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Date	High	Low	Precip.
1/14	39	27	0
1/15	54	27	0
1/16	63	27	0
1/17	63	27	0
1/18	73	27	0
1/19	74	27	0
1/20	73	27	0

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# The Post Dispatch

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## Taxpayers told: 'Hold an election and disband the district...'

by Sheri Lewis  
 Approximately 200 area residents were on hand for last Thursday night's meeting concerning the local hospital district.

The one and one-half hour session, hosted by the hospital district board of directors, county officials and the city council, opened with an overview of hospital district-related facts and figures provided by the district's accountant, Larry Anderson.

Taxpayers are getting a number of services for monies paid into the hospital district, Anderson said, including 24-hour access to the clinic or urgent care facility; a primary care program with utilizes a \$100,000 state grant administered by the district; assistance with the local ambulance service operation; and the provision of the county's indigent health care services as mandated by state law.

Anderson provided a breakdown of the district's current budget, which funds clinic and urgent care facility operations, indigent care services, ambulance operation, plant management, personnel and contracted services with Methodist Hospital (it was stated that there are four hospital district employees, while the district's administrator is an employee of Methodist Hospital). Also detailed were the district's revenues, 71 percent of which come from tax revenues. If voters chose to abolish the hospital district, Anderson said \$583,000 in tax revenues would be eliminated. Such action would "reduce available health care to your community," he said.

According to Anderson, other impacts the elimination of the hospital district would have on local residents would include:

- Garza County would be required to take on the duties relating to the provision of indigent health care. That would cost the county 10 percent of its general fund balance, or about \$197,000. The county would then be responsible for qualifying indigents and handling the administration of an indigent program.
- Garza County would lose the \$12,000 paid to the county annually by the hospital district for collection of hospital district taxes.
- A total of \$48,000 of the appraisal district funding would disappear but its operations would not be reduced. This would require other entities, including the city, county and school district, to pay more money to help cover the appraisal district's annual operating

expenses.

- The hospital district's portion of the subsidy paid to operate the local ambulance service would be lost. In addition, the dispatch of ambulances, currently handled by personnel working within the clinic, would have to be reassigned. Ambulance service accounting records would also have to be rerouted to another entity.

The elimination of the hospital district might mean the realization of about \$300,000 in local tax savings, Anderson said, "... but you're probably going to lose the clinic." Outpatient services and the urgent care facility would also probably be lost.

"What price tag are you willing to pay to get the health care services that you want?" he asked the crowd. "It's a difficult question but one that everyone's got to assess."

Anderson noted that it is rare to see a rural community that provides no tax subsidy to help provide health care services. He said that in rural communities that do not provide health care subsidies, there is very little health care available.

"We're not here to argue," said hospital district board president Jack Alexander, opening the meeting up for questions from the floor. "We'll give answers as best we can. If after we've done this and you have a desire to dissolve the district, then I would suggest that you find people to run for the board that want to do that."

One question concerned the local clinic and urgent care facility and whether they could handle emergency situations. State law requires that an ambulance must carry injured parties to the "most appropriate facility," hospital district officials said, and the local clinic is not deemed as such. District officials briefly discussed the possibility of adding a Level 5 trauma stabilization center at the local facility but could not provide specifics on costs relating to such an upgrade.

Another query came from the floor, asking the number of jobs that would be lost if the hospital district was eliminated and the clinic was closed. It was reported that 10-15 jobs would be lost.

A representative of Methodist Hospital, Steve Holmes, said that Methodist, in its contract with the hospital district to help operate the local clinic, is losing a substantial amount of money in this endeavor. When asked why the hospital would continue its involvement in Post when it's a money-losing venture, Holmes replied, "We have a commitment to the region." His answer was met with a mixture of applause and snickers.

A question was asked regarding the contract between Methodist Hospital and the local hospital district. Alexander said it is a two-year contract for \$300,000 per year. When asked when the contract went into effect, the board president said the hospital district entered into the agreement effective 10/1/96. When asked when the contract was signed, Alexander replied, "Last week."

Another question was asked concerning the revenues produced by the clinic in 1997 — how much were they and where did they go? Officials said they did not have those figures readily available and could not answer that question

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Garza County taxpayers crowded into the Post Community Center last Thursday evening, asking questions and expressing concern about the hospital tax and operations.

## 34th Annual Jr. Livestock Show and Sale through Saturday

The 1998 Garza County Junior Livestock Show kicked off Wednesday afternoon with the weigh-in of 129 hogs, 32 lambs, 1 heifer and 26 steers. Eight rabbits are expected to be checked in Friday afternoon to top off the 196 animals to be exhibited by 91 4-H and F.F.A. members in the county.

Burt Williams, Hansford County Extension Agent, will judge the Beef Cattle shows Thursday afternoon at 4:00 p.m., followed by the Swine show at 6:30 p.m. Tadd Knight, Yoakum County Extension Agent, will be judging the Swine. Superintendents are Milton Williams for Beef Cattle and Bruce Ledbetter for Swine.

Fridays' activities include the checking in of Rabbits from 3:30-4:30 with the show beginning at 5:00 p.m. Ann Phillips of Lubbock will judge the Rabbit show with Diane Stelzer serving as Superintendent. The Lamb show will be judged by Kermit Wooley, Spur Vo-Ag Instructor. Brad Mason will be serving as Lamb Superintendent.

Sponsoring division Grand Champion buckles this year are Macy Ranch-Steer show; Caprock Cellular-Heifer show; Victor Ashley family-Lamb show; Caprock Veterinary Hospital-Swine show; Fashion Cleaners and J&Y Cellular-Rabbit show; and Junior Stelzer family-Horse show. The buckles are being purchased through Max Haney of Caprock Boots who is donating his cost.

Cal-Maine Foods, Inc. and Dickens Electric Cooperative are sponsoring the Reserve Grand Champion plaques, ribbons and division banners. Junior and Senior exhibitors will compete for Showmanship buckles sponsored by Garza-Lynn County Farm Bureau, Citizens Bank of Post, Dickens Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Junior and Diane Stelzer. Godbold Inc. and Conner Herefords are sponsoring the steer "Rate-of-Gain" buckle and \$200 cash prize.

In memory of E.J. McDougal, Mrs. Maureen McDougal of Comanche is sponsoring the Overall Sportsmanship buckle which will be presented to a youth who has shown outstanding cooperation, assistance to others and leadership during the show.

Syd Conner will serve as announcer at the shows and the awards ceremony at 9:00 a.m. Saturday just prior to the sale. Several items have been donated for auction by local businesses to boost the Jackpot which pays premiums to the exhibitors.

Everyone is invited to the shows and sale. We encourage you to participate as either a premium purchaser or jackpot donor in support of our youth and their hard work.

A concession stand run by 4-H and F.F.A. members and parents will be open this afternoon through the sale Saturday. Plan to eat lunch Saturday after the sale which will be served from 11:30 to 1:00 and is being catered by L.D.'s Daughters.

## Post Notes

**Church sponsors garage sale**  
 The Women's Chapter of the Church of God of Prophecy will sponsor an indoor yard sale plus baked goods and burritos on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at 602 W. 14th St.

**Willy Awards January 24**  
 The Garza Theatre annual "Willy Awards" will be held Saturday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m. in the Post Community Center. Tickets for the event are \$15 per person, which includes a banquet style meal and entertainment. Tickets may be purchased at the theatre office, Monday through Friday from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, January 20.

**JDC to host seminar**  
 The Garza County Juvenile Detention Center will host a seminar February 2, 1998 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon sponsored by the Rape Crisis Center. The public is invited to attend.

**Bluebonnet Awards Program**  
 The Texas Bluebonnet Awards Assembly Program will be held in the Elementary Auditorium on Friday, January 30, from 10 to 11 a.m. Family members of students who are in third, fourth, and fifth grade are cordially invited to attend the awards ceremony.

The purpose of the program is to recognize those students who have successfully completed state and local guidelines for the program this year.

**World Missions Conference**  
 February 8,9,10, and 11, the First Baptist Church will conduct a World Missions Conference. It will involve the presentation of five different missionaries. Two foreign missionaries, two home missionaries and one state missionary will speak. There will be one speaker at each session. Saturday, February 7, there will be a missions emphasis meeting for children in Lubbock. First Baptist welcomes ALL who would like to attend. Make plans now to be there.

**Grandma Brag Pages deadline**  
 The annual Post Dispatch "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published, Thursday, February 12. Deadline for submitting photos and information is Friday, February 6 at 5 p.m. The Post Dispatch special Valentine edition continues the traditional rate of \$5 for each one column size for no more than two children in a photo. Larger sizes are available for three or more children.

**Parenting Classes**  
 Parenting classes presented by Buckner Children Home will be held every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the teachers lounge at the Grade School.

Communication skills, stress relief, nurturing and relationship builder and more will be discussed. A very relaxed atmosphere with children welcome and a dinner will be provided.

**MAD DADS presents music spectacular**  
 MAD DADS will present A Bluegrass Spectacular at the Post Elementary School Auditorium on February 21, 1998 at 6 p.m. Featured bands will be Sundown from Odessa; Pecos Vally from Artesia, N.M.; and Rambling Rascals from Lubbock. Advance tickets are \$5 and \$7 at the door. For tickets and information contact Mad Dads Inc. at 495-1244.

**Booster Club meeting**  
 The Post Antelope Booster Club will have a meeting on Wednesday, January 28 at 7 p.m. in the Post High School Commons.

## What impact on taxes would result?

What impact would the elimination of the Garza Hospital District have on Garza County taxpayers and residents?

In a telephone interview Friday following last week's public meeting, County Judge Giles Dalby said the abolition of the hospital district would likely have a sizable impact on Garza County finances.

The first and foremost issue at hand, if the hospital district was abolished, would be the creation of a reserve fund equal to 10 percent of the county's annual general fund balance, Dalby said. That fund, which is state-required of counties without hospital districts, would be set aside annually to cover the cost of health care services for indigent residents of Garza County.

Ten percent of Garza County's general fund balance would be roughly \$200,000, according to current figures.

And who would be eligible for health care services paid for by the county's indigent funds? There are state guidelines determining "indigent" status, Dalby said, but because the hospital district currently handles such issues he said is not familiar with the specifics. He did say that individuals requiring health care who cannot afford it would likely be classified as indigent, but added that those eligible for federal health care programs such as Medicare and Medicaid would probably not qualify.

The issue of indigent care, if added to the county's list of responsibilities, would be completely unpredictable, the judge said. In any given year, the county might use only a portion of its indigent health care budget. In that case, the monies could be carried over into the next year and used to help rebuild the fund back up to 10 percent of the general fund balance. However, if indigent health care bills for a single fiscal year exceeded the monies in reserve, the county coffers would still be responsible for covering the overage. In other words, the county's expenditures on indigent health care would not be limited to 10 percent.

"A few bad instances could really be a problem," Dalby said. "We won't have a cap like the hospital district and a couple of bad instances could break the county."

Aside from indigent health care costs, there would be other costs as well. The county currently collects \$12,000 per year from the hospital district for the collection of hospital district taxes and those monies would be lost with the elimination of the hospital taxing district. The county would also see an increase in its share of funding for the operation of the appraisal district, as well as the ambulance service. Eliminating the hospital district would also leave the county with the responsibility for handling billing and bookkeeping services for the ambulance service, which would likely require the addition of another full-time county employee, the judge said. The county would also realize the addition of dispatch duties for the ambulance service but that responsibility would likely be handed off to dispatchers at the county jail.

"The major financial responsibility would revert to the county (if the hospital district was eliminated)," Dalby said. "We would probably see a pretty significant increase in our taxes to handle all of that."

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## Murrays celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr and Mrs James Murray will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, January 25, 1998 at the Grassland Church of the Nazarene. The celebration will be hosted by their children: Queda Cruthchfield of Lubbock; Quinton Murray of Grassland and Carlene Miley of Bethany, Oklahoma. James and the former Nelda Moore were married at Grassland, on January 20, 1948.



Mr and Mrs James Murray


## Seven arrested by Sheriff's deputies

Seven arrests were made by local law enforcement officers during the past week, according to records at the Garza County Sheriff's Department. On Jan. 14, a 20-year-old female was arrested on a warrant (released the next day to Uvalde County). On Jan. 15, a 20-year-old male was arrested for driving while license suspended. On Jan. 18, a 25-year-old male was picked up for criminal mischief (later released pending investigation). Arrests made on Jan. 19 include that of a 21-year-old male for Lubbock Police Department and Lubbock Sheriff's Department warrants; a 21-year-old male picked up for driving while intoxicated (released the same day on a \$1,500 bail bond); a 26-year-old male arrested on a warrant from Round Rock; and a 34-year-old male arrested for possession of marijuana, under two ounces. Lawmen responded to approximately 70 calls for service during the past week, including, on Jan. 14, a one-vehicle rollover that occurred at the Fluvanna cutoff (no further details recorded); a domestic dispute in the 200 block of West 12th; a small grass fire five miles out on U.S. 84 south; and child abuse in the 200 block of West 15th. On Jan. 15, dispatchers fielded calls reporting a gasoline drive-off for \$9.07 at a North Broadway convenience store; harassing telephone calls in the 200 block of East 14th; a report of sexual harassment (no further details recorded); and a dog bite in the 100 block of West 7th Street. Calls recorded on Jan. 16 included harassment in the 800 block of Pine; criminal mischief in the 800 block of Pine; and a minor automobile accident on Main Street near the courthouse (no further details recorded). Calls recorded on Jan. 17 included criminal mischief in the 600 block of West 6th Street; telephone harassment (no details given); assault (no details given); and two vehicles racing on East 380. On Jan. 18, the sheriff's department received reports of family violence in the 600 block of North Avenue P; an automobile accident on U.S. 84 south (no details given but a wrecker was called out); criminal mischief in the downtown area (juveniles setting off fireworks); and criminal mischief at a business in the 100 block of South Avenue F (window broken out). Another case of criminal mischief was reported Jan. 19 in the 100 block of South Avenue F (vehicle tail light broken). A burglary of a habitation was also reported in the 700 block of North Broadway (missing items included a cordless phone, a telephone, a Sony Playstation and a caller ID box). Reports recorded on Jan. 20 included a call concerning criminal mischief in the 300 block of Osage (scratches on a vehicle's hood) and a hit-and-run automobile accident at U.S. 84 and 380 (large 18-wheeler reportedly sideswiped a pickup). *Editor's Note: We publish the names of those people charged with the violation of the rights of other individuals.*

## Tax impact...

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Dalby said he could offer nothing more than a "ballpark figure" as to how much these changes would cost county taxpayers each year but suggested the figure might be close to \$300,000. Using that figure, taxpayers could expect to see a county tax rate increase of about 10-12 cents per \$100 valuation, he said. And only a portion of that increase would be subject to a rollback election as indigent health care funding is mandated by the State of Texas. The judge said that since last week's meeting, he has received several calls from people concerned about related issues. The general consensus, he said, is that people want to see the continued operation of a clinic in Post. Some even want to see the hospital reopened. "I think we really would have a problem not having a doctor here," the judge said. Dalby said that if the hospital district is abolished and the county was called upon to maintain a clinic in Post, it would be difficult. "We're not medical people over here," he said, "and I don't think it would be a bit cheaper (for us to operate a clinic as opposed to the current operating arrangement). It might be more expensive."

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Justin Johnson and April Smith

## Johnson, Smith engagement announced

Roger and Debbie Johnson of Clairemont are proud to announce the engagement of their son, Justin Shane Johnson, formerly of Post to April Arlene Smith of Jayton. Justin is the grandson of Johnnie and Sue Johnson of Post, Joyce Lindsey of Lubbock and John Rodgers of Bedford. April is the daughter of Stanley Bateman of Dickens and Lisa Bateman of Girard. She is the granddaughter of Barbara Smith of Spur and Pauline Bateman of Afton. April is a 1997 graduate of Jayton High School and is currently attending WTC for Vocational Nursing. She will graduate in August of 1998. Justin is a 1993 graduate of Lazbuddie High School. He attended Clarendon and Hobbs Jr. Colleges. He is currently working for D & D Cable out of Lubbock. The couple have planned a Friday, April 10, 1998 wedding at the First Baptist Church in Post.

## Hospital tax? ...

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but did report that the clinic collected about \$20,000 a month. Several individuals stood to give testimonials supporting the clinic and its personnel. One woman said she had received good care in the local clinic, even on Christmas day. Another said her grandchildren from Lubbock travel to Post's clinic just to see Dr. Abel Salas. Several complaints about the facility were also aired. Most had to do with what many conceive as the lack of provision of 24-hour health care services. At least one complainant aired concerns about being turned away from the clinic during the overnight hours after being told the physician on duty was asleep and could not be awakened. Officials fielded questions concerning the different types of services available at the hospital building at various hours of the day. From 9 p.m. to 9 a.m., it was reported, the facility serves as an urgent care facility. During the day, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., the unit serves as a walk-in clinic which accepts appointments. One local resident asked why the clinic would be forced to close if the hospital district was abolished. Holmes said it

would not be financially feasible for Methodist to operate the clinic without the local district's subsidy. Some 25-30 area communities enjoy similar arrangements, he said.

"Health care is not cheap," Holmes said, "... but I think if we could think about a delivery system and what we could collectively do together... we can build a very effective, a very good health care system." "Your interest tonight is wonderful," Alexander said. "That is what it's all about.... We feel like once we get the system working it will be more cost effective. We're looking for the community to grow and this is going to be a factor in anything coming to Post.... What kind of health care services do you have in going to be a question that will be asked.... Our main goal is to keep some form of health care here."

County Judge Giles Dalby was asked to estimate what it would cost the county to fund indigent health care in Garza County. Dalby said he was not sure but that if there was no hospital district, the county would be required to handle indigent health care which would require about \$200,000 be set aside in a special fund. The county would also be required to pay its proportionate share of what the hospital district contributed to the ambulance service. Dalby said a rough estimate of the overall cost might be put at about \$300,000 per year. (See related story in this issue.)



Brady Sanders

## Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash, CPA  
New numbers for '98

Most of us are concentrating on our tax returns for 1997, but planners—and those who pay estimated taxes—need to look ahead to 1998. Here's what you can expect:  
High earners will pay more in Social Security; the wage base goes up to \$68,400. The rates remain the same: 6.20 percent each for employers and employees, plus 1.45 on all earnings for Medicare. The self-employed pay double. The good news is that benefits are up 2.1 percent, and beneficiaries can earn more without penalty—\$9,120 for those under 65, \$14,500 for those 65 through 69.

Tax brackets should be similar to last year's: for joint filers, up to \$42,350 at 15 percent; up to \$102,300 at 28 percent; and up to \$155,950 at 31 percent. The rate rises to 36 percent for income up to \$278,450. Over that, there's a surtax that works out to a 39.6 percent tax rate. Personal exemptions are up to \$2,700 this year. Phaseout on itemized deductions begins at \$124,000 of AGI.

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## Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

We had a lot of wondering coffee drinkers Monday morning with the closing of our local Dairy Queen. From what we understand the DQ is in for some extensive remodeling and that it will reopen in about 7 weeks with a brand new look.



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Dedra and Charles Adams enjoyed the Christmas holidays with both their sons and daughters-in-law visiting. Greg and Melinda Adams and their daughter Kaelyn from San Antonio; and Roger and Gentry Adams of Dallas completed the family get together.

Dedra tells us that Roger has returned to school to TWA in Denton to get his PHD in Nutrition. We wish him the best of luck.

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Verna Roberts, Post's "Most Senior Citizen", has taken up residence at Golden Plains as of last week. Everyone be sure to remember Verna and all the other residents.

Everyone there enjoys visits and calls from all.

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The bunch from Post Housing Authority held their monthly luncheon last Thursday. They had a really good turn out and lots of good food and visiting. Those attending were: Thelma Taylor; Pansy Smith; Lupe Yabarra; Secoria Storie; Hazel Gary; Stanley and Pauline Mathis; Sandy Pearson; Lois Welborn; Ronnie and Becky Ticer; Manuel Criado; Rosa Maldonado; Noah Guterrez; Della Crenshaw; and Fannie Ballentine. Special guests were: Estella Hawkins; Betty Curry; Freda Kelley; Verlene White and Joyce Dunn.

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Mrs. Lorene Voyles was treated to a 91st birthday celebration at the Hotel Garza Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Voyles was born Jan. 15, 1907 in San Saba County. Joining in the event were her son and daughter-in-law Rex and Johnnie Voyles of Hobbs, N.M.; Don and Veda Voyles and their daughter Donice of New Deal; Mrs. Voyles cousin Marybelle and her husband Emory Potts of Lubbock; Kimberly Dolberry of Odessa; Wes and Pat Burnett of Post and Dawn Quisenberry and her son Nathan of Post.

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Opal Rudd returned home Saturday from Buffalo, New York where she traveled with her daughter and son-in-law Donna and Garry Wright. Donna was a patient at Millard-Filmore Hospital where she was the first person ever to receive a new surgery to repair an aneurysm.

The doctor inserted a stainless steel mesh stent into the left carotid artery and metal coils into the aneurysm to seal it off. Donna has had quite a year, suffering from 2 aneurysms in Jan. of 97. Those were corrected with surgery in Lubbock.

Donna wants everyone to know she is doing great, going back to work Tuesday. She also wants to thank everyone for all the calls and cards and most of all the prayers. We are all happy that Donna is back in the swing!

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Just a reminder. The Garza County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale is the 22-24. Everyone go out and watch these kids. They have worked hard with their animals and need everyone's support.

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Johnny Ray celebrated his 85th birthday this past week-end. Family and friends present were: Maudie, Danny and Tony Rose all of Henryetta, Ok.; Jerry and Mary Ray, Barry Ray all of Slaton, Andy Ray from Wills Point; Janet and Bobby Dean; Sandra and Russell Benham and children; R.C. Ray all of Post and Tammye and Russell Baldrée of Lubbock.

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I want to wish Rusty Dean a really speedy recovery. Rusty is in St. Marys hospital in Lubbock recovering from a bypass on a leg vein. I'm sending him get well wishes via this column, cause he charges me a quarter on the phone. Get well Rusty and hurry home!

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Well, guess that's all for this week. Remember to call me with your news. Have a safe and happy weekend.

## Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau Business Features

by Judy Bush

*Editor's Note: The Post Dispatch is featuring members of the Chamber & Tourism Bureau in a cooperative effort to encourage business participation in the Commerce & Tourism Bureau's promotion of Post.*

Brady Sanders and his wife Tracey didn't really know what to expect when they visited Post early in '96 to check out the possibility of buying a business here.

Brady, previously a manager for United Supermarkets for 9 years, heard through friends that the Longhorn Package store was for sale, and wanting to own his own business, came to investigate.

Brady's Package Store, 501 E. Main, opened for its first day of business February 1, 1996. Brady feels that there is a lot of potential for this store and really enjoys owning his own business in a small town.

Besides operating the liquor and beer store, Brady is the agent for Western Union, the only one in Garza County.

The liquor store is open Monday-Saturday 10a.m.-9p.m. The after hours store sells beer Sunday 12 noon-9p.m. In March the after hours store will resume their summer hours of 10a.m.-midnight Monday-Saturday and Sunday noon-9p.m.

## Thank You

From The Caprock Cultural Association, Users and others that love and value the historic Algerita Building expresses grateful appreciation to:

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This list of folks generously contributed a total of \$10,450.00 to match the 1994 ISTE Grant for a new roof, windows and structural repairs to restore the Algerita and continue its use for many more years.



# 34th Annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show and Sale

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*Thursday, January 22*

Beef Cattle Show - 4 p.m.

Swine Show - 6:30 p.m.

*Friday, January 23*

Rabbit Show - 5 p.m.

Lamb Show - 6:30 p.m.

*Saturday, January 24*

Awards and Sale - 9 a.m.

*Appreciation Luncheon*

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# Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

January 20, 1988  
10 Years Ago

Alicia Pettyjohn will be a contestant in the 1988 Miss Caprock Beauty Pageant next week at South Plains College.

Jason Fry took first place in the recent Cub Scout Troup 314 Pine Wood Derby. Justin Terry won second place and Manuel Zubia took third place.

The Woman's Culture Club held their first meeting of the year at the Club House. Peggy Ellis read a message on "The Beginning of the New Day God Has Given Us".

January 19, 1978  
20 Years Ago

David Morrow has been named to the All-State Choir for the second year in a row and the only Post student to receive the honor for two consecutive years.

Jill Cash has been named to the Dean's List for the 1977 fall semester at East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas.

Nora Henexson was elected president of the Merry-makers club when it met recently in the home of Maudie Pettigrew.

January 18, 1968  
30 Years Ago

Walter Didwad will join Postex Mills as assistant personnel manager on February 1.

Mrs Gene Bennett of Rockdale, Texas visited here Sunday with Mr and Mrs Ray N. Smith.

L. D. Jackson, has returned to his home here after having been a patient in Methodist Hospital at Lubbock.

Cindy Laws spent the week with Pam and Penny Ingle and went to school as her mother was in Hobbs.

January 23, 1958  
40 Years Ago

W.D. Fleming, former Garza County resident, celebrated his 90th birthday Sunday with family and friends in Mangum, Oklahoma.

In Post this week you can buy a Chevrolet 1958 Deiray two door sedan with all standard equipment including directional signals, 5 tires, dual sun visor, door arm rests, cigarette lighter, and heavy duty oil bath air cleaner for only \$1,990.

January 22, 1948  
50 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs C.T. Norris will be new residents in Post. Mr Norris is living here running a radiator shop in the Triangle Service Station. Mrs Norris and three children will be moving here from Brownfield as soon as housing can be found.

Mrs Jack Burress and Mr and Mrs Hub Haire and son, Johnny, of Southland spent several days with L. I. Ramsey and family in Liberty Hill.

Johnny-Mickey and Mr and Mrs David Shultz and daughter spend Sunday in Lubbock.

At the Garza Theatre this week you can see "Flashing Guns" with Johnny Mack Brown, "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer" with Cary Grant, Myrna Loy and Shirley Temple, "Stella Dallas" with Barbara Stanwyck and the 1948 Bowl Games: Orange! Cotton! Ros? and Sugar! taken with the Zoomar close-up lens.



Gladys Blair

## Blair represents Panhandle in pageant

Gladys Blair, of Post has been selected to represent the Texas Panhandle in the Mrs. Texas Senior Midwest Pageant, on Saturday evening, January 17, 1998 at 7 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center.

The pageant showcases the inner beauty and achievements of senior women who have reached the Age of Elegance.

Gladys serves as President of the Women's Division of the Post Chamber of Commerce and Tourism

Bureau, which organizes a number of projects to benefit the community. Most recently the division sponsored a free shopping day at an area nursing home, collecting items for residents to give as Christmas presents.

A patron of the arts, Gladys is a season ticket holder to the Lubbock Symphony, an usher for performances at the Garza Theatre, a photographer, a member of the Friends of the Library in Lubbock. She is an employee of the O.S. Ranch foundation's museum in Post.

Gladys performed a stand-up comedy routine for her talent presentation, following the judges interviews, and evening gown events.

Gladys has two daughters, Georgia Slough of Lubbock and Ginger Spicer of Happy.

Gladys came in the office Tuesday morning and said she had a blast but didn't win anything. But she did say she came home with the biggest prize of all. There is not a pageant held in the South Plains and she has achieved the goal of having one held in Post next year for the Panhandle South Plains Region.

The winner of this region will go to Dallas to compete in the state pageant. The pageant will be held around February 1999. Gladys plans to start working on plans in the next 6 to 8 weeks. Anyone 60 years or older may compete in this contest.

## It's Girl Scout cookie time

Girl Scouts from the Caprock Girl Scout Council will begin their annual cookie program on Friday, January 9, 1998. Girls began taking orders for cookies that will be delivered February.

There are eight different varieties of cookies including the sugar-free Chalea Cremes. The other varieties are Snaps, Thin Mints, Tagalongs, Samoas, Striped Chocolate Chip, Trefoils and Do-si-sos. The cost for Girl Scout Cookies is \$3 per package. Order from a Girl Scout in your neighborhood, or call the cookie hotline at 1-800-745-2855 and the order will be given to a Girl Scout in your area.

All proceeds from the sale remain in our area to benefit Girl Scouts by funding the girl programs and providing troop funding for troop activities, trips and service projects.

For most girl members, Girl Scouting is fun and the cookie program in a part of that fun, along with summer camp, travel opportunities, friendships, career exploration and learning new things with adults who care.

Each girl who participates in the cookie program learns how to set realistic goals and how to work to achieve them. They also learn good sales techniques, record keeping and public relations. Through the selling process, girls gain experience and self-confidence.

Income derived from the cookie program enables girls to benefit from the strong value-centered programs offered through Girl Scouting. Girls today, need Girl Scouting and public support now more than ever before. Through that support, girls can continue to reach their potential and become leading citizens of tomorrow.

## Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

### Safety seat dilemma

Child safety seats really do work. Children, especially those under the age of 5, are vulnerable in collisions because of the size and shape of their bodies. Safety seats are designed to spread the forces of a crash over more of the body for front-facing toddlers, and cradle the fragile neck and back of rear-facing infants.

Child safety seats are the most effective occupant-protection devices used in motor vehicles today. If used correctly, they are 71 percent effective in reducing fatalities in children under the age of 5 and 69 percent effective in reducing the need for hospitalization. Unfortunately, parents often do not know the basic who, what, when, where, why, and how of child safety seats.

Who should use a child safety seat? Texas law requires all children aged two and under be restrained in a child safety seat. Children 2-4 years of age are required to be in a child safety seat or in a seat belt.

A parent may ask what kind of safety seat should be used. All children should be restrained in a safety seat that is appropriate for age and weight, and also meets federal safety standards. Infants up to 20 pounds should ride facing the rear of the vehicle in infant-only or convertible seats. Children weighing about 20-40 pounds should ride facing forward in convertible safety seats. Children who have outgrown their convertible seat should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat until adult belts fit them properly. Older children wear vehicle safety belts and keep the lap belt low and snug across the hips. The belt must not ride up over the abdomen, and the shoulder belt must not cross the face or front of the neck.

When should a child safety seat be used? Use a safety seat every time on every trip. Do not make the deadly mistake of using a car seat only on freeways or for long trips. Most car crashes happen within 25 miles of home. If a child rides with friends, relatives or babysitters, be sure the driver has correctly installed the safety seat and that it is used properly every time the child is in the car. Older children will likely have the habit of buckling up on every ride if this has been expected from birth.

Where should a child safety seat be placed in the car? The back seat is the safest place for all children to ride. Never place a rear-facing infant seat in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag. A passenger-side air bag could strike the back of the seat and seriously injure or kill a baby. If a toddler convertible seat must be placed in the front seat of a vehicle, move the seat position back as far as possible from the dashboard.

Many parents often ask why should safety seats be used. It's the law in Texas for children under 4 to be restrained. Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death and injury for children ages 1-5 in the United States. Correct use can save lives and injuries. In a crash or sudden stop, an unbuckled adult holding a baby can crush the child into the windshield or dashboard.

There are many different types of seats and they all seem to install differently. It is important that parents know how to properly install child safety seats into motor vehicles. Parents must read their vehicle owner's manual and child safety seat use instructions very carefully. A special locking clip may be necessary to hold your vehicle safety belt in place so you can anchor your safety seat properly.

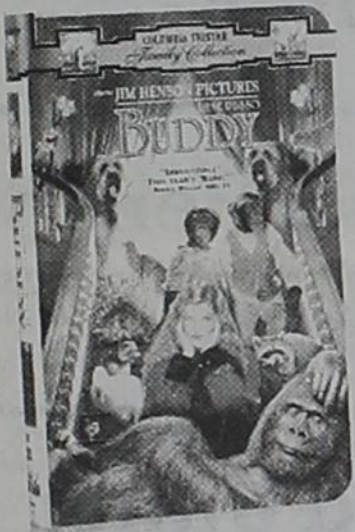
More information about child safety seats can be obtained by calling Safe Riders at (800) 252-8255, the Passenger Safety Education Office at (409) 845-3850 or contacting me at the County Extension office.

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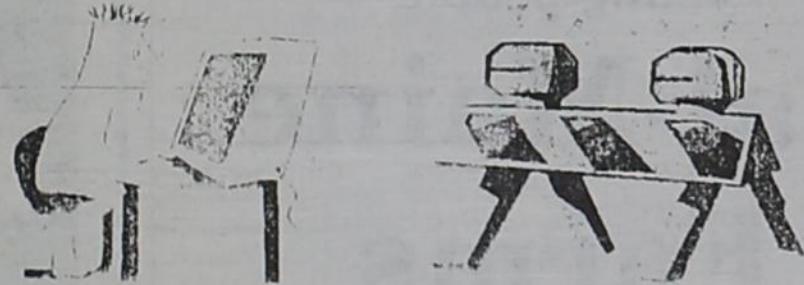
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The in-put of the history pages are complete. If you have any new photos by sure to contact us.

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Just a reminder to let the Caprock Cultural Association know about your events and activities for the next few months. By putting them on the internet you may realize more people to attend your event. So keep us posted....

### Newest Page to be completed

Pictorial History of the City of Post

### Texas Alliance to Publish....

The CCA page icons are to be sent to the Texas Alliance as they wish to put them in an article in the State magazine. More on this at a later date.

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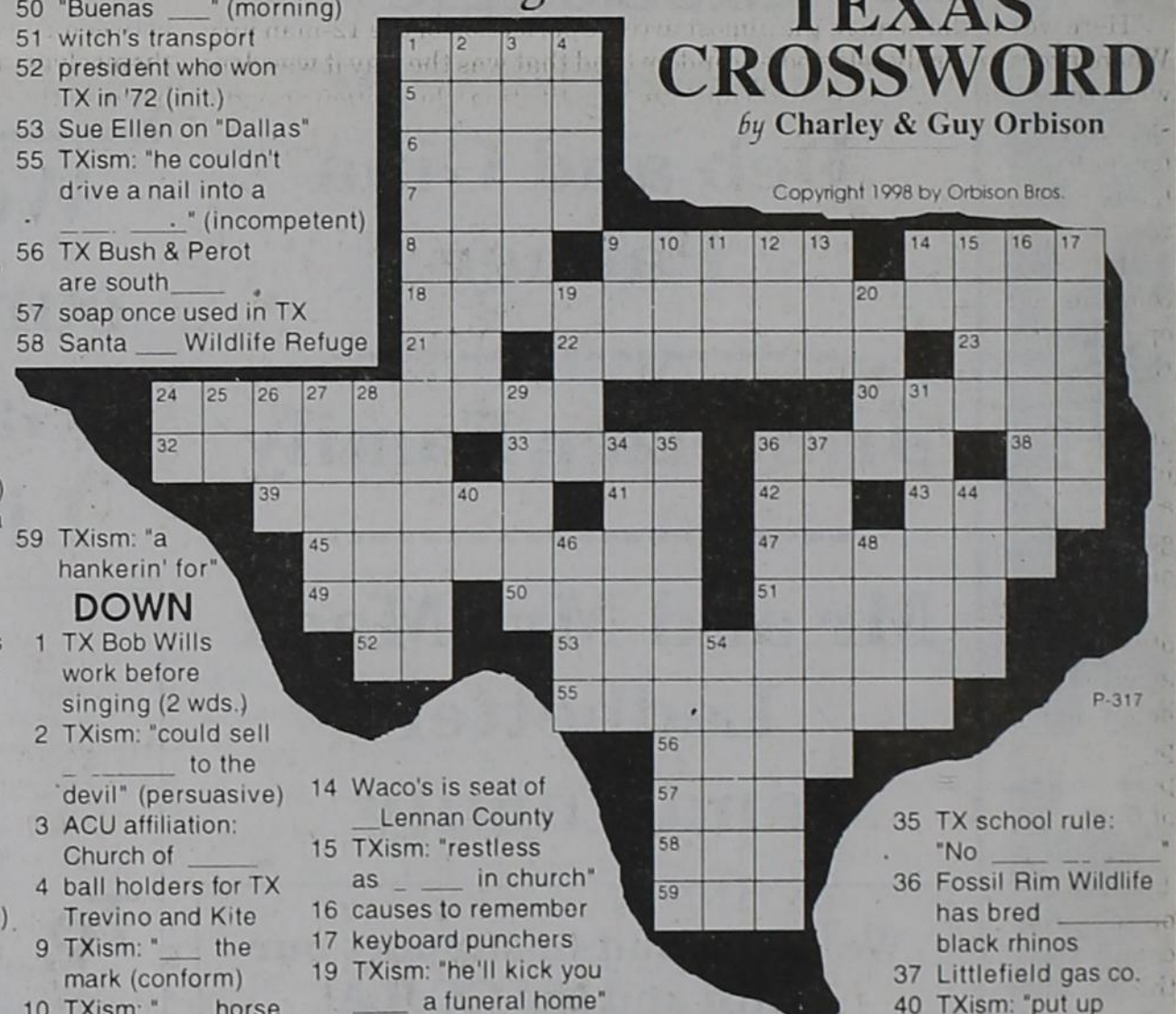
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- 30 song you would hear on Dallas' KLUW
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- 33 TXism: "a one-\_\_\_ man" (good roper)
- 36 fog at DFW can cause \_\_\_ visibility
- 38 Astros & Rangers pitching legend (init.)
- 39 TXism: "like a \_\_\_ saucer" (compatible)
- 41 this Bud moved the Oilers to Tenn. (init.)
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- 49 King Ranch mgr. Kleberg
- 50 "Buenas \_\_\_" (morning)
- 51 witch's transport
- 52 president who won TX in '72 (init.)
- 53 Sue Ellen on "Dallas"
- 55 TXism: "he couldn't drive a nail into a \_\_\_" (incompetent)
- 56 TX Bush & Perot are south \_\_\_
- 57 soap once used in TX
- 58 Santa \_\_\_ Wildlife Refuge
- 59 TXism: "a hankerin' for \_\_\_"
- 1 TX Bob Wills work before singing (2 wds.)
- 2 TXism: "could sell \_\_\_ to the \_\_\_" (devil) (persuasive)
- 3 ACU affiliation: Church of \_\_\_
- 4 ball holders for TX Trevino and Kite
- 9 TXism: "\_\_\_ the mark (conform)"
- 10 TXism: "\_\_\_ horse town" (small town)
- 11 TXism: "\_\_\_ my boots retreaded" (got hall soles)
- 12 TXism: "\_\_\_ be a monkey's uncle!"
- 13 TX Gary Morris hit: "The Love \_\_\_ Found in Me"
- 14 Waco's is seat of \_\_\_ Lennan County
- 15 TXism: "restless \_\_\_ as \_\_\_ in church"
- 16 causes to remember
- 17 keyboard punchers
- 19 TXism: "he'll kick you \_\_\_ a funeral home" (mean horse)
- 20 town name Quanah means "sweet"
- 24 TX Mandrell's "If Loving You \_\_\_ Wrong..."
- 25 ex-Cowboys asst. coach Norv (init.)
- 26 state employment agency (abbr.)
- 27 to burst forth
- 28 TXism: "spit and haling wire it"
- 29 TX Martin film: "Dead Men Don't Wear \_\_\_"
- 31 in Hunt Co. on 69 get possession
- 35 TX school rule: "No \_\_\_"
- 36 Fossil Rim Wildlife has bred \_\_\_ black rhinos
- 37 Littlefield gas co.
- 40 TXism: "put up \_\_\_ shut up"
- 44 SW of San Antonio on I-35: Von \_\_\_
- 46 "lubricates"
- 48 This Temple-born Rip starred in "Blind Ambition"
- 54 This Henry was '91 Astros relief pitcher

### NOTICE OF SALE

A sale will be conducted on Tuesday, February 3, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. at the Garza County Sheriff's Department, west side. This sale is in accordance with chapter 682, sections 683.011-683.015, of the Texas Transportation Code, concerning abandoned motor vehicles. The registered owners of the following vehicle are required to make payment of all towing, preservation, and storage charges to Garza County Sheriff's Department by Tuesday, February 3, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at the Garza County Sheriff's Department. Their failure will constitute a waiver by the owner and lien holders of all right, title, and interest in these vehicles and therefore will consent to the sale of these abandoned vehicles.

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## Hospital tax not a question of trust... it's a taxing issue

by Wesley W. Burnett

Last Thursday evening Garza Hospital District president Jack Alexander responded to a question from a taxpayer by saying, "it's a matter of trust, we have done the best we know how to do."  
 I didn't stand up at the time to refute Mr Alexander, it just didn't seem like the proper thing to do... for we were not in a debating forum. But I wanted to take the microphone and remind all the GMH board members that this entire issue is not a personal attack on them, it is not a question of us against them, it is not an issue of whether or not we trust them... it is a question about whether or not property owners in Garza County should continue to pay a tax for a hospital which doesn't exist.

I was pleased that at least one taxpayer asked that very question. But it wasn't answered... and it will not be answered until taxpayers take action to eliminate the taxing authority of the hospital district. And this is not a question of whether or not we want good health care in our county... of course we want good health care... but we don't necessarily want government involved... nor do we believe that the only way we can get good health care is with taxing property owners to pay for it.

Quite the contrary, the best medical care is provided by private enterprise... but the socialists among us prefer to stifle private enterprise and force us to pay for socialized medicine... and that is exactly what has ruined health care in America today. It was refreshing to hear the Methodist Hospital representative at the meeting publicly declare that Medicare has all but destroyed rural health care facilities. It's time to get government out of the health care business, and we in Garza County have a ripe opportunity to set the pace and show others how it is done.

## Garza Hospital only authorized to care for "needy" and "indigent"

by Wesley W. Burnett

As I pointed out at the public meeting Thursday evening... the Garza Hospital District has no authority to deliver health care to anyone other than the "needy" or "indigent" of Garza County.

For all these many years the hospital district has operated under the authority of the Texas Constitution (Article 9, Section 9), which places the burden of indigent citizens on the county government. When I studied the legislation authorizing this hospital district, I was enlightened by the statement in Section 2 of that statute, which emphasizes the role of the hospital district:

"That said district hereby provided for shall assume full responsibility for providing medical and hospital care for the needy persons residing within the district; ..."

There is simply no authority for the hospital district to provide care of any kind for any other persons. It appears that the district has violated its authority by extending services to people who are not classified as "needy."

Now, of course, the question about who is "needy," has to be determined. I believe common sense would dictate that very few of the people who attended the public hearing Thursday night fit that category. For one thing, if a person owns property and pays taxes on that property... how could that person be labeled as "needy?"

More importantly, if the hospital district adhered to its constitutional and statutory authority... there would have been no need for a public hearing on this issue. The most recent audit of the district (1995 and 1996) reported a total of \$10,511 dispersed for indigent care in 1996 and \$6,415 in 1995. We have asked about a 1997 audit, but it has not been made available to us.

It is clear that there is no big need for a hospital in Garza County to care for the needy among us... the total of indigent care does not warrant such a facility.

While taxpayers figure out how to get rid of the hospital tax, we call on the Garza Hospital District board of directors to terminate immediately any services not specifically authorized by the Texas Constitution and the legislation which established the hospital district.

Those duties are simple: (1) identify those people who are needy or indigent; (2) pay for the medical care of those who are classified as needy and indigent and (3) maintain accurate records of the expenses involved in providing medical care to the needy and indigent.

That's it. Any other activities by the hospital district are in violation of the Texas Constitution as well as the authorizing legislation.

## Highway revenue agents and courts strip \$43,680 from area travelers

The continuing government sponsored highway theft program stripped a total of \$43,680.45 from travelers in Garza County during the month of December 1997. Worse, there were 444 people labeled as criminals in this brazen attack on our individual liberty.

Uniformed agents of the county and state hounded travelers on Garza County highways, as part of the statutory "Transportation Code," which authorizes the collection of revenue to offset high property taxes.

Once the uniformed agents stop travelers, they issue little pieces of paper they call "citations," which, at the point of a gun, they require the victim to sign, "guaranteeing appearance in court." Of course, those victims who are traveling to and from generally do not have the time or resources to challenge this extortion, so they simply mail in payment as demanded by the two Justices of the Peace and Municipal Judge here.

It's a good revenue system... unless you are the victim... or you're offended by the tyranny of the program.

## The power of jury numbers, part 2

by Vin Suprynowicz



Last time, in response to my recent column proposing a "9 percent rule," allowing any law to be repealed by a vote of just 9 percent of the people, correspondent Thomas Junker was pointing out why, statistically, "If a minority political view such as opposition to the income tax is held by as few as 4 percent of the people, and held strongly enough that they would refuse to convict anyone under the income tax laws regardless of the facts of the case, the government would lose almost 40 percent of jury trials in such cases!"

"Unless, of course, the government cheats by violating the Constitution and stacking the jury by filtering out those with a view opposed to the law at hand."

(This, of course, is why — back in the days before official jury-stacking — the government soon gave up prosecuting those accused of harboring fugitive slaves in the North in the 1850s, or those accused of violating Prohibition laws, anywhere, in the 1920s. Before a PROPERLY functioning jury system, the bad laws could not stand.)

Mr. Junker continues: "Here we see the beauty, the almost artistic perfection of the 12-man jury. When jurors are truly selected at random (and that was the way it was done when the word "jury" was written into our Constitution) the system provides significant protection for minority political views, even to the range of a mere few percent of the population, while assuring that virtually all juries will likely be disposed to punish those who commit universally recognized wrongs."

"It is doubtful that even 1/10th of 1 percent of the population would ever condone murder, while it is quite likely that severe differences of political opinion can and do involve 10, 20, even 50 percent on one side of an issue or the other."

"What the jury system does, in effect, is guarantee that if someone stands accused of committing an act universally considered to be bad, they will be judged on the facts of the case, but if someone is accused of an act that at least a few percent of the population thinks should not be punishable, the government will have a hard time finding a jury that doesn't have at least one person who will vote 'Not guilty!'"

"Just HOW hard a time will the government have in finding a jury free of your sympathizers? Ah, the exquisite perfection of it all! As opposition to a law passes 5 percent, the government's chances of finding a "good" jury fall below 50 percent. When opposition rises to 10 percent, the government's position falls below 29 percent. When opponents of a law constitute 20 percent of the people, the government has a dismal 7 percent chance or less of finding a jury willing to convict."

"As opposition rises past 32 percent the government's position falls below 1 percent. This means that if the population were divided into three camps on some controversial issue, no law enforcing the views of any of the three camps could be effectively enforced. Meanwhile, though, all the murderers, thieves and other miscreants against whom the government could make a sufficiently strong factual case would continue to go to prison."

The obvious question, since most surveys show at least 33 percent of the populace already in favor of legalizing marijuana and generally ending the "War on Drugs," is why — under the numbers so ably explained here by Mr. Junker and my previous respondent on this topic, Steven Mahan of Florida

—99 percent of such cases don't ALREADY result in either acquittals or hung juries, AS THE FOUNDERS OBVIOUSLY INTENDED.

That result would force the Drug War prosecutors to fold up their tents, the same way 23 hung juries in a row ended the Salem witchcraft trials, three centuries ago. The nation would return to its previous peaceful state depriving the would-be fascists of their greatest single excuse for wiretapping, surveilling our bank accounts, searching our cars and luggage, seizing the property of innocent persons before trial, "borrowing" military equipment to raid and immolate suspicious churches, etc.

Unfortunately, the answer is equally obvious. The judges are stacking the juries, by dismissing anyone who will admit to opposing the law in question, thus artificially keeping the whole vicious machine in gear, rather than allowing it to run out of steam, as the Founders intended ANY unpopular witch-hunt or pogrom to grow quickly unsustainable, in the face of the properly-functioning jury system which they guaranteed us in no fewer than three of the first 10 amendments.

Mr. Junker continues: "Understanding (these numbers) makes it blazingly clear why the 12-man jury was found in antiquity to provide a fully functional balance between acquiescence to punishment for things that are wrong in and of themselves, and things that are held to be wrong by the government merely because the government says so. The one system allows real wrongs to be effectively prosecuted while providing a powerful tool for throwing out stupid and harmful prosecutions like yesterday's trash."

Analysis of the 6-man jury  
 However, Mr. Junker then follows with a warning about "The 6-Man Jury":

"Once you understand the beauty of the mathematics of the 12-man jury and compare the numbers with those of the 6-man jury, it becomes all too clear why government has been agitating and itchy trying to change the system from 12 to 6."

"Simply put, the 6-man jury thoroughly undermines the protection of the jury system for minority political views. It doesn't just change it a little, it demolishes the numbers shown above for the 12-Man jury."

"Interestingly, the reduced jury size benefits the government more in the unpopular cases than in the cases involving no political controversy. At 99.99 percent agreement that murder is bad, the chances of having a murder advocate on the jury don't change noticeably for 6 or 12 jurors. But at 50 percent popular agreement that involuntary military service is Constitutional and that resisters should be punished, the government has a SIXTY-FOUR times greater chance of finding a "good" jury willing to convict resisters if only six jurors are required."

"The 6-man jury is government's way to hang onto its power to throw people into prison under bad laws even as its popular support falls to levels at which the 12-Man Jury would thoroughly nullify the bad laws."

"It has taken over 700 years since the Magna Carta for political shrewdness and the manipulation of public opinion and the legislative process to sprout malignantly and grow to the point at which the jury system is finally being undone. Those who would undo it should beware, because it is the penultimate peaceful defense of those who would be free before they have no choice but to take matters into their own hands ... as happened in the 1770s."

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## What kind of guys were the founders?

by Walter E. Williams



Today's students are often taught that our Founding Fathers were racists. Textbooks make comments like, "The sublime principles of the Declaration did not apply to them (blacks). They were for whites only." The late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall said, "The prevailing opinion of the framers" was that blacks were "so far inferior that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect ... and that the Negro might justly and lawfully be reduced to slavery for his benefit."

That is plainly untrue; every leading Founder acknowledged that slavery is immoral. Thomas G. West, University of Dallas professor of politics and senior fellow at the California-based Claremont Institute, provides evidence in his book "Vindicating the Founders."

George Washington said, "There is not a man living who wishes more sincerely than I do to see a plan adopted for the abolition of it." John Adams: "Every measure of prudence, therefore, ought to be assumed for the eventual total extirpation of slavery from the United States. ... I have, through my whole life, held the practice of slavery in abhorrence." Benjamin Franklin: "Slavery is ... an atrocious debasement of human nature." James Madison: "We have seen the mere distinction of color made, in the most enlightened period of time, a ground of the most oppressive dominion ever exercised by man over man."

James Otis said, "The colonists are by the law of nature freeborn, as indeed all men are, white or black." Benjamin Franklin, after visiting a black school, said, "I have conceived a higher opinion of the natural capacities of the black race than I had ever before entertained." Alexander Hamilton's judgement was the same, "Their natural faculties are probably as good as ours."

The Founders are frequently criticized for the three-fifths compromise.

At the Constitutional Convention, Southerners said slaves should "stand on an equality with whites" in determining congressional representation and electoral college votes. Northerners argued it was wrong "to give such encouragement to the slave trade as would be given by allowing representation for their Negroes." Northerners conceded to three-fifths, thereby reducing the political power the South would have had if slaves were counted as whole persons. Free blacks (60,000 in 1790) were counted as whole persons, and many voted.

The Treaty of Paris, ending war with Great Britain, made each of the 13 colonies a sovereign power. If the Framers had not made slavery concessions to the South, there would have been no union. The South would have walked away from the Convention, free to develop slavery without restraint. Patrick Henry expressed this reality, saying, "As much as I deplore slavery, I see that prudence forbids its abolition." With union, Congress at least had the power to abolish slave trade in 1808. According to James Wilson, many believed the anti-slave-trade clause laid "the foundation for banishing slavery out of this country."

During the founding era, eight states abolished slavery either gradually or immediately, Vermont being the first to forbid slavery as a part of its constitution (1777). Congress passed the Northwest Ordinance (1787), forbidding slavery in the territory that would become Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Congress did permit slavery in the Southwest Territory (the future states of Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama).

Here's my hypothesis about most who trash the Founders: These people are also against our rights to bear arms, private-property rights and limited government. They have contempt for our constitutional guarantees of liberty, and the slavery issue is merely a convenient moral posturing tool as they try to reduce respect for our Constitution. COPYRIGHT 1998 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

# Sports

## 7th grade boys lose one

The Post Middle School seventh grade boys lost a close one in overtime Monday night, dropping a 46-44 road game to Idalou.

Post led early in the game, scoring 12 points to Idalou's three in the first period, but Idalou managed to outscore the 'Lopes in the remaining quarters of regulation play. During the overtime period, Idalou scored eight points to Post's six points.

Brandon Bell led scoring for the 'Lopes with 14 points, followed by Noah Gutierrez with 11 points, Blake Lewis with eight points, Pooky Moore with four points, Smiley Estrada with three points and Jason Estrada and Seth Redman with two points each.

## 8th grade boys win tourney

Post Middle School's eighth grade boys were champions of the Christ the King Tournament held last week in Lubbock.

The boys won their first game against All Saints 30-25. They led scoring in three of the four quarters. Roland Casteneda was top scorer with 13 points, followed by Michael Huff with 10 points, Mickey Gonzales with three points and Hector Reyna and Miguel Torres, each with two points.

In their second and championship game against the host team, the 'Lopes recorded a 32-18 win. Post came out strong in the first quarter, scoring 13 points and leaving the Christ the King team scoreless. Michael Huff led scoring for Post with 10 points, followed by Roland Casteneda with seven points, Mickey Gonzales with six points, Vic Patel with four points, Waylon Strawn and Miguel Torres with two points each and Hector Reyna, one point.

Huff was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Casteneda was named to the All-Tournament Team.

The eighth grade boys lost a road game to Idalou Monday night. Final score in the game was 50-36.

The game was close until the third period when Idalou managed to hold Post to only two points while scoring 11.

Michael Huff was lead scorer with 13 points. Mickey Gonzales had 12 points, Roland Casteneda had eight points and Vic Patel, three points.

## Idalou outcores Lady Lopes

The Post High School varsity girls dropped a district game Jan. 16, losing a 43-23 battle to Idalou.

"We played a good game," Coach Shana Matthews said, "but our shooting let us down. We could not buy a basket in the second half. Defensively we played outstanding again, but we just could not get it going offensively."

"It was a district loss, but I still feel good about our position. Idalou has a very good team but we will get a chance to play them again. The girls are playing very hard and I am extremely proud of all of them. This group is a lot of fun to watch because you can see the effort they put into it. We are going to make a strong showing in this district."

Natalie Pollard led scoring for the Lady 'Lopes with eight points, followed by Kendly Jefferson with six points, Rachelle Jones with five points, Cassie Short with two points and Erica Gomez and Arimya Gradine with one point each. Jones led in assists with three, Pollard led rebounds with seven and Jones and Jefferson shared the lead in steals with two each.

The loss dropped the team's district record to 1-1 while the season record stands at 14-6.

The varsity girls captured a 39-31 win over New Deal Jan. 13, boosting their season record to 14-5 and district record to 1-0.

It was a seesaw battle throughout the game but the Lady 'Lopes came out strong in the final quarter, outscoring their opponents 15-4.

Rachelle Jones led scoring with 12 points, followed by Cassie Short with 11 points, Natalie Pollard with five, Kendly Jefferson with four, Arimya Gradine, Kasey Hardin and Macee Mills with two each and Erica Gomez with one point. Mills, Jefferson and Gradine shared the lead in assists with two each. Gomez led rebounds with seven while Pollard, Gradine and Jones led in steals with three each.

"That is the way to open district play," Coach Matthews said. "The girls played a great game. In the fourth quarter we dominated and took the game over. Defensively we were outstanding, holding New Deal's top scorer to four points. Natalie Pollard and Erica Gomez did a great job, not even letting her touch the ball. The rest of the girls picked up the slack and held the rest of New Deal's girls down. It was a great win for this program and put us right on track for district."

## Freshmen girls whip Idalou

The Post High School freshman girls scored an easy win this week over Idalou 40-10.

High scorers for the team were Vondi Gradine and Kenda Looney with 11 points each, Brailey Feagin with seven points and Yvonne Lopez with six points.

"The freshman girls played a great game," the coach said.

The win over Idalou put the girls' season record at 9-3.

The girls' next game is Saturday at Abernathy.

The freshman Lady 'Lopes defeated New Deal 29-17 in a game played Jan. 12. High scorers were Vondi Gradine with eight points and Jenny Jones and Kenda Looney with six points each.

The freshman girls played Ralls Jan. 5 and logged another victory, this one 37-25.

Lead scorers were Vondi Gradine with 10 points, Brailey Feagin with nine points and Kenda Looney and Jenny Jones, eight points each.

## Varsity loses to Idalou

Post High School's varsity boys fell to Idalou Friday by a score of 53-42, putting their district record at 0-2.

"It was an exciting game that was close throughout the game," the coach said. "We pulled to within two points early in the fourth quarter before Idalou pulled away."

The team's shooting percentage for the game was 40 percent. Post posted seven successful three-point shots.

Daniel Fluitt led scoring with 11 points, including three three-point shots, while Clell Knight had nine points, all three-point baskets. Billy Crawford also logged nine points on the night. Other scorers included Jay Gorman, five points, Russ Moore with four points, and Luke Cooper and Jamie Hernandez with two points each.

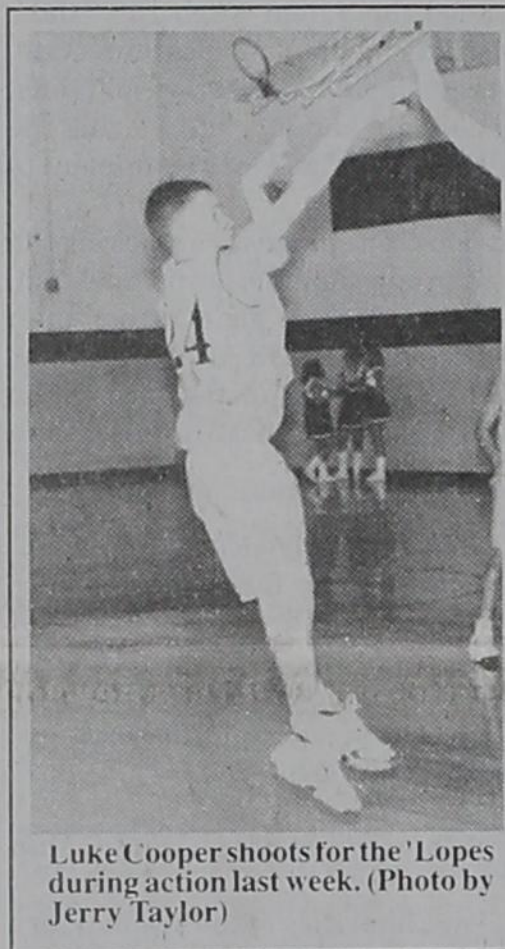
Hernandez had eight rebounds in the game.

The Antelopes lost a close one Jan. 13 when New Deal managed to squeak past Post by a score of 33-31.

"The first district game of the year was a close one," the coach said. "New Deal scored with seven seconds to go in the game. It was an outstanding defensive effort by the Antelopes. Unfortunately, we had a bad shooting night (22% from the floor). The Lions had a definite height advantage and we had trouble shooting over their big guys."

Luke Cooper led scoring with 12 points, all three-point shots, followed by Billy Crawford with eight points. Jamie Hernandez had five points, Clell Knight, four points, and Jay Gorman, two points.

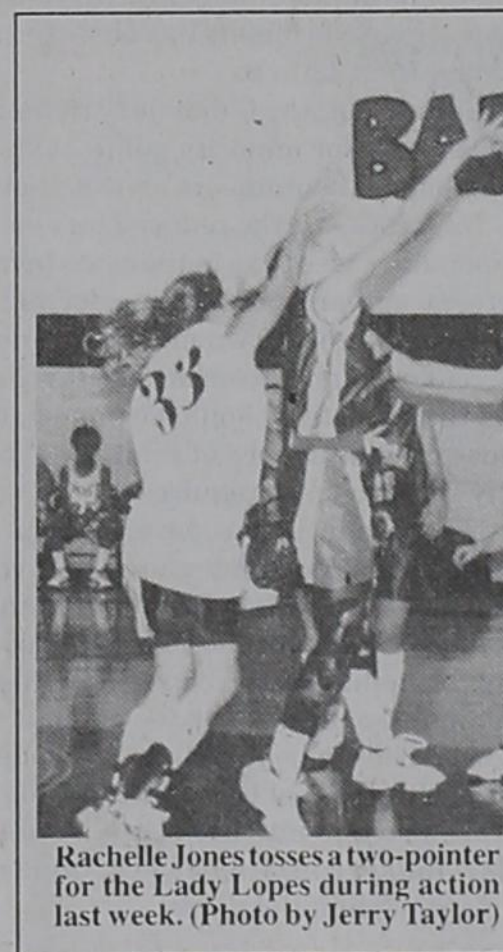
Crawford had nine rebounds and Knight scored five assists.



Luke Cooper shoots for the 'Lopes during action last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jay Gorman puts in two points for the 'Lopes during action last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Rachelle Jones tosses a two-pointer for the Lady Lopes during action last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Pursuant to the State's Petition, Chapter 59, of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, on the 6th day of January, 1998, the 106th Judicial District Court of Garza County, State of Texas, issued a default judgment in Cause Number 97-12-053630-CV. Styled the State of Texas vs. JESUS ROBLEDO, SALVADOR RODRIGUEZ ROBLEDO, AND RUBEN GUERRA SALAS. In that judgment the following vehicles were forfeited to the Garza County Sheriff's Department, and the Garza County District Attorney's Office.

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Notice is hereby given that the above described vehicles will be offered for sale at public auction, on the 3rd day of February, 1998, that being the first Tuesday of the month, at 10:00 a.m. at the west side of the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

These vehicles may be seen at Garza County Sheriff's Department, 300 West Main, Post, Texas 79356.

Kenneth M. Ratke  
Sheriff  
Garza County/Post, TX

by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Sheriff

## Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor Policy: We require all letters to be signed, however, names may be withheld from publication by request. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation.

### Speed trap hurts local economy

On December 31, 1997, my wife Shirley and I were returning home through Post from a Christmas vacation to New Orleans to visit my sister Shirley was driving, and in the middle of the afternoon as we approached Post city limits, she reduced her speed from the 70 mph limit to 55 mph as the sign indicated.

There was no "Reduced Speed Ahead" sign, as most towns now have, so at the 40 mph sign, one of your deputy sheriffs was hiding and radared us immediately as we were slowing down, registering us at 52 mph. This is commonly called "entrapment," catching drivers before they can reasonably reduce their speed. We would have had to slam on our brakes to 40 mph upon seeing the reduced sign to have avoided your officer's speed trap.

We are mature, law-abiding, tax paying citizens who take Texas speeding laws seriously. We conscientiously try to stay within the speed limits at all times. This time, we simply did not react fast enough to be driving 40 mph when the 40 mph sign appeared and were radared immediately as we were slowing down.

The officer ticketed my wife for driving 12 mph over the limit. We went immediately to Judge Greene and paid the \$70 fine. Shirley pled guilty and paid the fine. What else could she do? We do not have the time or money to lose a day at work, drive back to Post for a court date, and pay an attorney to fight this crude, unreasonable legalism that ignores reasonable circumstances.

I am a pastoral counselor for two churches in Amarillo, and Shirley is an Institutional Parole Officer for the Texas Department of Corrections. We both try to play by the rules. We consider ourselves as assets to our state. The officer could have given us a warning, given the circumstances of this case, but he obviously needed to reach his "ticket quota" for the day. Post got our \$70, \$49 of which were "court costs," for less than 10 minutes of Judge Greene's time!

If your officials are going to treat people like us this way, we will respond as follows:

We will henceforth avoid driving through Post if at all possible, and never purchase any gas, meals or lodging there as we live in the past.

We will encourage our friends to do the same.

We have often been "paying guests" in your town, but this lack of hospitality and harsh legalism will cost your town's businesses much more than the \$70 the city got from us.

The officer and the court gave us no slack for extenuating circumstances (my wife was desperate to get to a restroom). They did not even bother to ask what the circumstances were. Their treatment of us will prove costly to Post business from here on.

This should matter to small town businesses. Your city officials and County Sheriff could use a Public Relations Consultant.

Guy Greenfield, Amarillo

*Editor's Note: We have often editorialized about the insidious nature of the government sponsored highway theft program, and have pointed out the loss of revenue this causes our merchants. How many hundreds or thousands of other victims of this uniformed banditry and extortion go unnoticed? How much money are Post businesses losing as a result of this kind of behavior by so-called law enforcement officers? How long will Post merchants and businesses sit idly by and allow this unconstitutional and unlawful action to continue? It is time to demand the termination of this highway revenue collection system.*

### Driver beware at Post signals

This is an open letter to our local law and highway patrol:

Will it take the deaths of Post citizens for you to enforce the speed limits and traffic signals? Why do you allow trucks to blow through our lights?

Yesterday (1/11/97) I had a green light at Main and Hwy 84, but it was obvious that the truck approaching from the south was ignoring the caution light. He blew on through many seconds after his red light.

Friday (1/9/97), after work, I was behind a pickup at the light on Hwy 389 and Hwy 84. The pickup started forward but stopped, because here came an 18-wheeler from the south, blowing through the red light in his lane.

What made me more upset was seeing the patrol car across the street in the right hand lane, that completely ignored the truck. The patrol car turned right and went on its way south.

I've heard horror stories of near misses with huge loads coming through our town from East Hwy 380, that have to turn into oncoming traffic lanes to go north on Hwy 84. Why is the highway department sitting on their hands? Can't we at least have a by-pass on the east side of town?

I'm sure Town & Country must have had the assurance of the transportation department for no by-passes before they invested the money for their new store.

So, if we can't have truck by-pass routes, why can't the law slow these trucks down before we have a tragedy?

Louella Bilberry

*Editor's Note: The answer to most of the letter writer's questions lies in the fact that traffic codes are not law... they are rules, regulations and statutes. If they were the law, the deputies and others sworn to uphold the law, would not casually ignore violators of the law. As we have written many times, the statutory "law" is merely the color of law, and is a "feel good" piece of nonsense from Austin, designed to make the voters feel good about legislators "protecting" the innocent citizens. But in fact, the statutes from Austin merely give the pretense of protection, and no matter how many statutes are passed down, there will continue to be violators. And worse, the selective enforcement of the statutes only makes matters more complicated. Commercial truck drivers, as well as the rest of us, know the odds of getting caught...*

*The solution lies in enforcement of violation of real law... so that when someone violates the rights of another individual, the guilty is made to pay a high enough penalty to deter future violations.*

*In Texas, any citizen may file a charge against any other citizen found to be in violation of the law. We do not have to wait for paid "law enforcers" to do the work for us.*

*But the most secure policy is common sense. These intersections are dangerous, and we know that.*

*In Post, or any other place like this (Lubbock included), it is common sense to wait when the light turns green... the changing color of the light is absolutely no guarantee of safety... it is the common sense of the driver that makes the difference between safe and unsafe driving.*

*Driver beware is the motto we choose to follow, rather than to rely on unlawful enforcement of unlawful statutes.*

### Thanks for speaking out...

Please find enclosed my check to renew my subscription to your newspaper. Thank you for being one of a few publications that has the courage to speak out and shine the light of truth. Your readers need to be reminded that others may have different views on issues and that what they may see as a requirement for proper social conduct may infringe upon the freedom of others.

I revere your articles on Highway Theft and hope they will continue. I was thinking the other night about history and the Texas Rangers (not the baseball team) and how far they have departed from their original vocation.

They used to protect settlers and citizens from robbers and murderers. Now they (and their DPS counterparts) are the Texas Revenue Generation Agency. Anyway, you must be hitting them where it hurts, judging from the responses to your articles. The truth has a way of doing that.

I hope you will continue to shed light on these and other miscarriages of justice. Thank you again for your publication.

Roger Tinnin, Sweetwater

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Eva Quinonez, who runs Post Cares store located in the north east corner of the city building on east 8th street, tells me that some of the articles that are being left outside for her to take in the store to get ready to put on the racks to sell, are being stolen before she is able to get them. If you

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Thank you again to all who are helping Post Cares minister to the needs of many Post residents.  
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#### Public Notice

The governing body of the City of Post is accepting proposals to lease the old landfill site for livestock grazing. A copy of the lease agreement may be obtained at City Hall during normal business hours. Proposals should be delivered to the City of Post Municipal Building located at 105 E. Main no later than 5 p.m. March 31, 1998. The proposals will be submitted to the City Council for final approval at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 7, 1998.

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### Confident Parent Workshops

The Parenting Skills Workshops scheduled for this week (Thursday, January 22) will not be held as previously planned. The workshops will resume next Thursday, January 29 at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. in the Extension Office. All parents are encouraged to attend the Parenting Skills Workshops presented by Jaquita Blevins and Joe Gregory

### G.C.J.L.A. Livestock Show

The 1998 Garza County Jr. Livestock Show and Sale is scheduled to begin today and continue through Saturday. The new schedule of events includes the Beef Cattle Show at 4 p.m. on today, January 22, followed by the Swine Show at 6:30 p.m. Shows scheduled for Friday, January 23, include the Rabbit Show at 5 p.m. followed by the Lamb Show at 6:30 p.m. The new time for the Awards and Sale will be 9 a.m. Saturday, January 24, followed by an appreciation luncheon at Noon catered by L.D's Daughters. Everyone plan to support our 4-H and FFA youth by attending all the shows and sale!

### 4-H Workers Needed...

...for the G.C.J.L.A. Concession stand for Thursday, January 22. Call the Extension Office at 495-4400 to sign up for a time.

### Senior 4-H Clothing Project

Any Senior age (14 and over as of January 1, 1998) 4-H'ers interested in the 4-H Clothing Project need to contact Kelly Ahrens or Karlene McDougal to sign up.

### Better Living for Texans-Nutrition Workshop

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is sponsoring six Nutrition Workshops to be held on Wednesdays, January 28, February 4, 11, 18 and 25, at 10 a.m. in the Extension Office at 102 South Avenue L. The workshops are open to anyone interested in learning more about nutrition, healthy cooking and having a healthier lifestyle for the whole family. Come and join in the activities, food demonstrations and discussions.

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# Obituaries

## Ed Isaacs, Jr.

Graveside services for Ed Isaacs, Jr., 69 of Post were held Tuesday, January 20, 1998 at 2 p.m. in the Terrace Cemetery with Jack Bryant of Snyder officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Isaacs died Saturday, January 17, 1998 in University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born November 2, 1928 in Ft. Smith, Arkansas to Ed and Alta (Grant) Isaacs and came to Post with his mother shortly thereafter. He attended Post schools and served in the U.S. Navy. He married Rena Brooks on August 10, 1948 in Slaton. They lived in Post where he owned and operated The Laundry Mat and also Isaacs Appliance Repair until his illness. He was preceded in death by two daughters; Edreann Little on August 15, 1974 and Debbie Bails in June 1987; and by a brother, Sonny Davis; and a sister, Lajuan McClintock.

Survivors include: his wife, Rena of Grandbury; one son, Jamey Isaacs of Grandbury; one brother, Harold Isaacs of Charleston, S.C.; two step-brothers, J.E. White and Jimmy Dale White, both of Lubbock; two step-sisters, Bonnie Fay Davis of Carlsbad, N.M. and Almeta Wilhelm of Palestine; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were J.E. White, Jimmy Dale White, Vernon Nesmith, Charles Cooper, Timp Browning and Chuck Cooper.

## Bruce Thomas Wadsworth

Graveside services for Bruce Thomas Wadsworth, 61 of Southland will be held Friday, January 23, 1998 at 2 p.m. in Terrace Cemetery with Father Lawrence Hemp officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mr. Wadsworth died January 19, 1998 at his residence.

He was born July 15, 1936 in Hackberry, Louisiana to Thomas and Juanita (Voss) Wadsworth. He was a U.S. Marine in Korea. He worked as a Highway construction worker.

Survivors are: his ex-wife, Gussie Wadsworth of Southland; one daughter, Sherry Wadsworth of Southland; one sister, Elaine Marchionna of California; and one niece, Sherry Farris of Oregon.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers a donation to the American Cancer Society.

## Doris Faye Lucas

Funeral services for Doris Faye Lucas, 73 of Post were held Friday, January 16, 1998 at 10 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lucas died January 13, 1998 in Golden Plains Care Center.

Doris was born March 13, 1924 to Raymond and Della (Lemond) Kirkendoll in Post. She married Harold Lucas on July 7, 1946 in Post. She was a housewife. She was a Pink Lady at the Garza Memorial Hospital for many years. She was a member of the Monday Night Bridge Club and the Lady's Luncheon Bridge Club, the Women West Texas Golf Association and South Plains Womens Golf Association and she was an avid bowler. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Dixie Carol Gass on June 29, 1984.

She is survived by her husband, Harold of Post; one daughter, Barbara Ann Laughlin of Marshall; four sisters, Gladys Cast and Joan Allgood, both of Truth or Consequences, N.M.; Raydell Robinson of Farmington, N.M., and Louise Fox of Bloomfield, N.M.; two grandchildren, John David Gass of Post and Andrea Lynn Gass of Austin.

Pallbearers were Joe Giddens, John Bailey, Ray Bagby, Leslie Acker, Mark Kirkpatrick and Ronnie Gradine.

Honorary pallbearers were Bob Collier, Jack Alexander, Lane Tannehill, Bob Dickson, Virgil Bilbo, Preston Poole and Jimmy Redman.



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## MEN AND THEIR PROSTATE

BPH is? Prostatitis is? A rectal exam should be performed? If you know the answers to these questions, you may not need to read this weeks article. If not and you are a male, you should!

The prostate is a gland of the male reproductive system, located just below the bladder. Through the middle of it passes the urethra, which is the tube that allows urine to pass from the body. The prostates function is to supply nourishment and protect the male sperm during the process of conception. At birth the prostate is about the size of an almond. At puberty it doubles in size and then stops growing till about age 45. By age 80, as many as 7 out of 10 men will have an enlarged prostate.

It is this growth starting in the fourth or fifth decade that sometimes squeezes off the urethra, interfering with the normal flow of urine, causing uncomfortable symptoms. An enlarged prostate does not usually interfere with sexual function, but severe symptoms may be embarrassing and inhibit a males sexual activity.

Symptoms that are commonly associated with an enlarged prostate are frequent urination, especially at night and the sudden, uncontrollable urge to urinate. More advanced symptoms may be a weak, interrupted urine stream, leakage, and difficulty in starting urination. Ignoring these symptoms may lead to a total blockage, a very serious condition.

Benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH) is the name for this natural enlargement of some men's prostate. BPH is usually easy to treat by a spectrum of different treatments. The problem is there are other, more serious prostate illnesses that are similar to BPH in their symptoms. Prostatitis is an inflammation of the prostate caused by bacteria. In addition to the symptoms of BPH, one may have chills and a fever. As with any bacterial infection, antibiotics are needed.

Prostate cancer is a serious condition because of its ability to spread to other parts of the body. In its early stages there may not be any urinary symptoms. It can occur at any age, but is most common in men over 40. All men over age 50 and men over age 40 with a family history of prostate cancer should have an annual prostate exam. Early treatment may save their life, as well as their life style.

Michael Travis PA-C

# Menus

## Trail Blazer

Friday, Jan. 23, 1998

Beef tips, rice, coleslaw, wheat roll, oatmeal cookie, orange, beverage.

Monday, Jan. 26, 1998

Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, canned peaches, brownie, beverage.

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1998

Fish filet, golden potatoes, cabbage, corn bread, rice pudding, beverage.

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1998

BBQ pork roast, potato salad, peas and carrots, bun, apple turnover, beverage.

Thursday, Jan. 29, 1998

Salisbury steak, brown gravy, turnip greens, noodles, hot roll, apricots, beverage.

## Post ISD

Friday, Jan. 23, 1998

Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Cheeseburger, h.b. salad, French fries, grapes, milk.

Monday, Jan. 26, 1998

Breakfast: Pancake/fruit, sausage on-a-stick, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Corn dog, French fries, mixed veggies, pears, milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1998

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, sausage link, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Pizza, tossed salad, corn, peach cobbler, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 1998

Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, orange juice, milk.

Lunch: Ground beef and Spanish rice, pinto beans, salad, crackers, fruit roll-ups, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 29, 1998

Breakfast: Cowboy bread, sausage, fruit, milk.

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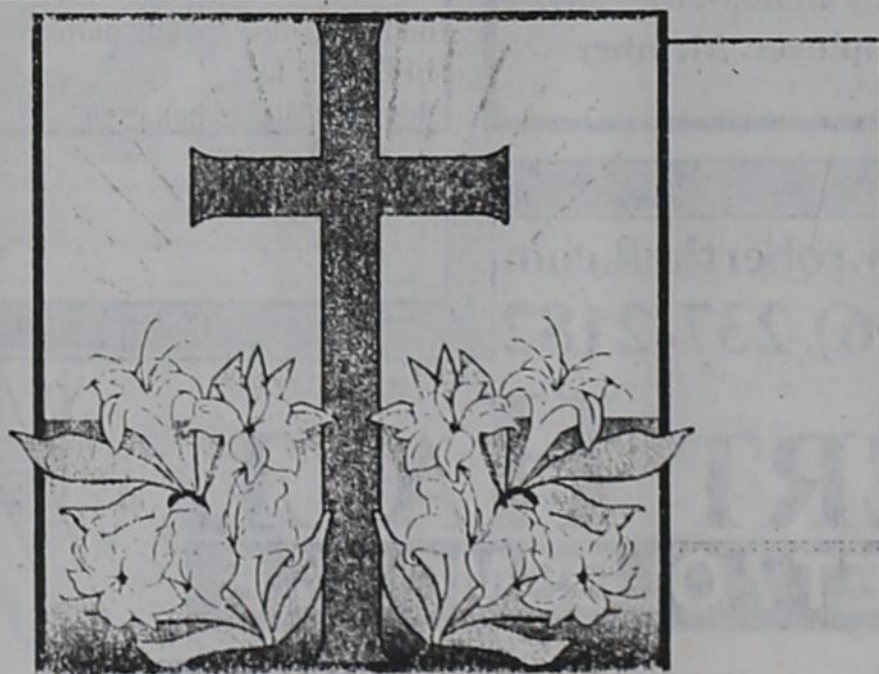
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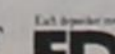
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