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## Tax payers beware: legislature considers major revision for GHD

by Wes Burnett

If it becomes law, a new bill introduced in the Texas Legislature by Rep. David Counts poses significant cost increases for Garza County tax payers. Entitled HB 2477, the legislation creates a new health care district, replacing the Garza County Hospital District.

Fashioned through the efforts of hospital district board president Mike Travis, the new law will eliminate much of the current restrictions placed on the hospital district when it comes to spending tax funds. Instead of being limited to serving county indigents, the new law expands the new health care district's functions to include providing health care to any county resident, regardless of financial need.

Although there is a provision for non-indigent residents to reimburse the district for "reasonable and customary" costs, HB 2477 does not include specific terms for how that is to be implemented. The district has consistently ignored that provision in its current law, with no evidence that it has ever recovered any funds from residents using the district's tax supported clinic.

Counts' legislative proposal cites Article 9, Section 9 of the State of Texas Constitution for authority, and includes a provision for an election by qualified Garza County voters to approve the new district prior to its creation.

Article 9, Section 9 provides only authority for establishing hospital districts for the purpose of caring for indigents and the operation of hospitals. It is unclear as to whether or not the legislature will approve such a measure. Counts' bill has been assigned to the House Government Affairs Committee. No date for a hearing on the bill has been set.

Other changes in the hospital district include a provision allowing tax funds to be used for "any health care purpose," with no limitations specified in the law.

If approved by Garza County voters, the new health care district law establishes a board of directors apparently in violation of the federal law and specifically in conflict with the recent law suit agreement on single member voting districts.

The new health care district will also be allowed to operate expensive air and mobile emergency medical services. Apparently this provision would eliminate the long-standing Garza County volunteer emergency medical services. Counts' law would allow the health care district to issue revenue bonds for such services, adding another level of indebtedness to local tax payers.

The new health care district would also be allowed to make pur-

## Commissioners oppose changes to 911 administration

by Wes Burnett

Garza County commissioners approved a resolution at the regular meeting Monday morning, opposing a legislative proposal to centralize 911 administration in Austin.

"This would eliminate our regional 911 committees," Judge Giles W. Dalby emphasized, "and centralize everything in Austin. I don't think that's such a good idea." Commissioners Lee Norman, Mason McClellan, John Valdez and Mike Sanchez agreed.

The court accepted the lone bid of \$6,000 for a used pickup truck, which had been assigned to the Garza County Extension Service. The court also accepted Guin Miller's low bid of \$7,200 for construction of a 24 X 20 X 10 store room at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. Other bids were received from Brad Mason (\$8,900) and T&G Welding (\$9,004).

The court took no action on legislation being proposed to give counties authority to call elections to eliminate constable offices. Dalby said that he didn't feel it was necessary to get involved in the issue.

A proposal to install an \$85,000 special weather observation system at the county/city airport was rejected. Commissioner Norman explained that the airport board did not feel the equipment was necessary. Norman also said renovation at the airport is continuing, but delayed for administrative procedures between state and federal authorities.

A proposal by county extension agent Sara Stevens to assist local parents with child safety restraints was approved. A total of \$500 has been allocated for the purchase of child restraint seats, which the county agent will use to assist parents who need help. Stevens recently complete certification on the proper installation and use of child restraint seats.

The court declared March 18-24 as "National Agriculture Week in Texas and accepted a report from the Texas Department of Transportation on "off-system" bridge inventory and appraisal.

A \$255 fee to Productivity Center was approved at the recommendation of the Garza County Sheriff's Department. The center offers internet background checks on personnel making application for law enforcement or guard duty at the jail or prison facilities owned by the county.

Judge Dalby announced that the state has certified the Garza County jail following the recent inspection. Sheriff Kenny Ratke reported that there very few minor deficiencies, which are being corrected.

Revisions to the employee manual were approved to give employees options to use sick leave or vacation and other accrued time in conjunction with worker's compensation or maternity leave.

The planned subdivision at Lake Alan Henry has hit a snag, ac-

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chases up to \$15,000 without requiring competitive bidding, as the current law requires any expenditure more than \$1,000 be subjected to competitive bids.

Another potential additional expense to Garza County tax payers would be the expansion of contracts for health care services. The proposed law allows for contracts to be written for up to 25 years.

Apparently Counts believes tax payers here have unlimited resources. The new law allows the health care district to spend tax

money in the recruitment of physicians and other health care professionals, with no clear limits on the use of those tax funds.

Potentially the most expensive part of the proposed law is the expansion of medical access to non-indigent residents of Garza County. This attempt to implement socialized medical services in Garza County has a price tag that could be in the millions every year.

A method for dissolving the district by election is also proposed.

## Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony set for Thursday, March 22

The traditional Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony will be conducted Thursday, March 22, in the Post City Park.

Guests should arrive by 6 a.m. in order to observe the performance, which ends with sunrise.

The ceremony, an observance of an ancient Plains Indian spring ritual, begins with the lighting of the fire and constructing of the circle of council. It is held annually on March 22, with visitors and local residents gathering around a circular ceremonial ring to watch a dancer, clad in traditional beaded buckskins and feathered head-dress, perform an Indian version of an extended weather forecast.

Taba'na Yuan'e translates to "sunrise wind."

The Plains Indians used the dance to check the wind direction at the exact moment of sunrise, which would determine the success of the coming year. According to legend, the wind must be checked at sunrise on the day after the sun reaches the halfway point in its journey from the south to the north.

The Taba'na Yuan'e tradition, which dates to earliest memories of

the Plains Indians, began in Post in 1907 when early Garza County pioneers recalled the legend told by the Indians. Garza County farmers and ranchers have relied on the Taba'na Yuan'e for more than 90 years to provide a hint as to the success of the coming year.

"Chief" Runkles, a longtime student of Indian lore, has been faithfully keeping the ceremony true to its original form since 1973. He starts the Taba'na Yuan'e with the building of a small fire, using only natural materials. The fire is ignited by the friction of rubbing two sticks together.

Following the singing of a tribal prayer of thanks for the fire, the "chief" performs a four winds dance where a pipe of peace is presented to the four directions, then to the Mother Earth and Wakantanka, the Great Spirit above, to seek their blessings.

A wad of grass is placed on the coals and as the smoke indicates the wind direction at the moment of sunrise, the Smoke Dance is ended by kneeling and pointing a feather in the direction from which the wind comes.

## Incumbents face opposition

As of mid-day Tuesday, two new candidate filings had been added to the May 5 city, school and hospital district elections.

Filing as candidates this past week in the Post Independent School District board of trustees election were Guin Miller and Brad Mason. Incumbents Alexa Collier and Jeff Lott also have filed for reelection, representing Places 4 and 5 respectively in the district.

The Post ISD elects its board members through a cumulative voting process. That process, which operates through an at-large system, names the top vote-getters as the victors in the election; in other words, in an election where two positions are open, the two individuals receiving the greatest number of votes would be declared the winners.

Through the school district's cumulative voting process, each voter has the same number of votes as empty trustee seats in an election — in this case, two seats are vacant, so each eligible Post ISD voter will have two votes. Each vote can be cast for a different candidate, both votes can be cast for the same candidate, or even a single vote

can be cast.

At city hall, incumbents Juanita Pantoja and Dick Odom, representing Wards 1 and 2 respectively, have filed, as has Archie Gill, who hopes to reclaim his mayoral post.

Filing will run through Wednesday, March 21, in both the city and the school district. March 26 will be the last day a write-in candidate may declare his or her candidacy.

Rounding out local May 5 elections will be that of the hospital district. No filings had yet been received as of Tuesday afternoon, according to district officials.

Three board seats will be filled, include those held by Zoe Kirkpatrick, Leon Miller and Carol Tobias.

Deadline for filing as a candidate for the hospital board is 5 p.m. April 10 unless current legal changes alter the district's election procedures.

## GHD board debates election judges

by Wes Burnett

Election judges for county commissioner precincts 1, 2 and 4 were selected at Tuesday nights' Garza County Hospital Board meeting, with one additional precinct 1 judge still to be appointed. A decision about the election judge for precinct 3 was postponed until a special called meeting Monday at 5 p.m.

A bit of a conflict developed on choosing the precinct 3 election judge as board member Carol Tobias had contacted Alice Cruse last week, who agreed to serve. In the meantime, Cherry Eckols had called the district office and also agreed to serve.

Tobias explained at the Tuesday meeting that she was following the guidelines that had been approved by the board at a recent meeting, when board president Mike Travis asked individual board members to seek qualified citizens in their precincts to serve as election judges.

"Alice is highly qualified," Tobias emphasized, "and she has served as election judge in other elections." Tobias made a point during the discussion that the recent lawsuit agreement required that election judges could not be employees of the district. "Cherry is a former employee, and I think her serving as an election judge is a conflict of interest."

Travis expressed opposition to that view, saying that the best qualified person should serve as election judge. The matter was tabled until Monday's special meeting, to be held at CitizensBank community room.

Other election judges named at Tuesday meeting are Kay Hays (precinct 1), Sheri Riedel (precinct 2) and Melinda Morgan (precinct 4). Election judges are to select clerks. Precinct 1 has two voting boxes, a judge for the second box has not been named.

Board members announced that the following locations had been confirmed for voting places: Precinct 1, First Presbyterian Church and Trinity Baptist Church; Precinct 2, Post Middle School; Precinct 3, Lorenzo Alexander Community Center and Precinct 4, Post

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## Post Notes

### Church offers "Barbacoa Burrito"

The Church of God of Prophecy will offer a "Barbacoa Burrito Sale" on Friday, March 16 from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, 602 W. 14th St.

### Trailblazers bake sale March 17

The Garza County Trailblazers will hold a bake sale March 17 at United Supermarkets. The sale is a regular fund raising event for the senior citizens.

### Post dance club interest renewed

Recent interest has been voiced about reforming the Post Dance Club. To evaluate whether it an idea worth pursuing, please call Larry Mills at 495-3726 (office) or 495-3719 or Ronnie Dunn at 495-2097. Those interested should express their opinions by March 15.

### Auditions for "Anne of Green Gables"

Auditions for Garza Theatre's May production of "Anne of Green Gables" will be held March 24 at 2:30 p.m. at the theatre in Post, and in Lubbock on March 25 at 6 p.m. at the Monterey Church of Christ at 58th and Memphis. The show, written by Lubbock's Sylvia Ashby, will be directed by Laura Bryan, assisted by Mitchell Britton. Performances will be held May 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 18 and 19. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

### Rotary Club 'broom sale' March 27

The Post Rotary Club will hold its annual "Broom Sale" on March 27 at the intersection of West Main Street and U.S. Hwy 84. This is an important fund raising event for the local Rotarians.

### Election judges, clerks needed

Garza County voters interested in serving as precinct election judges or clerks for the Garza County Hospital District's May 5 election should call the district's office at 495-2828. Judges and clerks are needed for all four Garza County precincts.

### SPCAA board election

Garza County residents interested in serving as a sector board member or alternate for the South Plains Community Action Association should contact the office at 495-2329. Deadline for applying for the board position is March 21 at 4 p.m.

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**Births**

**Addison Dale Guerrero**

Ashley Hair and Adam Guerrero are proud to announce the birth of their son Addison Dale.

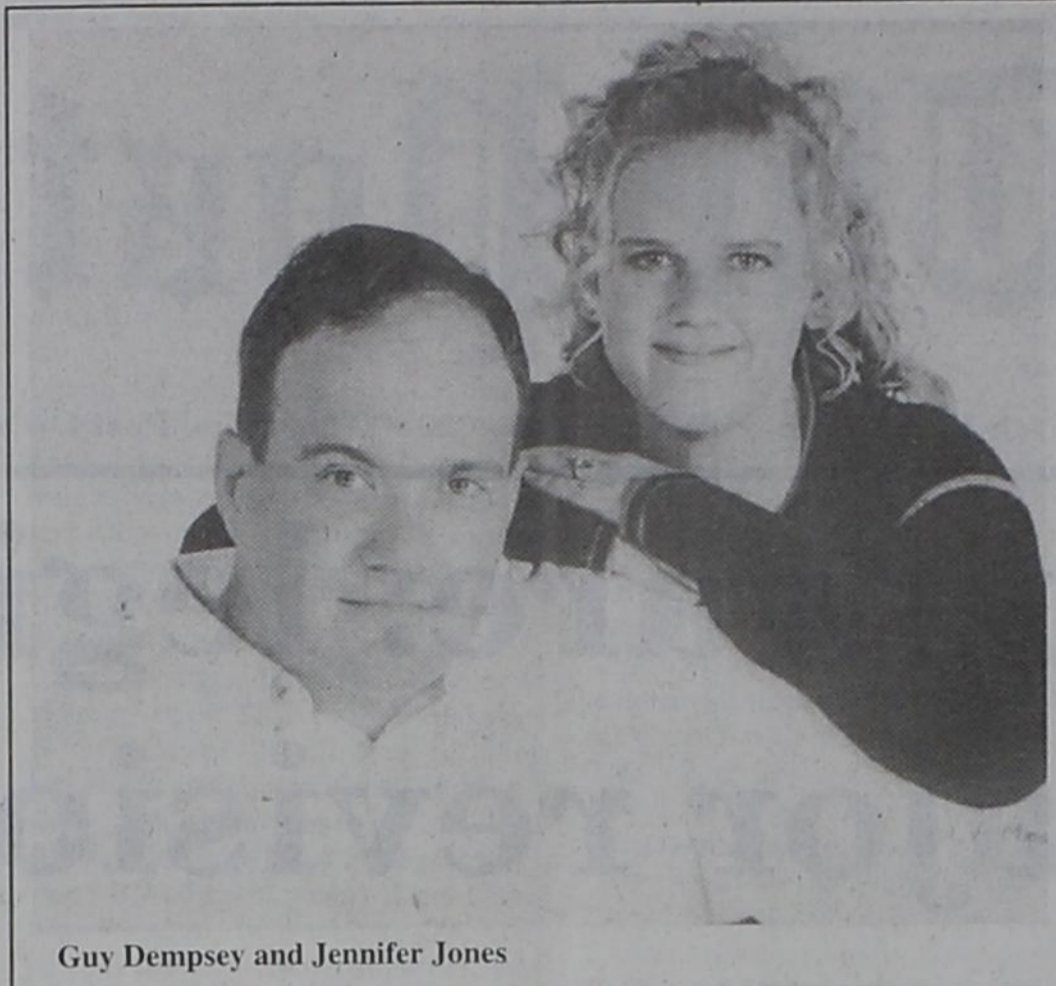
Addison was born February 12, 2001 at 5:16 pm in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 and 3/4 inches long.



Addison Gale Guerrero

**Call Judy with your "Jabberin" 495-2816; deadline Tuesday noon**



Guy Dempsey and Jennifer Jones

**Jones, Dempsey announce engagement**

Bill and Marilyn Jones of Southland have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer (J.J.) Jones, to Guy Dempsey, son of Sharon Dempsey of Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a graduate of the Southland Independent School District and attended West Texas A&M University. She is employed with the Phillips 66 Truck & Auto Plaza in Slaton.

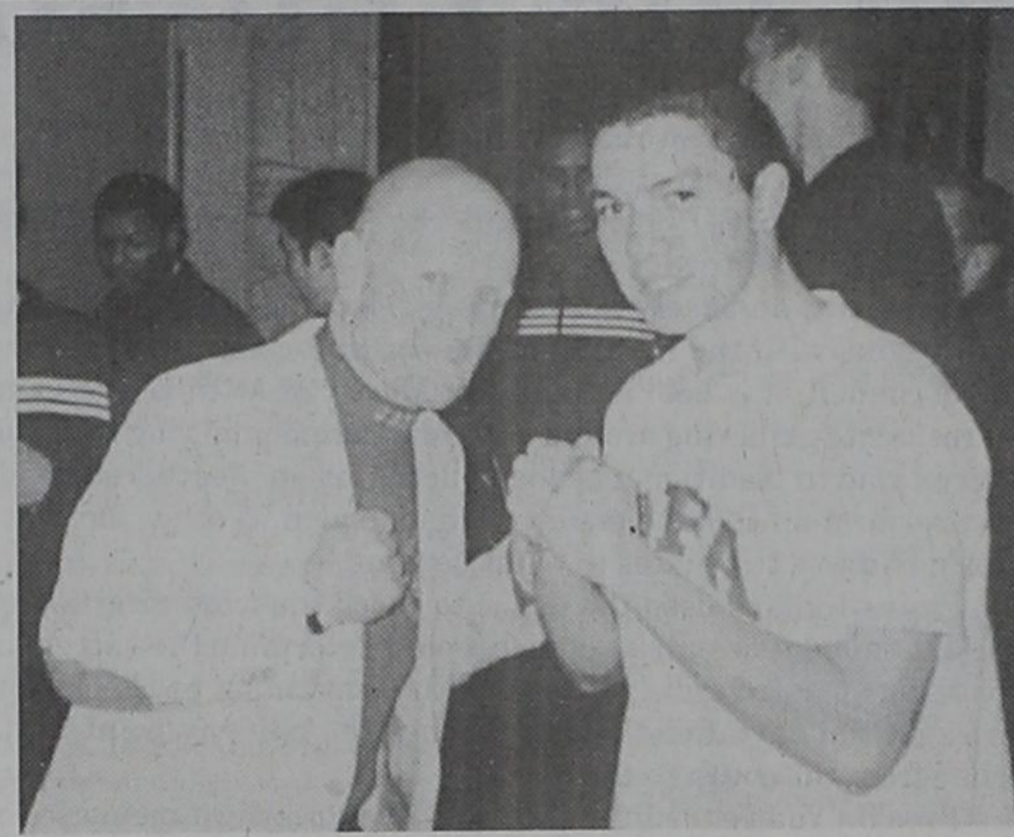
Her fiance, a Monterey High School graduate, attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He is employed by Hickam Trucking of Lubbock.

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Clell Knight (right) and Milt Lane in Reno, Nevada.

**Knight wins boxing championship**

Clell Knight, a Post High School graduate, recently won the 156-pound Class in the Wing Open Boxing Championship at the United States Air Force Academy.

Knight won the championship with a unanimous 5-0 decision against Thomas Cisar and will travel to Las Vegas for the regional competition March 23-24.

In addition to his athletic successes, Knight made the Falcon List for the first semester at the United States Air Force Academy, receiving the Superintendent's Pin, which is the highest symbol of achievement a cadet can wear at the academy. In order to qualify, credentials for GPA, MPA (military) and PEA (athletics) are all considered.

Knight also was recently selected as "Black Panther" in recognition for his outstanding military performance in his Black Panther Squadron.

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Your memories are our keepsake, and with those, we will never part.

For God has you in heaven now.

But we have you in our hearts.

We miss you Son, and love you!

From Mom and Dad, Mike & Eva Gonzales

**Judy's Jabberin'**

By Judy B. Bush

Mud!Mud!Mud!!! That is all I can say about the rain!! I love the country but oh those roads! I was never very good at staying in the ruts, just couldn't seem to manage.

When visiting Jane and Mack, there were many times Mack had to get me "unstuck". Usually if I called to say I was on my way to their house Mack was quick to tell me if the roads were bad. (I think he didn't want to get the tractor out!!)

My sister ribbed me constantly about not being able to come down her road. Needless to say, one bright spot in my life was the day Jane went in the "ditch," off the muddy road, and Mack had to pull her out. Oh well, I only have maybe 1/4 mile of "mud" to travel. Wonder how much 1/4 mile of blacktop cost??

**For Betty Curry**

Say Betty, I hear they have a fishing boat out at Lake Allen Henry and that they are looking for crew members. Now the only requirement is that you are sure footed! Also if Doyleene happens to apply with you, it might be a good idea for you both to carry a change of clothes.

**Sharing**

A little old couple walked slowly into McDonalds one cold winter evening. They looked out of place amid the young families and young couples eating there that night.

Some of the customers looked admiringly at them. You could tell what the admirers were thinking. "Look, there's a couple who has been through a lot together, probably for 60 years or more!"

The little old man walked right up to the cash register, placed his order with no hesitation and then paid for their meal.

The couple took a table near the back wall and started taking food off of the tray. There was one hamburger, one order of French fries and one drink.

The little old man unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half. He placed one half in front of his wife. Then he carefully counted out the French fries, divided them in two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife.

He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them.

As the man began to eat his few bites of hamburger the crowd began to get restless. Again you could tell what they were thinking. "That poor old couple. All they can afford is one meal for the two of them."

As the man began to eat his French fries one young man stood and came over to the old couples' table. He politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple to eat.

The old man replied that they were just fine. They were used to sharing everything.

Then the crowd noticed that the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She just sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink. Again the young man came over and begged them to let him buy them something to eat.

This time the lady explained that no, they were used to sharing everything together. As the little old man finished eating and was wiping his face neatly with a napkin the young man could stand it no longer.

Again he came over to their table and offered to buy some food. After being politely refused again he finally asked a question of the little old lady.

"Ma'am, why aren't you eating. You said that you share everything. What is it that you are waiting for?"

She answered....

"The teeth".

**To Alma and Joe**

My sympathy to Alma and Joe Williams. Alma's grandson was killed this past week in an auto accident and Joe lost his brother. I love you two and you are in my prayers.

**Birthdays**

Friday, March 16: My brother, Jack Ballentine, Jodi Gregory, Bruce Ledbetter (how old Bruce??), Carl Bowles and Alexa Collier; Anniversary, Richard and Bertha Fuentes, Saturday, March 17; Jarrod Greene, Daniel Redman, Marge Tannehill and David Dean. Sunday, March 18: Joe Cemental, Allison Blevins, Mitch Holly and Erik Lopez. Monday, March 19: Neal Clary, Shannon Davis, Delbert Rudd, Carol Cowley, Meagan Moreman, Joyce Nelson, Sandy Nelson, Veronica Chapa and Ben Mason. Tuesday, March 20: Dana Babb, Regina Collazo, Jacky Harp and Henry Reed. Wednesday, March 21: Janell Jones, Coach Ayala, Lexi Nobles; Anniversary, Ronnie and Diane Graves.

**Church Bloopers**

- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus".
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on Oct. 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement Friday.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the church would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

**Till Next Week**

Guess that's all. Have a great weekend and may God bless each one of you.

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## Neighbor to Neighbor

by Sara Stevens, CEA-FCS

### St. Paddy's Day Food Fun

St. Patrick's Day is coming up and, since it is on a Saturday, it is your job to make this day fun for your children. Here are some great (and easy) ways to make St. Paddy's Day fun for your kids, especially around meal time.

**Rainbow Toast** - Give your child a slice of white bread. Have ready small containers of milk to which you have added food coloring (blue, red, green, and yellow). Your child can brush colored milk on the bread, in stripes or a rainbow arc, using a pastry brush or a new watercolor brush. Then place the bread in a toaster. The bread comes out colored!

**Shamrock Pancakes** - Add some green food coloring to your pancake batter and pour on the griddle in a shamrock shape or use a shamrock shape cookie cutter. Serve with green butter and syrup.

**Green Milk** - Add a few drops of green food coloring to a glass then pour milk into the glass. The milk turns green like magic!

**Golden Coins** - Make peanut butter sandwiches cookies using Ritz crackers and smooth peanut butter. Dip the sandwich cookies in melted butterscotch chips and place on wax paper to set. Enjoy golden coin cookies.

**Leprechaun Dust** - Place one tablespoon of Leprechaun Dust (instant pistachio pudding mix) in a baby food jar and add 1/4 cup of milk and let your little leprechauns shake away and watch the leprechaun dust work its magic.

**Green Party Buffet** - Have green food for a St. Patrick's Day Buffet. Some of these foods could be grapes, pickles, olives, lettuce, kiwi, green apples, celery, broccoli, cucumber, pear, green jello, green pudding, etc.

Enjoy St. Patrick's Day and enjoy the green food that goes along with it!



Christi Morris (left) accepts a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Garza Theatre from city council member Juanita Pantoja for the Millennium Commission. The Garza Theatre has been instrumental in developing continuing live stage productions in Post and the South Plains.

## Special event planned at Post Church of the Nazarene

Robert and Ramona Williams of Andrews will lead the music at the Church of the Nazarene, 202 W. 10th Street, during the Sunday 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. services.

The two are involved in a ministry of gospel music concerts, as well as supply preaching and revivals.

Robert Williams is an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene. He has served two terms as NYI president on the Southwest Oklahoma District and has directed several summer church camps. He has served on various district boards.

Ramona Williams, a retired school teacher, plays the piano and sings with her husband, but a greater part of the mostly southern gospel-style music is completed with soundtracks.

The couple's ministry has taken them to churches in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas.

Both are graduates of what is now Southern Nazarene University at Bethany, Okla.

The public is invited to participate in the special services.



Robert and Ramona Williams

## Girl Scouts observe scout week

This week during Girl Scout Week, Girl Scouts across the South Plains and the country will celebrate the anniversary of the organization's founding 89 years ago.

With the same dedication that the 12 initial Girl Scout members had in 1912, local girls will participate in activities that celebrate fun and friendship that Girl Scouting provides. The 3.6 million members in the organization today continue to move forward with the founder's vision of helping girls everywhere grow strong.

From nature walks and learning Morse code in the beginning of the twentieth century to meeting with member of Congress and developing Web sites in the year 2000, Girl Scouts have always been in step with the times. Traditional activities to commemorate the Girl Scout heritage will take place throughout Girl Scouts of Caprock Council's 18-county area with girls performing community service projects, wearing uniforms to school and houses of worship, holding birthday celebrations and much more.

"As we celebrate the founding of Girl Scouts, we continue to commit

ourselves to providing girl with a place where they can develop qualities of character, conduct and community service while growing into tomorrow's leaders in the process," said Becky Burton, executive director of the Caprock Council. "While the values that were synonymous with Girl Scouting in the beginning of the twentieth century still hold true today, we continue to evolve with a program that works best for girls in the twenty-first century."

Through a recent study conducted by the Girl Scout Research Institute, the organization found that although girls are maturing earlier than previous generations, they still very much want and need to express their concerns and dreams. Along with parents, teachers and other responsible adults, Girl Scouting

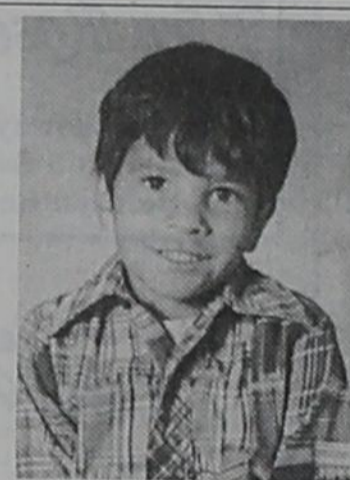
provides a safe environment where girls everywhere can express themselves and obtain the skills to become confident women.

March 12, 1912, marked the beginning of an organization that for nearly nine decades has helped girls grow strong. Founder Juliette Gordon Low's vision of bringing something special to girls of America and the world culminated in the founding of the Girl Scouts, where girls throughout the nation and the South Plains develop physically, mentally and spiritually.

Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls — all girls — where in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world.



"Chief" Frank Runkles was honored with a certificate of recognition from the Millennium Commission for his long years of dedication to preserving the Plains Indians' annual Ta'bana Yuan'e ceremony.



Happy Birthday  
Snooky  
Bear  
Love always,  
Bridgett

## Seaman Nabarrette on assignment

Navy Seaman Diana A. Nabarrette, a 1995 graduate of Post High School, recently visited Mahe, Seychelles Archipelago during a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa, home ported in San Diego.

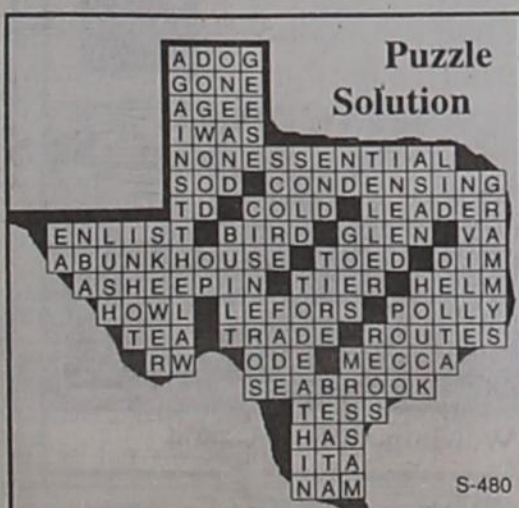
While visiting the tropical island, the Tarawa crew had the opportunity to participate in various snorkeling and diving trips that gave them a view of 100 species of coral and more than 900 species of fish.

They also enjoyed Cap Lazare, an exclusive traditional village preserved in its natural state from a century ago. Those who visited the village enjoyed a creole buffet, a rhythmic dinner show and the scenery.

USS Tarawa supports amphibious operations using landing craft air cushions, which are specially-designed Hovercraft that travel above land and sea surfaces and deliver vehicles and equipment. The ship also has conventional landing craft and helicopter embarked, and is equipped with medical facilities staffed by Navy doctors, dentists, nurses and corpsmen.



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# Obituaries

## Auvy Lee McBride Jr.

Services for Auvy Lee McBride Jr., 38, of Bertram were held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 12, 2001, at the Church of Christ in Bertram with Mark Ingram officiating. Burial followed in the Bear Creek Cemetery near Bertram under the direction of the Clements-Wilcox Funeral Home of Burnet.

He died Friday, March 9. Born March 10, 1962, in Lubbock to Auvy McBride Sr. and Leslie Nichols, he was self-employed as a computer consultant.

Survivors include his wife, Nora McBride of Bertram; two sons, Buck Beighley of Georgetown and Michael McBride of Bertram; three daughters, Aileen Beighley, Valerie McBride and Lisa McBride, all of Bertram; two sisters, Leah Brock of Burnet and Andrea Davidson of Kennewick, Wash.; his mother, Leslie McBride of Hobbs, N.M.; his stepmother, Shirley McBride of Lubbock; his grandmother, Alma McBride Williams of Post; and other relatives and close friends.

## Lynn Williams

Services for Lynn Williams, 32, of Lubbock were held Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. at the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Ed Ainsworth officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

She died Sunday, March 11, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Dec. 17, 1968, in Vernon, she was a graduate of Ballinger High School in Ballinger. She had been a resident of Lubbock for many years.

Survivors include her mother, Dorothy Williams of Lubbock; two brothers, Jay Williams of Abilene and Kevin Williams of Lubbock; and his grandmother, Oleain Morris of Post.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Teresa Williams, in 1964 and her father, Odell Williams, in 1998.



## Lena Estelle Mayo

Graveside services for Lena Estelle Mayo, 88, of Slaton were held Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at 2:30 p.m. in the Terrace Cemetery with the Rev. Bill Jernagan officiating. Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. She died Sunday, March 4, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Born Sept. 26, 1912, in Montague County, Texas, she married L.E. Mayo. He died in December 1976. She was a restaurant worker and a Baptist. Survivors include one brother, Ben Bloxon of Slaton; one sister, Oma Rackler of Smyer; and several nieces and nephews.

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### JUDAS ISCARIOT, THE BETRAYER OF JESUS, WAS THE ONLY MAN AMONG THE ORIGINAL TWELVE DISCIPLES WHO DID NOT HAIL FROM GALILEE. THAT HE WAS STRONGLY DISLIKED FROM THE OUTSET BY THE OTHERS IS APPARENT FROM THE VERY WORDS OF JOHN (JOHN 12:6). JUDAS WAS THE TREASURER OF THE GROUP—"HOLDING THE BAG" WAS THE EXPRESSION THEY USED—DENOTING THAT HE RECEIVED ALL GIFTS AND MONEY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC, PAID FOR ANYTHING THE GROUP MIGHT NEED (FOOD, CLOTHES, ETC.), AND DISPENSED MONEY TO THE POOR, ALL IN JESUS' NAME. BUT JOHN SPOKE FOR ALL OF THEM WHEN HE SAID JUDAS WAS A THIEF WHO DIDN'T CARE FOR THE POOR AT ALL, BUT CARRIED THE BAG OUT OF HIS LOVE FOR THE MONEY THAT WAS IN IT AND THE SENSE OF POWER AND IMPORTANCE IT GAVE HIM!

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LEGEND SAYS THAT THE TREE ON WHICH JUDAS HANGED HIMSELF (SINCE CALLED THE JUDAS TREE) WAS THE LOVELY REDBUD TREE, A FLOWERING ORNAMENTAL SHRUB WHICH CAN ATTAIN HEIGHTS OF FORTY FEET!

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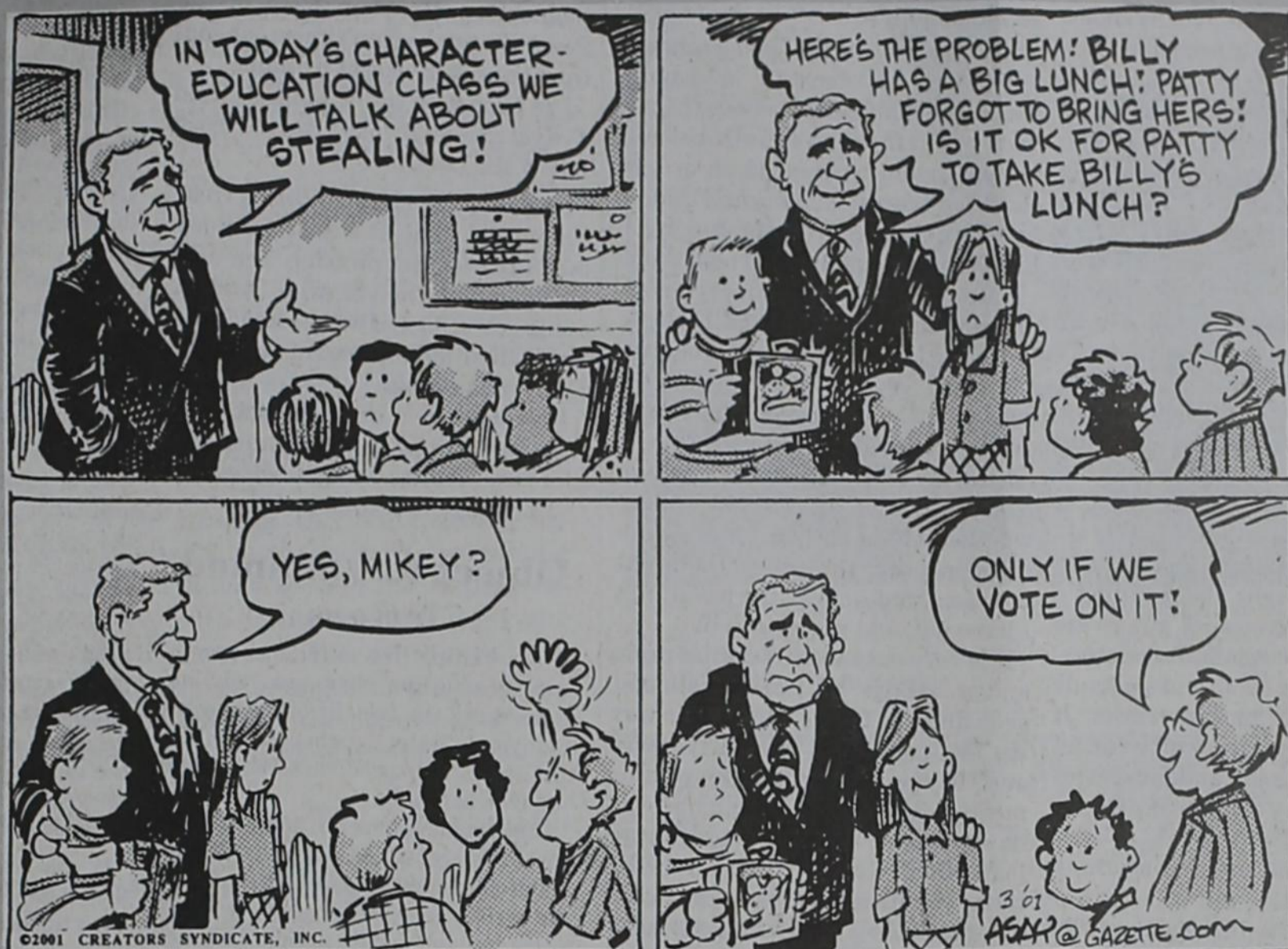
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# Opinions



## And thereafter, elite arrogance

by Walter E. Williams

Here's a question prompted by my recent re-reading of Leonard Read's *The Myth of the See-It-All*, in "The Coming Aristocracy" (1969). Incidentally, Read founded the New York-based Foundation for Economic Education ([www.fee.org](http://www.fee.org)) in the 1940s, America's first free-market think tank.



But here's the question: Suppose you were alive in 1869 and were asked, "Which would you consider is the easier method to deliver a message across your state — by mail or by human voice?" Your response to this seemingly idiotic question would have been, "By mail!"

Moreover, you probably would have argued mail would always be easier because it would have been impossible for you to conceive that sometime in the future there'd be telephones and other forms of electronic communication.

Suppose you had been asked in the 1940s, when computers were first being built, "To what uses can we put these machines?" I doubt whether you could have come up with much more than saying, "They can be used to rapidly make numerical calculations."

It would have been impossible even for great thinkers such as Albert Einstein to foresee the myriad uses and benefits of computers in 2001. You say, "OK, Williams, what's the point?"

One point is mankind's total knowledge of all that can be known is trivial. Another is some people act as if they know it all and, in their roles as politicians and bureaucrats, they forcibly impose what they see as their "superior wisdom" on others.

These barbarians have forgotten Richard Whatley's warning, "He who is not aware of his ignorance will be only misled by his knowledge." Not only will these people mislead themselves, if they have power they'll mislead a nation.

There's no better example of elite ignorance and arrogance than in the debate over education. There's no question that the American education system is in shambles. In our inner cities, education is nothing short of a criminal disgrace. But what do members of the elite do?

They oppose every effort to introduce alternatives to the public-education system that might come through educational vouchers or tuition tax credits. Their position differs little from one that says: We know every possible means of delivering education, and today's public-education system is the best.

Having taken that position, they virtually contradict themselves by arguing that if parents had choice, public schools wouldn't survive. In other words, public schools are so rotten that if parents had another option, they'd exercise it.

Another know-it-all argument these people make is: If we had educational vouchers there wouldn't be enough private schools to enroll all those who'd apply. Such a claim reflects gross economic ignorance.

Apply that claim to VCRs and cars. Back when VCRs were invented, would any reasonable person have proposed holding up their production and sales until enough VCR rental and repair shops had been established?

Should Henry Ford have waited for gasoline stations and auto-repair shops to be established across the country before he started mass producing cars?

To these questions, I'm betting that you're going to say: "That's nonsense, Williams. Let VCRs be manufactured, and I'll guarantee you there'll soon be VCR rental and repair shops. And let Ford produce cars, and I'll also guarantee you that soon there'll be gasoline stations and repair shops."

Why? People want to make money, and the best way of making money is by pleasing others. The identical reasoning applies to education.

Give parents vouchers, and you can bet private schools will emerge. The bottom line: Always be suspicious of those who pretend to know it all, claim their way is the best way and are willing to force their way on the rest of us.

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## Repeal Depression-era libel law

by Vin Suprynowicz

A lot of unconstitutional bunk got peddled back in the early 1930s, as governments federal and local scrambled to remedy an economic debacle resulting (as the late Murray Rothbard exhaustively demonstrated in "America's Great Depression") from a double whammy of almost metaphysical proportions: a wanton increase in the paper money supply (and, thus, of credit) during the Roaring '20s, followed by the refusal of that "great interventionist," Herbert Hoover, to let wages correct downward along with prices after the resulting crash of '29.

With jaw-dropping predictability, government thus created vast unemployment through its ill-considered interventions in the economy — and then announced with a straight face that the only possible solution was ... more government intervention.

Many of the resulting attempts to infringe Americans' historic economic and political liberties — socializing the nation's economy on the bizarre assumption that the best "fix" would be to mimic policies which had already left millions starving in Lenin's Russia — were rightly thrown out as unconstitutional as soon as they reached the courts.

But just as many of these hastily-cobbled-together Ponzi schemes and bureaucratic full-employment programs survived, to be sanctified over time as "vital elements of our wise and benevolent social safety net."

How silly were some of these measures? Hoping to stem bank runs on local financial institutions which had plunged incautiously in the speculative boom, Nevada legislators in 1931 enacted a law which made it illegal to criticize a Nevada bank or its financial viability in print — even if the statements were provably true.

Though the financial crisis passed and is long since forgotten, this Nevada law was still on the books when Senior Deputy Attorney General Doug Walther notified the Culinary Union back in 1996 that a leaflet the union was circulating — stating that Commercial Bank was losing money — ran them afoul of the long-forgotten law.

(The union was in a labor dispute with the Santa Fe Casino at the time — and then-state Sen. Sue Lowden, an owner of the casino, sat on the board of Commercial Bank, which later merged with Colonial Bank.)

Fortunately, Senior U.S. District Judge Lloyd George forbade the state from enforcing the law, which he held to be in direct violation of the First Amendment's free-speech guarantees.

So far so good.

Yes, it would be reprehensible for anyone to malign a legitimate business for political reasons. But banks have full access to the courts to file their own civil actions for libel or slander if they see fit. A pre-emptive ban on consumers stating an opinion about a local enterprise's policies — let alone citing provably accurate facts — has no place in a free country.

Now comes state Sen. Terry Care, D-Las Vegas — a former television news director — proposing legislation in Carson City this year to repeal the dated and ill-conceived 1931 ordinance, entirely.

Good. It's not enough to say a bad law "shouldn't be enforced," since that always leaves open the possibility of the old blunderbuss being rolled out and used — selectively or vindictively — at some time in future.

"I just thought it was offensive to the First Amendment to have a statute like that," sayeth Mr. Care, and right he is. (And I hope we can expect Mr. Care to carry on from here, actively seeking repeal of all state laws which offend against the Second, Ninth, and Tenth amendments, as well.)

In the meantime ... let's get this bad law off the books.

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"When great changes occur in history, when great principles are involved, as a rule the majority are wrong. The minority are right." — Eugene V. Debs (1855-1926)

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## 'Hillary-care' adopted by Garza Hospital District board

by Wesley W. Burnett

Hillary (Rodham) Clinton would be proud of the socialists in charge of the Garza County Hospital District. Majority board members are sponsoring socialized medicine for Garza County, with the help of socialist democrat state representative David Counts.

If they get their way, Garza County will be the first county in Texas to formally adopt a socialized medicine policy, complete with tax funded health care for anyone who lives here. Following the lead of hospital district board president Mike Travis, Mr Counts apparently ignores the cries of anguish from beleaguered tax payers here.

The total cost of this boondoggle legislation has yet to be calculated, but based on population figures and average annual health care costs, tax payers here may be shelling out millions of dollars for this socialist scheme.

No wonder property owners are finding it less and less attractive to actually own property ... the insatiable appetite by government seems to be uncontrollable.

This legislative sham is a repeat of Counts' 1999 attempt to placate local socialists. That effort failed with lack of a senate sponsor for HBO 2616. This time around the legislation includes even more authority to spend tax funds. In effect, the new legislation merely takes away restrictions that have been ignored by the hospital board majority.

For instance, the law now requires non-indigent users of the tax supported health clinic to reimburse the hospital district for "reasonable and customary" charges. The hospital district has no evidence that it has ever recovered any reimbursement from non-indigent users of the clinic. That law has simply been ignored.

Why should tax payers here have any faith that this practice will change? If the majority board members don't like restrictions in the law, they'll just ignore it. "If you don't like what we're doing, take it to court" has been their song in the past.

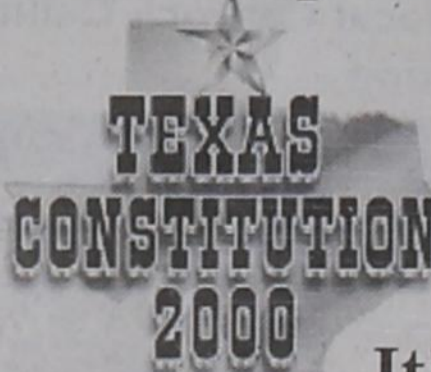
Counts, who routinely supports socialist schemes in Austin, apparently has little regard for fiscally sound management of tax funds, otherwise he would not sponsor such boondoggles as he has done with HBO 2477.

There is only one bright spot in this proposed revision being foisted onto tax payers here: Section 1 of HBO 2477 requires a vote of qualified voters be held before it can be implemented. If this socialized medicine plan makes it through the legislature, it'll be up to the Garza County Commissioners' Court to conduct an election to determine if voters here will approve the creation of the "Garza County Health Care District."

Hopefully there'll be enough tax payer opposition that HBO 2477 will end up in the garbage heap of lousy ideas emanating from Austin.

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### Answering "name withheld"

As a coach's wife I have only this response: I hope that you resolve this issue within yourself or it will continue to eat you up. As a coach's wife, I get nothing from this district other than sheer pleasure of seeing my husband help your child and other children be the best they can in whatever sport they love.

I do hope that you find peace within yourself. You are in my prayers daily.

To the people of Post; if you would rather believe the gossip, just read the "letters to the editor," but if you want the truth, then feel free to call a coach, or better yet, talk to his wife.

### More thoughts on school shootings

I seem to be concerned about the school shootings and gang violence. It is a bit heartbreaking to see our young people taking the route that does not have to be taken.

And surely in the years to come, they will have to pay or at least in their own heart and soul... regret their evils. At least I know I do. I have paid very dearly for the last 45 or 50 years just battling with my conscience, that being one of the keys to my severe alcoholism. Along the way in this letter, I will mention the fortunate and the less fortunate, or in simpler language, the poor folks and the rich folks.

Now, I want to say I have absolutely nothing against the rich folks. They just happen to be more fortunate. Some earned it, some inherited it and some were just lucky. But some of my very best friends right here in this area are well off, so maybe there is a bit of jealousy there on my part. Who knows?

But getting back to the shooting and violence, some way I can feel where those type of kids are coming from. Early on in my younger years I believe I probably did experience some of the feelings the young people are feeling these days. From Day

One, well, hell, I can't remember Day One, but I do remember somewhere starting between three and four years old. Seems like things wasn't right from the beginning. Seems like in a herd of sheep, I started out being the black one. I remember Mom spent a lot of her time cramming the Methodist doctrine down my throat and poor ol' "Pop," he was afraid I wasn't gonna be a Democrat.

I came from an extremely "less fortunate" family. We lived on cottontail rabbit, mashed potatoes, gravy and homemade biscuits or beans and cornbread, and then on Sunday, I remember Mom catching a chicken and pulling its head off and I got to watch it flop to death. My favorite was making fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy and biscuits. That all came after a Sunday morning trip to the old Methodist church. I can remember sometimes the preacher came to eat. I can also remember that I overheard him telling Mom, "You need to do something about your little boy... he's headed the wrong direction," but Mom always defended me, and I can always still hear the big black belt coming out of Pop's belt loops.

I started to a country school in the Panhandle of Oklahoma. There was five less fortunate and about 10 so-called more fortunate. The fortunate got to play all the games, whether they were good players or not. They got to run all the races, whether they were fast or not. They brought all the apples and kissed all the butt because we didn't have money for apples. Sometimes the less fortunate would bring cookies or a pie. Nine times out of 10 the teacher never touched it, cause we were not of the higher society type.

In those very first few years of school, it is, I suppose, where I began hating the world, God and anything else around me. In the seventh grade at 12 years old I found the value of alcohol. It would cure my ill feelings, at least temporarily. But in the years to come, I learned the hard way that alcohol or drugs didn't cure anything but the beer joints yearning for more

money. In fact, the mind bending chemicals only led to my further hatred.

Mom used to make my western shirts and my boxer shorts and put the snaps on them off her old wore out brassieres. The more fortunate wore BVD's shorts and Wrangler shirts and Levis compared to my Monkey Ward jeans and tennis shoes. At 14, I transferred to school in town for four years of high school hell. This country boy learned the torture of "picking on," having my pants run up on the flag pole and not getting to play on the teams. I was less fortunate. I could out run Forrest Gump in those days because I was afraid the higher class kids would pull my pants off again and see my "flower sack" shorts, or that I didn't have any hair on my legs. When I turned 15 1/2, Mom signed for me to get married, thinking that might calm me down 'cause she could really see not that I was way past being a "problem child."

Although I doubt in the early years I ever even thought about killing a classmate. In those years, guns were for coyotes, mailboxes and insulators. We even took our 30-30 and shotguns to school in our pickup trucks. It there was any get even stuff went on, it was blood and snot, and sometimes a tooth. Next day things were fine or do it again.

But to kill someone, I don't think so...

Later on that did accidentally happen in a bar room fiasco. He's gone and I have been paying dearly thereafter. Sometimes I'd like to trade places. Another contributor to my alcoholism.

But I now use God instead of alcohol. Seems to really work better.

I cannot think of one good excuse to sink a problem in alcohol. I take a bit of God medicine daily and believe it or not, it's working. I'm pretty happy and am quite satisfied.

As one of the few that made it on thru high school married (not even to the same woman), my bitterness and resentment and alcoholism seemed to progress. I continued to hate or be jealous of the more fortunate. I started to learn the benefits of getting drunk, be somebody and get even. I seemed to flourish on the fact that I had got even, or had the last laugh. My vandalism and sabotage efforts began to get totally out of hand. Each time had to be something worse than the last time. Draining a tank battery, or burning a hay barn, opening gates to a feed yard or even turning a bulldozer loose cross country.

I forgot one thing, though. I had a conscience.... I would have to live with all this mess for the rest of my life and pay dearly in some of the most severe ways. And not with jail or money either. I had to pay with my mind and soul. I don't suppose I realized I was a total fool and an idiot, completely out of control, 'til my little boy drowned in a cesspool. Back in those years I even got a court order saying jail or military. With the court probably hoping I'd go to Vietnam. But I guess God said that's not gonna happen, 'cause I failed the physical and went home to continue

my evil against the world. Somehow I felt different, out of place, unwanted, or couldn't do anything as good as the next person. I actually was left behind. My family was not in the fortunate class. I know now that it don't matter to me which class I am in. I'm happy as I am. This is how God intended for me to be, and I'm satisfied with it.

But I now believe the less fortunate, left behind or "don't fit in" young people probably really believe that to "get even" is the answer. I also believe no kid should be treated on or left out. I don't care if Momma and Daddy as \$10 million or 10 cents. Buying a kid's way through life will lead them to another road of misery even different that the road I used. I believe kids, all kids, strive to be the best on the team, or run faster, get better grades. Even an alcoholic that don't drink strives to do their best. Looking back at my own experiences, I believe a kid can and will get attention, whether it be on the ball field or in an alley raping someone. (I might mention, that's one of the few things I have not, and never will, do.)

It is very easy to hurt a kid's pride and/or feelings. We can do it and not even know it. I have had people hurt me emotionally in my early years and they probably didn't know it or mean to. Or at least I thought I was hurt. A kid or at least most, want to learn their way to the best on the team, or they want to practice whatever their goals may be until they are the best. The almighty greenback dollar should never be in front of them for them to trip over.

The idea of pay raises and fringe benefits to the leaders is one of the lowest actions I can think of to help decide who should play and who don't. Course, I don't know if that is the case here or not. I know it happens in other schools, so why not here? One should think about poor little Suzy or Johnny who can, I bet, probably throw the ball or really run good, or even "kick butt" on the football field... is still sitting over there on the bench, thinking, "I wish I could play. I'm good, too." While all too often some are playing that can't chew bubble gum and walk at the same time.

I am a firm believer that if a kid can earn or achieve a position the hard way, then he should have that spot. It doesn't really matter if they are fat, skinny, tall, short, ugly or pretty... or just simply more fortunate. All kids deserve an equal chance. I feel we better give 'em all a chance now, because one day, and maybe soon, they will be telling us all what to do and where to go.

Now, I don't mean to be pouring it on the well-to-do people. I feel if a family or folks have lots of finances, I think it is absolutely great that they can send them off to Yale or Harvard or even raise a president. But I have seen it tried. A person can't buy love and happiness. It has to be earned.

I know poor folks can't very well send their kids off to law school or to med school, but I like to think that someone had to clear the land, and someone had to build the White

House. Someone has to take in the oil checks, but someone had to drive the bulldozer. Someone had to do the roustabouting. Someone had to, quite frankly, put the oil in the tank. So don't it take us all?

I figure the ones of us that gets to heaven are in for a surprise. When God put all the souls out on the cobblestone street in front of the Pearly Gates, he won't know one soul from the other, except by name.

I've been to a lot of funerals, and I've yet to see a Brinks armored truck follow the hearse.

I suppose the moral of this is treat 'em all the same at school. from my own experiences, probably the first six or seven or maybe even 10 years of life and school, it will be and is the foundation for the rest of one's life. Give 'em a chance.

If we can't give 'em a chance, then ask God to direct you in the next few elections. Things will get better.

O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

### Object to unnamed letters

I am writing this letter in hopes of finding someone that can help me understand the benefit of writing an anonymous letter. It is beyond me how this approach to problem solving could be taken seriously.

Anonymous letters are usually full of questions, accusation, untruths, threats and second hand information that have the writer upset enough to write a letter, but not enough to sign the letter in order to have their concerns answered.

Anonymous letters relieve the writer of any responsibility of writing the letter, but at the same time makes it impossible for the recipient to be able to answer the concerns, which in my opinion takes away all credibility the writer has intended.

It seems that any person volunteering their time in a community, in whatever capacity, be it Little League, School Board, City Council, etc., are favorite targets of these letter writers. It seems that going directly to the person and discussing the problem would help solve the problems quicker, but this would make the individual responsible for their own actions.

In any business, communication is a

major factor for success. This is true in any endeavor.

I can only speak as a school board trustee, but I can tell you that there is not a single person on the school board that is not there for the right reason, to help ensure that the students of the PostISD get the best education possible. It is not a popular job and there are hard decisions that have to be made—decisions that can only be made as a complete board. There is no one trustee that has more power than another.

Trustees are subject to criticism from people that have never sat through a board meeting or even attempted to visit with a trustee, criticized by people that have received second or third hand information off the street or at the coffee shop.

Why have there been no School Board elections the past three years?

It is because the only candidates filing for the positions were the incumbents. This tells me the present board is doing a decent job or that there is no one else willing to deal with personal attacks and other headaches associated with the position. I have been on the board for six years and I have had to develop thicker skin over time.

The trustees on the board are good people and are genuinely concerned for the students, teachers and administrators of the district. The decisions made might not always be the most popular ones, but the board strives to make the best decision possible every time there is a vote.

If you want to criticize the school board for making decisions that you don't agree with, that is your privilege, and your right, but personal attacks on trustees and their families are unwarranted and only serve to create more problems and in no way help to solve them.

Mark Short



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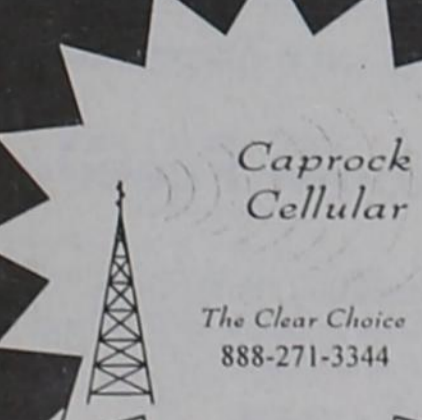
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## GHD election judges ...

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High School.

In other action, the board approved the order for an election on May 5 and authorized district administrator Gina Norman to proceed with plans to merge the Primary Health Care Program with South Plains Community Action Association. The decision came after a discussion about the future of the program.

Norman explained that the chances of getting the grant renewed was in question, and that working with SPCAA seemed to be the best option. She also said that SPCAA is expected to limit services to "chronic patients," those with diabetes or hypertension, which will eliminate about 73 people currently enrolled in the program.

Travis suggested increasing the income guidelines for indigent status so those 73 people would not be left without services.

The wheelchair ramp project at the front entrance of the district's building was postponed at the suggestion of board member Leon Miller. He explained that after looking at the project in more detail, he feels a complete revamping of the front entrance would be necessary. "We need to put this on hold a while until we decide the best way to do this," he said.

Norman reported that 14 Garza County residents are currently being served as indigents.

In the public forum portion of the meeting, Daymon Ethridge expressed opposition to the proposed revisions to the district's enabling legislation. "What's being proposed is way beyond the recommendations of the advisory committee," he emphasized. "I think the board should ask Representative Counts to withdraw that bill."

Ethridge pointed out that a number of changes to the enabling legislation were included which did not have the board's approval. Travis said the matter would be discussed at Monday's special meeting.

(See related story this page for more details on the proposed changes).

The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for April 12 at 6 p.m. in the CitizensBank community room.

## County commissioners...

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According to information relayed to Judge Giles Dalby, The City of Lubbock has denied a request by the developers to reduce the 300 feet easement or to provide water to individual property owners at the proposed development site.

Dalby also said that the application for a survey at the Post Lake Reservoir is now in the hands of the Texas Water Development Board in Austin. "We're just waiting to hear from them on when the survey will get started," Dalby said.



Sheriff Kenny Ratke (left) accepts a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Garza County Sheriff's Department from city council member John Redman. The Sheriff's Department is one of the county's organizations recognized by the Millennium Commission.



Jimmy Carter was the first president to walk the inaugural parade route from the Capitol Building to the White House.

# The Post Dispatch

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# Post Little League Baseball T-Ball and Softball Sign-ups

The Post Little League baseball, t-ball and softball program will conduct sign-ups for the current summer program at the Post Elementary Gymnasium on March 22 and 23 from 3 to 6 p. m.

The cost is \$15 for one child and \$10 for each additional child. Parents need to bring the child's original birth certificate for registration. Ages five to 18 years old are eligible to participate. The child must be at least age five before August 1.

Registration Ages: T-Ball, 5-8; Minor League, 9-12; Little League, 9-12; Softball 9-12 and Jr and Sr League, 13-18.

### Coaches Meet

A meeting of coaches for Post Little League baseball will be held March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Norwest Bank community room. Anyone interested in coaching T-Ball, Softball, Minor League, Little League, Jr or Sr League must attend.

Clip this form, complete it and bring to the registration

**APPLICATION TO PLAY LITTLE LEAGUE**  
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League I.D. No. 343102113

League Name POST LL

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Male  Female Born      /      /      Mo. Day Yr. League Age \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Participation in Little League baseball requires the ability to run, throw, swing a bat and catch a ball. Additionally, participation requires the capacity to understand the rules of the game. Does your child have any current condition that limits his/her ability to participate in this activity?  Yes  No

If "yes," please explain and identify any modification that would enable your child to participate: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide information about allergies or medical conditions that the team should have in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We, the parent(s) of the above named candidate for a position on a Little League team, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all Little League activities, including transportation to and from the activities.  
I/We know that participation in baseball or softball may result in serious injuries and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Inc., the organizers, sponsors, participants and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities for any claim arising out of any injury to my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident or liability insurance.  
I/We agree to return upon request the uniform and other equipment issued to my/our child in as good a condition as when received except for normal wear and tear.  
I/We will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above named candidate to League Officials.

Parent(s) or Guardian Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Parent's Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ President's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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# Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

March 20, 1991  
10 Years Ago

Monica and Erica Schooler attended the West Texas Blowout Rabbit Show in San Angelo on Saturday, March 16.

Monica took two first place ribbons with her Senior doe "Weezer" and a fourth place ribbon with her Junior Doe "Ruby."

Erica took a first place ribbon with her Senior Buck "Brownie" and two fifth place ribbons with her Junior Doe "Nosey."

Garza County 4-H member Brandon Bird exhibited the Grand Champion Steer last month at the 42nd Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

Ron Graves, a Tarleton State University senior from Post, has been chosen for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Graves was among 66 students from Tarleton chosen for the 1991 publication.

Gamma Mu meet Thursday, March 7th, at Kidstuf and enjoyed a spring and summer style show by some young models. Patsy Bilbo told the group about the latest fashions in toddler and children's wear.

March 26, 1981  
20 Years Ago

Charles Hardin is the new Post Chamber of Commerce president. Happy Birthday today to Herbie Hays, Karen Shepherd, Mrs Evelyn Neff, Lonnie Crowley, Danny Paul Rose, Howard L. Brown, Linda Gordon, Diane Conrad and Janie Dunn.

Bill Short, father of Silas Short, is in Post visiting with the Short family. He lives in Hale Center.

Kay Stephens, a student at South Plains College, visited recently with her grandmother, Mrs Wesley Stephens. Also visiting were her parents, Mr and Mrs Bowen Stephens and family.

March 25, 1971  
30 Years Ago

Mrs Lee W. (Janie) Davis, Jr., receives a silver tray at the Girl Scout father-daughter banquet. The award was for her leadership contribution to Girl Scouting.

Don Black was hired here as track grid coach. Marine Lance Cpt Jose F. Martinez is now serving with the First Marine Division in Vietnam.

Mr and Mrs J.F. Moore celebrates 50th wedding anniversary. They were married March 19, 1921 in Grassland.

Mrs Tillman Jones was honored with the first place pioneer club woman award at the 11th annual Caprock District Convention of the Texas Federation of Woman's Clubs. She has been a member of the Woman's Culture Club for 60 years.

A new arrival in Post is Janell Lynn Jones born March 24. Mr and Mrs Mason McClellan and daughter have moved back to the Graham Community.

March 23, 1961  
40 Years Ago

New arrivals in Post are Steven Glenn Royal born March 19, Sherry Ann Yarbro born March 16, Paul David Quiñonez born March 18, Richard Kenyon Kirkpatrick born March 10, Dana Renee Babb born March 20, Cliff Gaylord Kirkpatrick born March 19, and Bryan Jay White born March 16.

Shelia Morris has been elected FHA president. Mrs J.E. May has been selected as teacher of the week in Post Junior High School.

Mrs L.P. Hancock, mother of Mrs Curtis Davies, visited in Post this week. Mrs A.M. Smith honored her daughter, Miriam, on her 11th birthday. The guests were Anita and Diana Pruitt, Dianna Bilberry, Elaine Pate, and Mrs Barrie Jones. They went to Lubbock for a trip to the Texas Tech museum, movie and picnic.

March 22, 1951  
50 Years Ago

Plans to incorporate the Junior Rodeo were underway. Marshall Mason was named chairman of the Old Timers committee by President George Samson of the Post Chamber of Commerce.

Mr and Mrs Jack Myers and family lost their home by fire Sunday afternoon.

The Hub Haires celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary Wednesday. Mrs Ben Williams will be hostess to members of the Priscilla Club tomorrow afternoon.

Newcomers to Post are Mr and Mrs J.C. Lewis and sons, Clyde and Stanley. They moved here from Snyder.

Glenda Kahler was honored with a party on her fourth birthday. An Easter theme was emphasized.

Happy birthday today goes to Roy Clyde Wells, Mrs Melvin Hill, O.D. Cardwell and Don Cornell.

Allen Johnson is out of school this week with mumps.

60 years ago this week

W.W. Hyde for mayor, J.A. Stallings, J.N. Power, Sr., T.R. Greenfield and Marshall Mason for commissioners were printed on the ballot for the city election.

Spring football training, which was slated to begin March 31, was postponed until April 7. Thirty-five to forty boys are expected to come out.

Six hundred and sixty-five children of school age had been counted in Post Independent School district census by the end of last week.

Southland boys 4-H club was reorganized with Ray Lynn King named president.

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## Lunch Menus

### Trailblazers

Monday, March 19

Salmon patty, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, cornbread and chocolate pudding.

Tuesday, March 20

Chicken strips, liver-n-onions, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, fruit salad, cookies.

Wednesday, March 21

Roast beef, potatoes o'brien, broccoli, green onions, biscuit, peaches.

Thursday, March 22

Pork chop, butterbeans, beet-onion salad, tossed salad, cornbread and pumpkin bars.

Friday, March 23

Spaghetti, zucchini, cucumber-onion salad, garlic bread and pear crisp.

### Post ISD

Monday, March 19

Breakfast: French toast, sausage link, fruit and choice of milk.

Lunch: Nachos supreme, salad, fruit cocktail, cookie and choice of milk.

Tuesday, March 20

Breakfast: Pancake-on-a-stick, fruit and choice of milk.

Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, peach cup and choice of milk.

Wednesday, March 21

Breakfast: Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit and choice of milk.

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

Thursday, March 22

Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit and choice of milk.

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

Friday, March 23

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, grape juice and white milk.

Lunch: Sandwich, chips, salad, pickle spears, orange and choice of milk.

### Southland ISD

Monday, March 19

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, bacon, juice and milk.

Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, pudding and milk.

Tuesday, March 20

Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, juice and milk.

Lunch: Beef stroganoff, cream potatoes, peas, rolls, jello and milk.

Wednesday, March 21

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Chili cheese dogs, fritos, beans, fruit and milk.

Thursday, March 22

Breakfast: Muffins, juice and milk.

Lunch: Enchiladas, beans, rice, chocolate delight and milk.

Friday, March 23

Breakfast: Cereal, Graham Crackers, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Cheeseburgers, fries, HB salad, ice cream and milk.

## The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "if he's he'll bark"

5 TX Keyes' "With the Wind" former Cowboy FB Tommie

7 TXism: "feel like and spit out"

8 not needed

17 TXism: "buster" (farmer)

18 TX Gail Borden invented process for milk

21 ex-Cowboy Tony (init.)

22 TXism: "playing with a deck" (unlucky)

23 TXism: "chief cook and bottle washer"

24 LBJ was 1st U.S. Rep. to after Pearl Harbor

29 Lady Johnson dinosaur tracks town: Rose

31 Stephen F. Austin's home state (abbr.)

32 TXism: "smart as rat"

34 pigeon-

35 TXism: "wit"

36 TXism: "wolves clothes" wedding cake layer

38 Gulf steering wheel coyote cry

40 in Gray Co. on 273

42 cracker craver

43 "Texas" (oil)

44 NAFTA is a free agreement

45 many TX roads were early stagecoach

46 ex-Cowboy White (init.)

47 TX Robby Benson film: "to Billie Joe"

48 pilgrimage goal

49 town on Trinity Bay

51 Dallas actress Harper

52 George H.: "The liberation of Kuwait begun"

53 TXism: "call day"

54 U.S. Rep. Sam Johnson was a POW here

DOWN

1 driving without a seat belt is in Texas

2 in Palestine: Trails Festival

3 flag pledge: "...TX, indivisible"

4 TX Gambill Goose Refuge guests

9 in Super Bowl XXX it was 27-17

10 TXism: "me a bill of goods"

11 TXism: "blister" (handle)

12 "Fighting Irish" school (abbr.)

13 honor. TX Ranger: Dr. Edward

14 TXism: "that like a duck needs an umbrella"

15 TXism: "mean old range cow"

16 slang for a Stetson

19 actor Brand who was TX Ranger Reese Bennett on "Laredo"

20 TX Roger Miller awards

22 TX Henry in the Clinton admin.

24 this Ames was Daniel Boone (init.)

25 Spurs, Mavericks & Rockets org.

26 TXism: "quick to pull a cork"

27 TXism: "water" (trouble)

28 shish kebob prong

29 TXism: "get your nest" (be still)

30 TX actress Vinson film: "The Thin Man Home" (45)

31 this Otto directed TX Gene Tierney in "Laura" (init.)

34 pickup rubber

35 between Lamar & Hopkins Counties

37 TXism: "he'd walk himself a revolving door"

38 ex-Cowboy offensive coach Hudson

41 TX Buddy Holly hit: "Not Away"

42 "little" south of the border

45 antique autos

48 historic Houston House

50 TXism: "couldn't drum" (loser)



Y.E.S. PROJECT - Dr Sheryl Boyd (standing) explains the Y.E.S. Project to a group of volunteers and senior citizens at a meeting here last week. Joining in the event were (left to right) Hiram Gutierrez, Anissa Tomlinson, Wendy Clay, Dr Boyd and Bessie Strawn. (Photo by Becky Warren)

From The Post Dispatch, February 13, 1991



ADMIRING PICKUP - Current officers of the Post chapter of the Future Farmers of America are pictured above admiring the pickup presented by Connell Chevrolet. They are, left to right, Vandon Thomas, Charles Bird, Don Rose, Clarence Gunn, Kenneth Rogers and Billy George Taylor. Taylor is president. (Photo by Geraldine Dunlap)

From The Post Dispatch, Mar. 1, 1951



"DRUG DAY" CONFERENCES HELD - Two Morton High School students were here Friday to confer with students during "Drug Day" at Post Junior High School. The Morton students are Becky Green and Dub Bryan. Standing are junior high students, Morris Huff (left), Ray Martinez and Lorry Chapman.

From The Post Dispatch, Feb. 18, 1971

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SCULPTOR AT WORK - Ben Miller of Justiceburg, above, works on one of his latest bronzes, "Ride Him Daddy."

From The Post Dispatch Feb. 16, 1961

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Leslie Acker (left) accepts a certificate of recognition on behalf of the PHS All Class Reunion from city council member Bill Pool. The PHS All Class Reunion is one of the organizations honored by the Millennium Commission.

## Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner  
SUSAN COMBS

With the 77th legislative session well underway, many people are deeply entrenched in issues and going to bat for what they believe in. And considering the changing nature of our state, some of these issues are brand new to the table. But one issue in particular should not be new to anyone. It's redistricting: every 10 years we expect it, and every 10 years we expect it to cause a stir.

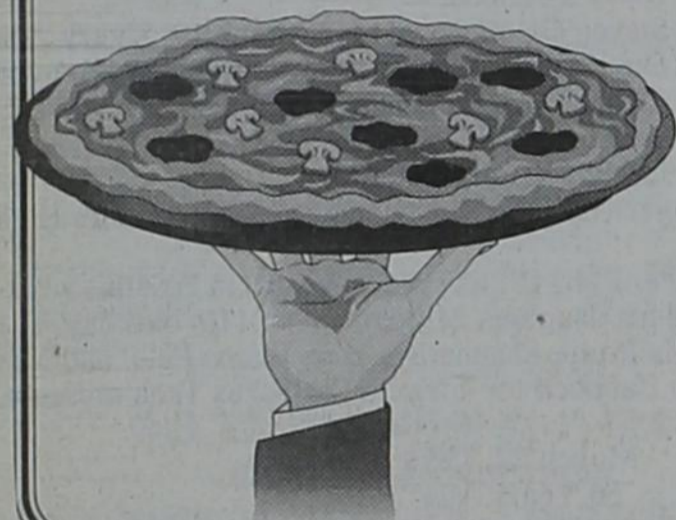
Redistricting is the revision of the geographic boundaries of legislative, congressional and judicial districts. Every 10 years following the U.S. Census, the Legislature takes up this issue, and the boundaries are redrawn to keep equal representation based on population. Districts must have equal or nearly equal representation and they must be drawn in an unbiased manner.

This session is important to rural Texas because we could end up losing this much-needed representation, which is key to preserving agriculture and rural development.

The math is clear, rural Texans are outnumbered with 85 percent of the state's residents located in or around urban areas. That is why we hope rural interests as well as agricultural interests are represented when the Texas Legislature redraws district lines for state and federal offices.

You, too, should make your voice heard on issues that affect you, including redistricting. Be informed, know who represents you in Austin and Washington, D.C. and speak out on the issues that impact your life.

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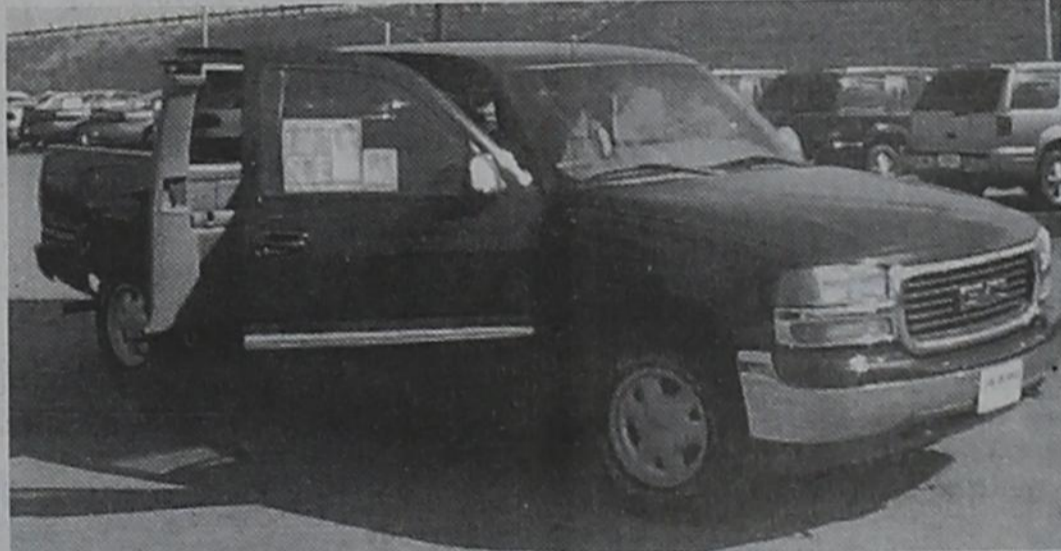
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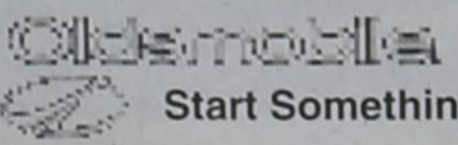
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