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# The Post Dispatch

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## New state law could cost Garza taxpayers millions

by Wes Burnett

If a new state law proposed by State Representative David Counts is enacted by the legislature, Garza County taxpayers could be stuck with a mighty big tax increase.

In fact, the property tax for funding the "Garza Health Care District" could be as high as 75 cents per \$100 valuation, which would generate as much as \$2.4 million based on 1998 taxable appraisals. Last year the Garza Hospital District total tax, based on a rate

of 16.5 cents, came to \$529,552.86.

The bill apparently will replace HB 1325, which is the current legislative authority for the Garza Hospital District. We were unable to get a copy of the proposed law from Representative Counts (after several requests), but downloaded a copy from the Texas Legislature's web site: [ www.capitol.state.tx.us/ ].

Titled as HB 2616, the legislation is currently in the County Affairs Committee, which is chaired by Rep. Tom Ramsay (District 2) of Mount Vernon. According to the committee clerk, no date has been set for a hearing on the bill, which claims in Section 17 that it is so important that an emergency has been created, so that the rule for requiring reading on three separate days should be discarded.

That is, if the bill gets out of the committee. When a date is set for a hearing, the clerk said it will be posted to the web site and recommended interested citizens to check the web site on Fridays. All committee public hearings are held on Wednesdays, beginning at 8 a.m. at the capitol in Austin.

### Constitutional authority?

Although the proposed legislation opens with a statement that the bill is "in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 9" of the Texas constitution, a reading of that article discloses that there is absolutely no authority to create or establish a "health care district." There is, however, authority to establish hospital districts, which is what we currently pay taxes for. Of course, the purpose of the hospital district was to operate a hospital to care for the indigent and needy of Garza County.

That constitutional authority has not been changed, but if the legislature intends to create a "health care district," it will have to propose a constitutional amendment to change Article 9, Section 9. Or, of course the other option is for the legislature to just do what it

wants to do without regard to constitutional restraints. That would not be anything new or very dramatic news. There are thousands of so-called laws created by the legislature that have absolutely no constitutional authority (the transportation code is just one example).

The new law, in addition to tripling the tax rate authority, will also allow the board of directors to enter into contracts without competitive bidding if the amount is less than \$15,000. The current limit is \$1,000.

Significantly, the new law maintains the purpose of the district for the "full responsibility for the furnishing of medical and health (replacing the word hospital) care for the needy and indigent persons residing in said health care district ..." Of course, if the district restricts itself to this purpose, then the tax rate will be nominal, considering that less than \$25,000 was spent last year on indigent care.

Then the law goes into quite a bit of detail on what it takes to be an indigent and how the district is to collect for those who use the services and fail to pay.

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## Post Notes

### Generation H garage sale

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### TCFF Open Forum

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### Christian Concert

The Shipley Family of Burley, Idaho will be in concert at First Baptist Church on Sunday, March 21 beginning at 6 p.m. The evening will be a combination of inspirational music and heart warming testimonies. The community is invited. A love offering will be received.

### Woman's Culture Club meet

Members of the Woman's Culture Club will meet Wednesday, March 24 at 2 p.m. at the club house. Kay Hays and Peggy Smith will serve as hostesses.

### Church women offer taco supper

The Women's Ministries of Church of God of Prophecy at 602 W. 14th St will sponsor a soft taco dinner on Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each plate is \$5. Delivery is available by calling 495-3644 or 495-2006.

### Little League coaches meeting March 22

The Post Little League coaches' meeting will be held Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping coach is encouraged to attend. The program also needs people to umpire.

### Parents night out

The First Baptist Church youth group will offer a "Parents' Night Out" on Saturday, March 27, from 5 to 10 p.m. at the church. Any children in the community are welcome. The youth group will babysit and feed the children. Donations will be accepted.

### Spring Revival Services

Dr Landrum Leavell and "Servant" will be featured March 28-31 at First Baptist Church's spring revival. Dr Leavell is the former president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. "Servant" is a gospel quartet from Lubbock. Sunday's services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday evening services are at 7 p.m.

### Class of '89 seeks lost classmates

Organizers for the PHS Class of 1989 10th reunion are seeking help in locating "lost" classmates. The list includes Rolanda Brown, Billy Brumbalow, Robert Brumly, Elio Camacho, Julie Clark, Leslie Cooley, Jessie Espitia, Scott Gatski, Neal Gibbs, Kathy Gonzales, Brandon Hardin, Adam Martinez, Marivel Nava, Mary Ann Price, Mary Lou Reyna, Sarol Salinas, Machel Solis, Mark Solis, Mario Villa, Erma Harper, John Hutto and Jesse Sanchez. Anyone able to help locating these classmates should call Tandii Yarbrough at 495-2804 or (806) 828-4855 after 6 p.m.

### Holy Cross fish fry on Fridays

Members of the Holy Cross Catholic Church will continue providing fish plate suppers on Fridays beginning at 5 p.m. through Friday, March 26.

### Little League baseball sign-ups

Post Little League baseball will begin sign-ups for this summer's season through March 24. Sign-up forms will be available today at the Post Elementary gym after school and in home room classes. MADD Dads will offer sign-ups through March 24 at Da House. The final sign-up will be at the Post Elementary gym on March 24 at 4 p.m. Registration forms must be completed by parents and a \$10 fee paid per player.

### Little League try-outs March 27

The Post Little League baseball tryouts will be held Saturday, March 27 beginning at 4 p.m. at the baseball park. Any player who has reached the league age of 9-12 must try out if not already on a team. Playeres must try out to participate.

### Summer rec program seeks youth

It's time to start planning summer recreation activities, and the Garza County summer rec program is seeking job applicants through March 26. Call 495-3748 for more information about how to apply.

### City-County auction April 10

A combined City, County, Post ISD and Garza Hospital District auction will be held April 10, 1999 beginning at 9 a.m. at 305 E. 5th St. in Post.

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## Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony begins early Monday a.m.

The annual Taba'na Yuan'e, or sunrise observance is scheduled to begin at sunrise Monday at the city park on the south side of town.

Sponsored by the Commerce & Tourism Bureau, the observance has been practiced in Garza County for many years and is used as a means of projecting the success of agricultural crops for the coming year.

The ancient Plains Indians practiced the ceremony for centuries and passed it on to the early Garza County settlers.

Participants in this year's reenactment of the Native American ceremony will include a firebuilder, Kenneth and Shirley LeBlanc of Odessa; a medicine man dance by Jack Ramey and his wife, Linda, of Dallas; and drums, flutes, chants and songs by John and Pearl Corey of Lubbock.

Garza County folks scheduled to participate are "Chief" Frank Runkles, who has been involved with the Garza County Taba'na Yuan'e for many years, Zoe Kirkpatrick, Linda Puckett, Sarah Kirkpatrick and Jayta Cravy. Several of the female participants are planning a special Four Winds Dance as part of this year's activities.

All participants in the Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony are volunteers. The upcoming ceremony is attracting a lot of regional attention. Runkles and Zoe Kirkpatrick have twice traveled to Lubbock to discuss Tabana Yuane on locally-broadcast television programs.

"There seems to be a great deal more interest this year than usual," Runkles said.

According to tradition, the ceremony is always conducted on March 22, which "...in the eyes of the natives was the first sunrise after spring," said Runkles. The wind's direction at the exact moment of sunrise is believed to determine the success of crops during the coming year. Smoke from a fire is used to determine wind direction.

Traditions holds that winds out of the east/northeast predict a very good year while winds from the north/northwest point to an average year. West or southwesterly winds equate to a poor year, according to the beliefs rooted in the ceremony, and winds from the south/southeast forecast a very bad year.

It is believed the local observance began in 1907 or so when early settlers, having purchased land from C.W. Post, met to discuss agricultural information pertaining to the area.

Since there was no information readily available as to what types of weather to expect, crops to plant, etc., it was suggested that the group rely on a long-used Indian practice that used wind directions to help the natives to find food.

The early farmers "turned to nature," and records were kept each year, plotting the success of the wind-driven forecasts. Farmers relied heavily upon the annual observance as did retailers, who stocked their shelves accordingly.

In 1973, local residents decided to create a more formal celebration of the annual ceremony, recapturing the Native American influence.

## Citizens Invited to Open Forum on Community Issues

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

What are the issues and concerns that need to be addressed in Garza County to help the citizens and our total county in the years ahead? What can be done to assure a better quality of life and prosperity in the 21st century as we plan for the future?

Everyone interested in a better future for themselves, their family and their community is encouraged to participate in the Texas Community Futures Forum on Tuesday, March 23, 6:00 p.m., at Post High School.

The Forum is being conducted in every county as a statewide effort of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of The Texas A&M University System to bring together a diverse group of individuals, groups and organizations to identify issues and concerns. Once needs are identified, focus teams will be organized to develop specific plans of action.

"We want to get broad-based input into this process so that a plan can be developed for the future of each county and Texas as a whole," said Dr. Chester P. Fehlis of College Station, Extension Service deputy director.

"We especially want other local, state and federal agencies and organizations to participate. Many of the needs and concerns of people can best be addressed through partnerships with other groups and organizations."

The Futures Forum process will help the Extension Service develop its long-range plan for the next four years—2000 to 2003, Fehlis said.

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## GHD amends contract with Covenant

Members of the Garza Memorial Hospital District board of directors voted to approve an amendment to the Rural Health Clinic Operation Agreement at their regular March 12 meeting.

According to minutes of the meeting, David Tyler made a motion to approve the amendment, which was seconded by Zoe Kirkpatrick. The motion carried.

The board also approved the bid of Armstrong Mechanical Inc. to replace the chiller barrel in the air conditioning system, a move that will cost \$5,076. Also approved were a pair of indigent applications, the monthly bills and minutes from the previous meeting.

Board members received an update on the clinic which indicated that a total of 691 patients were seen in the clinic last month, excluding those visiting the clinic for flu, pneumonia, allergy and hormone injections.

The board was also advised that Dr. Salas and Kris Lindblom FNP will be attending continuing education later this month and arrangements have been made to have their shifts covered.

Details were given concerning the new computer system being installed at the clinic. The new system will have a centralized patient data base, allowing a patient seen in Post and in the Snyder clinic to have his or her biographical information accessed from either location. This process is scheduled to be initiated in all Covenant clinics.

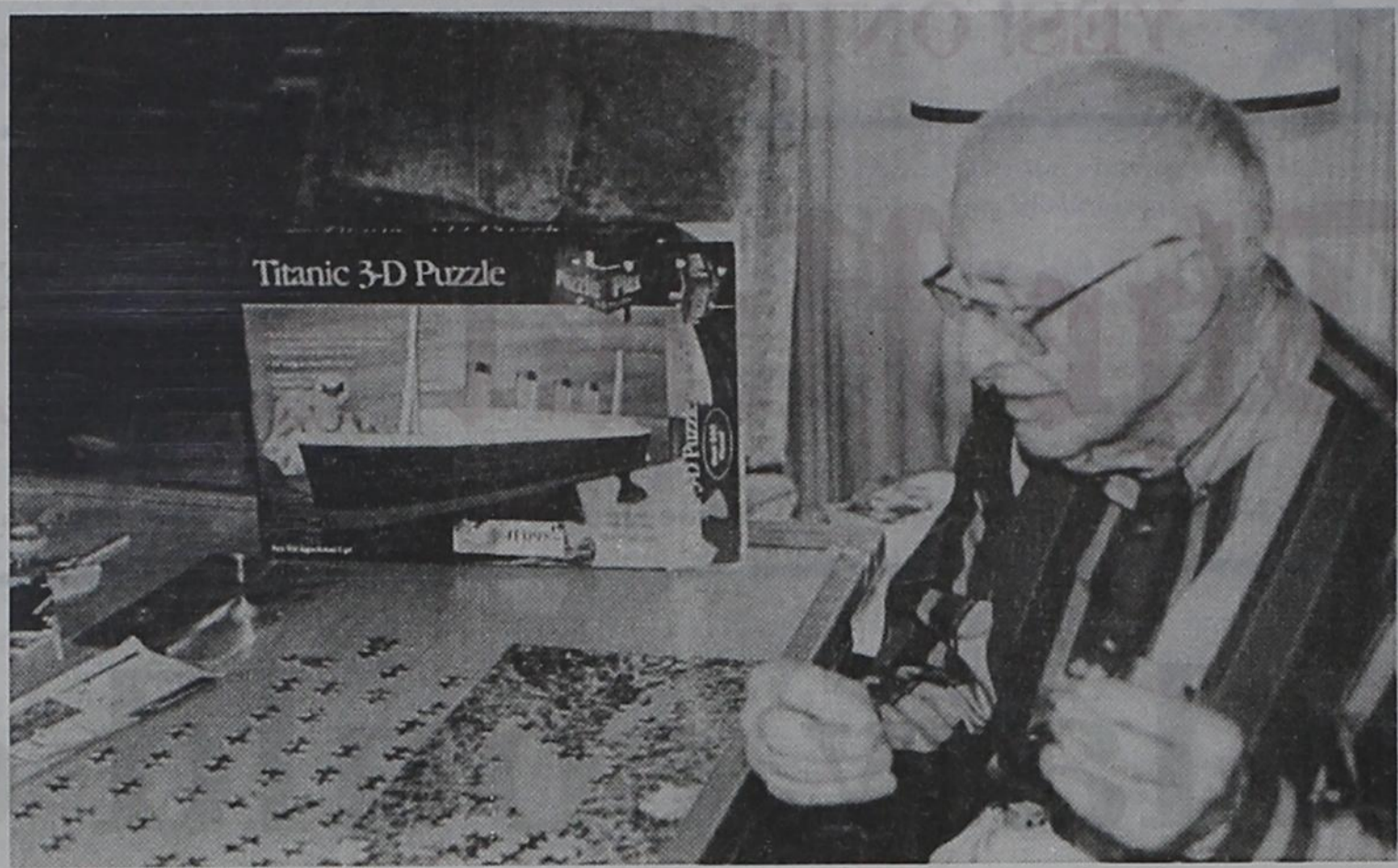
### Reyna earns national nod

Ricky Reyna, son of Freddy and Tina Reyna of Post, has been named a United States National Award winner in English, according to a news release from the United States Achievement Academy.

Reyna, a Post Middle School student, was nominated for the award by Pam Humble, a teacher at the middle school.

As a result of his award, Reyna will be included in the academy's official yearbook, which is published nationally.

Reyna is the grandson of Galen and Sandy Powell of Grassland, Mario and Rosa Reyna of Slaton and Bill and Debbie Strickland of Levelland.



Durwood Bartlett has launched into an aggressive project, assembling a three-dimensional jigsaw puzzle of the Titanic. How long will it take him to finish? Will Durwood get "sunk" by this daunting task? Stay tuned for updates in The Post Dispatch. (Photo by Judy Bush)

### Kristi Morris honored with layette shower

Kristi Morris was honored with a layette shower Saturday, March 13th in Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church.

The Disney theme was carried out in the decorations and guests enjoyed sandwiches, juice, sausage balls and cookies.

Special guest were the future grandmothers, Sharon Morris, Barbara Shobert of Lubbock and great-grandmother, Margaret Cooksey of Keller.

Hostesses for the event were: Jane Terry, Judy Bush, Bunny Lynch, Jan Bartlett, Ruth Ann Young, Roxanne Osborn, Andrea Dunn, Kim Greer and Kathy Nelson.



Vanessa Leos

### Leos tapped for national award

Vanessa Leos of Post, daughter of Felix and Julia Leos, has been named a United States National Award winner in student council, according to a press release from the United States Achievement Academy.

Leos was nominated for the award by teacher Pam Humble. Leos will appear in the USAA's official yearbook, which is published nationally.

She is the granddaughter of Willie and Julia Rodriguez of Post.

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## Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Well folks, if we keep those prayers up just maybe the Good Lord is gonna send us more rain! That cold was a loud wake up call and made all of us wish spring would hurry!

### Update

On my story last week concerning Jose and his kind deed, there is a little more I found out.

The pig belonged to Larinda Ledbetter who was showing the pig as her FFA project. She presented Jose with a FFA cap during the stock show. I also found out that Bo Jackson was right in there with Jose doing those kind deeds. Bo did all of the processing at no charge.

Do we have great folks in Post or not?

### Garden Time

This was in our church bulletin last week. Thought I would pass it on.

When you plant this garden, may God richly bless you in your sincere endeavor:

Plant three rows of squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash critics
3. Squash indifference

Plant seven rows of peas:

1. Prayer
2. Perseverance
3. Promptness
4. Politeness
5. Preparedness
6. Purity
7. Patience

Plant seven heads of lettuce:

1. Let us be unselfish and loyal
2. Let us be faithful to duty
3. Let us search the scripture
4. Let us not be weary in well doing
5. Let us be obedient in all things
6. Let us be truthful
7. Let us love on another

No garden is complete without turnips:

1. Turn up for church
2. Turn up for meetings, in prayer, and Bible study
3. Turn up with a smile, even when things are difficult
4. Turn up with determination to do your best in God's service

After planting, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. And may you reap rich results

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### Get Well

I just heard today that our new Citizen of the Year, Gladys Blair, is in the hospital going through some tests.

Gladys, you get well quick, too many count on you!! My prayers are with you.

### Birthdays This Week

Birthdays for this week: Thursday 18; Lyndee Strawn, Mitch Holly, Allison Blevins and Susan Boren; Friday 19; Veronica Chapa, Meagan Moreman, Daniel Garcia, Delbert Rudd, Elbert Rudd, Joyce Nelson, Sandy Nelson and Ben Mason; Saturday 20; Ricky Halford, Patsy Graham and Jacky Harp; Sunday 21; Janell Jones (Janell really does not have two birthdays, but the first was a mistake!) and Lee Lambert; Anniversaries; Ronnie and Diane Graves and Isidro and Kim Rodriguez.

Monday March 22; Joey Quintana, Nancy Norman, Jerry Crenshaw and Victor Ashley; Tuesday 23; Evette Rodriguez, Ginger, Wanda Musick and Carol Tobias; Anniversary; Steven and Jamie Cooper; Wednesday 24; Jon James.

### Rocks in my head!!!

I got slightly mixed up on my rock story last week. Billy were you able to explain that o.k.?? Mr. Tommy Young should have received the message!

### e-mail quotes

You might be in a Texas country church if.....  
The only time people lock their cars in the parking lot is during the summer and then only so their neighbors can't leave them a bag of squash!

### Late Birthday wish

I want to wish my brother a big happy # 65 (March 16)!! This is a special time for him as he will also retire and move closer to home this month. We will be so excited to have he and June back. Anyway, happy birthday brother, and many, many more.

### Till Next Week

This will wrap it up for this week. Hope everyone has a nice weekend and remember those prayers for rain.



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### First Baptist Christian School students offer special treat

Joining in song and spirit last week were First Baptist Christian School students, bringing a special treat to residents at the Golden Plains Care Center. The group was too large for one photo, so we took two photos to capture their faces. Participating in the singing were (back row, left to right) Jerrica Crenshaw, Heath Palmer, Timothy Crenshaw, Kristopher Crenshaw, Whitney Williams, Kirstie Edwards, Lauren Hair, Chloe Mason, Branda Stevens, Olivia Key,

Cody Dean, (middle row) Sydnee Jones, Jakob Wischkaemper, Alexis Dunn, Cherec Conner, HJannah Smith, Marla Crenshaw, Alex Miller, Chelsey Sapp, (front row) Anthony Bishop, D'Nae Johnson, Shelby Bridgeman, Morgan Williams, Katrina Haynes, Katie Hair and Skyler McCleskey.

### 7th, 8th grade boys fare well on O'Donnell track

Post Middle School's seventh and eighth grade boys track teams came home with a lot of wins March 5 after competing in the O'Donnell track meet. The seventh grade team finished in second place with 172 total points, while the eighth grade landed a first place finish with 231 points.

Taking first place wins for the seventh grade were Ricky Reyna, 2400 meter run, 9:59.4; Daniel Simental, 300 meter hurdles, 50.2; Ricky Reyna, 1600 meter run, 6:13.1; and Daniel Simental, high jump, 4'8".

Earning second place finishes in the seventh grade were Juan Hernandez, 2400 meter run, 10:12.0; Francisco Duran, triple jump, Langly Couch, Daniel Simental, Mitchell Mills and Josh Cross, 400 meter relay, 52.4; Langly Couch, 400 meter dash, 1:06.3; Mitchell Mills, 200 meter dash, 27.97; Juan Hernandez, 1600 meter run, 6:18.5; Mitchell Mills, Josh Cross, Zane Marts and Daniel Simental, 1600 meter relay.

Third place winners were Mitchell Mills, long jump, 14'8"; Jerry Curtis, 110 meter hurdles, 23.1; and Zane Marts, 200 meter dash, 28.2.

Fourth place winners were Mitchell Mills, pole vault, 7'; Langly Couch, shotput, 28'7"; Francisco Duran, 110 meter hurdles, 23.6; Josh Cross, 100 meter dash, 14.17; and David Rivera, 800 meter run, 2:52.5.

Seventh graders earning a fifth place finish included Jerry Curtis, high jump, 4'6"; Zane Marts, long jump, 14'; Mark McCallister, shotput, 28'5"; Kris Hernandez, discus; and Kris Hernandez, 400 meter dash, 1:08.

Taking a sixth place finish were Mark Norman, 110 meter hurdles, 27.9; Mark McCallister, 100 meter dash, 14.23; and Zane Marts, 200 meter dash, 28.2.

Also competing for the seventh grade were Joseph Espinosa, Kyle Gunn, Anthony Merrill, Jose Ladinis and Tony Ortiz.

Eighth grade athletes bringing home first place medals included Lance Curtis, high jump, 5'4"; Daryl Dissinger, triple jump, 34'4"; Brandon Bell, long jump, 19'; Noah Gutierrez, shotput, 42'6.5"; Ismael Estrada, pole vault, 8'6"; Lance Curtis, Ismael Estrada, Brandon Bell and Noah Gutierrez, 400 meter relay, 47.61; Luis Zubia, 110 meter hurdles, 18.88; Noah Gutierrez, 100 meter dash, 12.5; Cody Fox, 400 meter dash, 60.02; Ismael Estrada, 300 meter hurdles, 47.5; Lance Curtis, 200 meter dash, 25.4; and Ismael Estrada, Lance Curtis, Brody Robertson and Daryl Dissinger, 1600 meter relay, 4:06.39.

Second place winners for Post's eighth grade included Luis Zubia, pole vault, 8'; Cody Fox, triple jump, 32'; Seth Redman, shotput, 40'11"; Brandon Bell, 100 meter dash, 12.69; and Brody Robertson, 200 meter dash, 26.2.

Third place winners were Manuel Saucedo, 2400 meter run, 9:02.9; Lance Curtis, long jump, 17'5"; Luis Zubia, 300 meter hurdles, 51.3; Noah Gutierrez, 200 meter hurdles, 26.5; and Daryl Dissinger, 800 meter run, 2:31.45.

Taking fourth place were Seth Redman, 100 meter dash, 13.3; Kenny Ratke, 300 meter hurdles, 49.7; Cody Fox, 800 meter run, 2:31.78; and Manuel Saucedo, 1600 meter run, 5:51.47.

Fifth place finishes were logged by Brandon Bell, high jump, 5'; Ismael Estrada, triple jump, 30'4"; and Adam Nobles, 110 meter hurdles, 20.66.

Also competing for the eighth grade were Tye Mason, Bryan Looney and Pablo Perez.

### News from Golden Plains Care Center

We have so much to talk about and I just don't know where to start. First of all, we are so honored and proud to have been named Business of the Year by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau. We invite everyone to stop by and visit with us and see where we hung our plaque.

It's that time again. We will be having our dog show on March 18 at 3 p.m. Last year we had a lot of fun and I'm sure this time will be even better. Remember, the only rule is the dogs need to be on a leash. I hope to see everyone and their dogs here!

We celebrated all our March birthdays on the 9th. Those having birthdays this month are Ruth Head, March 6; Faye Hudman, March 10; and Jack Brown, March 29. Happy birthday to all!

Thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW for the delicious cakes.

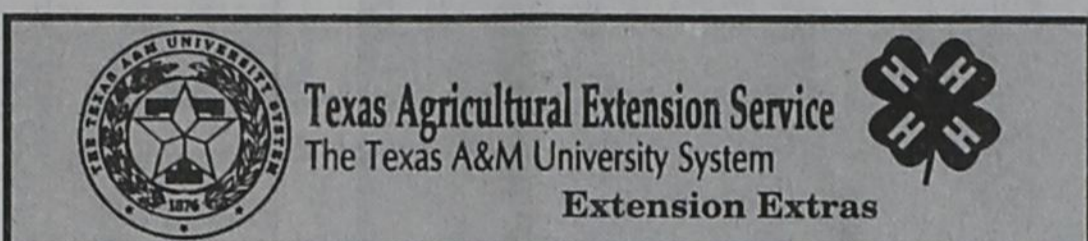
On March 17 we will be having our St. Patrick's Day party at 2:30 p.m. Lola Ledbetter and Wilma Williams will be bringing some wonderful snacks and I heard Lola say she is even bringing a green angel food cake. Don't forget to wear green!

On March 24 at 6:30 p.m., Noel White and family will be stopping by to play some music for us. We sure do enjoy listening to them play.

On April 1 at 10 a.m. we will be having our Easter egg hunt for children from "My Special Place." We also want to invite any other children who would like to stop by and hunt for eggs.

We are also getting started on our garden. Joe Blacklock and Raymie Holly have been working real hard getting the ground ready. We should be able to start planting any day now. If anyone is interested in helping or if you happen to have an extra hoe or some other gardening tool you don't need, we could sure use it. All of our men can't wait to get out there and start the garden. A big thanks to Mike Holly for letting us use his tiller.

'Til next time,  
Bunny Lunch, AD



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**Generation H Garage Sale**  
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**Graham 4-H Club.....**  
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**4-H Shooting Sports.....**  
.....Project begins Monday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the show barn. If you are interested, call 495-4400 to sign up or show up on the 22nd. with a parent. There will be a nominal fee to cover expenses.

**4-H Horse Project Group**  
Anyone interested in participating in the 4-H Horse Project Group please call the Extension Office ASAP.

### Free White Flowering Dogwood Trees

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March 1999.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," John Rosenow, the Foundation's president, said. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to Arbor Day, the Foundation's monthly publication, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE DOGWOOD TREES, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 1999.

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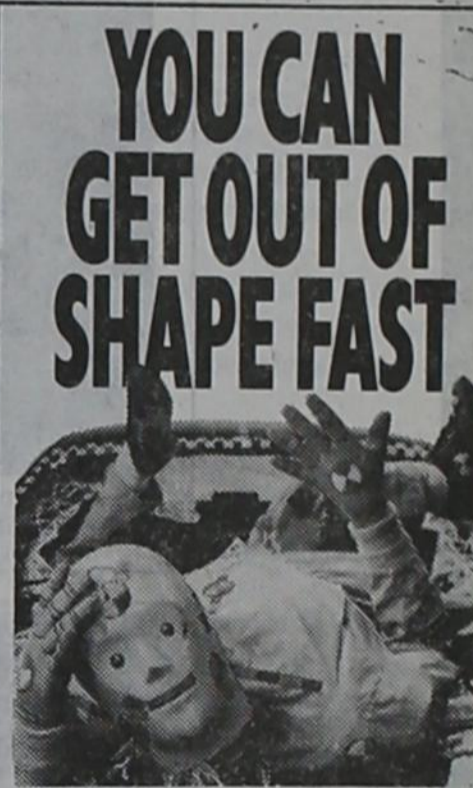
### Green Thumb Garden Club meets Mar. 11

The Green Thumb Garden Club met March 11 in the home of Sybil Cockrum, with Gladys Blair as co-hostess.

Refreshments were served to Annie Laura Frances, Carlene Markham, Edna Owen, Naomi Matsler, Louella Bilberry, Jewel White, Ida Jones, Alma Williams, Jan Acker, Fleta Coffey, Ira Hudman, Marge Barley, Maurine Hudman and guests Evelyn Jones and Betty Hill.

Ida Jones gave a book report on "A Geranium in Your Hat."

Members brought small plants to exchange.



### Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash  
Re: Roths

It's not too late to set up a Roth IRA for 1998. The deadline is past for converting to a Roth and spreading the tax liability over four years (unless you began the conversion process late last year). On the other hand, if you find your income higher than expected, you can convert a Roth until you file this year.

Still, a convertible Roth may offer a good opportunity, especially for those who have not yet amassed a large retirement account with lots of tax due - and still have enough time for the money to grow tax free before they need it. Indeed, some people with lots of retirement savings have converted just for the option of not tapping the funds at age 70 1/2, leaving more for their heirs to withdraw tax-free over their lifetimes.

The Roth IRA you open this April will already be 1 1/4 years old! The IRA considers a 1998 Roth as opened on January 1 of that year, so it's well along the countdown until it can be tapped tax-free.

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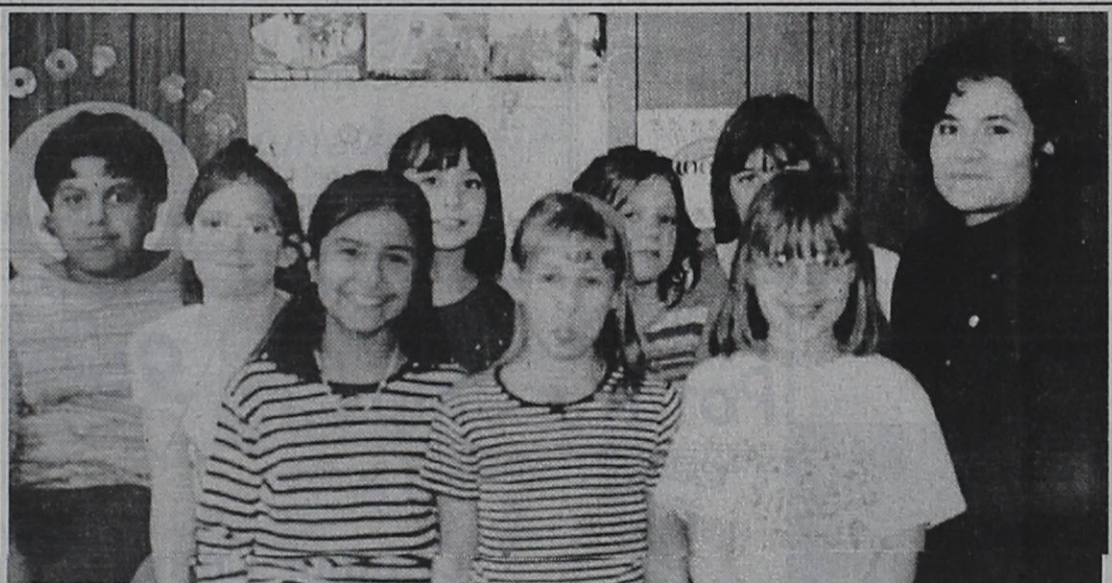
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## Pay Equity Errors

by Sheldon Richman  
 President Clinton has pledged to step up enforcement of the Equal Pay Act. The promised \$14 million to fight wage discrimination was on his list of bribes to the American people, otherwise known as the State of the Union address.

The president's Council of Economic Advisers says women make only 75 cents for each dollar men make. When the Equal Pay Act passed in 1963, the figure was 58 cents. "Americans can't be satisfied until we're all the way there," Mr. Clinton said. From rim to dottle, the issue is bunk. For the moment, let's assume the statistic is valid. What's the government got to do with it?

I thought feminism was the belief that women are people too. If so, they should be entrepreneurial like men and not go whining to the government about their wages. And Mr. Clinton shouldn't patronize them by announcing he'll rescue these damsels in distress. How retro!

But women are discriminated against, Mr. Clinton and the feminist movement say. Do you mean to tell me that profit-hungry businessmen deliberately pass up the chance to bid talented, productive women away from their competitors? Now those are some imbecile capitalists; why do shareholders put up with it?

To believe that's happening, you'd have to believe in a vast male capitalist conspiracy to keep the wages of women below those of men. There's just one problem with the theory: why on earth would anyone join? You make money in the marketplace by satisfying consumers. And you do that by having productive workers and managers.

How many employers are willing to forgo profits to keep women's pay down? Even if every male capitalist were initially stupid enough to join the conspiracy, eventually the incentive to cheat on the other conspirators and increase profits by paying women more would be irresistible. The plot would crumble. Might some difference in pay exist in a competitive economy?

Yes, indeed. The slogan "equal pay for equal work" is thrown around too casually. What is "equal work"? When employers hire workers, they are arranging for a stream of labor services projecting into the future. Naturally, employers value reliability as well as productivity. They want not only talented workers, but also workers who will be on the job long-term.

If experience shows that one group of workers is less likely to be there long-term than another group, it stands to reason that the first group will command somewhat lower pay than the second. If the pay difference is outlawed, the group that would have been paid less will have a harder time finding jobs. Like it or not, women are more apt than men to drop out of the work force to raise families.

Even if a woman's leave is brief, she is still likely to spend less time on work than a man is. Thus, on average there's more risk in hiring a woman than a man, and many older women just don't have the cumulative work experience that men their age have. Both factors would tend to depress women's wages.

If that's discrimination, it's rational and not pernicious. When cultural changes reduce the likelihood of women's leaving the work force for long stretches or increase the likelihood of their putting in extra hours at work, we would expect the gap to close. According to the Independent Women's Forum, that is exactly what has happened since the 1970s.

IWF cites the National Longitudinal Study, which shows that women 27 to 33 who have never had a child make 98 cents for every dollar a man makes. When pay statistics are adjusted for age, education, and other experience, the gap is smaller than 25 cents. In a market economy no one decides what "men" and "women" will be paid.

The configuration of wages results from millions of "utility maximizing" decisions made daily by employers and employees under changing supply-and-demand conditions. Aggregate wage statistics are uninformative. The mantra of "equal pay for equal work" is merely political pandering.

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## The ugly truth about traffic "laws"

by Wes Burnett  
 Last week we published a letter to the editor which graphically demonstrated the ugly truth about traffic "laws." They aren't really "laws" at all, but merely written and selectively enforced as if they are law. The case cited by the letter writer was an excellent example of the selective enforcement part, where apparently the driver of a pickup truck was involved in an accident between the middle school and elementary school, and according to the investigating officer's report, the driver was unable to produce "proof of liability insurance."

Although failure to maintain liability insurance is a violation of the traffic code, this particular fellow was not cited for an offense under the code.

So, that begs a few questions... is there a law that requires a driver to maintain up-to-date liability insurance? If so, is this law one of those that is required by the constitution to be enforced? Are the government agents who administer enforcement of the law authorized to use their discretion on enforcing the law?

If government agents make an oath to "preserve and protect" the constitution and the laws of Texas and the U.S., does that oath require them to uphold the traffic codes? If so, in this case, apparently the government agent overlooked his oath.

Or, is it the fact that these codes are not really laws at all? If they are the "law," then those who are sworn to uphold the law, surely would not be selective in its enforcement... either it's law and it must be enforced, or it is not a law at all, but a code (guideline, suggestion, recommended), which may be selectively enforced.

Which is it? It's a little difficult for us "sheep" to figure out when or if we are going to be hauled to the slammer for violating one of these thousands of codes, while others of us will merely be given another chance.

It appears that all these traffic codes are not really law, unless government agents decide they are... in which case, you'd better be nice to those guys, 'cause they have the power of the king (state), to either show you mercy and let you go, or slam the book at you. I thought our ancestors fought a war of independence to get rid of that kind of tyranny.

Government agents, whether they be elected or appointed, must make up their mind... either they are bound to enforce the codes on everyone, or not enforce the codes at all. Of course, that would be a tough call, it would require these folks to know what the law says, and that is nigh to impossible.

## And thereafter, racial profiling

by Walter E. Williams

New Jersey Gov. Christine Todd Whitman fired Col. Carl Williams, her state police superintendent, after he told reporters that minority groups were more likely to be involved in drug trafficking. Williams was already under fire by black ministers and civil-rights groups accusing the State Police of racial profiling, a practice of targeting minority drivers for traffic stops and searches in the war against drug trafficking.

Whitman said she fired Williams because his comments "are inconsistent with our efforts to enhance public confidence in the State Police."

Let's look at racial profiling. If God were a state trooper, He wouldn't be involved with the imperfection and indignity of racial profiling — not because He's good but because He knows all. God would know who is a drug trafficker and who's not. Mere mortals like us don't know everything.

Unlike God, we face a world of costly and incomplete information, and that means we have to do a lot of guessing and playing hunches. Part of that strategy requires the use of indicators that have varying degrees of reliability. Physical characteristics, including race, are among those indicators that can tell us things.

Thus, we can benefit from learning to employ cheap-to-observe characteristics as proxies for more-costly-to-observe characteristics. Race is a cheap-to-observe characteristic that, while imperfect, is nonetheless sometimes useful.

I've hailed taxis in downtown Washington, D.C., at night, only to watch the driver pass me up and pick up a white passenger down the street. As often as not, the driver was black. Was the driver a racist? Or was he using my skin color as a proxy for an undesirable destination such as a high-crime neighborhood or as a proxy for the probability of being robbed?

He was racially profiling me, but he was wrong in my case. It is never pleasant to be a victim of racial profiling, but whom should I blame: the taxi driver who's not God and is simply doing what he can to protect himself? Or should I blame black thugs who prey on taxi drivers, making them leery about picking up black customers at night?

My physician practices racial profiling. Even though my PSA is 2.3, he is very aggressive about the slightest change. He's also aggressive about treating my mildly elevated blood pressure. He doesn't know anything certain about my individual risk of prostate cancer and hypertension-related diseases.



Not being God, he uses the medical evidence about blacks in general to make guesses about me. Should I take a cue from Whitman and fire him for making assumptions about me based upon my race? What about racial assumptions the New Jersey State Police may make?

According to the 1997 FBI Uniform Crime Report, 63 percent of the 65,624 drug arrests were minorities (50 percent blacks and 13 percent Hispanics). Since blacks are only 13 percent of the total population, it means law enforcement officials can assign a higher probability that a drug trafficker is a black more so than other racial groups.

In terms of arresting drug traffickers, doing disproportionate traffic stops on blacks will have a higher payoff than traffic stops on say Japanese, Russian Orthodox Jews or 75-year-olds. Statistics about the grossly disproportionate number of blacks involved in drug trafficking is no comfort to the law-abiding black who is stopped and searched.

It's humiliating and demeaning, not to mention inconvenient. But with whom should we be angry: police officers or those who've made black synonymous with crime? Of course, an alternative is not to stop cars at all.

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## A last lonely bark in the night?

by Vin Suprynowicz

The protests of a traveling businessman from Tulsa have brought to light an eight-year-old program — it even has a name: "Identify, Detect, and Locate" — under which Las Vegas Metro police officers apparently make weekly rounds of the valley's longer-term residence hotels and motels, picking up photocopies of the drivers licenses which guests present when they check in, and "running" those IDs for "wants and warrants."

A Metro spokesman says the policy does not apply to the major hotels on the Strip or downtown, catering to tourists who tend to stay for shorter periods of time. And District Attorney Stewart Bell says he didn't even know this was going on — though he presumes it's perfectly legal.

Louis De Silvio, a 52-year-old Army veteran and regional sales manager for a telephone company, says he couldn't believe the response when he asked the desk clerk at the Ramada Limited on Boulder Highway Feb. 28 why she needed to photocopy De Silvio's ID as he tried to check in.

"Because we're going to turn it over to the police. They require us to do this," De Silvio recalled the clerk telling him.

When told if he didn't like it he could go elsewhere, Mr. De Silvio did just that — and reports he again ran into the same practice.

At the second hostelry, "First he told me it was a state law, then he said it was a county law, then he said it was a police procedure."

It isn't any of the first two, of course. And even if it has become "police procedure," Undersheriff Richard Winget insists the program is entirely "voluntary" — that in fact it was the owners of such residential inns who "came to us and asked us to assist them to keep their complexes as reasonably safe as possible."

But local ACLU board member JoNell Thomas isn't having any of it.

"We don't live in a police state... where the police are free to track innocent people just because they would like to or even just because they might have the cooperation of some hotel," Thomas says. "It doesn't matter what the reasons are. We in this country don't allow police to take these kinds of actions without a warrant, without probable cause."

The issue may not be that cut and dried. If a motel clerk becomes suspicious of a party's behavior and asks police to "run" a license plate to make sure the establishment isn't harboring the Hole-In-The-Wall Gang, presumably we would want the officers to cooperate.

When questions start to arise is when Clark County deputy district attorney asserts "If you don't want to go through with it (presenting an ID and allowing it to be photocopied for police), you're free not to stay there."

Is that really the case? Once such a process becomes "routine police procedure," are we sure managers of new establishments aren't now told "This is the way we do things here. Have those Xeroxes ready for the officer every Tuesday... or did you want to not cooperate with your local police?"

It's tempting to argue that guests agree voluntarily to submit to the innkeeper's rules when they check in. But that's always assuming they're able to find someplace with different rules. Is it really still a "free contractual arrangement" to buy a ticket on a non-smoking airline, for instance... if regulators no longer allow any "smoking airlines" to exist?

Freely traveling the highways is a constitutional right, not a privilege. States already crowd this unenumerated liberty pretty far off to the shoulder when they require virtually everyone to carry a driver's license — even though courts used to regularly hold that states could only license "driving" in the meaning of the word which refers to commercial hauling.

(Don't tell me the driver's license "merely certifies you've demonstrated you know how to drive safely." Why then am I supposed to inform the state every time I change my residence address — do people tend to forget how to drive when they move across town? And why do I need to show the thing each time I try to board an airplane? I never ask to fly the plane. No, let's call this thing what it is — a police identity and tracking card.)

Must we now all show these "travel papers" to find a room, as well as to board a plane or cash a check? What next? In California, drug police are already reported boarding trains, "checking IDs" as a pretext for smoking out nervous drug runners.

American audiences used to boo and hiss at the blatant symbol of fascism when — in some old black-and-white movie — the westbound American or English train passenger trying to escape to freedom was approached by the Gestapo man in the sneer and the double-breasted suit, asking "May we see your papers please? Papiere?"

Sherlock Holmes solved the case of the horse Silver Blaze by noticing "the dog that did not bark in the night." Similarly, our warning klaxon here may be the very fact that most Americans today see nothing strange at all in some supercilious bureaucrat demanding that we "show our papers" before we're even allowed to rent a room for the night.

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 The evils of tyranny are rarely seen but by him who resists it. — John Hay, 1872

The most difficult struggle of all is the one within ourselves. Let us not get accustomed and adjusted to these conditions. The one who adjusts ceases to discriminate between good and evil. He becomes a slave in body and soul. Whatever may happen to you, remember always: Don't adjust! Revolt against the reality! — Mordechai Anielewicz, Warsaw, 1943

# Local man charged with injury to child

A dozen individuals were booked into the Garza County Jail over the past week, according to sheriff's department records.

Jailed on a commitment March 9 was a 21-year-old male (released March 12 after time served). Two were booked into the jail March 10 and held for the Border Patrol, including a 21-year-old male and a 22-year-old male (both released to the Border Patrol March 11).

A 56-year-old male, Jesse T. Rodriguez, was jailed March 11 for injury to a child (released March 13 on \$7,500 bond).

Three individuals were booked in the jail on March 12, all three for weekend commitments. They included a 39-year-old male, a 21-year-old male and an 18-year-old male (all released on March 14).

On March 13, a 25-year-old male was picked up for DWI/1st and driving while license suspended (released the next day on a pair of \$1,500 bonds) and a 23-year-old male was picked up for public intoxication (released the next day on a \$300 bond).

Two were booked on March 14, including a 35-year-old male, DWI/1st (released the next day on \$1,500 bond) and a 26-year-old male, public intoxication (released March 15 on time served and fine paid).

About 60 calls for service were handled by local law enforcement officers during the same time period.

On March 10, authorities responded to a report of a domestic dispute in the 1500 block of West 8th and a domestic dispute in the 100 block of East 6th.

Calls received March 11 included a request for medical assistance (no address recorded; call transferred to EMS) and a gasoline drive-off at a South Broadway business (\$10 in gasoline reportedly taken).

Calls worked March 12 included a one-vehicle rollover one mile south of Southland (Slaton officers and EMS were en route when local officials received the call); a request for an ambulance in the 300 block of West 15th (EMS notified); a gasoline drive-off on South Broadway (\$22.50 worth of gas reportedly taken); cars drag racing on East 380 near the airport; and a dog "attacking a little boy," 300 block of Mohawk (no further details recorded).

A gasoline drive-off at a North Broadway business (\$15.51 was reported taken) was recorded on March 13, as was a drive-off at a South Broadway business (\$17.70 worth of gasoline reportedly taken) and an automobile accident on U.S. 84 south (ambulance called out but no further details recorded).

Incoming calls received March 14 included another report of a gasoline drive-off, this one at an 8th Street business (\$12.35 worth of gasoline reportedly taken); an automobile accident with injuries (no location recorded); a vehicle egged in the 100 block of North Avenue S; and an unattended death in the 400 block of May (justice of the peace called out).

# Mind Your Business

by Don Taylor

An "Etch a Sketch" Approach to Life

When I was boy - sometime between the great flood and the Vietnam conflict - one of my favorite pastimes was a bright red plastic toy called an Etch a Sketch. It was a magic toy for a boy with a creative mind.

You could draw cars, tractors and houses. You could create intricate and complex patterns, mazes and shapes. Or, you could write your name in cursive.

The beauty of the Etch a Sketch was that if you didn't like what you created, you could simply turn it upside down and shake it and all the lines and squiggles would disappear. In an instant you had a clean screen with which to begin the process anew.

Not long ago, I heard someone mention getting a fresh start on life. "I wish I could just start over and erase all my mistakes," the person said. I remembered the Etch a Sketch.

The more I thought about the "if-only-life-were-like-an-Etch-a-Sketch" concept, the more I realized it can be just that way. You can turn your life upside down and shake it. We have the power to erase our past and create a new picture of our future.

## Erase Your Past

a.. Erase past failures. Elbert Hubbard said, "There is no failure except in no longer trying." The very best way to eliminate past shortcomings and flops is to put all your energy and effort into a new quest for success. Draw a new picture of fullness and accomplishment. Draw that picture first in your mind, then in your actions.

a.. Erase past feelings. There is little you can do that will cause your own self-destruction any more surely than harboring hard feelings toward others. Hatred is self-punishment. You do little harm to those you hate. Draw a new picture of forgiveness. Forgiveness is not only Divine, it is also emotional freedom. When you erase negative feelings, you make room for happy and constructive thoughts.

a.. Erase past frustrations. One of life's bitterest moments is to reach middle age and realize that you have had little effect on the world around you. We may reach for happiness only to find hurt. However, we can shake our frustrations from our Etch a Sketch life. Replace your frustrations by helping others. Don't knock it, just try it.

a.. Erase past friendships. Please read this very carefully. There are two kinds of friends: those who pull you down and those who lift you up. Erase only those friends who would drag you down. Erase those friends whose habits and actions distract you from achieving your goals. Draw a new picture by nurturing those friendships where both of you promote goodness and happiness in the other.

a.. Erase past fears. The words of Franklin D. Roosevelt often come to mind when we consider our fears. Roosevelt said: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself - nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance." Draw a new picture by facing your fears and turning those retreat areas in your life into advance. Once you conquer a fear, you'll have to deal with it again.

a.. Erase all falsehoods. The biggest problem with liars is this: No one believes them even if they are telling the truth. Thomas Jefferson said, "Truth is the first chapter in the book of wisdom." If you would be wise, draw a new picture of your life with truth. While this concept is too simple for some to grasp, telling the truth brings great comfort and peace. Truth brings confidence. Truth is always at ease.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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Brisket sandwiches and a full concession will be available. Beanie babies will be raffled off during the event.

All proceeds will benefit the Champ Duncan Medical Fund.

For more information, call the Slaton Chamber of Commerce at 828-6238.

# Obituaries

## Fleta Goss Walls

Services for Fleta Goss Walls were held Saturday, March 13, 1999 in the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. David Graves, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Walls died Wednesday, March 10, 1999 in the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. She was born July 27, 1913 in Winnsboro, Texas. She started school there and then moved with her family to Scurry County.

She attended school there and married Pete Walls January 6, 1930 in Lovington, New Mexico, during a snow storm. They made their first home in Scurry County and moved to Post in 1946. She had worked for the Postex Cotton Mill, Twin Cedar Nursing Home and the Garza Memorial Hospital.

She retired as a nurse's aid in 1982 to fish, enjoy family and work in her yard. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church for over 50 years. She and Pete were selected as a Founders' Day Pioneer Man and Woman several years ago.

Survivors include her husband of 69 years and a son and daughter in law, Herbert and Lois Walls of Post, a daughter Geneva Belongia of Post; brother, Truman Goss of Seminole;

Six grandchildren: Marth Jo Roberts, Irene Fry, Dale Walls, Derek Walls, Laurie Odom, Chris Belongia; 17 great grandchildren: Jayson Fry, Lucas Walls, Seth Walls, Austin Walls, Nathan Walls, Brad Roberts, Jeff Roberts, Leslie Fouquet, Jason Smith, Jada Smith, Riley Odom, Shelby Odom, Raegan Belongia, Reese Belongia, Ryan Belongia, Hunter Belongia and Haden Belongia; three great-great grandchildren: D'Kota Bree Walls, Ashley Fouquet and Kelsey Roberts.

Pallbearers were grandsons Bradley Roberts, Jeffrey Roberts, Lucas Walls, Jayson Fry, Riley Odom, Jason Smith and Robby Fouquet.

## Jessie Pearl Goen

Funeral services for Jessie Pearl Minton Goen age 89, of Anton, Texas, Texas will be conducted at 10 A.M., Wednesday, March 17, 1999 at the Lawrence Avenue Church of Christ in Anton with Larry Blokas, pastor officiating and David Pinkerton assisting. Burial will be in Anton Cemetery under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield, Texas.

Mrs. Goen died at 2:20 A.M., Monday, March 15, 1999 at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock following a lengthy illness. She was born September 2, 1909 at Peacock, Texas. She graduated in the first class at Anton High School in 1928.

She married Claude Ervin Goen on February 11, 1932 at Clovis, New Mexico. She played basketball in High School and always loved sports, quilting was her special hobby. She was the last charter member of the Lawrence Avenue Church of Christ. She was a home maker.

She is preceded in death by her husband Claude on December 20, 1970 and by a son Ronald Lee in 1949.

She is survived by her sons Bill Goen of Lubbock, David and James Goen of Littlefield, Douglas Goen of Olton, Jerry Goen of Post; 18 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Family suggest memorials to be sent to the Lubbock Childrens Home. Pallbearers will be grandsons



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- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ to the dogs"
- TX Dan Jenkins' "Life \_\_\_\_\_ Ownself"
- TXism: "aggressive \_\_\_\_\_ oil salesman"
- lunch time
- tasty competition in the TX Citrus Festival
- this flew over TX: "fleur-\_\_\_\_\_lis"
- decorate the tree
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ little horse trading"
- TXism: "smooth as a baby's \_\_\_\_\_"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rio del Norte; western city's 1st name
- Corpus Christi's Harbor Bridge is on \_\_\_\_\_ Leon
- robbery in the Gulf
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a hand" (help)
- designer Cassini who was married to TX Gene Tierney
- TXism: "fits \_\_\_\_\_ in a can"
- cheesy treat
- Gov. Pease who resigned office
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lago, TX
- nocturnal insect

**DOWN**

- TXism: "snug as \_\_\_\_\_ a rug"
- so. of Dallas off I-35
- \_\_\_\_\_ Leon mapped much of TX in 17th century
- defensive aerosol
- news wrangler
- TXism: "he \_\_\_\_\_ in the saddle" (experienced)
- aviation prefix
- TXism: "just a \_\_\_\_\_ gen" (little)
- TX Audie Murphy's biography: "No \_\_\_\_\_ the Bullet"
- Rockets 1st rounder Alec (init.)
- Billy the \_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "sour \_\_\_\_\_ pucker a pig"
- Gusnie started the Kilgore Rangerettes
- natural or refined in TX
- Clyde's TX partner Bonnie (init.)
- TXism: "fast as \_\_\_\_\_ from a gusher"
- three prefix
- TXism: "it \_\_\_\_\_ big loop to rope him"
- rare cat at Bentsen State Park
- TXism: "flat \_\_\_\_\_ panhandle prairie"
- Rock of TX film "Giant" (init.)
- TX Perrine film: "\_\_\_\_\_ house Five"
- TX Roy Orbison's "Pretty Woman"
- TX Kristofferson film: "\_\_\_\_\_ Tough"
- Galveston
- TXism: "best I ever \_\_\_\_\_"
- open the beer bottle
- wire thickness



**CINDY SHOWS 1968 GRAND CHAMPION**

Cindy Bird's 875-pound steer was judged grand champion of the third annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show last March. Giles Dalby, shown with Cindy purchased the champ at \$510 above the floor price.

From The Post Dispatch, Mar. 13, 1969



**EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS ARE RUNNERS-UP**

Coach Billy Hahn's 8th grade girls' team lost to Slaton in the championship game of the Junior High district tournament. From left to right, front row, are: Anita Criado, Consuelo Flores, Esther Guajardo, Donna McBride, Trena Jackson, Gaynell King, Deborah Hundley and Jan Bilbo. Second row, l. to r.: Frances Valdez, Janyce Brockman, Pam Feagin, Jo Beth Gandy, Debra Allen, Pat Johnson, Phyllis Eckols, Maxine Colazo and Maude Cade.—(Staff Photo)

From The Post Dispatch, Mar. 13, 1969



**SHOW WINNERS HONORED**

In the top picture, John N. Hopkins, C. of C. manager, is presenting the showmanship award to 4-H member Don Richardson, who is holding his reserve champion in the calf division of Saturday's 4-H and FFA project show. Also in the picture is 4-H member Joey Basinger of Southland, holding his grand champion steer. At the left is FFA member Jerry Thuett and his grand champion Durac barrow. —(Staff Photos)

From The Post Dispatch, March 12, 1959

## Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

March 8, 1989  
10 Years Ago

The Main Street Project is currently sponsoring a community planting of Post's official flower - the red geranium - and both businesses and residents can take advantage of the opportunity to order the plants now being offered by Main Street.

Ninety-six families - a total of 444 people - were helped during the year of 1988 by Post Cares.

Charles Hardin and Bo Jackson, Post representatives on the White River Municipal Water District board of directors, met with the Post City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Hardin said that he and Jackson were "here to represent Post" and that they would be willing to find answers to questions, provide information and do whatever was necessary to keep the doors open between Post and the White River Municipal Water District.

March 15, 1979  
20 Years Ago

The Post Chamber of Commerce, with the support of local businessmen, are converting the 1979 Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony here next Thursday morning into an appreciation affair for area farmers and ranchers.

Some 370 farmers and ranchers and their wives have been invited to be Chamber guests at the annual Indian Legend "sunrise wind" ceremony at 6:45 a. m. next Thursday and then enjoy a catered breakfast in the new Garza County Junior Livestock Association pavilion.

Post dentist Charles McCook has filed for position on the Post Independent School District's board of trustees to make the third contest in the April 7 school election.

March 13, 1969  
30 Years Ago

The approaching deadline for "no trash burning" at sanitary landfills applies only to the larger cities and not to towns the size of Post, according to City Manager Eddie Warren.

Presently, the City of Post is burning tree limbs, tires and certain other refuse at the sanitary land fill, the city manager said.

One of Garza County's biggest combination events of the year, the Junior Livestock Show and County Fair, will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the 4-H Building, with sponsors of the two events predicting the "biggest and best ever."

March 12, 1959  
40 Years Ago

Durwood Bartlett hopes this story about the bad fire at his farm will be "a lesson to other kiddos" on the damage they can cause by playing with matches.

Bartlett's barn, a 20 by 60-foot structure including four cribs and a shed, was completely destroyed by fire about 5 p. m. Friday at his farm seven miles northwest of Post.

Trustees of the Post Independent School District voted to discontinue senior trips after this school year, accepted the resignations of Coach Frank Krhut and junior high teacher William R. Bennett, and re-elected all other teachers in the white schools, subject to placement, in a busy session Friday night.

THE DECISION to do away with the annual senior trip after this year came following a discussion in which it was pointed out by the superintendent that such trips used to serve an educational purpose, but not any more. He said that nowadays most of the students have been most anywhere that might be selected as the trip destination, and that the trips are becoming more difficult to supervise.

"It's hard on the teaching personnel to have to take on the responsibility of supervising the senior trips," the superintendent said. He also pointed out that the trend among schools is to do away with senior trips, and called attention to the fact that increases in size of future senior classes here would make the trips even more difficult to supervise.

March 17  
1949  
50 Years Ago

Carter Gene White's 852-pound Hereford calf, which placed fifth in the heavy weight dry lot class of baby beef calves in the Sand Hills Hereford Show in Odessa last Thursday, was sold Saturday to the Furr Food Store of Odessa for 40 cents a pound. The calf was the Grand Champion of the Garza County Calf Show this month.

The calf came from Double U. Company stock.

Lewis Herron, Jr., who arrived here last week to begin his duties as Garza County agricultural agent, is inviting 4-H Club boys who are interested in beginning the feeding of show calves and their fathers to come to his office in the courthouse at their earliest convenience.

Seventy-eight boys and girls are now enrolled in the Junior Deputy Sheriffs Association and a number of other applications are being considered, Sheriff Bass said.

The youngsters are already on the job and two of the deputies prevented burglaries of Hamilton's and Herring's store last week and assisted in recovering a loaded 32 automatic pistol from a 14-year-old boy, the sheriff said.

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Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous Meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday of the month, which is an open meeting. Door opens at 7 p.m. and

the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., cake and coffee following the meeting. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-4152, 495-4185 or 629-4393.

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For sale: 14' by 72' Solitaire mobile home. Two bedroom, two bath, new carpet, solid wood cabinets, three year old

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Dated: 9th March, 1999  
Jack Alexander  
Independent Executor Estate of Neil Crosby  
Garza County, Post, Texas

## More Post Notes

### Youth Disciple Now weekend

Area youth are invited to attend a Disciple Now Weekend on April 22-25 at a cost of \$30. Interested youth may call 495-3554 (First Baptist Church) or 495-0212 (Brent Spears) to register. Deadline for the program is April 16.

### AARP defensive driving course

The Garza County Trailblazers are hosting an AARP defensive driving course on April 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the center. The course is available to anyone aged 55 or older at the rate of \$8 per person. A lunch break will be included. The deadline for registration is Friday, March 19. Call the Trailblazers at 495-2998 to sign-up. Completion of the course may qualify the student for insurance discounts.

### 4-H garage sale March 20

The Generation H 4-H Club will hold a garage sale Saturday, March 20 at 102 W. 11th Street beginning at 8 a.m.

## New GHD law

(Continued from Page 1)

A new Section 16A establishes procedures for dissolving the district. The board may call the election itself or be forced to call an election with petitions signed by at least 300 qualified voters in the district.

The county affairs committee includes representatives Ramsay, Glenn Lewis, Warren Chisum, David Farabee, Harvey Hilderbran, Mike Krusee, Ignacio Salinas Jr and David Swinford.

Last August a group of Garza County taxpayers signed a petition, asking Representative Counts to introduce a fairly simple amendment to HB 1325.

For the purpose of determining the dissolution of the Garza Hospital District, the board of directors of the Garza Hospital District shall comply with provisions of Chapter 286.102 of the Texas Health and Safety Code. Petitions signed and submitted by Garza County voters in May, 1998 to the Garza Hospital District board of directors shall be recognized as fulfilling the requirements specified in Chapter 286.102 of the Health and Safety Code.

If any Garza County taxpayers attend the hearing in Austin, perhaps this proposal could be substituted in place of the "health care district" recommendation and save taxpayers here a lot of grief.



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# Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

## American Chocolate Week!

When in doubt, serve chocolate! "If it isn't chocolate, it isn't dessert." Give me chocolate or give me death." In an emergency, administer chocolate immediately. Few foods inspire such consuming passion.

The history of the cocoa bean, its introduction to Columbus and Cortez in the New World, and the craze for chocolate that swept Europe in the 16th century, have been written about many times. Perhaps there is no account more succinct or interesting than the one in the small paperback titled *Chocolate*, a book written, illustrated, and over-researched by Sandra Boynton.

She wrote: The Mayans and Aztecs made a drink from the beans of the cacao tree. The conquering Spanish returned home with chocolate (cho-co-LAH-tay) in 1528. A royal wedding in 1615 brought the drink to France, where they called it *chocolat* (sho-co-LAH). It quickly crossed the Channel, and the English welcomed the *chocolata*. In fact, it wasn't until chocolate came to the United States that people began pronouncing it correctly: CHOCOL-let.



Do you remember a time when you could eat as many chocolate candy bars as you could afford and not worry about the effect it might have on your little body? Lucky you! That's not true for very many of us these days. In the introduction to her book, titled *Growing Up on the Chocolate Diet*, Lora Brody writes: Before Weight Watchers and Jane Fonda conspired to make thin in, the word diet meant something else.

According to Mr. Webster, diet means the foods a person eats most frequently, and more to the point, "anything that is habitually provided or partaken of. Maybe to you the word diet means cottage cheese and melba toast. To me it means chocolate layer cake, brownies, and egg creams.

Lora Brody says that we can eat chocolate and not gain weight. We just have to give up something else.... cheese, burgers and fries, creamy soups: *Chocolate's worth it!*

If you absolutely cannot give up anything, then you have another choice: WORK OUT! Swim a mile and eat some fudge, ride your bike and refresh yourself with a chocolate ice cream soda... Take a bite. Close your eyes. Isn't chocolate divine?... Aren't you happy to be alive and eating chocolate?

### Know Your Chocolate

- Unsweetened or bitter chocolate is for baking or cooking. It is made without sugar.

- Bittersweet or semisweet chocolate is slightly sweetened. It is used for desserts, frostings, and sauces.

- Milk chocolate is a great favorite and found in most candy bars.

- Chocolate powder may be unsweetened or sweetened. Check the package.

- Chocolate syrup is sweetened and flavored and is used mostly in drinks and sauces.

- White chocolate is only called chocolate. So-called white chocolate is prepared from vegetable fats, coloring and flavors.

### Chocolate Lover's Chocolate Cake

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine in a large mixing bowl: 1 pkg. chocolate cake mix with pudding, cup salad oil, 4 eggs, 8 oz. sour cream, cup water

Beat 5 minutes at medium speed. Stir in 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips. Pour into greased 12-cup tube pan. Bake for 1 hour. Cool 10 minutes, then remove from pan. Enjoy!!!!

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## USAF sets April 7 hearing on low-level bomber training issue

The United States Air Force will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 7, on the proposed establishment of a low-level B-1 and B-52 bomber training site over this region.

The hearing will run from 5-9 p.m. at Snyder High School, 3801 Austin Ave., Snyder.

This is to be the only hearing conducted in the immediate area, according to HEPA (Heritage-Environmental Preservation Association) Inc. officials.

"Attending the public hearing is the primary way for you to let the USAF know that you are concerned about the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initiative," reads a HEPA flyer. "The Air Force uses the attendance as an indicator of the level of opposition."

"The initial hearing last winter was not publicized and attendance was poor. Don't let them think we don't care. Come to the meeting with your concerns about how this will impact you and your land. We need to let them know we are opposed to the concept of turning our backyard into a bomber training ground."

The Air Force has proposed the establishment of a Realistic Bomber Training Initiative over an eight-county area composed of Garza, Borden, Dawson, Fisher, Lynn, Kent, Scurry and Stonewall counties.

"Our land will become one of the most active training grounds for the B-1 and B-52 bombers in the country," the flyer reads. "The USAF could fly as many as 15-25 missions in the training site daily. These flights will start out at 3,000 feet; however, we suspect that flights as low as 500 feet are likely in the future."

"This is not just another training area. It will turn our land into one of

the major bomber training sites in the country."

HEPA supporters believe the RBTI will "significantly impact the local economy" by:

- Essentially eliminating the hunting in the area, costing tens of millions of dollars in lost sales at stores, motels, restaurants and hunting leases.

HEPA officials may be reached by calling 915-735-3289.

## Forum looks at future

(Continued from Page 1)

However, he emphasized that the true goal is to facilitate the identification of common issues and define a process whereby these issues can be solved to create a better economic, environmental and social situation in communities across the state.

He noted that participating agencies, groups and organizations can better focus on issues and programs related to their missions and interests and the needs of the local people. "We view this as a partnership effort with all of us working together for the future of Texas," Fehlis said.

So, if you want to have a voice in the future of Garza County, be sure to attend the Futures Forum on March 23. This is your opportunity to help shape the future!

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## Lunch Menus

### Trail Blazer

Friday, March 19, 1999

Fried fish, baked beans, okra, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.

Monday, March 22, 1999

Spaghetti, zucchini, cucumber and onion, tossed salad, garlic bread and apple cobbler.

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

Green chili chicken, pinto beans, salad, cornbread and fruit salad.

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

Chicken fried steak, potato/gravy, mixed vegetable, coleslaw, wheat roll and jello.

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Roast beef, potatoes, carrots, salad, wheat roll and chocolate cake.

### Post ISD

Friday, March 19, 1999

Breakfast: Spring break

Lunch: Spring break

Monday, March 22, 1999

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Corn dog, French fries, mixed veggies, ice cream cup and choice of milk.

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, ham, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, chocolate pudding and choice of milk.

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

Breakfast: Donut, sausage links, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, California mix, salad, garlic toast, fruit cocktail and choice of milk.

Thursday, March 25, 1999

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

Lunch: Fajitas, onions and peppers, refried beans, salad, cake and choice of milk.

### Southland ISD

Friday, March 19, 1999

Springbreak

Monday, March 22, 1999

Breakfast: Cream of wheat, toast, juice and milk.

Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll, apple cobbler and milk.

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

Breakfast: Muffins, sausage, juice and milk.

Lunch: Chalupas, salad, corn, peanut butter cake and milk.

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

Breakfast: Scrambled eggs w/cheese, bacon, biscuit, juice and milk.

Lunch: Chicken pattie sandwich, pickle spears, chips, banana pudding and milk.

Thursday, March 25, 1999

Breakfast: Waffles, w/syrup, sausage, juice and milk.

Lunch: Chili cheese dogs, pork-n-beans, French fries, Rice Krispy Treats and milk.

## Girl Scouts enjoy treats at annual banquet

Post Girl Scouts held their annual Father Daughter Banquet last Friday evening in the Post Community Center. The theme for the evening was the "Big Top" or circus.

The evening began with a welcome by "Ringmaster" Aaron Rathbun and the introduction of our special guests: Hilda Cordero, Caprock Council Representative, and her children, James and Alexandria; Mayor Jim Jackson and his wife, Dortha; and Aaron and Joann Rathbun. Several Girl Scouts then opened with a flag ceremony and the grace was led by Senior Troop 47.

Following the meal, the entertainment began with the Daisy Troop singing "The Circus Song". Senior Troop 47 followed with two skits: "The Ugliest Person in the World" and "Dudley Do-right". Junior Troop 363 sang and danced to "Locomotion" ending with silly string for everyone and Brownie Troop 415 capped the troops' entertainment with a skit called "The Fire Brigade". One of our dads, Robert Wilson, then showed off his skill as a juggler.

The evening closed with the presentation of several awards. Cookie chairperson Carol Tobias presented plaques to last year's and this year's top cookie sellers. The top sellers for 1998 were: Brownie, Gabrielle Paiz; Junior, Ashley Wilson; and Cadette, Laura Tobias.

The top sellers for 1999 were: Brownie, D'Nae Johnson; Junior, Gabrielle Paiz; and Senior, Laura Tobias. Names were then drawn for the door prizes. Thanks to the following businesses for donating our door prizes: Wallace Lumber, Higginbotham Bartlett, Radio Shack and Caprock Girl Scout Council.

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## Trade Area Review

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### South Plains Veterinary Clinic

Dr Louis (Bud) Farr is located in Slaton on Hwy 84 North, phone (806) 828-5895 for veterinarian service. Farmers and ranchers have a large investment in their cattle and livestock and need the best in veterinarian service in order to protect that valuable investment. This animal hospital offers the people of this area the trained, skilled, professional services of this veterinarian, insuring you more healthy, more productive livestock. For vaccinations to counteract livestock, make use of this veterinarian at this modern hospital. They are well equipped with all the latest equipment and they maintain the highest sanitary conditions for the health of your animals. Don't risk your valued livestock and pets. This veterinarian is well qualified to care for everything from a sick puppy to your prize horses and cattle. Their services are for you, they can save you money and they can save your livestock.

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# MTC seeks local applicants for prison guard positions for Dalby Correctional Center

Garza County and Management & Training Corporation (MTC) are looking forward to opening the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility in June of this year. The facility can house up to 1,094 male medium security inmates sentenced to incarceration in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The facility is scheduled to keep each offender for no longer than two years of their sentence to prison.

Although MTC expects to fill its

upper and mid management ranks with experienced law enforcement, corrections, and business professionals already heavily steeped in the broad range of professional experiences necessary to operate such a facility, the majority of the correctional officer positions are available to those seeking entry into the corrections field for perhaps the first time. There are some statutory training requirements one must successfully complete, including Texas Com-

mission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Evaluation (TCLEOSE) certification.

In order to assist those with no previous corrections experience, MTC will provide three FREE training academies for selected candidates at the Post Community Center. These academies will prepare candidates for the TCLEOSE certification examination.

Each academy is scheduled to last two full weeks and will culminate with the taking of a statewide proficiency test on the subjects covered in the training sessions. The courses will be taught by certified instructors provided by the South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG), which is based in Lubbock. The first academy is scheduled for Monday, May 10 thru Friday, May 21, 1999, at the Post Community Center. The statewide test mandated by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Evaluations (TCLEOSE) will then be offered on Saturday, May 22, 1999. It generally takes a week to get the results of this test scoring from the state TCLEOSE office, and MTC anticipates being able to hire the successful applicants on Tuesday, June 1, 1999.

The second training session is scheduled for the Post Community Center on Monday, May 24 thru Saturday, June 5, 1999. (The class will take Monday, May 31, 1999, off in recognition of Memorial Day. This class will then take the TCLEOSE test on Saturday afternoon, June 5, 1999, with an anticipated hire date of Monday, June 14, 1999. The third training session offered by MTC, also at the Post Community Center, is slated to begin on Monday, June 14, 1999, and run through Friday, June 25, 1999.

That group can take the TCLEOSE test on Saturday, June 26, 1999, and look forward to a hire date of Tuesday, July 6, 1999, following the long weekend for the Fourth of July celebration.

For those who cannot arrange their schedule to attend one of these three free training sessions, the law enforcement training staff SPAG is offering a special night course from May 27, 1999, thru June 24, 1999. MTC will also pay for attendance at this training course by MTC selected candidates.

This course will meet at the SPAG classroom #2 in Lubbock and run each Monday, Tuesday & Thursday from 6PM to 10PM and on each Saturday from 8AM to 5PM. All four courses will satisfy the 80 hours of training required in the Basic Correctional Officer Course as certified by TCLEOSE and conducted by SPAG selected instructors.

Basically, all staff whose duties require them to have regular contact with incarcerated offenders must successfully complete this training and pass the statewide test prior to employment at the facility. Because these positions are law enforcement officer positions, each applicant must also otherwise qualify using the published State of Texas standards to be a jailer for the county. The Texas Administrative Code, Title 37, Public Safety, establishes the qualifications for these positions, and includes the following provisions (extracted from Paragraph 225.3.

Minimum Standards for Contract Jailer Certificate):

(a) An applicant for a temporary contract jailer certificate or a contract jailer certificate must:

(1) be at least 18 years of age; (2) be fingerprinted and subjected to a search of local, state and national records and fingerprint files to disclose any criminal record; (3) not be on court ordered community supervision or probation for any criminal offense above the grade of Class C misdemeanor;

(4) not have been convicted of a misdemeanor offense above the grade of Class C misdemeanor within the last five years; (5) not have ever been convicted at any time of a felony offense; (6) be of good moral character; (7) be subjected to a thorough, comprehensive background investigation and be interviewed personally prior to appointment by representatives of the employing contract jail;

(8) meet one of the following minimum educational requirements: (A) be a high school graduate; (B) have passed a general educational development (GED) test indicating high school graduation level; or (C) have 12 semester hours credit from an accredited college or university;

(9) be examined by a licensed physician and be declared in writing within 180 days before the date of employment by the contract jail to show no trace of drug dependency or illegal drug use after a physical examination, blood test, or other medical test administered by a licensed physician selected by the employing contract jail;

## "Housekeeper" to be presented at Garza

The Garza Theatre's next production, "The Housekeeper," will open with performances slated for March 26-28.

The comedy, which will star Steve and Amy Sever, will be directed by the duo.

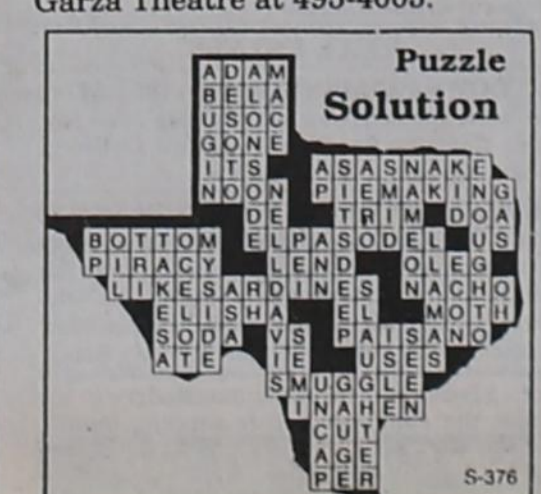
"If you enjoyed 'The Nerd,' you'll really enjoy 'The Housekeeper,'" reads the poster that announces the theatre's upcoming production.

In addition to March 26-28, performances are also scheduled for April 2-3 and 9-11. Curtain times will be Fridays and Saturdays, 7:45 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinees.

Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12.

Following "The Housekeeper," the theatre's next production will be "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" to be performed during May and the Harley Sadler Tribute, "Curse You, Jack Dalton!" which is set for late June and early July.

For more information, contact the Garza Theatre at 495-4005.



(10) be examined by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist and be declared in writing by that professional within 180 days before the date of employment by the contract jail to be in satisfactory psychological and emotional health appropriate to the job of contract jailer. The psychological examination must be conducted pursuant to professionally recognized standards and methods by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist, selected by the employing contract jail;

(11) not have been discharged from any military service under less than honorable conditions, including, specifically: (A) under other than honorable conditions; (B) bad conduct; or (C) dishonorable, or any other characterization of service indicating bad character;

(12) not have had any commission license or certificate denied by final order or revoked, or have a suspension or voluntary surrender of any commission license or certificate currently in effect; and

(13) not violate any commission rule;

(b) The training standards for a contract jailer certificate are successful completion of (1) the current basic county corrections course; or (2) previous training which has been certified by commission staff to be equivalent to the basic county corrections course;

(c) The basic county corrections course shall cover the subjects and be taught in accordance with the current instructor guides provided by the commission. Other appropriate training subjects may be added to the basic county corrections course.

(d) A person who fails to comply with the standards set forth in this section shall not accept the issuance of a certificate and shall not accept employment as a contract jailer.

(e) For the purposes of this section, the commission will construe any court ordered community supervision, probation or conviction for a criminal offense to be its closest equivalent under the Texas Penal Code classification of offenses if the offense arose from (1) another penal provision of Texas law; or (2) a penal provision of any other state, federal, military or foreign jurisdiction.

(f) A classification of an offense as a felony at the time of conviction will never be changed because Texas law has changed or because the offense would not be a felony under current Texas laws.

(g) The effective date of this section is March 1, 1998.

We encourage anyone who is interested in an exciting career in corrections to visit the Management & Training Corporation offices at 130 East Main Street in Post. Time is growing short to get started at the beginning, so don't delay.

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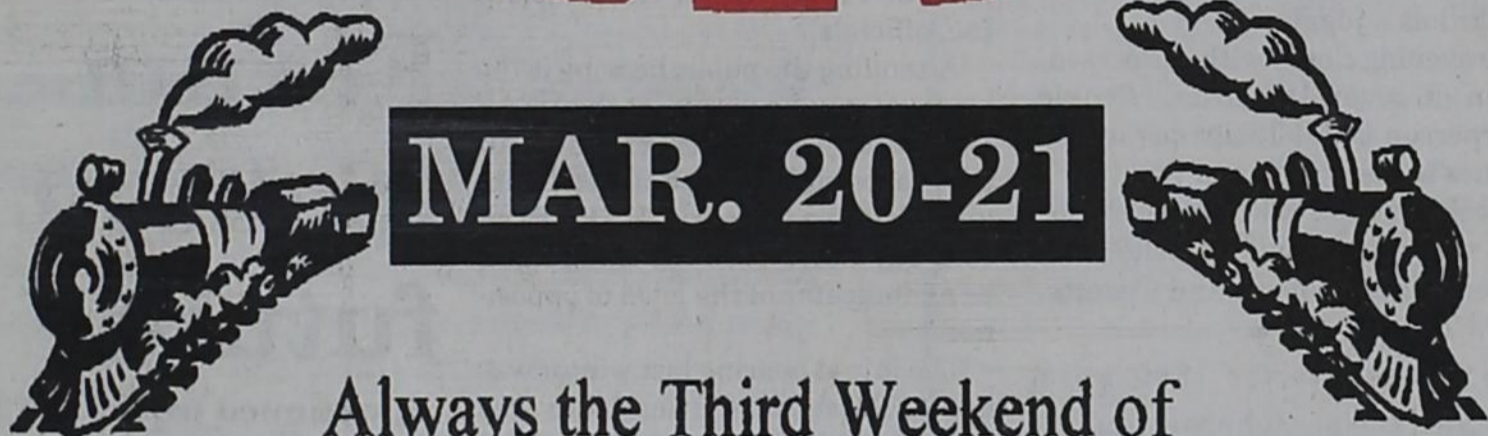
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B. THE WIDTH OF THE CAR MUST NOT EXCEED 2 3/4 INCHES

C. THE LENGTH OF THE CAR MUST NOT EXCEED 7 INCHES

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