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Post Notes

Texas Open BBQ Cookoff Saturday

Danny Cooper is hosting the "First Annual Texas Open BBQ Cookoff" this Saturday at the Caprock Lounge, 208 N. Avenue F. Competitors will prepare brisket, chicken, ribs and fajitas. Non competitors will have the opportunity to taste the results for a small fee. A free outdoor dance will follow in the evening. Call Cooper at 495-1252 for more information.

Trailblazers set bake sale June 20

A special fund-raising bake sale will be held Saturday, June 20 at United Supermarkets by members of the Garza County Trailblazers. All assistance and donations are greatly appreciated. Call Katharine Trammell at 495-3384 to assist or donate.

Style show, decorating contest July 31

As part of the Black Gold & Glamour Style Show and Luncheon on Friday, July 31 at the Post Community Center, there will be a table decorating contest. Prizes of \$100, \$150 and \$200 will be awarded to participating groups, clubs or organizations for their service projects or favorite charity. The entry fee is \$10 and the deadline for entry is June 25. Contact Lisa Kirkpatrick at 495-2235 for more details.

Summer "tent show" at Garza Theatre

This weekend will be the final performances at The Garza Theatre of the tribute to Harley Sadler's Old Time Tent Show, "Sainly Hypocrites and Honest Sinners".

The slap-stick comedy is under the direction of Jeremy Danial, with curtain times at 7:45 evenings. Call the theatre box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

Women's Division bake sale June 20

The Women's Division of the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau will conduct a bake sale June 20, beginning at 9 a.m. in front of the OS Ranch Shop on East Main Street.

Methodist Church 'snack' drive

The First United Methodist Church is sponsoring a "snack-food" drive to benefit Da'House teen center. Any snack food, such as chips, cookies, candy, canned soft drinks or juice will be greatly appreciated. These items may be dropped off at the United Supermarket or at the church office from 9 a.m. to noon. The snack food drive will continue through June.

Elementary school library open

The Post Elementary School Library will open from 1 to 3 p.m. each Thursday during the summer. Students are encouraged to visit the library to check out books or use the computers at the library.

Bold Gold Tennis camp June 22-25

Students interested in participating in the Bold Gold Tennis Camp June 22-25 should contact coach Daily at 495-4178. The camp will include two sessions: one for youth grades fourth through sixth from 8 to 10 a.m. and one for grades seventh through ninth from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration fee is \$15. Interested youth should provide information on adult T-shirt size, name and grade level of each student.

Severe storm rips through Post

by Sheri Lewis

Portions of Garza County and Post weathered some damaging storms last week when a line of severe thunderstorms rolled through the area Wednesday, June 10.

The storm clouds dumped more than an inch and a half of much-needed rainfall on city residents, according to records from the Garza
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Hospital board rejects election

by Wesley W. Burnett

Meeting in a cramped hospital room at 7 a.m. last Thursday morning, the Garza Hospital District board of directors took no action regarding a petition to call an election to dissolve the district. The board did, however, authorize its attorney Cal Huffaker of Tahoka to research the costs involved in hiring an Austin law firm to prepare and guide legislation in the next Texas Legislature to amend the 1967 law which established the district.

Huffaker explained to the board that Chapter 286 of the Health and Safety Code, which petitioners had been told was the appropriate method of forcing an election, does not apply to the Garza Hospital District. Huffaker also said that a former staff member at the Attorney General's office who specializes in "special laws" had studied the issue and came to the same conclusion.

"When I called the Attorney General's office after last month's meeting," Huffaker explained, "they said it would take six to eight months to get processed." Huffaker was referred to the specialist, who was described as very knowledgeable on this matter.

"I really only see one way for the board to call this election," Huffaker added, "that is to seek legislative amendment to the special law that created the district to include a provision to call an election to decide the issue of whether or not to dissolve the district."

Huffaker cited Chapter 286's definition of a hospital district: "... a hospital district created under this chapter." Huffaker explained, "Taken literally, this definition would then restrict its provisions only to hospital districts created under Chapter 286 of the Health and Safety Code."

Petitioners, or proponents of the election, could take the matter to the district court for resolution, which Huffaker pointed out would be expensive to both the proponents and to the hospital district.

After asking questions about the various options, board members agreed by consensus that Huffaker should bring back estimates of the cost related to getting legislative action.

"One thing is for sure," board member Michael Travis said, "we

can not move forward until this issue is resolved. We have a cloud hanging over our head."

Huffaker also suggested that the board might want to consider making other changes to the proposed legislation, "to take care of some things that have been done not specifically included in the original law."

In answer to a question posed by The Post Dispatch to the board in a May 29 letter, Huffaker said that he believes the district is authorized to provide "medical and hospital care for the people within the district." He cited Article 9, Section 9 of the Texas constitution, declaring that hospital districts "shall assume full responsibility for providing medical and hospital care for its needy inhabitants."

"The broad interpretation that 'needy' only includes indigent is

not an argument that would stand judicial interpretation, and therefore not an issue I feel warrants further discussion or expense," Huffaker told the board (see editorial comments on Page 5).

If the legislative action to provide for an election is sought, it would be taken up at the next session in January 1999.

In other action, the board approved the designation of indigent status to four Garza County people, for whom services have yet to be rendered.

Attending the meeting were board members Jack Alexander, David Tyler, David Nichols, Zoe Kirkpatrick and Michael Travis; administrator Maritta Reed and attorney Huffaker.

Weather in Post

Date	High	Low	Precip
6/10	90	60	1.65
6/11	89	60	—
6/12	90	60	—
6/13	96	74	—
6/14	102	68	—
6/15	97	64	—
6/16	97	63	—
June rainfall — 1.80			
Year-to-date — 7.151			
(Records courtesy Garza County Sheriff's Department)			

Lubbock man drowns at Lake Alan Henry Saturday

by Sheri Lewis

Preliminary autopsy results indicate there were no alcohol or health factors involved in Sunday's drowning of 30-year-old Bill Cowan of Lubbock at Lake Alan Henry.

According to Lake Ranger Randy Johnston, the man apparently did not suffer any type of physical trauma prior to his death. And while results of a full toxicology study have not yet been obtained, preliminary findings do not indicate that alcohol played a role in the death.

"There was no other cause that could be found," said Johnston, who attended Monday's autopsy.

Results of the toxicology screening are expected in about two weeks.

Cowan's body was recovered in Lake Alan Henry at about 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon, approximately five hours after the man was reported missing by his wife, Roan.

According to Johnston, the man and his wife were alone and upstream near the end of the lake when at about 10:30 a.m. they pulled their boat over to the bank and got out. Neither was wearing a life jacket. The boat was apparently not tied off well and began drifting downstream, according to the information Johnston obtained from the Mrs Cowan.

According to her reports, the man jumped into the water and began swimming after the drifting boat but the wind caught the craft and he was unable to catch it. Mrs Cowan entered the water as well and began swimming after the boat.

Cowan apparently became fatigued and began heading toward the other bank and his wife continued to swim after the boat. She caught the boat, started it and turned around, only to find her husband has
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Visiting Washington, D.C. earlier this month, under the sponsorship of Mrs Dedra Adams (rear, left) accompanied by her husband, Charles Adams, were Post Middle School students (back row, right) Jamie Feagin, (middle row, left to right) Brody Roberts, Mikey Gonzales, Justin Acevedo, Blake Lewis, Seth

Redman, Tye Mason, Jeremy Bland, Jay Waylon Strawn, Kenda Josey, (front row) DuDu Jarrett, Danny Reiter, Paige Lott, Chase Miller, Kyzandre Harper, Regina Collazo, Brice Easterling, K'Leigh Babb, Jessica Mason, Kelly Moore,

Mirta Gomez, Nicole Gray, Amanda Workman, Heather Palmer, Tandi Humble, Brandon Massey, Ronnie Parrish, Meagan Mills, Eric Alaniz and Tiffany Hair. (See Story on Page 6)

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Rebecca McDougal and Randy Buchanan

McDougal, Buchanan announce engagement

Larry and Karleen McDougal of Southland, formerly of Comanche, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Ann McDougal to Randy Gayle Buchanan.

Rebecca is the granddaughter of Morene McDougal and the late E.J. McDougal of Comanche, and Pat and Eileen Garrett of Lubbock.

Randy is the son of Myrlyn Howell and the late Roy Buchanan, and stepson of the late Benson Howell, all of Comanche. He is also the grandson of Wayne and Merle Williams of Comanche.

The prospective bride is a 1994 graduate of Comanche High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics. She will be employed with PIC in Hennessey, Oklahoma.

The prospective groom is also a 1994 graduate of Comanche High School and a senior at Texas Tech University majoring in Exercise Sports Science. He is employed at Pat Garrett Realtors in Lubbock.

The wedding will be August 8, 1998 at the First Baptist Church in Comanche with Pastor Daryll Smith officiating.

Amelia Island, Florida— Undiscovered History

(NAPS)—Current travel trends show that more than ever Americans are interested in visiting historical sites. While many may be familiar with the Alamo or Gettysburg, one of the undiscovered sites of unique American history is Amelia Island, Florida.

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The Amelia Island Museum of History, Florida's only oral history museum, will set the stage for visitors to the island, documenting the native Americans who lived on its shores through the pirates' age to the golden age when Amelia Island was known as the "Queen of Summer Resorts." Visitors can have a drink at the oldest bar in the state, lunch at the oldest hotel or shop on Centre Street where the store fronts date from the 1870's. Quaint Victorian homes serve as bed and breakfast inns within the charming historic district.

Though Amelia is not all history, it includes oceanfront resorts complete with golf courses and a natural beauty that features great intracoastal and offshore fishing, sea kayaking and sailing. For more information about one of America's great historical treasures, call 1-800-2AMELIA or write the Amelia Island Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 472, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

The way up and the way down are one and the same.
—Heraclitus

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush



Looks like it is going to be another hot week, wish we could get a good dose of that rain that we received last week. I know some of the farmers are already having to replant, so everyone lets think rain!

Jimmy, Rhonda, Coco and Quinton Valdez hosted an 80th. birthday party for Elberta Martin (Mimi). Elberta received many flowers and gifts from everyone, and a special treat through the week was approximately 60 cards, one from Governor Bush, several from country singers in Missouri and special friends and church family here in Post.

Elberta is blessed with a big family consisting of 3 daughters, 6 granddaughters, 2 grandsons, 10 great-grandsons and 2 great-granddaughters. All were in attendance, excluding youngest daughter Vicki Sue Bilbo, who was in North Carolina with daughter Angela bringing another great-granddaughter into the world.

Everyone had a wonderful time and all hope to live to be 80 and still look, feel and get around as well as Elberta (Mom, Aunt, friend and Mimi to all!)

Those attending were: Cheryl Vardiman, Whitehouse, Tx., Alesha and Zachary Kelle, Lewisville, Tx., Kent and Kenda Fluitt, Ft. Worth, Tx., Mary Jo Evans and Jean Cato, Lubbock, Tx., Shawn Kellye, Denver City, Tx., Channa, Pake and Skylor Jones, Levelland, Tx., Winston James and Libby, Dickens, Tx. and Claudine Bilberry and Brenda, Dallas, Tx.

Those attending from Post were: Kenneth and Carolyn Williams, Greg, Sherry and Justin Williams, Charles and Ruby Williams, Charla and Alex Miller, Jay and Kim Lott, Popeye Valdez and Francisco Duran.

David and Lisa Dean and children, Cody and Caden took a pleasure trip last Thursday to Lincoln New Mexico, home of Billy the Kid. They also visited Capitan, home of Smokey the Bear, White Sands and Three Rivers Petroglyphs. They had a great time, and were not ready to return home on Sunday.

Birthdays this week are: Thursday 18; James Rudd, Aubrey Horton and Kerry Siewert. Anniversaries: Darrell and Ruby Jones, Friday 19; Barbe Bevers, Ernest Saldivar, Baily Odum and Jessica Morris. Anniversary: Bill and Alexia Collier. Saturday 20; Joel Poe IV, Cassie Perez and Rachel Hubble. Anniversary; Dennis and Debbie Mason, Bill and Barbe Bevers. Sunday 21; Dominic Pequeno and Justin Terry. Monday 22; Erik Gomez, Melinda Alaniz, Dolores Redman, Linda Hampton, Terrell Jarrett, Virginia Bevers, Monica Schooler and Diane Josey. Anniversary; Kim and Rhonda Norman. Tuesday 23; Dustin Poe and Joe Gregory. Anniversaries; Joe and Staci Marts, Coach and Mrs. Kelso. Wednesday 24; Haley Poe, Ricky Quinonez, Jr., Leah Tackitt, Felicia Vargas, Loretta Alaway, Erica Schooler and Bradley Benham. Anniversary; Bryan and Francesca Davies.

Wes and Pat Burnett shared the weekend with all of their children and grandchildren as the family met in Greenville and attended the annual Samuel family reunion in Ladonia.

Visiting and traveling from Post with their parents, were Tim Burnett of Denton and Kimberly Dolberry of Midland with her children Alyssa, Cailee and Whitney. James Burnett of Pearland met the family in Greenville.

The Samuel family reunion, which started in June 1980, was held at the Ladonia volunteer fire department building. The Fannin County event reunites descendants of Bruce Walker and Vona Brucilla Samuel of Ladonia.

In closing this week, I would like to extend to all of the Fathers out there, the very best wishes for a great day Sunday. Kids, wives and Moms, treat him special and Dad's spend the time with your families. Everyone have a great weekend and may God bless you all!

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It seems that once we begin raising a family, we are thrust into the role of a parent with little or no training. Usually we are able to adapt by reading, asking questions, and using common sense. When raising children, there are three stages of fatherhood.

The two-year-old child says "Daddy," the ten-year-old says "Dad," and the teenager says "Father." The loving father knows that while all stages are important, the "Daddy" stage is when you must instill the moral fibers and character which will be carried through life. Although there have been countless books written on parenting, the best handbook for parents is still the Bible.

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Grandparents' Corner



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Bring your favorite grandparent photo to The Post Dispatch to be included in this feature. Photos will be published in the order of their arrival in our office.

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4-H Record Books/Project Forms

4-H'ers who plan to prepare Record Books or Project Forms need to come by the Extension Office for current forms. If you participated in any project since last July, you need to turn in a Project Form to be eligible to receive your year pin or a Record Book to be eligible for other county awards. The deadline to turn books or project forms in is July 6.

4-H Clothing Project.....

.....will begin in July. If you are interested in learning proper buying techniques or construction skills, call the Extension Office at 495-4400 to sign up.

Mitchell earns Bachelor degree

Alissa Mitchell was awarded her Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from Baylor University at the May 16 graduation ceremony. She was recently recognized as the Outstanding Graduate in Public Relations Writing, which was the focus of her degree.

While attending Baylor she was active in Alpha Chi Omega sorority, PRSSA and received numerous scholarships and honor society recognition's. Alissa is the daughter of Jimmy and Cindy Mitchell of Post and was a 1994 honor graduate of Post High School.

She is currently employed by Community Credit Union of Plano. Her parents honored her at a luncheon following graduation attended by her family and a host of friends.

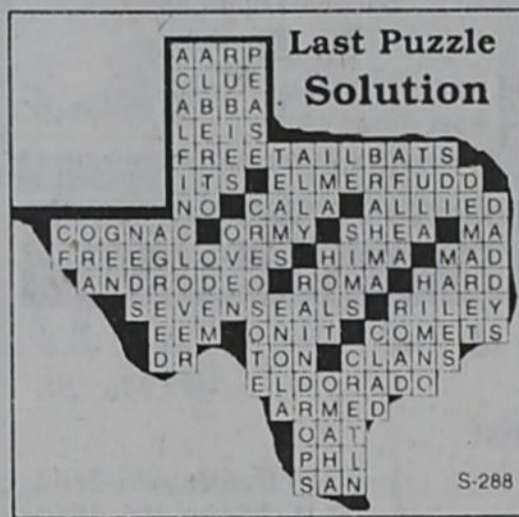
Attention farmers and ranchers

An equipment identification seminar to combat the rising thefts of farm equipment, trailers and tractors in your counties and surrounding counties, will be conducted at the Kent County Livestock Barn in Clairmont, on Wednesday, August 26, 1998 at 10 a.m.

This seminar is sponsored by the Kent County Sheriff's Office, The Dickens County Sheriff's Office and the Garza County Sheriff's Office.

The seminar will be conducted by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Motor Vehicle Theft Service. For more information contact: Sheriff Charles Alderman, Kent Co. S.O. at 806-237-3802, Sheriff Kenneth Brendell, Dickens County S.O. at 806-623-5533 or Sheriff Kenny Ratke, Garza County S.O. at 806-495-3595.

Liberty is a beloved discipline.
—George Caspar Homans



Little League scores and highlights

Friday, June 12

Tigers 17, Ais 6

Cubs 16, Red Sox 2 The Cubs' Patrick Gonzales pitched three innings and gave up 1 run; on offense, Gonzales had 2 homers over the fence, including a grand slam to left field. He had 7 RBIs and went 4/4 in batting. Other batting standouts included Brody Conner, 3/4; Aaron Fox, 2/3 and one walk; and Mitch Holley, 2/3 and one walk (received the game ball due to outstanding defensive play as catcher). The Cubs had 13 first inning runs in the four-inning game.

Tuesday, June 16

Red Sox 17, Ais 9

Dodgers 13, Cubs 2 The Dodgers' Mitchell Mills went 3/3 and scored three times. Bryan Looney was 2/2 and had a two-run over-the-fence homerun. He scored three times. On offense, Looney pitched four strong innings with 10 strikeouts, 2 hits given up, 3 walks. The Dodgers are 11-0 on the season with this win and league champions.

Closing ceremonies for the league are scheduled for Saturday night at 5:30 p.m. All-Star teams will be named at that time.

Babe Ruth League

Post White Sox 13, Tahoka Navy 3 Pitching for Post was Ricky Holloway who pitched five strong innings and faced 19 batters, giving up one run. Notable batters for the White Sox included Joey Cimental with one single; Brooks Conner, 2/4 including a two-RBI single with bases loaded; Seth Redman, 1/2 and a two-RBI single; and Felix Valdez, 1/2.

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Opinions



Who are the 'needy' and 'indigent'?

by Wesley W. Burnett

A few weeks ago I sent a letter to Garza Hospital District board of directors president Jack Alexander, requesting the exact constitutional provision or legislative statute authorizing the district to spend tax funds for any purpose other than care for the needy or indigent of this county.

I have been asking this question since November 26, 1997 when I wrote an editorial on the subject, quoting the statute which established the district, as well as Article 9, Section 9 of the Texas constitution.

Finally, last Thursday morning at the district's regular meeting, GHD attorney Callaway Huffaker presented a statement on this issue... also quoting the same constitutional provision and statute.

"This article sets forth specifically that the District "shall assume responsibility for providing medical and hospital care for its needy inhabitants," Mr Huffaker wrote in a letter of explanation, as well as verbally stated at the meeting.

"Under strict interpretation it is my opinion that the District is by mandate to provide medical and hospital care for the people within the District," Huffaker continued. "The broad interpretation that 'needy' only includes indigent is not an argument that would stand judicial interpretation, and therefore not an issue I feel warrants further discussion or expense."

I don't wish to disparage Mr Huffaker's legal expertise, but it didn't take me but a few minutes to find the following definition of "needy" in Black's Law Dictionary (Sixth Edition), a book which I believe is widely recognized in the judicial system as a standard for legal definitions:

"Needy. Indigent, necessitous, very poor. *Nichols v. State Social Security Commission of Missouri*, 349 Mo. 1148, 164 S.W.2d 278, 280. See *Indigent*."

Not only has Mr Huffaker overlooked that "needy" and "indigent" are interchangeable words with practically the same meaning, he says that the interpretation of "needy" only including indigent would not stand judicial review.

If common sense is to have any impact at all in the judicial system, surely the term "needy" would not include all the inhabitants of Garza County. Stretching the words of the law is not the same as a "strict interpretation." Needy people are indigent people, and the law is clear: the Garza Hospital District was established to care for the needy and indigent... and that is all the authority it has. It's time for the directors of the district to abide by the law, as Mr Alexander emphatically stated at the October meeting.

Highway theft relies on 'volunteers'

by Wes Burnett

Garza County continues to rake in big bucks off the backs of unsuspecting motorists, collecting another \$34,197.53 in the month of May through the highway revenue collection program, also known as "traffic criminals." Add in \$4,612.50 from the City of Post Municipal court for a total of \$38,810.03.

A total of 491 travelers paid fines in May bringing the year-to-date take at \$214,170.66 as reported by the Justice of the Peace courts and Municipal Court. JP 1 collected from 237 victims, JP 2 reported 230 on the docket and the City of Post added 24 more.

There is no effective method to determine how many of these cases were related to commercial travel, as defined by the Texas Transportation Code, because the reports do not specify whether or not the victim was actually being paid to carry passengers or property for hire.

Most of the travelers are not even aware of the fact that their modes of transportation (cars and trucks) are not "motor vehicles" as defined by the code, but because they have voluntarily applied for and received Certificates of Title for a Motor Vehicle from the State of Texas, they have declared themselves as owners of "motor vehicles," and therefore subject to the code.

I often wondered why our great-grandparents were able to go unmolested on roadways without "certificates of titles" for their wagons and mules, while our grandparents and parents and ourselves have been burdened with this confiscatory tax and restriction on our liberty.

Now I understand... we did it to ourselves. We voluntarily went to the courthouse (or had the car dealer do it for us) when we purchased a car or truck, and we voluntarily signed over our ownership by way of an "Application for Certificate of Title for a Motor Vehicle." Thinking, of course, because we've been told we have to, that we had no choice. The situation is further compounded by the legislative slight of hand by defining "motor vehicle" in such a way as to confuse most people. (See related issue on this page.)

Perhaps the next time we purchase a car or truck, we will demand a Bill of Sale or a Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin, and thereby exempt ourselves from the mislabeling of owning a "motor vehicle."

Carrying around a state driver's license is also a severe limit on freedom and liberty... that little piece of paper wrapped in plastic declares the holder to be an "operator of a motor vehicle." Guess we'll have to discard that too in order to recover the liberty of our ancestors.

And thereafter, rules to live by

by Walter E. Williams

Whenever Mom told my sister and me to share the last piece of pie or cake, or divide a pot of oatmeal that we both hated, she'd tell one of us to do the cutting or spooning, and the other had the first choice.

That rule gave whoever was the cutter or spooner uncanny incentive to be fair. For example, if I cut the cake unevenly, I'd lose because my sister had first choice and would choose the larger piece of cake (or the smaller bowl of oatmeal). Mom's strategy should be the basis for all societal rules. Good laws (rules) are those written as though our worst enemy had the power to enforce them.

Let's apply this idea to laws about speech and ask: If we seek fairness, what kind of laws should there be about speech? How about a law that says people are permitted to speak freely so long as they don't say something that offends another? Or, how about a law that mandates the nation's official language be English?

Some people might agree, pointing out they would promote sensitivity toward the feelings of others and strengthen the common culture. But what if your worst enemies win control of Congress and the White House? Then, if you said to a young lady, "Those jeans are really fitting you well," you might be fined or jailed for speech that the majority power deems offensive. If you're for making English the official language, a future majority might make the official language Spanish or French.

We don't have a lot to worry about with speech because the Framers anticipated Mom's rule, saying: "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech." If there's respect for that rule, even if our worst enemies take over Congress and the White House, no sweat.



There are a bunch of Mom-like rules in our Bill Rights, containing distrustful and highly negative language like: "shall not be infringed," "shall not be violated," "shall not be required" and "nor be deprived."

Mom's rules would never be seen in heaven — they'd be an insulting insinuation that God cannot be trusted with power and that God is not a just God. However, if you are unfortunate enough to end up in the other place, you'd surely want Mom's rules, as you can't trust the Devil to do right.

We Americans have forgotten the warnings of James Madison and Thomas Jefferson about the tyranny of the majority. We think that because there's a majority vote of support, that fact alone confers legitimacy on laws passed by Congress. If you think a majority consensus is fair, how would you like enactment of the following law: Congress shall have the power to ban, regulate or tax out of existence any product found to have no nutritional necessity but is costly to the nation's health-care system?

While most Americans support what Congress is now doing to cigarette smokers, I'd be willing to bet my bank account they wouldn't support those actions as a general rule. For example, there's absolutely no nutritional reason for adding salt to food, or consuming beer, whiskey, butter, potato chips and candy — but consumption of these goods raises health-care costs.

Why would Americans support cigarette control and not a general rule allowing Congress to ban or control consumption of other products deemed harmful to our health? Most of the answer is cigarettes are the other guy's vice, and a majority has the power to be arbitrary. For me, I'll take Mom's rule any day — until I have the power to impose my values on others.

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Letters to the Editor

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'Motor vehicle' owners must apply for title

Over the past few weeks, I have read the on-going commentary and interpretation of the Texas Transportation Code, mainly those pertaining to sections 501 and 502.

I would first like to address the word "shall." You quoted from a law dictionary that the word shall, as used in the writing of law, to mean "may" or that you have the option of following a particular law. In every reference that I can find where the word "shall" is defined, from the Bible to Webster's Dictionary, the word shall means that you will do what is requested. (See editorial comments on this page for response.)

Now, I would like to address the section of Chapter 501 you seem to have trouble with, Section 501.004(a). This section applies to a motor vehicle owned by the state or a political subdivision of the state. This section was added to this chapter for the purpose of making this statute apply to the state, counties and municipalities. In other words, a state owned vehicle is not exempt from these laws. When the county buys a vehicle, it becomes the owner of that vehicle, therefore it must also apply for a certificate of title along with the private citizen, which is covered by section 501.023(a)(b). This section states the owner of a motor vehicle must apply for a certificate of title. (See editorial comments on this page for response.)

It's all in the definition of words: 'shall' and 'motor vehicle'

by Wes Burnett

Actually, the word **shall** is imperative or mandatory only when the law does not conflict with a constitutional guarantee. The problem here is that most people do not know what their constitutional guarantees are... and that the word "shall" has been declared not to be mandatory if it interferes with a constitutional guarantee... and this is a well established rule of law (Black's Law Dictionary, Sixth Edition).

As Americans and Texans, we have inherited a set of fundamental and basic rights which government is forbidden to regulate or restrict, and one of them is our liberty, which includes moving about from place to place unimpeded by government. Take a look at this court case (there are many others, which we have on file here if anyone wants to see them):

"The right to travel is a part of the 'liberty' of which the citizen cannot be deprived without due process of law under the Fifth Amendment. Freedom of movement across frontiers in either direction, and inside frontiers as well, was a part of our heritage. Travel abroad, like travel within the country, may be as close to the heart of the (378 U.S. 506) individual as the choice of what he eats, or wears or reads. Freedom of movement is basic in our scheme of values." *Kent v. Dulles*, 357, U.S. 116, 125-126; 78 S.Ct. 1113, 1118-1119; 2 L.Ed. 2d 1204 (1958).

What is a 'motor vehicle'?

Common sense would dictate that a "motor vehicle" is just about any conveyance that is motorized. However, common sense does not prevail when it comes to convoluted legislative acts. Here's how the Transportation Code defines a "motor vehicle."

"(13) The term 'motor vehicle' means any vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer, or semitrailer propelled or drawn by mechanical power and used upon the highways in the transportation of passengers or property, but does not include any vehicle, locomotive, or car operated exclusively on a rail or rails."

What was that again? "... used upon the highways in the transportation of passengers or property ..."

So, if I use my car or truck for personal and business matters, but do not charge anyone for transportation, either people or property, then the car or truck I drive is not, according to the Transportation Code, a "motor vehicle."

The law that Mr Yarbrough quotes, which he declares is the one which requires everyone who owns a vehicle to apply for a certificate of title, actually says (in the words of the writer), any owner of a **motor vehicle** must do this and that and so forth. He is correct, those who operate a "motor vehicle," as defined by the statute, are required to obey that law... because the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that using the public highways for profit through hauling passengers and property for pay is a "privilege" not a right. And the word "passenger" is defined as anyone who pays another for transportation.

But most of us do not use our cars or trucks in that way, so, we are exempt from the Transportation Code, unless of course we voluntarily applied for certificates of title... which most of us have done. More on that later.

In the meantime, we pray our peace officers, and the courts which support them, will recognize and secure our constitutional guarantees of individual rights with the same vitality they use to enforce the state's transportation code.

Local Government Meetings

Monday, June 22

- Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor courthouse.

Tuesday, July 7

- Post City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

Monday, July 13

- Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor courthouse.

Tuesday, July 14

- Post ISD board of trustees, 7:30 p.m., administration building.

Post students tour Washington D.C.

Every year, Dedra Adams takes Post seventh and eighth graders on the ultimate field trip. History repeated itself this year and the trip was a huge success.

This trip marked the 13th year Adams has charged into the nation's capitol with four days and an itinerary as long as The Washington Monument. There were 29 Post students, Jamie Feagin (PHS graduate), Charles and Dedra Adams, in this years group.

The tour group left Post on Tuesday,

June 1 to fly to Washington from Lubbock. While in the DC area, the group stayed at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in New Carrollton, Maryland.

The group started on tour the minute their plane landed. They went directly on their charter bus and went on the night tour of the area. They saw the Iwo Jima Memorial, FDR Memorial, Kennedy Center, Jefferson Memorial and the National Archives.

At the National Archives the group was able to see the original

Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

During the groups whirlwind tour of Washington, they saw the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Women's Memorial, Korean Memorial, Einstein Statue, Ford's Theatre, Petersen House, White house, Embassy Row, National Cathedral, Walter Reed Medical Museum, National Zoo, Holocaust Museum, Museum of American History, and Museum of Natural History (Smithsonian Complex), The Air and Space Museum, Mount Vernon, Alexandria, Capitol Hill, Supreme Court, Library of Congress and the Navy Museum.

From a distance they saw the Pentagon and Watergate but did not tour these facilities.

The entire group got a little misty eyed as four of their group placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Those representing Post were Kelly Moore, Kenda Josey, Jeremy Bland and Danny Reiter.

After watching the changing of the Guard they toured Arlington Cemetery including the Kennedy gravesites.

Adams says one of the best things for her is seeing the students faces light up when they see things. "I want to give them the spark to go back some day and take more time and think about taking their families.

Those going on the trip from Post were: Justin Acevedo, Eric Alaniz, K'Leigh Babb, Jeremy Bland, Regina Collazo, Brice Easterling, Jamie Feagin, Mickey Gonzales, Mirra Gomez, Nicole Gray, Tiffany Hair, Kyzandre Harper, Tandi Humble, Dee Dee Jarrett, Kenda Josey, Blake Lewis, Paige Lott, Jessica Mason, Tye Mason, Brandon Massey, Chase Miller, Meagan Mills, Kelly Moore, Heather Palmer, Ronnie Parrish, Seth Redman, Danny Reiter, Brody Robertson, Jay Waylon Strawn, Amanda Workman, and Dedra and Charles Adams.

Tim Burnett enters music therapy intern

Timothy W. Burnett of Denton, son of Pat and Wes Burnett of Post, has completed academic requirements at Texas Woman's University in Denton toward a degree in Music Therapy. He will serve his six month internship at the Center for Neurodevelopmental Studies in Glendale, Arizona beginning in October 1998.

Following completion of the internship, Burnett will participate in TWU commencement exercises in May 1999.

Pettet graduates from High School

Edna Bilberry of Post went to Cody, Wyoming to see her grandson, Arthur Pettet graduate from Cody High School on June 6.

He is the son of Art and Dean Pettet, former residents of Post.

Dawn Bilberry of Post accompanied her on the trip along with Chris Bilberry and Marisa Huffman from Snyder. Marisa graduated from Snyder High School on May 29.

Storm damages roofs, windows and utility lines

(Continued from Page 1)

County Sheriff's Department, but also carried strong and gusty winds. At about 4:30 p.m., the storm swept across the eastern portion of the city and county — uprooting trees, felling utility poles and causing some structural damage.

According to Linda Self, an employee of Old Mill Trade Days, the winds that were unleashed at 4:30 p.m. knocked over one of the park's ticket booths and destroyed the outdoor Rainmaker stage. "We were very fortunate," Self said. "Our south ticket booth blew over and we're going to have to repair it... and then our stage got torn up and we'll have to redo it. But we're lucky. We're real lucky."

Trade Days employees are working to repair the ticket booth and stage and hope to have the work completed by the next event, which is set for July 3-5.

The cotton warehouse located behind Trade Days also sustained damage. According to Kent Bennett, about 15-20 squares were blown off the roof and several automobile windows were damaged.

"The wind that got us was strong enough that it was blowing peazoid gravel off the roof and it got a bunch of car windows but there was no damage to any of the cotton," Bennett said. "The rain got some wet but it's just a matter of getting it dry. We did have some roof damage in a couple of places and that's being taken care of and we'll be back to normal in a week or 10 days."

Bennett said a television meteorologist watching the storm said the damaging winds could be attributed to a downburst.

"It could have been a lot worse than it was," he said.

In the residential area around the old mill, the roof was ripped off of one mobile home and at least one local resident lost his chicken coops, according to County Judge Giles Dalby. Tree limbs were downed throughout the area. Several utility poles were knocked over west of the airport on Highway 380 and poles were also felled in the 400 block of South Avenue G and on CR 207, according to Sheriff's department reports.

Shane Walker - A truly gifted and talented student

Shane Walker who is 14 years old has just completed 8th grade at Frenship Jr. High School with exceptional accomplishments. Being President of FJHS Student Council, he had more than his share of satisfaction as a student and officer, which involved a lot of responsibilities and personal sacrifices.

Not only was he involved academically, he participated in football and basketball. For the year, he was able to maintain perfect attendance and was awarded academic excellence for "A" Honor roll for 1997-98.

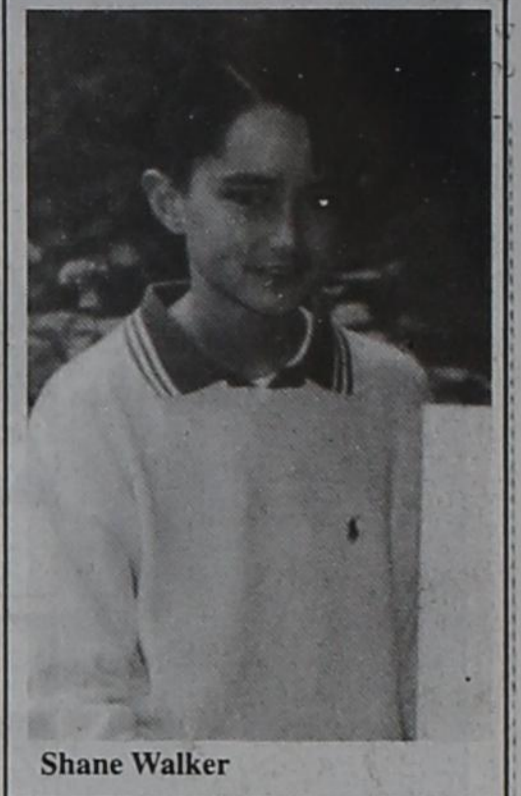
Shane, who was chosen Mr. Frenship JHS for the year, was awarded the "Team Character Corps Award" by his teammates and was chosen "Hardest Worker" by his teachers. Shane has been in the Frenship Gifted and Talented Program since 1995 after moving from Post.

This year has been very challenging and interesting with the GT program. Their teams have placed first in the regionals in the Texas Future Problem Solvers and were finalists in the State Bowl Championship in Austin on April 24-26, 1998.

Shane was named United States National Award winner in Math, English and International Foreign Language by his teachers Mrs. Swan, Mr. Carpenter and Mrs. Garcia respectively, which will appear in the 1997-1998 United States Achievement Academy official yearbook.

He was also selected by the Academy as an "All-American Scholar" honoring top academically talented students in America. Recently, he gained academic recognition in 8th grade TAAS in

Social Studies, Science, Math and Reading, scoring in the 99th percentile. He credits his success with



Shane Walker

a little bit of fun, a lot of hard work and a whole lot of imagination.

As an out of school activity, he was recently awarded his "First Degree Black Belt" from Lubbock Karate instructed by Mr. John Liles, and was chosen student of the month for March '98.

He one day wants to become a doctor, lawyer or a politician. He also hopes to advance his knowledge of computers. His ultimate goal is to follow his two brothers into an Ivy League University.

Shane is the son of Pat and Lina Walker of Lubbock, formerly of Post.

Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs.

—Henry Ford

Local students receive degrees and academic honors at TT

More than 2,000 students at Texas Tech University received degrees during the 1998 spring commencement exercises. Students from Post were Sara Jane Hudman receiving a Master of Arts degree. Sara is the daughter of Bob and Suzanne Hudman of Post.

More than 3,600 Texas Tech University undergraduate students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

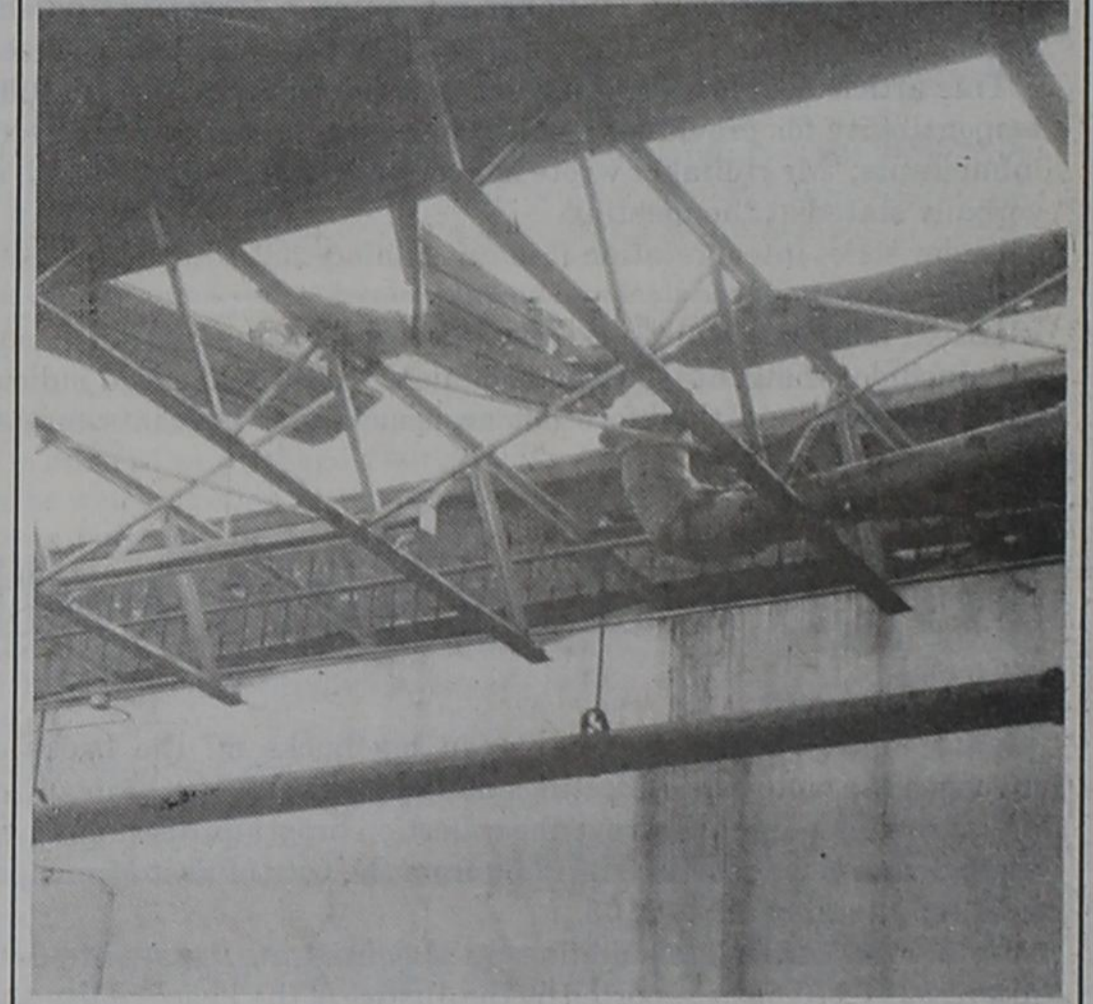
Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of classwork. Students who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Local students making the honor rolls include Justin Haire, Nichole Pollard, Jill Stelzer and Mikki Wilks on the Dean's List and Holly Hardin on the President's List.



Tyler Bennett was recently named by the United States Achievement Academy as a United States National Award Winner in Science. He was nominated for the award by Post Middle School teacher Carol Hester. He is the son of Kim Bennett of Post and grandson of Herman and Diann Guthrie of Post.

Roof damage at Postex Warehouse



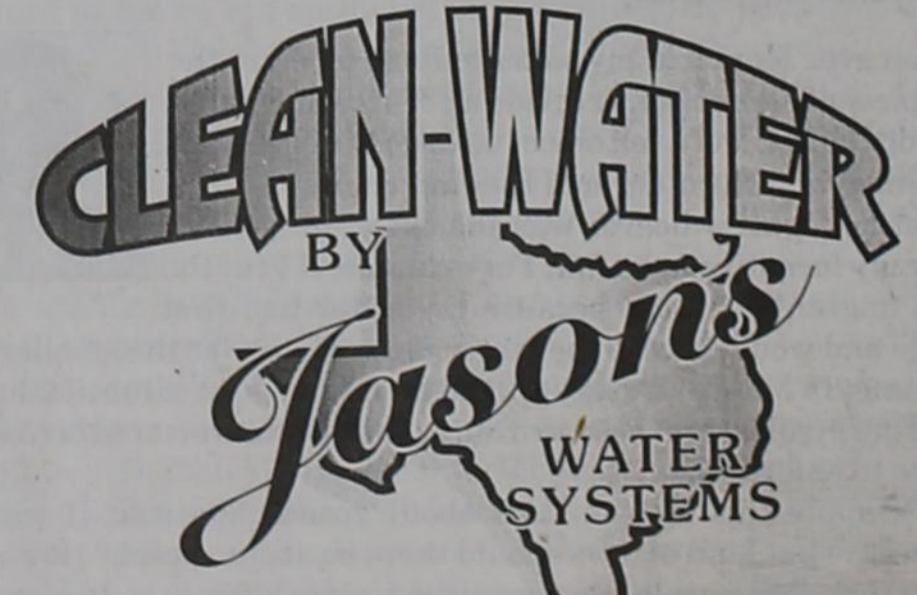
A portion of the roof at Postex Warehouse was ripped off during the severe thunderstorm which roared through Post last Wednesday. (Photo by Barbe Bevers)

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Local teachers attend Convention

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interest in San Antonio. Jean E. Meinke, convention chairman of San Antonio, was assisted by co-chairmen Trudy C. Kinnison of San Antonio and Bonnie Baker of Carrizo Springs.

Newly elected presidents of the 306 chapters in Texas participated in leadership training in a pre-convention seminar. Each president received a guidebook of Society information and calendar of events to assist them in their two year term in office. Local chapter president for the Theta Eta Chapter attending included Connie Flores, outgoing president Cheryl Clopton and other Theta Eta members: Nancy Vaughn, Carmen Camp, Fern Niles and Adena Dixon.

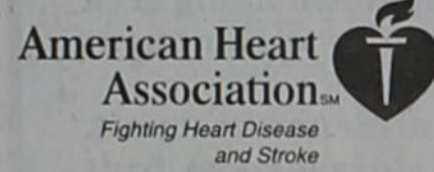
Other convention attendees attended a workshop discussing "Valuing Diversity—Communicating Across Cultures." Opening night ceremonies included the formal presentation of the national, state and Society flags and the singing of the respective anthems. Dr. Jerry Christian, superintendent of the Alamo Heights ISD, welcomed the twelve hundred educators to the convention. Entertainment was provided by Dance Expressions of San Antonio College, Bravo students from Lee High School and a high school mariachi band.

The organization of key women teachers formed in Austin on May 11, 1929 by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton from a nucleus of twelve founders. Membership now includes more than 155,000 members in 14 countries. Some three thousand members are expected to attend the international convention in Dallas at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel July 14-20.

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Garza County 4-H'ers attending District 4-H Leadership Lab last week were (back row, left to right) Breann Heckaman, Clinton Yarbro, Heath Fellhauer, (front row) Quinton Yarbro, Traci Nelson and Elizabeth Serrano. Clinton and Heath received special recognition for activities and involvement in projects and leadership roles.

Cotton News



from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

by Shawn Wade
Friday, June 12, 1998
by Shawn Wade

Final decisions about the future of some one million acres of dryland cotton appears to be in the hands of crop insurance adjusters and companies.

Officials at the United States Department of Agriculture Risk Management Agency, which oversees regulatory aspects of the Federal Crop Insurance Program, announced a deviation from normal appraisal procedures for drought affected cotton in Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma June 10.

According to the deviation, affected cotton acreage that receives no moisture between planting and the seventh day after the applicable final planting date can be released on the basis of plant count at the time of appraisal.

If "measurable" moisture is received between the time of planting and the seventh day following the applicable final planting date the acreage may not be released until the fifteenth day following the final planting date.

According to USDA officials it will be the individual insurance companies who will determine whether or not "measurable" moisture has been received.

It is evident that some companies are interpreting this language in different ways. Some will enforce the additional seven day waiting period if rainfall is received that was measurable with a rain gauge. Others have determined that recent storms, which dropped generally one-half inch of rain this past week, were not adequate and will go forward to release acreage as quickly as possible.

Only time will tell what effect previously dry conditions and this most recent round of rainfall will have on High Plains crop prospects. Even with rainfall received this week, prospects are not improved for some one million acres or more of dryland cotton. Some areas may see stands established although how much is still in question.

by Shawn Wade
Determining the standards by which all U.S. cotton will be measured is no small task. Representatives from several portions of the cotton industry met in Memphis this past week to do just that.

Probably the most important piece of news to come out of the Universal Standards Conference is USDA's intention to adjust charts defining color grades to more closely reflect equivalent readings from High Volume Instrument (HVI) classing machinery.

There will not be any change for

1998 and the Classer will still determine the color grade on all cotton classed in USDA classing offices. It is anticipated that by the 1999 crop HVI will become the official USDA method of determining color grades of cotton.

by Roger Haldenby
Boll weevil trap catches generally dropped across much of the High Plains over the past few weeks as strong winds, arid conditions and then record temperatures prevailed.

However, since measurable moisture fell on Tuesday of this week, a marked increase in boll weevil activity can be expected in the next several days. Traps checked in Dawson County on Thursday held significantly higher numbers than others in the same county checked Monday before the rain.

While maybe as much as a million acres of dryland cotton in the entire High Plains area is looking beyond hope, the limited rainfall is certainly of some benefit to the irrigated crop.

Cotton planted under center pivot irrigation in early May is rapidly approaching, or even at pinhead square. Producers and their crop consultants are closely monitoring these fields for boll weevils and other insects as cotton plants reach one of the most vulnerable phases of the growing season.

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Storm, accidents keep deputies busy

Seven arrests were made in Garza County over the past week, according to sheriff's department records.

On June 12, five arrests were made, including that of a 47-year-old male picked up for DWI/felony; a male (no age given), commitment (released June 14); a male (no age given), commitment (released June 14); a 59-year-old male, commitment (released June 14); and a 46-year-old male, commitment (released June 14).

A single arrest came June 13. Larry Guerra, 22, was arrested on charges of assault, family violence and disorderly conduct.

Arrested on June 14 was a 28-year-old male picked up for unlawfully carrying a weapon (released, no date given, on \$2,500 bond).

Approximately 100 calls for service were fielded by local law enforcement dispatchers. Those calls included, on June 10, a report of a domestic dispute, a couple fighting in front of their home, in the 600 block of North Avenue L; a theft in the 800 block of West 6th (socket set reportedly taken from pickup); several calls concerning weather-related damage; and an automobile accident which downed two utility poles at a South Broadway restaurant (wrecker called out).

Calls received on June 11 included a report of a stolen bike in the 300 block of West 11th; power lines down on US 84 north; a theft in the 300 block of South Avenue S (cooler removed from a pickup); a possible fire on West Main (fire department notified); and a gasoline drive-off at a North Broadway convenience store (\$8.32 worth of gas unpaid for).

Reports logged on June 12 included that of a dumpster fire on Hwy. 380 and an incident involving disorderly conduct in the 600 block of Maple.

Calls recorded on June 13 included a single-vehicle accident on US 84 south near the construction zone (no injuries were reported); a possible drowning at Lake Alan Henry; and an automobile accident at a South Broadway retailer (truck hit utility pole and left the scene).

On June 14, dispatchers received a report of an assault with injury and criminal mischief in the 100 block of East 3rd and of a second assault on White Road.

On June 15, lawmen responded to reports of an automobile accident (no address given; no injuries reported); an automobile accident with injuries on US 84 south (ambulance, fire department and wrecker called to the scene; no further details were immediately available); and an automobile accident on US 84, a single-vehicle rollover (no further details recorded).



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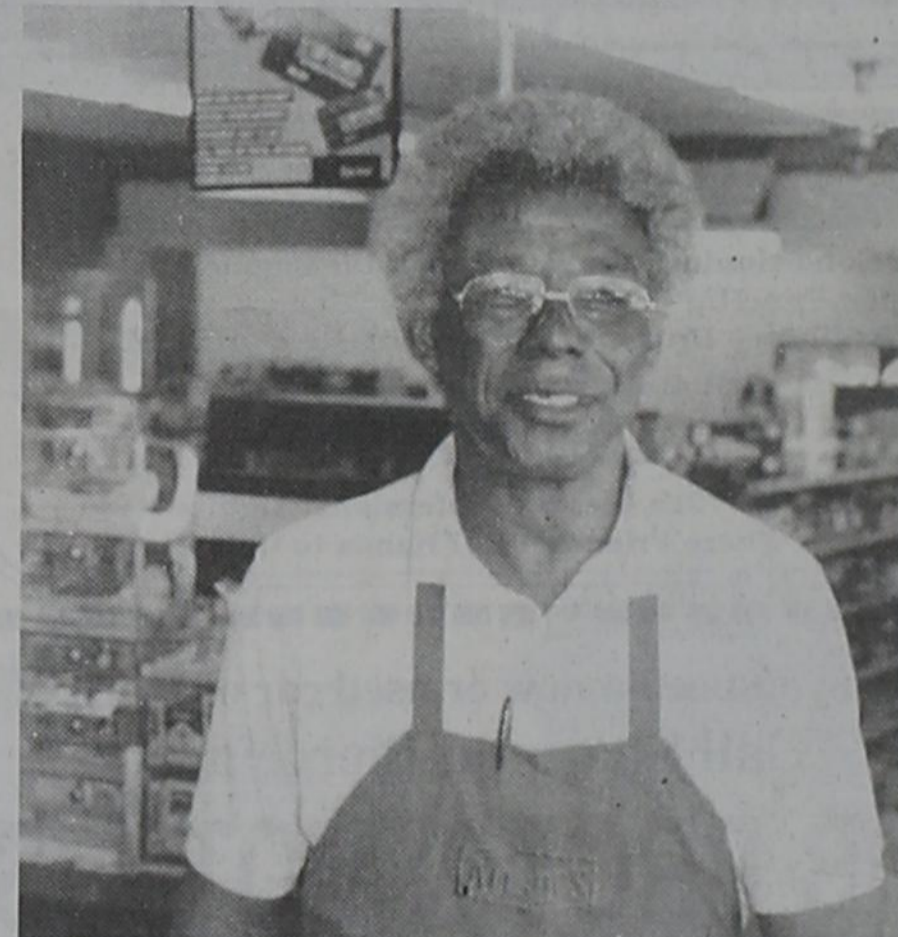
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AGENDA:

1. The board will hear and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matters permitted by TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.
 - (1.) Real, Personal, Minerals, & Utilities
Time: 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
 - (2.) Certification of 1998 Appraisal Roll
 - (3.) Certification of Supplemental Records for 1996

This notice is given in pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.

Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

June 22, 1988 10 Years Ago

Jerin Tyler was honored with a surprise baby shower last Friday in the home of D'Linda Chapman. Hostesses for the occasion were Chapman and Thressa Harp... Pam Ehret graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a bachelor of education degree... Mary Welborn, along with her daughter, Margaret and daughter-in-law, Carol McBee is enjoying a trip to Las Vegas. They're learning about gambling and seeing shows.

June 22, 1978 20 Years Ago

Happy Birthday today goes to Sherry Simpson, Pat Cornell, W.B. Holland, Sheri Bishop, Ron Sullivan, Virginia Fuentes, Brenda Bilberry, Roxanne McClellan and Mrs Kay Smith... Dan Rankin, a teacher in the Post Schools for the last 13 years and with three years experience as an assistant principal, was named the new Post high school principal Monday night... Carter White is West Texas newest author. He has written a book, "Big Remuda" which is about the many horses he's known... C.R. and Dorace Wilson recently returned home from a Galveston vacation. C.R. caught a 40 pound kingfish and a 50 pound Ling from the Gulf of Mexico during their vacation... John David, son of Mr and Mrs Lee Norman, was born June 16, 1978 in the Lubbock West Texas Hospital. He weighed 9 lbs. and 4 ozs.

June 20, 1968 30 Years Ago

David and Bruce Blanton are visiting their grandparents, Mr and Mrs J.A. Morris in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. The boys are the sons of Mr and Mrs Ed Blanton... Mr and Mrs Billy Greene and children attended a Greene family reunion Saturday at Iowa Park... Ascension Solis suffered bruises and other injuries last Monday when he fell of the steps at his home. He was dismissed from the hospital on Wednesday... At the Tower theatre you can see "In the Heat of the Night" with Sidney Poitier and Rod Steiger.

June 19, 1958 40 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs Bob Poole left Wednesday to attend a Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention in Beaumont... Leo M. Acker has been elected president of the Community

Student Loan Fund Committee, succeeding Glenn Whittenburg... Mrs Howard Freeman and Zelika and Mrs Henry Stribling and daughter of McCamey enjoyed a vacation last week to San Antonio and other points of interest in South Texas... Mrs Bobby Terry and Mark spent last week visiting their parents and grandparents, Mr and Mrs Jess Tyra in Lamesa... Mrs Elva Peel, Rhea and Beth visited Thursday in Spur with the Jimmy Byrds,

June 17, 1948 50 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs R.P. Cowdrey went to Acuff Sunday and attended a birthday dinner for Mr and Mrs J.D. Railsback... Mr and Mrs H.A.

Caywood are driving a new Ford Club Coupe... Martha and Hazel Thomas visited Sunday with Billy Jean Jackson... Noel Keith White and Carroll Ray Davis rode on the 4-H Club float in the Lubbock Rodeo parade with their older brothers, Carter White and Alvin Davis... Mr and Mrs John Veach and daughters attended the capping exercise for student nurses at the Lubbock Memorial Hospital on June 8. Their daughter, Mamella, was one of the students receiving a cap.

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ACROSS

1 some senior Texans belong to it (abbr.)

5 TXism: "ain't got a ___" (baffled)

6 singing group

7 Hawaiian "howdy" necklaces

8 Kendall Co.'s "Old Tunnel" is a roosting site for Mexican ___

17 TXism: "___ Katy bar the door"

18 Looney Tunes character in Six Flags ride

20 TXism: "___ hill for a stepper" (simple)

21 TXism: "___boose" (jail)

22 Houston 50-story glass bldg.: ___ Bank Plaza

24 a brandy

29 Von ___ TX

30 stadium of Astros foe N.Y. Mets

31 pa's mate

32 Dodger pitcher Carl Erskine endorsed TX Nokona mitts for 2 ___ a year

34 TXism: "gave ___ dose of his own medicine"

35 TXism: "___ as a wet hornet"

36 Waco's "Heart O' Texas Fair" ___ is in Oct.

37 in Starr Co. on 83

38 TXism: "been ridden ___ and put up wet"

39 David Koresh claimed only he could open the ___ of Revelation

41 TX Jeannie C. ___ sang "Harper Valley PTA"

42 architect Elijah who designed TX capitol (init.)

43 TXism: "chew ___ awhile" (think about)

44 celestial bodies seen by TX observatories

45 Pepper or Red Duke

46 two thousand pounds

47 TX families

48 seat of Schleicher Co.

50 TXism: "___ to the teeth"

51 TX Oatmeal Festival event: "___-A-Thon"

52 '83 UH team: "Slamma Jamma"

53 ___ Angelo, TX

13 TX cattle breed

14 TXism: "wouldn't hurt ___" (kind)

15 TX Cyd Charisse: ___ Elicea Finklea

16 TX Bush's missile program (abbr.)

19 this TX golfer Jimmy was a 3-time Masters champ

21 desert plant found in Big Bend area

23 filmed in TX: "Dyin', Who's Got the Will?"

24 TX great baseballer Flood (init.)

25 TXism: "don't give a hoot ___ holler"

26 mil. rank of TX-born Eisenhower (abbr.)

27 actor Beatty, et al.

28 TXism: "we saw eye to eye"

29 microwave ___

30 Bandera's ___ Spur Co.

33 in San Patricio Co. on 77

34 ex-Cowboy Issiac

35 men

37 TX B.J. Thomas hit: "Keep Fallin' On My Head"

38 TXism: "pay ___ never mind"

40 a Texan flew scout plane for atomic bomber ___ Gay

41 TX Willie's "On the ___ Again"

44 dressed

47 insensitive person

49 TX or Neb. town



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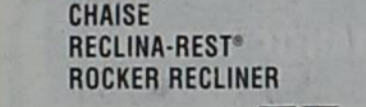
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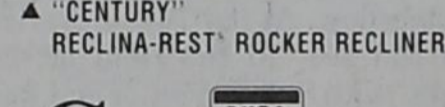
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Garza County grand jury indicts Bilbo on 3 counts

Gary Don Bilbo, a candidate in May's Post city council election, was indicted Monday by the grand jury on three counts of aggravated assault, according to District Attorney Ricky Smith.

Bilbo, 40, was arrested March 30 on charges of aggravated assault family violence and deadly conduct after lawmen responded to a 9-1-1 call made by his wife. During that incident, Bilbo reportedly threatened his wife,

Denise, with a gun and battered her.

Smith said Bilbo will be arraigned in coming weeks and a trial date will be set, probably

sometime in August or September.

Bilbo remains in the custody of law enforcement officials. His bond still remains at \$150,000.

City employee injured at work site

A city employee was injured last week in an accident involving a water probe.

Felix Valdez was struck in the back with a probe, a steel rod used by city employees to locate underground lines when crews are digging, on Monday, June 8. According to Delbert Rudd, Post's public works director, the injury occurred when a child playing near one of the city's work sites spotted the probe, which was located next to the site. The child said he saw the probe falling into the site and picked the probe up to place it into the ground. The probe glanced off the ground, however, and fell into the work site, striking Valdez.

The injured city employee was transported to the local clinic where he was assessed by an EMT-paramedic, according to Marita Reed, administrator for the Garza Hospital District. The nurse practitioner and the nurse on duty were busy with other patients so the EMT-paramedic consulted with the nurse practitioner who, upon learning of the extent of Valdez's injuries, advised he needed to be immediately transported to Lubbock for further evaluation and treatment.

Valdez is expected to return to work this week, according to reports.

MAD DADS gets new t.v. for Da House

The local MAD DADS chapter recently was able to purchase a big screen television set, thanks to Ira Pump and Supply and Classic Cable.

Classic Cable's sponsorship for the Master Card Colonial Golf trip was a major factor in the successful project, according to Post MADDADS chapter president Rodney Tidwell. Winners of the trip were Bobby Bain and Sammie Palmer. Tidwell expressed appreciation to Classic Cable's Adina Crawford for supporting MAD DADS.

Tidwell also praised the efforts of Carl Smith and Shane Smith at Ira Pump for their work in the fund raising event.

"This purchase will make it easier to watch movies and provide other educational programs designed to help teens make better choices," Tidwell added.

Second fatality, first drowning at Lake Alan Henry

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disappeared.

After searching for her husband for some time, the woman contacted Johnston at 11:17 a.m. He responded and traveled by boat to the site, arriving at just after 11:30 a.m.

Johnston and several fishermen made up the initial search team. Armed with a description of the missing man, Johnston contacted the Garza County Sheriff's Department, which sent out lawmen who searched the banks.

The sheriff's department's dive team was also called out, as were the Lubbock Dive Rescue Team, a Department of Public Safety helicopter and a local EMS crew. A total of 26 law enforcement and public safety officials were involved in the search.

The body was recovered in murky waters about 12-14 feet from the bank the missing man had entered the water from. Waters in that part of the channel, at their deepest, are about 6-8 feet deep, Johnston said.

The man's wife reported her husband could swim but indicated that he was not a very good swimmer.

Johnston said there are no indications of foul play and no signs of alcohol use were found in the couple's boat.

The couple's two small children who were staying with a babysitter in Lubbock at the time of the accident.

Make plans now to have a safe summer

It's summer and it's time to take a break and have fun. But with so many activities it can also mean it's time for injuries and accidents. The 35,000 physicians of Texas Medical Association urge you to take extra precautions when participating in all activities.

Be aware there are dangers lurking around every fun time and it's best to take a minute or two to review safety measures.

If you are going to be around water learn how to swim. Always swim with a friend and in supervised areas. Know your swimming limits.

Never leave a child unsupervised around water. Always keep your eyes on the child even in your own backyard pool.

Pay attention to "No Diving" signs. They are there for a reason.

Alcohol and water don't mix. Never consume alcoholic beverages if you intend to swim or operate a boat. Judgment, balance and coordination are impaired by alcohol.

Coast Guard approved life jackets should be available and worn when boating or fishing.

The sun can be brutal on lakes and at the beach. Wear sunscreen and avoid direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sun glasses are like sunscreen for your eyes. Wear eye protection to guard against ultra violet rays.

Burns and cuts from glass are common when feet are bare.

Read all posted signs at water parks and follow directions given by lifeguards.

Never tube or raft in rivers after a heavy rain.

Beware of tick bites and insect stings. Ticks can carry Lyme Disease and should be removed by pulling slowly and firmly. Remove the tick close to the skin using fine-tipped tweezers.

Grills and lighter fluid should be off limits to children.

When planning outdoor activities always be aware of changing weather conditions.

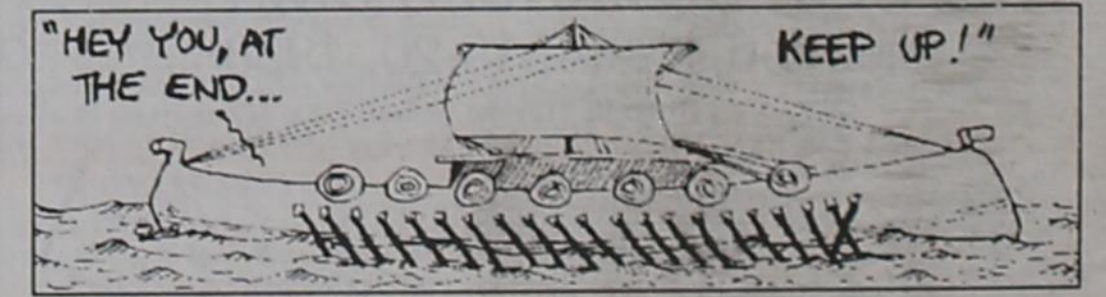
Power tools and sharp gardening equipment should never be left unattended. Even small construction projects can be hazardous.

If you are working on construction projects at home make sure someone is around in case you need assistance in the event of an accident.

Keep children away from mowers. And never let a child ride with you on a riding lawnmower.

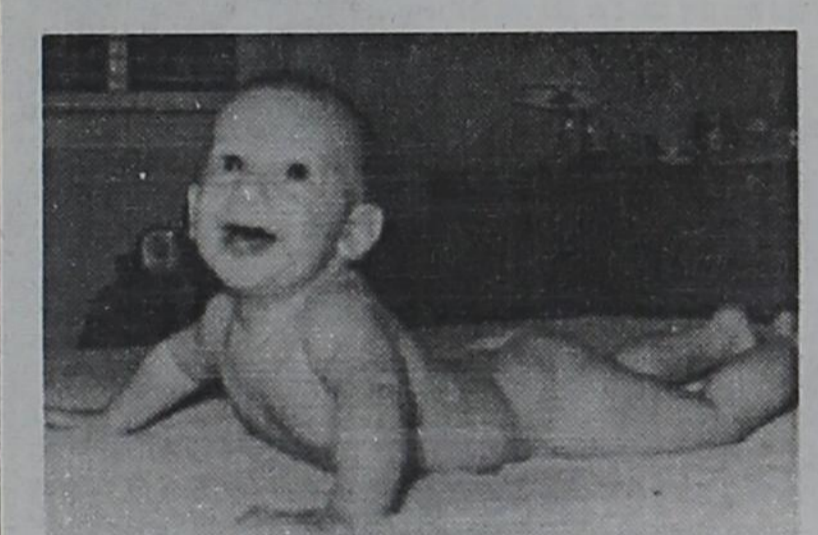
Never leave your child unattended in a car in the summer heat. The temperature inside your car can reach 109 degrees Fahrenheit in 15 minutes even if it's 83 degrees Fahrenheit outside and the windows are down two inches.

You may be suffering from heat exhaustion if you become fatigued, exhausted, nauseated or lightheaded. Heat stroke is a life-threatening emergency and victims should be attended to immediately.



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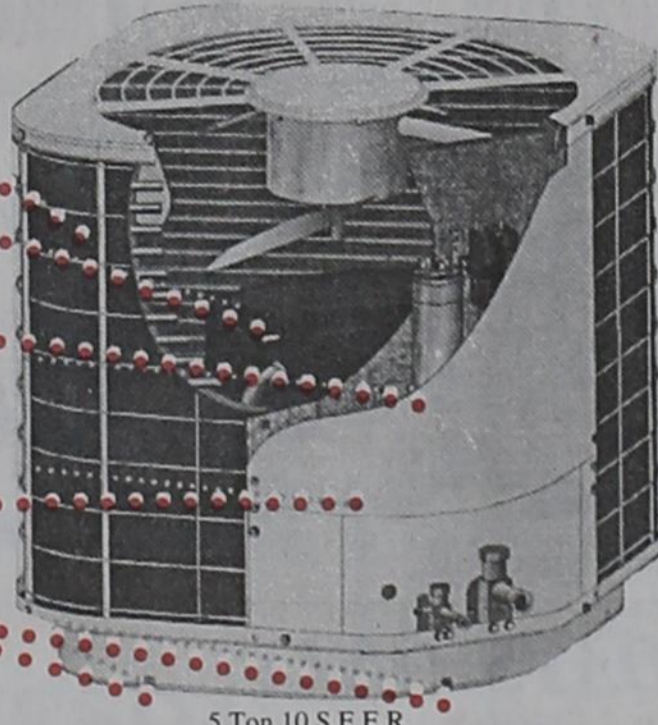
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