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New ordinance clamps down on junk autos, trucks

by Sheri Lewis

In an effort to improve the city's appearance, City Council members approved an ordinance last week designed to remove "junked" and abandoned vehicles from public view.

The ordinance, an update of an existing city ordinance, was approved on second reading.

According to the new ordinance, the presence of a "junked" vehicle or a portion of a vehicle on any public or private property will be deemed a public nuisance if it is detrimental to the safety and welfare of the public; tends to reduce the value of the private property; invites vandalism; creates a fire hazard; is a hazard to the health and safety or minors; or produces "urban blight."

Exceptions will include vehicles enclosed within a building and not visible from the street; vehicles parked lawfully on private property in connection with the operation of a commercial vehicle dealer or junkyard; vehicles in operating condition constructed for racing; an unlicensed, inoperable antique or special interest vehicle stored and maintained in such a way that no health hazards are created; and vehicles stored as the property of a member of the U.S. armed forces while on active duty assignment.

The ordinance also defines an "antique auto" as a passenger car or truck that is at least 25 years of age.

In the event a "public nuisance" exists on private property within the city, the city will notify the owner or occupant of the premises in writing. The owner of property occupant will have 10 days to remove the junk vehicle; however, the owner/property occupant also will have the right to a hearing if a hearing is requested in writing within 10 days of the issuance of the

If in 10 days the vehicle has not been removed and no hearing has been requested, the city "shall take possession of the junked motor vehicle and remove it from the premises and deliver it to a storage facility." According to the ordinance, the city may then dispose of the vehicle "in such a manner consistent with state law and as the Council may provide."

In the event a hearing has been formally requested, no action to remove the vehicle will be taken pending the hearing, according to the ordinance.

If following the hearing it is determined that the subject vehicle is "junked," the owner or property occupant will have five days to remove the vehicle. Failure to comply with this order can lead to formal charges.

Individuals found guilty of violation of the ordinance, a misdemeanor, will be subject to a \$200 fine for each day the nuisance vehicle remains on site following the hearing, according to the ordinance. In other business, council members:

 Received a report from representatives of J.W. Anderson & Associates on the city's 2002-2003 audit. The council voted to accept the annual audit, which netted "no material findings," according to City Manager Fred

· Received a report from David Stelzer of Post, one of the local representatives for the White River Municipal Water District board of directors. Stelzer reported that while the water district continues to work to find ways to preserve water, two of its member communities - Ralls and Crosbyton - are no longer pulling water from the lake.

Those communities are relying on water pulled from the reserve well fields. Spur and Post continue to draw water from the lake, which has not received any rainfall in its watershed in months.

 Discussed but took no action on a recent article in the Slaton newspaper that stated the city has additional water available and might be interested in the sale of the water to Post.

 Approved a resolution denying Atmos Energy's request for "rate relief." In September, Atmos filed a statement of intent announcing plans for a rate increase in Post effective Oct. 16; however, city officials joined with other Atmos-served communities in a study to analyze the "appropriateness and reasonableness of the Atmos request," according to the resolution.

According to the findings of that study, the natural gas company is entitled to "considerably less" than the rate increase requested and the removal of the City of Lubbock from the West Texas System has created allocation problems that bias results against West Texas cities.

 Discussed Rosa Munoz's request for a special use permit to open a business in an R-2 zone. The council determined the city does not require such a permit to accommodate Munoz's plans.

· Were advised of an upcoming Lubbock seminar on open records.

• Reviewed the "old" 24-month plan report and the "new" 18-month plan for city projects with the city manager. The bulk of the tasks outlined in the 24-month report have been accomplished, according to reports. Under the new plan, which runs from January 2004 through July 2005, numerous

areas of city responsibility are targeted, including the cemetery, the baseball field area, streets, sewer, water, landfill and facilities.

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Some of the more notable items included on the new list are the construction of new restroom facilities, a resurface of the parking lot and the installation of an irrigation system for trees and the Little League field in the baseball field area; an effort to further divert truck traffic from East Main to 8th Street; consideration of a Community Development Block Grant for sewer improvements; consideration of an ordinance concerning "wasting water"; negotiation of a new contract with White River; the acquisition of additional acreage for a future landfill and an improvement of the ingress/egress control at the gate of the existing landfill; a facelift for City Hall; and the

application of a Historical Preservation Grant for the Algerita building. · Reviewed a copy of a recent letter from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality stating that during a Nov. 25 inspection of the municipal water system, no violations were documented.

KPOS Radio offers live basketball game reports

KPOS Radio will broadcast live basketball game reports beginning with the January 23 game at Roosevelt. The live reports will be aired at the end of each period for both varsity Lady Lope and Antelope games on Friday nights. DVD video recordings of the Friday games are also aired on Post City Television (Cebridge Media Channel 12) on Saturdays and Sundays at 1, 5 and 10 p.m. KPOS Radio is aired locally on Cebridge Media Channel 12 and on the internet at www.kposradio.com

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GHD seeks federal funding for local clinic operations

by Sheri Lewis

Health Care District (also known as Garza County Hospital District), in a meeting held Monday, received an update on the status of the Federally Qualified Health Care (FQHC) Incubator Program Community Grants application.

for the next two steps of the grant process, federal grant monies earmarked for development and transitional operating funds would be made available. The FQHC designation, which would be overseen by a ninemember advisory board, also would improve direct-cost reimbursements to the health care district, administrator Tanya Boucher said.

"This may be the way to go to preserve health care in rural communities," she said.

A draft of the district's feasibility report was submitted Dec. 31. The final version of the report is expected to be completed this month, and a decision on the FQHC application should be determined in February.

The health care district already has earned some funds through the federally funded state initiative. Late last year the district received \$5,000 to help fund the next step in the application process. According to previous reports, the district could realize as much as \$75,000 in the next round of funding. Funds would be used to help the district "maintain a basic health care network" and "improve what the clinic can provide."

"We're trying to look at alternatives to keep the tax rate down," Boucher said Tuesday. "We should take advantage of some things out there right now."

If the district clears the hurdles to receive funding in this round of applications, additional grant funds will be available, Boucher said.

In other business, district officials discussed problems with X-ray equipment. Boucher said it appears that repairing the equipment at a cost of repaired equipment will be.

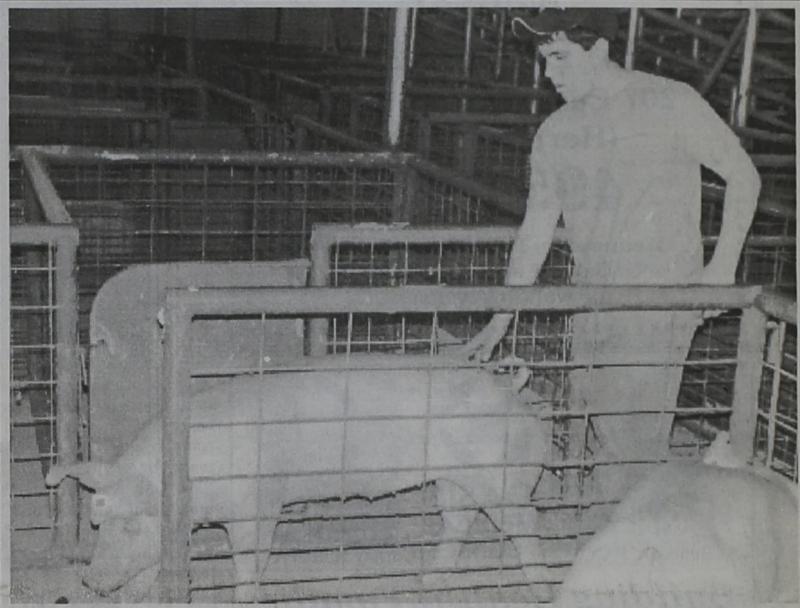
Board members also discussed the AED. district's indigent health care pro- Routine reports were delivered, and munity Room. If the health care district qualifies gram policy. Contrary to what was the board was advised that the is quite antiquated, Boucher said. Gonzales. policy will continue.

Directors of the Garza County between \$10,000 and \$15,000 will be The board was advised that the who failed to garner at quorum at less costly that to purchase new equip- district has received a grant for the last month's meeting, to do some ment, which could cost an estimated purchase of an AED, or automatic catching up. The regular January \$30,000. The district is seeking pro- external defibrillator, for use in the meeting of the Garza County Health fessional input on how durable the clinic. Grant monies also were in- Care District's board of directors is

scheduled to allow board members, schedule on Page 7)

cluded to provide for training on the set for tonight, Jan. 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Citizens Bank Com-

previously reported, the district does SPCAA Primary Health Care's new Editor's Note: This and other Garza have an existing policy, but one that representative is Crossvette County government meetings are aired on Cebridge Media Channel 12. Efforts to update the existing local Monday's special meeting was (See Post City Television broadcast



Zach Witcher feeds his Cheshire swine Tuesday afternoon in preparation for this week's Garza County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Zach is the son of Cindee and Jackie Reiter of Post. Along with "Chester," Zach will show a Hamp, Cross and Duroc. His brother Israel Beggs (not in photo) will show a Hamp, Cross, York and Spot. The GCJLA Stock Show and Sale is set for January 14-17. (Staff Photo by Timothy W. Burnett)

GCJLA annual stock show and sale

by Diane Graves

The public is invited to attend the 40th Annual Garza County Jr. Livestock Show beginning Thursday, January 15. The annual event was kicked off Wednesday afternoon with the weighing in of 199 animals to be exhibited by 79 4-H and FFA youth.

Swine Show at 6:30 p.m. with J. D. Ragland, Floyd County Extension Agent, judging the events.

The Lamb show is Friday, January 16 at 5 p.m. followed by the Goat show at 6:30 p.m.. Kevin Newsome, Ballinger ISD Vo-Ag Instructor, will serve as Judge for these events. Immediately following the Goat Show will be the popular Pee-Wee Goat Show for youth ages 8 and under.

On tap for Saturday the 17. are the Awards presentations at 9 a.m.

County studies road issue near Lake Alan Henry

by Wes Burnett

The continuing dispute over an abandoned public road south of Lake Alan Henry got the attention of the Garza County Commissioners' Court during its regular meeting Monday morning. Lawyers for both sides of the conflict presented information to the court, with real estate developers offering \$13,000 toward funding for construction of a bridge that crosses a creek on what was once known as the "old Pollard road" which cuts through W.C. Senn's

Senn's lawyer expressed concern about what he called the abandoned county road, pointing out that the road passes through an active oilfield which could be a safety hazard. He also emphasized that the road has been treated as a private road for more than 15 years, and further, that the current road does not sit on the property originally deeded to the county.

Senn offered right of way around his ranch to accommodate developers, which would require the construction of a new roadway. Developers requested that Senn and CADA Operating share the cost of the new roadway.

Senn insisted that the developers should pay the full cost. Garza County Judge Giles Dalby attempted to mediate between

the parties, but neither side would budge from their positions. The roadway question appears to be headed for litigation.

In other matters, the court tabled an indigent request for assistance, set the holiday schedule for 2004, continued current committee assignments for commissioners, tabled appointment of the 2004 Grievance Committee and reappointed Fred Stephens to serve on the Lake Alan Henry zoning board.

with the Sale immediately following. The Buyers Appreciation Lunch sponsored by GCJLA members will be from 11:30 until 1 p.m.

The concession stand will be open each day with Post FFA in charge Wednesday afternoon, Southland FFA Thursday, and Garza County The Steer show will be Thursday the 15 at 5 p.m. followed by the 4-H Friday. Julie Neitsch, Garza County Extension Agent-FCS, has served as Coordinator with Cindee Reiter, Kim Reiter and Traci Blanton serving as Concession Chairmen.

The GCJLA Directors encourage everyone to come out to watch the shows and support our youth at the sale.

Post Notes

Local blood drive Tuesday

In observation of National Volunteer Blood Donor Month and to ensure an adequate blood supply, Golden Plains Care Center (605 W. 7th) will be the site of a community blood drive from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday, January 20. The event is under the leadership of Jona Jones and conducted by United Blood Services.

Free computer training

The Post-Garza County Community Network is offering free computer training to Post and Garza County residents. Level I Excel classes will be held January 20, 22, 27 and 29 at the PHS Media Center. The class is designed for those already familiar with Excel and will focus on formulas and formatting. A FrontPage/Web Design course will be held February 3, 5 and 10 and 12, this course will cover basics of web page design and publishing. Contact Shellee Odom at 495-3343 or e-mail to sdodom@post.k12.tx.us. Class size is limited for both courses.

PHS Class of '94 round-up

The Post High School Class of 1994 is seeking info on classmates to invite to the 10 year reunion later this summer. Anyone with information on classmates should contact Shelly Haney at postclassof94@yahoo.com or leave a message with Rebecca Haney at 495-

'Grandma Brag Pages' set for Feb. 12

The Post Dispatch annual "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published February 12, with a deadline of Friday, February 6. The special edition features photos of grandchildren and are priced at \$10 (for one to two in a photo), \$20 and \$40 (for larger groups of children). Call The Post Dispatch at 495-2816 for more details.

Post VFD Chili Supper Feb. 5

The annual Post Volunteer Fire Department Chili Supper will be held Saturday, February 7 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the fire station, 202 South Avenue H. Cost for the chili supper is by donation. The department uses the funds to purchase equipment and supplies as needed.

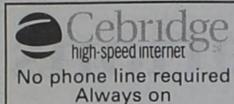
Rollback Election information meeting

The Garza County Commissioners Court is hosting a public information meeting on Tuesday, January 20 at 7 p.m. in the Post Community Center to explain its position regarding affects of the rollback election. Commissioners will present an outline of budget cuts anticipated if voters here approve the February 7 rollback election.

January bridal shower honors Emily Smith

Christian Robert (C.R.) Stahl, was mother, Kelly Smith; her sister, feted with a bridal shower Sunday, Matti Smith; her grandmothers, Jan. 4, from 2-3 p.m. at the Hotel Sherry Bryant and Wanda Smith; Garza.

cookies and punch from a table Janice Howell. decorated with red roses and navy accents.



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Emily Smith, bride-elect of Special guests included the bride's the groom's mother, Karen Stahl; Guests were served a variety of hissister, Kelly Hinds; and his aunt,

> Hostesses for the event included Lisa Kirkpatrick.

Frances Craig, Thressa Harp, Cindy Johnson, Shirley McMeans, Karen Nichols, Alexa Collier, Janey Middleton, Delores Redman, Chita Hataway, Tonya Kirkpatrick, Suzanne Hudman, Tonya Dunn, Earline Bagby, Dena Kirkpatrick, Clarajane Dyess, Pam Humble, Staci Marts, Kim Lott, Joy Poole, Helen Gerner, Barbara Farmer and The hostesses presented the couple with a comforter, shams and bed linens. Cynthia Colvin Now at

Adrian Gonzales and Naomi Gonzales

Naomi Gonzales, **Adrian Gonzales** announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Gonzalez have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Naomi Annette, to Adrian Gonzales, son of Ruth Castaneda of Post.

An April 17, 2004, wedding will be conducted in Post. Grandparents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rivera and Mr.

and Mrs. Santiago Gonzalez. Grandparents of the prospective groom are Ray and Sarah Gonzales.

Taylor Gray elected to VFW Auxiliary youth office

Taylor Gray was elected president of the Junior Girls unit of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary 6794, Brownfield,



on Saturday, Jan. 10.

The group represents the fourth girls unit in the state.

Girls between the ages of five and 16 may join under the sponsorship of anyone eligible to join the VFW.

Members of the girls units follow the lead of the ladies auxiliary learning about patriotism and its meaning to Americans, visiting nursing homes and helping with auxiliary projects.

Taylor and her sister, Ashlee, joined the Brownfield unit as charter members and both were elected to offices. Ashlee will serve as the unit's

The girls are the daughters of Tiffaany and Sidney Graves of Post and the great-granddaughters of Chuck and Janet Ratliff of Post, & district commander and president of

Tech honors Zoe Kirkpatrick

were honored as the university's America. first women's athletic team to competitions. The team, which traveled to contests in Dallas, El and Oklahoma in 1953-54, is marking its 50th anniversary.

Garza County's Zoe Merriman Team members paid their way - Jimmie Bennett Wilson of San arena before a crowd of more than Kirkpatrick was one of a handful to competitions throughout the Angelo, Iva Crowley Raw of 15,000 spectators. Carnell also of women recognized during pre- Southwest, relying on fundraisers Wichita, Kansas, Wanda Linam was recognized. game ceremonies at Saturday's and odd jobs to finance their trav- Perry of Midland and Virginia University's United Spirit Arena students and non-student ama- received certificates of award York to try out for the 1956 U.S. teurs in matches approved by the from Tech's athletics director, Olympic fencing squad. Kirkpatrick and four others Amateur Fencers League of Gerald Myers, on the floor of the

"There was no collegiate league represent Tech in out-of-town for women at that time," said the team's coach, Jack Carnell of Irving, in a press release issued by Paso, Galveston, College Station the university. "We competed against all comers in the region and did quite well."

Kirkpatrick and her teammates

Maigen Raye Collazo

get LCU honors Five area students have been named

Local students

to honors lists at Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock.

Carol Covert of Post and Candace Wheeler of Southland were named to the President's List for the 2003 fall semester. In order to be considered Mikey and Jenny Collazo are proud for this list, a student must have to announce the birth of their completed a minimum of 12 semester daughter, Maigen Raye Collazo, on hours and achieve a 4.0 grade point Dec. 9, 2003, at Integris Southwest average or better for the entire Medical Center in Oklahoma City, semester.

Ricky Alvarez, Susan Davis and The infant weighed 7 pounds, 2 Laura Tobias, all of Post, were named to the university's Dean's List for the Maternal grandparents are Connie fall semester. To make the Dean's Jones of Wolfforth and Jimmy Jones List, a student must complete a

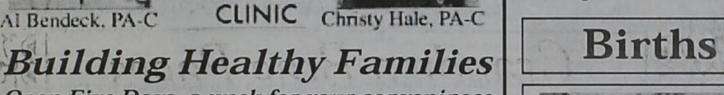
Lady Raider game in Texas Tech els. The group challenged college Still Azar of Albuquerque, N.M. - when Carnell was invited to New

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Jessica Mason on ASU dean's list

Jessica Lyn Mason, an undeclared major from Post, was named to the Dean's List for the 2003 fall semester at Angelo State University in San

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.



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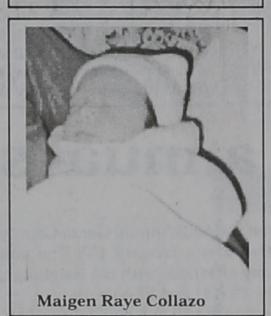
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Tayler Starkey (left), Donae Dalby (center) and Jeneé Lott (10) hustle for another two points for the Post Lady Lope varsity during action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



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Tayler Starkey (23) puts other two points on th score board. (Photo by Jerry

Lady Lopes JV whip Smyer 52-14

The Lady Lopes JV started the New Year off with a win over Smyer. The Lady Lopes started the game with full court pressure to jump out front 20 to 2, then coasted to a 52 to

The Lady Lopes were led by Laurel Tatum with 23 points. Other Lady Lopes scoring in the game were Kylie Easterling 8, Rachel Gray 7, Asheley Powell 6, Larissa Halford 4, Asheley Wilson 2, and Katie Vernon 2.

Next the Lady Lopes JV hosted Borden County. Again the full court press built a 20 to 0 first quarter led. The Lady Lopes cruised on to a 54 to 5 win.

The Lady Lopes were led by Ashley Wilson with 15 points. Other Lady Lopes scoring were Laurel Tatum 11, Rachel Gray 9, Larissa Halford 8, Kylie Easterling 7, Courtney Copeland 2, and Ashley Powell 2. The Lady Lopes are now 12 - 2 on



Jerrad Grisham (right) fights for the jump ball for the Post Antelopes in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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Sarah Kirkpatrick (32) and Tayler Starkey (23) defend for the Post Lady Lopes in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



CoCo Valdez (right) lays the basketball into the bucket for the Post Antelopes as Cole Easterling (left) joins in the action here

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Obituaries

Daphene Yvonne Beauchamp

Services for Daphene Yvonne Beauchamp, 71, of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, 2004, in the Hudman Funeral Home with her son, Dr. David E. Beauchamp, officiating. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery.

She died Sunday, Jan. 4.

Born in Rag Town on Aug. 10, 1932, to Herschel Evans and Mabel Vance Martin, she was married to Alfred Tennyson Beauchamp for 42 years. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include her five children, Judith E. Beauchamp of Fort Walton Beach, Dr. David Earl Beauchamp and wife, Sandy, of St. Augustine, Fla., Robert Lynn Beauchamp and wife, Jan, of Jacksonville, Fla., Mary Denise Johnson and husband, Charles, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Richard Duane Beauchamp and wife, Angela, of Lovington, N.M.; two siblings, L.W. Evans of Grapevine and Virginia Bowen of Sadler; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Charles Johnson Sr., Chuck Johnson Jr., J. Chuck Johnson, David T. Beauchamp, Mark Gonzales and Wesley Morris. Honorary pallbearers were Bobby Dean and Danny Richardson.

Theda Jo "Tillie" Welsh

Services for Theda Jo "Tillie" (Gilmore-Bilberry) Welsh were held Jan. 7 2004, at the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder with the Rev. Buddy Payne, former pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Post, officiating. Burial followed in the Hillside Memorial Garden.

She was born Dec. 18, 1926, to Tom and Bula (Matsler) Gilmore. She married Lawrence (Blue Eyes) Bilberry and moved to Snyder. The couple had two children - Lawrence Jr. (Little Bill) and Leslie.

Following a divorce, she married Tommy Welsh, who preceded her in death. She worked in Lubbock briefly before returning to Post where she worked as a telephone operator. She played the piano, sang and enjoyed music and books. She was nicknamed "Tillie" for a cartoon character, Meddlesome Matilda

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Questions about county budget

(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Judge Dalby January 12, 2004)

Dear Judge Dalby;

Thank you for letting me use the 2004 budget files you obtained from Mills, Delta, Hartley, Knox and Kimble Counties to compare with Garza County. I compared the budgeted total revenue and expenses for each of these counties with Garza County and was stunned with the results.

The average budget for those five counties was \$2,096,332 which is \$1,418,053 less than the total for Garza County. It did not take me long to find some of the glaring problems with the Garza County Budget.

The total amount in the Garza County Budget for constable service is \$200,148 while the largest amount for constable service in any of these other counties was less than \$30,000. I have heard the constable service in Garza County referred to as "the Lake Allen Henry private security service" and I understand Lubbock is paying \$111,000 for security service at the lake.

However, I believe Sheriff Ratke and his department should be able to provide acceptable security at the lake and save Garza County taxpayers a substantial amount. I did notice something when reviewing the Garza County Budget that seemed peculiar. The fuel allowance for constable service was \$25,000 which seemed like a lot, especially when compared with the \$16,500 for the sheriff and his entire department.

The total amount in the Garza County Budget for group health insurance, including the insurance allowance, is over \$470,000. The largest amount for health insurance in any of these other five counties was less than \$136,000. I do not know if the cost in Garza County is so much more because the insurance coverage is that much better but a simple cost versus benefit analysis could determine if we are paying too much.

The revenue in the budget for fines has been reduced by \$92,606 from last year while going up in other counties. I don't know if this revenue could be restored but it should certainly be checked into.

The total amount in the Garza County Budget for salaries and payroll related expenses is over \$1,500,000 and when you consider this and the other items I have identified, it is obvious the Garza County commissioners have budget reduction options that would be kinder and gentler than the mean spirited and vindictive items identified in the "Garza County Tax Facts" brochure.

I would suggest that constable service could be reduced by \$100,000, payment for the court house electric project could be stretched out to delay \$24,000, county employees could temporarily pay for 25 percent of their insurance and take a five percent cut in pay until a cost versus benefit analysis and a utilization of resources analysis could be completed to determine why the Garza County budget is \$1,418,000 more than other counties with comparable populations.

If our commissioners can do an average job, as compared to these other counties, we should see a million dollar reduction and still fund most of the programs you identified because most of the other counties had similar programs in their budgets. It was interesting to note that most of their budgets included indigent health care which we pay \$428,323 for separately (through the Garza County Hospital District taxing authority). Sincerely,

Fred N. Howell

NAFTA... just another step

The North American Free Trade Agreement is nothing more than just one more step toward one nation controlling the world, that being the United States of America. I do not believe the USA has any business trying to run the world when Uncle Sam can't even run his own business.

Bush would like to open the country up right now to immigrants to come and go as they please. Although these people are coming into the USA does jobs that most Americans wouldn't touch because there is work involved, the day is coming when Americans are gonna want and appreciate these manual labor jobs. Since Bush is allowing companies to move their manufacturing establishments out of the USA to acquire cheap labor, how does he expect Americans to buy the foreign products if the jobs are gone across the big

I'm not sure how the federal government is connected, but I made by far less money in 2003 than any other years since I came to Post in 1994.

In my opinion, America is headed for a big crash if we don't vote in a president that will be for Americans instead of trying to run the world because of a power glut and a driving force called greed.

Seriously speaking, for what other reason has the USA overthrown foreign governments such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Yugoslavia, Kosovo and many other countries? Could it be that these countries were doing it their way instead of how the USA wanted them to do it.

Bush and some of the more recent presidents call it democracy. I call it slowly taking steps to control the world.

The government works daily in the attempt to remove any rights we have. Within 10 years, guns, health care, money and almost anything else we can think of will be under government control. If I was a prophet, one who makes predictions into the future, I'd say within five years there will be a one-world currency (money). I'd guess the Euro will be the only money in circulation, if there is any money in circulation at all. The possibility lurks out there that we will only have debit cards and electronic money. Savings accounts will be under government control. The Texas Lone Star card is a good example. In less than 10 years, we may e carrying a card only... no cash.

I believe the attempt to go to a one-world government, or a tri-lateral government, is only years away.

I seriously doubt if Texas will ever become an independent nation. I'd be the first to believe that dog wouldn't hunt anyway. But I do believe one-world government is being slipped right under our noses. I believe the big transaction is much closer than we care to imagine.

In only a few short years we will see the constitution start to being cut to shreds and eventually eliminated completely.

Instead of a constitution, we will see what will be called One World Order. I don't feel that I am a radical, nuts, stupid or anything else, but if we take a closer look, read between the lines of our government... the world population is headed for a one-world government control, with very few freedoms and

Most powers and controls are already in place, all the big boys in our government has to do is flip the so-called switch and we will be under their

Why do we think each state has a National Guard? Are they in place to protect us or are they there to eventually control us?

All this sort of sounds a bit far-fetched, but if we just watch along the way as the government gradually removes our rights, it is quietly and cleverly taking place. One does not have to believe me, I'm no genius or political engineer, but if people will only stop and think about it. Watch the government's crazy moves and tactics.... It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out what is happening and to our wonderful "Land of the Free."

If I'm wrong, in 10 years call me up and I'll apologize. I'll admit I was wrong.... But I don't picture me having to eat my prediction. Take a look at it, folks. The process is already under way.

As I see it & my opinion only.

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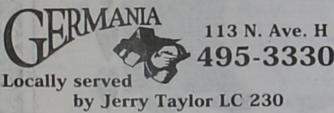
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The Birth of Jesus Christ...Luke 2:1-19 Continuing chronologically, we come to the birth of Jesus Christ.

Luke 2:1-7, "And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David), to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

The God-given record of Jesus Christ's birth is filled with information that helps to pinpoint the exact date of his birth. This will be covered in a later article. But please note that this decree from Caesar Augustus is recorded history. The word "tax" is a bad translation for an earlier known Greek word that meant to enroll or registered. It was basically the taking of a census. Verse 4 reveals that Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem because they were both of the house and lineage of David (See the genealogy of Mary in Matthew 1:1-16). In verse 5 we learn that Joseph and Mary had sealed their marriage and were now living together. This means that by this time, Mary was no longer a "virgin" as defined today.

While in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, the son of God. Please note there was nothing miraculous about his birth. It was no different from any other birth. There was something special about his post-birth preparation. Joseph and Mary followed the proper procedures for the birth of a royal child. In Light Through an Eastern Window, author K.C. Pillai explained the eastern Biblical tradition for the birth of a noble son. Whenever a King's son was born, he was "salted" and "swaddled." Bathing the child in salt water symbolized he would have the qualities of truth and honesty. After the salting, strips of fine linen cloth were wrapped around his body. This was the "swaddling." He was wrapped from head to foot, with only his face showing. His straightened body and limbs symbolized that he would be free from crookedness and waywardness (See also Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed, by Victor Wierwille, pp. 205-

Verses 8-18 provides the wonderful record of the angel from God appearing to the shepherds that were watching their flock during the night. The angel said, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.' And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto

They immediately proved God and found the baby Jesus Christ lying in a manger. Next they made this known to everybody in the area. And with sweet humility, Mary kept all these things to herself, and pondered upon them in her heart.

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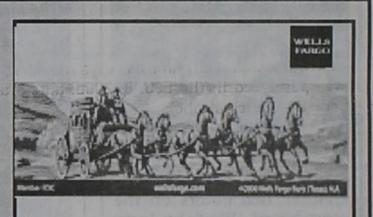
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An urban legend

by Walter E. Williams



a new motor home — was an urban legend and as such totally false.

My having fallen for this "urban legend" points to more due diligence to fact-checking. Without making any excuses whatsoever for my lapse in due diligence, let's look at it.

believed the Merv Grazinski urban legend possible, but not so today. Personal responsibility has taken a back seat in our increasingly immoral and litigious society. Consider some actual lawsuits researched at (www.overlawyered.com).

at a Minnesota Wild game has sued the team, saying her husband who the sweat suit manufacturer? was paralyzed in the Feb. 8, 2002, auto crash shouldn't have been served so much alcohol.

installers who admit they read the label of an adhesive they used, admit they understood the adhesive was flammable and should not be it's not the smoker who's responsible for his illness, it's tobacco companies. used inside, used it inside anyway, caused an explosion, were burned In the case of obesity, it's not the individual, but fast food companies and badly, sued and won \$8 million dollars."

According to the April 18, 2003, Indianapolis Star: "A convicted robber violence — the gun manufacturer is partly to blame. is suing the convenience store clerk who shot him as he fled after a holdup. Willie Brown, 44, claimed the clerk acted 'maliciously and sadistically' in firing five shots as Brown ran out of Zipps Deli with Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate money from the store's cash register." Brown, who has earlier convictions web page at www.creators.com. for robbery and burglary, pleaded guilty to robbery and was sentenced to four years in prison.

Literally hundreds of readers informed me that in last In Galveston, Texas, a jury awarded \$65 million to the parents and week's column, "Some Things I Wonder About," my estate of a woman who drowned after her car rolled off a boat ramp. She reference to a Merv Grazinski of Oklahoma City — who couldn't disengage her seat belt. The jury found Honda of America set his 32-foot Winnebago on cruise control, left the Manufacturing Co. Inc. and Honda R & D Co. Ltd. 75 percent responsible driver's seat to brew a cup of coffee, crashed, then sued for the death of Karen Norman, even though her blood-alcohol level Winnebago for not having a warning against the dangers measured at nearly twice the Texas legal limit (.17). Fortunately, an of doing so and received a jury award of \$1,750,000 plus appeals court threw out the award, which a trial judge had previously reduced to \$43 million

Thirty, 40 or 50 years ago, no one in their right mind would have at fault, but George Mason University Law Professor Richard Bernstein crack completely. points out that a proximate cause for her injury was the fact she was wearing a cotton sweat suit that absorbed the coffee and held it close to her body. However, if she were wearing a Gore-Tex suit, or some other liquid resistant material, she would have suffered no injuries. Bernstein The wife of a hockey fan who crashed his car after drinking too much asks what's the tort principle that holds McDonald's responsible but not

None of these cases, and many others, differs in principle from the Merv Grazinski urban legend. What's common to all of them is the According to the July 10, 2002, Akron Beacon Journa, "Two carpet absolution or the attempt at absolution from personal responsibility. Are people to be held responsible for their actions? In the case of tobacco use, food manufacturers who are responsible. It's the same with criminal

> What does all this say for the future of our nation? To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other

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International terror-drug cop on the beat

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Those who favor the U.S. government's role as international that the seizures of their ships have been conducted without probable policeman must be ecstatic that the feds are now expanding their jurisdiction in their decades-long war on drugs to include the entire world. How so?

States, U.S. military forces are now using their "war on terror" and their invasion and occupation of Iraq to search and seize ships in the nothing to alter the decades-long failure of the U.S. government's Persian Gulf and the North Arabian Sea alleged to be carrying illicit war on drugs. drugs and to remove the crew members to the Pentagon's prison Never mind all that. What does it matter? As long as the camp in Afghanistan for interrogation and punishment

What? Have the suspects fired on U.S. military vessels? Have they destroying terrorism and terrorists worldwide and preemptively laid mines in the ocean to blow up U.S. ships? Have they fired invading countries all over the world to bring "freedom and torpedoes?

in response to such political interventions as drug laws - smuggle. So how does the international cop claim jurisdiction to arrest people for drug violations in waters thousands of miles away from Foundation (www.fff.org) American shores? By claiming that the drug smugglers are probably working for al-Qaeda, thereby making them "illegal combatants" in the federal government's worldwide war on terror.

Neat trick, huh? Talk about mission morph! The cop's role as international destroyer of terrorists and preemptive invader of countries has now morphed into international destroyer of drug

Do U.S. military officials accord the accused drug smugglers due process of law, as the U.S. Constitution requires drug cops to do here in the United States? Are you kidding? We're dealing with the Pentagon, which, don't forget, set up its prison camp in Cuba with the specific hope that the Constitution wouldn't apply to its operations there and which has also steadfastly refused to set up any system of due process of law for accused criminals as part of its military occupation of Iraq.

Here in the United States, the government is required to accord people who are accused of drug possession due process, including the of way) right to remain silent, the right to an attorney, the right to bail, the right to the presumption of innocence, and the right to a jury trial.

But with the U.S. military serving as the world's international terrorist cop, the Pentagon doesn't have to bother with such silly constitutional concepts. Thus, unlike domestic drug cops here in the United States, U.S. military officials are simply stopping and searching ships on the high seas without warrants, arresting drug suspects without warrants who they "know" are guilty, and removing the suspects to a U.S. military base in Afghanistan, where prisoners under Pentagon control are sometimes tortured and even killed during interrogation, and where they will be punished, possibly even tax rollback election, a clear decision is set before them: vote "yes" and executed, for being terrorist drug dealers.

Never mind that people possessing drugs thousands of miles from in more and more and higher and higher taxation.

U.S. shores are unlikely to be violating U.S. drug laws. Never mind cause or judicially issued warrants.

Never mind that the people taken into custody are not granted bail an attorney, or the rudimentary procedures of due process of law Well, despite the fact that U.S. drug laws apply only in the United Never mind that their custody and interrogation are not subject to judicial oversight. And never mind even that the seizures will do

international cop has been charged with the dual mission of democracy" to their citizenry, why should we let such silly notions as No; all they've been accused of doing is what smugglers always do due process of law get in the way of the cop? Anyway, as Vladimir Lenin observed, you can't make an omelet without breaking eggs. Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom The Post Dispatch, Thursday, January 15, 2004

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Yes we can't

by Bill O'Reilly



Here's how President Bush and the Republican establishment see it: African-Americans make up 13 percent of the population, and Hispanic-Americans make up 14 percent. Doing the math, that is a big number to cede to the Democrats every four years. Forget about converting most blacks, the GOP has no clue. But there are millions of conservative Hispanics, and this amnesty's for you.

Mr. Bush's new proposal to allow about 10 million illegal aliens to work and live in

the USA is a calculated political move. He is betting that his supporters, many of whom will not like the quasi-amnesty, will vote for him anyway, especially if Howard Dean is his opponent. And by showing compassion to millions of Hispanic illegals, the president hopes to win some hearts and minds, and, most importantly, votes.

The question is, will the new program help America? The answer is no. That's because Mr. Bush has proposed a situation that is all Then there's the infamous McDonald's case, where Stella Liebeck carrot cake and no stick. Once the poor of the world realize that purchased hot coffee, placed it between her legs, spilling it and scalding anyone who sneaks into America illegally can get the benefits of herself, and was awarded \$2.9 million for her troubles. Clearly, she was living in this country, the floodgates, which are already open, will

Remember, the immigration mess we have now started after Ronald Reagan granted amnesty to illegals in 1986. Since that time, tens of millions of undocumented people have found a way into the USA, hoping for exactly what Mr. Bush has now given them. Why wouldn't millions more follow that lead?

I'd actually support the president's program if he would get serious about supervising the borders and prosecuting companies who continue to hire illegals after the amnesty kicks in. The Border Patrol flat out admits it cannot stop the flood of people and narcotics coming from Mexico. So why not have the National Guard assist the Border Patrol? The president could make that happen but will not. He also has no plan to crack down on employers who continue to break the rules. Mr. Bush has a "yes, we can't" attitude when it comes to imposing discipline on the illegal problem.

Finally, it is a pipe dream to think that allowing millions of poorly educated people to assimilate into the USA will not be without unintended consequences. Under the program, millions of illegals will be bringing family members here, and their period of adjustment will not be easy.

Right now, 34 percent of all LEGAL Mexican immigrants are on welfare, and 25 percent of illegals are getting government assistance. That number will not decline as some illegals will make it and some will not.

So get set for massive new human smuggling operations as the world's gangsters see gold at the end of the illegal immigration rainbow. Billions of people the world over would love to come to America. President Bush has not solved the immigration and may have made it much worse. Ten years from today this country will be a much different place. Count on it.

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Taxation is immoral, it is equivalent to theft

Rollback election: What's it all about?

by Wesley W. Burnett

do, or ought not to do. Many of these comments point to "vital" or of government control and spending. 'essential" county services.

Constitution. What exactly are the constitutionally required functions expecting higher taxes every year. of county government?

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That's it. County government is authorized to perform a number of other functions (too many to list and much more than taxpayers here can

afford), but they are not required. Those "extra" functions are authorized

by the state legislature and include a host of socialist programs. So, when voters here consider their options in the February 7 county trim back the "extra" funding that is not required, or vote "no" to usher

Discussions about the upcoming county tax rollback election This election is about forcing government to limit itself to essential frequently include opinions about what county government ought to functions, or to stick with the status quo and allow continued expansion

By limiting county government to its constitutionally required Let's look at the facts, and a good place to start is the State of Texas functions, tax payers could be assured of lower taxes, rather than

In the 1994, the last time there was a rollback election here, the 1. Justice - the administration of courts, securing the rights of county tax rate was a meager 24.9 cents per \$100 evaluation. Ten individuals (as defined by the U.S. and state constitutions) and years later, the tax rate has more than doubled. That's a clear example enforcement of the law (District, County, Justice of the Peace courts, of the ever-expanding role of government which is allowed no limits to its spending spree.

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The course is open to persons 21 years of age or older who are interested in becoming Texas peace officers. Applicants must be U.S. citizens and high school graduates or have a GED with 12 hours of college credit from an accredited institution. Applicants also must not have a class B or higher conviction in the last 10 years.

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This January, local communities are invited to honor the contributions and dedication of their local school board members*those locally elected citizens who make decisions that affect, influence, and direct the education of our youth.

Our school board is one of 1,042 such boards across the state. These boards enable us to have local control of the public schools, meaning that decisions on school programming are made by local, elected representatives who understand the community's unique problems, values, culture, and circumstances.

With the advice and counsel of the educational professionals they hire, our school board has an effect on virtually every aspect of our schools. It's a huge responsibility, one which should not be taken lightly. Too often we neglect to recognize the dedication and hard work of these men and women who serve as advocates for our schools. The staff and students of our district are asking all local citizens to take a moment to tell a school board member "thanks for caring about our children."

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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago January 12, 1994

Labor, supplies and know-how are all being donated in the renovation of the baseball field at David Nichols park. New fencing is being constructed in the outfield. Raising the height of the outfield fence to eight feet will make the field play longer. A new backstop and other improvements are also being constructed. The work began Saturday morning. among the volunteers to show up early were David Nichols, Fred Postell, Jimmy Redman, and Delbert Rudd.

Revened and Mrs. E. L. Hastings will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday.. The Rev. Hastings and the former Ruth Hyson were married January 15, 1944 in Southland.

Ten year 4-H memeber Labeth Jones recently attended the 72nd National 4-H Congress held in Chicago. Jones earned the right to attend the Congress after winning national with her Citizenship record book. This honor gave Jones the opportunity to compete for the prestigious Presidential award. In this competition, Jones represented five million 4-H'ers. Jones qualified in the top four. She was present a 4-H silver medallion for being a Presidential candidate from the Reader's Digest Association.

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Post High School Senior Mario Tobias has been recognized as a Scholar in the 1994 National Hispanic Scholar Recognition Program. Mario is the son of Francisco and Carol Tobias.

20 Years Ago January 11, 1984

John Redman was elected president of the local EMTs during the organization regular meeting. Other officers elected included Ronny Ammons, vice president and Betty Posey, secretary. Only 14 enrolled for the new class which was below what had been anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sawyers announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Susan, to Ches Carthel. The couple plan a May 19 wedding in Post. Both are students at Texas Tech University and are candidates for graduation in

Jennifer Strawn announced the arrival of her brother, Jay Waylon, born December 29, weighing 6 lbs., 4 ozs. in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. Parents are Jay and Susan Strawn.

In their first outing following the Christmas break, the Lady Lopes outdistanced the Cooper girls 49-44 to keep a clean slate for the year 10-0. Doris Pringler led the scoring with 18 points followed by Jean Price with 14, Marta Holly had nine, Denise Smith, seven and Cindee Jackson had one.

30 Years Ago January 10, 1974

Angela Kay Wallace, born at 7:32 p.m. Thursday, January 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace of Post at Garza Memorial Hospital, is winner of the 1974 First Baby of the Year contest. Angela Kay, who weighed seven pounds, is the Wallace's first child.

By a vote of three to two Monday night the Post city council voted against consolidation of the city po-

lice department and county sheriff's

Miss Nancy Jane Norman and Michael Eugene Flanigan exchanged vows Jan. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Post. Bob Stice, minister of music, performed the cer-

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Stelzer of Post were honored on their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Matt Stelzer, who celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary here over the weekend, recently shot an Axiadeer, imported from Africa. Stelzer shot the animal on a hunting lease near Harper, Tex., on the first day of hunting season. The buck weighed 115 pounds. Matt, said he didn't know how the Axiadeer got to Texas, and on to the lease where he found him.

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40 Years Ago **January 9, 1964**

The Post Does, coached by Mary Lee Stockton, will open District 4AA play here Jan. 17 against Spur. The Does have only lost one in fifteen games. Squad members are, Mary Ann Stone, Cheryl Martin, Vivian McWhirt, Becky Thompson, Dee Ann Walker, Capt. Nita Wilson, Darla Pierce, Edith Johnson, Marilyn Jones, Shirley Sappington and Pam

How much water is now in the new White River Lake? That's one of the top current questions. Al O'Brien, general manager of the White River project reports the water in front of the dam is now 19 feet deep. He estimates it covers 200 surface acres and totals some 2,000 acre-feet of water. He reports it stretches one and onequarter miles above the dam.

Mrs. W. W. Bouchier was honored with a birthday dinner, observing her 90th birthday saturday, Jan. 3, in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bouchier.

Airman First Class Ronnie M. Blacklock of Post has been named honor graduate of the U.S. Air Force course for aircraft engine technicians. The airman, a graduate of Post High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Blacklock of Post.

50 Years Ago January 14, 1954

Joe Gray's "Roy Rogers" has not followed his namesake into the movies yet, but the proud owner thinks he might. Gray's Roy Rogers is a twoweek-old Shetland mule, born Jan. 31 to Juday Canova," a jenny, and "Little Britches," a Shetland pony. The rare hybrid was born at Amarillo, but a few days later Gray brought the newcomer and his parents to the home of his brother, Oscar Gray.

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Luther Bilberry has been re-elected president of the Post Volunteer Fire Department for the new year. Also re-elected at a recent meeting of the firemen were: V. L. "Punk" Peel, vice

president; Homer McCrary, fire chief; Robert Cato, asst. fire chief; Andy Stelzer, captain Co. No. 1 and Nathan Little captain Co. No. 2. The only new officer is Percy Parsons. who was elected secretary-treasurer to succeed R. B. Dodson.

Sunday, Jan. 17, will mark the first anniversary for the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Shahan at the first Baptist Church. The Shahans moved here Jan. 14, 1953 from Memphis. In the past 12 months there have been 86 additions to the local congregation.

Menus

Post ISD

January 19- Breakfast-Waffles, butter & syrup, sausage, fruit, milk== Lunch-Nacho supreme, salad, breaded squash, fruit cocktail, milk.

January 20- Breakfast-Cinnimon toast, sausage link, fruit, milk.

Lunch-Fish, macaroni & cheese, carrot sticks, peas, hushpuppies, apple. milk. January 21- Breakfast-Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch-Pizza, salad, corn, peaches, milk January 22-Breakfast-Cheese omelet, toast, fruit, milk Lunch-Sausage wrap, salad, pork-n-

beans, juice bar, milk January 23- Breakfast-Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch-Cheeseburger, salad, tater tots, pears, milk

Garza Trailblazers January 19- BBQ chicken, mixed veggies, onion & cucumber, baked beans, biscuit, pear dessert

January 20- Sloppy joe on a bun, tater tots, carrots, pineapple jello, gingerbread January 21-Chicken-n-dumplings, pea salad, caul. w/cheese, hot roll, pumpkin

tots, broccoli w/cheese, stfd. prs., peanutbutter cookies January 23- Chicken fry, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli salad, hot roll,

January 22- BBQ beef on a bun, tater

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sausage, juice, milk Lunch-Steak fingers, mashed potatos, gravy, green beans, roll, fruit salad, milk January 20- Breakfast-Pancake on a stick, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken fajitas, rice pilaf, broccoli & cheese, breadstick, fruit cup, January 21- Breakfast-Breakfast

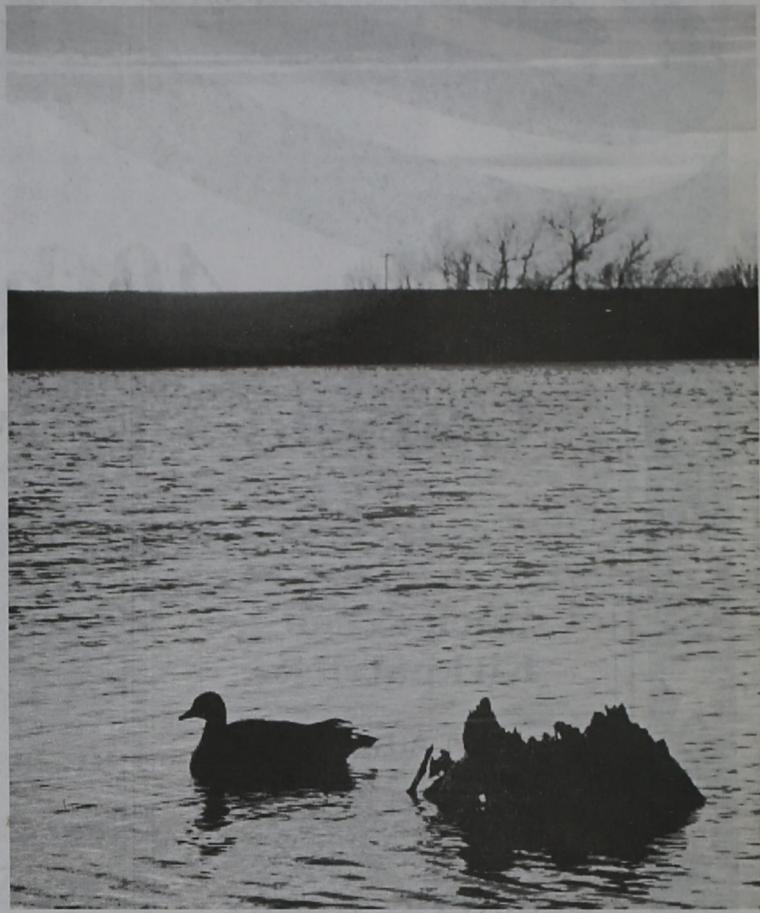
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January 22- Breakfast-Cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk. Lunch-Pizza, apple, green beans,

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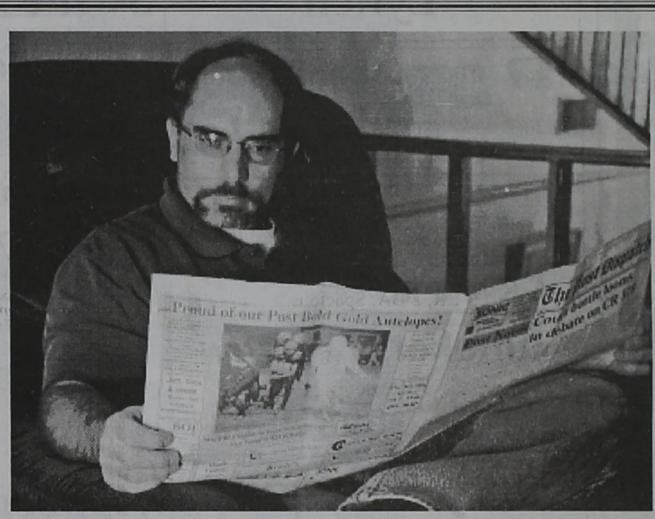
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- Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 17 & 18 Post Sports
- Monday, January 19 Garza County Hospital District
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