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Post ISD rescinds homestead exemption to offset tax losses

Facing a \$1.5 million revenue loss in the coming school year, trustees for the Post Independent School District reluctantly voted Tuesday, April 13, to rescind the 20 percent homestead exemption enjoyed by local taxpayers in recent years.

With this change, a district taxpayer with a property valued at \$25,000 would, at the present tax rate, see a tax hike of about \$72.50, according to the appraisal district's Billie Windham.

The elimination of the homestead exemption is one of several moves trustees have made in recent weeks in an effort to cut corners without affecting the quality of education in the school district. District officials have said they have been forced to make extensive budget cuts because of lower mineral values. Decreased values are expected to cause a \$1.5 million loss in revenues for

the district in the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

In other business, trustees:

- Approved repairs to the roof at the middle school.
- Voted to table action on the Student Absentee Policy pending approval by the Texas Association of School Boards, Austin.
- Received a report from Marvin Self, assistant elementary school principal, on the CAP (Corrective Action Plan) training that he and several other district representatives recently attended. Others attending that training session included the superintendent, Marita Jackson and Suzanne Hudman.
- Conducted a brief executive session, followed by an open session in which one substitute teacher was approved.



U.I.L. Regional Qualifiers

Post High School U.I.L. coaches and regional qualifiers will compete in Abilene this Friday. Coaches are (back row, left to right) Doris Giddens, Shanda Kelso, Sandra Alexander, Christi Daily and Raylynn Kirkpatrick. Students advancing to regional competition are (middle row) Tandi Humble, Meagan Mills, Scotty Gaydos, Shelley Shifflett, Becca Stelzer, Ronnie Eaton, (front row) Pam Chapman, Shanna Pennell, Laci Hodges and Kelci Hart. (See details on Page 9)

GHD has authority to call election by state health code

by Wes Burnett

The Garza Hospital District (GHD) has for several years operated under the misconception that its purpose is to provide "for the availability of health care services for the citizens of Garza County," as several candidates explain in their statements (see page 6).

Several times in the past year I have requested GHD directors to cite the article and section of the State of Texas constitution that authorizes any expenditure of funds other than for indigent care. The only response I got was from the district's attorney, Cal Huffaker of Tahoka, who said, in effect, that the district is responsible for providing health care for all citizens.

If this were true, then we would have to say that any time any one of us has a medical problem, we should be able to take a receipt of our medical bill directly to GHD for payment. Obviously, GHD is not going to pay my medical expenses, because I do not qualify as an indigent.

So, where did this idea come from that GHD is responsible for providing health care for all the people of Garza County? A very good question, which can only be answered by those who insist on applying this unconstitutional use of tax funds.

The Garza Hospital District was established by the authority of Article 9, Section 9 of the State of Texas constitution. That article and section specifically specifies that the district is responsible for the health care of indigent and needy:

"The Legislature may by general or special law provide for the creation, establishment, maintenance and operation of hospital districts composed of one or more counties or all or any part of one or more counties with power to issue bonds for the purchase, construction, acquisition, repair or renovation of buildings and improvements

and equipping the same, for hospital purposes; providing for the transfer to the hospital district of the title to any land, buildings, improvements and equipment located wholly within the district which may be jointly or separately owned by any city, town or county, providing that any district so created shall assume full responsibility for providing medical and hospital care for its needy inhabitants and assume the outstanding indebtedness incurred by cities, towns and counties for hospital purposes prior to the creation of the district, if same are located wholly within its boundaries"

There is absolutely no other authority for health care specified. Section 9 also establishes procedures for dissolution of the districts created by its authority:

"The Legislature may also provide for the dissolution of hospital districts provided that a process is afforded by statute for:

- (1) determine the desire of a majority of the qualified voters within the district to dissolve it;
- (2) disposing of or transferring the assets, if any, of the district; and
- (3) satisfying the debts and bond obligations

That statute has been written by the legislature, it is found in the Health and Safety Code, Chapter 286.102.

Covenant announces changes to medical staff at Post clinic

Dr. Abel Salas, who has been seeing patients at the local clinic for the past two years, will no longer be associated with the clinic after the end of this month.

According to a report delivered to the Garza Memorial Hospital District directors Thursday, April 15, Dr. Salas was unable to reach a contractual agreement with Covenant Health Care and will no longer be working with the clinic after April 30.

At the time of the directors' meeting, it was not known whether or not Kris Lindblom, FNP, would stay on with the clinic.

Covenant has arranged for Dr. Scott Bergfeld, a family practice physician, and Isabel Rodriguez, a family nurse practitioner, to begin seeing patients in the clinic May 1. In August, Dr. Uma Rao, an internal medical physician, is expected to join them.

"We are sorry to be losing Dr. Salas," said Maritta Reed, district administrator. "He and Kris have provided really good service to this community."

In other business, board members:

- Voted to approve the program assurances for the continuation of the Primary Health Care Grant.
- Approved three indigent applications.
- Received a report on the clinic, which included statistics on the number of patients seen in the past month. According to the report, 592 patients were seen in the clinic, excluding those receiving flu, pneumonia, allergy and hormone injections.

Search for city manager

City officials will go back to the drawing board in their effort to hire a city manager.

Last week, city council members met with David Brunson of Plains, the man they selected to fill the position. But according to a city official, no agreement could be reached between the two parties and

GHD directors believe that they are not required to adhere to this statute, because the originating legislation (HB 1325) did not specify a method for dissolution. This position is in conflict with Article 9, Section 9, which delegates authority for dissolution to the legislature, which has already provided the statute.

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Post Notes

Womans Culture Club

The Womans Culture Club will meet Wednesday, April 28 at 2 p.m. at the Garza Historical Museum. Katherine Trammel will serve as hostess.

VFW ladies' garage sale Saturday

The Second Garage Sale and Bake Sale will be held at the VFW Hall on Clairmont Hwy Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. A wide selection and several new items will be offered. Donations are accepted by calling the VFW at 495-3785.

Turkey shoot set for Sunday

The Post EMS will host a turkey shoot Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. at the Palmer Farm nine miles west of Post on U.S. Hwy 380. The event will be a "come and go all day" with hamburgers and soft drinks available. A hunter's class with hunter's guns and ammo will also be held. Prizes will be awarded in the hunter's class. Proceeds will be used to help the EMS in purchasing new equipment. For more information contact Jon Hataway at 495-2083 or Monk Palmer at 495-2333.

All-Sports banquet May 6

The Post Booster Club sponsored All-Sports Banquet will be held this year May 6 at the Post Community Center. Tickets for the event are \$10 and may be purchased at Collier Drug or Triple M Pump. The banquet will be catered by Babb's BBQ, with a May 3 deadline for ticket purchases.

Scholastic book fair set May 3-6

A Scholastic Book Fair, "Welcome to Camp Book Fair," will be held at the Post Elementary Library May 3 through 6 with a special parents' night on Tuesday, May 4.

Methodist church seeks donations

The First United Methodist Church is seeking donations to used to purchase a popcorn machine for Golden Plains Care Center. Donations will be accepted throughout the month of April at the church office or by mail to 216 W. 10th. For more information call 495-2942 between 9 a.m. to noon.

West Texas Open BBQ Cookoff

The West Texas Open BBQ Cookoff will be held Saturday, May 8, 1999 at the Caprock Lounge in Post. For more information call Danny Cooper at 495-1252 or e-mail to cooperdv@aol.com.

Benefit for Mesa family

Friends of Alex and Beatrice Mesa are planning a benefit Saturday, May 15 to help with medical expenses for her recent heart surgery. The benefit will feature gorditos, rice and beans and bake sale, at \$5 per plate, available at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Those interested in helping with donations please contact Juanita at 495-3059, Paula at 495-3054, Danny at 495-4046 or Josefina at 495-3756.

Fish fry benefit for Ayala

A benefit for Pat Ayala to help defer medical expenses will be held Saturday, April 24 with fish fry and gordita plates. Each dinner is \$5 and is available starting at 5 p.m. A bake sale will also be held. The event will be at the Holy Cross Catholic Church Fellowship Hall.

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Early voting shows strong interest in GHD election

Almost 100 ballots had been cast in the hospital district's early voting period as of Tuesday morning but no early voters had yet turned out to mark ballots in the city elections.

According to hospital district officials, a total of 93 early voters had already cast their ballots in the upcoming election.

No early voters have taken advantage of the city's early voting period, according to a report from city hall.

Seven individuals have filed to run in the at-large race to fill three of the hospital district's board positions. Candidates include Carol Tobias, Bertha Fuentes, Charles Propst, Danny Guthrie and incumbents Jack Alexander, David Nichols and Zoe Kirkpatrick.

Early voting in the election began April 9 and will run through April 27 at the hospital building.

In the city elections, former city councilman Archie Gill is the sole candidate for the mayoral seat. Ward 1 Councilwoman Juanita Pantoja will run unopposed. Marion Cruse, who was appointed to fill the unexpired Ward 2 term, will be challenged by Dick Odom for the Ward 2 council seat.

Early voting began April 14 and will run through April 27 at city hall.

There will be no trustee election this May in the Post Independent School District. Only the incumbents — Mark Kirkpatrick and Barbara Hardin — filed for the open seats on the school board and under state law, school districts may waive the prescribed election process when no contested races exist.

Post Library observes National Library Week

Post commemorated National Library Week on Wednesday, April 14, during a ceremony honoring the efforts of the Post Public Library to promote literacy and offer expanded educational opportunities in the community.

Eric Sawyer, West Texas regional assistant for U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, presented the library with a certificate of appreciation from Gramm. Sawyer also read a letter from the Senator recognizing the library's efforts to promote literacy in the community.

National Library Week is being celebrated April 11-17. This year's theme is "Read! Learn! Connect! @ the Library."

"In every city across America, li-

braries are making a commitment to help promote literacy and learning," said Gramm, a former teacher.

"National Library Week is a time to recognize the people who have already made education awareness and reading a part of their life, and offers us an opportunity to encourage others to volunteer their time and talents to their local library," the Senator added.

National Library Week, sponsored by the National Library Association, was initiated to promote the use and support of all types of libraries and to make the public aware of the many services libraries provide their communities.

Also participating in the ceremony was librarian Jeanette Edwards.



National Library Week
Eric Sawyer (left) and Sondra Ziegler (right) congratulate Post Librarian Jeanette Edwards during a special recognition at the library last week. Sawyer and Ziegler were here representing U.S. Senator Phil Gramm. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Golden Plains Care Center News

by Bunny Lynch

We had some wonderful singing last Friday. Mira Sanchez sang some beautiful songs while Joseph Sanchez played the piano. We had a lobby full of residents and a lot of hand clapping and toe tapping going on. Nell Mathews also sang a song for us.

Tuesday, April 20 at 2:30 we had our Volunteer Appreciation Party. All of the volunteers received a label pin that said "Volunteers Give from the Heart". We then announced Volunteer Groups of the Year they were: Calvary Baptist Church and the Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W. Volunteers of the Year were: David Graves and Winona Ward. We appreciate all our volunteers do for us. They make each day special! Thanks!

On Wednesday, April 21 at 2:00 we are going to be watching slide shows and eating popcorn, and then at 6:30 Noel White and friends will be here to play some wonderful music for us.

April 25th thru the 28th we will be having our "Praising the Lord" Revival. We would love to have any visitors who would like to attend. The services will be: Sunday 25th at 10 a.m.-New Home Baptist Church, and at 6:15 p.m. First Methodist Church.

Monday at 6:15 Calvary Baptist Church, Tuesday at 6:15 Grassland Church of Nazarene and Wednesday at 6:15 Post Church of Christ. Thanks to everyone for helping.

May is going to be real busy. May 3rd thru 6th we will be practicing for the Senior Olympics and May 7th at 3 p.m. we will have our Mother's Day Special. May 9th thru 15th is "National Nursing Home Week" on the 10th we are going to have a hamburger cook-out and hopefully the Guthrie Family Band will be playing for us.

Tuesday 11th it's Rodeo Day we will be having a steer roping contest, and a cow milking contest and a Tall Tale Telling contest. Wednesday 12th we were going to the Park for a picnic and at 3 p.m. we will be watching slide shows and eating popcorn.

Thursday 13th we will have an Homemade ice cream social and Friday 14th is the "Senior Olympics" last year we had so much fun. The events will be: Wheelchair races, 25th walk, spelling bee, shuffleboard, basketball and the bean bag toss.

If anyone is interested in helping during this fun filled week, please just give me a call. I could sure use your help.

Theta Eta Chapter meets in Lubbock

The Theta Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma met Monday April 12, 1999 at the Lubbock Women's Club. Post members were hostesses. Connie Flores, President, presided at the meeting.

The members enjoyed a Happy Half Hour Fellowship before a short business meeting and initiation of new members. New members initiated were Troy Ehlert from Tahoka, Pam Owen from Post, and Debbie Riley from Brownfield. Dinner was served and committees gave reports. The program, "Children At Risk", was presented by Leigh McPhaul of South Plains College.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, composed of key women educators, is an international organization including 14 countries around the world. There are 17,500 Texas members, Alpha State, Texas. The local chapter is Theta Eta and includes members from Garza, Lynn, and Terry counties.

Firefighters attend classes in Lubbock

Several local firefighters attended Fire School as part of the Lubbock-Area Fire Conference April 5-8.

Classes were held nightly from 7-10 p.m. Classes included Fire Science, Flashover Training, Fire Scene Management, Emergency Driving, Fire Public Education and Extraction & Rescue. Some of the classes provided certifications for participating firefighters.

Those attending included Milton Williams, Les Looney, Kelly Baker, Daniel Redman, Mark Short, Ivan Line, Delbert Rudd and Michael Self.

Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

More Than One Scare

Willie and Bill McBride got their own scare last week during our stormy evening.

A short few minutes after Bill saw the lightning strike a pole near their home in Cedar Hills, a bolt of lightning came through the roof into their living room.

They lost two TV's, a VCR, air conditioner and it hit their stove burning it up. As I understand it, Willie was in the living room at the time!

Luckily no one was injured but that must have been really scary. Glad you two are OK.

Earlier Drive-Thru's ???

I got three really cute stories about curb jumping. I know they will make my mom feel better!

Joy Browning called in to say that in 1970 or 71 her niece was in Parrish Grocery (located where the Community Center is now), leaving her child in the car with her grandmother. The child put the car in gear and drove right on in.

Mary Gale Young reports that in 1959 her beauty shop (Gale's, located where The Alamo is now) was made a drive through by Linda Taylor and her mom, Jettie. Her brakes went out also.

Louella Bilberry had the cutest. I'm going to print it exactly as told. Curbjumping, 1959 Style

After reading Judy's story about her mother's adventure, I decided to tell mine. I thought I'd call John Tom to see if he could remember any details I'd forgotten. He said, "Golly Mother, I was just 12 years old when that happened, I don't remember anything". But he did remember the big black 1951 International pickup. He said Luke bought it with a sealed bid from the high school ag. department and that earlier ag students had scratched their names all over inside the cab.

For some reason we were inbetween family car\$ at that time and this pickup was\$ all we had! I thought I needed to go into town that Saturday afternoon. We were living up on the cap in the Graham community.

I made it into town just fine and there was a parking space in front of Herring's Department Store. At that time the curb was high, no nice little extra step like we have now. I wasn't going fast at all and as I turned into park, the brake pedal went to clean to the floor! I prepared myself for a jolt-which I got, but horror of horrors, the front of that big old pickup went on up on to the sidewalk. The bottom drug on the curb and stopped me! Some men ran up and pushed me back off the curb. Mr. Herring came running out with a big push broom and swept all the dried mud that had fallen from under the pickup.

I wasn't hurt, just scared and worse of all, embarrassed. Thru my rears, I assured everyone I was OK. I went to Wackers, borrowed the phone and called my cousin Jean (McQuien) Jones to come get me. I called Luke and between sniffs and boo-hoos told him to come get that ## pickup. "I wasn't driving it another inch. I'd be at cousin Jean's!"

I don't remember the rest of the story. I had thought John Tom could fill in the blanks. I even called cousin Jean in Jal, New Mexico and she didn't remember any of it! OH, well.

Louella, I love this story. I laughed till I cried cause I can remember all of you in that pickup. Tell John Tom he's showing our age!!

Trailblazers

I wanted to let everyone know that the Garza County Trail Blazers are selling tickets for chances on a Queen size quilt to raise funds for a new Sr. Center. Tickets are one dollar each or six for \$5.00. Purchase from any member or call 495-2998.

Surveys show that programs such as we have at our Trail Blazers provide a senior citizen with not just a meal, but the opportunity to socialize. This is important for our Garza County citizens. I know we have many folks that go daily and enjoy good fellowship together.

Everyone get out and buy a raffle ticket and lets help these good people have a new place to meet!!!!

Birthdays This Week

Birthdays for this week: Thursday, April 22; LaGayluah McReynolds, Susan Warren, Patrick Soto, Jr., Laurie Odum and Sherry Davis; Friday 23; Jane Terry, Betty Posey, Raeline Reece, Colt Mason, Andy Quinonez and Lew Bishop; Saturday 24; Joyce Watts, William Morrow and Becky; Sunday 25; Victoria Benavidez.

Monday April 26; Elvida Sanchez, Sandy Hanna, Stephen Staudt, Brittney Taylor, Barbara Gossett, Melissa Arredondo and Debbie Webb.; Tuesday 27; Charles McClain, Marc McClain, Karen Palmer, Lois Childs and Heather Mason.; Wednesday 28; Pru Basquez, Heath Tobe Palmer and Margie Higgins; Anniversary; Necie and Willie Moreno.

e-mail Quote

You might be in a Texas country church if.....
The preacher says, "I'd like to ask Bubba to help take up the offering" and five guys stand up.

Get Well

I want to send out a special get well message to my friend Glenda Atkinson. She has had recent surgery and is back home on the road to recovery. You hang in there Glenda, everyone is rooting for you.

Also to Mack Ledbetter who is in Covenant with a broken leg. Seems he had a run in with a calf and the calf won. You take care Mack and hurry home!

Till Next Week

Pray for rain, enjoy it when it comes and have a great weekend. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Call Judy with your "Jabberin" 495-2816



Volunteer Groups of the Year recognized at Golden Plains Care Center are the Calvary Baptist Church and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the VFW. Representing the church is pastor David Graves (left), VFW ladies are (left to right) JoAnn Stelzer, Carol Jean Light and Melvis Taylor. (Photo by Bunny Lynch)

Congratulations 8th Grade Girls' Track Team



(back row, left to right) Nicole Gray, Niebes Marin, DeeDee Jarrett, Kyzandre Harper, Krystal Rivera, (middle row) K'Leigh Babb, Regina Collazo, Paige Lott, Amanda Workman, (front row) Kenda Josey, Jessica Mason, Tiffani Hair and Keila Rodriguez. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Lester Josey Family

The Bee Hive
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Volunteers of the Year honored at Golden Plains Care Center are David Graves (left) and Winona Ward. (Photo by Bunny Lynch)

Citizens of Garza County
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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Vegetable ancestors were also foreigners

North Americans, and most of the vegetables they eat, have one thing in common - most of their ancestors were foreigners. Even the name by which vegetables are identified on the market - "truck crops" - is foreign, and has nothing to do with transportation.

Only nine of the nearly fifty vegetables which have become common to the American table are natives of the Americas, and they (corn, white potato, sweet potato, lima bean, common bean, tomato, squash, summer squash, and pepper) all originated in Central and northern parts of South America. Those requiring colder climates, like the white potato, originated in the Andes mountains, while the sweet potato developed in hot, moist climates at sea level.

The list of vegetables that North Americans have adopted is long (numbering at least thirty-eight), but their everyday names conceal the faraway places of their origin: the eggplant and cucumber come from India; spinach and muskmelons from Persia; watermelon from Africa, which also sent okra; radishes and Chinese cabbage from China; asparagus, kale, and collards from the lands of the Mediterranean, which also sent us cabbage; garden peas from Asia; and kohlrabi and Brussels sprouts from northern Europe.

Other "foreigners" now in our diet are broccoli, cauliflower, artichoke, Swiss chard, turnip, rutabaga, cowpeas, Indian mustard, Chinese mustard, lettuce, carrot, onion, garlic, and chive.

"Truck crops" is the commonly heard expression to cover all vegetables, but it has no connection with the fact that a good many of them are hauled to market on trucks. An old meaning of the word "truck" is "to barter or exchange." The word developed a special meaning as a synonym for "vegetables in general because of the practice of bartering or dealing in small lots of them in the marketplace."

The growing, marketing, and consumption of vegetables in the United States today has come a long way since small lots were bartered. The field-to-table story of today's vegetables is a story of big business, and it is sometimes because of the needs of commerce that a fruit is a vegetable, or a vegetable is treated as a fruit.

The tomato is an example. Botanically speaking, the tomato is a fruit, but legally speaking, it is a vegetable; the Supreme Court of the United States said so in 1893. An importer had argued that tomatoes were fruit and, therefore, not subject to a duty in effect at that time.

The Court held that the tomato is a vegetable because it was usually served at dinner in, with, or after the soup, or with fish or meats that constitute the main part of a meal. This is less true now than it was then, for today, a much larger part of our tomato crop is made into juice; however, the tomato remains, legally, a vegetable.

Botanically speaking, snap or green beans, the pods of peas, the garden pepper, the okra pod, and many others, are also fruits. But no one doubts that they are vegetables. The cucumber and muskmelon are closely-related fruits; both are the genus Cucumis.

They are similar in habits of growth and in structure, both are grown by truck farms using similar methods, they move through the same channels of trade, and both are eaten raw. Yet we always think of cucumbers as vegetables and of muskmelons as fruit.

While it is custom which seems to dictate which plants are treated as vegetables and which are fruits, regardless of how they may be classified, they all taste great when grown in, and harvested fresh from, the home garden!

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



City manager...

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Brunson turned down the job.

On Wednesday of this week, the council was scheduled to meet and interview an additional applicant for the position. That meeting was set for 2 p.m., well after the *Post Dispatch* presstime.

Throughout this process, the city has continued to take applications to fill the city manager's position. As of Monday morning, a total of 19 applications had been filed.

The municipality has been without a city manager since the resignation of Rick Hanna, who left the position to accept a similar position in Muleshoe.

GHD election...

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To say that GHD is required to adhere to some parts of the health and safety code, but not others, is puzzling, because the district has been controlled by this code for a number of years.

To deny citizens here an election based on "legal advice" that is in conflict with the law, as well as good ole common sense, is just a bit frustrating for those more than 500 registered voters here who signed petitions demanding an election be held.

Three candidates for election to the GDH board have pledged to call an election by the authority of the health and safety code. There is no need to wait for an amendment to the originating legislation.

Crosbyton Clinic adds CAT scan

The Crosbyton Clinic Hospital recently announced the recent addition of computed tomography (CT), better known as CAT scan.

The CAT scan system offers high-tech medical care for patients by allowing the physician an "inside look" in the human body. CT uses X-ray and computer technology to produce an image of internal organs for study by the physician.

"We are extremely excited to offer CAT scans on a full-time basis," said Mike Johnson, hospital CEO. "CAT scan gives the physician an important tool in the care and treatment of our patients."

Dr. Kirk Chandler, chief of staff, said, "The availability of 24-hour CT scan services will greatly enhance

the treating of all the patients who come to Crosbyton Clinic Hospital. The service will allow our patients to not have to drive to Lubbock for these scans."

"This will assist in quick diagnosis of stroke patients and for proper modality of treatment," said Pat Vasquez, EMT-P. "It will also assist in any type of heat trauma. CT scans are a real asset in rural areas because it cuts down on the time for diagnostic treatment."

In addition to the new CT scan, Crosbyton Clinic Hospital offers a wide array of services to meet the medical needs of individuals living east of Lubbock. Those services include home health care, home oxygen and medical equipment, skilled nursing, assisted living, ER/EMS, laboratory, X-ray, respiratory therapy, physical therapy, social workers, speech therapy, fitness/wellness center, bone densitometry scans, ultrasound, cardiac holder monitoring, pulmonary function testing and others.

Dissinger reports for duty in N.C.

Marine Lance Cpl. Marty L. Dissinger, son of Daryl L. and Chane A. Dissinger of Post, recently reported for duty with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The 1996 graduate of Post High School joined the Marine Corps in January 1997.



Newly appointed manager at Post's Dairy Queen, Tony Espinosa has moved to Post from Lamesa. Former manager Herman Carter was transferred to the Clarendon Dairy Queen.

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

Walk Across Texas

Team captains need to call in your distances to be recorded each week for the WAT program. Call Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS, at 495-4400.

Graham 4-H Club.....

.....will meet Thursday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Post Museum for a short business meeting and program by Linda Puckett. Any youth interested are welcome to join.

Generation H Club.....

.....will meet Monday, April 26, 4:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Golden Clover 4-H Club.....

.....will meet Thursday, April 29, 3:30 p.m. at the PHS Foods Lab.

Senior 4-H Fashion Show

Jennifer Josey of Garza county will be competing in the District Senior 4-H Fashion Show to be held Tuesday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service District Office just north of Lubbock. The public is invited to attend.

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Amity Study Club weathers wind, rain

by Louella Bilberry

The wind blew, the hail came, but with them the blessing of rain.

The ladies of Amity drove through flooded streets, stepped over puddles and met at the home of Ginger Carlisle. Her home is furnished with lovely antiques. Some are family treasures handed down, others are gifts from dear friends who knew she would love and cherish their treasures.

The program was to have been on quilts and quilting and in keeping with the theme, Ginger's dining room table was covered with a quilt of her grandmother's.

The group didn't have an official roll call but those who wanted to told of quilts and quilt stories in their families. Mine was a horror story! In the summer, my mother let my dad use older quilts to wrap around big blocks of ice when we went to town on Saturday. Oh, how we enjoyed iced tea and homemade, hand-cracked ice cream on summer Sun-

days. Not all of us had electricity until the coming of the REA in the 1950s.

We had no business to conduct, but we did discuss the need for new, younger members. We spent the evening enjoying each other's company.

Carolyn Sawyers, co-hostess, helped serve refreshments to Sandra Alexander, Barbara Babb, Margaret Bull, Janie Davis, Joy Dickson, Iva Hudman, Suzanne Hudman, Naomi Matsler, Edna Owen, Joy Pool, Anne Sims and Louella Bilberry.

VFW Ladies' Auxiliary News

by Lana Comer

A large thank-you goes to everyone who came to the garage sale and bake sale Saturday. The members decided since we have more new items to come in that we would do a second garage and bake sale this Saturday, April 24, at 8 a.m. The sale will be held at the VFW Hall.

Then on Monday, April 26, at 6 p.m. we will have our monthly pot luck meal for our members. Everyone is starting to get warmer so our members need to get out of the house and I know you'll be glad you did.

Our regular meeting night will be Monday, May 10, at 7 p.m. Our district president will be visiting. Afterwards, we will be having a meal to honor the district president. It would be nice if all our members would come because we have a lot of matters that need to be discussed for the remaining months of this year.

The district meeting is May 16, Sunday, at Slaton's VFW. We would like to have a lot of our Post members to attend. There will be new elections of officers for representing our District 7 in the state of Texas. Anyone that goes should also be sure to bring some canned goods or groceries for the grocery basket. Our district meetings are a lot of fun and informative. There also will be a lunch, so bring a friend and have twice the fun.

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Obituaries

James Sweeten

James Durham Sweeten, 56, formerly of Post, died April 12, 1999, in Brownwood following a long illness.

Born Nov. 13, 1942, in Rocksprings, he attended school there where he was active in sports, FFA and 4-H, exhibiting several grand champion Angora goats. He also earned the rank of Eagle Scout and the God & Country Award in Boy Scouts of America. He graduated from high school in 1961. He attended the University of Texas and Texas Tech where he received a bachelor's degree in textile technology and management in 1969.

He was employed by Burlington Industries in Post following graduation, and later in Brownwood by the Jack Carlson Co., Sweeten Supply, the 3M Company and others in the Brownwood area. For the past seven years he worked in development and marketing of mohair products for Sonora Mohair & Co. of Sonora.

He was devoted to his family, his church and community. His Christian faith, courage and character were manifest throughout his decade-long battle with cancer.

Survivors include his wife, Torjie Carlson Sweeten; three children, Farrell Sweeten of Galveston, Jack Carlson Sweeten of Lubbock and Brian Sweeten of Brownwood; his parents, Brooks and Johnnie Sweeten of Rocksprings, Phyllis Rhodes of Kerrville and Singapore, and a brother, Dr. John Sweeten of Amarillo.

The family has requested memorials be made to the James Sweeten Scholarship Fund at Mills County State Bank, P.O. Box 1146, Brownwood, TX, which is an endowment for the children's college educations.

Milo S. Smith

Services for Milo S. Smith, 62, of Hawley were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, 1999, in the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home in Abilene with P.B. Middlebrook officiating. Burial was in the Midway Cemetery in Hodges. The family received friends Friday, April 16, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

He died Wednesday, April 14, in an Abilene hospital. Born in Abilene, he graduated from Post High School and attended Sul Ross State University in Alpine. He was a U.S. Army veteran and married Norma Ritchie in 1955 in Post. He lived in Post for many years, moving

back to the Abilene area in 1967.

He was an auto mechanic-technician, retiring two years ago from Tech in Merkel. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #710 in Merkel, the Anson Golf Club and the Abilene Square and Round Dance Club. He was a member of the Truby Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Allen Smith of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Mike Smith of Abilene; two daughters, Teri Wilson of Anson and Laurie Stone of Hawley; two brothers, Leonard Smith of Abilene and Bill Smith of Big Spring; one sister, Evelyn Brock of Garland; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family has requested memorials be made to the American Heart Association, 149 N. Willis, Abilene 79603.

Francis Marion Soules

Services for Francis Marion Soules, 84, of Post were held Monday, April 19, 1999, at 2 p.m. in the Hudman Funeral Home with Paul Jones officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

He died Friday, April 16, at his home. Born in Mills County Oct. 10, 1914, he married Ruby Howell Aug. 5, 1933, in Lometa. He had worked for the Postex Cotton Mill and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby; one son and daughter-in-law, Glen and Kay Soules of Montgomery, Alabama; three sisters, Viola Hodges of Odessa, Evelyn Kinchloe of Benbrook and Christine Boykin of Midlothian; one brother, Johnny Soules of San Angelo; five grandchildren, David Soules of Fort Worth, Debbie Carman of Jackson, Georgia, Jennifer Garcia of Griffin, Georgia, Tomoe Garcia of Montgomery, Alabama, and Redmund Garcia of San Antonio; and three great-grandchildren, Tausa Carman of Jackson, Georgia, Cody Carman of Jackson, Georgia, and Cory Soules of Houston.

He was preceded in death by one son, Wayne Soules, who died in 1944. Pallbearers were Jim Strawn, Keith Bullard, Kenneth Bullard, Jimmie Redman and Don Tatum.

Odie Lee Rohde

Services for Odie Lee Rohde, 74, formerly of Friona, were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Friona with the Rev. Charles Broadhurst and the Rev. Wade Messer officiating. Burial followed in the Friona Memorial Park.

She died Saturday, April 17, at the Mountain View Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada. Born Aug. 9, 1924, in Wheeler County, Texas, to Lewis and Eunie (Lesly)

West, she married Walt Rohde in 1987 at Reno, Nevada, and the couple had lived in Las Vegas for several years. She had owned and operated Claborn Floral in Friona for many years before her retirement. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Friona.

Survivors include her husband, Walt, of Las Vegas; two sons, Dr. Jobey Claborn of Kaufman and Johnny Claborn of Dallas; one brother, Bill West of Hereford; one sister, Elsie Lloyd of Hereford; and three grandchildren, Jackie Claborn II, Jason Claborn and Amy Claborn.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jackie Claborn, one brother, Samie West, and one sister, Peggy West.

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by Terri Cash
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UNDERSTANDING HEART DISEASE- 40% of women consider breast cancer their leading cause of death. However, cardiovascular disease kills more than 500,000 women a year-more than all cancers combined.

PUTTING OFF PAP SMEARS-About 1 in 4 women have not had a Pap Smear for at least three years. Women who are over 18 or have been sexually active should have a yearly pelvic exam. Later in life, if not high risk, pelvic exams can be every 2-3 years.

NEGLECTING BREAST EXAMS-Only 61% of women over 40 have had a mammogram in the last two years, yet these are the women most likely to develop breast cancer. Many women don't do self breast exams simply because they are afraid something will be found and they would rather not know; yet the 5 year survival rate of early stage breast cancer is over 90%.

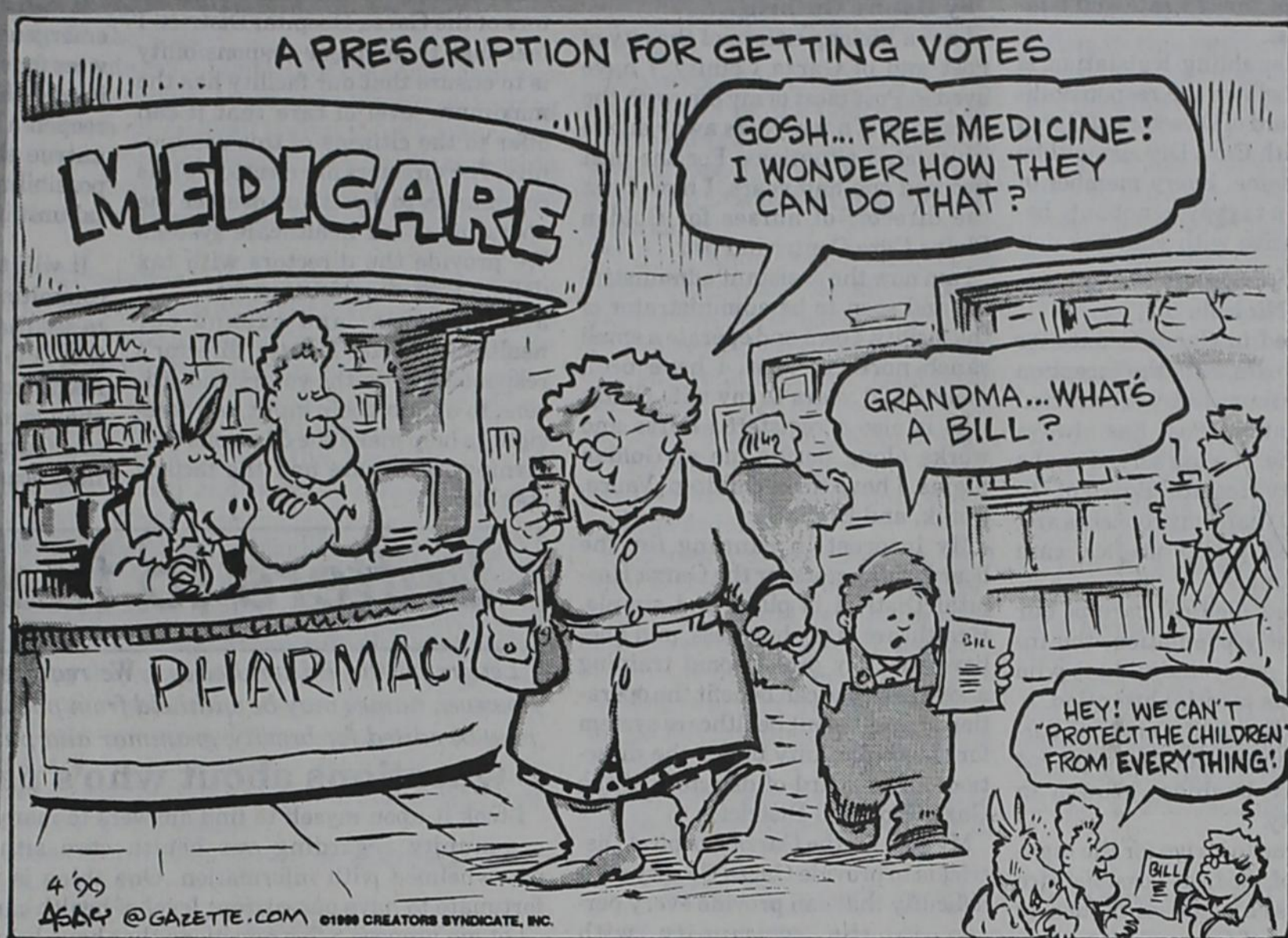
NOT KNOWING FAMILY HISTORY-Knowing what diseases run in your family, especially those that developed before age 50 in a first-degree relative (parent or sibling)- can help determine what and how often certain screening tests should be performed.

IGNORING CALCIUM-One in two women over age 50 will suffer a bone fracture because of Osteoporosis. At age 30 bone density begins to decrease and even accelerates after menopause.

SKIPPING EXERCISE-No time? Regular exercise is one way to save time since it gives you more energy for the rest of your day. It also fights stress, lowers the risk of disease and boosts overall health.

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There is no authority for government health care for everyone

by Wes Burnett

Last week (4/12/99) at the County Commissioners' meeting, Judge Giles Dalby said that the county has a "constitutional responsibility for the health and safety" of the people. He even emphasized that as one of the most important functions of county government. His comments were directed at me, and my response was the same as I have written many times... "it is not the proper function of government to take care of people," and if you believe in limited government by constitutional restraints, then you must accept the fact that tax funds can not be used for purposes other than what is authorized by the constitution.

In Texas, when it comes to government funded health care, the county and hospital district are only authorized to expend tax funds for those citizens who are declared as indigent.

Over the weekend, I took another careful and close look at the State of Texas constitution, just to reassure myself that I was not misquoting that document. If Judge Dalby is correct, and the county has this constitutional mandate to care for the health and safety of the people, then that should be stated somewhere in the constitution.

Folks... it just isn't there. The county is authorized (Article 3) through legislative statute to provide for indigent health care. Article 16 also provides authority for counties to establish "County Farms" for the purpose of supporting indigent and needy. All the rest of us have to take care of ourselves without the use of county tax funds.

To declare that taking care of the health needs of anyone other than the indigent is simply a misunderstanding of the constitutional authority of county government.

The idea that taxes can be used to help everyone is foreign to our principles of liberty and freedom. Taxes were never intended to be used for the benefit of those of us not in need, and to misuse our tax funds in this fashion is to show contempt for the constitution.

This issue is a fundamental question, balancing a republic form of government against the demands of a democracy. Judge Dalby said that if the hospital district was closed, then people would demand that the county make sure there are medical services available here. That is a reflection of a democracy... where the "mob" demands more of government than it is required to do.

And when that happens, when government officials bend to the demands of the mob in disregard for the limits placed on them by the constitution, then any semblance of restrained government are lost. In the name of "serving the people," government then becomes no more than a thief, taking money from one set of folks and giving it to another set.

Karl Marx called that process by its real name: socialism on the way to communism. In fact, Marx advocated a full democracy in advance of communism, so that the capitalist system would collapse from the burden of taxation on the backs of those producing the capital. The redistribution of wealth then goes into a spiral, where the producers of wealth struggle to survive the theft of their property, until eventually no property is privately owned.

Are we in the early, middle or last stages of the transition to communism? Last night on t.v. I saw a report that showed the average American worker has 40 to 50 percent of earnings taken away by government in the form of taxation. When that percentage reaches 60 to 70 percent, there will be very little incentive for producers. The old Russian proverb will soon be true for America as well, "we pretend to work, they pretend to pay us."

I know that our county commissioners do not see themselves as socialists, but if they continue to ignore constitutional restraints placed on government, the end result can be nothing short of socialism. In fact, redistributing tax money for the health care of all citizens is quite simply a form of socialized medical care.

The question I ask is also simple: Do we want our government to take care of us? Do we want to give up our property and wealth in the name of socialism?

I pray the answer is an overwhelming no!

Who are the indigent and needy among us?

by Wes Burnett

There seems to be a very big misunderstanding about the definition of indigent and needy, evidenced by Garza Hospital District incumbents seeking reelection, specifically Jack Alexander, who apparently believe that "needy" is not the same as indigent.

Let's take a look at definitions of these words.

From Webster's Unabridged Dictionary:

indigent - 1. lacking food, clothing and other necessities of life because of poverty; needy, poor, impoverished.

needy - 1. in a condition of need or want; poverty-stricken; impoverished; extremely poor, destitute.

From Black's Law Dictionary (the one used in Texas courts):

Indigent - In a general sense, one who is needy and poor, or one who has not sufficient property to furnish him a living nor anyone able to support him to whom he is entitled to look for support. Term commonly used to refer to one's financial ability, and ordinarily indicates one who is destitute of means of comfortable subsistence so as to be in want.

Needy - Indigent, necessitous, very poor. See Indigent. Common sense demands recognition that most people living in Garza County do not qualify as indigents or needy, therefore, they also do not qualify for any health care assistance from tax funds.

However, if we follow the reasoning of GHD incumbents, we would have to open the vault of tax funded health care to every single person living in this county. Imagine how much that will cost. (See page 6)

And thereafter, a time for truth

by Walter E. Williams

American education is in serious disarray. Over the last 40 years, we've increased spending by the billions while results slide deeper into mediocrity. Now, the president and Congress have another scheme to fix education. They propose spending more billions to hire more teachers in order to reduce class sizes. Like past promises, this scheme will also produce disappointment.



American education will not improve until we summon the courage to confront a vital component of the problem: teachers. Dr. Thomas Sowell addresses the issue in his book "Inside American Education." In 1980-81, students majoring in education scored lower on both the verbal and math portions of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) than students majoring in any other subject.

Only 7 percent of high-school seniors with SAT scores in the top 20 percent, and 13 percent in the next quintile, chose to major in education. At the other end of the academic spectrum, more than half of those with SAT scores in the lowest 20 percent chose education as a major.

Eighty-five percent of high SAT-scoring students who actually become teachers leave after a brief career. Education majors remain at the bottom of the academic barrel after four years of college. The National Institute of Education conducted a study of student performance on examinations (LSAT, GMAT and GRE) to gain entrance to graduate schools.

Of 25 different undergraduate study areas, students whose undergraduate major was education scored at the bottom or at best second from the bottom. Education majors supply not only teachers, counselors and administrators, but also professors of education and leaders of the education establishment.

Sowell says professors of education rank just as low among college and university faculty members as education students do among other students. Given low-quality students and low-quality professors, it is hardly surprising to discover that "most education courses are not intellectually respectable, because their teachers and the textbooks are not intellectually respectable."

Neither is it surprising to find these people falling easy prey to funds and harebrained schemes. Does more teacher-training help? In the early 1960s, when student SAT scores peaked, fewer than one-fourth of all public-school teachers had a postgraduate degree; 15 percent lacked even a bachelor's degree.

By 1981, when SAT scores hit bottom, a bit more than half of all teachers had master's degrees and less than 1 percent lacked a bachelor's degree. Advanced degrees do more for teacher salaries than student proficiency. The public-education establishment has a vested interest in the status quo that stifles competition.

Competition produces winners and losers. Education majors have every reason to fear competition with other college graduates. They fear the weakening of iron-clad tenure rules and parental school choice. Professors of education, like their students, are also vulnerable.

Competition would make their shoddy product more apparent. Not all public-school teachers are incompetent. In fact, public schools in some high-income areas are, for all intents and purposes, private schools. Parents are well-heeled, well-informed and well-connected. Administrators are held to high accountability standards and will oust incompetent teachers.

But incompetent teachers are not fired, they're reassigned. The burden of teacher incompetency is borne by less well off students, particularly poor black students. Even if parents know their children are receiving a fraudulent education, they don't have money or clout to do anything about it.

Their plight is worsened by the unquestioned support black politicians and civil-rights groups give the education establishment. "What can be done, Williams?" you say. There are a couple of starters: close all education departments on college campuses, eliminate tenure and have a school choice system.

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April Is the cruelest month of all

by Sheldon Richman

Taxes. Fiscal force. This is the month that you are ordered to reduce your financial life to a series of complex tax forms and get them into the IRS.

This is the month that your report to the government is due. The authorities are waiting to hear from you. Don't be late. Don't make a mistake. Not a pleasant subject. And why should it be?

Taxation is legalized robbery, compulsory tribute, exaction. The government wants a healthy portion of what you earned last year. You pay under penalty of confiscation, imprisonment, even death. (No exaggeration there.)

Try refusing the taxman and then defending your property when the armed agents show up at your door. This description applies to any tax. But the most egregious tax is the income tax. Any tax in principle can be draconian, but an income tax is most oppressive. For one thing, people will always be tempted to hide income.

The government doesn't like that and will go to great lengths to prevent it. Also, the complexity of the code gives government great scope for intrusion. Each touted legislative effort to simplify the tax somehow makes it more complicated. Both the IRS and a survey of taxpayers say it takes more time to fill out the forms this year than last year.

Everyone is a code violator even if through innocent error. The taxman knows it and we know it. The system is based on terror, which is unbecoming a theoretically free people. To rub salt in the wound, the government compels employers to withhold the tax before we even get our hands on it.

There is something especially repugnant about the government's demanding that we report how much money we make and where it comes from. It is the income tax that has made financial privacy an object of nostalgia. The Founding Fathers would have been appalled. Today the federal government takes a record amount of the people's income, more than 20 percent.

The budget makers brag about the coming surpluses. But do they talk about cutting or repealing taxes? Republicans use tax-cutting language ritualistically, but it doesn't get much beyond that. Democrats have a pathological fear that a tax cut would benefit the "rich" more than the "poor." They also have too many other things to do with your money than to let you have it.

They have to save Social Security, pay down the national debt, increase spending on education, build up the military, and a dozen other things. Add a new item to the list: protecting Kosovo. That along with the rest of President Clinton's "peacekeeping" agenda will not be cheap. Government is a transfer machine.

Politicians take what A produces and give it to B. The B's are well-

organized interest groups, the A's the unorganized majority. The system is designed to keep incumbents living in the manner to which they have become accustomed. By distributing booty they buy votes.

That's why they need so much money, and that's why they need an intimidating IRS: to keep the money rolling in. The federal government raises more than a trillion dollars a year through income and payroll taxes. No tax designed to raise that much money can be unintrusive, regardless of how many Taxpayer Bills of Rights Congress passes.

Tinkering with the IRS and tax code is therefore futile. The only lasting remedy is dismantling the transfer machine we benignly call the welfare state. The pillars of the welfare state, the income tax and the Sixteenth Amendment that authorizes it, must go also. In all the public discussion of the income tax, the key fact gets lost: it's your money.

You work for it. You earn it. It's your property. Only you have a right to it. The plans that the politicians make to spend your money are outrages against liberty. We've come a long way since small tea and stamp taxes bred revolutionary thoughts in our forefathers.

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Four GHD candidates seek taxes to support health care for everyone

by Jack Alexander

I am seeking your vote for reelection to the Garza Hospital District Board of Directors. I came to Post to teach school after I graduated from Texas Tech in 1957. Later I served as elementary school principal and was a loan officer at the First National Bank for fifteen years.

Currently I am serving as minister of First Christian Church. My wife Sandra and I raised two girls, Tyra and Sara, here and we now have three grandsons. I have served on boards and committees for the community for most of the years I have been a resident, and I have always worked for what is best for all the people.

My fellow board members and I are all tax payers, and we are eager to keep taxes as low as possible without sacrificing what is important for the community. I feel that our current clinic provides good health services and that this clinic can be maintained without any increase in taxes.

The following are responses to questions submitted to me by the Post Dispatch:

1. When the board has the legal authority to call an election on whether or not to dissolve the Garza Hospital District and when a petition is reintroduced to us requesting such an election, I would participate in setting a date for it.

House Bill 2616 introduced by State Representative David Counts, if passed, will grant us that authority.

2. I strongly support HB 2616 which supports a Garza Health Care District because it will allow us to maintain a health care facility at a low tax rate. Being a health care district, we will be able to care for many of our indigent citizens locally and thus reduce cost. However, if indigent patients require being sent to Lubbock, we will be better able to negotiate the cost of their care due to our special relationship with Covenant Health Care Systems, again keeping costs down. The House Bill will allow us to provide the best possible care for the people of our county and will not result in a tax increase.

3. I have served on the hospital board for a number of years and have been unaware of any complaints about the time of our meetings being inconvenient until this year. We have always been delighted to have interested citizens and the press attend our meetings, and I would be happy to help set a time and place that would be more convenient to interested parties if we could determine just when and where that would be.

4. I believe that the primary duty and responsibility of the Garza Hospital District is to insure that tax money is utilized to provide for health needs of all the people of the county. The district is given the responsibility to care for the indigent and the needy. Indigent, of course, are those who are unable to pay for their health care needs. Needy, to me, could mean anyone who is ill and in need of health care. It could apply to the young mother who finds it difficult to load up all her children to make the forty mile trip to Lubbock and sit a lengthy time in the waiting room to see the doctor.

It could apply to the elderly person who has difficulty finding transportation, or the people who need weekly lab tests, or people who need x-rayed to determine if they have broken bones. It could apply to any of our citizens who don't have time, money, or health to travel to and from Lubbock.

Therefore, I feel that the Garza Hospital District's primary duty and responsibility is to insure that tax money collected provides for the availability of health care services for all of the citizens of Garza County.

5. The responsibilities of the board of directors of the Garza Hospital District is to set the tax rates, budget funds, set policy and provide the vehicle for the policy to be implemented.

by Zoe Kirkpatrick

As a resident of Garza County for over 40 years, several members of my family (including myself) have been patients in the old Garza Memorial Hospital. My family has used, at one time or another, all of the doctors who have practiced in Post during these years.

I have been privileged to serve as an elected member of the Board of Directors for the Garza Hospital District for 16 years. During this time a series of changes has taken place; economic ones, both good and bad, more government involvement in health care than ever before and a change in how the medical profession does business.

As a Board member, I have faced many challenges while striving to help continue to provide health care for the citizens of our county. The worst day of those 16 years was the one when the Board of Directors, due to circumstances beyond its control, voted to close the hospital.

It was an agonizing decision and one we made only after exploring many other options. The best option, which would assure continued health care for the people of this county, was to enter into a partnership with Methodist Hospital (now Covenant Health System) of Lubbock.

Since then, we have been able to lower the tax rate from 18.5 cents per \$100 to 16.5 cents per \$100, while working for the best health care that our tax dollars help fund.

It is an honor to serve you on the Board of Directors and I ask for your vote May 1. I would appreciate being able to continue to work for you in a calm, rational, economical manner to maintain the best health care possible for all. Experience has been a good teacher.

In answering the Post Dispatch's questions, I submit my replies:

1. At this present time, legal counsel has advised the board of directors that it does not have the legal authority to call an election to consider whether or not to dissolve the hospital district.

When the enabling legislation is amended to give the Board the authority and when presented with a petition with the required number of signatures requesting an election be set, I would vote to set a date for said election.

2. I support HB 2616 introduced by State Representative David Counts, which is legislation to only amend the original bill that created our Hospital District (which was HB 1325, voted on by Garza County residents in 1969). The Honorable Mr. Counts has not created a new bill only amended the original one.

The amendment changes the name from Garza Hospital District to Garza County Health Care District and adds a new section spelling out the details of how the district may be dissolved. Other changes bring this original legislation more up to date and less confusing to most people. Garza County taxpayers should find the amendments more "user friendly".

3. I would welcome hearing suggestions from interested citizens as to their preferred meeting times. As a member of the existing Board for several years, we've met early in the morning so Board members could tend to Hospital District business and then get to work. The fact is that there are many more conflicts after work and in the evenings that divide people's time, making it harder to get a quorum and harder for interested citizens to attend.

When we have had posted noon budget-hearing meetings, we have had three interested citizens attend in the 16 years I've served on the Board. All of our meetings are posted and I resent any implication, printed or spoken, that any meeting ever held by the Hospital District Board of Directors was held in secrecy, none has ever been!

To answer the question, if I heard from a group of interested citizens assuring me they would attend Board meetings at some different time or place, I'd support a change in time and/or place.

4. Garza Hospital District's primary duty and responsibility is to insure that tax money collected provides for the availability of health care services for the citizens of Garza County. The Garza Hospital District Board has entered into a partnership with Covenant Health System of Lubbock in order to best fulfill this responsibility.

5. The responsibilities of the Board of Directors of the Garza Hospital District are to set policy that governs how the business of the District is conducted and to oversee that the policy is followed. In other words, the Board decides what health care services can be provided, how they will

be funded, set the tax rate and budget the funds.

When the enabling legislation is amended, I believe the responsibilities of the Board of Directors of Garza County Health Care District will be exactly the same. Every member of the Board is a taxpayer, not only being conservative with your tax dollars but their own as well.

by David Nichols

Having lived in Garza County for the past 50 years, with the exception of time away for military service and higher education, Post has always been my home. Having served on the Garza County Hospital Board of Directors for 20 years, my concerns are:

- Continued quality medical care in Garza County.

- Continued medical care of our growing elderly population, the indigent, and every individual who seeks or needs medical attention.

- Continued quality medical services necessary for the development of the future business growth in Garza County.

- To continue to strive for the highest quality of medical possible care with the least amount of burden to the taxpayers of Garza County.

- Dissolving the hospital district will only serve to decrease health care in Garza County, while transferring the taxes now being paid to the county, city, and school districts, and possibly increasing the tax burden to the citizens of Garza County.

I believe the future of the medical services in Garza County and the community of Post will greatly be impacted by the upcoming election. I respectfully solicit your vote for me and please consider the medical future of our home when you cast your vote on May 1st, at the Post Community Center.

The questions and my answers to the questions asked of me from the Post Dispatch are as follows:

1. I believe, at the present time, the board does not have the authority to call an election to dissolve the Garza County Hospital District. I am not opposed to calling an election when we (the board) have been presented with a new petition requesting such action to be taken.

2. I am in favor of and support HB 2616 introduced by State Representative David Counts. HB 2616 is an amendment to HB 1325 and would give the citizens of Garza County a vehicle to petition and request an election to dissolve the district.

It also amends the name of the district from Garza County Hospital District to Garza County Health Care District. The new legislation would allow the board to continue to provide and strive to keep the best possible medical care for the citizens of Garza County.

If the district were to be dissolved the tax burden could, and would possibly have, a great impact on the citizens of Garza County, and not for the best in my opinion.

3. I would not object to changing the time and place of the board meeting, if there were enough interest and attendance to do so. As long as I have been on the board we have met early which allowed the board to accomplish their duties and not have to be away from work during the day or their families in the evenings.

I do not believe the early time is that big a burden on citizens if they are truly interested. There has been budget and other important meetings posted and scheduled for the convenience of the citizens of Garza County with very little or no attendance.

4. I believe the duty and primary responsibility of the Garza County Hospital District, as it is now, is to provide the best quality of medical care and services, for the citizens of Garza County, our tax revenues will allow. I believe this care and services is for all of the citizens of Garza County seeking medical care and attention.

5. The responsibilities of the Board of Directors of the Garza County Hospital District are to serve the citizens of Garza County in conducting business, keeping medical care, setting tax rates and budgeting the funds to keep the best possible care available. To set policies and see that these policies are carried out and are in the best interest of the citizens of Garza County as a whole.

by Danny Guthrie

I am a lifelong citizen of the city of Post and of Garza County. I have lived in Post most of my life, with the exception of a few years away due to job related situations. For the past two and one-half years, I have been the director of nurses for Golden Plains Care Center in Post.

I am now the assistant administrator and soon to be administrator of the facility. I own and operate a small ranch north of Post. I have been married 20 years to my wife Cindy, who is also a registered nurse and works along beside me at Golden Plains. I have three children, Vance, Derek, and Brant.

My interest in running for the board of directors for the Garza Hospital District is plain and simple. Healthcare is my business, and I believe that my professional training and experience can benefit the operation of an efficient healthcare system for the community under the direction of the board of directors of the Garza Hospital District.

My goal for the Garza Hospital District is to provide Garza County with a facility that can provide every person in the community with healthcare when they need it. Our community has continued to grow for the past few years despite the setbacks that we have endured with the closing of the Postex Plant, decline in the oil industry, and decline in farming and ranching.

This says a lot for our community. It means that we pull together in times of trouble and act on changes and diversities. This must be in place to survive as a productive community. With this continued growth, we need a healthcare system in place to provide care for our family, friends, and newcomers.

We require a healthcare system that is open to change and diversity just as the rest of the Garza County business community has done. We need to keep pace with the many changes that have and will come to the healthcare industry to provide healthcare service to this growing community.

I feel that we have the appropriate system in place to be able to expand our healthcare services to a point where the community as a whole expects it to be, and get the maximum benefits of our tax dollars to suit our community needs.

I would like to respond to the questions brought forth to me by an article in the Post Dispatch.

My position for setting a date for an election to consider whether or not to dissolve the Garza County Hospital District is plain. I am not at all for setting a date for this to occur, and I believe that the majority of the citizens are not for doing this either. If we dissolve the hospital district, what do we have then?

It scares me to think of what could happen. Having the district and a board of directors allows us to have a say in what kind of healthcare system we have and how it should operate. The directors should listen to the community to find what the majority is seeking in healthcare and do the best to their ability to provide a functional and efficient system.

2. This question asks if I support HB 2616 to create the Garza County Health Care District. No, I do not support that bill. I feel that we have the appropriate system in place that can benefit our needs, so why change it? I believe this bill would only take away the power of decision-making and destroy our hopes of having a facility that can provide 24 hour emergency care.

3. Will I support the changing of the board meeting time and place? For me, this is totally irrelevant to the issue at hand. You have to realize that most of the board members have other jobs and responsibilities also and the meeting times are designed for them to meet their responsibilities as board members as well as their other obligations.

I do support the idea of the board offering either in a newspaper article and/or newsletter to provide the public with the minutes and upcoming proposals by the board. The public input can come from many other sources other than attending the meetings if they are not able attend. I know as a board member I would welcome letters and phone calls to receive input from the community, after all it's our tax dollars and our board of directors.

4. I believe it is the duty and responsibility of the Garza County Hospital District to provide this community with a functional, efficiently operated facility, whether it be a hospital or an emergency clinic, or any other name you want to call it. The fact is, we need a facility that all of the people of our community can use to get the care they need when they need it. There is the need for an

emergency clinic, and there are ways to get this service provided. It is the duty and responsibility of the Garza County Hospital District to ensure that we have the maximum amount of service that is possible for the facility that we have.

5. The last question deals with the responsibility of the board of directors of the Garza Hospital District. I feel that their major responsibility is to ensure that our facility has the maximum level of care that it can offer to the citizens of this community. The directors are elected by this community to direct and oversee the operation of our healthcare system.

We provide the directors with tax dollars that should be used to operate, maintain, and expand our healthcare needs. It is the director's responsibility to the voters and citizens to obtain their input and foresight to help make the decisions concerning healthcare and the facility operations.

In closing, I would like to stress that we do need a system in place to maintain control of our healthcare needs. The system is already in place with the Garza County Hospital District. Let's not destroy this, let's go forward and expand what we already have in place.

It can be done. We can have an emergency clinic as well as other services for our community. I have heard it said that it is against the law to reopen a hospital. This is totally an untrue statement. It is always the possibility of having a small hospital unit if there is the need.

It will take strong leadership and commitment of the whole community to see that our healthcare needs are met. Please vote this election. We need strong leaders with openness to change and will ensure to the people of Garza County that your healthcare needs can and will be met.

Letters to the Editor

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Questions about who's paying the bill?

I took it upon myself to find answers to many questions we have in our community regarding our health care situation. I quickly became overwhelmed with information. One thing is certain; we are extremely fortunate to have our current level of health care service.

Let me propose a few questions that have been on my mind: If we dissolve the Hospital District, are our County Commissioners financially prepared and staffed to administer state mandated health care services?

If we dissolve the Hospital District, are we prepared for what may happen with the relationship Covenant Health System now has with our community and the level of care they now share with us?

If we dissolve the Hospital District, will it lower our total taxes or will our county, city, and school taxes have to be raised to meet the financial responsibility?

I have seen the budget of the Hospital District that is being discussed throughout our community. Keep in mind it is good business practice to budget for the maximum your business could allow on an expense item (as in the case of the District's budget). Because it is proposed for in the budget does not mean it is spent.

The Hospital District began this fiscal year with a surplus and the Board hopes to build the surplus to a sound operating cushion. The expenses paid by the Board are for the first six (6) months of their fiscal year (10-1-98 thru 9-30-99). The Board has allowed payment for expenditures of \$261,898 for six months of operating, well below one-half of the annual budget of \$895,547.

The largest expense in the budget is the subsidy paid to Covenant Health System. The subsidy is what keeps the level of our clinic above what many other communities have. In my opinion it is money well spent.

Because of the subsidy the clinic is able to provide us with a lab and X-ray equipment and extended hours beyond those of other clinics. The contract with Covenant is bringing us a family practice doctor and family nurse practitioner on May 1 and coming August 1, an internal medicine physician. This extra professional staff is also beyond that of other clinics. Covenant plans to offer but community specialty services including orthopedics and podiatry along with the regular clinic services. Other communities are not fortunate to have these extras.

If we do not have the Hospital District tax to subsidize this extra service will Covenant be able to sustain this high level of care? I would rather know the answer before I risked losing the care.

In a survey done for the Hospital Board, Mason, Warner and Company of Lubbock found that taxpayers may have a tax savings of .06/100 property valuation if the Hospital District is dissolved. For property valued at \$25,000 that is a tax savings of \$15.00 per year; \$55,000 in property value is a \$33.00 tax savings.

Remember the County automatically and immediately has added financial responsibility with the Hospital District removed. No one likes to pay taxes, but let's not start the tax "savings" in our community with the most basic of community needs.

There seems to be no alternative plan for the consequences we face if we dissolve the Garza County Hospital District. Common sense tells me we should know where we are going before we eliminate what we have.

Respectfully, Debbie Macy

Editor's Note: I will attempt to answer the questions raised in this letter: 1. The county will be responsible for indigent care, which in the past three years has been less than \$20,000... or about \$6,500 per year. Since the county by law must set aside 10 percent of its general revenue for indigent care (approximately \$180,000) there will be plenty left over to earn interest. Actually, this change will be a major benefit for taxpayers. The additional burden for the county will be strictly in the administration of processing indigent claims and paying the medical expenses of those few Garza County residents declared as indigent or needy (the words are defined as interchangeable).

2. Covenant Health System's Jason Markham appeared at a recent hospital district meeting and stated clearly and unmistakably that Covenant will maintain a health clinic in Post, regardless of whether or not there is a tax subsidy. Private enterprise is alive and well, and apparently Covenant believes Post is a good place for private investment.

3. Since the only health care that government is authorized to support is for the needy (indigent) it is obvious that all tax payers will benefit by dissolving GHD.

Where have all the good jobs gone?

Has it come to anyone else's attention that all of the high paying positions have already been filled at the Dalby Correctional Center by mostly out-of-town folks, even before any interviews were held?

I am not an applicant who was turned down, so don't misunderstand the purpose of this letter.

The people of Garza County were told that this prison was to improve our economy, then why was someone from out-of-town allowed to fill all the high paying positions with others who are also from out-of-town?

I personally know several people who were qualified and with credentials and experiences for the higher paid positions, who were told at the interviews that those positions were already filled.

Plain and simple, I am saying that local, qualified people were not even given a chance at these higher paying jobs. It seems to me that what's left is the potentially dangerous and lower paying guard jobs.

At \$7 per hour, is that what we call economic improvement? Name withheld by request

Thanks to Post people

Jehovah's Witnesses would like to thank the good citizens of Post, Texas for the kindness, love, the "Big Texas" welcome, and hospitality for our group, from Snyder, Big Spring, Lamesa, Lubbock, Grandprairie, Arlington, and Dallas, Texas congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Especially the Sheriff Department's cooperation and support. Our group of 31 left as a gift to the citizens of Post over 4,000 Watchtower and Awake magazines, 1,000 Brochures, 1,000 Books of bible based literature, demonstrated 100 Bible Studies, and spent over 700 hours walking door to door.

Michael Abraham Wilson

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Letters to the Editor

Does GHD support monopoly health care?

Since I have filed as a candidate for the Garza Hospital District Board of Directors, I have been going over much information of what has been happening with our hospital district so that I might be better informed. Whether or not I get elected to the board, I want to figure out how we got to this point and what we can do for the future.

While I was viewing the tapes made by Channel 31 of the board meetings from last December, January and February, I came across some disturbing revelations. Mike Mayo, Director of Golden Plains Care Center, had appeared before the hospital board with his ideas on how health care could be improved in Garza County. In his comments, he stated that he had had much difficulty in keeping doctors to cover the patients residing at Golden Plains.

Several years ago, Dr. Chen left Post giving Mr. Mayo only two weeks notice to find a replacement doctor for approximately 25 patients at Golden Plains. Mr. Mayo contacted Dr. Leininger about taking these patients, but he refused. Thus, Mr. Mayo was forced to go searching and recruiting for a doctor or get into deep trouble at Golden Plains. He did find a doctor willing to come to Post, but ran into unforeseen difficulties in so doing.

At the Garza Hospital District Board meeting, Mike Mayo said "I was called to a meeting in this building one day and basically offered a bribe by a member of your staff... He was offering me money from this hospital district, I guess, as a peace offering or as a 'carrot' for me to stop doing what I was doing because I was out promoting someone else from an entity other than yours to try to come to Post and offer health services."

Mr. Mayo said he politely refused the bribe, but then later added "I feel like they were trying to do everything they could do to keep everybody else out and I felt that was in direct conflict with what we're trying to do in this community is to try to provide better services and to provide more services... and I guess that's basically the duty of this board - you spend taxpayer dollars. I mean it's a responsibility of this board, like it is the school board or any one else, to get the most out of the dollars."

Throughout Mr. Mayo's comments, none of the board members attempted to challenge his statements in any way.

If what Mr. Mayo said is true, and I have no reason to believe it's not, then what we have here is a concerted effort to operate a monopoly in health care in Garza County. It's no wonder that health care has been deteriorating here in recent years!

If we want to revive our health care industry in Post, then we must open up our community to free enterprise. When we stop subsidizing a health care entity with tax dollars, then the entire county is open to all doctors and/or medical providers to open clinics here. We will then have competition, thus providing us with more services, better services and a choice of who we want as our doctor!

If the progress that our hospital board is making doesn't show any improvement in the health care available in Garza County, then maybe it's not progress. Maybe we need to go back to what worked before - private practice clinics without tax subsidies.

Carol Tobias

My two cents worth

It appears that there will be an increase in media coverage of the upcoming Garza Health District elections in the next few weeks and that the "camps" are split. The Committee for Lawful Government seeks to dissolve the District, and the incumbents wish to maintain health care in Post to the best of their ability.

Although a board member, I am not up for reelection. My opinions are my own and they are based on 15 years of health care experience, three years as a resident of Post and two years experience working in Post as a Physician Assistant. I started life in West Texas; I have made full circle and plan to spend my last days here and wish to have intact health care in Post for the rest of my days.

As I see it, the issue has turned from health care to taxation. This issue has risen due to the hard work and diligence of our local newspaper editor, Mr. Wes Burnett. I am proud to know this man, regardless of what many may think. I applaud his efforts to keep an eye on "big brother" and to sacrifice time, resources and reputation for a cause that most of us just think about in passing and never have time to address.

I feel that the Hospital District is just a vehicle for those against taxation to use so that they may arrive at their platform. An easy target, that I myself may have chosen if I were interested in this battle of taxation. Unfortunately, health care today is about taxes, subsidies and big business.

Gone are the days of a hospital in every community, house calls and the private doc that rides into town and sets up shop. The last few years have been wrought with indecision and less than optimal changes in health care within our community.

This storm was weathered as best it could have been, by a group that I feel, is dedicated to the bottom line, health care in Post! Now we are in the middle of a change, new clinic hours, a change in medical providers. These are changes, I feel will be best policed by those who "weathered the storm".

My wife and I have never been blessed with children, yet we dutifully pay our school taxes every year. If this ever becomes more than a passing irritation, perhaps I will join with those promoting Texas independence.

On the other hand, maybe I'll just start a grass roots movement to dissolve the school district. After all, I don't have any children, what do I care.

Michael Travis

Editor's Note: The issue in this hospital district election is not as much about taxation as it is about limited government. Challengers to current GHD board insist that tax funds be limited to constitutionally authorized purposes. That means that tax funds may be expended only for those citizens declared to be indigent (needy, same definition). The writer has an excellent point about school taxes, but that's another issue for another election.

Don't throw away value that can be fixed

Would you throw away your car just because it had a flat tire or needed a tuneup?

In recent months, there has been a push by some in the community to abolish the Garza County Hospital District. Many taxpayers (including this one) are frustrated over the declining availability and quality of health care services in Post, since the closing of the hospital in October 1996. It seems we continue to pay taxes, yet our money seems to buy less and less services. I believe our frustrations are certainly warranted.

Many taxpayers are under the impression that if we abolish this district and board, there will be a great tax savings to us all. When in fact, this is not true. Most of these taxes will be redistributed through other taxing entities and we will all pay them in some form or fashion. We would also more than likely have a large vacant building, with no medical clinic or physician at all.

The hospital district and the taxes it collects, give a small town such as Post, a very worthwhile vehicle to attract health care providers to our community through supplements and incentives and proper use of our money. It is clearly evident that some members of the present board have made some very poor business decisions on how they spent this money.

Many of the past and current contracts have been based on past relationships (some small town politics) with virtually no solicitation or bidding process when it came to obtaining management of the old hospital or the current clinic.

It is because of this, that we are in the current situation of no hospital and a half-functioning clinic. Yes, we all have a right to be angry and frustrated.

This leads me to the question I asked at the beginning of this letter. I do not believe any of us would do such a thing. Let's not throw away our health care vehicle.

Let's fix the flat and give it a tuneup. We can do this by electing individuals who are willing to work on this board and communicate with taxpayers and put personal agendas and past relationships aside.

Any member of that board should make every effort to obtain the best possible services and get the most for the money to which they have been entrusted. Just as the would their own. Anything else is simply inadequate. Mike Mayo, President Golden Plains Care Center

Boll weevil eradication program divides Garza County farmers

by Brandon Bird

Although the election on establishing a boll weevil eradication zone here failed, there lingers a split in opinions by Garza County farmers on this issue.

In a newsletter distributed prior to the election by the Concerned Cotton Producers (CCP) organization, several aspects of the proposed Caprock Boll Eradication program were questioned.

"I don't know many farmers in Garza County that can afford to pay \$12 per acre for irrigated cotton and \$6 for dry land every six to 10 years and still be in business," said Mack Ledbetter, local farmer and CCP member. "Something has to change."

"The only thing the Boll Weevil Eradication Plan would do is eradicate the farmers." Proponents of the program, who address the price tag of \$104 million, said that it would help protect the county's cotton industry. They agree there will have to be a cost-share funding program with the State of Texas for the plan to get off the ground.

Texas State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, introduced legislation in

the current session to capture proceeds to help pay for the program.

"If the Boll Weevil Eradication program was passed, it is important to introduce emergency funding legislation in this session of the Texas Legislature so collections can start and the program can begin in the fall of 1999."

Local farmer Walton McQueen lost his crop to drought last year but contends that if nothing is done to decrease the number of boll weevils, the insects will take over.

"We can't afford not to have the program, but yet we can't afford the program either," he said.

However, local farmers say that after four years, even with a 30 percent government cost share for the first two years, the farmers of Texas will be in debt of \$35 million.

"This may put the farming industry in a tailspin and create a debt that becomes unpayable," Ledbetter said.

Other concerns are that cotton production may decline due to farmers planting replacement crops in an effort to avoid paying the eradication charge as debt mounts.

Who's next in line for retribution?

Editor's Note: The following tidbit was sent to us by a friend on the Internet...

President Clinton announced today an all out bombing offensive against England will begin in two weeks, unless a peace accord is ratified by England and its break-away province of Northern Ireland.

"Using the fine logic we crafted in the Kosovo intervention, we have decided to add, incrementally, to the list of peace initiatives around the A background briefing indicated that on a weekly schedule, the Clinton administration would intervene in the following areas:

Week one — Bombing of England to free Northern Ireland
Week two — Bombing of Ankara, Baghdad and Teheran to free the Kurds.
Week three — Bombing of several random African countries to stop the Hutus from killing Tutsis.
Week four — Bombing of both Istanbul and Athens to solve the Cyprus problem

Week five — Bombing of Madrid to free the Basque Country.
Week six — Bombing of Ottawa to free the Québécois.

Week seven — Bombing of Jakarta to free the Timor Islands.
Week eight — Bombing of New Delhi to free the Tamil peoples of Sri Lanka

Week nine — Bombing of Paris to free Corsica
Week ten — Bombing of Washington, D.C. to free the Confederate of Southern States, held captive for 139 years.

Week eleven — Bombing Austin to free the Republic of Texas

"This schedule will do until we can come up with others," said Madeline Albright, Secretary of State. She did not respond when asked when the bombing of Beijing in order to free Tibet would occur.

Don't mess with Texas.

Congratulations 7th Grade Boys' Track Team



(back row, left to right) Mitch Holly, Joseph Espinosa, Langley Couch, Josh Payne, Colt Vernon, (middle row) Anthony Merrill, Zane Marts, Mark McCallister, Kyle Gunn, Charles Huffman, (front row) Brody Conner, Jerry Curtis, Mitchell Mills, Kris Hernandez and Josh Cross.

Linda, Sophie & Lewis Martinez

Ray & Deana Gunn



(back row, left to right) O.J. Gilbert, Eric Soto, Frankie Orona, Daniel Simental, Chris Cruse, (middle row) Jose Ladinos, Chessauf Garcia, Francisco Duran, Mark Norman, Ricky Reyna, (front row) Carlos Hernandez, Javen Abraham, David Rivera, Jay Cooper and Will Todd.

Cain, Anita & Joseph Abraham

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Local man charged with family assault

Five individuals were booked into the Garza County Jail during the past week, according to sheriff's department records.

Forty-six-year-old Lemuel Curtis was arrested April 14 and charged with assault/family violence (released two days later on a \$3,000 property bond).

On April 15, a 45-year-old male was picked up for possession of marijuana, under two ounces (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond).

On April 16, a 21-year-old female was jailed on a commitment (released the next day after time served).

A 37-year-old male was jailed April 17 after being picked up for possession of marijuana, under two ounces (released the next day on \$1,500 bail bond).

A 38-year-old male was jailed April 19 on a commitment (released that day for time served).

More than 80 calls for service came through the sheriff's department's switchboard over the past seven days. Those calls included, on April 14, a report of fighting in the 100 block of South Avenue S; a report of criminal mischief at an 8th Street business (no further information recorded); a report of a stop sign being down at 11th and Avenue F; and reports of a road sign down on East 380 and a yield sign down at CR 399 and 84 north.

Calls received on April 15 included a report of a gasoline drive-off at a North Broadway business (\$51.94 worth of gas reportedly taken); a theft in the 500 block of West 11th (a child's battery-operated vehicle was reportedly taken); and a gasoline drive-off at a South Broadway business (no further details recorded).

Two gasoline drive-offs at the same South Broadway business were reported on April 15 (one was for \$6.01 worth of gas, according to reports, and the other for \$18.01). Also reported was a break-in in the 400 block of West 14th (no further details recorded); criminal mischief at an 8th Street business; and a report of funnel clouds spotted at about 6:40 p.m. 10 miles into Kent County.

Five gas drive-offs, four of them at the same South Broadway location, were reported on April 17 (\$12, \$10.01, \$14 and \$10 worth of gasoline reportedly taken; the fifth, which occurred at a separate North Broadway location, was for \$20.30 worth of gasoline). Also reported on this date was an incidence of criminal mischief on East Main (the front door of a downtown business was broken out).

April 18 reports included a report of an automobile accident on US 84 (ambulance and wrecker called out; no further details recorded); a gasoline drive-off at a North Broadway business (\$11.39 worth of gas reportedly taken); a possible criminal mischief on 15th Street; an assault in the 100 block of South Avenue N; an automobile accident five miles south of the city (vehicle in bar ditch); and a request for an ambulance at a South Broadway business (transport by EMS made to Methodist Hospital, Lubbock).



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Sports

PHS golf teams earn district titles

The Lady Lopes have not lost a district golf tournament since 1989. They won their 11th consecutive title at the Gaines County Golf Course in Seminole on April 15th by shooting a three-day tournament total of 1,152 giving them a 218 stroke margin over second place team Coahoma. The Lopes also brought home their district trophy and will make their sixth appearance at regionals. They shot a final round of 332 to give them an 84 shot advantage over Stanton. The first two place teams in the district advance to the regional tournament held April 26-27th at the Shady Oaks Golf Course in Baird.

Scoring was not easy at Gaines County as the golfers had to battle weather that was anything but ideal. With temperatures in the lower 40's and winds howling up to 35 mph, scores were much higher than they had been in the previous two district tournaments. However, Kasey Hardin and Marcus Lopez relied on their experience in adverse weather conditions and shot the only scores below 80 over the field and each came home with gold medals. Post golfers earned five of the six individual medals awarded in district play. Other individual medal winners from Post included Becca Stelzer, third in the girls' division, and Jay Gorman and Justin Norman who tied for second place among the boys. After a one-hole playoff, Gorman walked away with the silver medal and Norman the bronze. All of the Lady Lopes finished in the top 10 individuals.

Girls Final Round Results: Team Scores: 1. Post 379-374-399-1,152; 2. Coahoma 446-453-471-1,370; 3. Tahoka 474-455-468-1,397; 4. Plains 512-479-510-1,501. Medalists: 1. Kasey Hardin, Post 77-80-78-235; 2. Monica Alvarez, Seagraves 93-86-100-279; 3. Becca Stelzer, Post 91-91-99-281. Other Post Individuals: Yvonne Lopez 100-97-99-296; Camie Payne 111-112-128-351; Miranda Palmer 122-106-123-351.

Boys Final Round Results: Team Scores: 1. Post 312-299-332-943; 2. Stanton A 336-330-361-1,027; 3. Plains A 352-349-364-1,065; 4. Tahoka A 357-345-374-1,076; 5. Coahoma A 348-348-406-1,102; 6. Stanton B 386-411-434-1,231. Medalists: 1. Marcus Lopez, Post 74-71-75-220; 2. (tie) Jay Gorman, Post 74-71-86-231; 2. (tie) Justin Norman, Post 77-73-81-231. Other Post Individuals: Justin Gorman 87-84-90-261; John Radle 93-DNP-106; Brooks Conner DNP-87-85.



District Champs
PHS varsity girls' track team members proudly display trophies following their district championship last Friday. Team members are (back row, left to right) Rhonda Thompson, Manuela Hernandez, Camie Payne, Kelly Moore, Kenda Looney, Meaghan Mills, Kelly Collier, (front) LaRinda Ledbetter, Diana Williams, Erin Gregory, Miranda Hernandez, Davida Gregory, Yvonne Lopez and Vondi Gradine. (Photo by Christi Daily)

Lady 'Lopes land district track title

The Lady 'Lopes varsity track team captured the district championship Friday at the district track meet in Stanton.

The team earned the championship with a total of 154 points. Rhonda Thompson was high point individual with 28 points.

Athletes who placed first or second in their event will be eligible to compete at the regional track meet to be held in Abilene April 30-May 1.

Individual results included, 3200, Meranda Hernandez, second place; 400 meter relay, Dianna Williams, Manuela Hernandez, Meaghan Mills, Rhonda Thompson, first place; 100 m hurdles, Dianna Williams, first, Kelly Moore, second, and Kenda Looney, fourth; 100 m, Rhonda Thompson, first, and Yvonne Lopez, sixth; 800 meter relay, Kenda Looney, Dianna Williams, Erin Gregory and Yvonne Lopez, third; and 400m, Davida Gregory, sixth.

Also, 300m hurdles, Kelly Moore, second, and Kenda Looney, fifth; 200m, Manuela Hernandez, first, and Yvonne Lopez, fifth; 1600m, Meranda Hernandez, fourth; 1600m relay, Meaghan Mills, Kelly Moore, Rhonda Thompson and Manuela Hernandez, first; discus, Larinda Ledbetter, first; long jump, Rhonda Thompson, second, and Vondi Gradine, sixth; shotput, Larinda Ledbetter, third; triple jump, Manuela Hernandez, fourth, and Kelly Moore, sixth; and high jump, Dianna Williams, fourth place.

The last time a Post High School Lady 'Lopes team won the district track title was in 1994 with 163 points.



8th Grade Record Breakers
Breaking school track records this at Post Middle School are 8th graders (left to right) Lance Curtis (200, 1600), Cody Fox (1600), Brandon Bell (Triple Jump, 1600), Brody Robertson (1600) and Noah Gutierrez (shot put).

8th boys take district crown

Post Middle School's eighth grade boys ran away with the district title at the Junior High District Track Meet April 13 in Plains.

The Post team scored 204 1/3 points to top the meet, followed by Seagraves with 135, Plains with 88, Stanton with 79, Tahoka, 26, and Coahoma, 17 2/3.

Post's first place finishes included shot put, Noah Gutierrez, 46'1"; triple jump, Brandon Bell, 34'10 1/2"; long jump, Bell, 17' 11 1/4"; pole vault, Luis Zubia, 9'6"; high jump, Lance Curtis, 5'2"; discus, Gutierrez, 128' 9 1/2"; 400m relay, Curtis, Smiley Estrada, Bell, Gutierrez, 48.0; 100m dash, Bell, 11.80; 200m dash, Curtis, 23.61; and 1600m relay, Cody Fox, Bell, Brody Robertson, Curtis, 3:56.36.

Taking second place medals were, in shot put, Seth Redman, 43' 10 1/4"; long jump, Curtis, 17' 10 1/2"; discus, Redman, 123'; 110m hurdles, Zubia, 18.28; and 200m dash, Gutierrez, 25.47.

Kenny Ratke took third place in 110m hurdles with a time of 19.37, as well as a third place finish in the 300m hurdles with a time of 50.12.

Fourth place finishes went to, in high jump, Daryl Dissinger, 5'0"; 2400m run, Manuel Saucedo, 9:35.34; and 200m dash, Robertson, 25.80.

Earning fifth place finishes were Will Reed, long jump, 15'8"; 800m run, Dissinger, 2:31.14; 110m hurdles, Brice Easterling, 20.36; 400m dash, Cody Fox, 64.47; and 1600m run, Saucedo, 6:19.65.

Estrada captured a pair of sixth place finishes, including a 7' effort in pole vault and a 12.60 in the 100m dash.

Three members of the team set new eighth grade records with performances on the track and field. Gutierrez established a new record for the shot put, Bell broke the record in the triple jump and Curtis bested the record in the 200m dash while tying the record in the high jump.

Dee Dee Jarrett breaks record

The eighth grade girls from Post Middle School captured a first place finish at the district track meet.

The girls earned a total of 127 1/2 points to take the meet's top spot, followed by teams from Seagraves, Coahoma, Tahoka, Plains and Stanton.

Results from individual running events include, in the 400 meter dash, Marin, fifth place, 75.26; 300 meter hurdles, Collazo, first place, 57.71, and Workman, second, 61.57; 1600 meter relay, Post's Harper, Collazo, Rivera and Marin, first place, 4:44.51; 400 meter relay, Post's P. Lott, A. Workman, J. Mason and K. Rivera, fifth place, 58.38; 800 meter run, Marin, first place, 2:41.09, and Harper, second place, 2:47.24; 100 meter hurdles, Collazo, second, 18.01; and 800 meter relay, Post's Workman, Harper, Lott and Rivera, third place, 2:03.17.

Dee Dee Jarrett set a record in the 2400 with a time of 10:15.31, downing the old record of 10:31.30.

In the field events, Post took second and third in the shotput contest, with respective finishes by Gray, 26'5", and Mason, 25'9 1/4"; fourth and fifth in the triple jump, Marin, 29'0", and Rivera, 28'9"; fourth in long jump, Collazo, 13'1/2"; tied for fourth and sixth in high jump, Workman, 4'0" (tied for fourth place with a Stanton athlete) and Harper, 4'0" (tied for sixth place with a Seagraves athlete); and took first and second places in discus, Gray, 78'9", and Collazo, 75'7".



District Champs
PHS varsity girls' golf team members with their trophy are (back row, left to right) Becca Stelzer, Kasey Hardin, (front row) Yvonne Lopez, Miranda Palmer and Camie Payne. (Photo by Barbara Hardin)



District Champs
PHS varsity boys' golf team bringing home the district trophy are (left to right) Justin Gorman, John Radle, Brooks Conner, Marcus Lopez, Justin Norman and Jay Gorman. (Photo by Barbara Hardin)

7th grade girls place third

Post's seventh grade girls track team took a third place finish in the district track meet with 115 total points.

Stanton and Tahoka took the meet's first and second places, while Post bested Seagraves, Coahoma and Plains in the overall standings.

Individual results in running events included, in the 400 meter dash, Curtis, third place, 76.27; 200 meter dash, Greathouse, second place, 28.73; 1600 meter run, Serrano, fourth place, 7:16.19; 1600 meter relay, Post's Voyles, T. Curtis, E. Moore and S. Greathouse, first place, 4:55.50.

Also, 2400 meter run, Serrano, third place, 11:39.80, and Tyler, fifth, 11:54.73; 400 meter relay, Post's J. Reiter, T. Curtis, E. Moore and S. Greathouse, third place, 58.32; 800 meter run, Voyles, third place, 2:54.15; 800 meter relay, Post's J. Reiter, E. Moore, P. Voyles and S. Reiter, second place, 2:10.82.

In the field events, Crawford took a sixth place finish in shotput, 21' 2 1/4"; Greathouse a fifth place finish in the triple jump, 26' 7 1/2"; Curtis a third in long jump, 12' 8 1/2"; Voyles a first in high jump, 4'4"; and Crawford a first in discus, 68', and teammate Moore a fifth with a throw of 52'1".

7th grade boys 2nd in district

Post Middle School's seventh grade boys track team finished in the number two spot in the Junior High District Track Meet held in Plains April 13.

The team scored a total of 118 1/2 points, following Stanton's 132 points. Other team scores included Seagraves, 101; Tahoka, 95; Coahoma, 54 1/2; and Plains, 50.

Individual efforts included, with first place medals, Daniel Simental, 300m hurdles, 49.66 and Langly Couch, Josh Cross, Simental and Mitchell Mills, 1600m relay, 3:21.24.

Landing second place finishes were Simental, high jump, 4'8"; Kris Hernandez, discus, 100'2"; Ricky Reyna, 2400m run, 9:44.71; Couch, Zane Marts, Mills and Simental, 400m relay, 52.23; and Reyna, 1600m run, 6:08.21.

Mills took a pair of third place finishes, one with a 7' pole vault and another in the 100m dash with a time of 12.86.

Fourth place medalists included Jose Ladinos, discus, 76'1"; Juan Hernandez, 2400m run, 10:10.01; David Rivera, 800m run, 2:53.88; Jerry Curtis, 110m hurdles, 21.59; and Cross, 200m dash, 27.75.

Taking fifth place were Hernandez, 400m dash, 1:09.25, and Marts, 200m dash, 27.81.

Sixth place finishes included Simental, triple jump, 27'5"; Kyle Gunn, 800m run, 2:59.05; and Eric Soto, 100m dash, 13.24, and 200m dash, 28.29.



George Washington was the only president to receive all electoral college votes twice, in the 1788 and 1792 elections.

Shelley Shifflet qualifies for regional tennis

Shelley Shifflet will represent Post High School in the regional tennis tournament to be held April 28-29 at Abilene Christian University, Abilene.

Shifflet took a second place finish and qualified for the regional contest in the varsity girls singles competition at the district level. Kelci Hart took third place in the contest and was named an alternate to the regional event.

At the junior varsity level, Wesley Jarrett took second place in the district contest, junior varsity boys singles, while Aaron Cooper/Steve Norman took second in the junior varsity boys doubles. Sidney Kenny finished in second place in the junior varsity girls singles, followed by Larinda Ledbetter in third.



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Middle School students take wins at UIL district contest

Post Middle School students fared well in the district University Interscholastic League (UIL) contest held recently.

In the ready writing competition, Kyzandre Harper took fifth place at the eighth grade level, while Meagan Hoover took third and Jake Lott took sixth in the sixth grade contest.

In mathematics, Jerrod Grisham placed third in the sixth grade contest, Josh Payne grabbed a first place finish in the seventh grade contest and Tye Mason earned a sixth place finish at the eighth grade level.

Donae Dalby took second place in the sixth grade level of the number sense competition, while Jordan Tatum took fifth place. In the seventh grade contest, Josh Payne took second place.

In music memory, the sixth grade team of Michael Williams, Quinton Yarbro and Cole Easterling landed a fourth place finish. Williams earned a perfect individual score in the contest.

In spelling, Kristy Shifflet and Hillary Smith took fourth and fifth places respectively in the sixth grade contest, while Teresa Salas and Jessica Mason took first and fourth places at the eighth grade level.

Seventh grade students Kyle Gunn and Kris Hernandez took second and sixth places respectively in the maps, graphs and charts contest. Eighth

grade student Kenny Ratke took sixth in his level of the contest.

Post Middle School students turned in the first place performances at both the seventh and eighth grade levels in the listening competition. Langly Cough took first place in the seventh grade contest, followed by Breann Heckaman who tied for second place and Kyle Gunn who tied for fourth. Amanda Workman took the top spot in the eighth grade contest, followed by Russell Eaton in fourth place.

Post posted first place wins in two grade levels of the dictionary contest as well. Meagan Hoover topped the sixth grade contest with a first place win, and Tana Starkey took first place in the seventh grade competition. Sixth grade students Kaycee Gorman and Hillary Smith took second and fourth places respectively. At the eighth grade level, Kenda Josey took sixth.

Oral reading was another strong area of competition for local students. Kayla Dunn took first in the sixth grade contest and Brody Conner took first at the seventh grade level. Alex Chapa took fifth place in the sixth grade contest and Jerica Tyler took third in the seventh grade competition.

Amanda Workman placed fourth in the 8th grade impromptu speaking contest.



Placing in recent Post Middle School U.I.L. competition were 7th grade students (back row, left to right) Langley Couch, Breann Heckaman, Jana Starkey, Jerica Tyler, (front row) Josh Payne, Kyle Gunn, Kris Hernandez and Brody Conner.



Placing in recent Post Middle School U.I.L. competition were 6th grade students (back row, left to right) Michael Williams, Quinton Yarbro, Kaycee Gorman and Alex Chapa, (middle row) Kristy Shifflet, Kayla Dunn, Donae Dalby, Jordan Tatum, (front row) Meagan Hoover, Jake Lott, Jerrod Grisham and Cole Easterling.



Placing in recent Post Middle School U.I.L. competition were 8th grade students (back row, left to right) Jessica Mason, Kyzandre Harper, (middle row) Tye Mason, Kenda Josey, Kenny Ratke, (front row) Amanda Workman, Russell Eaton and Teresa Salas.

PHS students earn berths at regional

Several Post High School students have qualified to compete at the University Interscholastic League (UIL) regional academic competition.

Shelley Shifflet, Meagan Mills and Tandi Humble swept the district contest, taking first, second and third places respectively. The trio also makes up a team which captured the first place team title.

In accounting, Kelci Hart took first, Pam Chapman took third and Shanna Pennell took fourth. Their three-member team was also first place team.

In prose, Scotty Gaydos earned a second place finish, while Lacey Hodges took third place in both the headline writing and editorial writing contests. Becca Stelzer took third in current issues and events, while Ronnie Eaton finished second in ready writing.

The students will travel to Abilene Saturday to compete at the regional level.

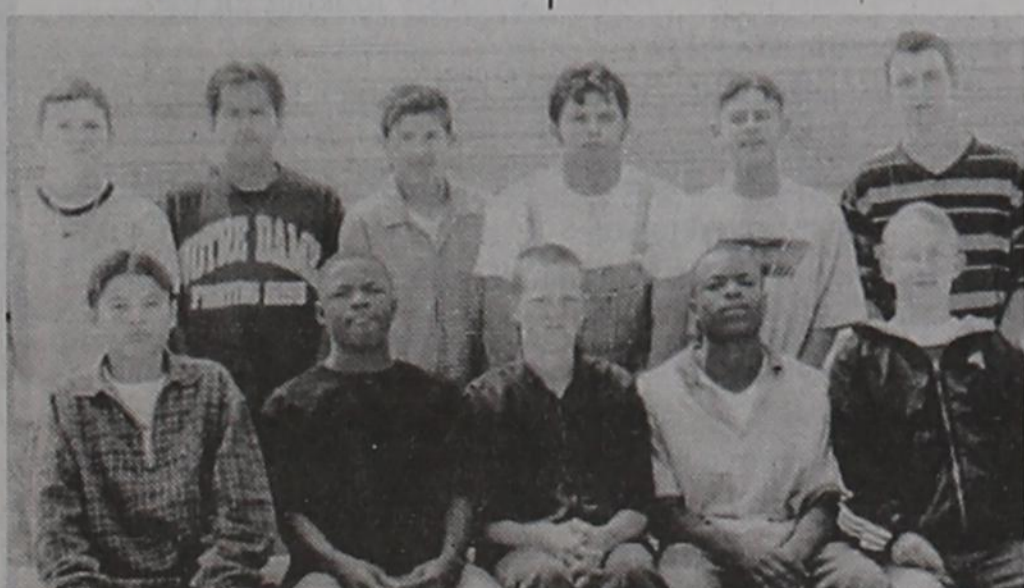
Congratulations 8th Grade Boys' Track Team



(back row, left to right) Darrel Disinger, Will Reed, Luis Zubia, Alex Moreno, Tye Mason, (middle row) Ronnie Parrish, Jason Estrada, Chase Miller, Pablo Perez, Brice Easterling, (front row) Eric Alaniz, Jordan Nelson, Russel Eaton, Patrick Gonzalez and Brody Robertson.

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(back row, left to right) Traven Smith, Cody Fox, Kenny Ratke, Noah Gutierrez, Bryan Looney, Seth Redman, (front row) Manuel Saucedo, Brandon Bell, Adam Nobles, Lance Curtis and Matthew White.

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TxDot honors employees for safety

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will have its annual Safety Awards Banquet April 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Littlefield Agricultural Center.

Each year TxDOT employees are recognized for their service and their years of safe driving. They also receive an award for the number of years they have gone without lost time or personal injury. Also, last month 18 maintenance sections competed in a truck "roadeo" and winners will be recognized at the banquet.

"Safety is extremely important in our business," said Ken Sylvester, Lubbock District safety coordinator. "The banquet is our way of recognizing employees who put safety first on the job."

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Garage Sales

Saturday, 8:30 till ? 1007 Mesquite Place.

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The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will be having a second garage sale and bake sale, Saturday, April 24th, 8:00 am at the VFW hall on Clairmont Hwy. We have clothes and all kinds of items. We will also have more new items added so be sure and check us out.

Saturday, 10 am till ? Hwy. 84, across from Davis Oilfield. Newborn to adult clothes, waterbed, TV and household items.

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Lunch Menus

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Friday, April 23, 1999
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Monday, April 26, 1999
Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli, salad, hot roll and lemon cake.

Tuesday, April 27, 1999
Lasagna, zucchini, tossed salad, green onions, garlic bread and banana bread.

Wednesday, April 28, 1999
Hamburger steak, brown gravy, rice, squash, wheat roll and jello.

Thursday, April 29, 1999
Brisket, au gratin potatoes, fried okra, fresh tomatoes, wheat roll and apricot cobbler.

Post ISD

Friday, April 23, 1999
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Fish, macaroni and cheese, peas, carrot sticks, hushpuppies, fresh apple and choice of milk.

Monday, April 26, 1999
Breakfast: Churros, sausage links, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Sloppy Joe, French fries, slaw, sliced pineapple and choice of milk.

Tuesday, April 27, 1999
Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, and milk.

Lunch: Ham, gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello with topping and choice of milk.

Wednesday, April 28, 1999
Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, ham, fruit, orange juice and milk.

Lunch: Tacos, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, apricot cobbler, cornbread and choice of milk.

Thursday, April 29, 1999
Breakfast: Waffles, butter and syrup, sausage, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Burrito, black-eyed peas, salad, Snicker Bar and choice of milk.

Southland ISD

Friday, April 23, 1999
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, juice and milk.

Lunch: Nachos, salad, carrots, oatmeal cookie and milk.

Monday, April 26, 1999
Breakfast: French toast with syrup, bacon, juice and milk.

Lunch: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, roll, cobbler and milk.

Tuesday, April 27, 1999
Breakfast: Muffins, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Chili cheese burrito, tossed salad, onion rings, banana pudding and milk.

Wednesday, April 28, 1999
Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuit, juice and milk.

Lunch: Beefstew, fried okra, cheese sticks, cornbread, fruited jello and milk.

Thursday, April 29, 1999
Breakfast: Hot breakfast pockets, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Spaghetti, green beans, corn on the cob, garlic bread, peanut butter cookie and milk.

VFW offers \$500 reward

A \$500 reward is being offered in connection with a recent burglary at the VFW Hall.

The reward will be paid by the VFW's insurance company to anyone who can provide information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the crime, according to a representative of the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

The burglary was committed either late Tuesday, April 6, or early Wednesday, April 7. According to reports, entry to the VFW facility was gained by breaking a window on the front side of the building. About \$18 in change and some beer was reported missing.

A burglary at Babb's Barbecue also occurred that same evening and law enforcement officials do believe the incidents are related.

Anyone with information on the VFW crime should contact the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Tiffany Jackson completes basic training

Air Force Airman Tiffany M. Jackson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Jackson is the daughter of Barbara F. Smith of 611 South Ave. H, and Alton R. Steel of 413 North Ave. H, both of Post, Texas.

Her husband, Calvin, is the son of Calvin and Willie M. Jackson of 100 W. Dormard, Midland, Texas. She is a 1995 graduate of Post High School.

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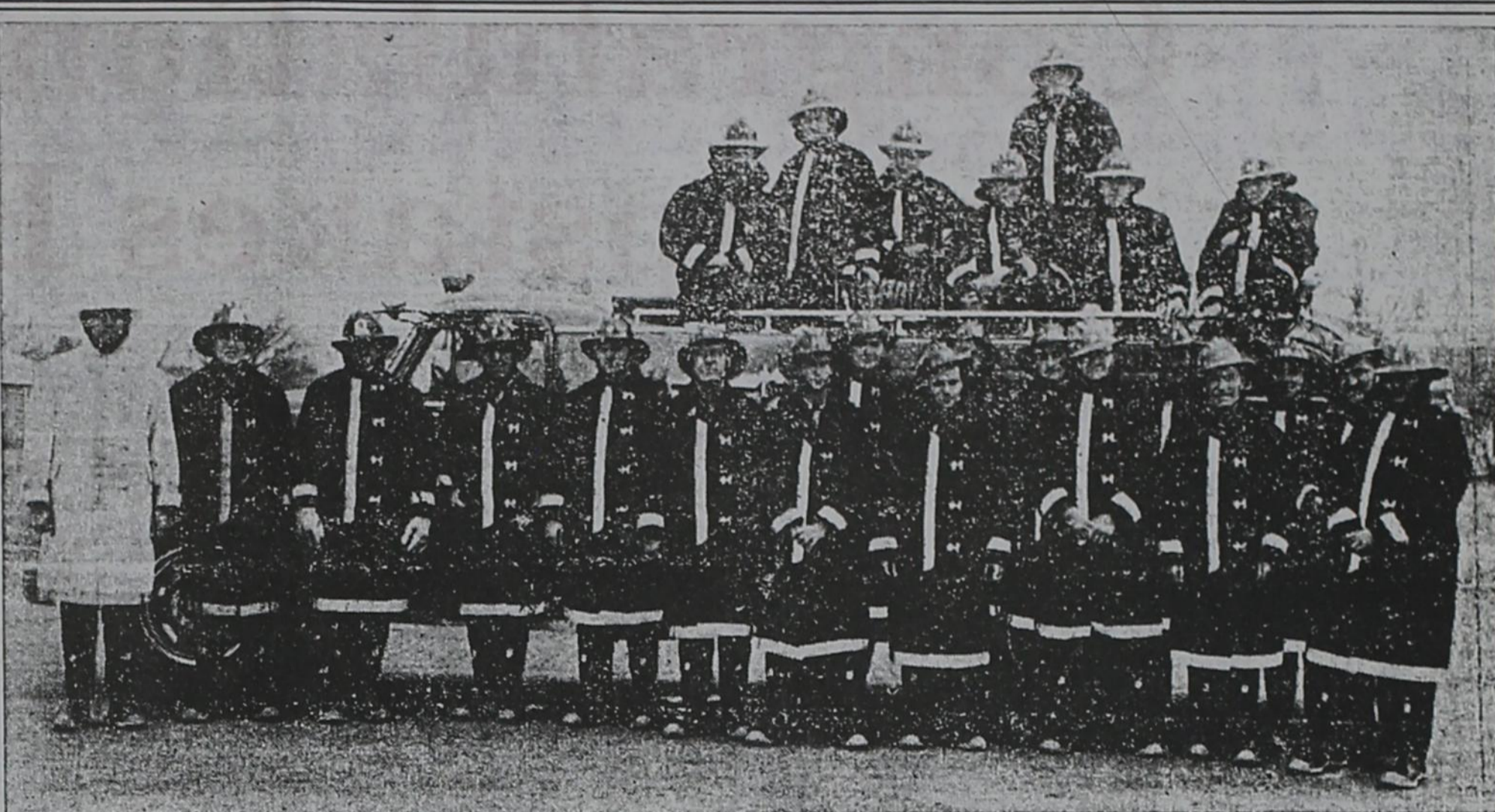


Mr and Mrs Robert Randall Dean

**Kerri Crispin, Robby Dean
Wed in Double Ring Ceremony
April 7**
From The Post Dispatch, April 19, 1989

**April 21, 1949
50 Years Ago**
Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Land spent the weekend in Sweetwater.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Luttrell and daughter of Oakland, Calif. are visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Davis
Mrs. T. D. Scott and daughter, Tommye Lou, spent Sunday visiting in Seminole with the S. E. Nall family.

Tommy Bouchier, who has already started wearing rodeo gear, was asked yesterday by a Post Dispatch reporter if he were going to ride a bull at the rodeo. Said he: "I'm gonna have to get me a horse. I just don't ride bulls." He is the five year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Bouchier. Yesterday he was wearing blue denim jeans and jacket, a silk kerchief, boots and two big toy guns in hip holsters.



IN NEW FIRE FIGHTING SUITS

Twenty-four of the 26 members of the Post Volunteer Fire Department pose for The Dispatch camera in their \$1,560 worth of new fighting togs. The suits consist of helmet, bunker coat, and hip boots and cost \$60 each. The suits

were purchased through contributions made by Post merchants. Fire Chief Bob Cato, left, is outfitted in white coat and helmet.

(Staff Photo)

From The Post Dispatch, April 16, 1959

**April 16, 1959
40 Years Ago**
General Telephone has offered to install dial phones for Post by June, 1961, with no interim increase in rates here.
The home of Mrs. Jody Mason, 713 West Fifth Street, was the scene recently for a layette shower honoring Mrs. James Babb.

Diane Kiker was honored with a party on the occasion of her 13th birthday recently at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kiker.
Guests were:
Rosemary Crispin, Dorothy Fogarty, Edith Johnson, Barbara and Debra Britton, Elaine Pate, Lenny Howell, Wayne Kiker, Evelyn Gill, Mary Grace Hodges, Diane and Mrs. Kiker.

Members of the Good Neighbors Club expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Maude Pettigrew, president, and Mrs. G. N. Leggett, secretary and treasurer, for their leadership when the group met last Thursday at Antelope Alley.

**April 17, 1969
30 Years Ago**
Charlotte and Mickey Taylor and Brenda Ward were Easter holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Taylor and Helen Vern.

Lt. and Mrs. Bob Foote and baby and the Bill McMahaons spent Sunday in Lubock visiting Mrs. Don Brown and helping her son, Jeff, celebrate his birthday.
Mrs. C. C. Jones celebrated her birthday last Sunday.

**April 19, 1979
20 Years Ago**
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams had as their Easter guests David McBride and Margie Sullivan of Lubock.
Donna Baumann, the only Post Doe to qualify for the regional AA girls track meet at the Texas Tech track in Lubock this weekend will compete in the high jump.

**April 19, 1989
10 Years Ago**
A sampling of the work of local artist Polly Cravy, who has been chosen by the Post Art Guild as its Artist of the Month, is currently on display at the First National Bank of Post where it can be viewed during the month of April.

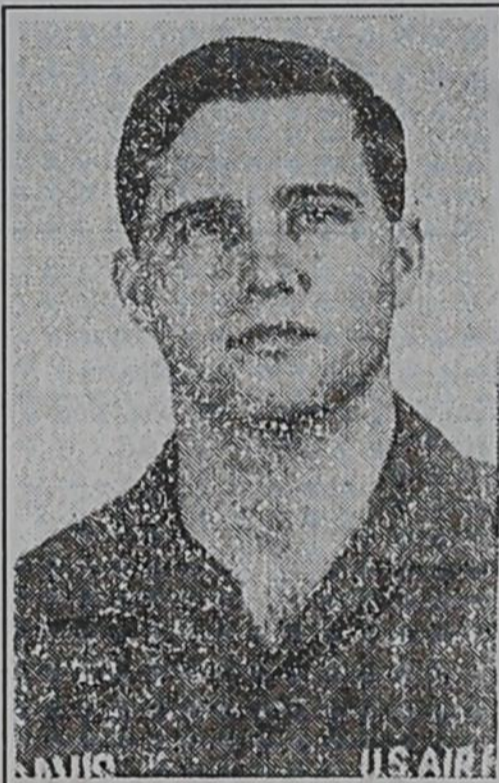
Janel Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Jones, Texas delegate to the High School Youth Forum in Billings, Montana, February 16-19, placed second at the meeting in an illustrated paper contest with her entry, "A Weighted Roller Cropper Re-establishes Root Plowed Turf."

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Sábado, Primero de Mayo, en las elecciones del Hospital del Distrito de Garza se decidira el futuro de las impuestos del hospital.

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LESLIE G. DAVIS

Post airman on duty in Pacific

Airman First Class Leslie G. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Davis of 210 West 13th St., Post, is now on temporary duty with the 4133rd Bomb Wing at a forward base in the Western Pacific.

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ACROSS

- 1 TX perennial
- 5 TXism: "___ spell"
- 6 TX JoBeth Williams film: "___ His Song Continues" ('86)
- 7 TXism: "bid ___"
- 8 past Oilers' slogan: "Luv ___ Blue"
- 9 TXism: "call ___ day" (quit)
- 12 Medina is the ___ capital of TX
- 17 this Ann was 1st TX woman office-seeker ('18)
- 20 in Armstrong Co. on 287
- 22 TXism: "comfortable as an ___"
- 23 TXism: "___ a blue streak"
- 24 TXism: "scared half out of my wits"
- 29 TX Ginger Rogers' "Lady in the ___"
- 30 at age 36, Houston married one
- 31 TXism: "devil chasers"
- 32 TX Reynolds married this Fisher
- 36 TXism: "costs an arm and ___"
- 37 director of "JFK," filmed in Dallas
- 43 TXism: "suits ___-thee-well"
- 45 TX Boy Scouts CEO: Ben ___
- 47 TXism: "___ cement" (perm.)
- 48 debated TX Perot over NAFTA ('93)
- 50 TX Cyd Charisse was a ___ dancer

DOWN

- 1 song: "___ to San Antonio?"
- 2 TXism: "can ___ day and dance all night" (stamina)
- 3 TXism: "I call ___ I see it!"
- 4 Houston & Bass
- 9 in TX: Ripley's Believe ___ Not"
- 10 TXism: "___ but the air in my lungs" (robbed)
- 11 TX pest: fire ___
- 12 TXism: "sit up and ___ right!"
- 13 TXism: "got more on his ___"
- 14 western: "___ Rider"
- 15 TX Joe Don Baker's "Cool Hand"
- 16 in Concho Co. on 83
- 18 TXism: "it don't ___ up"
- 19 Assoc. for Rockets, Mavericks & Spurs
- 21 "Too Tall" Jones
- 24 this Carnegie gave money for Dallas library (init.)
- 25 noted Houston violinist Lack (init.)
- 26 heaps of paper
- 27 this Whelan was in "San Antonio" ('53)
- 28 TX Webb wrote "By the Time ___ Phoenix"
- 33 the fleur-___-lis once flew over TX
- 34 Pepper or Red Duke
- 35 TXism: "the tail ___ wagging the dog"
- 37 atop the capitol: Goddess ___ Liberty
- 38 Rocket Olajuwon's home: ___, Nigeria
- 39 TXism: "strike while the ___ hot"
- 40 Oliver ___ North
- 41 TX JoBeth Williams & this Nick starred in "Teachers"
- 42 nights before
- 44 TXism: "he's ___ ornery old cuss"
- 46 he phoned home
- 49 applied great effort
- 50 TX Clyde Barrow's tombstone: "Gone ___ Forgotten"
- 57 TX King Vidor's "A Tree ___ Tree"

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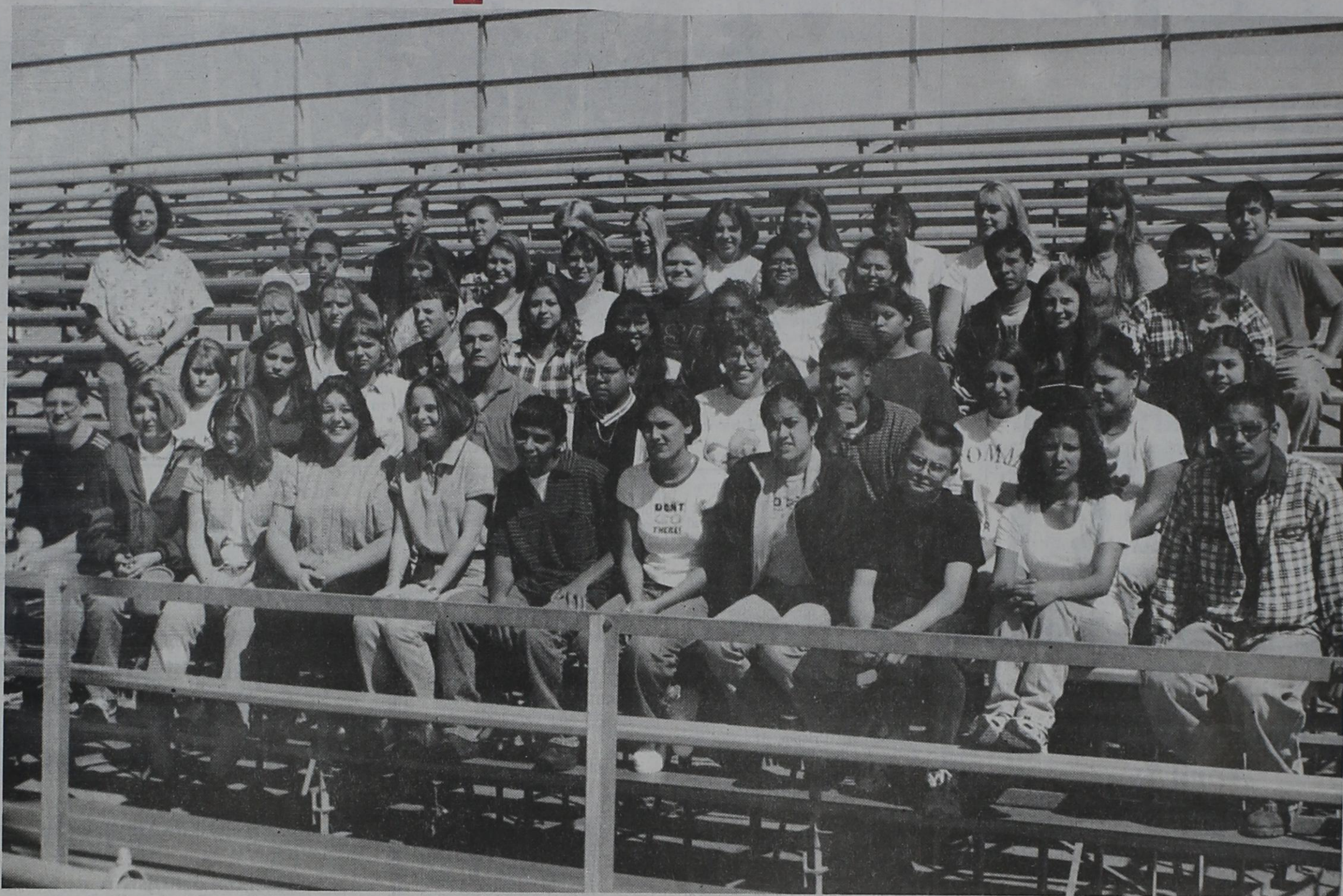
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Stephanie Luna, Donna Montoya, Channa Cruz, Luz Montoya, Heather Bullard, Jay Cole, (fourth row from back) April Line, Jessica Garza, Jamie Dawson, Josh Fumagalli, Andy Quinonez, Jennifer Morgan, Obed Diaz, Kristi Saldivar, Erin Ayala, Belen Rodriguez, (front row) Jerrod Green, Angela Hester, Samantha Foreman, Janna Zachary, Laci Williams, Raymond Sylva, Stephanie Looney, Naomi Gonzales, Tracey Cole, Amanda Quintana and Dominic Pequeño. Not available for photo were Angel Blevins and Flora Gomez. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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