a Midland County warrant on July 26, and a 40-year-old male was arrested on traffic warrants out of Stanton on July 27. A 17-year-old male was arrested on a Lubbock County warrant on July 28. A 27-year-old man was arrested for speeding and no insurance on July 29. A 21-year-old male was jailed for DWI on July 30.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

Little Graceland in Los Fresno



Simon Vega has an Elvis Presley Museum in and around his house in Los Fresnos. He has an amazing collection of Elvis stuff: all his movies, all his records, all his t-shirts, all his plates, all his ties, a bottle of Elvis Presley shampoo, a pack of Elvis bubble gum cards, an Elvis Barbie, books about Elvis, one of Elvis's report cards, even an Elvis lottery ticket from Indiana. He calls his place Little Graceland, named for Elvis's home in Memphis. Simon was in the Army with Elvis from 1958 to 1960. Photos of Elvis and Simon fill a showcase. "I knew him real well," says Simon.

"We used to talk all the time while we were in Germany. He did everything we did. He didn't ask for favors. They wanted him to go to special services and entertain, but he said no. He wanted to serve with his buddies. He pulled guard, he pulled KP. He liked being with us because we wouldn't ask him for autographs or anything. He said his Army years were the best two years of his life because he felt so free."

Simon was an Elvis fan before meeting Elvis. "I bought some of his records here and there, and a few of his things. Then after I met him and came back, I started buying more and more."

Simon wanted to keep Elvis's name alive. He couldn't afford to buy all the Elvis paraphernalia he wanted to because he just didn't have the money. He went back to college, got his degree and started teaching. When he got a little ahead financially, he started buying more and more Elvis items and eventually opened his museum.

Simon's car license plate reads ELVIS V. He has a replica of the house where Elvis was born in Tupelo, Mississippi. A walkway around his house carries the names of some of Elvis's most popular songs. The museum is a two-story affair built in and above Simon's garage. Nothing is for sale.

He bought the lot next door for two annual events held the weekends closest to Elvis's birth and death. He's expecting a big crowd this year, the 25th anniversary of Elvis's death in Graceland (August 16, 1977). This year, an Elvis festival will be held August 17 featuring music, food and fun.

The day-long celebration is topped off with an appearance by an Elvis impersonator. Simon has bleachers for the fans and they're usually full. Children come dressed like Elvis. Simon wrote a song about Elvis called "All Hail to Elvis Presley."

Once he and Elvis attended a football game on their post in Freiburg, Germany. The game was between the post at Freiburg and a post around Frankfurt. It was open to civilians. Thousands of German residents flooded the stadium. "They all came to see Elvis, not the game. So the Military Police escorted Elvis from the stands. They thought he might get hurt."

Elvis's Dad Vernon took up residence in Freiburg while Elvis served in Germany. A BMW dealer gave Elvis a new sports car for the daily commute from the post to his Dad's house. Elvis left the service as a sergeant.

"Elvis seldom went out. A lot of girls hung around the front gate in hopes of getting a glimpse of Elvis. One of those girls was a 13 year old named Priscilla. She and Elvis later married."

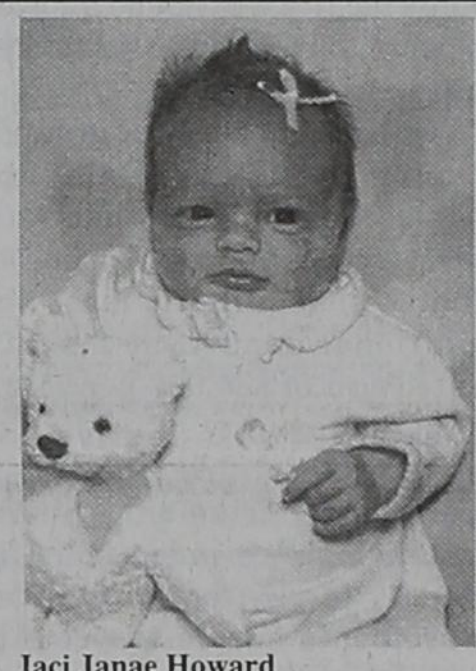
Births

Jaci Janae Howard

Randy and Kristi Howard proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jaci Janae, born June 26, 2002 at Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock.

She weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces and was welcomed home by her big brothers, Beau and Blake.

Grandparents are Darrell and Susan Radle of Post and Woodie and Patsy McClung of Claude. Jaci is the great granddaughter of Louise Rodgers of Logan, N.M.



Jaci Janae Howard

Birthdays This Week

- August 1-Candi Dawson
- August 2-Sonya Ellis, Tonya Smith, Lotoya Reed, Shawna McClintock, Dawna Hood
- August 3-Bill Aten, Brandy Merritt, Mark Roye
- August 4-Sherry Prichard, Susie Littrell, Robin Nelson
- August 5-Shane Smith, Angel Blevins, Geraldine King Wilks
- August 6-Grace Paiz, Chris Wischkeamper, J.R. Gutierrez
- August 7-Chris Miller, Javen Abraham, Blain Reece, Ricky Reyna

It's not your blue blood, your pedigree or your college degree. It's what you do with your life that counts.
—Millard Fuller

Yesteryears

July 29, 1992 10 Years Ago

Marine Pfc. Brandon W. Wilson, a 1991 graduate of Post High School recently completed recruit training and was promoted to his present rank.

Mark Tyler, son of David and Nellie Tyler of Post, was recently elected President of the Saddle Tramps organization at Texas Tech University.

An appreciation and farewell reception honoring Maury and Bill Shiver will be held Saturday, August 1. Maury has accepted a position at McAllen and will begin her duties there August 5. Bill, who has served as superintendent of Post ISD for more than 30 years, will remain here until January 1993 or until a new superintendent is hired.

A total of 1,250 theatre patrons have visited Post the first two weekends of this summer's "A Harley Sadler Show" at the Garza Theatre.

A memorial service was held Monday afternoon for Dr. Harry Tubbs, M.D., who died Saturday, July 25, 1992 at the Garza Memorial Hospital.

July 29, 1982 20 Years Ago

Kenneth Cook, pastor of the Church of God of Prophecy will celebrate his third anniversary as pastor of the church Sunday.

Mr. Jack Alexander was promoted to the position of senior vice president during a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Post.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held Tuesday morning for Ellis Electronics at 309 E. Main Street. John and Linda Ellis owners of the new facility are sales dealers for Zenith products.

Gabriel Saldivar, bleach-finish employee at Postex Plant, was presented his 30-year continuous service award by Plant Manager Don Smith. Saldivar started to work at Postex on July 14, 1952.

Kent Kirkpatrick, a native of the Post, Texas area and a graduate of Texas Tech University, is currently performing in the 1982 Wisconsin Shakespeare Festival at Platteville, Wisconsin.

July 27, 1972 30 Years Ago

Bo Jackson suffered a broken foot Monday night in a diving accident in his backyard pool and underwent surgery at St. Mary's hospital Tuesday to have a pin set in the bone.

Anne's Beauty Salon welcomes Ruthell Dunn to their staff of beauty operators.

John Bill Hedrick won 10th place in a field of more than 70 participants with his gelding, Poco, in one of the halter classes at the State 4-H Horse Show at San Antonio.

Post High School senior Roger Pace has won two first places in the shot

put the last two weekends at Snyder and Lubbock, according to Lane Tannehill, high school track coach.

Two Post men, Michael Hays and Phillip Mathews, have recently enlisted in the U. S. Air Force. Both 1972 graduates of Post High School will depart for Lackland AFB, TX., for six weeks of basic training.

August 2, 1962 40 Years Ago

The first four-row stalk shredder, invented and patented by William W. Young of Post, came off the production line of the Farmer's Machinery Corporation plant here last Thursday.

Post's most disastrous fire in several months roared through the Baker Apartments at 116 North Broadway Monday morning, almost completely destroying the two-story wooden building that was one of the town's oldest residences.

Post's 440-yard relay team won second place in the intermediate division Saturday at the West Texas Junior Olympic Track Meet in Odessa. Members of the team were Luis Ayala, Ronald Simpson, Danny Pierce and Butch Cross.

Jackie Ray Blacklock was honored with a party on his sixth birthday by his parent, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Blacklock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rains announce the birth of a daughter born July 26 in Lubbock. She was named Patti Ryn and weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs.

The Victor Hudman family is enjoying a really "cool vacation". Marvin Hudman received a card from Victor from Point Barrow, Alaska, the other day, which said: "Have just finished dinner of reindeer steak and whale meat while looking across the ice pack in the Arctic Ocean."

July 31, 1952 50 Years Ago

Garza Memorial Hospital, the \$400,000 structure dedicated to the health of the county by its residents, will open Monday.

Flying saucers, whatzits, or what have you's are being seen over the nation and Post is no exception. Henry Tate, Harold Page and Bob Isbell sighted the objects about noon at an undetermined height. The appeared completely round and were only in sight for about a half minute. All three men said the objects were not airplanes nor balloons.

Billy Shumard, 8, was honored with a birthday party given by his mother, Mrs. Buster Shumard. Those present were Hoyt Adeock, Dennie Payne, Earl Mitchell, Dennis and Danny Odom, Bobbie and Brenda Williams, Jackie Odom, Louise and Fay Belyeu, Carol Pate, Wayne and Diane Kiker.

Coach Bing Bingham says "Good Luck" to his All-State quarterback Jack Kirkpatrick as he will depart next week for the All-Star game in Ft. Worth. Jack will play on the North Squad.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,
Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science
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Delectable Science Training

District 2 Delectable Science Training was held on July 25th at the District Extension Office in Lubbock, Texas. Senior and Junior 2 4-H participants, as well as Adult Leaders and Volunteers were treated to a day of fabulous activities, demonstrations, and presentations.

Scott Honeycutt, of High Cotton Catering, entertained and pleased 4-Hers with appetizer and dessert demonstrations. 4-H youth were treated to a home-made pastry and cream dessert covered in melted chocolate, which everyone thought was a very delightful treat! Cinde Ebeling of Kitchen Chemistry encouraged youth and volunteers to experiment along with her as she taught about gas formation and chemical reactions, just by using every day items found within the home. Participants learned how to turn 100% orange juice into orange soda by just adding a teaspoon of baking soda to the juice. Other presentations of the day were made by Monte Hinton of Texas Tech University, Christy Pare of United Super Markets, and Fred Driemeyer who demonstrated how to make "Edible Art."

Junior 2 and Senior 4-H youth who attended the event were Kaylee and Shelby Farquhar, Kylie Easterling, Ashley Wilson, Christie and Lisa Soto, and Cheree Conner. A special thank you goes out to Leaders Leisa Farquhar, Jaquita Blevins, and Lana Conner for chaperoning and participating in the training!



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Extension Extras

Rodeo Concession Stand

Garza County 4-H will have a drink and food booth at the rodeo. This is our major fund raiser so please call Jaquita Blevins, Lana Conner or 495-4400 to sign up for a one-hour work shift. We need everyone to help to make this a successful fund raiser. Each 4-H family needs to bring one dozen brownies or crispy treats, individually wrapped.

Clothing Project

If you are interested in participating in the Clothing project tours, activities and fun, call 495-4400 ASAP!

Fall Fair Entries

If you plan to exhibit at the South Plains Fair, Dallas, West Texas Fair or Permian Basin Fair, please come by the Extension Office August 12 to fill out entry forms.

Bob Benson Memorial Golf Tournament

Plainview, August 13 * Four man scramble - \$50/man. Awards given. Sponsors 4-H youth programs. Call 495-4400 by August 5 if you are interested in participating.

4-H Budget Committee...

...will meet at 6:00 p.m. August 13 at the Extension Office. Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

Peaches: A Healthy Dessert

Fruit has always been considered a healthy dessert, however peaches may have more health benefits than previously believed. Horticulture specialist David Byrne believes that a new variety of the fruit will yield greater amounts of cancer-fighting antioxidants and other phytochemicals. Consumers are becoming more health conscious and want fruit with more health benefits.

Currently, peaches have "good to excellent" antioxidant activity. Research is continuously being conducted to increase the peach's health benefits and flavor. Tropic Prince, TexKing, and TexPrince are just a few of the new varieties that may be offered in the upcoming years. Please call 495-4400 for questions or comments.

Marcus Owen earns DPS badge

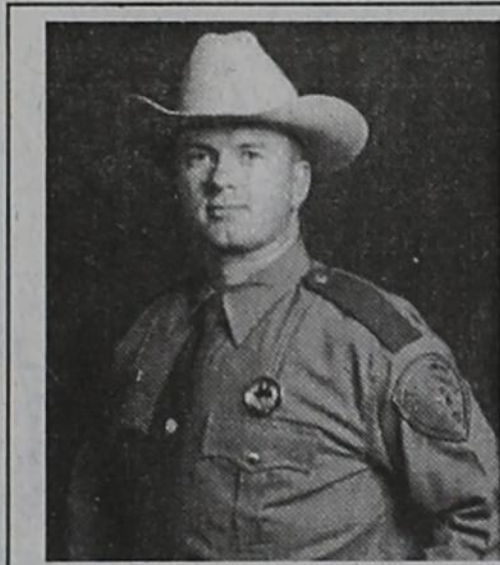
Marcus T. Owen of Post graduated July 12 from the Texas Department of Public Safety's 121st Training Academy.

"Every new recruit that graduates is one more soldier for the citizens of Texas in the war on crime in the Lone Star State," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., DPS director. "They will join their fellow troopers in the field and form the first line of defense against drunk drivers, drug dealers, wanted criminals and terrorists. We're confident they will make the citizens of Texas proud."

State Rep. Bob Turner, D-Voss, addressed the graduating class at Toney Burger Center in Austin. DPS assistant directors Lt. Col. Frankie Waller and Lt. Col. David McEathron also participated in the ceremony along with DPS training officers.

The 27-week school is the longest continuous training academy offered by any law enforcement agency in Texas and one of the longest in the nation.

The cadets entered the academy in January and completed 1,214 hours of instruction - more than twice the training required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.



Marcus T. Owen

The students received instruction in criminal law, traffic law, arrest procedures, accident investigation, first aid and other law enforcement subjects, as well as classes aimed at developing self-esteem and goal-setting skills.

Trooper Owen will be assigned to the Highway Patrol in Spur.

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- TXism: "happy as" in a candy store
- Big Nat. Park
- "do it or" (Texas)
- LLano is the
- TXism: "rattle your teeth!" (threat)
- area once known as the "Central Mineral Region" (2 wds.)
- Leon, TX
- TXism: "the" is wagging the dog"
- A&M BB coach Tony (91-'98)
- TXism: "calf rope" (quit)
- saddle
- Pictures made "Walker, TX Ranger"
- Cowboy Dave who was head Bear (nit.)
- TXism: "couldn't drive" snow bank" (incompetent)
- TXism: "a fancy to" (attracted)
- this Ames played "Mingo" (nit.)
- Austin politician
- TXism: "chew the fat"
- this Keenan was Digger on "Dallas"
- hit with gun (2 wds.)
- the "Wink Sink," "Kermit Crater," or "Guacamole" was TX
- this "Skip" was TX educ. commissioner

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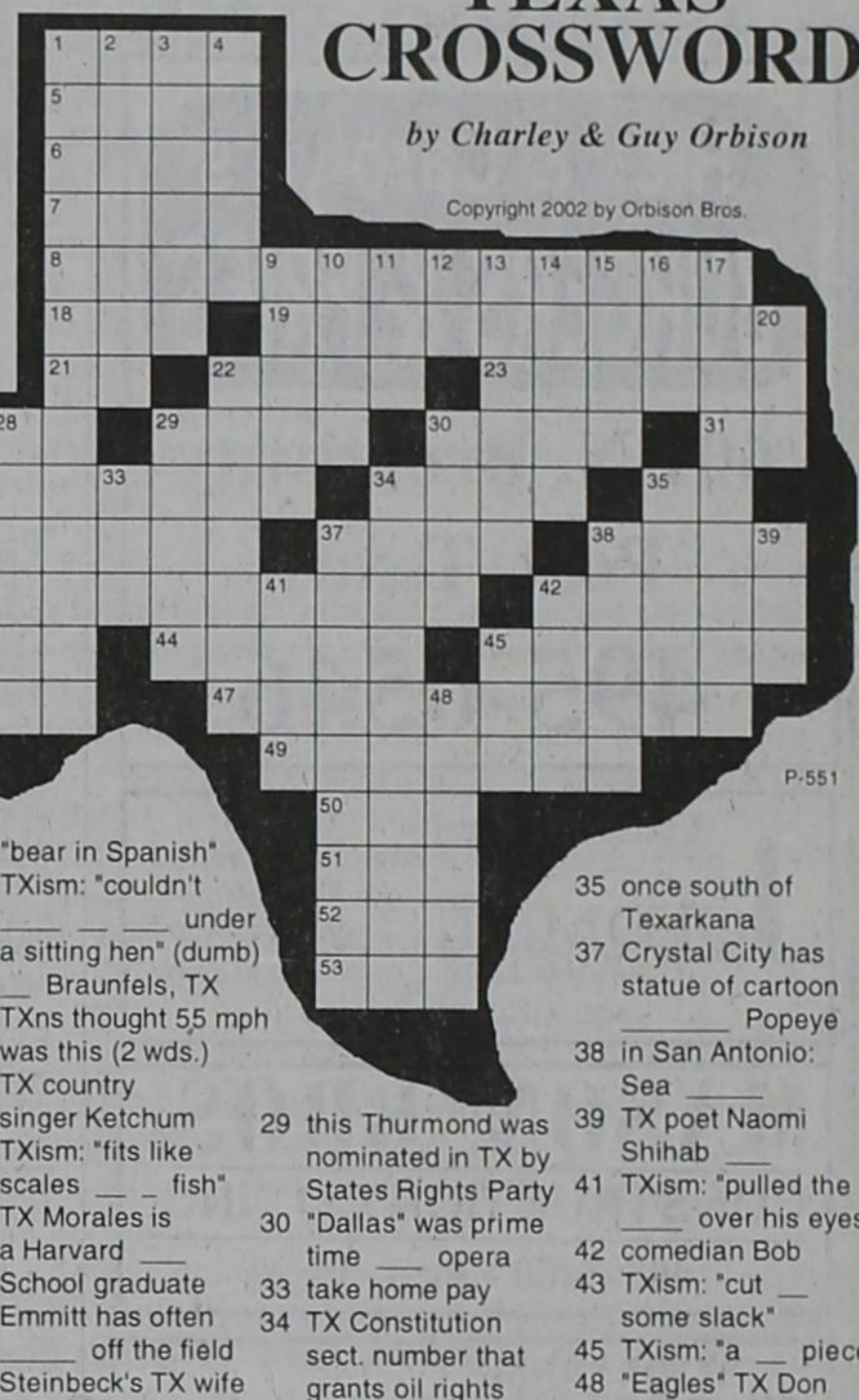
- TX athlete Zaharias
- instrument played by TX Ginger Rogers
- X-mas tree material
- a Texan who uses his fingers & toes
- this Driscoll was the "Savior of the Alamo"
- Washington wasn't a Texan cause he couldn't tell
- TXism: "compadre"
- TXism: "call" the cavalry" (get help)
- TXism for "also" (2 wds.)
- TXism: "scarce as a wildcatter with" balance"
- TX pro football Hall-of-Famer Yale
- "bear in Spanish"
- TXism: "couldn't" a sitting hen" (dumb)
- Braunfels, TX
- TXns thought 55 mph was this (2 wds.)
- TX country singer Ketchum
- TXism: "fits like scales" fish"
- TX Morales is a Harvard School graduate
- Emmitt has often off the field
- Steinbeck's TX wife
- once south of Texarkana
- Crystal City has statue of cartoon Popeye
- in San Antonio: Sea
- TX poet Naomi Shihab
- TXism: "pulled the" over his eyes"
- comedian Bob
- TXism: "cut" some slack"
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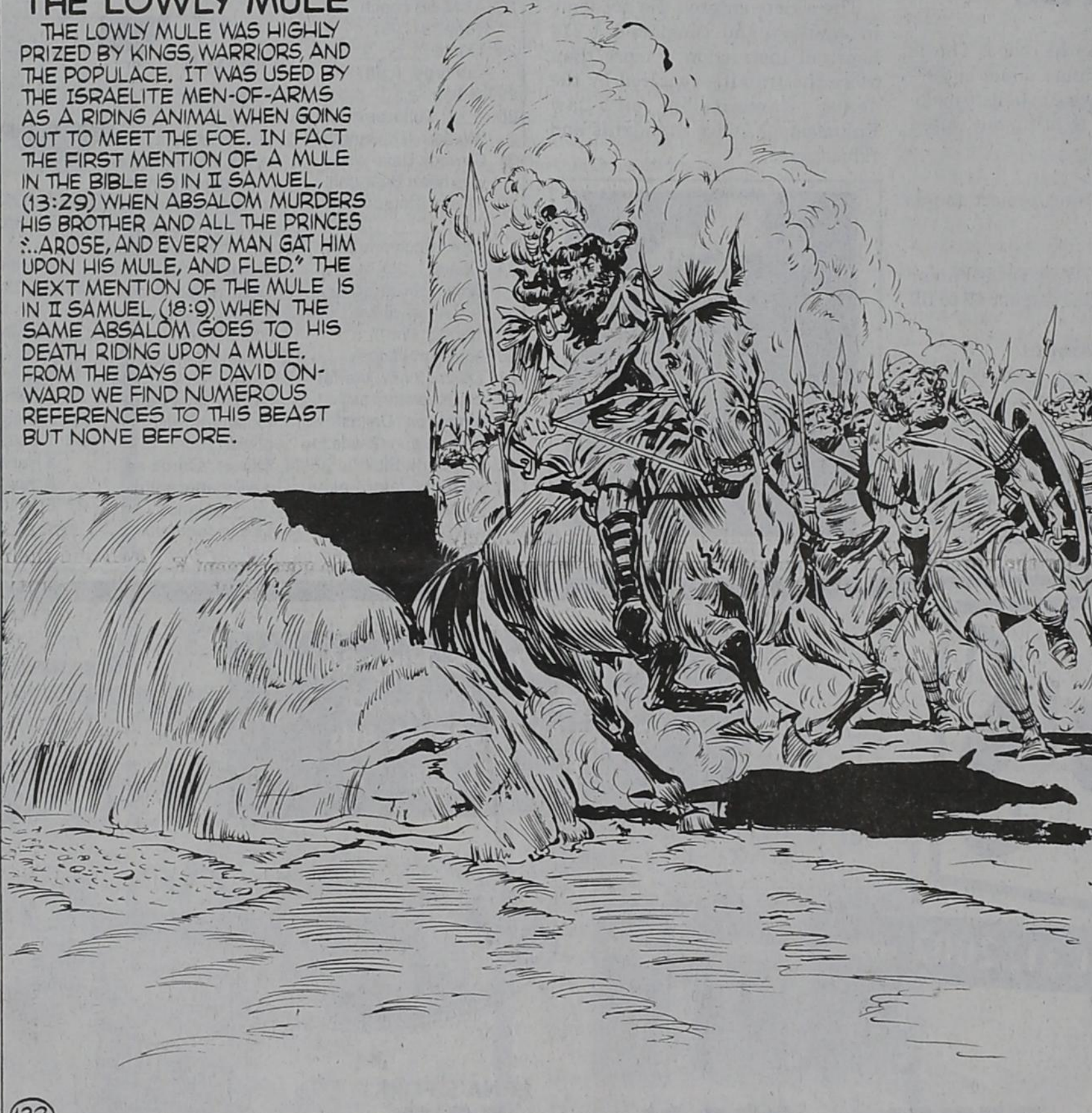
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'Taxpayer two-step' robs city, county property owners

by Wes Burnett

Last week the Post City Council and the Garza County Commissioners' Court sat down at the table, as they do every year about this time, to do what I call the "Taxpayer Two-Step."

This little dance pits taxing "partners" at odds with one another over who pays how much for what the other for shared projects. Each taxing authority is doing a two-step, trying to shift its burden onto the other.

This dance started back in the early or mid 1980s, and has evolved into a rather sophisticated "let's see if we can out step our partner." Guess who ends up paying the fiddler for this dance? Taxpayers of course, and it doesn't make much difference whether it comes from the "city pocket" or the "county pocket," property owners are going to pay.

Of course, county property owners, outside of the corporate city limits, hope this shifting of expenses will benefit them, while city only property owners hope just the opposite.

Any way you look at it, this dance is nothing more than a "spin-around," where nobody really wins, except perhaps the corporate government officers who tick off the many reasons why this dance should continue.

Taxpayers, on the other hand, are going to pay, one way or the other, because our incorporated government units have the power to steal from us. As long as that theft program continues, we're in for more dances like this one.

Until we rid ourselves of this immoral theft (taxation), we suggest that city and county corporate officers divest themselves of this "two-step" dance and take full responsibility for the property that they own and their constitutionally required functions.

The county has its constitutional obligations to fund law enforcement, the courts, jail, roads and indigents. The city has responsibility for maintaining water, sewer and streets. It may also enforce its city codes, but should not expect the county to pay for any of those services.

Likewise, the county should pay its obligations without looking to the city for financial support.

The current sharing of jointly funded projects is a confusing hodgepodge that creates more problems than it solves, and is a management nightmare.

Those who own the property should be expected to maintain and fund what is needed. Just as it makes no sense for private property owners to share expenses of each others property, it also makes no sense for government.

Let's bring some common sense back to government and place responsibility for maintaining property on the owner of record. It's time for the dance partners to call off the annual ritual.

Taxation ... the root cause of government abuse. Take away taxing power, eliminate 90% of government abuse.

How about a Garza County lottery?

by Wes Burnett

This is the time of year, every year, when we get to watch government officials stew and fret and fuss over how to raise enough money to fund all those important, and some not so important projects.

And, as usual, there's talk of raising the tax rate to offset the nasty reduction in taxable property evaluations.

There is a better way. We could have a county-wide lottery, much like other "non-profit" organizations do ... raffles and drawings are very popular with folks who can't use armed force to steal property from others (taxation).

And we don't have to get "permission" from the state to conduct a local raffle for a "non-profit" organization. Does anyone doubt that county, city, hospital and schools are non-profit?

So, the next joint venture we'd like to see from our government taxing units here is to organize a jointly shared lottery. After deciding who gets what share of the lottery proceeds (now that'll be an interesting exercise), that joint Garza County lottery committee could then contract with a professional fund raising outfit and start selling tickets for next year's budget.

Then, all those lottery sales could offset the annual clamor for more taxes. With all the lottery proceeds staying right here in Garza County, it seems reasonable to expect that local folks will be eager to contribute to such a good cause, especially if each dollar raised by the lottery resulted in an equal decrease of taxation.

How soon can we get started on this joint venture?

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And thereafter, educational vouchers

by Walter E. Williams

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the Cleveland school voucher case, *Zelman vs. Simmons-Harris*, that taxpayer funds that go to parents who might use the money to enroll their children in religious schools was constitutional.

One need not be a rocket scientist to understand why. The Constitution's First Amendment says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion ..." Devious and ignorant lawyers, judges and politicians exhibit little respect or understanding of the Framers' intent behind the First Amendment.

England had an established church — the Church of England — supported by the taxpayers. Its members were given privileges that were denied to members of other congregations. The Framers were Englishmen and feared the creation of a similar state church in our country.

If state and local governments choose to finance education, and they give parents a voucher to be spent at schools of the parent's choosing, only an intellectual or a person with legal training will see that as government establishment of a state church — a Church of United States.

With that kind of reasoning, food stamps would also violate the Constitution's "establishment of religion" clause. Why? Because people of the Jewish faith might use their food stamps for the purchase of kosher food, and that too should be seen as the government establishing a state church.

The same applies to those who'd give part of their Social Security check as their weekly church offering. The First Amendment arguments by opponents of vouchers and school choice have always been bogus. Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has held it as such, they will no doubt shift their focus to:

"We must save public schools instead of draining money away from school choice." That, too, is bogus. Try a little math. Take Washington, D.C., which spends over \$10,000 per student for education whose student achievement would be dead last if Mississippi chose to secede



from the Union.

Suppose Washington gave each parent even a \$5,000 voucher — that wouldn't mean less money available per student. To the contrary, holding total education expenditures constant, it'd mean more money per student remaining in public schools. School choice opponents are also dishonest when they speak of saving public schools.

A Heritage Foundation survey found that 47 percent of House members and 51 percent of senators with school-age children enrolled them in private schools in 2001. Public school teachers enroll their children in private schools to a much greater extent than the general public, in some cities close to 50 percent. This also applies to the black elite.

Jesse Jackson, for example, sent his son to Washington's most elite private school. One particularly insidious argument of voucher opponents is that vouchers will "skim" away the more academically talented students whose parents want better and safer schools for them. That's a vision that's hideous and rotten to the core.

It says that such students should be held hostage, unable to escape rotten schools and be academically destroyed, in the name of saving public schools at some distant, yet undetermined, unpromised date. One of the strongest arguments in favor of educational vouchers and choice is: When a society decides to publicly finance a good or service, it doesn't follow that it must be publicly produced.

We publicly finance F-16 fighter jets, but there's no government F-16 fighter jet factory. That same principle applies to education. We can publicly finance education, but where it's produced should be determined on the basis of economic efficiency. Where can we get the biggest bang for the buck?

All the self-serving arguments of school choice opponents are bogus. Saving public education is not the same as, and may indeed be exactly the opposite to, saving children.

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What Dionne Warwick reveals about drug war

by Sheldon Richman

The American Inquisition got another one last month. Singer Dionne Warwick, who was found with nearly a dozen marijuana cigarettes at the Miami airport recently, had her charges dropped in return for promising to undergo "drug treatment" and to make anti-drug public-service announcements.

Let's not dwell on the fact that a poor kid found with a few joints in a bad neighborhood isn't offered the same deal Ms. Warwick got. The two-tier system of punishment for drug offenses is old news. Just look what happens when the child of a senator is caught with contraband.

Rather, let's look at what Ms. Warwick's case says about the "war on drugs" per se, which is not a war on drugs at all, but a war on people. This modern-day Inquisition is designed to hunt down drug heretics. Ultimately, its victims are punished not just for what they do, but also for what they think.

And what they think are forbidden thoughts about drugs. Instead of believing, say, that a glass of wine is okay, but a joint is bad, they may think that a joint is not much different from a glass of wine. We can't have people thinking that. That's why Ms. Warwick was offered the deal.

As a celebrity, she is more valuable as a convert than as a convict. That the Inquisition is aimed at thoughts can be readily seen in the terms of her deal. To avoid trial she had to promise to attend "drug treatment." What happened there?

She certainly was not being treated in the sense that a physician would treat her for a stomach ulcer or high blood pressure. This "treatment" consisted of talk by her and by psychiatrists, psychologists, or other mental-health personnel.

What did they say? The experts probably told her lies about marijuana that are only slightly more sophisticated than those told in the government's old propaganda film *Reefer Madness*.

No one in the room believed them. Ms. Warwick, under obvious duress, perhaps said she was stressed and thought that marijuana would help her to relax. Or maybe they explored how low self-esteem "caused" her to use drugs. Or maybe her interest in drugs was attributed to mental illness. (If so, why is the criminal law involved?) She probably said she sees the error of her ways and won't do it again.

Nationwide, the taxpayers pay hundreds of millions of dollars to finance this inflated nonsense that goes by the name "treatment." Most of the people there are trying to stay out of jail. Then there are those public-service announcements. Here is where Ms. Warwick will do public penance by recanting her heresy.

She will probably tell kids not to use illegal drugs. How convincing will that be? Until recently, she apparently saw nothing wrong with using marijuana. She "got religion" (an apt phrase here) just after criminal charges were filed against her and then dropped. A coincidence?

If not, why should anyone believe anything she says about drugs? It is certainly more likely that she'll deliver her anti-drug message only because she could go to jail if she refuses. When someone has that strong a personal interest in making a statement that conflicts with her own previous conduct, we are entitled to skepticism, if not outright incredulity.

Does the government think we are so dumb that we will take Ms. Warwick's public-service announcements seriously? Yes it does. It is striking how much of what the government does is comprehensible once you realize that it thinks most Americans are idiots. While Ms. Warwick will avoid prison in return for her re-education and public recantation, others are not so fortunate.

The prison statistics are a scandal. According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, in 1999 more than half (57 percent) of federal prisoners were drug offenders. That's more than 68,000 people. In 1997, state prisons held 251,200 drug offenders, about 20 percent of state prison inmates.

A disproportionate number of those prisoners are black. Americans are losing their liberty for having unapproved ideas — and acting on them peacefully — about what substances they should be free to ingest. That is unworthy of a self-described free society.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va., author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *Ideas on Liberty* magazine.

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1.3 ENGINEER: Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc.
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1.9 PROPOSAL SECURITY: Proposal security in the sum of 5% of the greatest amount bid and in the form of a cashier's check, certified check or Surety Proposal Bond, shall

accompany each Proposal in accordance with the Instructions to Proposers.

1.10 OPENING OF PROPOSALS: Proposals will be publicly opened at the Courthouse immediately after closing of proposal time to identify the names of the proposer and their respective proposed contract amount. Other contents of the proposals will be afforded security sufficient to preclude disclosure of contents prior to award or rejection action.

After opening the Proposals, the Owner will evaluate and rank each Proposal with respect to the published selection criteria described under Section 1.5. After opening and ranking, an award may be made on the basis of the initially submitted Proposal, without discussion, clarification or modification, or the Owner may discuss with the selected proposer, offers for cost adjustment and other elements of the Proposal. Other than the data read at the Proposal opening, the Owner shall not disclose any information derived from the Proposals submitted by competing firms in conducting such discussions.

If the Owner determines that it is unable to reach a satisfactory agreement with the first ranked proposer, the Owner will terminate discussions with that proposer. The Owner will then proceed with negotiations with each successive proposer as they appear in the order of ranking until an agreement is reached, or until the Owner has rejected all Proposals. After termination of discussions with any proposer, Owner will not resume discussions with that proposer.

Immediately following the Owner's approval of the order of ranking of proposers and the Owner's contract award of Proposal rejection action,

the proposers will be notified by facsimile message.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all alternates or to accept any combination of alternates considered advantageous to the Owner.

The award or rejection action regarding this Proposal is at the sole discretion of the Owner and the Owner makes no warranty regarding this Proposal that a contract will be awarded to any proposer.

The Owner agrees that if the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to the proposer offering the best value to the Owner. The Owner is not bound to accept the lowest priced Proposal if that Proposal is judged not to be the best value for the Owner, as determined by the Owner.

1.11 FORMALITIES: The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject all bids.

1.12 A P P L I C A B L E GOVERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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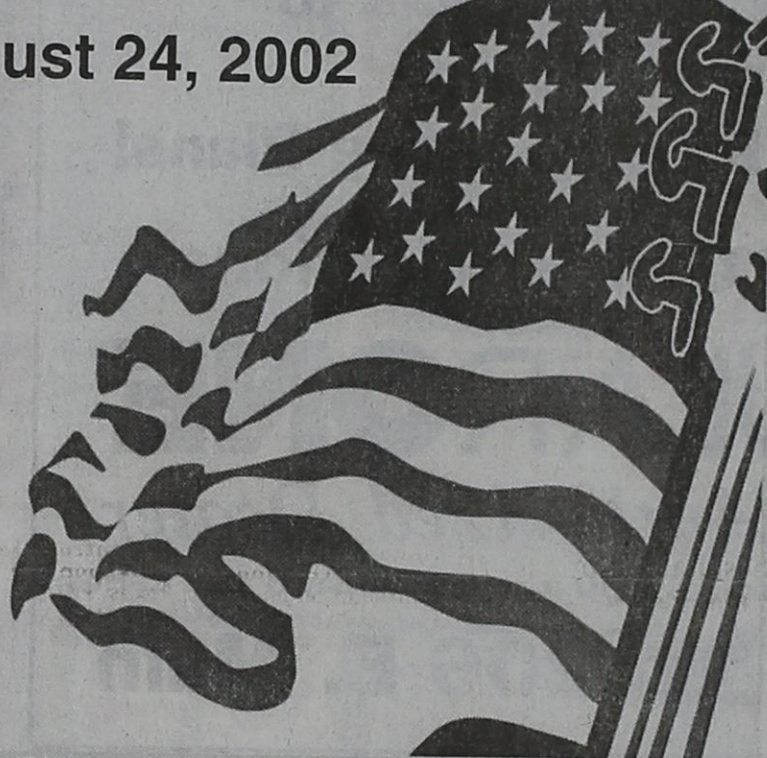
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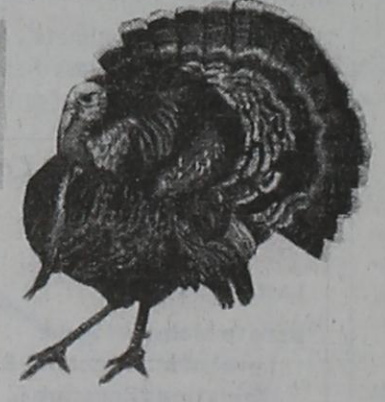

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Flags - Texan & American

After spending the largest portion of my life suckin' on a beer can and claiming to be quite knowledgeable on nearly everything, being a couple of years older I am sometimes amazed at myself at the things I don't know.

A good share of the things I don't know are things I should have learned in my childhood and teen years. But I was busy - busy learning how to be a professional drunk.

After a friendly argument with my daughter-in-law last Sunday, I now know it is a federal law that the Texas flag can be flown at the same level as the American flag. All other states, if they have Old Glory at 20 feet, then their state flag need to be at 17 feet. I

also did not know that the United Nations Building flies their flag higher than the American flag.

As far as the U.N. flag is concerned, they can throw it in the trash and I won't miss any sleep.

I like being an American, but now I just don't know if I am an American Texan or a Texas American. I guess I'll just settle for being both. I like and enjoy being both and I usually try doing what I like and enjoy so I'm happy with where I'm at today.

Although I don't see Texas ever being a nation again, it does have everything I want and need. I have no reason to ever go across the state line again in this life.

God bless America... and Texas.
Have a good day.
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Cristoval Morales joins USAF

Cristoval J. Morales, son of Jose and Maria Morales of Post, entered active duty in the U.S. Air Force on July 30, according to SSgt. Stanton, Air Force recruiter.

Following the successful completion of the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Morales is scheduled to receive technical training in the fire protection career field. In conjunction with the vocational skills, he will be earning college credits towards an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force while attending basic and other Air Force technical training schools.

Morales is a Post High School graduate.

Menus

Garza County Trailblazers
August 5-Hamburger steak w/ brown gravy, broc./rice casserole, fried squash, hot roll, jello salad
August 6- Chicken & dumplings, green peas, wldr. salad, cornbread, spicecake

August 7- Beef ench., tossed salad, carrot/rasin salad, cornbread, salsa & chips, banana dessert

August 8- Meatballs w/mushroom sauce, cream potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, strawberry shortcake

August 9- Catfish, turnip greens, corn & beans, mexican cornbread, fruity jello



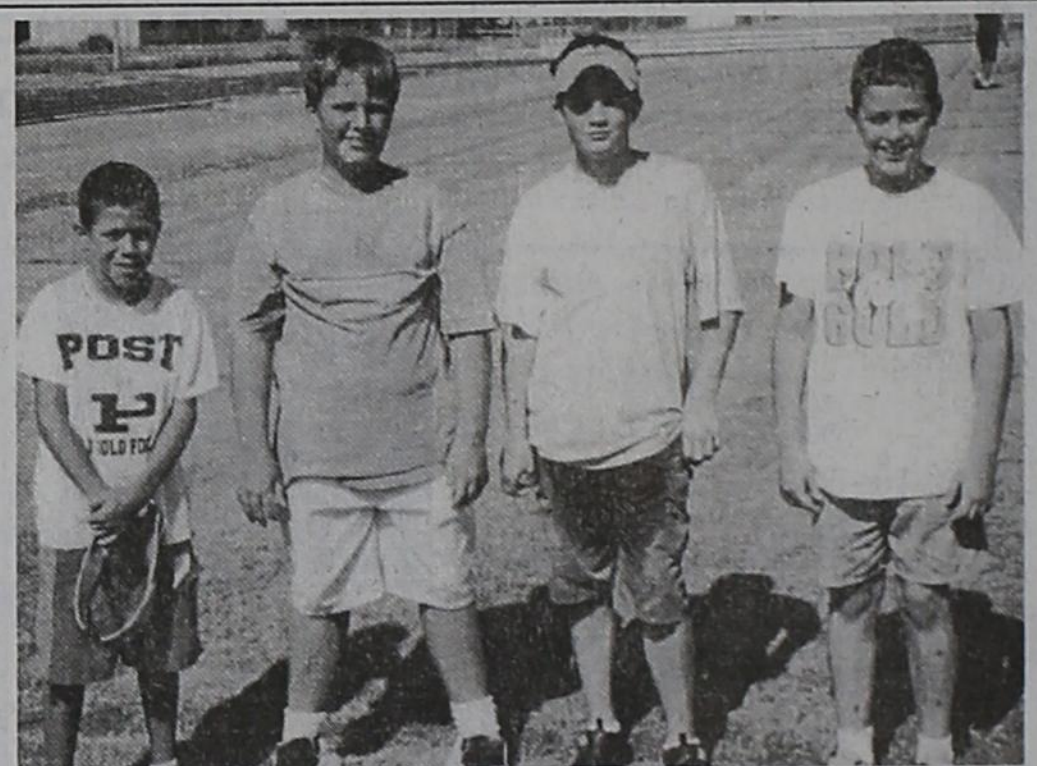
New PHS ninth graders participating in last week's football camp here are (back row, left to right) Keith Meredith, Jace Pollard, Jonathan McGregor, Vince Robles, Shawn Merritt, (front row) Josh Lee, Israel Barbosa, Aaron Fox, Colt Mason and Stace Norman.



New PHS eighth graders participating in last week's football camp here are (back row, left to right) Preston Ortiz, Steven Polanco, Colter Creech, Jose Zubia, Wilson Cash, (front row) Heath Felhauer, Asa Rutherford, Wes Mason, Andrew Elmore and Adrian Nava.



New PHS seventh graders participating in last week's football camp here are (back row, left to right) Call Windham, Pat Reiter, Jeremy Short, Erik Guerrero, Richard Sult, (front row) Cass Tatum, Tim Wilson, Kamron Shumard, Dylan Davis and Randall Jewell.



New PHS sixth graders participating in last week's football camp here are (left to right) Garrett Peña, Klent Baker, Clint Windham and Travis Rasbeary.

50-280 (Rev. 4-00/1)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Southland I.S.D. will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. August 12, 2002, in Southland I.S.D. Library, 8th. and Georgia, Southland, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.50	\$ 3041	\$ 5307
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.6257	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.6257	\$ 3317	\$ 5030
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.50	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.50	\$ 2919	\$ 4655

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 23,075.	\$ 23,991.
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 6,836.	\$ 7,187.
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 102.54	\$ 107.81
Increase/Decrease in Taxes		\$ 5.27

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.8782. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.8782.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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