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Electrical power failure almost crippled show...

by Wes Burnett

The old saying "The show must go on" has added meaning to me following the near catastrophe at the Garza Theatre last Saturday afternoon. A major electrical power failure threatened this year's KPOS Radio Colgate Country Showdown.

Fortunately, electrical power was restored by 5 p.m., and the show went on as planned.

However, for most of the afternoon we were all in a dither pondering alternative sites in case we were unable to restore power. Post Community Center manager Jodi Moore graciously drove into town and provided a key to the building in case we had to move the show.

With determination and persistence, Troy Jenkins, Jenkins Electric, and his crew labored without a break for three hours, replac-

ing the main electric supply meter box, and restoring power just in the nick of time.

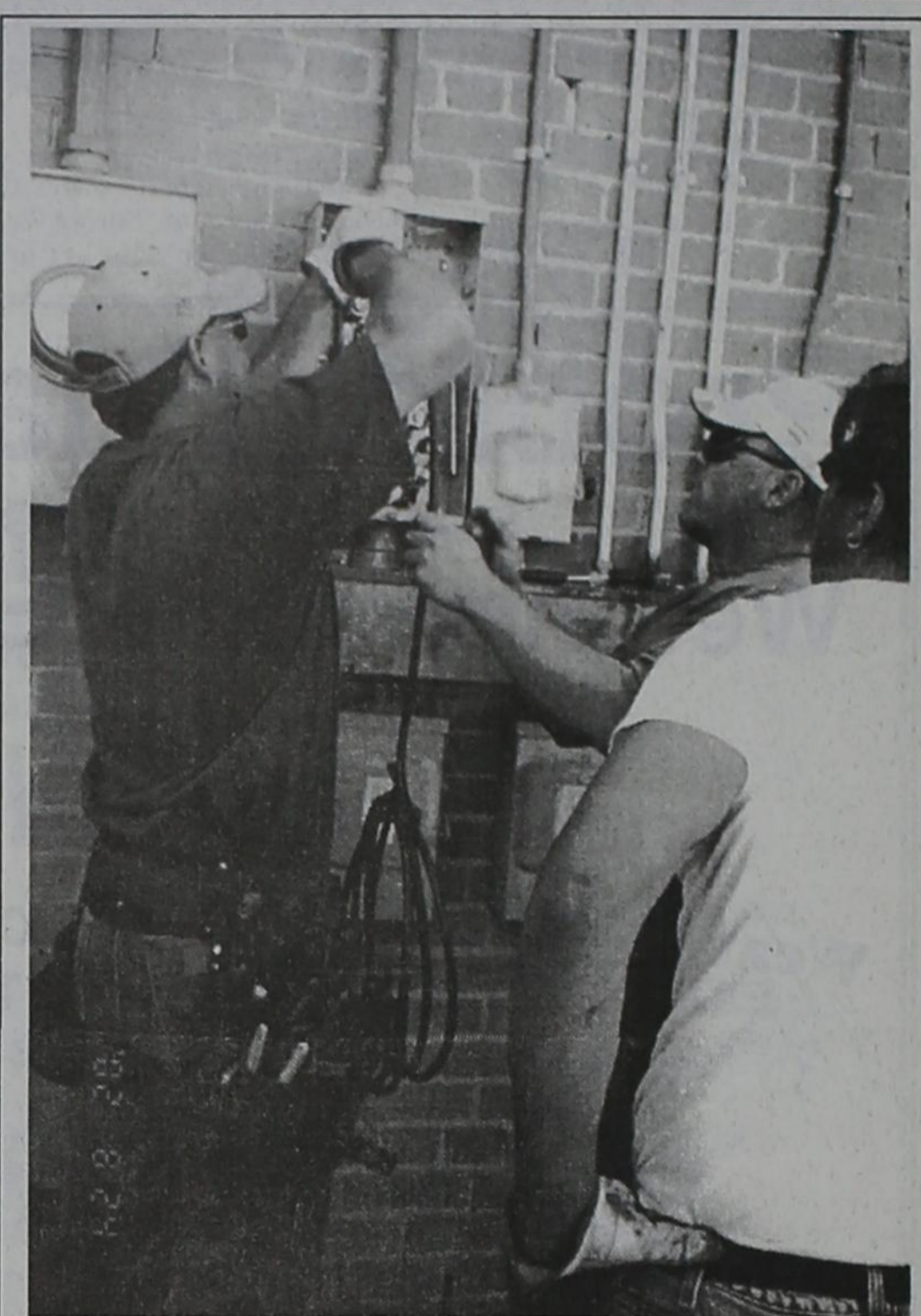
It all started about 12:30 p.m. when The Classics band members Brian Ashburn and Brent Jackson were unpacking equipment on the Garza Theatre stage. Suddenly, the lights dimmed noticeably, Jackson looked up and asked, "Is this going to be a problem? Power fluctuations like that will ruin our amps and boards."

Joe Duran, who volunteered to help me with various tasks at the theatre, observed that the lights dimmed about the same time as the air conditioning units came on. Nothing else happened, so we all continued helping the band get unpacked.

Garza Theatre box office staff member Leslie Rutherford came in and asked if she could help. Jackson asked if she could move his pickup truck from the alley to a parking spot. She returned a few minutes later exclaiming, "Sparks are flying out of one of electric boxes outside!"

I went with her to investigate. Sure enough, sparks were jumping out from the bottom of the main electric meter box. I immediately

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Jenkins Electric's crew worked non-stop Saturday afternoon to get power back on at the Garza Theatre. Finishing the task are (left to right) David Lechua, Ray Guerrero and Chris Jewell.

Post Notes

Trailblazer bake sale Saturday

The Garza County Trailblazers will hold a bake sale Saturday at United Supermarket beginning at 9 a.m.

Blue Knights sponsor food drive

The Blue Knights motorcycle club is sponsoring a "You Can Share Food Drive" and "Poker Run" for Post Cares, Victims Assistance Program and MAD DADS INC. The event Saturday includes a BBQ brisket plate lunch at the school cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$6 each.

Pep rally Friday at 9:05 a.m.

The first pep rally for the 2002 football season will be held Friday at 9:05 a.m. at the old high school gym. The pep rally in preparation for the season opener against Denver City.

Out reach ministry revival Saturday

Faith Hope and Love Outreach Ministries will host a revival Saturday evening and Sunday morning at the Post City Park. The event will feature praise worship, games, music and puppets.

United Way host Shane Rogers concert

Shane Rogers and The Texas Roadhouse Band will be featured at a special Garza County United Way fund raising event Saturday, August 31 at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena beginning at 9 p.m. Fans are encouraged to bring their coolers and lawn chairs.

Church collects shoes for orphans

The First United Methodist Church, in cooperation with Free 107 Radio and Buckner's Children's Home is collecting children sized shoes for the "Shoes for Orphan Souls." The shoes will be distributed to orphanages in Russia, China, Romania and Kenya. Donations may be taken to the church office. Coupons redeemable at Chick-fil-A and Great American Cookie will be given to those who donate shoes for the event.

Spiritual Series at Post Church of Christ

Each Wednesday in August the Post Church of Christ is hosting a series of spiritually uplifting lessons from the book of Philipians. Sessions begin at 7 p.m. Speakers for this series are Joe Keyes of Crosbyton, David Hooten and Ron Bontrager of Lubbock and Mark Hackett of Lamesa. The church is located at 108 N. Avenue M, the public is invited. For more information call 495-2326 or 495-0887.

Moms In Touch organizes here

Women who would like to stand in the gap for our children and schools (pre-k through college) through prayer are encouraged to become involved with "Moms In Touch International." An information/organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. at CitizensBank community room. For more information, call Debbie Brownlow at 495-1919 or Kellie Macy at 495-2861.

Post flag football signups

Signups for Post Flag Football will continue through September 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. each at MAD DADS, 108 N. Broadway. No signups will be allowed after September 14. Teams will be drawn on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. at MAD DADS. Games will be played on the practice field at the track on Saturdays, with the first game set for September 28. Registration is \$15 per child, which includes a t-shirt, first mouthpiece and a trophy at the end of the season. Three age divisions are first and second grades, third and fourth grades and fifth and sixth grades. Call 495-1244 for more information.

Borden County scholarship fund raiser

Borden County Parents Club will sell krispy creme donuts Saturday, September 14 at the Terry Tire parking lot, beginning at 8 a.m.

Excel Corp. offers free burgers

Post Antelope fans planning to attend the September 13 football game at Friona will be pleased to note that Excel Corp. will serve free hamburgers and hot dogs to all ticketed fans. The concession stand will be on the south end of the football field, serving begins at 5 p.m.

Booster club offers curb addressing

The Post Antelope Booster Club is taking orders for curb and driveway street address labeling. The labels are professionally installed and carry a lifetime residential warranty. The numbers are four inches tall and are available in white, red, blue, black and green. They can be customized with a Post Antelope, Tech double T, State of Texas, star, Christian fish, Texas Ranger T or a paw print in the same colors. Prices installed are \$20 for one, \$39.95 for two or \$44.95 for two and an alley sign. Contact Larry Mills at 495-3726 to place an order.

2nd Christian Festival

The Church of God of Prophecy will host a Christian Festival September 28 at the Algeria Park from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Good music all day long, games and food.

Can Food Drive August 28

The Garza County Victims' Assistance Program will host a Can Food Drive Wednesday, August 28. Plastic sacks will be left at residences to be filled with various types of canned foods and staples (salt, pepper etc). Bags will need to be left on doorsteps to be picked up the afternoon of Wednesday, September 4. Call 495-2479 for more details.

Local television on Channel 12

A new local television service is now being offered here by Post City Television in cooperation with Cable Network Advertising (CNA). Ethelbert Foundation, owner and operator of Post City Television, has entered into an agreement with CNA to provide local information, community news and advertising on Classic Cable Channel 12. The service began last week. "We are very excited and pleased to provide this important service to our community," Ethelbert Foundation managing director Wesley W. Burnett said.

The new service includes airing locally produced video tapes of community, civic organizations and school events.

The service begins this week with video tape of the Garza County Health Care District meeting, the KPOS Radio Colgate Country Showdown and Friday night's Post Bold Gold Antelope football game with Denver City. "We're seeking volunteers to tape local events," Burnett added, "just give us a call and we'll work with you on airing your community or school event." Post City Television will broadcast video taped government meetings on Classic Cable Channel 12 as a public service to the community.

Advertising pages for Channel 12 are produced by CNA's professional graphics staff in Weatherford, Oklahoma with information provided by Post City Television staff members located at 123 E. Main Street in Post at The Post Dispatch. For more information about scheduling advertising or news for Channel 12, call 495-2816.

Post ISD hires search consultant

The search for a new superintendent for the Post Independent School District officially began last week with the hiring of a consultant from Beaumont, Texas.

Dr. Bob Thompson was tapped to assist the Post ISD board of trustees at a called meeting conducted Aug. 22.

Thompson was hired to assist the school district in finding a replacement for Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain, who recently announced his plans to retire at the close of the 2002-03 school year.

Bain said the board will work with Thompson to create timeframes and schedules that will define the superintendent search. Trustees also are expected to assemble a profile to further aid the consultant in his task.

Ideally, the new superintendent would join the Post ISD administrative staff sometime in January or February, Bain said. The individual selected would take over his or her new role with Bain's retirement in the spring.



Ray Bagby (right), chairman of the City/County Ambulance Committee, accepts a donation from CitizensBank's Fred Myers. Bagby expressed the committee's appreciation and reported that the EMS organization is on track to becoming self-supporting.

Post ISD Superintendent plans retirement

Dr. Bobby Bain, who is entering his 11th year as superintendent with the Post Independent School District, has announced he will retire at the close of the 2002-2003 school year.

"This was not an easy decision," said Bain, who has been an educator for the past 33 years. "This is such a good job with such good board members and such a good community."

Bain began his career in Amarillo, where he taught science, health, math and career education for seven years. He served as high school and elementary school principal at Callisburg, Texas, for two years before moving to Paradise, where he assumed his first role as superintendent.

Bain spent six years in Paradise before moving on to the Bowie Independent School District where he served as superintendent for seven years before accepting the superintendent's position in Post.

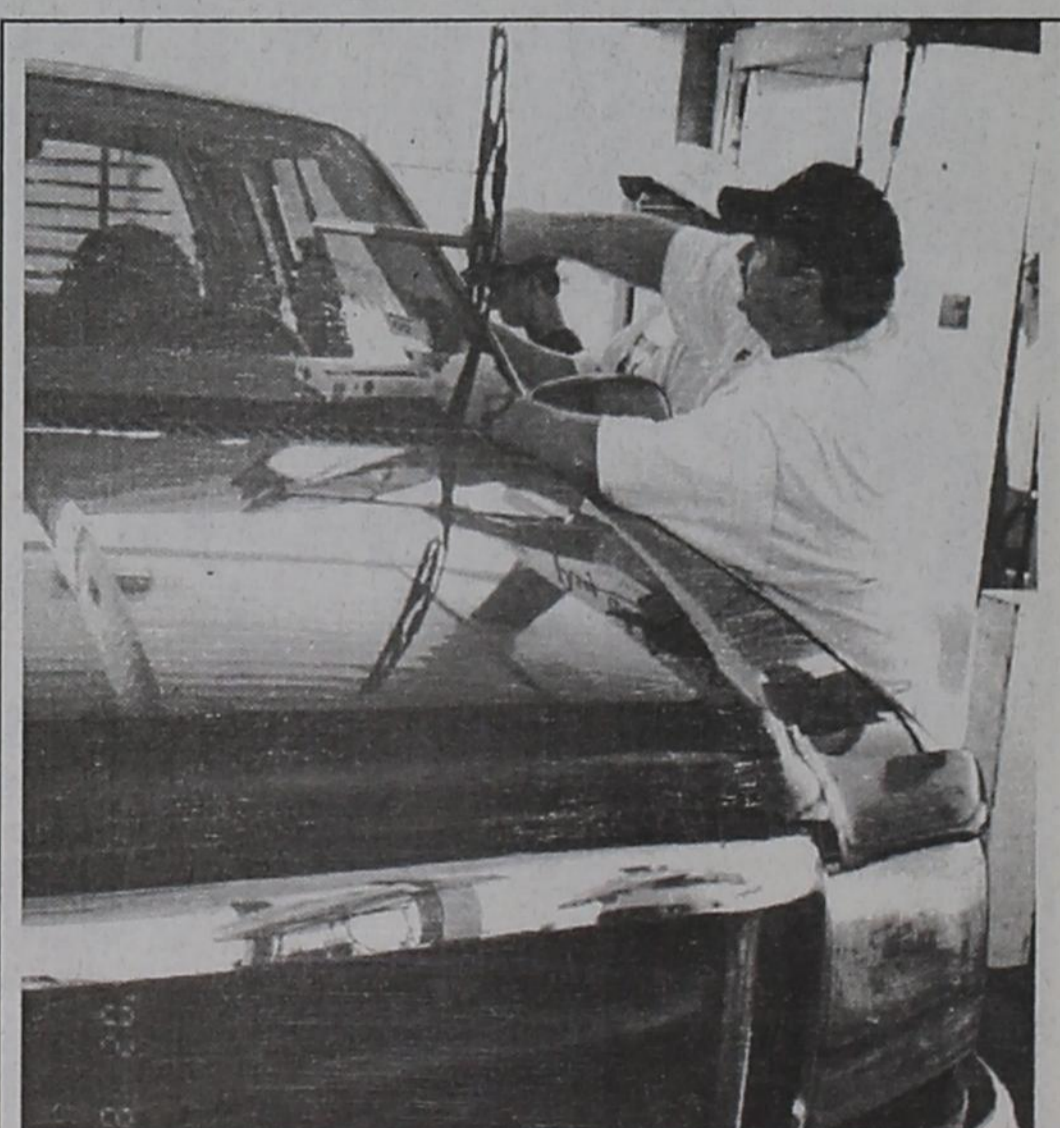
The search for a new superintendent began last week, when Post ISD board members met in special session Thursday to hire a consultant to assist in the search for a new administrator.

Bain said he is unsure as to whether he and his wife will remain in Post following his retirement.

"We're probably looking to the D/FW (Dallas/Fort Worth) area," he said. The couple's daughter teaches in the Arlington Independent School District and their son works as an engineer in Dallas. Noting that the elementary and high school recently earned exemplary rankings from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and that the middle school narrowly missed earning the same honor, Bain lauded several facets of the community.

"We're a (TEA) recognized district," he said. "We're very proud of that. The staff, students, board and parents need to be commended for that accomplishment."

"I already envy the person that gets this job because it's such a great place to live, a good school district and an outstanding community," Bain said.



Casey Zachary was one of the Post volunteer firemen busy last Saturday at the Town & Country offering services to customers in the "Fill the Boot" fund raising event to assist "Jerry's Kids" and the MDA.

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Garza Theatre hosts musicals

by Louella Bilberry
Music, music, music!

Growing up, we didn't have electricity but we had a radio that ran off a car battery! Mama had her soap operas, Tillie, my sister, and I shared "Your Hit Parade," my dad, mom and I shared "Grand Ole Opry" and "Louisiana Hayride," but we all found something to do when Tillie turned to the Texaco Opera on Saturday afternoon. Nope, I'm not cultured, but I do love all the rest - just spare me opera!

Friday night I was in my element! The Little Theatre gave us a night of

"Show Tunes." Mistress of ceremonies Christi Morris gave us a short history of each song, composer and when the production opened. Anna Wilson opened the show with "I Could Have Danced All Night" from the Tony award-winning "My Fair Lady." Next was "If I Loved You" from 1945's "Carousel," sung by Wayne DuBose, a newcomer to me. I hope this type of program will continue and his rich voice will be heard here again!

In 1943, "Oklahoma," another of Rogers & Hammerstein's successful collaborations gave us "Surrey With the Fringe on the Top" sung by Chris

Davis as "Curley," hoping to impress his girlfriend.

Irvin Berlin gave us "Annie Get Your Gun." Mickie Klafka in boots, jeans, cowboy hat and with a "big iron on her hip" lamented, "You Can't Git a Man With a Gun."

After the death of Oscar Hammerstein, Richard Rogers teamed up with Steven Sondheim for "Gypsy." Emily Hataway as a lovely American tourist in romantic Venice asks "Do I Hear a Waltz?" She does, and forthwith grabs a lonely streetsweeper and begins to dance a waltz with him!

"Carnival" opened in 1961 - won two Tony awards and the Drama Critics Choice as Best Musical. Juanetta Bocko as poor orphaned Lila has come to the carnival, hoping to find work from a friend of her late father. Janita sang, "Would You Believe?" and the better-known "Love Makes The World Go 'Round."

In 1985, after the success of "Nunsense," "Monkey Business" gave us a look into a monastery, as a priest (Pat Price) sings of celibacy!

"The King and I" opened in 1951. Anna Wilson, as the widowed British teacher, sings "Hello, Young Lovers." Chris Davis and Heather Ballard are the young lovers dancing in the background.

"The Sound of Music" was the last Rogers and Hammerstein production. Mr. Hammerstein died just eight months after the opening of this true story of novice nun, Maria. "Nuns,"

Linda Marrio, Glenda Heath, Doneta Clark, Paula Callahan and Janice Duyck sang a song about Maria.

Mickie Klafka and Chris Davis return us to "Annie, Get Your Gun" with the argument "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better."

In 1963 the London import "Oliver" won 10 Tony awards. Anna Wilson sang the song, "Consider Yourself," Oliver's welcome to the home for orphan boys. Linda Marriot, as the nefarious orphanage manager sings of her problems with "Little Girls" as Emma darts here and there distressing the harried manager. (Little Emma is delightful.)

Wayne DuBose, the old gentleman with the "rich voice" returned to sing "You'll Never Walk Alone."

Jay Young was the director of this wonderful "Night of Music." Jay, you

did good! Please, do another one soon!

The music continued Saturday night. We had a full house for the Colgate Country Showdown sponsored by KPOS Radio.

Folks, we had some hand-clapping, foot-stomping country music. We had 13 contestants from 60s to 10-year-old Raelin Ogle. Each had two songs, and I'm not going to review each! You just should have been there.

The backup band, "The Classics," have been here before. They were good, loud, good and loud!

Dave Turner introduced an original song of his, "September Waltz." Vance Guthrie had a cheering section! He would have gotten my first place vote! First place winner was Dave Turner, and second Junior Vasquez.

Again, my thanks to Jay Young and Christy Morris.

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Entertaining at the Garza Theatre last Friday evening were cast members of the musical "A Night of Showtunes." Sharing stage time were (back row, left to right) Heather Bullard, Chris Davis, Pat Price, Wayne DuBose, Anna Wilson, Glenda Heath, (middle row) Emily Hataway, Mickie Klafka, Juanetta Bockko, Christi Morris, (front row) Doneta Clark, Paula Callahan, Janice Duyck, Linda Merriott and her daughter, Emma.

Dave Turner takes first place at country showdown

Dave Turner of Lubbock, winner of this year's KPOS Radio Colgate Country Showdown, will compete in the West Texas Fair & Rodeo's 21st Annual Colgate Country Showdown West Texas State Final. Turner edged out runner-up Junior Vasquez of Lubbock in last Saturday's competition here.

The entertainment kicks off Saturday, Sept. 7, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Taylor County Expo Center. Nine wet-behind-the-ears country music singers and bands from around the area will chase the dream of fame and fortune, competing for a \$1,000 prize and the chance to advance to the Southwest Regional Final, which is one step away from the national grand prize.

This year's winner said he hopes to follow in the steps of past Country Showdown state level winners Martina McBride, John Michael Montgomery, Neal McCoy and Sweethearts of the Rodeo.

The Country Showdown is America's biggest talent showcase and radio promotion and has become a tradition in country music. Country music acts that have participated in the contest include Chad Brook, Garth Brooks, Billy Ray Cyrus, Sara Evans, Vince Gill and LeAnne Rimes.

Competing in this year's West Texas State Final are artists representing the following radio stations: KEAN, Abilene; KBST, Big Spring; KPAN, Hereford; KCYL, Lampasas; KLSR, Memphis; KPOS, Post; KBAL, San Saba; and KCLW, Stephenville.

The road to stardom begins each year with a hometown talent contest sponsored by radio stations across the country. Local winners advance to one of more than 40 state contests where the prizes include \$1,000 and the opportunity to compete at one of six regional contests in the fall. Regional level winners receive an all-expense paid trip to the nationals, which will be taped for TV broadcast and aired in the spring.

Along with the television appearance, each of the regional winners will compete for the grand prize of \$100,000 and the national title of Colgate Country Showdown Best New Act in Country Music.

During the annual Showdown effort, the contest produces more than 500 live events, staging more than 50,000 artists and involving more than 400 radio stations. More than 4 million fans attend the Showdown shows.

For more information on the Showdown and how to participate, log on to www.countryshowdown.com.



Dave Turner



Junior Vasquez

United Way benefit features Texas Roadhouse Band

A benefit concert for the local United Way will be held Saturday, Aug. 31, beginning at 9 p.m. at the Post Rodeo Arena.

Shane Rogers and the Texas Roadhouse Band will provide the music for the event.

Those planning to attend are invited to "bring you coolers and lawn chairs," according to the flyer advertising the event.

Cost for admission to the benefit was not disclosed.

Sponsors for the event include United Supermarkets, Jackson Bros. Meat Co., Lowe's, American State Bank, Robert Hall Chevrolet, ASCO, Images Printing & Copying, South Plains Answering Service, Allsup's and Brady's Package Store.

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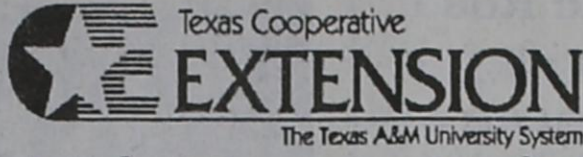
All producers are invited to attend a Farm Bill meeting to be held Tuesday, September 3, at the Graham Chapel Community Center beginning at 9:00 a.m. Jay Yates, Extension Risk Management Specialist, will be on hand to discuss the Farm Bill as well as Victor Ashley, FSA Director. The base and yield update option analyzer will be explained to producers. Call the Extension office for more information.

Clothing Project

There will be a county-wide Clothing Workshop on Tuesday, September 3, at the Extension office beginning at 4:30 p.m. The session will be on Modeling with Lynette Thuett as special guest.

Volunteer Opportunity

I am looking for four interested individuals that would like to be considered to help judge the District 4-H Fashion Show on September 21st. Judges need to have the basic knowledge of clothing constructing and buying as well as current fashion. To sign up or for more information call Julie at 495-4400.



Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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

Aching Back

Back pains lead to nearly 12 million doctor visits each year. According to the Mayo Clinic, back pain is the second most common complaint. About 90% of these painful conditions clear up without medical treatment. But, if not taken care of, some back conditions can become disabling. To treat back pain at home, apply a cold pack, followed by heat, get comfortable, rest for short periods of time, and try over the counter pain relievers. However, if the pain makes moving difficult and is followed by fever, vomiting, or unexplained weakness in the other areas of the body, then a doctor should

be consulted. Prevention is the best way to deal with back pain. Three steps to prevention are exercise, posture and diet. Exercise strengthens the back, improves overall fitness, reduces stress, and helps shed excess pounds. Maintaining good posture keeps the back healthy, and a healthy balanced diet also helps maintain a healthy weight. If ever in doubt of how serious a condition is, contact a health care provider. Try to avoid this "common but painful complaint!"

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David Stelzer (left), introduced Republican Party U.S. congressional candidate Rob Beckham (right) to the community during Beckham's visit here last week.

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—Benjamin Franklin

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Dr. Travis R. Everett

Paid Notice Dr. Travis R. Everett, 74 of Stephenville, TX, died Thursday, August 15, 2002 at local hospital in Stephenville, Tx. He was born February 18, 1928 in Post, Tx. Dr. Everett married Peggy Joyce Castleman on November 2, 1951. He was a navy veteran; 50-year member of Mason Post Lodge 1058 and a retired entomologist. He is survived by his wife Peggy J. Everett of Stephenville, TX and a daughter Elizabeth Jane 3Becky2.Haney Annapolis, MD. He was cremated and no services will be held.



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Seven performances of "Scotland" are scheduled. Initial performances are Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Additional performances are set for Sept. 6, 7, 13 and 14.

Curtain times will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and the Sunday matinee is set for 2:30 p.m.

Tickets cost \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12.

For more information, call the theatre at 495-4005.

Why shouldn't truth be stranger than fiction? Fiction, after all, has to make sense.
—Mark Twain



The Garza Theatre was filled with the sounds of country music last Saturday evening as these talented young entertainers competed in the KPOS Radio Colgate Country Showdown. Participating in the event were (back row, left to right) Jose Ladinos, Danielle Powers, Gary Alan Bruce, Debbie Nelson, Karla Todd, Paul Aaron Hughes, Dave Turner, Vance Guthrie, (front row) Bailey Boyd, Summer Raye, Priscilla Fulcher and Raelin Ogle.

Now, local news on Classic Cable Channel 12!

Post Devotional Page

Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

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The immorality of taxation...

by Wes Burnett

Government all around us continues to suck the life out of productive people... just look at the spat of tax increases being announced at all levels of government.

Instead of considering alternatives to increasing taxes, such as cutting expenses or holding local lotteries, property owners are being plunged deeper and deeper into debt... not to credit card companies, but to their own government.

And this system of paying for government is nothing more than simple theft.

When people's property is stolen from them, even if that property is not worth a dime, it is still theft. It makes no difference if theft is by one individual or several, it is still theft.

In the name of the "good of society," Texans routinely turn over the power of theft to their government "representatives" in an attempt to absolve themselves of such sinful behavior.

"Well, how else can we pay for government?" is the standard reply by defenders of this ungodly system. Or, they'll say something like, "Jesus said give unto Caesar that which is Caesar's," as if that is supposed to smooth over the conflict with the Commandment: "Thou shalt not steal."

I responded to one such comment recently by asking, "Are you suggesting that Caesar owns our property?" The meek reply was, "Well, I guess so."

"Well then," I replied, "who is the Caesar of our time?" Truth is, government behaves as if it owns our property, otherwise there could be no justification for taxation. Jesus, and his listeners, understood that Caesar owned all the property, therefore it was only right to give tribute to Caesar.

But as "free" people, who supposedly have certain unalienable rights, such as the right of property ownership, and the right of owning our own labor and the results of that labor, we do not hail to a Caesar, bowing and scraping like so many slaves.

Christians and Jews, and others who believe that theft is a violation of God's law, must come to terms with their implicit thievery. We must insist on abolishing all forms of taxation, or any other theft process conducted by government.

By allowing, condoning and even supporting theft by our government representatives, we are just as guilty of theft as if we were to raid our neighbors' homes.

There can be no morality in government as long as government behaves immorally, and government will never behave morally as long as its leaders are encouraged and allowed to continue stealing property, no matter how important are uses of the stolen property.

For too many years socialists have used trickery and deceit, playing on the goodness of most people, pretending that taxes are an "obligation" of a "good" citizen. Good people don't need a gun aimed at them to do what is right. Only those who lack faith in people turn to armed force to extract payment for what they believe are "good causes."

It's high time for those of us who believe in following God's word to stand in favor of abolishing taxes, in the name of what is right and for the sake of obeying God's great commandment: "Thou Shalt Not Steal."

To remain silent and allow this theft to continue is tantamount to slapping God in the face.

Taxation is evil, it is sinful. It violates God's commandment:

Thou Shalt Not Steal
 (When you force payment from someone against their will, that's theft)

Thoughts for the Week

"Older men declare war. But it is youth that must fight and die. And it is youth who must inherit the tribulation, the sorrow, and the triumphs that are the aftermath of war."—Herbert Hoover, Speech at the Republican National Convention [June 27, 1944] "We are mad, not only individually, but nationally. We check manslaughter and isolated murders; but what of war and the much vaunted crime of slaughtering whole peoples?"—Lucius Annaeus Seneca, Epistles [1st Century A.D.]

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 "Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he, then, be trusted with the government of others? Or have we found angels in the forms of kings to govern him? Let history be the answer to this question."—Thomas Jefferson, First Inaugural Address [March 4, 1801]

"There is a danger from all men. The only maxim of a free government ought to be to trust no man living with power to endanger the public liberty."—James Madison, Notes for an Oration at Braintree [Spring 1772]

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Whose business is it?

by Walter E. Williams

My health and other aspects of my well-being are the business of whom? You say, "What's it now, Williams?" I'm simply asking whose business is it if I don't adequately plan for retirement or save money for my child's education?

If I don't wear a seatbelt while driving or a helmet while biking, whose business is it? What if I don't get enough sleep or don't exercise enough for good health — should government force me to, under the pain of punishment? In other words, should Congress have the power to force people to do what's in their own health, safety and welfare interests?

I'm afraid that most Americans believe that government should be able to force people to do what's in their health, safety and welfare interests. Their reasoning might be that if I don't wear a helmet while biking or a seatbelt while driving, I might have an accident, become a vegetable and become a burden on other Americans as taxpayers.

That reasoning fueled much of the anti-tobacco zealotry, confiscatory cigarette taxes, and federal, state and local government lawsuits against tobacco companies in the name of recouping tobacco-related healthcare costs. Emboldened by their dramatic success in their war against smokers, America's neo-Nazis have now turned their attention to the food industry, with lawsuits against the McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's and KFC, alleging that they have created an addiction to fatty foods.

Fast-food chains are alleged to have contributed to obesity-related health problems and increased healthcare costs. Like the tobacco Nazis, the food Nazis are calling for government regulation and taxes on foods they deem non-nutritious. Already timid CEOs of fast-food chains, like their tobacco-industry counterparts, are beginning to cave to legal hustlers.



Caving is easy for these cowardly executives because they simply raise prices and pass the costs on to their buying public. Should the fact that if I become injured by not wearing a seatbelt or sick from eating and smoking too much, and become a burden on taxpayers, determine whether I'm free to not wear a seatbelt or puff cigarettes and gorge myself?

Is there a problem with freedom? I say no, it's a problem of socialism. There is absolutely no moral case for government's taking another American's earnings, through taxes, to care for me for any reason whatsoever. Doing so is simply a slightly less offensive form of slavery. Keep in mind that the essence of slavery is the forceful use of one person to serve the purposes or benefit of another.

Allowing government to be in the business of caring for people for any reason moves us farther down the road to serfdom. After all, if government is going to take care of us, it will assume it has a right to dictate how we live. Right now, the government has successfully attacked cigarette smokers. They are well on their way, with the help of crooked lawyers and judges, to do the same thing to fast-food companies, soda manufacturers, candy-makers and other producers of foods deemed fattening or non-nutritious.

When these people finish with food producers, what might be next on their agenda? Numerous health studies have shown that sedentary lifestyles and lack of exercise also contribute to healthcare costs. I wouldn't be surprised at all if America's neo-Nazis call for government mandates requiring morning exercises, biking, jogging and fitness facility memberships. You say, "Williams, that's stretching it!"

That's exactly what an American who might have died in 1950 would have said about the attack on smokers and fast-food restaurants.

To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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Leave Sam and Martha alone

by Sheldon Richman

One of the latest "business scandals" involves alleged insider trading by people close to Samuel Waksal, the founder of the drug company ImClone Systems and its recently resigned CEO. The government says Waksal told family members and friend Martha Stewart that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) was about to decline the firm's application for its hope-inspiring cancer drug, Erbitux.

This supposedly enabled them to dump their shares before the knowledge became public and the stock price plummeted. Some people get satisfaction from seeing a businessman taken handcuffed into custody by FBI agents. Waksal, a 54-year-old immunologist-turned-entrepreneur, fills the bill perfectly. As far as can be determined, no FDA staffer has been arrested.

Why should anyone from the FDA be pinched? Because the agency creates the conditions under which such events can occur. No drug may be marketed without approval of the FDA. Before it makes a decision it requires lengthy clinical trials. Since a company's fate hinges on those trials, any information from the FDA is highly coveted. The stock sales that allegedly were motivated by negative FDA insider information occurred in late December.

Yet, according to the Wall Street Journal, "Starting in late November and continuing through mid-December, the FDA repeatedly gave discouraging news to ImClone, say people familiar with the communications." On December 28, ImClone announced that the FDA wouldn't review the company's application. The Journal noted that "in the pharmaceutical business, crucial information about new drugs can remain within a tight circle much longer [than information in other businesses]."

Data from clinical trials take months to compile and present. FDA evaluators may conclude that a new-drug application has serious problems long before they come out with the official thumbs-down." This situation sets off a race for inside information. The newspaper quoted stock-fund manager Sam Isaly as saying, "We get [doctors'] phone numbers and we call."

Inevitably, some investors will have information that others lack. But what's new about that? But this raises some interesting questions. Anyone who was thinking about buying ImClone stock in December would have known that the Erbitux application was pending with the FDA. Why buy before the official announcement? It is no use pointing out that the company was praising the drug. What company derogates its products?

And even if Waksal hinted that the FDA was likely to approve the drug, why did anyone risk big money on a dubious assurance from an interested source? The people buying ImClone stock in late December knowingly made a highly risky investment. We must assume they knew what they were doing. Anyone who decides to buy a stock of course expects the price to go up. Why else buy it?

Contrariwise, anyone who sells most likely expects the price to go

down, or at least not to perform as well as others. Surely the optimistic buyer has reason to believe that the seller is a pessimist. If they were both optimists, there could be no sale. Thus potential ImClone buyers had grounds to suspect that ImClone sellers feared a turn-down by the FDA.

If the buyers' eyes weren't open, they should have been. This undeniable fact undermines the apocalyptic warnings about insider trading, which isn't even defined in the law. No one who ventures into the stock market believes that everyone possesses the same information. Furthermore, everyone knows that there are gains to be made by acquiring information before the rest of the market has it.

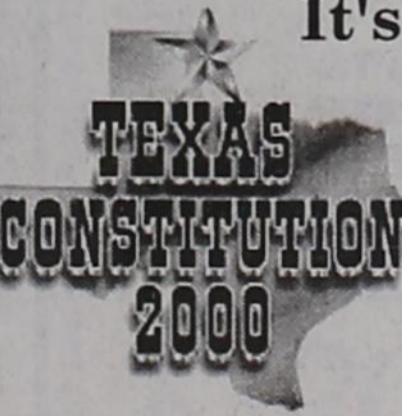
Add to those truths that an offer to sell clearly signals negative expectations and we must conclude that insider-trading law is just a cudgel used by ambitious federal regulators and prosecutors who are striving to make names for themselves by beating businessmen into submission. Is there any socially constructive function in insider trading?

Yes. It assures that stock prices incorporate the latest relevant information as soon as possible. That's what inspires confidence in the market. Thwarting the communication function of the price system, which is what trading prohibitions accomplish, are bad for market confidence. ImClone's stockholders may have a case against Waksal for his selective distribution of information.

But if anything is to be investigated, it should be the FDA, which by nature interferes with the development of new drugs and keeps prices high. Now we see that it also plays favorites in the stock market.

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'Lopes ready for opener

by Wes Burnett

The Post Antelope varsity football team shined on both offense and

defense in last Thursday's scrimmage here with Stanton. The 'Lope defense held Stanton to zero first downs, well,

except for one on a penalty. Getting ready for the season opener here Friday against Denver City, the

Antelope offense was as crisp as it was the previous week at Snyder.

"You've got to remember, these are scrimmages," coach Richard Gorman emphasized, "the real test comes when we line up on the field for that first game."

Gorman praised both the offense and defense for its consistency in the scrimmages. "They've been practicing hard and working hard," he said.

The team begins the season with all players healthy and ready to play.

Facing off against the Mustangs is no easy task. "They've got good speed and size," Gorman added, "it's your typical Denver City football team, they are always tough."

Starters on offense for the Antelopes are wide receiver Kenny Ratke, left tackle Mark McCallister, left guard Jonathan Eilenberger, center Bryan Looney, right guard Chessauf Garcia, right tackle Noah Gutierrez, tight end Jarrett Vickers, flanker Luis Zubia, quarterback Brody Robertson, fullback Mitchell Mills and tailback Jett Lott.

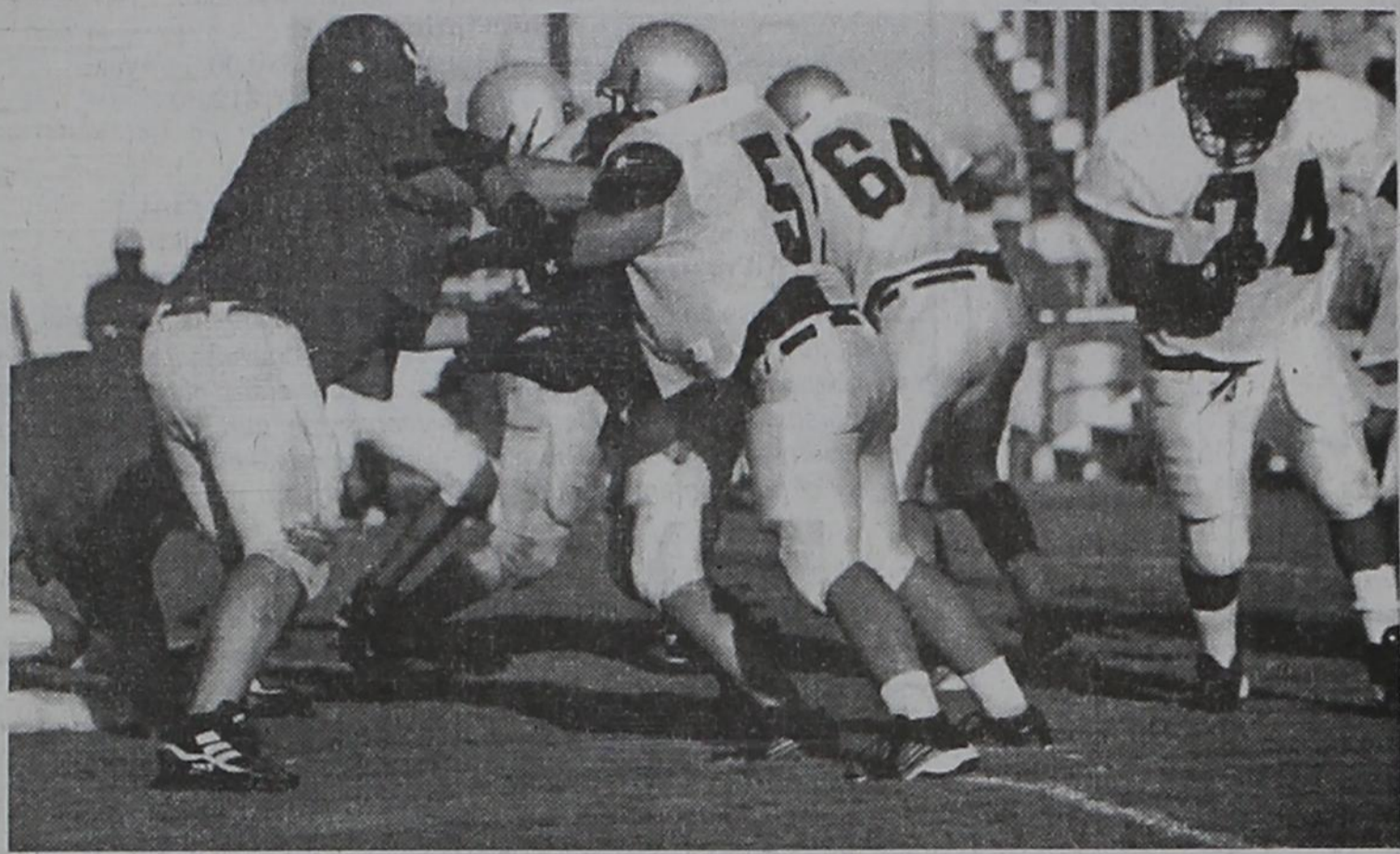
On defense the 'Lopes are led by left end Brice Easterling, left tackle Patrick Gonzales, right tackle R.C. Curtis, right end Kris Hernandez, middle linebacker Jonathan Eilenberger, outside linebacker Pablo Perez, left corner Luis Zubia, strong safety Ben Ayala, free safety Kenny Ratke and right corner Randon Blacklock.

"We've got our sights set on winning

these pre-district games and being ready to take the district title," Gorman said, "after that our team has set a goal of winning the state championship."

Ah, the taste of that playoff season! Game time Friday is 7:30 p.m. at Antelope Stadium. Catch all the live play-by-play action on KPOS Radio

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Mark McCallister (51), Noah Gutierrez (64) and Chessauf Garcia (74) provide blocking for the Post Antelopes in last Thursday's scrimmage here against Stanton.



Mitchell Mills (40) races past Stanton defenders on the way to the goal line during last Thursday's scrimmage here. The Post Antelope offense shined during the scrimmage, and the defense held Stanton to only one first down, that one coming on a penalty. The Antelopes open the 2002 season here Friday, hosting the Class AAA Denver City Mustangs.

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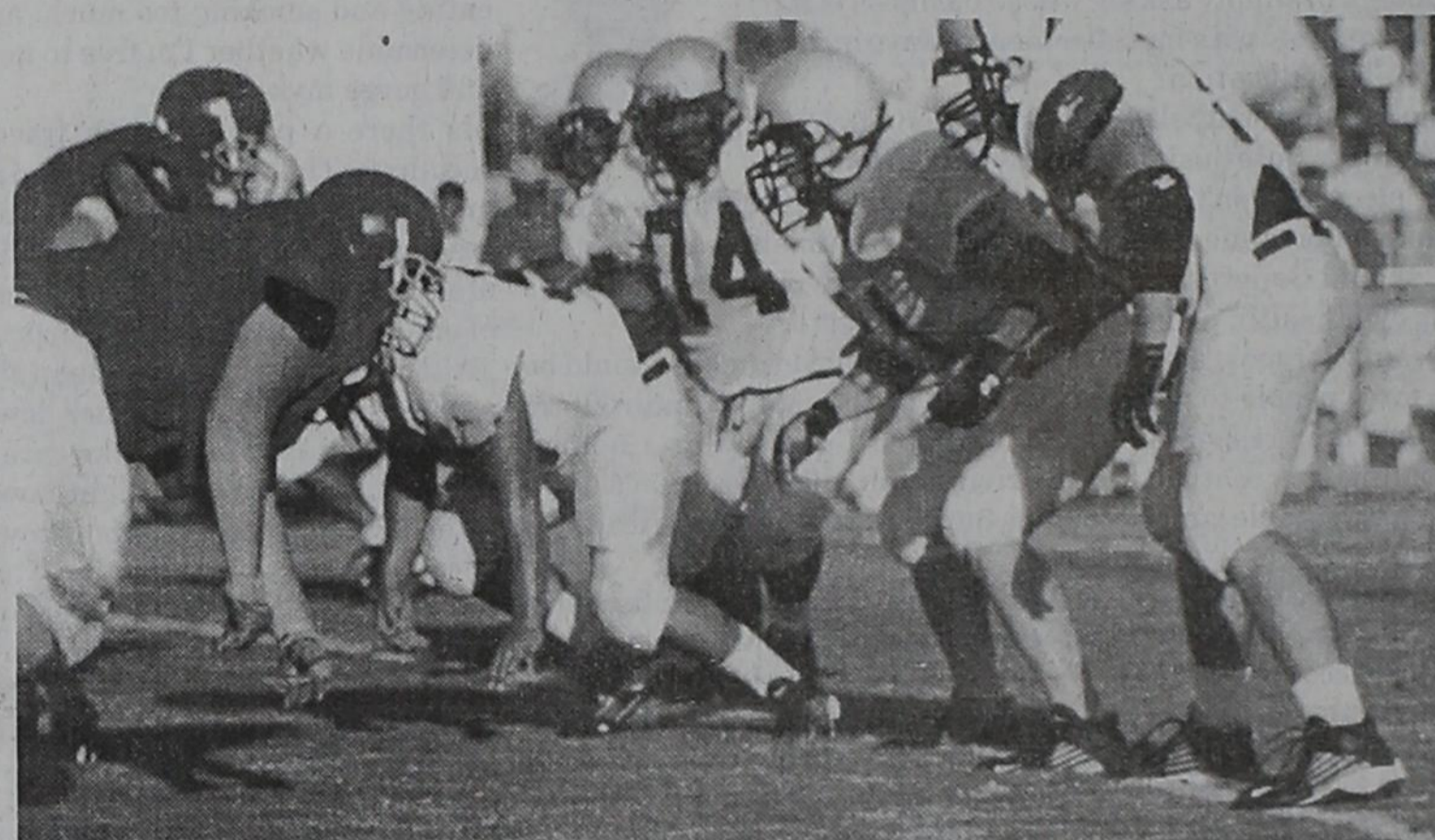
Army Pvt. Jonathan J. Smith has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During training, the soldier received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Smith is a 2000 graduate of Post High School.



In 1963, the New York Titans were renamed the New York Jets. In 1999, the Tennessee Oilers became the Tennessee Titans.



Offensive line execution makes the difference for the Post Antelopes in the scrimmage here last Thursday against Stanton. Antelope linemen on this play are (left to right) center Bryan Looney, Patrick Gonzales, Janssen Eilenberger and Mark McCallister.



Jarrett Vickers caught a Brody Robertson pass for another Post Antelope first down during scrimmage action against Stanton here last Thursday.

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The Public Hearing will be held at 5:30 pm on Thursday, September 5, 2002 at Post City Hall 105 East Main in Post, Texas 79356.

For

the proposal: Bill Pool, Dick Odom, Juanita Pantoja, Harold Craig, Joshua Whitely

Against the proposal: none

Present and not voting: Archie Gill

Absent: none

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

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Post ISD announces enrollments

Enrollment figures for the three area school districts appears to have remained steady with the opening of the 2002-03 school year. The number of students in the Post Independent School District climbed by 10 over enrollment figures

recorded a year ago, according to Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain. Total enrollment by campus, as recorded Tuesday morning, was as follows:
 • Post Elementary - 428 • Post Middle School - 200 • Post High School - 294 • Detention center - 55
 Bain said he expects the totals may climb a bit more over the next few days as families get settled in following Labor Day. At Southland, enrollment was at

185 Tuesday, compared to an end-of-year total of 186 students in May. Borden County reported an enrollment of 165 students, which compares favorably with the 167 students who finished the 2001-02 school year.

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Sept. 13	Varsity	at Friona	7:30
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Deadline for submission of bid is 5:00 p.m., September 17, 2002.

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On November 28, 1929, Ernie Nevers of the Chicago Cardinals celebrated Thanksgiving by scoring all 40 points (6 touchdowns, 4 points after) in the team's 40-6 win.

You can't turn back the clock but you can wind it up again.
—Bonnie Prudden

Sheriff reports 26 arrests here

More than 26 individuals have been booked into the Garza County Jail in recent weeks, according to sheriff's department reports.

Five were jailed on Aug. 11, including a 20-year-old male for DWI/first; a 39-year-old for public intoxication; a 31-year-old for public intoxication and disorderly conduct; a 25-year-old for DWI/first; and a 53-year-old male for DWI.

Two arrests were made the following day. They included that of a 23-year-old male for public intoxication and a 20-year-old male on a Lubbock County warrant.

A 21-year-old male was arrested for assault/family violence on Aug. 13. Also arrested on that date was an 18-year-old to be held for the Border Patrol.

Three arrests were made Aug. 15, including that of a 31-year-old male on a 30-day commitment/DWI/second; a 51-year-old male on a bond forfeiture; and a 46-year-old male for possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

A 22-year-old was jailed on revocation of probation on Aug. 16. Also jailed on that day were a male, age unlisted, for DWI; a 45-year-old on DWI; and a 22-year-old on a warrant.

Two 30-year-old men were held on separate charges Aug. 17. One man was arrested for DWI/third offense, while the other was picked up on a warrant.

Aug. 18 saw four individuals added to the Garza County Jail. A 38-year-old male was arrested for DWI and possession of marijuana, under two ounces. An 18-year-old man was jailed on a Taylor County warrant. A 24-year-old male was jailed for assault/family violence, and a 24-year-old male was jailed for public intoxication.

On Aug. 23, a 20-year-old was picked up on a warrant.

On Aug. 24, an 18-year-old was arrested for public intoxication, and a 19-year-old was jailed for driving while intoxicated. A 23-year-old was arrested on a DWLI judgment.

Two arrests, both involving possession of marijuana, under two ounces, were made Aug. 26. The individuals arrested were 19 and 20 years of age.

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White River Municipal Water District solicits bids

Terry Ervin, Crosby County News & Chronicle WRMWD/241 In a regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the White River Municipal Water District Aug. 8, directors gave the go-ahead for the construction of a new 420,000 gallon storage tank on the Spur line.

Directors also authorized the district to contract for engineering services for the water treatment plant upgrade required to meet federal drinking water requirements. An engineering firm will develop plans and specifications for the project.

The contract for this phase of the project was bid at \$345,300, representing approximately 12% of what the construction cost is expected to be. "I'll BE doing approximately \$180,000 of the work on this project, a portion of which causes this contract to be about \$60,000 to \$80,000 lower than it should be," District General Manager Tommy O'Brien told the directors.

In the Manager's report, O'Brien explained that the water rate charged to the White River Lake residents is the average rate charged by the member cities of Crosbyton, Post, Ralls and Spur to their residential customers.

O'Brien also discussed various leaks which have been repaired or are scheduled to be repaired. He praised his crews for working well together.

"They have been able to figure out how to solve some of the problems

that occur out in the field. They only contact me on these matters to bounce their ideas off of me. They really work together well."
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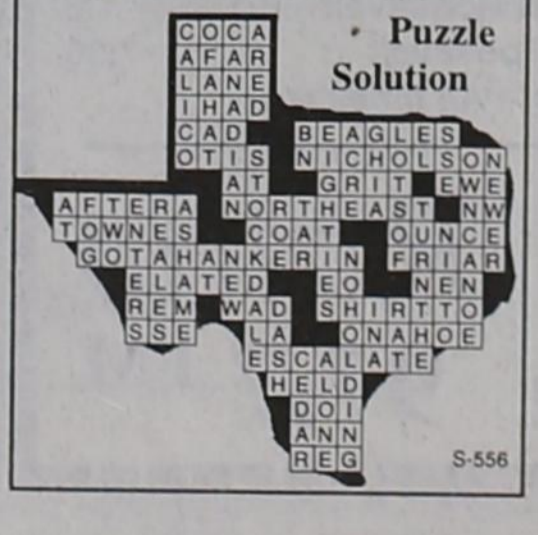
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August 26, 1992
10 Years Ago

Following more than 40 hours of interviewing five candidates, the Post Independent School District board of trustees voted unanimously last Friday morning to name Dr. Bobby J. Bain to serve as superintendent, beginning September 1, 1992.

"Chief" Frank Runkles was honored last week at the Post Boy Scout Camp. The Nakona Lodge Order of the Arrow presented Runkles with a specially designed patch with his likeness. The limited production patch and the special plaque were presented in recognition of Runkles' long tradition of service to the Boy Scouts as well as his being the founder of the Nakona Lodge.

Barry and Amy Morris announce the birth of their daughter Alisha Brook, born August 7, 1992 at Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. Alisha weighed seven pounds, three ounces and was 19 and one quarter inches long.

Local artist, Mary Ann Stelzer, has been accepted to exhibit in the prestigious Breckenridge Fine Arts Competition in Breckenridge, Texas. Her entry depicts a collage of six Arabian horses in pencil.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Payne hosted a hamburger supper at their ranch home recently, honoring their son Donny Payne, Keith Craig and Rodney George upon their graduation from Texas Tech University.

August 26, 1982
20 Years Ago

Richard Lee Welch, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Welch of Post, has been selected as an Outstanding Young Man of America of 1982.

Post Semi-Pro baseball team consisting of a group of young men from

Post participated in the Slaton Semi-Pro league with several other teams. They finished second place in the league tournament. Coaches for the team included John Valdez and Boog Holly, and players were Danny Gunn, Raymie Holly, Bryan Compton, Roy Sappington, Lee Roy Holly, Jay Bird, Randy Ammons, Steve Shedd, Ronnie Bratcher, Charlie Clanton, Barry Tyler, Casey Zachery and Lanny Flutt.

The U Lazy S Ranch hands of Post, proved this weekend along with being top notch cowboys, that they are varied in their talents also, when they tied for second place for the "The Best Ranch in Texas", in competition in Wichita Falls.

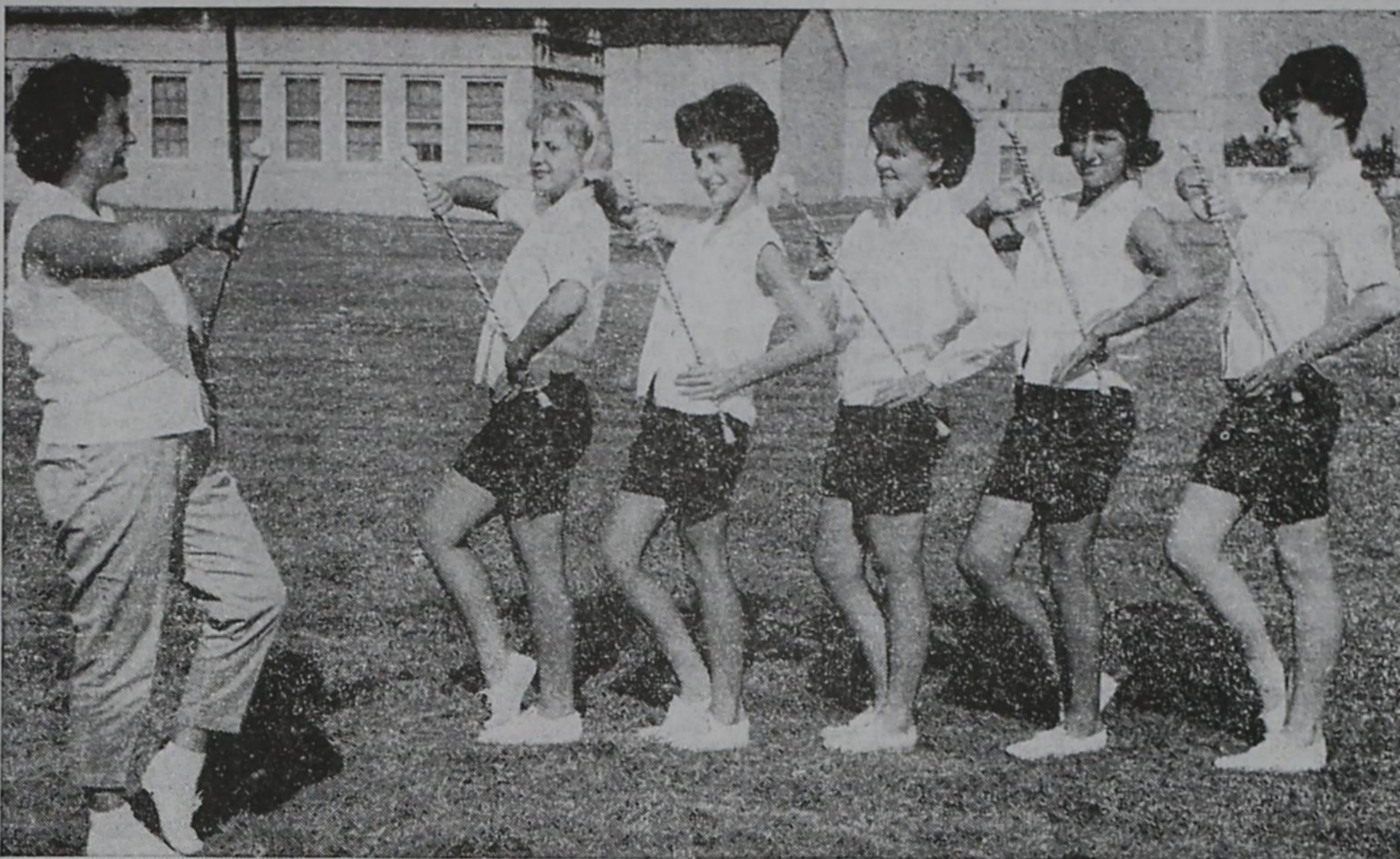
The children and grandchildren of Mrs. Pearl Wallace invite you to share with her an 80th birthday celebration in her honor at the Graham Community Center.

August 24, 1972
30 Years Ago

Post High School's six cheerleaders recently returned from Southern Methodist University in Dallas. They are Melanie King, Stella Torres, Anita Criado, Cindy Bird, Becky Dalby and Gaynell King.

The engagement of Miss Donna Kay McBride to Brad J. Lott is being announced by her father, Bill McBride. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Lott are parents of the prospective bridegroom.

Introducing eight newcomers to the faculty of the Post schools: Jay Wilson, girls' basketball; Patricia Thompson, biology; Marge Tannehill, language arts; Mrs. Preston Poole, reading; Edna Owen, elementary education; Yvonne Lewis, science; Willa Dwiday, learning center and Marita Jackson, music.



BAND MAJORETTES TUNE UP FOR COMING ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Norma K. Dozier of Anson is shown putting this year's Post High School band majorettes through maneuvers at the twirling school she conducted here last week. The majorettes

are, from left to right: Vonda Howell, Pat Martin, Betsy Shyles, Marilyn Jones and Bobbie Compton.—(Staff Photo)

Thursday, August 23, 1962

Kam and Derek Huntley, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Huntley, read 62 and 55 books, respectively, to lead fifty-two readers in the Post Public Library's 1972 Summer Reading Club.

August 30, 1962
40 Years Ago

This could be it—the big push to stamp the threat of polio out of Garza County. The county-wide effort to wipe out polio through the Sabin oral vaccine program will be launched here Sunday, September 16, Dr. James Matthews, Garza County health officer, announced today.

Construction of the long-awaited White River dam is expected to get under way within the next two weeks.

The Southwest Archery Tournament, expected to attract more than 150 archers from over a wide area, will be held in Post next spring with the Post Archery Club as host, it was announced today.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Tatum announce the birth of a daughter, Melisa Joyce, Aug. 22 in Garza Memorial Hospital.

William Young's patented four-row stalk shredders now are being built on an assembly line basis at the Farmer's Machinery Corporation's new plant on the Tahoka highway.

August 28, 1952
50 Years Ago

George Pierce, brother of Mrs. Ben Owen, has recently been inducted into the Armed services. Pierce, who is well known around Post, sent his address so that his friends might drop him a line.

Getting Out on the Limb by Eddie the editor: SUDDEN THOUGHT—What I can't understand is how nature takes care of things, even though they may happen year and years later. For instance, look how our nose and ears are located, just to hold spectacles.

T. L. Denton and wife completed their first year's work as pastor of the First Baptist church last Sunday. They were called here from Seminole, where he had served as pastor the First church for six and one-half years.

Mr. and Mrs. Punk Peel of Lubbock and formerly of Post, announce the arrival of a daughter, Patti Lou, born August, 14 in Slaton Mercy Hospital.

Coach Bing Bingham's Antelope footballers will take the practice field Monday in what appears to be one of the roughest seasons in some years.

Returning lettermen include Larry Waldrop, Don Moore, Darrell Bruton, Pete Hays, Bernie Welch, Darrell Stone, Darrell Norman, Randall Lawrence, Charles Chandler, Tommy Malouf, Fred Long, Buddy Caylor, J. C. Shedd, Nolan Williams, David Pennington and L. W. Evans.

Garza County spared in West Nile Virus outbreak

No confirmed cases of the West Nile Virus have been reported in Garza County, but local veterinarian Larry Mills said it could be only a matter of time.

"We'd be naïve if we didn't believe we have it present," he said Tuesday afternoon.

The virus, which first surfaced in the U.S. in the New York area in 1999, has been spreading southward and westward. Last year it spread as close as Louisiana, Mills said, so it was no surprise that cases are being reported in Texas this summer.

The veterinarian said he began talking up the West Nile Virus vaccine to Garza County horse owners months ago.

"I saw it coming," he said, "so many of the horses around here are already vaccinated and already protected."

In recent weeks, several horses on the South Plains have been diagnosed with the virus. According to the Texas Department of Health, the horses affected to the disease had all been in their respective locations long enough to lead health officials to believe the animals became infected locally.

The initial counties where horses have been diagnosed with the virus include Briscoe, Floyd, Swisher and Deaf Smith.

Three of the horses were reportedly recovering, according to a Texas Department of Health press release distributed earlier this month. The fourth animal was euthanized.

Publicity of these cases has, in recent weeks, spurred other horse owners to seek the vaccine or vaccinations for their animals, Mills said.

The West Nile Virus typically affects horses, mules and donkeys, as well as birds and humans. The infection has a fatality rate of 15-40 percent, Mills said, "...depending on what publication you read."

Symptoms of the disease in a horse, mule or donkey could include depression, dullness and lethargy, he said. The animal may be unable to stand on its own or might begin to circle or stagger.

The primary precautionary measures horse owners can take include the vaccine, which requires an initial two doses to be effective, and limiting animals' exposure to mosquitoes that might be carrying the disease. Also, mosquito control through fogging should help reduce the chance that an animal might be infected.

"Even though this is late in the year, if an owner hasn't gotten his horses vaccinated he should go ahead," Mills said, adding that the virus is one that will likely continue to threaten South Plains residents and their animals now that it has been introduced into the local environment.

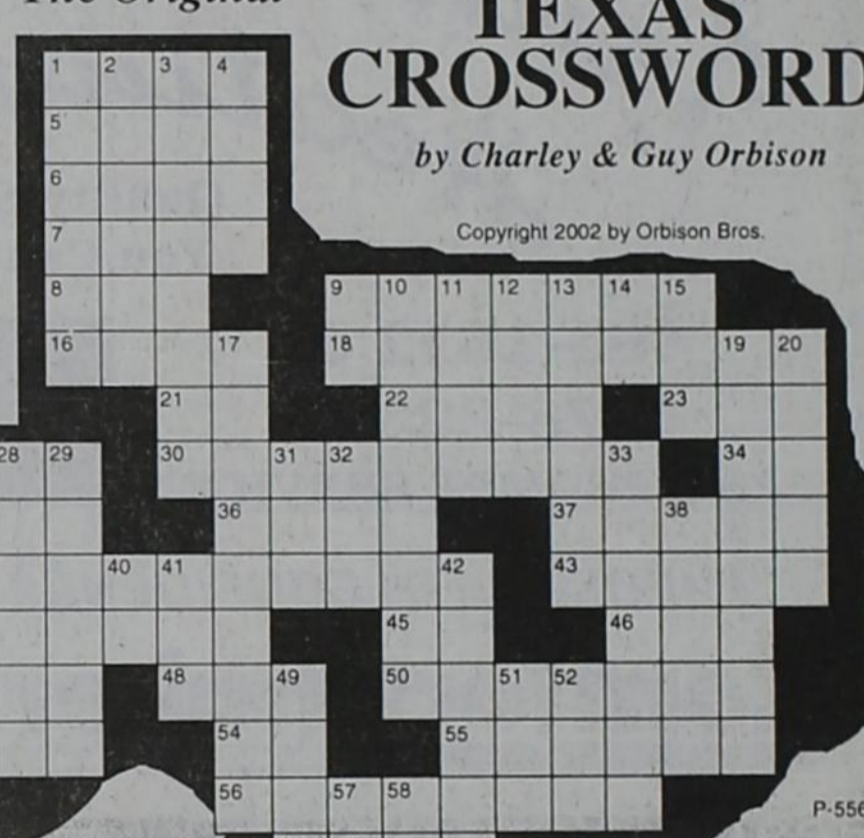
A single annual booster is required to maintain the vaccination's benefits to the horse.

There is no West Nile Virus vaccine for humans or birds.

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- 1 ___-Cola
- 5 TXism: "___ piece" (distant)
- 6 TX Henley's "Life in the Fast ___"
- 7 TX Trini's "If ___ A Hammer"
- 8 not a gentleman
- 9 LBJ's dogs
- 16 actor Harlan of "The Texans"
- 18 actor Jack of TX-filmed "Terms of Endearment"
- 21 TXism: "chompin' ___ the bit"
- 22 Glen Campbell is a TXn in "True ___"
- 23 female sheep
- 24 TXism: "attacked like grandma ___ chicken snake"
- 30 direction to Austin from San Antonio
- 34 dir. to Dallas from Palestine (abbr.)
- 35 this Harry was in "Heaven With A Gun" with TX Carolyn Jones
- 36 winter garment
- 37 Amarillo's "Big Texan" has 72-___ steak
- 39 TXism: "___ for" (crave)
- 43 ___ Tuck
- 44 joyful
- 45 1st TX forest named after ___ Siecke
- 46 this Robb was a TX Ranger, now a S.F. Giant
- 47 type of sleep (abbr.)
- 48 TXism: "light ___ (miser)"
- 50 TXism: "could wear his work ___ a church social" (lazy)
- 53 dir. to Bryan from Waco
- 54 ___ Grange, TX
- 55 TXism: "leaning ___ handle" (gloating off)
- 56 increase in intensity
- 59 grasped

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- 1 1st TX flag was made of this cloth
- 2 TXism: "at the drop ___"
- 3 Hemphill Co. seat
- 4 TXism: "mad as ___-eyed cow"
- 9 TX golf legend Byron (init.)
- 10 decade of baseball labor disputes
- 11 unit of TX land
- 12 old VW: Karmann ___
- 13 TXism: "___ breathing room"
- 14 ___ Campo, TX
- 15 dir. to Marlin from Waco
- 17 in Wilson co. on 87
- 19 TXism: "he paddles his ___ (independent)"
- 20 more recent
- 24 TXism: "grabbin' ___ straws"
- 25 TX O. Henry story "A ___ in Santone"
- 26 TXism: "just ___ whoops and a holler away" (near)
- 27 goes in ___
- 28 caminos ___ (royal roads)
- 29 Fats sang "Ain't That ___"
- 31 ___ v. Wade case started in Texas
- 32 TXism: "hot as ___ road ___ in July"
- 33 ___ other cheek"
- 38 this "Pete" is '02 candidate for TX house dist. 74
- 40 TXism: "tall hog ___ the trough" (VIP)
- 41 TXism: "quick as a ___ York minute"
- 42 boxing rule? (2 wds.)
- 49 Remington's ___ for the Timber"
- 51 TXism: "brains ___ box" (computer)
- 52 TXism: "rug ___ (child)"
- 57 ___ Hill, TX
- 58 how TX Howard Hughes died

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The GARZA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 1.08 percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH at 228 EAST MAIN - CONFERENCE ROOM 6:30 P.M.

FOR the proposal: LEE NORMAN, MASON MCCLELLAN, JOHN VALDEZ, MIKE SANCHEZ
AGAINST the proposal: NONE
PRESENT and not voting: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	This Year
Average residence homestead value	\$ 20,603.	\$ 20,498.
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Average taxable value	\$ 20,603.	\$ 20,498.
Tax rate	.316	.379
Tax	\$ 65.10	\$ 77.68

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would INCREASE by \$ 12.58 or 16.19 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would INCREASE by \$.063 per \$100 of taxable value or .1624 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate (for counties):

The GARZA County SHERIFF certifies that GARZA County has spent \$ -0- in the previous 12 months beginning JULY 1, 2001, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. KENNY RATKE County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

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Letters to the Editor

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Reply to editorial

I read Sheri Lewis's story in the Aug. 22 issue of The Post Dispatch with great interest. I don't know if I worded my letter wrong or what, but somehow or another I feel she may have misinterpreted what I was trying to say.

If Sheri thinks I need to apologize, then she has it. To think I fault the news media for distributing information on these crimes against our young people is not the case. In my opinion, if the media was able to get the news out 10 seconds after a crime had been committed with one of our children, would not as far as I am concerned, be soon enough.

Everyone that has ears and eyes needs to know immediately that a child has been kidnapped or abducted. Eighteen wheeler drivers are excellent bird dogs when it comes to looking for a missing child. What I was talking about in my letter last week is I believe there should be a gray line somewhere.

In my opinion, somewhere along the way the media should let up just a tiny bit. And I am gonna attempt to explain why I think this. I first want to say that I have never sexually abused, abducted or physically abused any child in my life and will never do so. I do not even like to see someone verbally abuse a child, it makes my blood boil.

But along the way in my life, I am guilty of several evil things, everything from extreme vandalism to beer joint break-ins. I believe after a while, the media keeps crime up on their high priority list, the nuts, cowards, idiots and anyone with a criminalistic mind begins to lean toward the copy cat thing. A very large percent of the criminals are seeking publicity, trying to get a lot of public attention.

In my own experiences back in my younger years, me and a buddy or two would pull off some pretty serious terroristic vandalism, then rush home to see if it made the news, or the next day, buy a paper just to see if we made the headlines. I know now that I was doing none other than attempting to be the bad guy and get some public attention.

If the first act did not gain enough attention, then we pulled off something bigger and better till we made the news. I am sorry I did those things years ago, but I did and there is nothing I can do now to undo it. Attention, publicity and power is what most criminals are seeking.

I do believe the media is guilty of giving the worthless animal like criminals to much of that.

I am by far more worried about when and where the next child abduction may be, and believe me, it will happen again, than I will ever be about a case of anthrax or the S.O.B. by the name of Saddam Hussien.

I don't want to sound like I am bragging or being Mr. Macho, but I am not sure what I would do if I saw someone abducting a child, regardless of who the child belonged to. I do have

a strong feeling though, that the abductor probably wouldn't be impressed with what I might have to offer.

I hope that day never comes. And yes I do fully understand the frustration that parents and families have to experience when a child disappears or is abducted.

It seems that we want the whole world to know our child is gone, hoping someone will find the youngster safe and sound. I believe the Amber Alert and any other kind of alert is immediately necessary when a child has had a crime committed against them. But I do have a feeling that the criminals are committing some of these crimes to play a game with the media.

On Aug. 26, 1980, at 2:30 p.m., my 2 1/2 year old disappeared from an oil well drilling sight in Southwest Texas. I went to the cemetery today (Sunday 25th) to visit his gravesite. It some not seem like its been 22 years since that fateful day.

I remember it like it was only yesterday.

And yes, the news media played a key roll in rounding up search parties, helicopters, and cowboys with horses from miles around. I can remember how hard the cowboys looked at night with flashlights and dogs. I remember the search was given up. One does not know what to do, one don't know whether to scream, run, or what.

I will never forget the cold feeling when they told me the search was over and a probe was to begin by exploring the cesspools behind three on site mobile homes at the drilling site. I remember very well that God must have turned against me when the rescue people informed me that my son had been found in the bottom of the third hole. I sat in the pickup, I could not stand to be by the drilling machine that drilled the rescue hole down beside each 40 foot cesspool. I cannot explain the feeling that came over me when they told me it was over.

The moon came up and went down several times before that search and recovery mission was over. That is the reason I become so upset when a child comes up missing.

At this point in time is where I began to have a ill feeling come over me with the news media. I felt they were really gouging me for big story.

In that particular situation, foul play was suspected. I was not at all considered a suspect. I was unfortunately passed out drunk at the time my son disappeared. For 22 years now, I have paid dearly emotionally for

that day. As far as I know, that case has never been closed over in that county.

Maybe from this incident I may have a over-reaction about the media coming on to strong. I remember the newspaper in that area suggested that I sue oil and drilling companies for not having the cesspool holes covered. That made me come to a boil because I was the boss on that job and whose fault could it have been that the holes were not covered? Mine, not the companies.

Now for the news media, I believe it becomes a time when they begin to wear a story out... but that is my opinion only. Because I have an opinion does not necessarily mean that it is the gospel concrete way it oughta be. By the way, Sheri, I did take your views and side of the story to heart. Isn't America great? We can still have opinions and they call can be different.

God bless the kids and keep 'em safe. As I see it and my opinion only. O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Electrical problems at theatre...

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called 911, fearful that a fire could erupt at anytime. The Garza County Sheriff's dispatcher responded by calling Excel Energy. Jay Young came down and shut down critical theatre equipment, the band kept its equipment unplugged. Christy Morris was in frequent communication and called Post Heating and Air Conditioning for assistance.

About 30 minutes later Xcel Energy's technician Keith Davis arrived from Slaton. He immediately determined the problem and recommended that an electrician be called. He believed that something was causing an overload on the meter box. At my request, the dispatcher notified City of Post personnel, because the Garza Theatre building is owned by the city.

City staff member Owen Gilbert came by and notified city manager Fred Stephens. Jackie Blacklock also came by and he spotted one of Jenkins Electric trucks nearby and solicited their help. In the meantime, one of the air conditioning units on top of the building exploded, sending plumes of freon into the air. Davis shut down power to the building immediately.

Davis had pulled the meter out and saw that the insides of the box were melted.

Jenkins crew members David Lechua, Ray Guerrero and Chris Jewell began the task of replacing the meter box and checking all the wiring. They had to replace the three major wires connecting to Excel Energy main power source. It was hot and humid and the pressure was on, they all knew that our show was hanging in the balance.

Country Showdown contestants and their families began to arrive... and were most gracious and understanding about the set back. Planned rehearsals were postponed.

Jim Voss of Post Heating and Air Conditioning arrived to inspect the damage and secure the air conditioning units on top of the building. He discovered what those of us on the ground suspected, the compressor exploded, sending debris all over the roof. He said that two units were out, but three more remain operative.

The show could go on, although it'd be most uncomfortable back stage. At 4:45 p.m. a round of applause went up on the east side of the Garza Theatre building as Davis reconnected the main wiring to the meter box and no sparks flew... lights came back on, air conditioning units began to sing. Jenkins Electric staffers smiled and wiped their faces.

A lot of heroes not seen by the audience made this year's Colgate Country Showdown a really special event.

Oh, and the show was another sell-out with more than 200 in attendance, and our patrons graciously accepted the late start as rehearsals continued until 7:15 p.m. As I told the audience, we were most blessed that the electrical problem hit us at 12:30 p.m. instead of during the performance.

To all those who jumped in and helped make this show such a success, I extend my personal gratitude and deepest appreciation.

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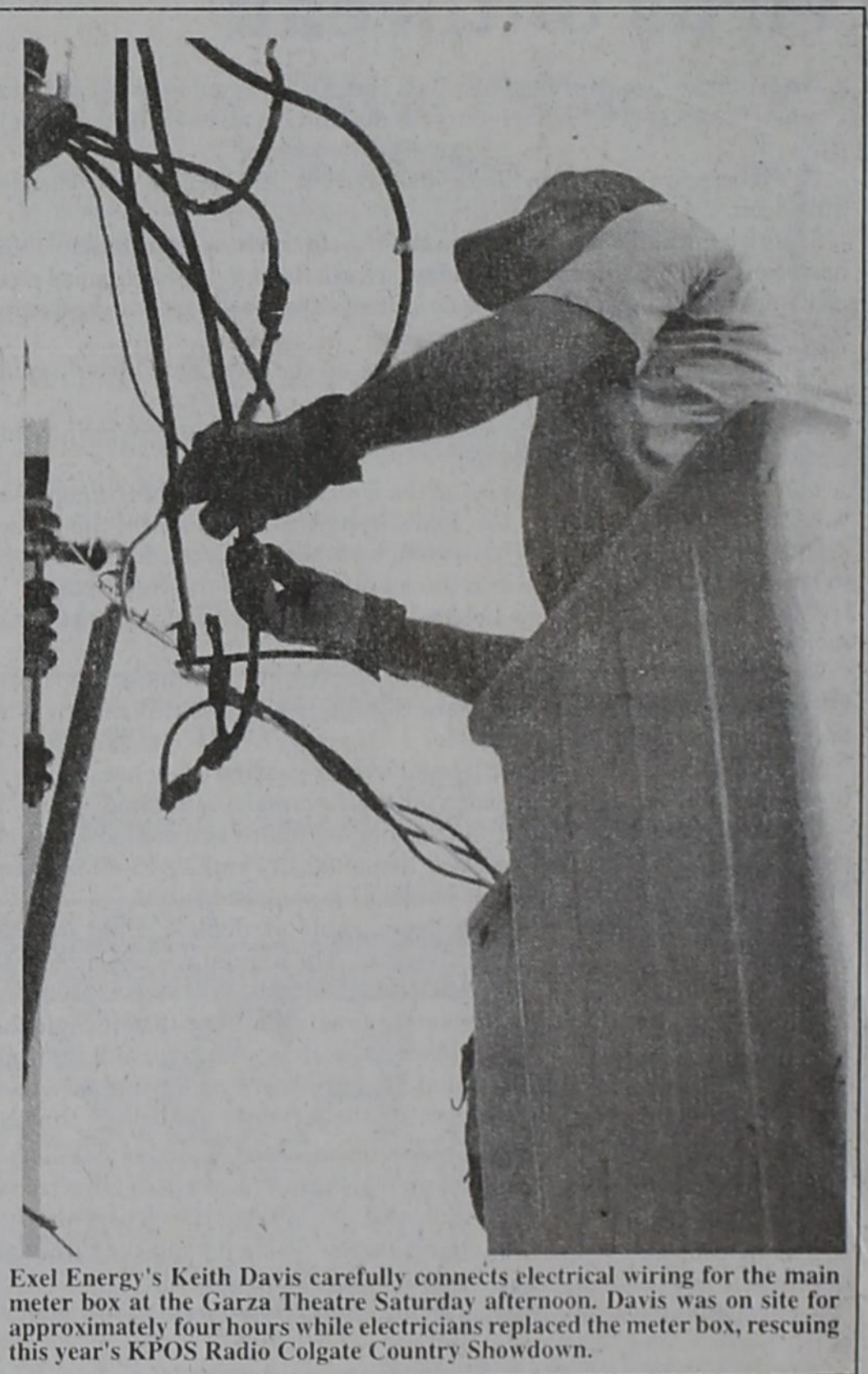
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Excel Energy's Keith Davis carefully connects electrical wiring for the main meter box at the Garza Theatre Saturday afternoon. Davis was on site for approximately four hours while electricians replaced the meter box, rescuing this year's KPOS Radio Colgate Country Showdown.

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The City of Post conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase the total revenues of the City of Post from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 86.1%, on September 5, 2002.

The City Council of the City of Post is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held

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