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KPOS Radio's 4th Annual



7 p.m. Saturday, July 3, 2004
Garza Theatre
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The talented Cathy Whitten will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies at the Fourth Annual Colgate Country Showdown Saturday evening at the Garza Theatre. She will be joined on stage by The Guthries as they support contestants vying for a chance to compete for the \$100,000 national finals prize.

July 4th weekend jammed with family activities

by Sheri Lewis

Looking for a fun way to celebrate the Fourth this weekend? Look no further than down the street and around the corner, as Post and Garza County will be playing host to a number of special activities.

Start off the holiday weekend with some shopping at Old Mill Trade Days. Venture out to the Two-Bit Ranch on Saturday for some fun in the sun at the West Texas Beachfest, followed by an evening of country-flavored music at either the Colgate Country Showdown or the Caprock Music Party. To round out the evening, visit the first fireworks show of the weekend - this one at Lake Alan Henry. Top off the weekend with some good food, fun, fellowship and fireworks at the annual July 4th event at City Park.

Old Mill Trade Days

Friday's opening of this month's Old Mill Trade Days will signal the local start of the holiday weekend.

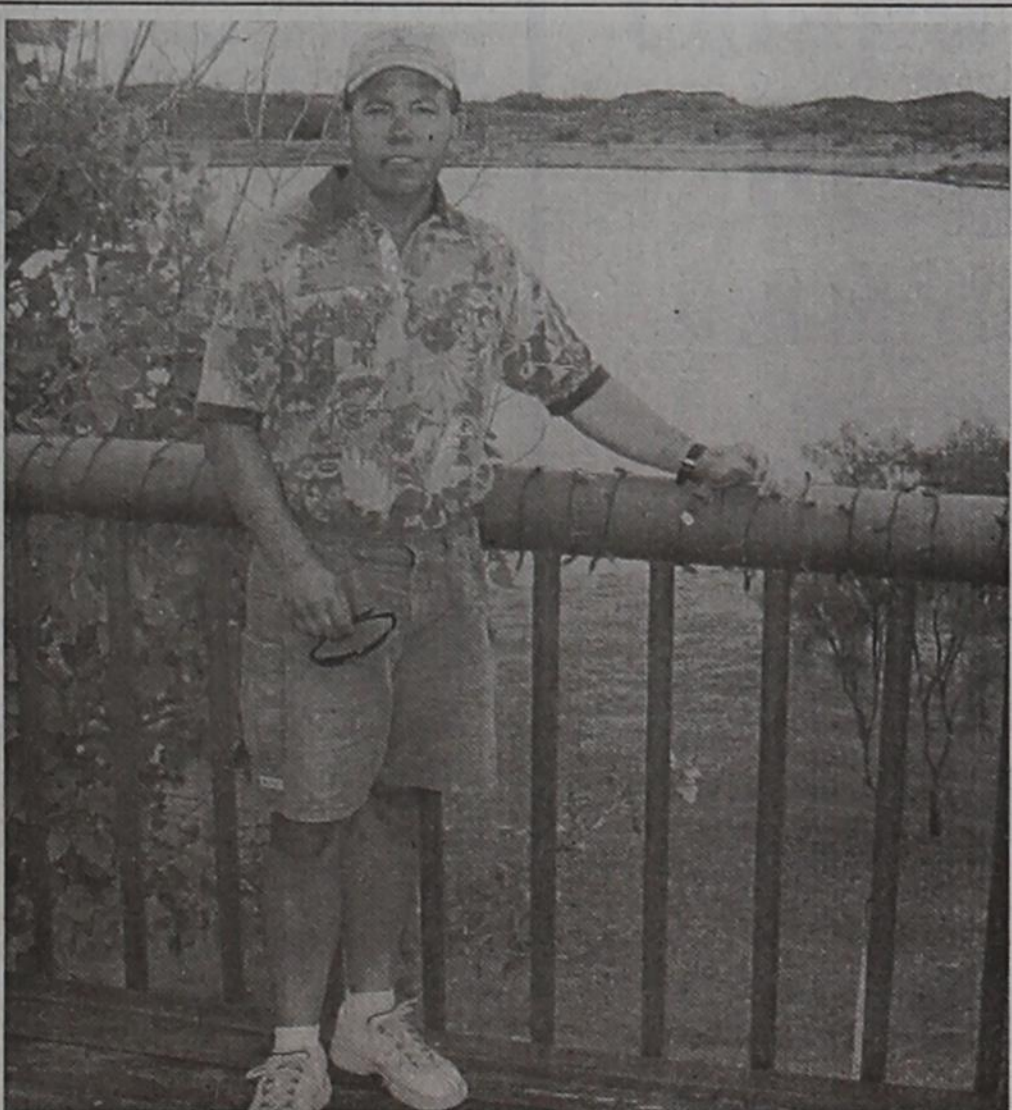
More than 200 vendors are expected to be on hand for this event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Special events for the weekend include a Saturday concert by Caprock 11 in the stage area. The concert will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Friday afternoon, Congressman Charles Stenholm will be on hand to meet with Trade Days goers. His opponent in the newly-drawn 19th District, Congressman Randy Neugebauer, will visit Saturday afternoon.

Admission will be \$1 on Friday (with free admission for senior citizens Friday only) and \$2 on Saturday and Sunday.

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Rex Cash at the Two-Bit Ranch east of Post, site of this Saturday's West Texas Beachfest.

Indigent care costs soar

With two-thirds of the fiscal year gone, the Garza County Health Care District has already spent more than \$88,000 of its \$100,000 budget for indigent health care, but the amount spent during the month of May was smaller than the figures reported in recent months.

In a report delivered to the district's board of directors June 17, it was noted that \$1,065.16 was spent on indigent health care during the month of May, district administrator Tanya Boucher said.

The district began the month with 16 individuals eligible for indigent services and finished the month with a total of 13. Five screenings were conducted, with three not approved for services and another three dropped as no longer being qualified.

Boucher said the district has sustained "a lot" of indigent claims in recent months, leaving the district slightly less than \$12,000 in funds earmarked for indigent health care services for the current fiscal year.

For years, district officials budgeted up to \$150,000 for indigent health care services, but the claims had never been anywhere close to that number, Boucher said. As a result, the board agreed to bump the figure down to \$100,000 beginning with the

current fiscal year.

In response to the unexpected surge in indigent health care claims, district officials agreed to table action on the use of 2003 tobacco settlement proceeds. Boucher said the district received approximately \$8,800 - minus a small amount required to be paid to the county - which will be held in the event that funds earmarked for indigent health care are exhausted prior to the close of the fiscal year. If those funds are not used for indigent health care services, district officials will reconsider plans for the money.

In other business, district officials received a report on the operation of the Garza County Health Care Clinic. According to the report, the total deficit for the month of May was \$10,948, down significantly from recent months. The clinic reported a total of 541 visits, compared to 568 in the previous month; 797 procedures, compared to 879 in April; and saw a "seasonal" drop in charges down to \$40,323 from the \$41,915 recorded a month earlier. Expenses totaled \$34,897, compared to \$40,169 in April.

District officials voted to move ahead with replacing the 15-year-old telephone system they have been

battling to keep alive. After the last rounds of storms, the phone system went down again and repairs were not possible, Boucher said. Parts for the system were not readily available, although the district had pumped more than \$1,600 into the system over the past few months. A new system will be purchased from Diamond C Communications out of Lubbock at a cost of \$4,200. Installation is expected sometime within the next week.

The board tabled action on bids for

the appraisal of district property, as well as consideration of a contract for pharmacy services for the indigent health care program. Also, no action was taken regarding a contract with the South Plains Community Action Association.

The board's next regular meeting is set for July 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Citizens Bank Community Room.

A budget meeting, which will be open to the public, is set for 9 a.m. July 7 in the district building dining room.

Post Notes

July 4th Booths Needed

It's time to pull together for a successful 4th of July celebration. We need food and game booths, along with music. Anyone interested in having a booth or just would like to help at the City Park for the July 4th Celebration is urged to call Diana Poe at 495-3867. The celebration is sponsored by MAD DADS.

West Texas Beachfest Set July 3

West Texas Beachfest, which will feature live music, beach volleyball, horseshoe pitching, ping pong, a sand castle competition, games and food, will be held July 3 at the Two Bit Ranch on FM 651 north of Post. Advance tickets to the event are \$2, tickets at the gate will be \$4. For more information on the event, contact Rex Cash at 495-3355 or 620-4012.

"Whose Your Daddy" 2nd Annual Tournament

The 2nd annual father/daughter tournament has been scheduled for July. Anyone interested in participating should call Ysabel Overton at 543-3603. Entry fee will be \$20 a father/daughter couple.

Summer Reading Program

We invite you to join us for our summer reading program at the Post Public Library beginning July 6-27. We will have programs for two age groups, 3-5 year olds will meet at 10-10:30 a.m. each Tuesday morning and 1st-5th grades will meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m. We are planning a fun time of art, good books, and other activities. Also, Bluebonnet books will be available for check out in June. Come join in the fun and read this summer!

Class of 1994 Reunion

The Post High School Class of 1994 will be holding their 10-year Class Reunion on Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31. Friday, July 30 at 7 p.m. will be Family Night at the home of David and Karen Nichols. There is no charge to attend this event. Saturday, July 31 will be a Barbecue Dinner with drinks at the Post Community Center. The charge for this event is \$20 per person.

An RSVP is needed for both events, please. RSVP or call for more details to: Sara Hodges Allred (214) 726-9770 or Mikki Wilks Swaffar (806) 786-1861.

Country Bluegrass and Gospel Music

Post Opry will feature country bluegrass and gospel music on the first Saturday of every month at the Senior Citizens Hall at Avenue I and 10th Street. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted.

Old Mill Trade Days

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Generous rainfall benefits county

by Greg Jones

Just about the time we want to give up on rainfall, low and behold prayers are answered and we get one. The past two weeks have brought much welcome rainfall to the South Plains and to Garza County. Last week's rainfall ranged from a sprinkle to exceeding three inches and Monday, June 28, rainfall from .5 to three

inches fell and currently it is still raining across much of the county. A chance of rain remains in the forecast through Thursday.

This rainfall is significant for ag producers, both farmers and ranchers. It will save thousands of dollars in Garza County and millions to producers across the High Plains in irrigation costs. This rainfall coupled with the good sub-soil moisture that we had should take our crops well into the summer in terms of moisture requirements. Additional rainfall for cotton producers around early-mid bloom will make a cotton crop.

Ranchers will benefit from this rainfall, as much needed range and turf recovery should be underway. The majority of our rainfall has come early and late in the growing season the last few years. The benefactors of these past rains have been mostly weeds and cool season grasses. The rainfall this time of year through August should help replenish warm season grasses and turf conditions. Range conditions should improve quite a bit in the next few weeks, particularly when stocking rates are low.

Another significant thing about a good general rain is the benefit to those in town as well. Cutting back on watering lawns will save homeowners thousands of dollars in water lost and help conserve water that is in short supply.

It is impossible to put a dollar figure on rainfall, well just about impossible, but this one is definitely a multi-million dollar one. We are blessed, thank you Lord!

Highway traffic collections hit travelers for \$30,402 in May

by Tim Burnett

Garza County Justice of the Peace Courts collected a total of \$30,402.15 during May for highway travel fines issued here, according to official reports. The fund raising program, operated by Garzy County in coordination with the State of Texas, took advantage of travelers who were accused of violating State Transportation Codes.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 took in \$10,173.25 on 41 cases while JP Court Precinct 2 reported \$20,228.90 on 50 cases.

State and county code enforcement officers are "just doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, but what was sold to the public in the 1920s for "safe" roads, is now a huge money making scheme for corporate governments.

The State of Texas gradually shifted the scope of the Code so that all travelers appear required to register their automobiles with the State of Texas. A study into the underlying scope of the Texas Transportation Code has revealed exactly who is required to register their automobiles with the State.

The exact jurisdictional limit (scope) of the Texas Transportation Code was discovered by allowing it to narrowly interpret itself according to its strict construction. The scope of the Transportation Code is "Transportation."

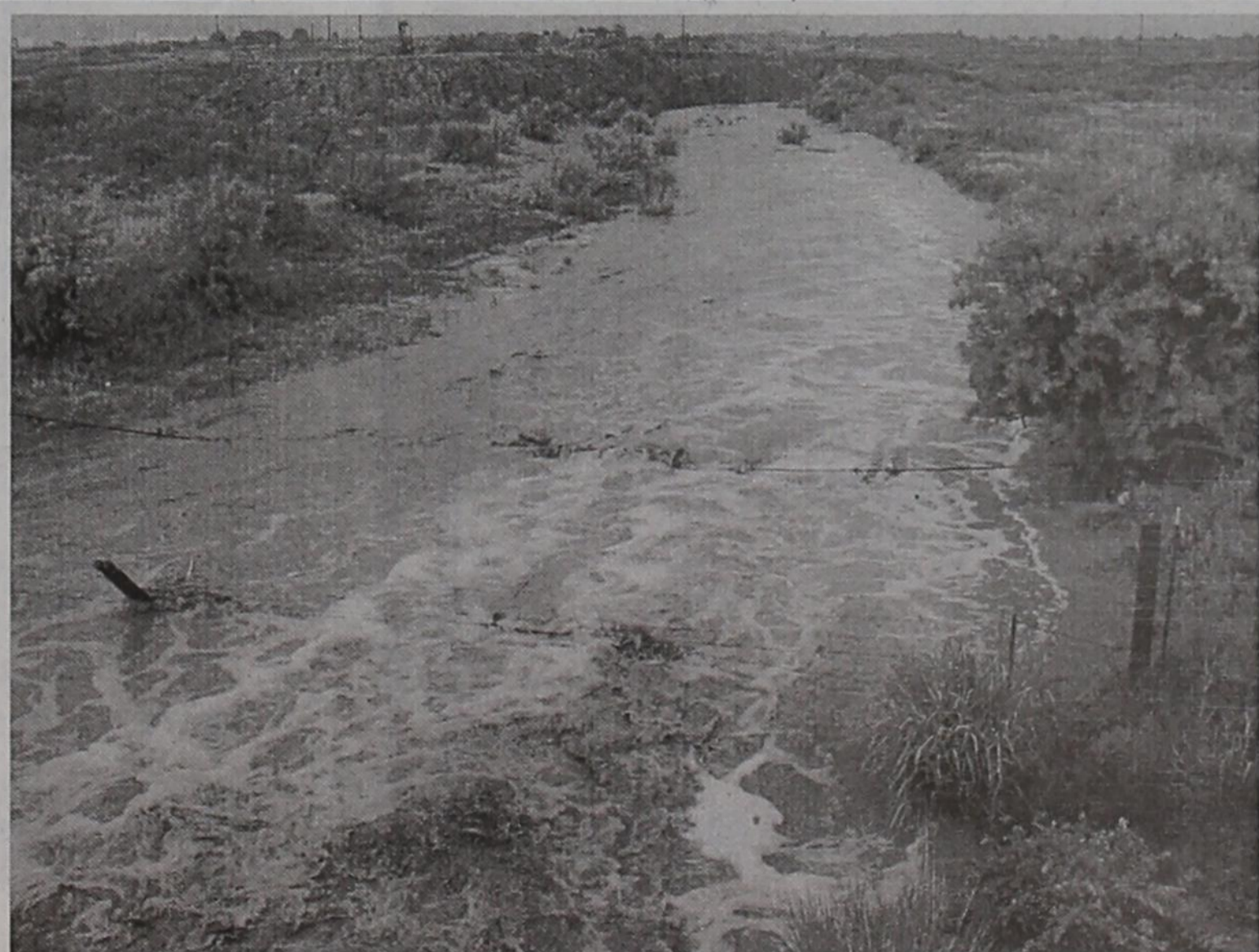
The term "Transportation" was not defined in the Texas Code. According to the United States Transportation Code and Black's Law Dictionary, the term "Transportation" was defined as transportation by a carrier for hire.

Use of the roads and highways for the purpose of "transportation for hire by carriers" was what fell under the scope of the Code. Even to this day, the Code protects the traveling public by regulating vehicles using the roads for the purpose of "Transportation."

It was further discovered that the State and County enforces the Code upon all travelers who use vehicles that are registered with the State. The registration stickers and license plates were found to be the identifiers by which enforcers could determine whether or not vehicles fell under their jurisdictional limits of enforcement.

On-going research continues on the simple question of whether the State and County have the authority to enforce the Transportation Code upon those who do not fall within its scope, and have not voluntarily registered their automobiles with the State.

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Rains this month have made a significant impact in Garza County. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Sgt. Major Bobby Brown honored at U.S. Army Retirement Ceremony

Command Sgt. Major Bobby J. Brown retired from the U.S. Army June 22, 2004, after serving 28 1/2 years.

Brown was assigned Command Sergeant Major of the 11th Air Defense Artillery "Imperial" BDE Aug. 29, 2002. He went to Fort Bliss after serving as Command Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Forces Central Command-Kuwait "Patton's Own" and Command Sergeant Major of the

First of the Fourth Air Defense Artillery, McCulley Barracks, Wackerheim, Germany. He served as a HAWK launcher section chief, drill sergeant, assault fire platoon sergeant, first sergeant, battalion command sergeant major, garrison sergeant major and Coalition Joint Task Force Command Sergeant Major. Brown's assignments included five tours in Germany, Fort Bliss and Fort Hood, Bosnia, Kosovo and Ku-

wait.

A graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy, he also graduated from the Primary Leadership Course, Drill Sergeant School, Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course, First Sergeant School, Master Fitness Course and the Garrison Sergeant Major Course. He has com-



Command Sergeant Major Bobby J. Brown

pleted the Dynamics in International Terrorism Course and the Responsibility Officers Course Force Protection Level II. He holds a Bachelor of Science in psychology from the University of Central Texas.

Brown's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Drill Sergeant Badge and the German Air Defense Award for Excellence in Gold. He is a member of both the Sergeant Morales and Sergeant Audie Murphy Clubs.

Attending the ceremony recognizing Brown were his wife, Sherrie, and their daughter, Melissa. The couple's son, Thomas, is a student at Midwestern State University.

Also attending were his mother and stepfather, A.J. and Judy McAlister of Post, and his sister and her husband, Donna and Tom Renfro of Lubbock.

Brown is the son of Howard Brown of Los Angeles, Calif.



Jennifer Josey & Tommy Henderson

Jennifer Josey, Tommy Henderson plan September 18 wedding

Jennifer Josey and Tommy Henderson of Lubbock will be wed Sept. 18, 2004, at the Henderson Ranch in Snyder.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Kohen and Patti Josey of Post. A Post High School graduate, she holds a degree in computer information services from Lubbock Christian University and is employed with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Anne Henderson of Hermleigh and the late Charlie Henderson. He graduated from Snyder High School and is a student at Lubbock Christian University. He is employed by Lehman Enterprises.

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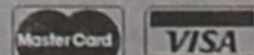
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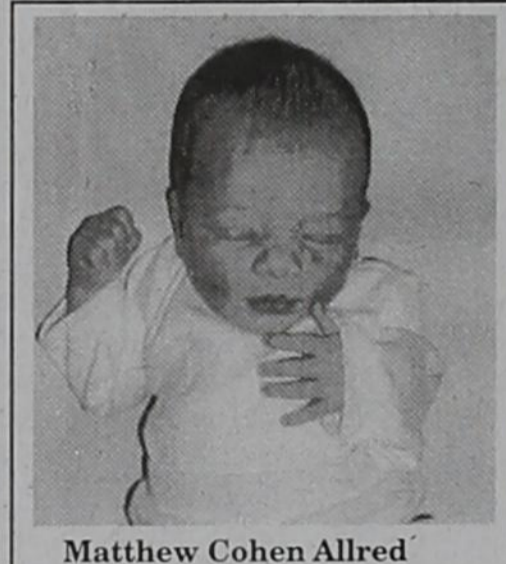
Births

Matthew Cohen Allred

Sara and Matt Allred of McKinney are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Matthew Cohen Allred, on June 22, 2004, at 4:12 p.m. in Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas.

The infant weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth.

Grandparents are Lee Ann and Dan Hodges of Post and Mary and Dene Allred of Richardson. Great-grandparents are Tommie and Curtis Williams and Gracie Hodges, all of Post, and Alene Evans of Lufkin. Lacey Hodges of Abilene is the baby's aunt.



Matthew Cohen Allred

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A Caprock Cultural Association. "Toastie Post" Event:

Big July 4th weekend here

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Beach Fest 2004

Beach Fest will be held Saturday at the 50-acre lake at the Two-Bit Ranch 15 miles north of Post.

Sponsored in part by Coca-Cola and a dozen other sponsors, the West Texas Beach Fest is being touted as a "tropical Christian day," featuring lots of live music, food, games and activities.

The event will take place in three separate lakeside locations. Planned activities include a beach volleyball tournament to be conducted in a dry river bed; a dunking booth; a sand castle competition; train rides; horseshoe and washer pitching contests; and pool and ping pong games. The Methodist youth group will be on hand to organize activities - including a clam dig - for younger Beach Fest-goers. Numerous food vendors representing some of the area's larger churches will be on hand, and a large, canopied stage area will play host to several live bands.

Clearview of Dallas, East Texas Newson and PneuL of Lubbock are slated to perform, as are the 1000 Heels Band, Jonathan McGregor and Rathbun, Olson & Kemp, all local performers.

Advance tickets to the Beach Fest event are \$2 and available from a variety of locations, including the Family Harvest Church, the Catholic church, the Baptist church, all three schools, the Methodist church, the Best Western Post Inn, Higginbotham-Bartlett and the chamber of commerce office. Advance tickets may be purchased up until the day before the event. Tickets will be \$4 at the gate.

All proceeds from the event, which will run from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., will benefit church, civic and school youth groups.

Colgate Country Showdown

This year's Colgate Country Showdown will kick off at 7 p.m. at the Garza Theatre in downtown Post.

Under the coordination of KPOS Radio, this year's Showdown will open with a performance by The Guthries. Cathy Whitten will serve as master of ceremonies.

The first set will include The Country Boys ("Go On and Break My Heart");

Shawna Jaquess ("When You Say Nothing At All"); Candy Kane Bailey ("I Want to be a Cowboy Sweetheart"); Raelin Ogle ("Some Days You've Gotta Dance"); Diane Berry ("City Blue and Country Sad"); Angela Davis ("Texas When I Die"); and Megan Cheek ("It Matters to Me").

Following a 15-minute intermission (yes, The Serendipity Shop will be open!), the second set will include second performances by each of the contestants, including Cheek ("When God-Fearin' Women get the Blues"); Ogle ("I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry"); Davis ("No One Else on Earth"); Berry (Renegade Rider"); Bailey ("Crazy"); Jaquess ("Broken Wing"); and The Country Boys ("Jambalaya").

Whitten and The Guthries will wrap up the show with a final performance as the contest's judges make their decisions.

Judges for this year's competition include Paul Hudspeth, Peggy Ray, Wayne Sarter, Joy Creech and Nathan Dudley.

Sponsors for the event include United Supermarkets, Citizens Bank, McDonald's, Post City Tanning, Wells Fargo, Old Mill Trade Days, H&M Dirt Contractors Inc., Sonic, the Post Beverage Barn, Justice-Mason Funeral Home and Texas Treasures.

Admission will be \$6 per person. Reserved seating is available by calling 495-4005 up until the 7 p.m. show time.

Caprock Music Party

Set to run from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday at the Trailblazers building, located at 10th Street and North Avenue I, the Caprock Music Party will feature blue grass, gospel, country and western music, fiddling and "a whole lot of fun," according to advertisements.

Scheduled to provide music are Texas Sand from Snyder; Shanna Van Winkle Sides, a Lubbock fiddler; Just Because of Lubbock; and Iron Weed, a blue grass band out of Lamesa.

Admission to the event, which is being sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association as one of its Toastie Post activities, will be free of charge.

1st Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Show

Grubs Bait & Grill at Lake Alan Henry will play host to the 1st Annual Fourth of July Fireworks Show. The show is set to begin at 10 p.m. on Saturday.

MAD DADS July 4 Celebration
The annual MAD DADS July 4 Celebration at City Park will round out the three days of non-stop holiday activities in Post and Garza County. Admission to the park will be free.

Set to begin at 5 p.m. Sunday, the celebration will feature games, food, booths, food, an auction and food, according to organizers. Some of the activities scheduled include a dunking booth, bouncers, a train and all kinds of food booths - hot dogs, hamburgers, fajitas, gorditos, snowcones, cotton candy and soft drinks. Celebrants are urged to bring lawn chairs and appetites to the event.

At 7:30 p.m., a while elephant auction full of items donated by local merchants and individuals will be conducted. Also scheduled is the giveaway of a 19-inch color TV/VCR/DVD player. Chances for the giveaway will cost \$1 apiece and will be available at the MAD DADS booth.

Proceeds from the auction and the drawing will benefit the local MAD DADS program.

A fireworks display, created by local firefighters, will polish off the evening. Fireworks will begin at dark.

Taxes and Theft = Robbery



Enjoying an outing at the park recently are Golden Plains Care Center residents.



Golden Plains Care Center residents enjoy a little volley ball competition at a recent outing to the park.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch Dirks
County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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Mapping Out Meals for Your Family

A good way to help your family eat healthfully is to plan ahead for meals. A little advance preparation can help you prevent those runs for non-nutritious fast food or keep your kids from filling up on nutrient empty snacks before dinner is prepared. Meal planning and preparation can also be a time to involve your children. Children involved in meal selection and preparation are more likely to eat what they select and prepare. Some tips that may help are:

- Make a list of the meals which you will need to buy food. Plan the week showing when you need to prepare each meal and when that meal is provided elsewhere. -Decide what foods to serve at each of these meals. Include main entree and side dishes. -Write down what you have decided to serve at each meal. You can also write down the ingredients needed for mixed dishes. This can help you make your shopping list.
- Next make a shopping list. Here are some tips to help you shop smart, select healthy foods, and save time, money, and energy:
- Group foods on your list to match your store's layout. This will help you shop faster and make it easier to remember everything on your list.
- Shop after you have eaten. Most people tend to buy more when they are hungry.
- Leave children with a friend or relative. Try swapping childcare with another parent when going grocery shopping.
- Shop when you have the most time to read labels and compare prices.
- Try to shop only once a week.
- Buy some partly prepared foods to save time later. Consider grated cheeses, cut-up chicken, and mixed salad greens.
- Remember to include a variety of foods to get needed nutrients. God easy on foods from the tip of the food guide pyramid- sweets, fats, and oils.
- Stock your kitchen with a few staple items that you can make and serve in a hurry such as: canned and dried fruit; canned or frozen vegetables and beans; Canned meat, poultry, and fish; canned soups and stews; whole grain breads; pasta; rice; low fat cheese; low fat yogurt; low fat crackers; low fat cereal; and low fat, low calorie frozen meals.

For more information on meal planning and preparation, contact the Garza County Extension Office at (806) 495-4400.

Source: Health Hints Vol. 8 No. 1 "Meal Planning: Mapping Out Meals for Your Family."

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Claborn family reunion news

The annual John Riley Claborn family reunion was observed June 19 in Post.

Attending were Marie Claborn Anderson of Roswell, N.M., and granddaughter Taylor Blake of Las Cruces, N.M.; Mary Lee Claborn of Post; Renee Claborn, Lisa Claborn Elmendorf, husband Oscar and sons Douglas and Jonathan, Belinda Claborn Baker and son Billy, friend Randy Cabiness and Lance Claborn of Lubbock; Peggy Claborn of Springfield, Ill; Adam Ferri of Azle; Sue Conyers Williams, son Andy, daughter Joella Eaton and son Jacob, Jodie and Sharon Conyers of Fort Worth; Evelyn Claborn Hamilton, Priscilla Hamilton Mayhar, husband Elton and daughter Patsy of Odessa; and Agnes Hamilton Wasson, husband A.J. and daughter Annalise of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Also, Nina Claborn Williams Baker, husband Tommy of Colorado City, Texas; J.R. Williams, friends Rebecca Hipp and son Asa of Nevada, Texas; Josh and Mary Williams and daughter Abby of State University, AR; Tommy and Penny Williams and daughter Jessie of Lewisville and grandson Aaron Hogg of Crossroads; and Louise Gerner of Dallas.

Since the June 2003 reunion, the group was saddened by the loss of J.C. Claborn and L.E. Claborn III (Gene).

Congratulations go to 2004 high school graduates Sam Blake of Las Cruces and Billy J. Baker of Lubbock. Both are great-grandsons of the late L.E. Claborn Jr. (Fay) and wife Ruby of Post. Sam is the grandson of Marie Anderson and the late Frank Anderson of Roswell, N.M., and will be seeking a degree in accounting at the University of New

Mexico at Las Cruces. Billy is the stepgrandson of Mary Lee Claborn and grandson of the late L.E. Claborn III (Gene). He will be seeking a degree in mechanics at South Plains College in Levelland

Extension Extras

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Record Books Due.....

.....in the county Extension office July 2.

4-H Booster Club.....

..... will meet July 13 at the Extension office starting at 6:00 p.m.

4-H Council.....

.....will meet July 13 at the Extension office starting at 6:00 p.m.

Junior Clothing Project

Any 4-H'er interested in participating in the Junior Fashion Show Project needs to contact the Extension office by July 19.

Deana Gunn completes TM clerk certification

Deana Gunn, deputy city secretary for the City of Post, recently attended a two-day seminar in Abilene sponsored by the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program at the University of North Texas in Denton.

Topics of the workshop included municipal finance, capital improvement programs, methods of marketing debt securities, bond elections, bond ratings and arbitrage rebates.

Monty Nitcholas, director of First Southwest Co. of Austin, was consultant for the workshop. Additional instructors from the company who shared information from their areas of expertise included Garry Kimball, Vince Vialle, Jennifer Douglas, Beth Bankhead, Mendy Shugart and Greg Warner. Attorneys Rick Witte and Jerry Kyle of Andrews Kurth, LLP, presented a session on the role of the bond attorney during the process of municipal debt creation and administration.

Basinger, Pate earn TTU master degree

Two area students were recipients of master's degrees at Texas Tech University's spring commencement ceremonies conducted May 15 at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

Ashley Ruth Basinger of Post and Michael Scott Pate of Justiceburg each received a Master of Science degree.

A total of 435 master's degrees were awarded during the commencement exercises.

Gunn is enrolled in TMCCP's educational and professional development program, which requires approximately 200 hours of home study, written work, four examinations and attendance at eight TMCCP seminars. She is a member of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association Inc., a statewide professional organization of 850 city secretaries and municipal clerks.

American Cancer Society Relay For Life 2004

We would once again like to thank all of our sponsors and the community of Post for helping with this year's event.

We bypassed our goal of \$15,000 by raising

\$29,038.60

to help support the American Cancer Society. We couldn't have done this without you,

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It's not too early to get ready for next year! See you then!!

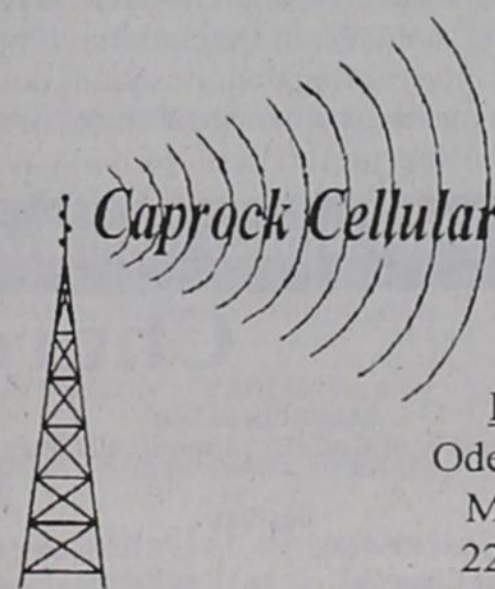
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Obituaries

Mozella Lewey Mitchell

Services for Mozella Lewey Mitchell of Wichita Falls were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 26, 2004, in the Pleasant Home Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died June 22. Born Dec. 25, 1918, in Cameron, she was the youngest of eight children born to Jim and Amanda Lewey. She attended Pleasant Grove Elementary and O.J. Thomas High School in Cameron. On Dec. 26, 1938, she married Malachi Mitchell. She was a Meals on Wheels volunteer and active in the church. In 1992, she moved to Wichita Falls where she joined the St. Matthew Baptist Church.

Survivors include her six children, Malachi Mitchell Jr. and Ruby of Killeen; Doris Stamps of Richmond, Calif.; Emma Sparks of Wichita Falls; Willia and James Brown of Richmond, Calif.; Kenneth and Charlene Mitchell of San Leandro, Calif.; and Amanda Mitchell of Chicago; seven grandchildren, Kenneth and Michelle Sparks, both of Wichita Falls, Pamela Mitchell of Post, Alma Lassiter of Shevely, Maryland; Staci Brown of Richmond, Calif.; and Darian Mitchell and Charnette Mitchell, both of San Leandro, Calif.; and three great-grandchildren, LaKendra Banks of Virginia Beach, Va.; Chihara Lackey of Wichita Falls and Jazmine Mitchell of Post. She was preceded in death by her parents, seven siblings and her husband of 45 years.

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What's best for the county?

How can the County Commissioners justify the contract to be given to MTC on the facility when the difference of \$850,000 to the county every year is in the balance? We as a county just went through a tax rate increase because the County Commissioners and the judge told everybody that we were broke and we needed the tax increase to be able to pay the bills, yet they are able to throw \$850,000 away every year because they don't want to change the company that runs the facility.

OK, then let's examine the reasons why they decided to keep the same company running the facility:

1. Commissioner Lee Norman stated that MTC had eight more people for a total of 246 (also quoted by a MTC official) working than one of the other companies that submitted a quote; in fact, Commissioner Norman went so far as to say that was the deciding factor, because the difference of those eight more people working means as much as \$240,000 more for our community a year, along with the community involvement. (The other company only quoted 238 personnel that they would use.) And Warden Raspberry stated that he had 246 people on staff and promised to keep that number of people on staff as well, but out of all the lists of personnel I could obtain I can only come up with 175 to 200 people on staff. I can only assume our commissioners validated this list of personnel, because this was quoted as being the deciding factor.

Commissioner Norman, I was wondering if you could provide the citizens of Garza County with a list of those 246 names, because I'm missing 50 to 75 names. And being article 7 in the RFP that the commissioners put out to all parties involved, it so stated that the proposals shall have "full description of the parties named in the proposal, including qualifications of key entities, parties, personnel and employees must be included."

2. The fact that Mr. J.C. Conners (with MTC) stated to our commissioners that there was "no litigation against MTC" at this time bothers me personally, but hopefully our commissioners checked this out and found this to be a false statement. In The New York Times dated June 6, 2004, there is an article titled "Trouble in Private Jails" which goes on to name MTC and the litigations involved as well. (The company CSC stated that all their litigations were within the scope of their insurances.)

3. Although it's not required by the RFP, MTC did go on to say how much of a good community partner it is with all its staff participations in the community organization and events, even though the staff would be considered the staff of any of the companies that submitted bids because whoever got the bid to run the facility, they would merely place those staff personnel on their payroll.

I believe I'll stop there, because the more I write, the more confused I become. It merely brings me back to the question: How can our commissioners justify the difference of \$850,000 less to the county every year?

But I know that they are looking for the best for the county, Mr. Commissioners, can you explain, please, what's best and why?

Thank you,
 Jon Smith

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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Stars & Stripes Camp

Through a partnership with Operation Purple of the National Military Family Association (NMFA), the Texas 4-H Center will conduct the Texas 4-H Stars and Stripes Camp August 4-8, 2004. This camp is specifically designed for youth ages 12-16 who have a parent deployed overseas. The camp is open to all youth whose family serve in any of the four branches of the armed services, to include National Guard, Reserves and Ancillary Units.

The National Military Family Association is a non-profit, predominately volunteer organization with membership from the seven uniformed services, active duty, National Guard, reserves and retired, their families and survivors, as well as interested civilians. NMFA is the only national organization whose sole focus is the military family and whose mission is to serve those families through education, information and advocacy.

Through a partnership with Sears as part of the Sears American Dream Campaign, NMFA has created a program that allows children from all branches to interact with and learn from each other in an effort to help deal with deployment-related stress. In an effort to do something special for military kids, Operation Purple is offering summer camps around the country. The Texas 4-H Center will host one of these camps.

All interested parties should complete registration form, available on the Texas 4-H Center website, <http://texas4h-ctr.tamu.edu/> or through NMFA's web site, <http://nmfa.org/> Additionally, youth are to complete the required release forms and bring with them to the camp on August 4.

For additional information, please contact Darlene Locke, Program Director at 325-784-5482, or contact the Garza County Extension office at 215 West Main in Post (806) 495-4400.

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Garza County sales tax report shows 21% decrease

Gross sales for the final quarter of 2003 in Garza County were down more than 21 percent from the previous year, according to a recent report from the Texas comptroller.

The county's gross sales for the final four months of last year totaled \$12,214,595, down 21.7 percent from the \$15,599,808 recorded in the last quarter of 2002.

The number of reporting outlets climbed from 327 to 382 during the same period.

Use tax purchases totaled \$52,441 during the final quarter of '03, with the total amount subject to state sales and use tax standing at \$6,337,085 according to the report.

Theft - the act of stealing; the felonious taking and removing of personal property with the intent to deprive the rightful owner of it. (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary)

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When the tax is not paid, it will be collected against the will of the rightful owner, using force if necessary.

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Spiritual Matters...1 Corinthians 14:34-35

In this series on 1 Corinthians chapters 12-14 we now come to verses 34-35 of chapter 14, "Let your women keep silence in the churches, for it is not permitted unto them to speak. But they are commanded to be under obedience, as also says the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home. For it is a shame for women to speak in the church." These two verses have been used by many churches to enforce the rule that women were not permitted to teach or even speak during church services. Even to this day it is a controversial issue. Yet there are no contradictions in God's word. In order to rightly divide the above scripture, we must interpret them according to the context of the verses around them, according to what the chapter is talking about, and according to the rest of God's word in the epistles.

Verse 33 provides the underlying context, "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace as in all churches of the saints." We saw in verses 26 and 12 that all things were to be done unto the edification of the church. Is confusion edifying? No! In general, chapter 14 is talking about the assembly of believers, and more specifically the use of the interpretation of tongues and prophesy during the assembly. The first part of the chapter was revealing what not to do, which is reproof. Then verses 27-33 provided the correction. Then we came to the subject of this column in verses 34-35. When we allow God's word to simply interpret itself, we will see that the women in these churches were very unruly and causing confusion in the churches. They were very likely interrupting their husbands during the part of the meetings when some spoke in tongues and gave the interpretation, and others gave words

of prophesy. When we see confusion and disorderliness in churches, we are assured that this is not of God. What is God's will for the women in the churches? Does he forbid them from teaching? Does He command them to never speak in tongues and give the interpretation during assemblies of believers? Or give words of prophesy? Let's go back 1 Corinthians 12:7, "But the manifestation of the spirit of God is given to every man to profit withal." The word "man" came from an earlier known Greek word which meant "every" or "each." It does not teach us that only men can get holy spirit. It is for all people to profit from. Go to Acts 2:16-18, "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, said God, that I will pour out of my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy...' Hey! Didn't we just read in 1 Corinthians that women were not to speak in the church? God's word never contradicts itself. Look at the context...the context! In the above scripture Peter was explaining to all who were present in the temple, what they had just seen and heard, which was speaking in tongues. When people begin to speak in tongues they immediately fulfill the scripture out of Joel, which Peter quoted in Acts 16-21. Both men and women can be filled with holy spirit. All of God's saints can benefit from holy spirit in every way that is available. As it is written, "For you are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male or female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

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Opinions



The American Declaration of Independence

Editor's Note: The following is the complete text of the famous document which rocked the world and began a political revolution which has inspired generations of Americans. How many of us today would dare to sign such a radical and potentially dangerous statement? As in 1776, very few are willing to shake their fear in defense of liberty. Fortunately, the many benefit from the sacrifice of a few.

In CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitles them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasion on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions to cause others to be elected, whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the state remaining in the meantime exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without and convulsions within.

He has endeavored to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislature.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

- For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us;
- For protecting them, by a mock trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States;
- For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world;
- For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent;
- For depriving us in many cases of the benefits of Trial by Jury;

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offenses;
For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighboring Province establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies;

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Government;

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms. Our repeated Petition have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attention to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of Justice and to consanguinity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliance, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

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No right to remain silent

by Sheldon Richman

You have the right to remain silent — unless you're asked your name when you aren't even charged with a crime. That's right: it can now be a crime to refuse to tell a policeman your name. What's happening to America?

Nevada and 20 other states have criminalized remaining silent in the face of a policeman's question "What's your name?" By a 5-4 vote the U.S. Supreme Court said that's okay — it's no violation of the Fourth Amendment prohibition against unreasonable searches or the Fifth Amendment prohibition against compulsory self-incrimination.

"Obtaining a suspect's name in the course of a Terry stop serves important government interests," wrote Justice Anthony Kennedy for the majority, referring to an earlier case (Terry) that permits the police to detain people on the basis of a suspicion that falls short of the traditional standard of "probable cause" for arrest. It may serve "important government interests." But some of us in the United States still harbor the impression that the rights and interests of individuals trump the interests of state.

The latest case arose out of a rancher's refusal to identify himself while the police were looking for a man in a truck who had been seen beating a woman. The rancher had been spotted by his truck and, after refusing 11 requests to give his name, he was charged with and later convicted of a misdemeanor. He was fined \$250.

It doesn't seem like much of a penalty, but we have to think in principles. It should make the citizens of a putatively free country uncomfortable to know that the police can have the authority to stop and demand identification on the basis of a "reasonable suspicion," which after all is a highly subjective state of mind. A person is looking at a storefront. Is he admiring the window display or casing the joint? It's up to the policeman to decide. Under the Terry ruling, which was decided more than three decades ago, the cop can stop, question, and frisk the person without probable cause. The latest ruling simply fills in a missing detail. The policeman can demand that the person identify himself.

Kennedy and his four colleagues rejected the argument that giving one's name can be an act of self-incrimination. Obviously, if the person questioned is wanted for another crime, then being forced to identify himself does violate the right against self-incrimination. Kennedy dismissed this objection all too casually: "Answering a request to disclose a name is likely to be so insignificant in the scheme of things as to be incriminating only in unusual circumstances." But those unusual circumstances involved persons. I guess they are insignificant too.

It's tempting and comforting to seek refuge in the notion that only bad people will want to withhold their names from the police. Maybe; maybe not. But even if we grant that, the comfort is false. The rule of law protects us all, even if its most visible effects involve people we suspect of evil. This was best captured in Robert Bolt's play, "A Man for All Seasons," about Sir Thomas More's refusal to sacrifice his integrity to Henry VIII. When another character, William Roper, says he'd abolish the protections of law to nab the Devil, More replies,

"Oh? And when the last law was down, and the Devil turned round on you — where would you hide, Roper, the laws all being flat? This country's planted thick with laws from coast to coast — man's laws, not God's — and if you cut them all down — and you're just the man to do it — d'you really think you could stand upright in the winds that would blow then? Yes, I'd give the Devil benefit of law, for my own safety's sake."

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Va., author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *The Freeman* magazine.

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Travelers and local residents weathered the near pond conditions on Broadway Street as Post and surrounding areas were blessed with an abundance of rainfall earlier this week.



Transportation was slow during heavy rainfall earlier this week, as runoff covered the south-bound lanes of U.S. Hwy 84 through Post.



West Texas Baseball League Post Team are (back row left to right), Coach Greg Williams, Javen Abraham, Manager Cain Abraham, Eric Reyna, Josh Lee, Justin Williams, Joseph Espinoza, Quinton Odom and Zach Lopez (front row), Brice Feagin, Miles Gray, Theo Piaz and Randon Blacklock. Not pictured are Coach Wayne McKim, and players Andrew Espinoza and Mark Norman.

TTU recognizes Post students

Nine students from the Post area were tapped for honors lists at Texas Tech University in Lubbock following the spring semester.

Four students attained the President's List status, which required the completion of at least

12 quality hours and a grade point average of 4.0. Those students included Tandi Lea Humble, a junior pre-pharmacy major; Susanna Paige Lott, a freshman retailing major; Melissa Rene McCleskey, a senior multidisciplinary studies major; and Meagan Michelle Mills, a juniors Arts & Sciences undeclared major.

major; Candus Renee Dawson, a sophomore early childhood major; Kimberly Rana Reiter, a senior human development and family studies major; Shanna Sue Wiggins, a sophomore in the College of Business Administration; and Laci Dawn Williams, a junior English major. To make the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained a 3.5 to 3.9 grade point average.

Sheriff reports 16 arrested last week

Sixteen arrests were recorded in the Garza County Jail log during the past week, according to records provided by the sheriff's department.

On June 21 an individual was picked up for criminal mischief.

Six arrests were made June 24. Two people were arrested for assault/family violence, one was picked up on a warrant, one for bond forfeiture, one for public intoxication and one on a commitment.

Four arrests were logged June 26, including one for DWI and furnishing alcohol to a minor, one for possession of a controlled substance, one on a commitment and one for possession of a controlled dangerous drug.

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Five were named to the Dean's List, including Clifford Lee Colvin, a freshman electrical engineering

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Fishers from Lubbock and Idalou recently caught four catfish at Two Draw Lake. They are (left to right) Daniel, Gloria and Agustina Maldonado, Charlie Rodriguez, Sylvia Rivera and Sonya Contreras.

Jordan Miller earns TTU honors

Jordan Ryan Miller, grandson of Leon and Jo Ann Miller, was named to the President's List for the spring semester at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

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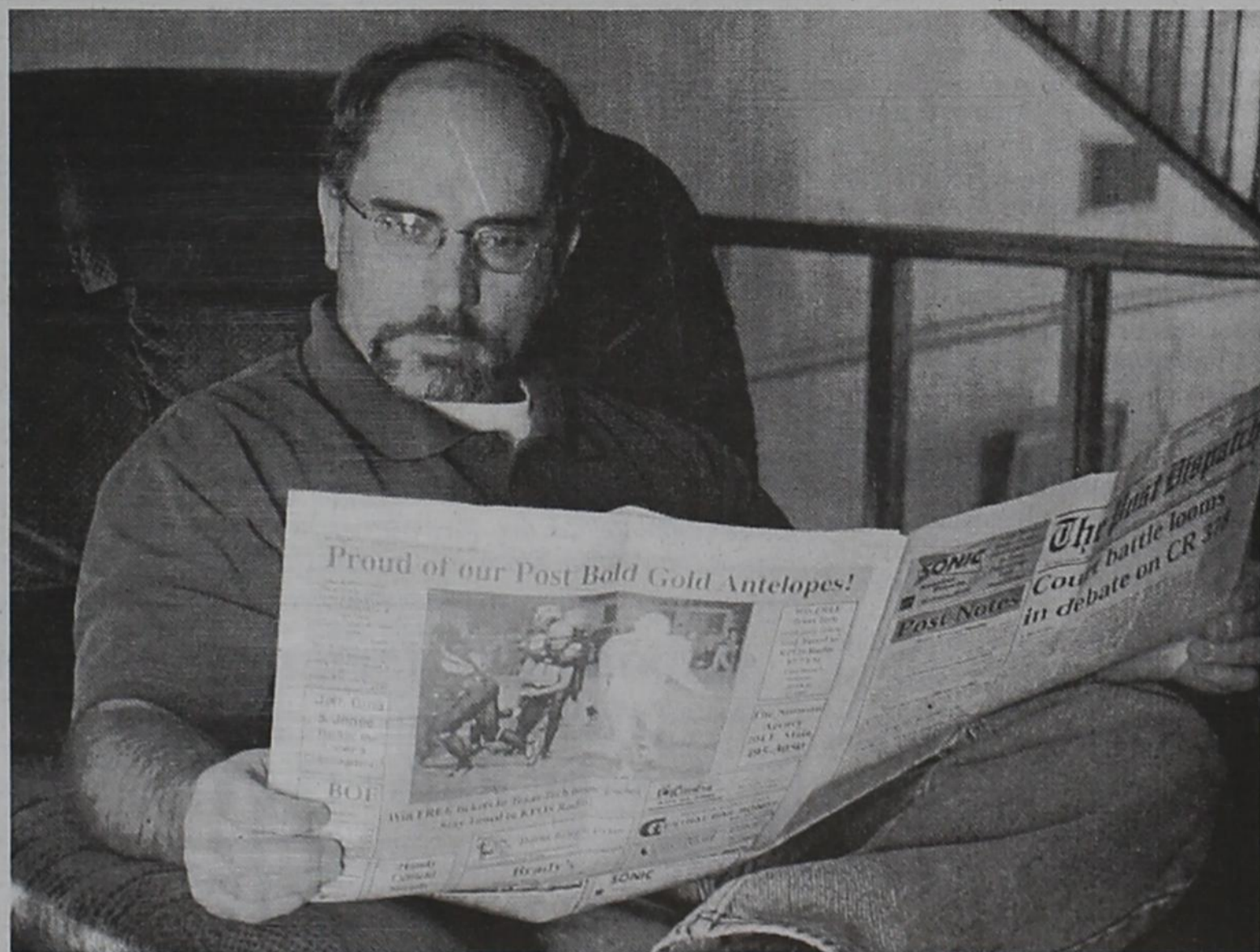
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Talented contestants vie in Colgate Country Showdown Saturday

KPOS Radio's 4th Annual Colgate Country Showdown, set for 7 p.m. Saturday, July 3 at the Garza Theatre, features eight talented acts, each vying for an opportunity to win the \$100,000 grand prize award at the national finals.

Selected to compete at the local show are Candy Kane Bailey of Roswell, Diane Berry of Corpus Christi, The Country Boys of Post, Megan Cheek of Abilene, Angela Davis of Lubbock, Shawna Jaquess of Post and Raelin Ogle of Abernathy.

Returning by popular demand as KPOS Radio's Colgate Country Showdown stage band are The Guthries, who will provide backup support for individual acts. Returning also this year as Mistress of Ceremonies will be one of the most popular South Plains entertainers and former Post resident, Cathy Whitten of New Home.

The show will feature each act with two performances in two sets, with a 15 minute intermission between the sets. The winner of KPOS Radio's Colgate Country Showdown will advance to the West Texas Regional event in Abilene, and from there to the Texas contest, a Western U.S. regional and then to the national finals at Walt Disney World.

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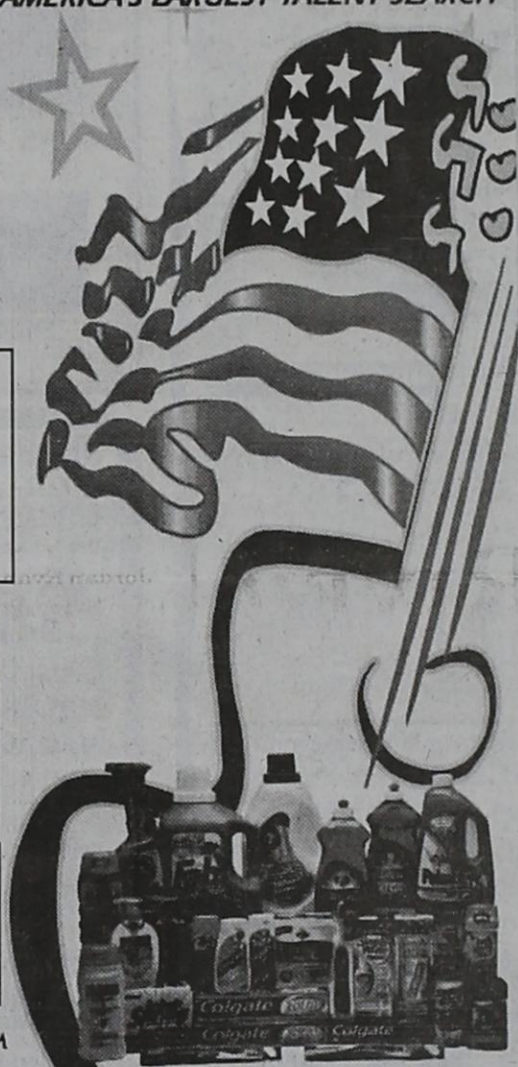
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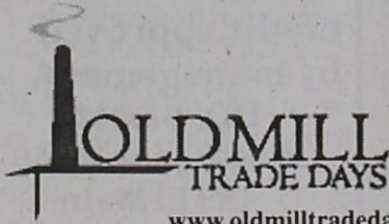
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Thanks to Bro. Jim Hancock for his many words of encouragement and being with us at the hospital and at home. The service was wonderful. Thank you also to Metta Tyler and Nancy Gordon for the beautiful words in song at the service. Thank you to the wonderful ladies that served the family with food and kindness before the funeral. It is such a blessing to live in a town where people care for one another and to help during this hard time of the loss of our husband, Dad and PaPaw. Thank you all, Penny Adams Deanna & Bobby and family Jan Adams and family Joe & Melinda and family Raskal

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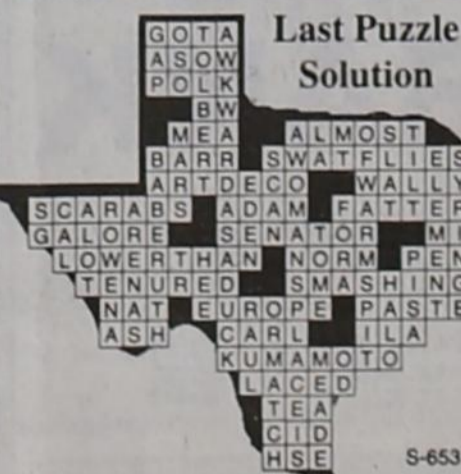
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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago
June 29, 1994

The Tower Theater will once again come alive with music and shows to entertain the family. The going renovation project is slowly coming to a close. The expected opening date is set for July 30.

On May 15 the Caprock Cultural Association was informed they have the honor of being chosen to participate in the "Arts Corp." program, funded by the National Endowment of the Arts. Communities lacking an overall Cultural Plan are not eligible for any direct funding.

Judge Giles Dalby was awarded the "Commanders Award for Civilian Service" by the United States Army Reserve June 20th. Judge

Dalby has for the last 18 years allowed the military to use his ranch for military maneuvers at no cost.

Mike and Kellie Macy proudly announce the birth of their son, Aaron Kyle, born June 15, at Methodist Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, three ounces and was 21 inches long at birth.

The Williams home was recently the scene of a 75th birthday anniversary honoring Alma Williams. The event was planned and given by her husband, Joe. Their children and families, Auvy and Shirley Ann McBride; Claude and Shirley Kay Crawford; David and Vickie McBride and Larry Joe and Colene Williams served as hosts and hostesses.

20 Years Ago
June 27, 1984

The three 13-15 year old Babe Ruth teams selected their Queen candidates for the 13-15 tournament to be held in Lamesa. The Braves selected Alicia Pettyjohn and Amanda Claborn. Kerry Hart and Kim Smith were the choices of the Indians and Darby Gordon and Angie Holleman were chosen by the White Sox.

For What It's Worth: A former Post High School graduate, Bryan Compton received 10th place in the National Track meet. And I understand he is in Los Angeles, Calif., with friends to watch an ASU teammate participate in the Olympic trials.

The Panhandle "Parade of Breeds" Steer and Heifer Show was held June 21 at Plainview. Clay Cowdrey entered 2 heifers and 1 steer in the show. Clay's Shorthorn Heifer won Reserve Champion.

Mr. and Mrs. Armando Rodriguez announce the birth of a son, Alejandro Menchaca, born June 5 at Garza memorial Hospital.

Marine Sgt. Joe Espinoza, son of Eusbia and Manuel Espinoza Sr. of Post has been awarded a Meritorious Mast while serving with 3rd Force Service Support Group on Okinawa. A Meritorious Mast is official recognition from a Marine's commanding officer for superior individual performance.

30 Years Ago
June 27, 1974

With capacity crowds anticipated, committeemen will be finalizing plans this week for the "Crusade for Christ" to be held here in the Tower Theatre building starting Sunday, July 7-10. The meetings will be led by Evangelist Mickey Bonner of Houston and ex-Raid football star Richard Campbell.

The recent 11-day water emergency at White River Lake cost the water district approximately \$14,000. Al O'Brien, general manager explained that about \$7,000 of this was the cost for the work of four divers and equipment, including a dredge pump trucked in from Houston.

Buck Craft and wife, Wynelle, and children, Toby and Trasi Craft, have moved back to Post after a ten years' absence and Craft will manage the Planter Gin here.

Dick R. Kennedy of Post has been named a Distinguished Student in veterinary medicine at Texas A&M University. Kennedy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Kennedy.

The members of the Christian Church elected new church officials last week. The new board members are: George Pierce Sr., chairman of the church board; James E. Pollard, vice-chairman; Curtis Hudman, secretary; Jack Alexander, treasurer; Bill Mills, church school superintendent; Gordon Bright, chairman of building and grounds.

40 Years Ago
July 2, 1964

The White Sox, sponsored by General Builders and managed by Ben Howell, are 1964 champions of the Babe Ruth League and will go into district playoffs later this month. Members are: Ronnie Pierce, Larry Johnson, Duke Altman, Donnie Windham, Paul Walker, Roger North, Jimmy Pollard, Jackie Hair, Jimmy Mann, Dennis Altman, Ronnie Petty, Mike Levens, Donnie Cole, Mike Burk and Chris Stelzer.

Miss Barbara Ann Shumard became the bride of Melvin Douglas Britton Friday, June 26 at the Calvary Baptist Church. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. V. L. (Buster) Shumard and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Britton.

Nancy Norman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Norman, was honored with a swimming party for her 12th birthday. Guests attending were Barbara Lucas, Peggy Bevers, Judy Norman, Sue Parrish, Mary Ann Norman and Mrs. Ira Lee Duckworth.

Mrs. Lewis Mason, the former Miss Jane Maxey, who was bitten Saturday on the hand by a rattlesnake was returned to her home Wednesday morning from Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. The snake bit Mrs. Mason between the middle and ring fingers on her right hand while she was gathering squash from the garden.

50 Years Ago
July 1, 1954

Farmers appeared to be making headway this week in their fight against the worst infestation of grasshoppers in several years. The infestation still is serious, however, and wide-scale poisoning is under way in every section of the county where cotton is growing.

The Graham School Cafeteria was the scene of a miscellaneous shower honoring Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Fluitt, Jr., Friday evening. Mrs.

W. C. Bush decorated the room, using a gold and white color scheme.

A daughter Willma Jenice, was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bullard on June 28 in Garza Memorial Hospital. She weighed five pounds and 5 3/4 ounces.

Rose Mary Crispin, eight year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Crispin, was honored with a party in observance of her birthday. Attending were Dian Kiker, Margie Harrison, Curtis Hudman, Danny and Dennis Odom, Harold Varner, Barbara Bishop, Edith and Daniel Johnson, Jackie Gordon and the honoree.

George Pierce returned home last week after receiving his Army discharge at Fort Bliss on June 21. He arrived in San Francisco, Calif., June 16 from Korea, where he spent 16 months of his two years in service. His brother-in-law, Ben Owen, met him in El Paso and brought him to Post.

60 Years Ago
June 29, 1944

O. C. Garner has moved here from Spur and is owner-operator of the Garner Appliance Company. Mr. Garner is now prepared to service butane bottles and tanks in Garza county.

A gigantic display of the modern equipment of a powerful nation at war will mingle with memories of early frontier days of the West in the huge War Bond Parade which will open Stamford's two-day Texas Cowboy Reunion celebration July 3 and 4.

Earl Rogers has completed the installatin of truck scales, 40 feet in length, with a capacity of 50,000 lbs. at his feed store. Rogers is now well prepared to do public weighing.

Five more blue stamps totaling 50 points, W8, X8, Y8, Z8, and A5 will be good for buying rationed processed foods on July 1.

The Graham Cooperative Gin is erecting a grain elevator on the site of the old building in which the Post Feed & Fuel Co. was housed, near the ice house. The old building has been torn down and the best of the lumber has been salvaged and is being used in the erection of the elevator.

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From The Post Dispatch Thursday, July 2, 1964

ACROSS

- TXism: "ain't" _____ prayer
- TXism: "useless as a saddle on _____"
- Livingston is seat of this county
- TX _____ Stevenson sang "My Maria"
- TXism: "gave _____ song and dance"
- TXism: "close but no cigar"
- famous '50s Dallas stripper Candy
- TXism: "he's too lazy to _____"
- buildings style at Fair Park (2 wds.)
- "Beavers" brother stout-bodied beetles
- a brother of TX "Hoss" on Bonanza
- TXism: "_____ than a boarding-house cat"
- TXism: "a mess of"
- Kay Hutchinson title
- "my" south of the border
- TXism: "_____ a snake's belly" (scoundrel)
- Metropolex sportscaster Hiltzges
- TX Vikki Carr's "With _____ In Hand"
- "permanent" TX professors
- shattering
- "King" Cole
- TX Renaissance Festival reenacts medieval
- 10 "hasta _____ vista"
- 45 TXism: "hard as putting tooth _____ back into the tube"
- volcanic residue
- TX Sonny _____ Davis starred in "Last Night in the Alamo"
- TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- San Antonio's Japanese sister city
- TX Nokona baseball gloves are _____ by hand
- 53 TXns like it iced
- abbr. for division in a TX PD
- former regional TV network that aired TX sports
- DOWN
- 1 Buffalo _____ TX
- "bear" south of the border
- TX historian Frank X. _____
- TXism: "_____ out of water"
- 4th planet from sun
- Gov. Ann T-shirt: _____
- 11 _____ Vernon, TX (abbr.)
- TX John Garner said being VP "isn't worth a bucket _____"
- bed support
- TX fair favorite: "_____O-Whirl"
- baseball great who inspired TX Didrickson's nickname
- look over quickly
- light bulb wire
- doc's needle
- TX Hagman's "Jeannie," Barbara
- 26 TX Stadium, et al
- TXism: "no hill _____ stepper"
- TXism: "it belongs _____ and the bank"
- TX historian _____ Fehrenbach
- 35 TX Buck's "_____ Haw"
- leaning tower city
- angel ring
- This Cortez started TX Hispanic radio store offer: "mix _____"
- 50 Gettysburg general
- 51 what TX Janis Joplin died of (abbr.)

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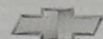
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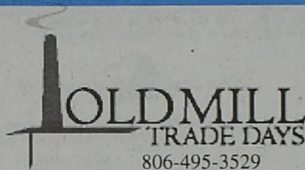
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