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Democrats, Republicans pick candidates in Tuesday primary elections here

Republicans and Democrats each will decide a contested race in Tuesday's primary election.

On the Republican ticket, voters will have to decide between Carter T. Schildknecht, who was appointed to fill the vacant position of 106th Judicial District judge late last year, or challenger Bonnie C. Ericson. Winner of the March primary will face a Demo-

cratic opponent, Cal Huffaker, in the fall.

On the Democratic side, voters will be asked to decide between incumbent Mason McClellan and challenger Leon Miller for the Precinct 2 commissioner's post.

Unopposed offices to be marked on the Democratic primary ballot include Mike Sanchez, Precinct 4 commissioner; Giles W.

Dalby, county judge; Jerry Hays, county clerk; Ruth Ann Young, county treasurer; Sheila Melton, justice of the peace, Precinct 1; and Dee Justice, Precinct 2 JP.

The early voting period for the primary election began Feb. 25 and will run through Friday. A count of the number of early ballots cast as of mid-day Tuesday was unavailable at press time.

GHD board continues look at opening hospital facility here

The bulk of the Feb. 21 meeting of the Garza Hospital District board was directed at the proposed reopening of a hospital-type healthcare facility in Post.

The steering committee behind the proposed project had met earlier in the day, and board members were given a brief overview of what had been discussed in that session.

It was reported that the committee's top healthcare priorities are a "top-notch emergency room," followed by physical therapy and rehabilitation facilities; a minimum of 10 hospital beds; a room for use exclusively by the local detention facilities; and X-ray and lab availability.

The committee's ultimate goal, it was reported, is to be well prepared for the town hall meeting covering the proposal.

That meeting, although not yet scheduled, will likely be conducted sometime in the latter part of April, according to discussions between board members.

In addition to preparing for the upcoming town hall meeting, the committee also is contacting architects in hopes of gathering "ballpark figures" on buildings that could be used to house the above-mentioned services. It is hoped that these estimates can be obtained in the next 45 days.

The board also heard a report on the Publicity Committee Task Force. Members Lee Norman and Nelda Dalby had met that morning with Post Dispatch publisher Wes Burnett requesting a three-part series of news releases be published in the community's weekly newspaper.

Board member Leon Miller suggested that it might be beneficial for committee members to go out, talk and meet with local groups to learn firsthand about individual healthcare needs. One such meeting, this one at the Graham Chapel, had already been scheduled.

"We can't really present the public a price until we know what kind of services we're going to offer," Miller said. "The public's going to have to decide if we have more services than we have money - do we raise taxes or cut services back? We're trying to get as much input as we can and make sure we bring a proposal that's applicable to the community."

Board member Zoe Kirkpatrick agreed.

"It sounds good to me," she said, "and those meetings to me sound like little mini town hall meetings."

Board president David Tyler said that to date, the proposal has been met largely "with open arms."

The board conducted a lengthy discussion but tabled action on a proposal to change the way the hospital district reimburses EMTs for their training costs.

In the past, the hospital district has assisted some individuals with the cost of EMT training - which can run up to \$500-600 - in the hope that they will remain in Post and work with the local ambulance service. However, a few of those receiving assistance failed to complete their promised work with the local EMS service.

"We've gotten hung out to dry and stung more than once,"

Kirkpatrick said. "We have to have something in return for that money. But instead of paying up front and getting stung... the student should pay for (the classes) and then get reimbursed after they fulfill their obligations."

Although officials agreed that no written policy probably exists, it has been understood in the past that recipients of this type of financial aid are to serve a minimum of 52 shifts to fulfill their financial obligations to the hospital district.

The Hospital Foundation also provides the same type of financial assistance to help provide adequate EMS shift coverage in the Garza County area.

Board members agreed to table any action based on their discussion in hopes of getting together with all entities involved - the hospital district board, the foundation and the EMS - to create a written policy beneficial to everyone involved.

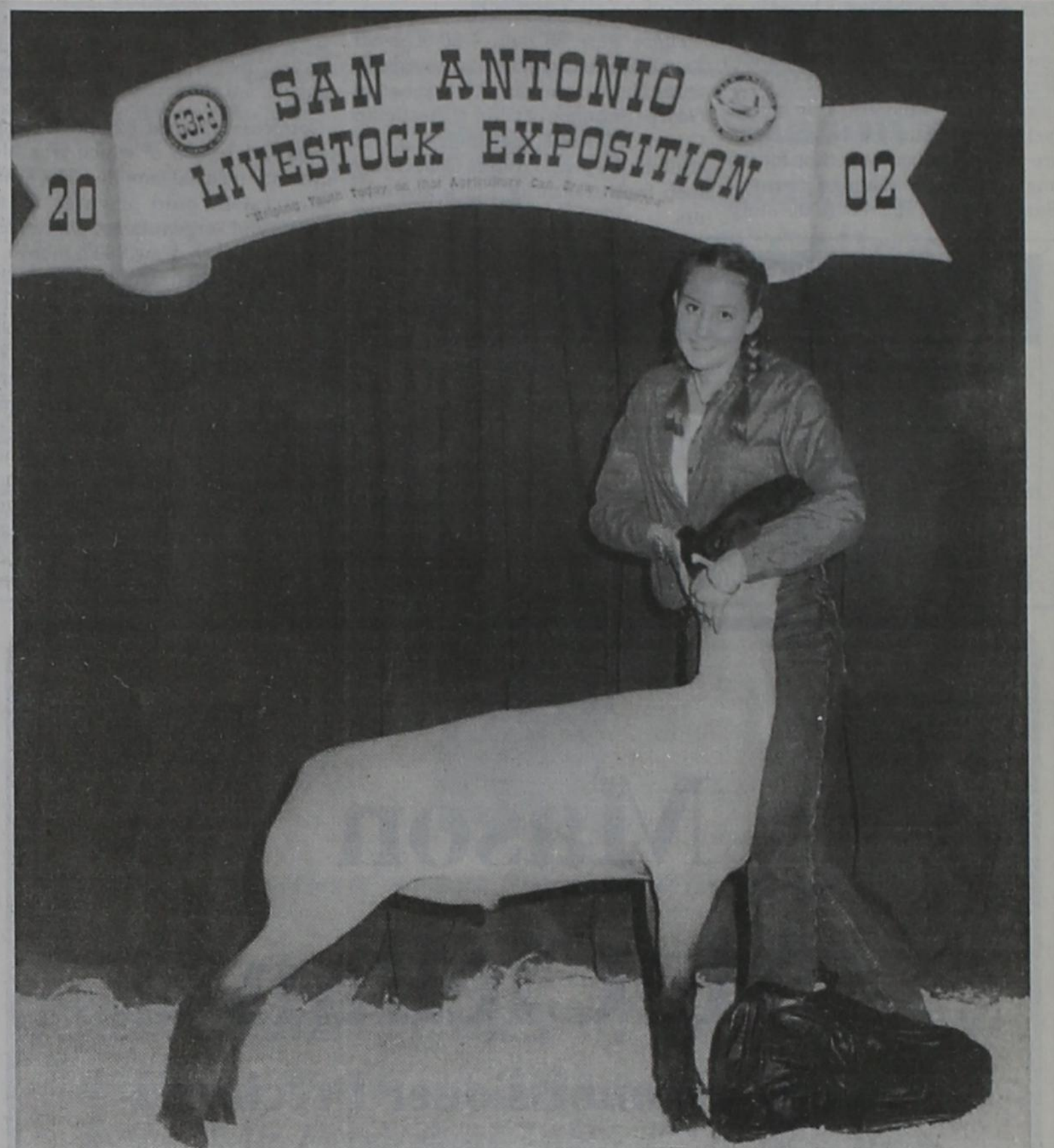
In other business, hospital district officials:

- Unanimously accepted the interim administrator employment agreement with Tanya White. It was reported that the hospital district board, the foundation and the EMS - to create a written policy beneficial to everyone involved.

- Voted unanimously to continue utilizing the consulting services of Elizabeth Eureste on an "as needed" basis.

- Agreed to provide financial support for White and Miller to become individual associate members of the Texas Organization of Rural Community Hospi-

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LaShae Johnson of Post earned the Grand Champion Junior Market Lamb banner at the recent San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. LaShae is a member of the Borden County 4-H and has been showing lambs since the third grade. She plans to attend Texas Tech University following high school graduation. She is the 15 year old daughter of Wendell and Cindy Johnson.

City, school, hospital board filings begin

Candidate filings for the City of Post, the Post Independent School District and the Garza Hospital District May 4 elections are under way.

The filing periods for each of the entities will close March 20.

In the municipal election, voters will be asked to fill three vacant city council seats, including those in Wards 3, 4 and 5. Ward 3 was held by the late John Redman; Crystal Mason was recently appointed to fill the unexpired term. Wards 4 and 5 are held by Bill Pool and Harold Craig respectively.

As of mid-day Tuesday, Pool and Craig had each filed for a place on the municipal ballot, according to city officials. No other candidates had filed.

In the Post ISD, board of trustee positions to be filled includes those held by Mark Kirkpatrick and Barbara Hardin.

Kirkpatrick and Hardin have each filed to run for re-election. A challenger, Susan (Suzi) Clary, also had filed for a position on the Post ISD board as of noon Tuesday.

The administration office, where candidates may obtain the paperwork to file for election to the Post ISD board of trustees, will be closed during the district's March 11-15 spring break; however, the office will reopen March 18, a full two days before the 5 p.m. March 20 filing deadline.

Three Garza Hospital District board positions - those held by David Tyler, Mike Travis and Leon Miller - will be open. They represent Precinct 1, Precinct 2 and an at-large position.

As of noon Tuesday, no filings had been received, a hospital district official said.

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Post Notes

The Brashears in concert Sunday

The Brashears, Jerrell and Janice, will be in concert Sunday, March 10 at Grassland Church of the Nazarene with services beginning at 10:45 a.m. An all church dinner will follow the services.

'I Remember Mama' auditions Sunday

Auditions will be held Sunday, March 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. in Lubbock for the Garza Theatre's upcoming production of "I Remember Mama," directed by Mitchell Britton. Auditions will be held at the Monterey Church of Christ family room/gym at 58th and Memphis.

Gospel Sensation in Post Saturday

The Gospel Sensation of Clovis, N.M. will lead a special service Saturday evening at the Power House Church of God in Christ, 619 Pine St. beginning at 8 p.m. Thirteen year old Eric Griggs will be the featured speaker.

Football game highlights on sale

A special 2001 Post Antelope football season highlight video is available for sale at the field house. The videos are professionally produced and are \$20 each. See coach Richard Gorman at the field house or call 495-3164.

Scholarship fund established

A scholarship fund has been established at Wells Fargo bank in memory of Pat Ayala. The \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a Post High School graduating senior. PHS seniors may submit applications to Anita Ayala at 815 W. 8th Street.

Free Texas Forum March 19

Garza County Texans interested in learning about the benefits of a new Texas constitution are invited to the monthly Free Texas Forum at Chapa's Family Restaurant on Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m. The Free Texas Forum is held every third Tuesday monthly at Chapa's. For more information call 495-0122.

Thousand Hills Band performs March 16

Thousand Hills Band will lead "The River" worship and praise experience at the Post Community Center on Saturday, March 16 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Enter on the east side of the building.

Popcorn anyone?

The Garza Theatre is seeking financial assistance for the purchase of a commercial popcorn machine to be used at the Serendipity Shop during productions. Those interested in helping should call the box office at 495-4005.

Help needed for Easter lillie project

The First United Methodist Church is taking donations to purchase Easter lillies for each of the 35 occupied rooms at Golden Plains Care Center. The lillies will be delivered on Good Friday, March 29. Call the church office at 495-2942 between 9 a.m. and noon to assist.

"The Miracle Worker" at Garza Theatre

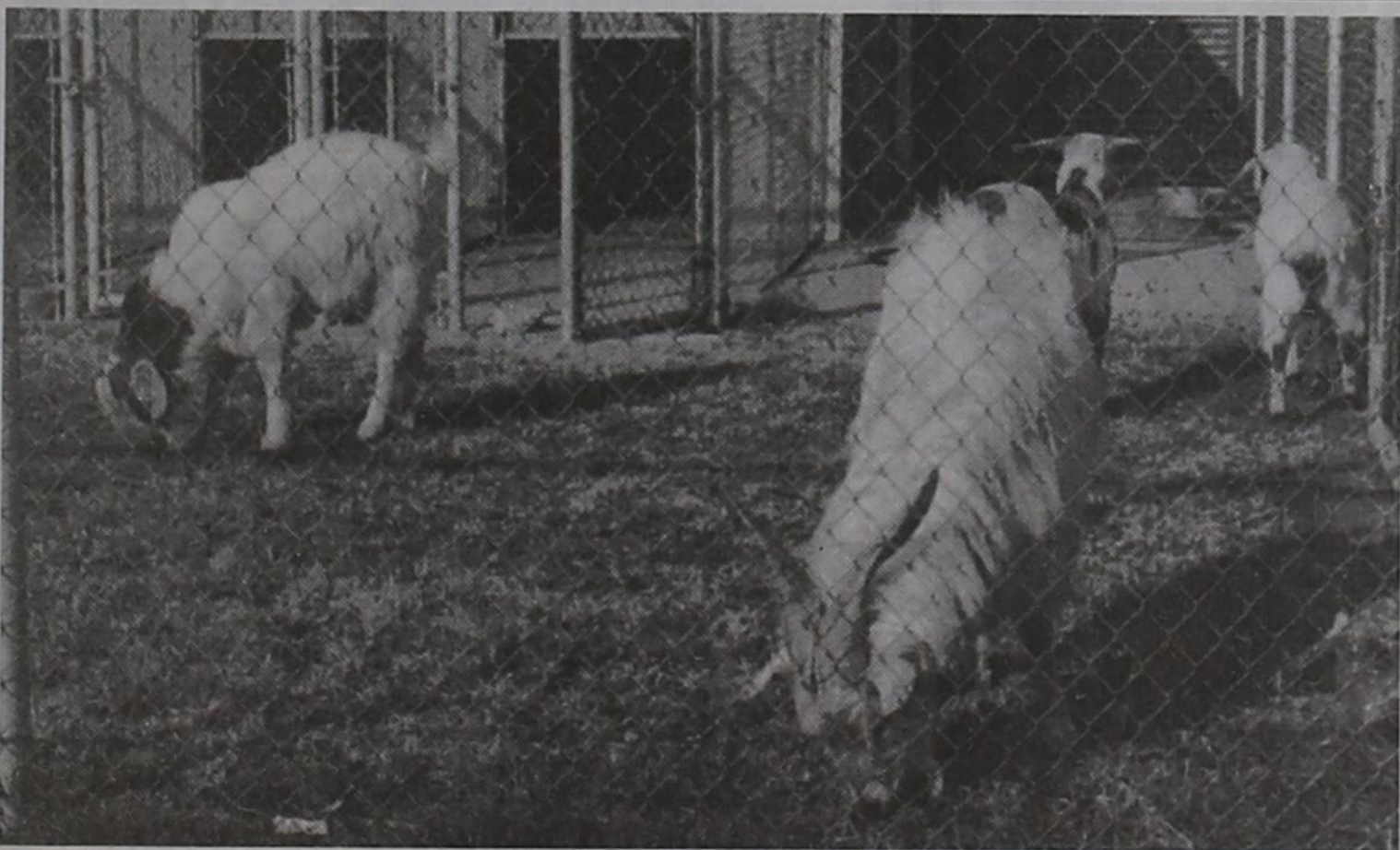
The Garza Theatre's production of "The Miracle Worker" will open March 15 for seven performances March 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 and 31. Call the box office at 495-4005 to reserve tickets.

Fish fry on Fridays

The Holy Cross Catholic Church is hosting a fish fry with trimmings every Friday, 5 to 7 p.m. for \$5 per plate. The event will continue on Fridays until Easter.

Church hosts paint ball tourney

The Family Harvest Church is sponsoring a paint ball tournament and two-man basketball tournament during spring break on March 16 to help with the youth fund. Entry deadline is Wednesday, March 6. Call Rhonda Norman at 495-4067 for more information.



Last week four goats had a taste of freedom for a few hours, roaming the streets and yards in Post. Their freedom didn't last long, as city employees "rounded" them up and put them in the animal shelter until the owner could retrieve them. One of the critters jumped inside the cab of a city pickup, while the handsome ram jumped over the truck. The goats had been purchased recently to help weed control at a private residence on the west side. The new owner couldn't keep them in, so the original owner claimed the animals and put them out to graze in the county. "It's a bit more difficult rounding up goats than cattle," one city staffer commented. (Photo by Thomas Zachary)

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Lewis and Clark friendship reviewed at Amity Study Club meeting

by Louella Bilberry

Amity Study Club met Feb. 26 in the home of Joy Pool. We were to bring items for Women's Protective Services.

Our programs this year have been "Friendships" and this one was "Lewis & Clark" presented by Sandra Alexander. We answered roll call with the names of explorers. Our history teachers would have been proud. I'm sure you remember the reason for this dangerous, unprecedented journey. Sandra told us the rest of the story!

Merriweather Lewis, 30 years old, had been the private secretary to President Jefferson. He was a quiet man, serious, respected. Clark on the other hand was a chatterbox. He, like Lewis, kept a journal but he couldn't spell correctly!

There were 33 men - 30-year-old Lewis, 28-year-old Sgt. John Ordway from New Hampshire, 17-year-old George Shannon of Ohio, a Freshman George Drovillard, John Potts (Dutch), 16-year-old John Colter, nine men from Kentucky, Clark and others.

Eight were under 21 years of age. Sacajawea, 19 years old and pregnant and her husband who had offered her to be the interpreter. Clark called her "Janey" and she became very fond of him.

Three months into the journey, she gave birth to a boy. Clark called him "Pompey" - "Pomp" meaning first-born.

Congress allowed \$2,500 for expenses, only \$55 of which was allowed for medical supplies. The War Department paid privates \$5 a month and sergeants got \$8. Lewis and Clark each drew \$80 a month.

They had their troubles - flash floods, supplies lost when boats overturned, buffalo stampedes, crushed supplies, the first white men to see 500- and 600-pound grizzly bears. The men had to sign the journals as witnesses to the size of the bears.

The Rocky Mountains were the tallest they had ever seen. Lewis and Clark gave names to places and creatures. "White Bear Island," "Big-horn Sheep," "Martha's River," "Judith's River." A hot springs was

named for John Potts.

The first soldier to die was Charles Floyd. He was buried at what is now Sioux City, Iowa, from "colic, probably appendicitis. A river and a bluff were named for him.

After crossing flooding rivers, losing supplies from overturned boats, climbing mountains, discovering the Columbia River they reached the Pacific Ocean on Nov. 7, 1805. They had traveled 4,100 miles.

They had hoped to catch a ship to take them home but none came - until 19 days after they started home. After they had crossed the Rocky Mountain Pass, Lewis proposed they divide into three groups and take different routes back. Clark was to follow last year's trail to Yellowstone then leave the trail to follow water to Missouri.

Sgt. Ordway would pick up the canoes they had sunk (for safekeeping) in the Jefferson River. Lewis took nine volunteers and explored the mountains to the north. He would meet up with Sgt. Ordway at White Bear Island and then join Clark at the junction of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers.

The men returned as heroes to St. Charles, Mo. They had been gone for two years, four months and 12 days. People believed them dead.

"Janey" and her husband stayed behind on St. Charles to be guides to other expeditions going west.

John Colter left to guide two trappers through the valley of the Yellowstone. John Colter and Potts trapped beaver for four years when one day they were attacked by Blackfeet. Potts was killed and Colter captured. He challenged the chief to let the warriors kill him in a fair fight.

He was let loose 300 feet in front of the warriors and was ordered to run barefoot with the Indians in pursuit. He managed to escape. Later he wandered into a valley dotted with springs that blew hot water high into the air. Trappers later called this Colter's Hell but we know it as Yellowstone National Park.

George Drovillard died fighting Blackfeet Indians near the three forks of the Missouri River. A Mr. Shannon was wounded in the leg in an Indian fight. Later the leg was amputated. He studied law and became a powerful judge in Missouri.

Clark married and became a brigadier general. Sacajawea (Janey) had wanted her son to be raised by Clark, but her husband refused. She and her husband roamed the plains. She was 99 years old when she died.

Jefferson had recommended Congress give each soldier on the expedition 320 acres of land, Lewis and Clark 1,500 acres of land each, double pay for all the time on the trail and five new uniforms. Lewis asked that the parents of deceased Charles Floyd be rewarded. They were given double pay for 28 months plus 320 acres of bottomland in the Louisiana territory.

Lewis was appointed governor general of all the Louisiana territory. Madison replaced Jefferson as president and Lewis slipped into a long period of gloom. He received complaints about his reports. He decided to go from St. Louis to Washington, D.C., where he would defend his work and silence his critics.

On Oct. 10, 1809, Lewis stopped for the night at an inn in Tennessee. During the night a pistol shot woke the household. The innkeeper found Lewis with a gunshot wound in his side. He was only 35 years old. Ex-president Jefferson thought he had committed suicide but the Tennessee Legislature declared him killed by an unknown assassin.

Clark named his oldest son Merriweather Lewis Clark.

My sincere thanks to Sandra for the use (plagiarism) of her notes.

Now you know "the rest of the story."

Members in attendance were Bar-

bara Babb, Margaret Bull, Jane Davis, Joy Dickson, Juanell Ethridge, Suzanne Hudman, Naomi Matsler, JoAnne Miller, Joy Pool, Anne Sims, Alexander and Bilberry.

Jamie Collazo graduates with honors at USMC training camp

Jamie L. Collazo of Post graduated February 22, 2002 with honors at the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California. After a brief visit with family here, Private Collazo will complete combat training in San Diego then attend special legal training at Camp LeJeune, N.C.

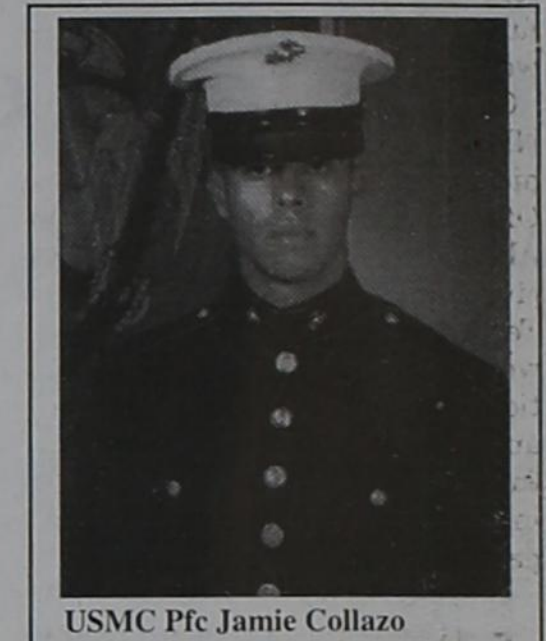
Collazo is the son of Linda Collazo and the late Johnny Collazo Sr. He is the grandson of Angelita Banda of Littlefield and Mike Sanchez of Post.

At the graduation ceremony, Collazo was recognized by the commanding general for his "attaining the maximum score of 300 points, a perfect score on the physical fitness test."

He was also awarded a Certificate of Commendation by the commanding officer, First Recruit Training Battalion, MCRD for "Superior performance while undergoing recruit training at Company A, First Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment, Marine Corps Recruit Depot."

The commendation said, "Throughout this challenging 12 week period, he demonstrated extraordinary performance of duties during all phases of academic and military training. In recognition of his accomplishments, he was selected as the Platoon Honorman."

"This honor is earned by only one recruit in the platoon. His dedication to the Marine Corps and his fellow recruits reflects great credit upon himself and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Marine Corps."



USMC Pfc Jamie Collazo

Visitors...

Dan and Sybil Cockrum were in Carlsbad, N.M. recently visiting their son Dan E. and wife, Lynda. While there, they attended a retirement reception for Dan E.

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Cockrum retires from Park Service

Dan Cockrum changed hats last week.

After 39 years with the National Park Service, Cockrum, a Post native, retired from one job and readied for another.

"He said he'd probably be painting the trim on the house this week," his mother said Tuesday morning. In a weekend telephone call to his parents, Dan and Cybil Cockrum, the former park employee said that so far, retirement felt "just like a long weekend."

Cockrum began his career with the NPS in 1962 as a civil engineering aid for the organization's Western Office of Design and Construction. Although he was still working on a civil engineering degree at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, he worked on projects at Glacier National Park the following summer, and upon graduation became a fixture at the Western Office, according to accounts in the Carlsbad newspaper.

During his 39 years with the NPS, Cockrum has worked at Big Hole National Battlefield, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Yellowstone National Park, Yosemite National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, Olympic National Park, Cape Cod National Park, Glacier National Park and Big Bend National Park.

"We covered the United States visiting him," Cybil Cockrum said.

Not only does Cockrum owe his career to the NPS, but also his family. He met his wife, Lynda, while she was a tourist at the Grand Canyon. Following a long-distance romance, the two married and had three children - a son, Michael, who lives near the Grand Canyon, and two daughters, Kimberly and Andrea, both residents of San Antonio.

Cockrum's been at Carlsbad Caverns since March of 1999, and according to the story about his retirement in the Carlsbad newspaper, the caverns superintendent was sorry to see Cockrum go.

"We hate losing him and his many years of experience," Mike Holms said.

A native of Post and a Post High School graduate, Cockrum and his wife plan to remain in Carlsbad.

"It's been interesting work in a lot of interesting places," Cockrum told the Carlsbad newspaper of his 39-year NPS career. "It has given me an opportunity to raise my family in small community atmospheres."

"I hope my family has benefited. They've certainly learned a lot about history and nature."

Birth

Chelsey Margaret Nelson

Pacey Nelson has a new baby sister, Chelsey Margaret Nelson, who was born January 28, 2002 in Tahoka.

Chelsey weighed 6.12 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Proud parents are Angel Blevins and Steven Nelson. Grandparents are Gary and Jaquita Blevins and Teresa Nelson.

Great grandparents are Bill and Juanita Blevins and Glen and Vinnie Darnell of Eunice, N.M. and Arlie and Quova Nelson of Post.



Pacey and Chelsey Margaret Nelson

What's Happening at Golden Plains...

Here at Golden Plains in February we had an awesome month. The residents celebrated Valentins's Day with a candle light supper of spaghetti. Mr. and Mrs. Williams celebrated their 24th anniversary. The residents participated in shuffle board, exercise, balloon racing and many other activities. We are all looking forward to the month of March when we can color Easter eggs and hunt them. We would like to thank Post for all of your volunteer help and come see us sometime.



Sporting dogs like the Golden Retriever and the Irish Setter follow a scent in the air. Hounds follow a scent on the ground.

Bilberry family celebrates birthdays, anniversaries

Several birthdays and anniversaries were combined in a week-long celebration this past week. Birthdays celebrated were: Marissa Huffman, Jan. 27; Edna Bilberry, Feb. 3; C.J. Bilberry, Feb. 5; and Dion Pette, Feb. 10.

Anniversaries celebrated were: David and Judi Martin, Jan. 28; Michelle and C.J. Bilberry, Feb. 5; and John and Sandra Bilberry, Feb. 6.

Those attending the celebration from out of town were Dion Pette of Cody, Wyo. and her son, Brandy of Fort Hood; David and Judi Martin and children Tressie and David of Snyder; Wesley and Lizz Shankles and children, Lelan, Shawn and Kirsten of Hermleigh; Christopher Bilberry of Snyder; David and Alicia Graves and daughter, Averi of Snyder; John and Sandra and boys, Matthew and Ewon Bilberry of Jacksonville, Ark.

Post attendees were: Joni Huffman; Marissa Huffman and daughter, Caitlyn; Michelle and C.J. Bilberry and boys, Dylan and Dalton; Edna Bilberry; Dawn Bilberry and daughter, M'Keison. Also Adam Silva and another Snyder resident, Rocky Glover.

Lunch Menus

Trailblazers

Monday, March 11
Beef ench, pinto beans stewed tomatoes and okra, chips & salsa, fruit salad.

Tuesday, March 12
Baked ham, navy beans, carrots & zucchini, sliced tomatoes, cornbread, pineapple cake

Wednesday, March 13
Liver & onions or chicken strips, cream gravy, scalloped potatoes, spinach tossed salad, white roll, choc. cake

Thursday, March 14
BBQ sausage, buttered corn, green beans, salad, biscuit, raisen pie

Friday, March 15
Catfish, baked beans, okra, coleslaw, fruit salad

Post ISD

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School Events

March 4-9th - San Antonio stock show

March 5th - Science Fair

March 9th - High School Rotan Track Meet

March 11-15th - SPRING BREAK

March 22nd - Regional Science Fair

March 23rd - High School Loop Track Meet

Birthdays This Week

March 7 - Tammy Self

March 8 - Cade Ellis, Tim Pettyjohn, Gannon McAnulty

March 9 - Joshua Grisham

March 10 - Marsela Diaz

March 11 - Candace Boling, Chrissy Ray

March 12 - Tye Haney, Jake Wischkaemper, Wallace Johnson, Les Looney, Sherry Underwood

March 13 - Cain Abraham, Marla Crenshaw

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Obituaries

Maria Paiz

Rosary for Maria Paiz, 77, of Post was said at 6 p.m. Sunday, March 3, 2002, in the Hudman Funeral Home. The family received friends from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

She died Friday, March 1, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Born Dec. 26, 1924, in Pearsall, she was a Catholic and a housewife.

Survivors include three sons, Cruz Paiz of Corpus Christi, David Paiz of San Antonio and Elias Paiz of Post; three brothers, Jose Hernandez of Corpus Christi, Manuel Hernandez of Waco and Joe Hernandez of Dallas; two sisters, Victoria Vita of Chicago and Susie Perez of Dallas; her devoted companion, Pablo San Miguel of Post; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Southland All-District basketball honors

A handful of Southland High School athletes were recently tapped for District 7-1A basketball honors.

Anna Reyes of Southland was named to the district's first team, girls' honors. Rounding out the team were Stephanie Kieth, Randi Thornhill, Dana Swartz and Heather Kieth (MVP), all of New Home, and Micah Brassfield of Ropes.

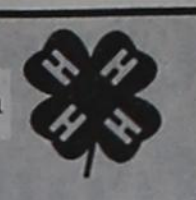
Taking second team honors were Jacie Wuthrich, Kim Joplin and Cathy Gonzales, all of Ropes; Lauren Weid of New Home; and Lizette Bloom of Wilson.

Southland's Zach Ford landed a spot on the district boys first team, as did Michael Weid and Shawn Weid (co-MVPs), Jason Reyes and Keaton Askey, all of New Home; Gerardo Valdez of Wilson and Brandon Wooten and Caleb Henson, both of Ropes.

Thomas Powell of Southland made second team, while David Martinez and Gonzalo Ramirez, both Southland students, earned honorable mention. Other second team members included Chance Talkmitt and David Yowell of Wilson; Matthew Harris and Jacob Henson of Ropes; and Matthew Cramblet and Angel Silva, both of New Home.



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Reception for Howington

A welcoming reception for Faith Howington, new County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, will be held Wednesday, March 20, 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Garza County. The public is invited to help us welcome Faith to the community.

Houston Stock Show Results

Several county 4-H'ers participated in the Houston Livestock Show last week. Those placing were Coby Jones-3rd. place steer and 3rd. place lamb; Chad Miller-4th. place steer; Chase Miller-5th. place steer; Alex Miller-6th. place steer. Also participating were Casey Williams, Jarrett Blevins, Traci Nelson and Corlee Greene. Congratulations to these youth on a job well done!

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—Oscar Wilde

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There is no "right" to vote

by Wes Burnett

Every time an election comes around, we are submitted to a barrage of publicity and advertising about the importance of exercising our "right to vote." Truth is, at least in the United States of America, there is no "right to vote." It is simply a myth.

If you take a look at the enumerated rights defined by the American Declaration of Independence, upon which the U.S. Constitution was founded, and the constitution itself, there is no mention of voting rights. For those who believe they have a "right to vote," here's a quick history lesson.

The American founders were well versed in the miseries of majority rule and of the historical failures of democracies. So, they went about forming a government which would protect the rights of everyone, especially the minority, from the tyranny of mob rule (democracy).

We often forget in our time that those who created the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. government itself had been a distinct political minority for many years. They knew first hand how dangerous majority rule and democracies can be. They knew instinctively that when the mob gets rolling, the rights of individuals are of no consequence.

"Trial, we don't need no stinkin' trial! He's guilty, string him up!"

They knew that in a democracy, no one's rights are secure and that sooner or later the majority would find a way to sack the treasury and bleed it dry. That's why they formed a representative republic. In a republic form of government, which we are guaranteed by the national and state constitutions, there must be a limited franchise to vote. Voting in a republic is not a right, it is a privilege.

The American founders then went one step further, and insisted that voting privileges be determined by each state legislature, not the national or federal government. It worked quite well for more than 100 years... then came "reconstruction" after the U.S. vs. CSA conflict in the 1860s. That's when the socialist move for a full democracy began.

It has flourished ever since, slowly but surely eroding the original guarantees of a republic form of government by planting ideas that every person has a "right to vote," simply ignoring constitutional restraints against such a notion.

Throughout our history there have been a variety of state rules about voting privileges. Requiring voters to own property was thought to be a sure fire way to keep the mob from raiding the treasury. Other state attempts to curb democracy included requiring the payment of poll taxes, being able to read and write in English and other similar rules. Only in the 20th century were these restrictions removed through federal court action, based on the notion that such voting restrictions were considered discriminatory.

Whenever government has the power to tax (steal from its citizens), there is an inherent danger in allowing full democracy. When there is universal voting, with little or no restriction, the mob votes for politicians who promise to steal the most for their constituents. It doesn't take long to figure out the end result, economic chaos and collapse, for the state and national treasuries are not endless supplies of funds, they exist only through the forced payment from productive citizens.

It becomes obvious that the only way to get elected in such a democratic system is to promise voters more from the public treasury. As our congressman found out when he visited Garza County recently, the number one questions were based around how much federal money he was going to secure for projects here. "It's our money, we might as well get some of it," is the common thinking of those who demand more government funding from political leaders.

Therefore, the theft increases. Right now state political leaders are beginning their campaign to convince Texans that the only answer to solving state funding problems is to implement an income tax. That kind of talk is popular only with those who want to steal more money from someone else to pay for their favorite project. The end result can not be good, especially for those who believe in liberty and freedom.

If there were no government power to tax, perhaps full voting by everyone wouldn't be so destructive, but we must remember the famous words attributed to President George Washington, "The power to tax is the power to destroy."

You do not have the "right to vote," you have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness (ownership of property). You have a privilege to vote, an important privilege. Let's not get caught up in the national socialist plan to destroy this great nation through continued theft by the mob.

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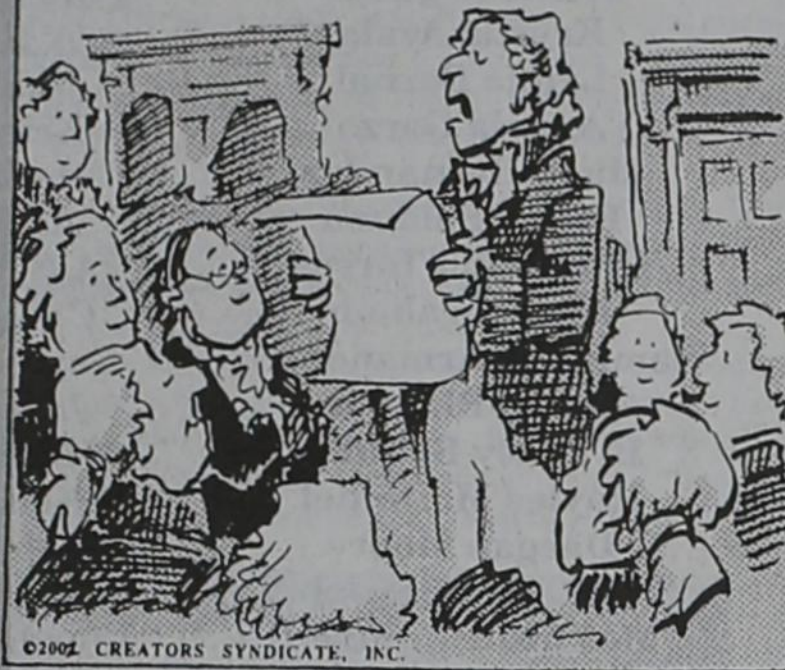
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And thereafter, new racist strategy

by Walter E. Williams

In 1996, California's voters passed Proposition 209, which outlawed racial quotas for college admission. That didn't mean the end of the quest for racial quotas and the euphemisms for it: affirmative action, diversity and multiculturalism. The diversity lobby has rigged up a new and devious way around the law and court decisions in order to have race-based college admission. They've come up with a policy called "comprehensive review" that could well become college-admissions currency across the land.

Last year, Dr. Richard Atkinson, president of the University of California system, called for the elimination of the widely used SAT as an admissions requirement for the system's 10 universities. He argued that the SAT is biased against minorities.



The SAT is not biased — it accurately predicts a student's class standing at the end of his freshman year. In fact, the SAT over-predicts black freshmen standing, a standing higher than that actually achieved.

Atkinson and the diversity gang never point out specific exam questions that are racist or culturally biased. A typical arithmetic exam question is: "There are 20 packages of bagels on a shelf in a store, and each package contains the same number of bagels. If three of these packages contain a total of 18 bagels, how many bagels are there in seven of these packages? (A) 21, (B) 36, (C) 40, (D) 42 and (E) 49."

You might ask what's racist or culturally biased about that question? I don't know, but Atkinson and the diversity gang might argue that it's culturally biased, since bagels aren't a staple among blacks and Hispanics.

John Leo, in a Feb. 18 U.S. News & World Report article, "Punching an Unfair Ticket to College," did a bit of research on the University of California's comprehensive review admissions policy. University admissions offices will give extra points and consideration to students who have coped with "personal struggle" and "difficult personal and family situations or circumstances." A student's chances for admission

will increase if he's overcome a physical handicap, was fired or downsized from a job, was born illegitimately or comes from a family where neither parent went to high school.

Leo says that "unusual family disruption" is also a plus, and so are any "unusual medical/emotional problems" on the part of the applicant. That means if your father beats your mother up or abandons her, or you've made a few suicide attempts, you're moved up a notch or two over the more academically qualified students who are short on familial pathology.

Comprehensive review is simply an underhanded diversity tactic to evade laws and court rulings against racial quotas. To make use of race-based admissions plausibly deniable, the University of California's comprehensive review plan contains a pious statement that it must not be used to promote racial preferences.

This tactic is both disgusting and racially condescending. More blacks and Hispanics will be admitted to the University of California by associating them not with academic excellence, but with social and psychological pathology and dysfunction. It teaches black youngsters that victimhood is the ticket to college and academic preparation is a side issue. It's a concession that blacks cannot academically compete and to expect them to do so is racism.

I doubt that the architects of "comprehensive review" are racists — they're probably well-meaning leftists. But for 50 years, the well-meaning leftist agenda has been able to do to blacks what Jim Crow and harsh discrimination could never have done: family breakdown, illegitimacy and low academic achievement. The University of California's diversity agenda is more of the same. What's worse is that too many black people either go along with it or sit in silence, conceding that black youngsters cannot compete academically.

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Our sworn duty to uphold the law

(Continued from Last Week)

by Jack McLamb

Such a strong, honest stand taken by a police officer, upholding his or her oath of office, takes moral strength of character. It will, without question, "SEPARATE THE MEN FROM THE BOYS." Such honest and straightforward decisions on behalf of a government official have often caused pressure to be applied to force such officers to set aside, or compromise, their morals or convictions.

As a solace for those brave souls in uniform that will stand up for law and justice, even when it's unpopular, or uncomfortable to do so, let me say this: In any legal stand-off over a sworn official "violating" or "upholding" their oath of office, those that would side with the "violation" should inevitably lose.

Our Founding Fathers assured us, on many occasions, the following: Defending our freedoms in the face of people that would, for "the sake of expediency", or behind the guise - "for the safety and welfare of the masses", ignore people's rights and would forever demand sacrifice and vigilance from those that desired to remain free. That sounds a little like - "Freedom is not free!" Every police officer should keep the following U.S. court ruling, that was covered earlier, in mind before issuing citations in regard to "mandatory licensing, registration, and insurance" versus "the right of the people to travel unencumbered":

"THE CLAIM AND EXERCISE OF A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT CANNOT BE CONVERTED INTO A CRIME." - Miller v. U.S., 230 F 486, 489. And as we have seen, "traveling freely", going about one's daily activities, is the exercise of a most basic right.

The Freeman Movement

There is a growing national movement of Americans that go by titles such as - "Constitutionalists", "Freeman", and "Patriots". We have been told by federal officials and agencies that these individuals are any, or all, of the following: radicals, racists, violence-prone, anti-American, anarchists, communist, bigots, tax protestors, neo-nazis, right-wing fanatics, to name just a few. The latest is "White Supremist."

This seems strange to many Police officers since professional encounters have proven that there are Indians, Orientals, Hispanics, Caucasians, and Blacks in many of these groups. Many Police officers are voluntarily attending local meetings of such groups, which are open to the public, in an effort to find out what these "crazy" Americans are all about.

In almost every letter, our agency has received over the last 5 years from police officers who have personally attended such meetings, we have heard a far different story about these people. These officers will commonly use several or many of the following in describing these individuals. They describe these people as - well educated in the law, history and national affairs, morally upstanding and honest, non-violent, rational, hard working, and fanatically dedicated to God and Country.

Indeed, just the kind of Americans for our government to beware of!

Whatever these people are, there is one thing we all can say for sure. These individual Americans are unlike most of the people in our nation today in one very obvious way. This group of people believe in study and acquiring knowledge.

They have an unusually well founded understanding of the rights of every American. Which is more than we can say for most government officials. Another thing we know as "fact" is that many of these individuals are also very defensive and protective over any government infringement on what they believe to be "God-given rights". A hundred years ago, these fanatical Patriotic Americans would have been held in high esteem by their fellow countrymen.

But today, in our highly controlled society where the vast amount of Americans have been taught that Government is seldom to be challenged and always obeyed without question, this last remnant of free thinking individuals now find themselves scoffed at by their less "courageous and informed" countryman.

It is no secret to police officers why these people are so reviled and pursued by government officials whose job it is to prepare this nations people for greater restrictions and control over their daily lives - "for the good of Society as a whole", of course.

Making adjustments - difficult

To make adjustments in the system at this time for "rights" that only a relatively few such "informed" Americans realize they have, would be difficult at best. It is also quite understandable that this is upsetting to those in government who, for years, have not had anyone around to call attention to such infringements on the public's rights.

In addition, it seems the general consensus among these government officials is that such insignificant issues as this "right to travel vs. privilege to drive" is something that seems to be such a "small and necessary infringement when one considers the overall good which comes through strong government control over all of our lives".

In keeping with this philosophy, our leaders annually promote the adoption of approximately 17,000 new laws and hundreds of thousands of new regulations in the U.S. For every new law or regulation passed, someone's freedoms are restricted. The mistake made by many is believing that only the "Bad Guy's" rights are restricted by new laws.

The wise police officer, who has to enforce all these new laws, knows that if this "there-ought-to-be-a-law" mentality continues, a police state is inevitable. Of course, not all police officers are against being given more power and control over our fellow countrymen each year.

As to the driver's license issue, there are many of the People's "Servants" that believe it's in the best interest of Government that the People, knowingly or unknowingly, trade their "common law rights" for "government granted privileges." Of course, a government granted privilege or permit can be rescinded at any time; an INALIENABLE RIGHT of the People cannot.

(Continued Next Week)

Congratulations to these young people for their academic excellence!

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Jordan Tatum
Coco Valdez
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Coby Jones
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Russell Eaton
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Jarrett Vickers
Amanda Workman
Jay Cole
Anthony Dickman
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Manuela Hernandez
Tandi Humble
Meagan Mills
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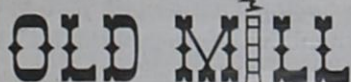
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Sports

Antelope bats baffle opponents

Jon Eilenberger hit a three-run homerun in the third inning to lead Post 2-0 to a 9-1 win over the Snyder JV team at Moffett Field Feb. 26. Eilenberger's line drive blast over the left field wall was the catalyst to ignite the Antelopes in a game played in cold weather. At that point, the Post nine were losing 1-0.

Post starter Cody Fox escaped a first-inning bases-loaded jam and limited the Tigers to four base runners in the last six innings after the shaky start. Snyder's leadoff hitter, Bobby Price, started with a solid single between third and shortstop. Eventually, he scored on a steal of home on a wild pitch, but that was as much noise as the Snyder team could muster.

Fox got out of the bases-loaded, one-out jam with two strikeouts on six straight pitches. The 'Lopes pushed across three runs in the third, two in the fourth and four in the seventh.

Offensively, Post batters had only four strikeouts in 37 at-bats, while stranding only seven base runners in the same number of innings.

Fox (1-0) threw the complete game, giving up one run, three hits, two walks with seven strikeouts for a total of 101 pitches thrown.

Batting for Post were Kenny Ratke, one single, two walks; Bryan Looney, one single, one RBI; Fox, one single, one walk, one RBI; Eilenberger, two singles, one homerun, three RBIs; Mikey Gonzales, two singles, one RBI; Mitchell Mills, one single, one RBI; Roland Casteneda, one single; Randon Blacklock, one single; and Luis Zubia, one single, one double, one RBI.



Noah Gutierrez has qualified for the regional powerlifting finals with a three lift total of 1,230 pounds. His lifts included 465 squat, 300 bench press and 465 dead lift. Regional competition will be held at Floydada on Saturday, March 9.

PHS tennis team competes well

Athletes representing Post High School traveled to Snyder recently to play in an invitational tennis tournament.

In the girls' division, Shifflett and Collier lost to Wilson and Rios of Sweetwater, 8-1. Mills and Moore lost to Franco and Banda of Brownfield, 8-5.

Tandi Humble defeated Falkersol of SPCHEA, 8-0, then lost to Pierce of Midland Greerwood, 7-6, 6-1.

Boys' division action included Jordan Tatum losing to Conn of Frenship, 8-0.

Gutierrez and Eilenberger defeated Kuludsor and Hermisillo of Sweetwater, 8-5, then losing in the second round to Tidwell and Jackson of Coahoma, 6-0, 6-4.

Cole Easterling beat Haynes of Hedley, 8-0, and in the second round defeated Gober of Brownfield, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, but lost out in the quarterfinal to Reed of Snyder, 6-0, 6-2.

Vickers and Easterling played four matches, defeating Ruiz and Ramirez of Midland Greerwood in the first round, 8-2. They downed Collins and Mangles of Hedley in the second round, 6-0, 7-5, and in the quarterfinals beat a solid Snyder team of Hale and Ynguaaso, 6-4, 6-4. In the semifinals match, however, they lost to Elder and Lassider of SPCHEA, 6-3, 6-1.

"I thought overall the guys played well and are improving with each tournament," the coach said.

"I thought this was a good tournament for our girls. Meagan and Kelly are much improved from last year and will be fine by district. Tandi Humble is really hitting the ball well and should contend for the singles title in

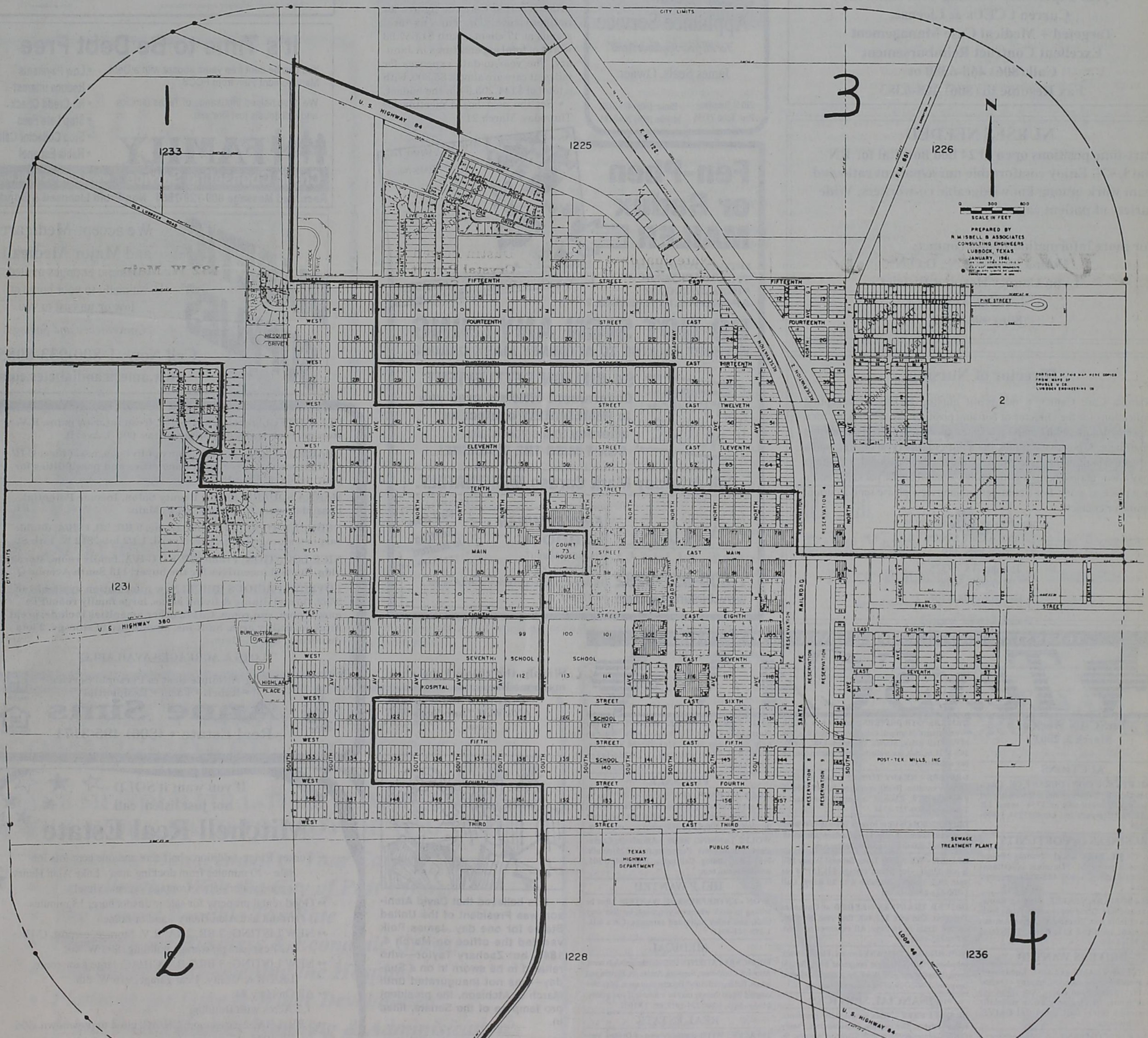
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We would like to express our sincere thanks for the love, concern and friendship given to us during the illness and loss of our loved one, Lena Bland. We appreciate the prayers, food, flowers, cards and memorials that were made in her memory. A special thanks to Margie Maesates, Bill and Fran Smith, Joann Foreman, Bill Bland, Boyd and Kathy Hodges for the beautiful messages in the music. To the ladies of Trinity Church that served the family with food and kindness through our time of sorrow. A very, very special thanks to Rev. Bill and Fran Smith, without you times would have been much harder. You were there with us helping in every way you could, in the months of Lena's illness. The service was very comforting. To Dee, Janet, and Becky, the services were so nice. You fulfilled all our wishes for our loved one.

Thanks again
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Personals

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Bids will be opened publicly at 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 22, 2002, by the City Secretary or her designee, and publicly read aloud.

The City of Post reserves the right to reject all bids.

Questions should be directed to the City Manager at 495-2811 or at 105 East Main in Post.
s/ Wyvonne Kennedy
City Secretary

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Permit and Retail Dealer's On-Premise Late Hours License for Freedom Lounge to be located at 116 S. Ave. F, Post, Garza County, Texas. Edward Z. Oswalt, Owner.

Post Community Housing Association, Inc. is requesting proposal bids for grounds maintenance for April through September 2002. Involves mowing, trimming, edging and removal of debris on a will-call and fee per call basis. Must furnish mowers, weed-eaters, ect.

Please submit information to site manager, Frances Conrad prior to 5:00pm March 21, 2002 for consideration. 509 N. Ave S, Post, Texas 79356; 495-4210 or 495-2518.

GHD board...

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tals. The group, TORCH, will meet in conference March 27-29 in Dallas, and board members opted to provide funding for White and Miller both to attend the event.

It was also agreed that the district would cover partial expenses for their consultant to attend the conference. Already a member of the organization, Eureste will be attending on behalf of another employer.

- Called for action ordering the May 4 board of directors election.
- Voted unanimously to put a referendum on the ballot querying voters about possible term limitations for hospital board members.

- Appointed judges for the upcoming election.
- Paid the monthly bills.
- Received routine reports on the clinic. A total of 712 visits were recorded during the month of January, with 115 "other services" provided. It was noted that this was a "significant increase" over the numbers reported for December.

Also reported were the figures for indigent care. The current total stands at 17 clients, with \$1,657.93 worth of total expenditures in January. The year-to-date expenses for indigent care are almost \$5,800, with a total of \$144,203.84 in the budget.

- Set the next board meeting for Thursday, March 21.

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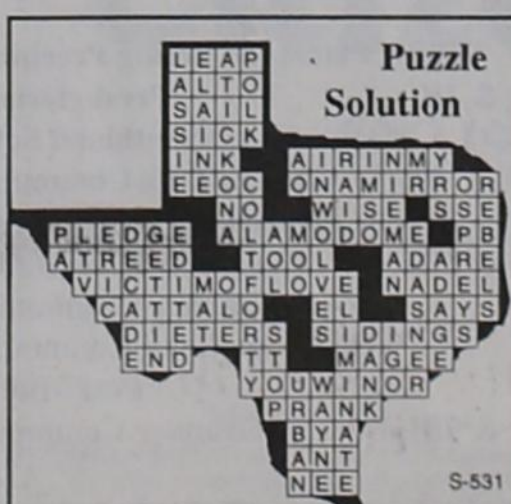
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Yesteryears

March 4, 1992
10 Years Ago

An audience of 225 was captivated by the portrayal of Will Rogers by Mr. Gene McFall, at the Caprock Cultural Association's Dinner Theatre on Friday, February 28, at the Post Community Center.

All-District honorable mention honors went to Post High School varsity basketball players Michael Harper, Tommy Ammons and Shane Horton. Matthew McCook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCook of Post received one of 64 Excelling Awards presented by the undergraduate Bible and ministry department and the missions department of Abilene Christian University.

Students from Post High School participated in an academic meet at O'Donnell February 18 and came home with first place with a total of 260 points.

A group of citizens, led by spokesman Chris Wyatt and Kim Wilks, explained at the City Council meeting their concern about youngsters prowling the streets late at night and early morning, requesting consideration of a "reasonable curfew." Mayor Jim Jackson suggested that the citizens form a committee and make specific recommendations to be considered at a future council meeting.

March 4, 1982
20 Years Ago

An uneven matchup was the scene of a little Volkswagen driven by Jo Thomas of Post, which was "caught" between the cab and bed of an 18-wheeler truck which overturned on the corner of Broadway and Main Monday evening. Mrs. Thomas and her daughter, Tammie Holly narrowly escaped with only minor injuries in the spectacular crash.

Jim Cornish, 67 owner and publisher of the Post Dispatch for the last 25 years, died early Thursday of a heart condition after becoming ill last Wednesday afternoon.

Cited as "usually the first one to step out" and offer support to her community, Mrs. Margie Pennell, an employee of the First National Bank for the past 18 years, was honored as Post's Outstanding Citizen of the year at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edwards celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Feb. 27 with a dinner hosted by their family.

March 2, 1972
30 Years Ago

Gary Wayne Joyner, 36 new owner of Radio Station KPOS and an experienced former Air Force and commercial pilot and Mrs. Mary Lee Walker, 37, mother of three, were instantly killed Saturday when the Cessna 150 plane in which they were flying hit telephone lines on a landing approach to the Post City-County Airport.

Mrs. Gladys Floyd was honored on her 77th birthday Sunday with a birthday party in her home. Approx-

mately 85 guests were registered by Mrs. Floyd's grandson, Jerry Don Sinclair, and Steven Jay White.

Bids are now being accepted on the remodeling and expansion of The Medical Center, damaged by fire the night of Jan. 26, Dr. Charles A. Tubbs, the building's owner announced this week.

Thursday to Thursday: Today is Monday, February 28, most any other year it would be the last day of February, but not this time. We are two months deep into Leap Year, which means February 1972 has 29 days - and lots of folks have a birthday for the first time in four years. Every Leap Year there's lots of talk about girls' privilege during the 12-month period asking their boy friends' hands in marriage, but that's a lot of malarkey. The way it has worked out, adding a 29 to February's calendar and telling the girls to relax their reticence about being the ones to propose hasn't done anything to increase the marriage rate.

March 8, 1962
40 Years Ago

The Post Chamber of Commerce has accepted the assignment of spearheading an effort to investigate the possibility of a city-county airport for Post and Garza County.

Miss Connie Deal is the new Youth Director at the First United Methodist Church. She replaces Ellis Langston, who resigned recently.

Maurine Hudman has announced the opening of Maurine's Flower Shop at 615 West Fifth Street.

An estimated \$400 in damages was done to Drew's Drive-Inn by vandals sometime Friday night, Sheriff Fay Claborn reports.

Garza County's 10th annual Spelling Bee will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 16, in the district courtroom, County Supt. Dean A. Robinson has announced.

March 6, 1952
50 Years Ago

The Fashion Show of the year will take place in the Grade School auditorium at 8 p.m. March 25 under the sponsorship of the Band Parents in Post. Proceeds from the Show, which will show the latest fashions from the clothing stores in Post, will go toward the band uniform debt which still amounts to more than \$300.

Jerry Crockett FFA member and son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crockett of the Graham community walked off with his second Grand Champion award in a year at the Garza County Spring 4-H and FFA Livestock Show Saturday.

Post citizens interested in getting street paving in their own blocks have been given an ultimatum by the city. Mrs. Lorene Benson, city secretary, said that no one else will be contacted by City personnel. Those persons who want the block in which they live paved can go by the City Hall and pick up the proper forms.

Up and Down Main Street: The new chlorodont tooth paste with miracle Chlorophyll is proving to be a popular seller at Hamilton's Drug. Get a tube of the new green tooth paste today.



POST GIRLS FIELD FIRST TRACK TEAM

Shown here are 21 members of the first Post High School girls' track team in recent years and perhaps the first in the school's history. Coached by Van Kountz, who is also girls' basketball and volleyball coach, the girls hope to enter at least one meet this track season. From left, front row, are: Janie Carradine, Mary Ann Williams, Judy Clary, Marianne

Jones, Nita Wilson, Janith Short and Lynette Potts. Second row: Becky Thompson, Darla Pierce, Marilyn Williams, Linda Pennell, Shirley Sappington and Yvonne Moreland. Third row: Vivian McWhirt, Pamela Stewart, Sandra Gary, Mary Ann Stone, Shirley Isaacs, Darlene Jones, Cheryl Martin and Dee Ann Walker.—(Staff Photo).

From The Post Dispatch March 8, 1962

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

Looking at birds on South Padre



Barbara Kennett was a Los Angeles policewoman twenty years, then moved to South Padre Island to retire. She and her husband got to the island in the early seventies when it didn't have many people or businesses.

They noticed there were not many sailboats or catamarans, so they opened a business to rent and sell them. Barbara was a rock hound before moving to South Padre, but since there are no rocks to speak of there, she shifted her interest to birds.

"One morning I was having my coffee and I looked into the back yard and saw eighteen Painted Buntings, a couple of dozen Indigos and a Black Stork. I thought I had better find out about those birds."

She went to town and bought a book which she says helped her some. Then she found a dedicated bird watcher who taught her about identifying and attracting birds.

"Then I put in two thousand hours out at Laguna Atascosa Wildlife Refuge. I learned as I went along." Her house is on a small lot, fifty by one hundred feet. But that lot is a bird sanctuary that attracts migrating birds.

"One day a couple of my friends were over here and we counted seventy-two species that we agreed on in about two hours." Every window in her house looks out onto places where birds congregate.

"I like to look out my windows and see them. Birding is fun, but usually it's hot or cold and you walk miles. I'd rather sit here in air conditioning and have them come to me."

Professional photographers from all over the world go to her house regularly during the spring and fall migrations. The walls of her house are filled with photos of birds from her yard that appeared on covers of the most prestigious bird watching publications.

The University of Texas at Brownsville used to send two vans full of biology teachers and students. "Twenty-six people would come into my little house and we found everybody a window."

She says the trick to attracting birds is to find out what they need and provide it. "Put plants in that have something the birds need. The important things are food, water and shelter. I don't like to put out birdseed because it attracts too many birds I don't want. I don't want Grackles and Redwings and such. I want to make a home for the little strangers."

She uses a combination of bacon fat, peanut butter and cornmeal to attract Warblers. She also cuts oranges in half and puts them out in conspicuous places. During migration, she puts out twelve oranges three times a day.

Judgement is not upon all occasions required, but discretion always is.

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—Christopher Morley

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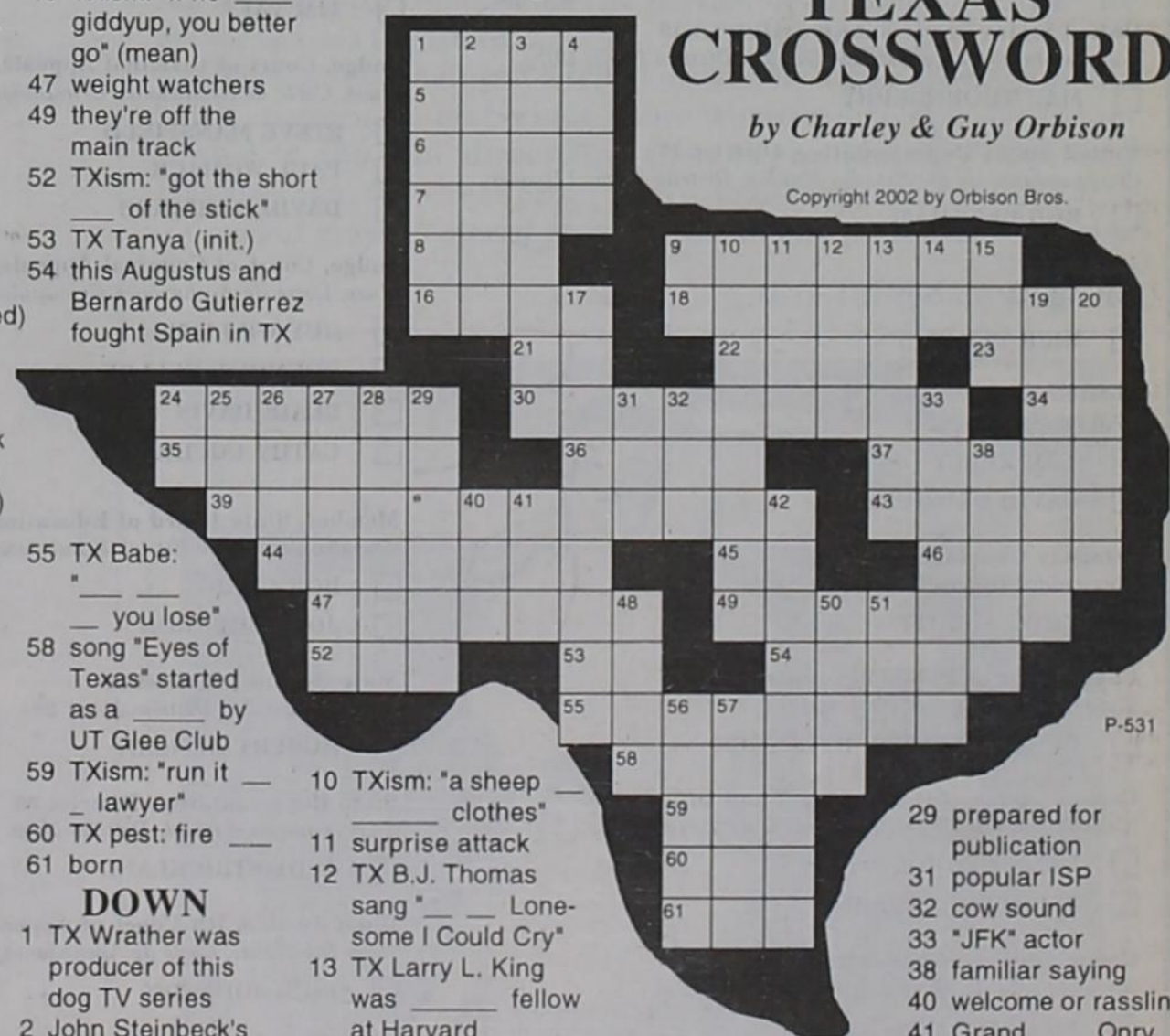
- TX Steve Martin film: "___ of Faith"
- Monte ____, TX
- Gulf fabric
- TXism: "___ pen" (hospital)
- TXism: "___ of the stick" (writer)
- TXism: "took every-thing but the ___" (lungs) (robbed)
- agcy. of Thomas, Sup. Ct. nominee of TX George H.
- TXism: "has to sneak up ___ to fix her hair" (homely)
- TX Nolan specialty: "___ hitter"
- Alford's county dir. to Houston from Dallas
- "Honor the Texas flag" is beginning of state ___
- Spurs arena
- this Boone starred in TX-filmed "State Fair" (init.)
- TXism: "trapped like ___ possum"
- oil drill bit made a fortune for TX Hughes ___ Co.
- Evel Knievel might accept this (2 wds.)
- song by TX Henley group, The Eagles with 26-down, TX Rangers play-by-play man
- cross of cattle and buffalo
- ___ Campo, TX
- TXism: "if he giddyup, you better go" (mean)
- weight watchers
- they're off the main track
- TXism: "got the short ___ of the stick"
- TX Tanya (init.)
- this Augustus and Bernardo Gutierrez fought Spain in TX
- TX Babe: "___ you lose"
- song "Eyes of Texas" started as a ___ by UT Glee Club
- TXism: "run it ___ lawyer"
- TX pest: fire ___
- born
- TXism: "a sheep ___ clothes"
- surprise attack
- TX B.J. Thomas sang "___ Lone-some I Could Cry"
- TX Larry L. King was ___ fellow at Harvard
- "___ Sam" Rayburn 14-down was U.S. House speaker for 17 of these (abbr.)
- Houston Astros early name: The ___-Fives
- TX-developed aircraft V-22s
- TX soldiers in the Civil War?
- Gov. "___ Ferguson 25 it's now Vought Co.
- see 43-across
- ten years
- TXism: "get while the ___ is good" (leave)
- prepared for publication
- popular ISP
- cow sound
- "JFK" actor
- familiar saying
- Welcome or rasslin'
- 41 Grand ___ Opry
- get rid of
- "___ N Go"
- disagreeably damp
- TXism: "if he says go, ___" (intimidated)
- TX-filmed "___ Cowboy"
- "The Alamo" John

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Letters to the Editor

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Priorities: Water & Hospital

In my view, medical service and capabilities should be a number one priority in this community. Water will eventually be a worrisome problem to the area. But I believe local medical care and emergency room capabilities is necessary now.

We can expect a large increase of population in the county in the very near future, especially in the Justiceburg and Lake Allen Henry area. I doubt if we see much residential growth in the Post area, but as far as the county as a whole, we will see a lot of new folks moving in. I believe the PISD will benefit the most from the increase of population, and the county will be next as far as the tax base is

concerned.

Due to the fact that tourism and an expected population increase in the county, I believe the hospital should be opened at once. Also if the ambulance and rescue people need their equipment updated, then the local politicians should grant them the funding for them to do so.

There is hundreds of reasons why the hospital should be opened. I would say the hospital should specialize in emergencies. Accidents and sudden illnesses do not always allow time for a helicopter ride to Lubbock. With Lake Allen Henry becoming a popular attraction, and the prison and detention center being in operation, I do not see how Post and Garza County can continue without a 24 hour emergency room service.

Also, the fact that alcohol and drug abuse is quickly taking over the country, as well as right here in Post, that puts a serious need for a 24 hour emergency facility at the top of the list. Although it has not yet reached any kind of an epidemic level here in Post yet, we can certainly expect it to reach that soon.

We need the emergency room to handle the drug overdose victims that will soon start to happen. We will have to expect a surge of tragic and traumatic automobile accidents as the drug and alcohol problem continues to worsen.

Something I worry about and pray not to happen is the possibilities of folks contemplating using suicide as an alternative way out. This is something that doesn't make very good topics for conversation. But in the field of alcoholism and drug addiction, suicide is thought about on a daily basis. I have even considered it myself.

So we have no other choice but to believe there is someone right here in Post in a very emotional bad state of mind who probably is, or has, or at least will consider suicide as a way out of chemical dependency. An efficient and well trained emergency room facility would be a very valuable asset to the

community both now and in the future. In my opinion, the people that closed it in the first place, must have been idiots anyway.

It is of my opinion that whoever is in charge, the hospital board itself, should push as hard as they possibly can, to get a hospital and efficient emergency room open as soon as they can. They got my go ahead for sure.

As time goes along, farther improvements could be added. I don't see anyone having a liver transplant or a heart bypass done here, but life saving basics are certainly necessary here.

I wonder how many lives already lost, could have been saved, had we had a emergency facility here?

My opinion and as I see it only.

O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Trish Dotson: I think this is a wonderful Web site. It lets me know what is going on at home while I am in Germany. It makes me feel like I'm in good ole Texas again.

Hi, my name is Kevin Carlton. I moved to Austin in 1987. Was wondering if you could get some pictures of downtown

on your Website. That is my hometown and would love to see how it has been restored. You can e-mail me at Kevin_Carlton@dell.com. Thanks.

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Maybe the people of Post can help me out here. These are a few of the comments from former residents of Post and Garza County. Some of them have left names or e-mails. Maybe those that know them or some of their folks can respond.

I would like for anyone that responds to let me know. I particularly interested to know if Jose Saucedo's middle school track record still stands. Just call (806) 495-4148, leave a message if I'm out.

Thank you - JoAnn Mock, CCA.
From former Postites:
Frances (Cendalski) Pack: Really enjoyed reading about all the events that go on in a town I used to live in over 20 years ago. My, how things have changed.

Hi, my name is Zane. I used to live in Post, Texas. I remember the Holly's - Mich and Dana... and old friends named Taylor Starkey and Mitchell Mills and Jerry Curtis. Well, I live in Monahans now. Its cool sometimes but I want to go back to my childhood place in Post, Texas. Maybe I'll see ya when I get my truck. Well, bye.

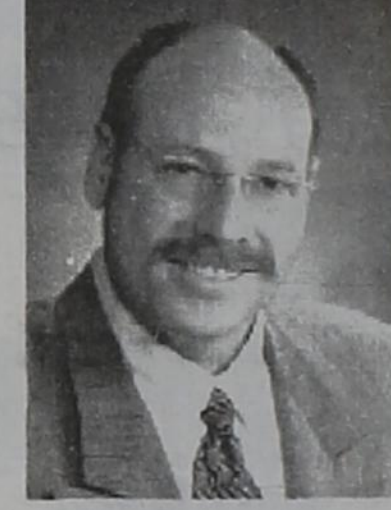
John Gordon Minton: Plano, Texas, jgweret@aol.com: Looking over the sites for Ragtown, Post, Texas, and Garza County, pages brought back many good memories of my childhood from the early 1030's on when we would go to visit some of my mother's close relatives. Among them were Thomas Benton Vaught, my great grandfather; my great aunt Mattie Vaught; great aunt Elicabeth "Auntie" and great uncle Jake "Uncle" Mangum and my aunt Helen Vaught Mangum whom they reared. Thanks for the memories. All of the buildings are gone now. Not even the windmill stands, but I can close my eyes and see them today.

Patricia (Bilberry) Lambert, pablambert@juno.com: Hello from Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, TX. I am researching my hometown to give a presentation in my basis instructor course and want you to know that your Web site is outstanding. I found everything I needed and wanted at this site, plus more and found out things I never knew before about Post City. Thanks for your diligence in preparing this site. Greetings to all.

Jose Saucedo: Hey, y'all. How's it going up in Post? Not much here in Kaufman, Texas. Just wondering how y'all are doing. It's been two years since I moved from Post. I'm hoping I can go back soon. Post is my hometown. Well, I got to go, I'm in middle school and the bell is about to ring. Can someone do me a favor? Can you look at the middle school track records and see if my name is still up there? I've been wondering if anybody has beaten it yet. My name is Jose Saucedo. I graduate this year. Y'all have a good year and hope I can see y'all soon as I can.



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