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Unofficial Election Results:

Garza County Democratic Precinct 2 voters chose incumbent county commissioner Mason McClellan by a margin of 187 to 94 over challenger Leon Miller in Tuesday's primary election. Republican Party voters picked Judge Carter Schildknecht 39 to 16 over challenger Bonnie Ericson for the 106th Judicial District judgeship. Schildknecht garnered a total of 750 votes in the four counties of the 106th Judicial District, compared to 272 for Ericson. Look for election details in next week's edition of The Post Dispatch.

White River has 18 months of water

by Wes Burnett
"There's enough water, even without any rain at all, to last another 18 months," White River Municipal Water District executive director Tommy O'Brien declared to the Post City Council at its regular monthly meeting March 5. O'Brien made the remarks following a slide presentation about the water district's emergency ground water project. O'Brien pointed out that the water well field is currently being tested, with all wells near Crosbyton and Ralls ready to go on line.

The water wells will be used to supplement water in the pipelines to the four district cities of Ralls, Crosbyton, Spur and Post. "Our well test showed an average of 2.2 million gallons a day in capacity," O'Brien added. He also emphasized that the well water tested out as good quality. O'Brien said that the lake is about 14 feet below the dam, which is the approximate level last year before the spring rains. "We got about one foot increase following those big rains in the spring," he said.

Ground broken on new hotel on US 84

Construction on a 42-room, four-suite hotel is under way at the northern edge of the city on U.S. 84.

Ground was recently broken and early plumbing is being completed for a Best Western facility, according to Don R. Bond of Snyder, one of the two partners behind the project. Cement work is due to begin next week and within two weeks, plans call for initial framework to go up.



Preparation for construction of a new hotel in Post are underway at the U.S. Hwy 84 location just west of Trinity Baptist Church. (Photo by Thomas Zachary)

The facility will be a two-story, interior corridor structure to be completed sometime in August or September, "depending on the weather," Bond said. Attempts are being made to use as many local contractors as possible on the project, he said, with 20-35 Post-area workers involved. The financing for the project also was handled locally. Marketing surveys and feasibility studies led to the plans for the new hotel. At startup, the hotel will employ 20-25, but that number will likely be pared down to about a dozen full-time employees, Bond said.

In other matters, the council voted to approve the second reading of an ordinance to impose a "technology fund" for traffic fines in the municipal court. Council member Harold Craig was the lone vote against the ordinance.

An emergency management plan was approved unanimously with little discussion. Mayor Archie Gill pointed out that the state requires the city to adopt a plan, and since the proposed plan had already been adopted by the county, it should be okay.

In other matters the council heard an explanation of services for a proposed bond issue in support of the emergency water supply project involving a pipeline from Slaton and installation of ground storage tanks. Edward Jones representative Larry Pedersen introduced associates Joe Scarborough and David Farris.

Farris gave a detailed explanation of the firm's services, including a description of how the bonds would be underwritten to include a special offering to Garza County citizens prior to release to institutional buyers. No action was taken on the information.

The council approved the installation of additional stop signs on streets adjacent to school property. Four-way stop signs will be installed at Avenue K and 4th, Avenue K and 5th, Avenue L and 5th; with three-way stops at Avenue L and 6th and Avenue L and 4th.

City manager Fred Stephens briefed the council on continued work to get the waste water treatment IMHOFF system back on line. Stephens said that in addition to important dirt work by H&M Dirt Contractors, city crews used 300 pounds of dry ice, which created boiling to break loose some of the hardened materials stopping up the IMHOFF.

Stephens also reported to the council that the contract with Slaton was nearing completion and expected the Slaton City Council to take up the matter in their Tuesday, March 12 meeting. If approved by Slaton, the contract will then be reviewed at a special called meeting of the Post City Council.

Post Notes

Antelopes host baseball tourney

The Post Antelope baseball team is hosting the March 14-15, with the first game beginning March 14 at 9:30 a.m. The Lopes play Loraine at 5 p.m. and Coahoma at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. On Friday the home team faces Aspermont at 5 p.m. and Slaton at 7:30 p.m.

Antelope Booster Club hosts concession

The Post Antelope Booster Club will host a concession stand during the Caprock Baseball Tournament here Thursday and Friday. Volunteers are needed to assist. Call Joe Gregory at 495-4063, Larry Mills at 495-3726 or 495-3719 or Jackie Gonzales at 495-4021.

SPCAA board election

The South Plains Community Action Association Inc (SPCAA) will hold its an election for one alternate board during the week of March 18-22. The elected board member will represent low income people in Garza County. Those interested in applying for a ballot position may do so by contacting Billie Williams or Crossvette Gonzales at the Community Action Center, South U.S. Hwy 84 or call 495-2329. Deadline for applications is March 15 at noon.

Thousand Hills Band performs March 16

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

Benefit set for Rodriguez family

A benefit to assist the Rodriguez family with expensive medical costs will be held Friday, March 22 with lunch and dinner tamales at \$6 per dozen. Place orders early at 781-9372 or 495-0440, pick up orders at 610 W. 11th.

Rotary "Broom Sale" March 26

The Post Rotary Club will host its annual "Broom Sale" on March 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., located at 110 W. Main in the middle of the street.

VFW Post 797 invites veterans

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6797 is open to veterans and their needs. Community service work and VFW programs continue and the VFW offers assistance to veterans. The VFW will no longer serve or sell alcohol to the public. "Thanks for your support over the past years," Chuck Ratliff, Commander. Call Ratliff for more information about membership at 495-2026.

Spring Art Show opens March 29

The Algerita Spring Art Show will begin Friday, March 29 and continue through Sunday, March 31 at the Algerita Art Center on East Main Street in Post. The show will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Call 495-3493 for more information.

Popcorn anyone?

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

Help needed for Easter lillie project

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

"The Miracle Worker" at Garza Theatre

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

Fish fry on Fridays

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

Free Texas Forum March 19

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

Real estate issue behind closed doors

by Wes Burnett
No action was taken by the Garza County Commissioners' Court following an executive session to discuss real estate matters during the regular court meeting Monday morning. Mike Mitchell met with the court in the private session.

In other matters, the court approved resolutions supporting National Agricultural Week in Texas and United Voice for Texas Counties on Technology Issues.

Owners of travel trailers were exempted from real property taxes following approval of a resolution by the court. Although travel trailers have not been taxed in the past, a new state law requires taxing authorities to specifically exempt the property or it would be automatically taxed.

The court approved a plan for deferred compensation services and heard a report from Sharla Wells about progress for child care facilities for "lower income" needy. Wells thanked the commissioners for funding to support the facility and explained that the building is in place, but needed repairs and improvements are still being made.

She said a number of volunteers are involved, including Joe Giddens who is coordinating inside work. "The electricity is done, thanks to Jerry Vance, and now we've got a lot of plumbing work that needs to be done before we use the building," Wells added.

"Our board members are very dedicated, and we're still working on grants and other funding for projects that tax funds can't be used for," she said.

Commissioners took no action on county road specifications.

Post ISD sets busy agenda at meeting

A hefty agenda awaits trustees of the Post Independent School District when they meet in regular session Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the administration building.

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Post Lope senior basketball team members named to the All-District squad are (back row, left to right) Tandi Humble, Meagan Mills, Emily Smith, (front) Kelly Moore and Manuela Hernandez.

Annual Taba'na Yuan'e March 22

The traditional Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony will take place Friday, March 22, in the Post City Park.

Guests should arrive by 6:15 a.m. in order to observe the performance, which ends with sunrise.

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

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

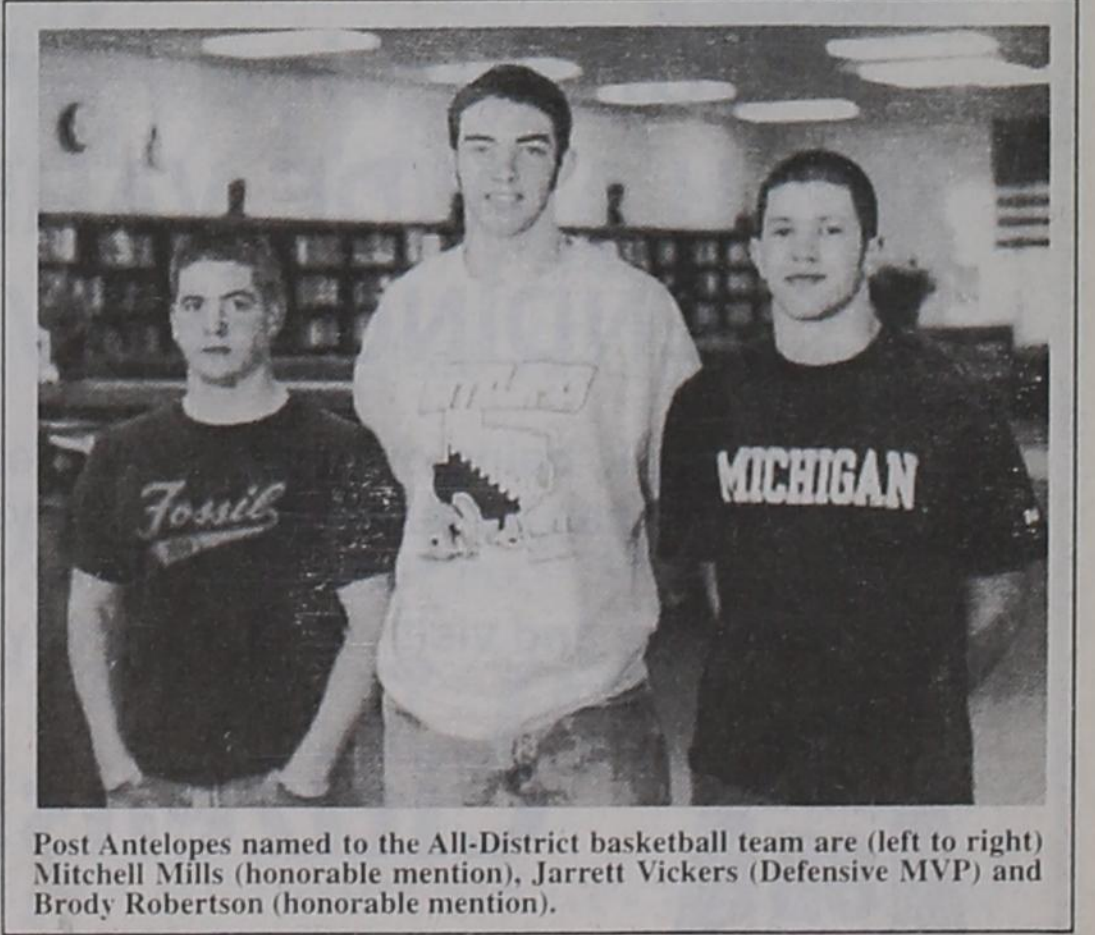
The Taba'na Yuan'e tradition, which dates to earliest memories of the Plains Indians, began in Post in 1907 when early Garza County pioneers recalled the legend told by the Indians. Garza County farmers and ranchers have relied on the Taba'na Yuan'e for more than 90 years to provide a hint as to the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

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

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

A wad of grass is placed on the coals and as the smoke indicates

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Post Antelopes named to the All-District basketball team are (left to right) Mitchell Mills (honorable mention), Jarrett Vickers (Defensive MVP) and Brody Robertson (honorable mention).

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Misty Stratton and Ryan Holly

Misty Stratton, Ryan Holly set May 25 wedding date

Misty Ellen Stratton and Davis Ryan Holly have announced their engagement and approaching marriage. The couple plans to be wed at 3 p.m. May 25, 2002, in the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Robinson, Texas.

Following photographs, a 6 p.m. reception carrying out the couple's chosen colors of burgundy, hunter green and blue will be held at the Crawford Community Center in Crawford, Texas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Deborah Laird and Kenneth Stratton of Eddy, Texas, and the granddaughter of Virgil and Jeanette Sullivan, also of Eddy. A graduate of Bruceville-Eddy High School, she is attending nursing school at Temple College.

Her fiancé is the son of Lee Roy Holly of Post and Butch and Tammye Griffin of Eddy and the grandson of Jo and Wayne Thomas and Jo Holly, all of Post, and the late Bill Holly. Also a graduate of Bruceville-Eddy High, he is a student at McNeal Electric School in Waco where is working toward becoming a certified electrician. He is employed with McNeal Electric.

GHD steering committee takes serious look at local health care needs

by Elizabeth Quiroz-Eureste

The Garza Hospital District Steering Committee met in the Dalby Cattle Company conference room March 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Those present for the meeting included Leon Miller, Lee Norman, Don Tatum, Billie Ann Polanco, Mary Cade, Janie Davis, GHD interim administrator Tanya White, Giles McCrary and Elizabeth Quiroz-Eureste, CED Project Coordinator.

Miller welcomed the group and asked Quiroz-Eureste to open the session by giving a brief overview of the work accomplished by the Steering Committee for the Economic Development Project.

Tatum and Davis gave a report on the data collection being made via personal and telephone interviews.

Tatum discussed the different questions he has fielded from members of the public, and Davis reported positive attitudes from those she has discussed the prospect of opening the hospital. She reported that many expressed the need for a 24-hour emergency room, laboratory and X-ray services and a family physician.

Tatum said he asked one individual if he knew how much his hos-

pital district taxes were, and the individual being interviewed did not. Another individual reported his taxes for one year equaled the cost of a single trip to Lubbock to see a physician.

Tatum and Davis will continue collecting information, with Billie Polanco assisting them by gathering data through her church group.

Cade discussed the problem of the high cost of medication for senior citizens. Polanco, Service Access manager for SPCAA Primary Health Care, informed the group of the Pharmacy Assistance Program available through her office. She explained there are several chronic diseases for which the medication can be obtained free of charge or at reduced rates, depending on income.

Individuals suffering from hypertension, diabetes, congestive heart failure, asthma and hypothyroidism may be eligible. Primary Health Care will assist with health care costs for those who are uninsured and meet income guidelines, as well as referrals to other agency programs. For more information, contact Polanco during regular business hours at 495-4543.

Norman gave a report on the me-

dia releases and plans for the distribution of additional information concerning the activities of the Steering Committee and the upcoming town hall meeting. Mrs. Dalby, who has been working diligently with the committee, was unable to attend the session.

Miller led the discussion for plans on how the town hall meeting will be organized. Tentative plans include starting the meeting with a brief historical overview and a thumbnail sketch of the activities of the Steering Committee, followed a report from the architectural firm and building contractor.

Also to be included is a report from the accountant on estimated costs of reopening the present building, as well as a report from ORCA (Office of Rural and Community Affairs). Clyde Gibson will review potential funding sources, and committee members hope to have Dr. Patty Patterson from the Texas Tech Rural Health program, as well as Don McBeth, present.

The next Steering Committee meeting was set for March 21 at 2:30 p.m. at the Dalby Cattle Co. meeting room.



Garza County Hospital District steering committee members at a recent meeting are (left to right) Leon Miller, Lee Norman, Elizabeth Quiroz-Eureste, Billie Ann Polanco, Tanya White, Mary Cade, Janie Davis and Ted Tatum.

Butler honored at baby shower

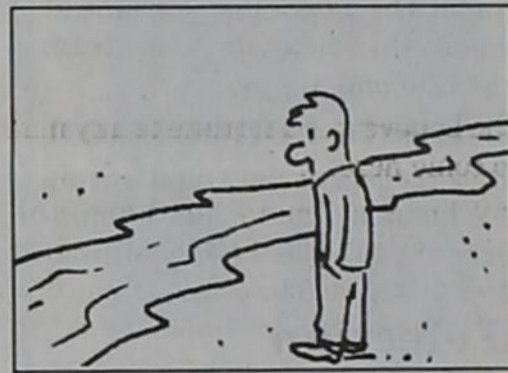
MaKaylee Noel Butler, newborn daughter of Sam and Ginger Butler of New Deal, was honored with a baby shower recently in the home of Jennie Cowdrey.

The come-and-go shower began at 6 p.m., and guests were registered by the baby's aunt, Keitha Wright, and Avery of Lubbock. The registry table was covered with a hand-painted pink Easter rabbit runner decorated with bunnies.

Other special guests included the infant's mother; her grandmothers, Pat Ickles of Houston and Orabeth White; her great-grandmother, Sue Maxey; and three great-aunts, Sybil White of Hale Center, Jane Mason and Diane Graves.

Cookies, jellybeans and punch were served by Barbara Tatum from a table covered with a criss-crossed pink eyelet ruffled runner accented with a family of Easter bunnies. Crystal appointments were used.

Hostesses for the special event were Janey Middleton, Judy Bush, Tatum and Cowdrey.



If you stand with your back to the source and your face to the mouth of a river, the left bank will be on your left and the right bank on your right.

Birth

Dawsen Paige Holly

Brooklyn Faith would like to announce the birth of her new baby girl cousin, Dawsen Paige "K-Bug", born Friday, March 1, 2002, at 2:18 pm. She weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Ryan Holly and Misty Stratton of Eddy, Tx. She was a birthday surprise for her daddy, born February 29. Happy birthday, daddy!

She is welcomed home by her one year-old sister, Cameron Nicole Holly of Dallas, Tx.

Maternal grandparents are Gerald and Deborah Laird and Kenneth Stratton of Eddy, Tx. Great grandparents are Virgil and Jeanette Sullivan of Eddy, Tx.

Paternal grandparents are Butch and Tammye Griffin of Eddy, Tx., and Lee Roy Holly of Post. Great grandparents are Jo and Wayne Thomas and Joy and the late Bill Holly all of Post.

Proud uncles, aunts, and 9 cousins are Corey Stratton and family of Eddy, Tx., Riley Holly and family of Slaton, A.J. Griffin Gang of San Antonio, and "Auntie D'Amanda" and family of Midland.

We would like to thank and ask everyone for prayers of blessings upon this beautiful, healthy child.



Ryan James Rathbun

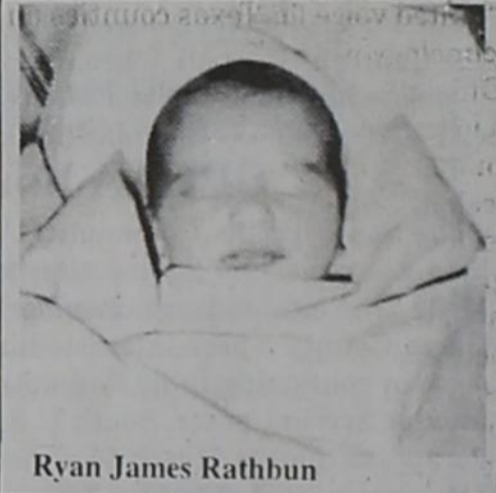
Ryan James Rathbun

Aaron and JoAnn Rathbun proudly announce the birth of their son Ryan James, who was born February 25, 2002 at Covenant Medical Center.

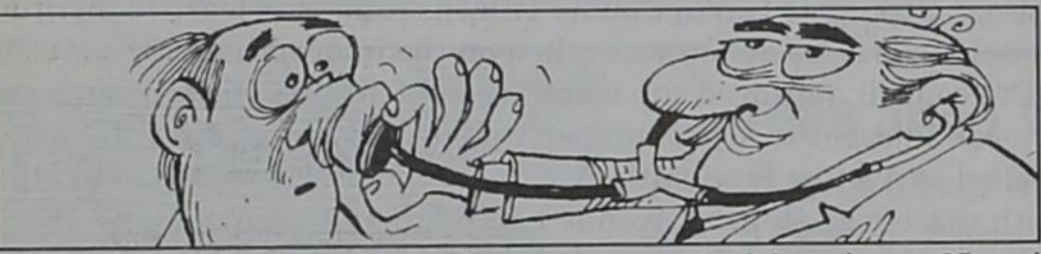
The baby weighed eight pounds, four ounces at birth.

Maternal grandmother is Alicia Foreman of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Neva and Leon Rathbun of Montana.



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Reception for Howington

A welcoming reception for Faith Howington, new County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, will be held Wednesday, March 20, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Garza County. The public is invited to help us welcome Faith to the community.

Southland 4-H Club...

...will meet Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Southland School Cafeteria.

Alternative Crops & Weed Control Seminar

There will be a Seminar on Alternative Crops and Weed Control Thursday, March 21, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon. Crop options including sorghum, sunflowers, guar, alfalfa, summer annual forages, BMR, weed control, CRP, EQIP, water quality plans and NAP are just some of the topics to be covered by Dr. Calvin Trostle, Extension Agronomist, Dr. Peter Doltray, Extension Weed Scientist, Mario Vila, NRCS Director, and Victor Ashley, FSA Director. Two (2) CEU's will be given to those attending.

Spring Contest

Any youth interested in participating in Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, Rifle Project, Shotgun Project, Method Demonstrations, Photography contest or any other current 4-H event, call the Extension office at 495-4400 to sign up.



Members of the Post VFW and Ladies Auxiliary making the trip to the Big Spring VA Hospital to deliver special gifts to veterans are (left to right) Lewis Earl, JoAnn Stelzer, Melvis Taylor, Janet Ratliff, Chuck Ratliff and (seated) Maxine Earl. (Photo courtesy JoAnn Stelzer)

Nesmith gets USN duty assignment

Navy Reserve Petty Officer 2nd Class Joel V. Nesmith, son of Mary L. and James V. Nesmith of Post, recently reported for duty with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Five, Port Hueneme, Calif.

Nesmith is a 1976 graduate of Post High School. He joined the Navy Reserve in November 1995.

Birthdays This Week

- March 15 - Donna Gonzalez
- March 16 - Bruce Ledbetter
- March 17 - David Dean, Marge Tannehill
- March 18 - Mitch Holly, Allison Blevins, Lyndee Strawn, Eric Lopez
- March 19 - Ben Mason, Joyce Nelson, Sandy Nelson
- March 20 - Jacky Harp, Regina Collazo, Zachariah Hinkle



Post VFW Ladies Auxiliary members at the Big Spring VA Hospital on the recent hospitality trip were (left to right) Melvis Taylor, Ruth Walls and Twana McCrary. (Photo by JoAnn Stelzer)



Chuck Ratliff (left), Maxine Earl (middle) and Lewis Earl at the Big Spring VA Hospital during the Post VFW hospitality trip recently. (Photo by JoAnn Stelzer)

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County approves resolutions

Garza County Commissioners approved a pair of resolutions Monday - one recognizing the week of March 17-23 as National Agriculture Week in Texas and the other in support of a "united voice for Texas counties on technology issues."

Officially proclaimed by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, the National Agriculture Week in Texas resolution urges area residents to learn more about the role agriculture plays in the local society and economy and to share that knowledge with young people. The resolution also calls for the recognition of farmers and ranchers and their families who "contribute so much to this country, this station, this nation and this world."

"Whereas Sam Houston reported to the President of the United States, I have traveled near 500 miles across Texas and am now enabled to judge pretty near correctly of the soil and the resources of the county, and I have no hesitancy in pronouncing it the finest country to its extent upon the globe..." reads the resolution.

"Whereas Davy Crockett said, 'I

must say as to what I have seen of Texas, it is the garden spot of the world, the best land and the best prospects for health I ever saw, and I do believe it is a fortune to any man to come here..."

"Whereas Texas' farmers and ranchers have made agriculture the second-largest industry, generating \$80 billion for the state's economy annually, and... the Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, with almost 80 percent of the land involved in some form of agricultural production - including livestock, crops, aquaculture, horticulture (and) forestry..."

The second resolution unites county officials with members of the County Information Resources Agency in declaring support for uniting Texas counties in an effort to obtain appropriate recognition and resources to address the growing challenge of technology.

The CIRA was created to serve as a coordinating entity to work with state and federal agencies in the planning and deployment of new programs involving the use of technology and is designed to act as a cen-

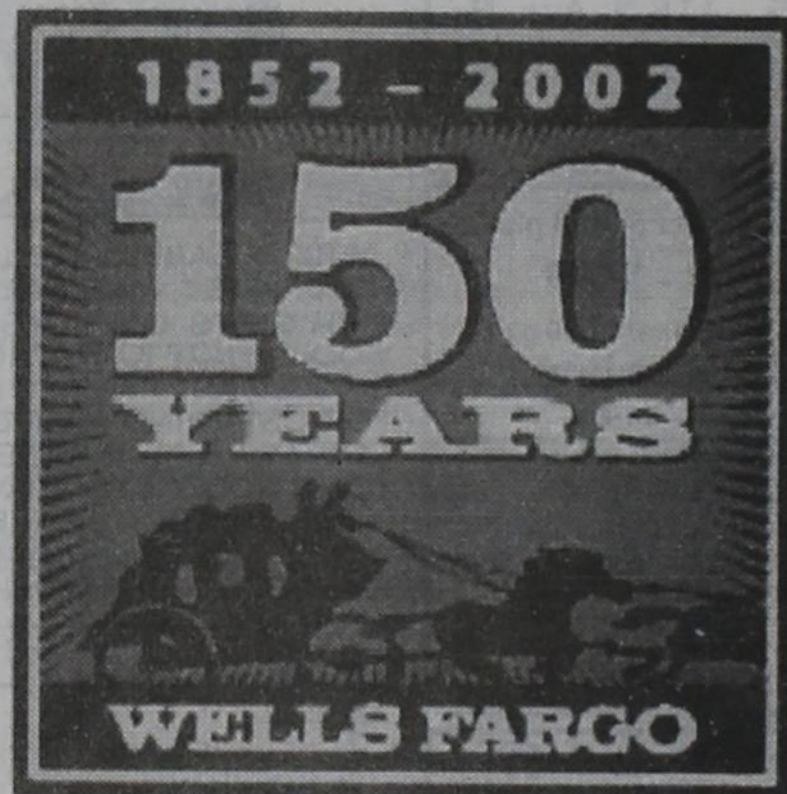
tral technology information resource for county government.

"Whereas Texas counties provide essential services to all Texas residents and serve the state and federal governments by implementing their programs on the local level and by providing them with required data and other information... and federal and state governments are re-engineering government operations and services to incorporate current technology and are aggressively moving to mandate local government participation in these technology changes..." reads the resolution.

"Whereas counties desire to be an equal partner with the state in governmental technology initiatives for Texas residents, but often lack the financial resources and technical expertise to individually address the challenge... the commissioners' court of Garza County declares that the development of an equal partnership between the state and counties for the planning and implementation of technology applications for governmental operations is essential to the effective use of governmental resources..."

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—William Shakespeare,
The Comedy of Errors



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Obituaries

John Franklin Case

Services for John Franklin Case, 92, of Rising Star will be conducted at a later date following cremation. Arrangements will be handled through the Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland.

He died Sunday, March 10, 2002, at an Eastland hospital. Born April 21, 1909, in Valliant, Okla., to Robert Cross and Fannie Leggett Case, he was a high school graduate and attended Texas Tech for three and a half years on a track scholarship. He entered the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe and received three Bronze Stars. He was employed at Edwards Air Force Base as an electrical engineer for many years. He married Ann Dillard March 2, 1990, in Lubbock. They moved to Rising Star after their marriage. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Lubbock and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Case of Rising Star; four stepchildren, Richard Troxtell of Rising Star, Timothy Troxtell of Spur, Susan Gonzales of Post and Julie Cruz of Van Alstyne; two brothers, Herbert Case of Lubbock and Bob Case of Birmingham, Ala.; and nine grandchildren.

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Helicopter flights help Xcel with mapping of lines

A helicopter manned by Xcel Energy personnel will be flying over Post and other South Plains communities in coming weeks as the utility company attempts to inventory and map its high-voltage electricity transmission system.

Xcel Energy is using a low-flying helicopter equipped with a video camera to conduct the inventory, which will include flyovers in the areas around Post, Lubbock, Plainview, Floydada, Slaton, Tahoka, Seminole, Seagraves, Denver City, Levelland, Littlefield, Morton and Muleshoe.

The inventory process will be conducted during periods of favorable weather, according to Milton Rasberry, Xcel Energy director, Texas and New Mexico field operations.

"We want our customers to know they may hear and see this helicopter with its camera," he said. "We've contracted for this technology to help

us at Xcel Energy maintain high reliability of electric service."

Xcel Energy is the newly acquired name of Southwestern Public Service Co.

The helicopter will fly 150-200 feet above the company's highest lines. It is painted white and black, with the identifier N160RC on its cabin. A camera under the cabin's front will digitally videotape the high lines, power interchanges and substations.

A California firm, GeoDigital Technologies, will inventory and digitally map each part of the transmission system.

Xcel Energy operates more than 6,500 miles of transmission lines and facilities and more than 15,400 miles of lower-voltage, distribution lines in New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas.

"Information from these flights may help us restore service after storm damage more quickly," Rasberry said,

"and we expect the information will help us keep costs in check and our prices of service the lowest offered in the region."

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Four arrests reported here

Four individuals were arrested during the past week, according to records supplied by the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

On March 7, a 34-year-old male was picked up on DPS warrants and a 34-year-old female was arrested for revocation/community service.

A 21-year-old female was arrested on a warrant March 8, and a 22-year-old male was picked up on City of Lubbock traffic warrants March 9.

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JOHN LEHTI

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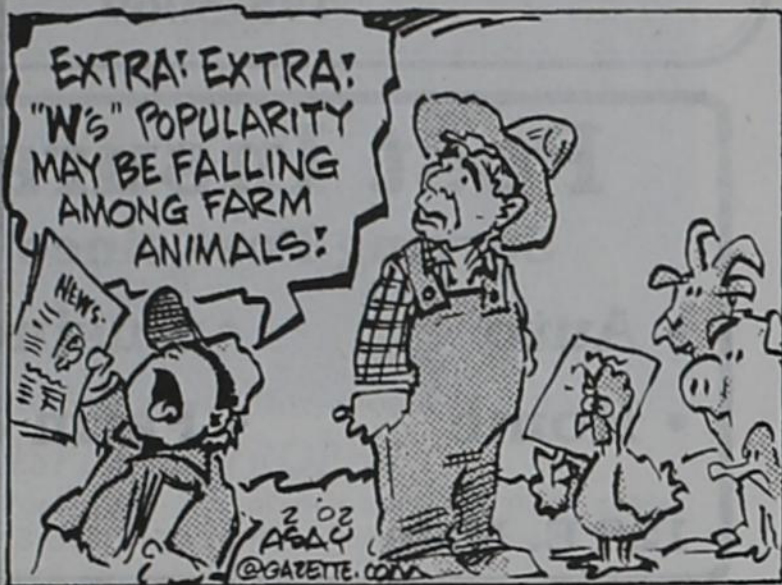
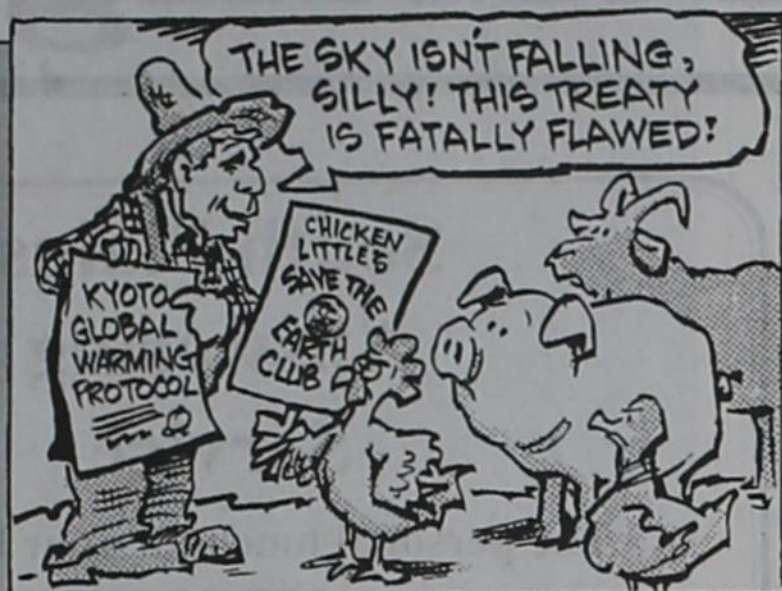
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Let's build a hospital

by Wes Burnett

Members of the Garza County Hospital District board of directors and the citizen advisory committee are to be commended for the diligent efforts they're investing toward opening (or reopening) a hospital here. We certainly support good medical care for the people of Garza County.

And although we support the idea of opening a hospital here, we oppose the use of theft to fund such a facility.

So far we have heard no member of the GHD board, nor its advisory committee, consider any funding options other than taxes. In their deliberations, supporters of tax funded health care call for using taxes "for the good of the community," failing utterly to consider the damage and destructive power of taxes and the immorality of stealing property (earnings) from people against their will.

Taxation is defined as the taking of property or earnings, using the force of government if necessary, against the will of individuals. Theft is defined as the taking of property against the will of individuals.

In other words, theft and taxation are the same, except government theft is considered "legal" because the majority of voters give their approval. That does not, of course, diminish the fact that taxation remains a form of theft. It is simply immoral.

It would not be immoral if taxation applied only to those voters who approved of the tax. In that way, only those agreeing would be forced to pay. If that were the case here, then we would have no objection. If those who believe that building a hospital is such a grand idea, they should be the first to step forward with private investment to make it happen.

When confronted with this question, taxing supporters point out that private funding just won't work, so, they insist on resorting to the use of force to make people pay for something, which supporters insist is "for their own good."

They have bought into the socialist notion that those who have, owe what they have to those who don't have. Karl Marx would be thrilled to live among us today, the majority has taken his evil and corrupt ideas into their hearts and minds in such a fashion that the old socialist would be amazed.

We stand in firm opposition to Marxism and socialism. It should be obvious that freedom and liberty can not coexist with socialism. Furthermore, using socialist methods to further a cause is in direct violation of our Christian principles.

Those of us who claim to be Christians must come to terms with our obligation to abide by those principles, including the ancient commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Steal." Just as we oppose murder, we must also oppose theft.

As a professing Christian, I am compelled to stand against the corruption of taxation. I can not sit idly by, ignoring the sinfulness of taxation. I can not be silent in the face of the continuing disregard for God's word by political leaders following the order of the mob. Just because the majority says it's okay does not make it so.

There are other ways to build and operate a hospital here without stealing. We'll address those ideas in future opinion pieces.

They're coming after you...

by Walter E. Williams

Most Americans were pleased with the legislative attack on cigarette smokers, not to mention confiscatory tobacco taxes. We reveled in the EPA's dishonest study concluding that second-hand smoke causes cancer. And, by the way, I'd like to hear whether the Food & Drug Administration would sanction pharmaceutical companies employing EPA's research methods to test drug safety — and if not, why not?

The real reason for the attack on smokers is that many people are offended by the tobacco odor. Unfortunately, in their quest to eliminate tobacco fumes, Americans are willing to trade away constitutional principles and rule of law.

Tyrants are never satisfied. They've lined up new victims. Surgeon General David Satcher has provided them with ammunition by describing obesity as America's No. 1 killer, costing 300,000 lives annually. As a result of cardiovascular disease, diabetes and other obesity-related illnesses, it's costing us billions upon billions of health dollars. That means, according to John Banzhaf of George Washington University School of Law and other tyrants, America's food industry is to blame and liable. New York University Professor Marion Nestle agrees, saying that the food industry "can't behave like cigarette companies. ... Yet there's a lot of people who benefit from people being fat and sick, and the whole setup is designed to make people eat more. So the response to the food industry should be very similar to what happened with the tobacco companies."

The Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) is one of the Washington lobbies that wants to control what we eat. These tyrants not only propose taxes on what they deem as non-nutritious foods, they've also proposed a 5 percent tax on new television sets and video equipment, and a \$65 tax on each new car or an extra penny per gallon of gas. You might ask why tax these items? CSPI Nazis see watching television and videos, and riding instead of walking, as contributing to obesity.

And, as they see it, just as tobacco companies were responsible for

people smoking, television manufacturers are responsible for people being couch potatoes, automobile companies are responsible for people riding instead of walking and the food industry is responsible for people eating too much.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has joined these tyrants. No reasonable person advocates drunk driving, but MADD has another agenda. It wishes to outlaw driving even after having one drink. It has successfully pushed Congress to lower the blood/alcohol level for a drunk-driving arrest to .08 percent. But its true agenda was revealed by Steve Simon, chairman of the Minnesota State DUI Task Force, when he said: "If .08 percent is good, .05 percent is better. That's where we're headed. It doesn't mean that we should get there all at once. But ultimately it should be .02 percent."

That's the way Nazis work — incrementally. If they had demanded Congress make the blood/alcohol .02, they wouldn't have gotten anything — not even .08 percent. I wouldn't be surprised if their ultimate agenda is alcohol prohibition.

The Center for Consumer Freedom (www.consumerfreedom.com) keeps up-to-date information on these and other tyrants. You might say, "What's the fuss, Williams? These people will never get away with controlling what we eat and drink!" Think again. In the '60s, when the anti-smoking zealots were simply asking for smoking and non-smoking sections on airplanes, no one would have ever anticipated today's tobacco taxes, laws and regulations.

Most evil done in the world is done in the name of promoting this or that good. By turning away from rule of law and constitutional government, Americans are following in the footsteps of the decent Germans, who during the 1920s and '30s built the Trojan Horse that enabled Hitler to take over.

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Save us from 'educated' Americans is more than a slogan

by Jack McLamb

(Continued from last week)

As difficult as it is for some officials to adjust to, (officers included), we now have some Americans among us that "know their rights". And, as if that wasn't bad enough, these individuals profess that "every Right is as important as the next."

Of course they're correct, but, the truth is, we Police officers get a bit indignant over being told we have erred in the past by ignoring some of our countrymen's basic rights. Even so, every police officer has an important choice to make when it comes to handling these "Freemen" today.

Several are as follows:

1. Officers can make it as rough as possible on these individuals who wish to retain their freedoms. Officers can come down hard on these sometimes arrogant, (and perhaps a bit foolish), Americans that are firmly convinced that they still live in a nation with a government "of, for, and by the people."

— OR —

2. We can try our best to understand them and their obsessive desire for "freedom", which isn't illegal as of this writing. In so doing, we can try to understand their "reasoning", which is surprisingly very similar to some of our nation's past Statesmen, like Daniel Webster, when he reminded our forefathers: "If this Constitution be picked away by piecemeal, (piece by piece), it is gone as effectively as if a military despot had grasped it, trampled it underfoot, and scattered it to the winds."

Another American recently made this rather radical statement: "It is not the function of our government to keep the citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the citizen to keep the government from falling into error." - Justice Robert H. Jackson, 1954. (This, of course, sounds like Sedition to a Bureaucrat.)

As to "officer choices", it is more than obvious that if we choose to support our oaths, and therefore our fellow countrymen's rights, we will need great courage. It will require that "both sides" become more understanding of each other's obligations and duties.

As officers, you will at times, be sorely taxed and tempted to "correct a particular attitude forthwith", when a Freeman, Patriot, Constitutionalist, (whatever the name), rather crudely, or rudely, expresses their views to you.

It will take great patience to understand that these people are attempting to regain and save certain rights that belong not only to them, but to every police officer and their family. We must remember that EVERY AMERICAN (police officers and Freemen included), have not just the right, but the DUTY, to point out perceived injustices in our system of government.

The truth is, most police officers would have little respect for any American that shirked this most important patriotic duty.

How to tell a bogus freeman

I inquired of a very respected and well known Freeman as to how an Officer could tell a true, dyed-in-the-flag Freeman from a fake. Here is a small portion of his response: "A Freeman does not believe he is above

the law. To the contrary.

Those who truly understand, take full responsibility for their own actions. They do not drive while under the influence, DUI/DWI. They are very cautious in their driving habits. They obey the rules of the road. They take personal responsibility for damage they may cause to the person or property of another.

They expect the 'police powers' to correct them if they become inattentive or careless. When observed committing some act or omission that is a clear endangerment to others, they will expect to be confronted and if necessary, arrested."

The Freeman's real 'bone of contention', according to me friend, "is the manner in which the government, surreptitiously, converts rights, belonging to the people, into a government granted, regulated and taxed privilege." He further stated - "Freemen object to the use of the 'police powers' as a 'revenue enhancement' tool via the cash register courts."

I explained to him that many Police officers feel the same way about being trained daily to hunt, track, and capture the unsuspecting citizen as PREY, "bounding-up" this prey for the Courts to methodically SKIN. Lastly, the officer objects to being made to take the "HEAD" (count) of his prey for the precinct wall where hangs the monthly officer recap or quota sheets.

I further explained that the intelligent, dedicated, Police officer resents being made the people's ADVISORY. They want to work with the people as a friend and serve them as their protectors, as was the "Peace Officer's" role of the past.

It seems to be a poor judgement call or a case of misplaced priorities, in the minds of most city police officers, when they are made to spend a majority of their "non-radio-call" time, lurking on street corners, attempting to track and capture good citizens going about their daily activities for traffic violations when the real criminal element is in these same citizen's homes and neighborhoods raping, robbing and burglarizing at will.

After my unexpected little speech, my Freeman friend drew silent for a moment. He then looked me in the eyes, as if in disbelief, and said, "And where might these fine Officers be found?"

A rose by any other name ...

By any name, Freeman, Patriot, Constitutionalist, I doubt that there are many Police officers that don't hope and pray that Americans will always cry out loudly, and take the firmest stand, when they honestly believe they have grievances with their government.

I hope, for our nation, and for the sake of our children's future, that I echo the feelings of most U.S. Lawmen when I say that rather than LES of these "loud-mouth" concerned Americans, who are not afraid to stand up and be counted, (even if they go to jail or worse), that we need MORE Americans that care enough to fight for what they believe is right.

As for me, I'm much more afraid of the growing numbers of "SPINELESS, PUSSY-FOOTING, LIMP-WRIST, MEALY-MOUTHED, FORKED-TONGUED, COMPROMISING, PUSH-OVERS" that pass

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We would like to express our gratitude for the baby showers that our church family, the staff at Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility and the staff at Wilson ISD had for us. Thank you friends and family for the gifts for our baby, Ryan James. We also appreciate our church family for the wonderful meals that were prepared for us. We thank the staff at Wilson ISD and the staff of Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility for the beautiful flowers we received. God Bless!
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NRCS announces EQIP allocations

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The Upper Brazos Geographical Priority Area (GPA) includes all or a portion of the following counties: Garza, Kent, Stonewall, Scurry, Borden, Fisher and Jones. It covers approximately two million acres.
"Funding recently allocated to the

Upper Brazos GPA totals \$505,750," said Mario Avila, Natural Resources manager with the USDA-NRCS. "Producers can sign up for the EQIP program year round; however, the funding available at this time will be put toward applications submitted by April 26."

The EQIP program offers producers the opportunity to enter into a contract with the USDA and receive cost-shares to implement eligible vegetative and structural practices. "EQIP contracts range from five to 10 years and provides for a maximum of 75 percent of the established average cost to install eligible practices," Killough said.

Such cost-shared practices include brush management, livestock pipeline and water storage facilities, fences, and terraces to address the water quality as the primary resource concern in the Upper Brazos GPA. Additional conservation practices may be eligible.

The main goals of the GPA are to reduce the amount of non-point source pollution, sediment and associated pollutants on treated acres by 95 percent on rangeland and 90 percent on cropland, utilizing the needed conservation practices to meet a producer's needs.

For more information on the EQIP program or to submit an application, contact the USDA-NRCS field office at 210 W. Main in Post or call 495-2056.

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Lunch - Nachos supreme, salad, fruit cocktail, cookie, choice of milk

March 19 - Breakfast - Breakfast taco, fruit, milk
Lunch - Burrito, salad, peaches, snicker bar, choice of milk

March 20 - Breakfast - Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk
Lunch - Manwich, salad, pears, reese's cup, choice of milk

March 21 - Breakfast - Cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch - Chicken nuggets, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding choice of milk

March 22 - Breakfast - Cereal, toast, fruit, milk, grape juice
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March 18 - Breakfast - Cheesetoast, juice, milk
Lunch - Chili cheese burritos, corn salad, puffs, milk

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Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, salad, green beans, garlic toast, banana pudding, milk

March 20 - Breakfast - Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, milk
Lunch - Turkey, dressing, potatoes, fruit salad, milk

March 21 - Breakfast - Cereal, juice, milk
Lunch - Corn dogs, pork-n-beans, corn, cookies, milk

March 22 - Breakfast - Breakfast pockets, fruit, milk
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March 18 - Meat loaf, corn, green beans, salad, white roll, jello salad
March 19 - Chicken & rice, greens, cream gravy, biscuit, fruit salad, sugar cookie

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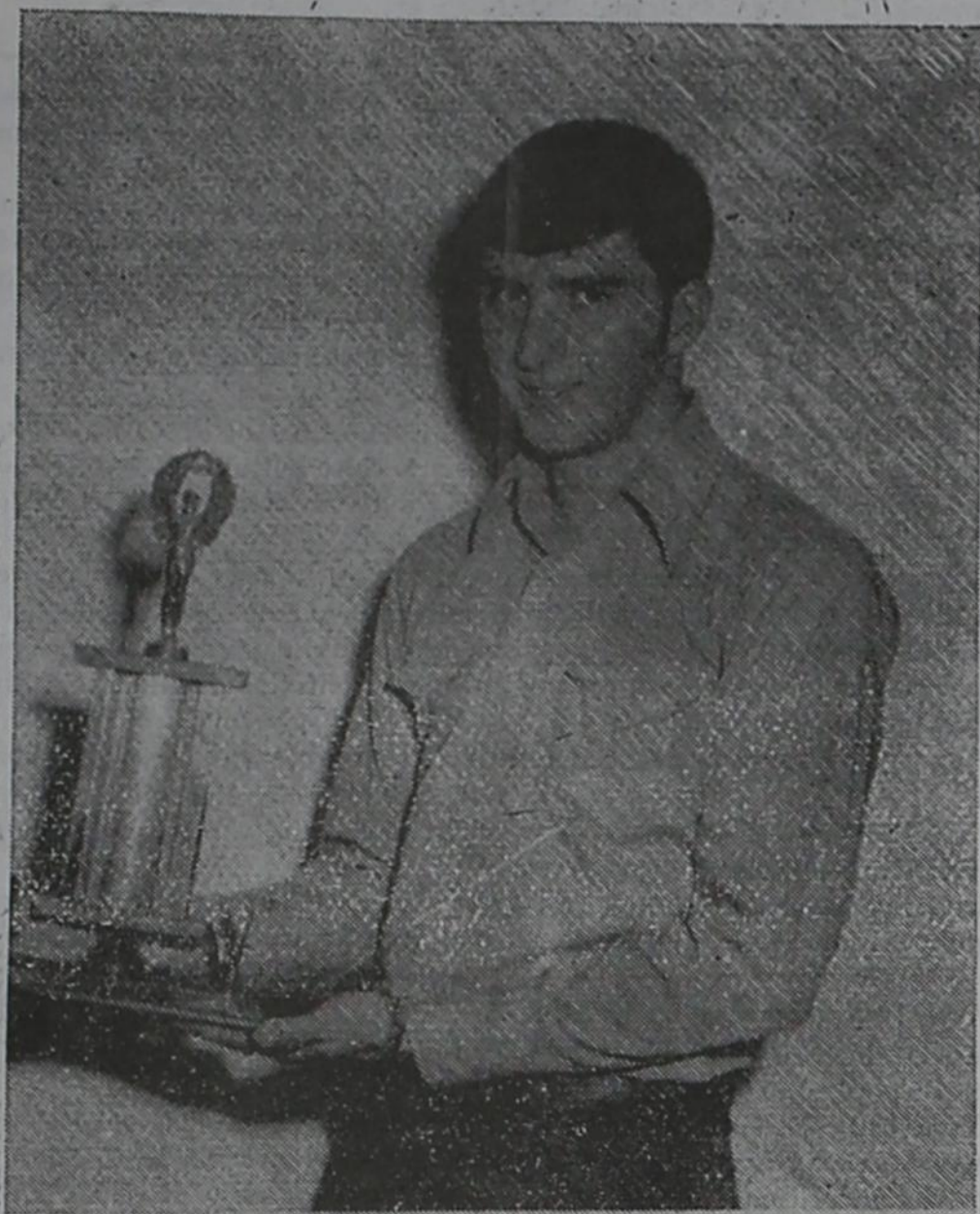
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DISPLAYS TROPHY

Phil Mathews of Post High School displays the third place trophy he won at Brownfield in the VFW's regional "Voice of Democracy" speech contest.

Wins trophy in speech contest

Phil Mathews, Post High School senior, won the third place trophy Feb. 27 in the regional "Voice of Democracy" speech contest at Brownfield.

Earlier, Phil had won both the local and district contests. The "Voice of Democracy" contest is sponsored by the Veteran of Foreign Wars. The speech topic was "My Responsibility to Freedom."

Phil is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marion G. Mathews. The Post High School student body is proud of him for his success and would like to say, "Congratulations."

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor Policy: We require all letters to be signed. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of The Post Dispatch nor its staff.

Old Glory... fly 'er high

Sure don't seem like it, but six months have gone by since the Sept. 11 terror attacks on America.

I thought it was amazing how quickly the country pulled together and the American flags started flying. My World War I veteran father loved to see "Old Glory" in the air, so I put his casket flag up on my front porch Sept. 12. Later I got to thinking that doing that might not be appropriate, so I took it down.

I intended to put up pole and flag, but my good neighbors across the street put up a nice one, so I just walk out ever morning and admire Mike and Wanda's. Then I thank God that we are still free so far.

Since my father was a WWI veteran and a lot of my old friends paid the ultimate price in Vietnam, I have a high respect for the American flag. In my opinion, there is not enough ways and means to thank the veterans and the active duty military folks for serving this country. I for one, thank them for their service.

I believe we are very much standing on shaky and unstable ground. I believe we are long ways from being in a total calm worldwide. I wonder ever day what is gonna happen next. And I have no doubt that something will.

It gives me some sort of a good feeling to see "Old Glory" flying in the wind. But then I notice there is some that don't care one way or the other.

Just out of curiosity, I wonder what the veterans and active duty military people think when they drive down Main Street or North Broadway and see the tethered flags flopping in the wind like a bunch of wore out dishrags?

I notice the school and post office raise and lower their flags daily and keep good ones in the air. Some fly all night, but are lighted or taken down in the evening. Some are neither lighted or taken down at dusk.

The nice looking "Welcome to Post" display on Main Street is a pretty neat piece of artwork. But some one needs to run the USA flag over to Hildegard and let her sew it up or burn it. The other pole either needs a Texas flag or hang a sign on it pointing to Lake Allen Henry.

The flag on North Broadway is taller than it is long. What a disgrace to mankind.

After election is over and the commissioners go back to the old coffee and doughnut thing, they oughta call a special session and see if there might be a few dollars left in the general fund and buy a couple of new flags for the courthouse poles. Ol' C.W. Post is tired of having ravelings fall on his head.

I think its great for everyone to display flags, but I also think we all need to show plenty of respect for our free country and the military folks that keep it that way.

There has been and will be multitudes of military people that have had their ass blew off trying to keep the flag flying as it pleases. Should we show some respect for that or what?

As I see it and my opinion only, O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson



A gargoyle is a spout placed on the roof gutter of a building to carry away rainwater, usually carved in the shapes of fanciful animals and grotesque beasts. If it does not spout water, it is not a true gargoyle.

Yesteryears

**March 11, 1992
10 Years Ago**

The Garza Co. Commissioners' Court voted at its regular meeting Monday morning to notify pathologist Dr. Ralph Erdman of Lubbock of the required 60 days notice to cancel the contract for pathological services. "It has been the practice that all counties in the 106th Judicial District contract with the same pathologist," Dalby added. Justice of the Peace Dee C. Justice reported that he was waiting for an autopsy that was ordered in January and expressed his concern about the delay.

The Post Chamber of Commerce and the City of Post hosted 21 mayors from cities across El Salvador during a visit here last week in conjunction with the TTU Center for Applied International Development Studies.

Rhonda Rogers Thomas received her BA in history from Western Texas College of Colorado in Gunnison. Rhonda is the daughter of Tommy and Rosemary Cole.

Krista Kemp, a 1991 graduate of Post High School, is presently a student at the University of Texas in Austin, where she is manager for the Lady Longhorns basketball team. Krista is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Kemp.

The first ever Post High School baseball team will open its 1992 season here Friday at 5 p.m., hosting Lubbock High's JV.

**March 11, 1982
20 Years Ago**

Jury awards \$492,243 to Roy Don Hodges and wife, Ann, plaintiffs in the law suit against William M. McLauri III. The suit stemmed from a shooting in the Long Branch Tavern parking lot here on the Nov. 19, 1980 in which Hodges lost his sight as a result of a shooting. This was the largest damage suit ever filed in Garza County.

Mrs. and Mrs. Morris Tyler proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, D'Linda Ruth to Michael Kurt Chapman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Mason of Post, announce the birth of a daughter, Rachel Lynne, born March 6, in Garza Memorial Hospital.

Kerri Pool of Post was named to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the fall 1981 semester at Baylor University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pool.

Les Showell of the National Sever Storm Laboratories located in Norman, Okla., was in Post Tuesday to meet with Bob Macy, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the City County Airport, to coordinate a program of weather testing to be held here between now and May 1.

**March 9, 1972
30 Years Ago**

Garza County SCD held their awards banquet last week. This years conservation winners were Tom Middleton, conservation rancher, and Jerry and Ronald Thuett, conservation farmers.

Two Post High School choir members were rated as superior in the University Interscholastic League solo contest held Saturday in Lubbock. The top rating of superior went to Dan Hodges and Mark Hays.

Thursday to Thursday: The man up the street says how long a minute is depends upon which side of the bathroom door you are on.

Reggie Moore was named to the first team and Steve Hays to the second team in 4AA all-district basketball selections.

A former Post cowboy, Tim Prather of Snyder, sustained a broken leg while calf roping last week at the Houston Astrodome Rodeo.

**March 15, 1962
40 Years Ago**

William W. Young, Close City Cop Gin manager, has invented and patented a new type four-row stalk shredder and announced the formation of a new corporation to manufacture the shredder and other farm machinery here in Post.

Post soon will have a new tornado warning siren system—and it's hoped it will be installed and ready before the spring "twister season" arrives.

Mrs. Mary Wristen was elected president of District XIII, Texas State Teachers Association, at the annual convention in Lubbock. Mrs. Wristen teaches social studies in Post Junior High School.

The Garza County commissioners court this week authorized the purchase of a General Electric x-ray machine for Garza Memorial Hospital at a cost of \$13,350 plus the trade-in of present x-ray equipment.

Mary Barnes, 8th grade, and Jacqueline Wilson, 7th grade, won the Post schools' Spelling Bee Tuesday and will compete Friday afternoon in the annual Garza County Spelling Bee.

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Francisco DeLaRosa are the parents of a son, Jimmy Ray, born March 7 in the Garza Memorial Hospital.

**March 13, 1952
50 Years Ago**

Don Rose, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rose of Post, remained in serious condition in Lubbock Memorial hospital Wednesday from injuries received in a highway accident which occurred here last Friday night.

After a three month delay brought on by one postponement and one

continuance, the case of the State vs. Earl Smith, charged by a Garza County Grand Jury with murder with malice in connection with the Shooting of Marshall "Monk" Gibson at a drive-in cafe on the Lubbock highway got underway here Monday. Complete plans are not formulated but from the looks of tentative plans Post youth will have a good time this summer under the Summer Recreational program to be sponsored by the Post PTA. Coaches Bing Bingham and Vernon Ray will be in charge of the program.

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Sports

'Lope baseball team wins Frenship J.V. tournament

The Post Antelope baseball team claimed the championship in the recent Frenship Junior Varsity Baseball Tournament.

To get things started in the first game, Jon Eilenberger slapped a bases empty home run to left center, giving the Post Antelopes (4-0) the lead for good in a 6-3 victory over Andrews' JV team.

Eilenberger's lead off solo blast, his second of the year, put Post up 4-3 in the bottom of the sixth. Mikey Gonzales and Mitchell Mills, batting behind Eilenberger, scored insurance runs for the final score.

Post starter Cody Fox (2-0) shut down Andrews in the final two innings, with inspired defensive help. He threw 12 and 12 pitches, respectively, after the Mustangs roughed up Fox for three runs in the fourth and fifth inning, forging a 3-3 tie.

Offensively, Post had only five strikeouts in 27 at-bats and four homeruns in four games. Fox surrendered three runs, two earned, on four hits with three walks and 10 strikeouts, but bore down on the Mustangs in the late innings when Post needed it the most.

Post jumped ahead in the first. Kenny Ratke walked leading off, Bryan Looney's RBI triple plated Ratke, while Fox followed with a RBI single. Post punched across one other run in their half of the third on Eilenberger's RBI single, scoring Luis Zubia, who singled to left field leading off the inning.

Post was unable to score any runs in the fourth and fifth innings, playing with a strong wind blowing in from right field to left.

Defensively, Post escaped any major jams, allowing one bases loaded Mustang inning just two errors in seven innings.

Batting for Post in this game were Ratke, two walks; Looney, one triple and a RBI; Fox, one single, one RBI; Eilenberger, one single, one home run, two RBIs; Gonzales, one single; Mills, one single; Roland Casteneda, one single, one RBI; and Zubia, one single.

In game two, Randon Blacklock, a freshman pitching his first varsity game, keyed an 11-2 thrashing of Plainview's JV team Friday in the second round of the tourney.

Blacklock's (1-0) pitching stats were six strikeouts, six hits, three walks with two runs allowed in six innings. Blacklock threw 12 pitches to four batters in getting three outs, with one single to slam the door on Plainview in the sixth inning.

Post jumped off to a first inning lead on leadoff batter Ratke's single, Looney's E-1 single and Eilenberger's two RBI triple. Eilenberger trotted in to score on Brody Robertson's single to right field. Robertson scored on Blacklock's triple to the fence, as the Antelopes jumped off to a quick 4-0 lead, effectively shutting down any chances for Plainview's JV.

Offensively, Post's batters had nine hits while only striking out five times in 36 at-bats. Coach Postell juggled his lineup due to track duties by several 'Lopes and Post having to play two games on the same day. Post's battery combination was freshman pitcher Blacklock and catcher Jett Lott.

Defensively, the Post nine had only one error in the six-inning game. Plainview earned the right to meet Post by the tiebreaker in the 0-0 New Deal-Plainview game. New Deal is a district 4-2A Post opponent.

Batting for Post were Ratke, two singles, one E-6 single; Looney, two E-1 singles, one walk, one RBI; Casteneda, one triple, one bases-loaded hit batter, one E-4 single, two RBIs; Eilenberger, one triple, one E-6 single, two RBIs; Zubia, two fielder's choice singles, three RBIs; Robertson, two singles, one E-5 single, one RBI; Blacklock, one triple, one RBI; Patrick Gonzales, one on-base by hit batter, one single, one E-3 single; Lott, one E-1 single.

In game three, Post built a 6-3 lead in the first three innings. Looney hit a solo home run with Mills' homerun sandwiching an RBI double by Mikey Gonzales.

Frenship JV appeared to have shaken off the early miscues to get back in the game in their half of the first inning by scoring two runs on three hits. Post plated two runs in the third. That, however, would be all Post could muster, as the 'Lopes had four base runners in innings four through seven: scoring no runs.

Frenship, meanwhile, was given plenty of opportunities to keep pace with Post but could not cash in on them. After the second inning, Frenship JV had

at least two base runners on in each inning to push the Antelopes. Post responded with a bend but not break defense, never allowing more than one run in any inning.

Looney (3-0) worked around nine hits by the strong Frenship team and scattered 11 strikeouts to continually shut down Frenship's rallies. He totaled 102 pitches, but not throwing more than 20 in any inning to get the complete seven-inning victory - walking two Frenship players.

Offensively, Post batters had only five strikeouts in 31 at-bats while going 6-0 to start the 2002 season.

Frenship had one final chance in the ninth, getting the first two men on base. Their lead batter eventually scored to close within 5-6, but Looney induced the third batter to hit a fielder's choice out at second. A hit batter and an error hit followed to load the bases.

Looney, showing great character, punched out the next batter on three straight pitches and induced the final batter into a game-ending one-pitch pop out to second baseman Blacklock, whose diving snare in the infield grass closed out what was probably the most exciting game to date in the tournament.

Batting for Post were Ratke, one single; Looney, one walk, one home run, one RBI; Fox, one single, one double; Eilenberger, one single; Mikey Gonzales, one single, one double, two RBIs; Mills, one walk, one home run, two RBIs; and Zubia, one single, one RBI.

In the championship game, Post scored four runs in the first inning against Monterey JV, and Monterey had one base runner during the first three innings as Post jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning.

After Monterey's leadoff hitter lashed a full-count double, Post's defense shut down nine straight Mustangs. Overall, Post got seven ground ball outs and seven fly ball or pop up outs.

Monterey's JV batters four through nine batted .059 collectively for the game on one for 17 and Mustang batters one through three got seven hits but plated only one run due to Post's tenacious defense.

Fox (3-0) walked one batter and went to a full count to three batters out of 31 at-bats. He spread eight hits out over seven innings, with seven strikeouts and one hit batter in 110 total pitches.

Offensively, Post struck out only seven times in 31 at-bats. In the fifth inning, lead off batter Eilenberger tripled and came in on Mills' single to left field. Mills was brought home on Robertson's single to right. No further scoring occurred, as two 'Lopes were stranded in scoring positions.

Batting for Post were Ratke, one single; Looney, one single; Fox, one single, one double; Eilenberger, one triple; Mikey Gonzales, one single; Mills, one single, one bases-loaded E-6 hit with two RBIs; Casteneda, one bases-loaded fielder's choice hit, two error singles with one RBI; Robertson, one walk, one single, one RBI; and Zubia, one walk.

Looney, Mills and Fox were selected to the All-Tournament Team. With the Caprock Invitational Baseball Tournament on tap later this week and then the start of District 4-2A play after an away game with Ira, Post's (7-0) confidence received a tremendous boost with Saturday's tourney win.

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Colvin named national winner

Clifford Colvin of Post, a student at Southland High School, has been named a United States National Award Winner in English.

As part of the award, Colvin will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the USAA. "Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreci-

ated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

The academy selects USAA winners upon the recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

A teacher at Southland High, Leslie Moore, nominated Colvin for the award.

The son of Mike and Cynthia Colvin of Post, Colvin is the grandson of Whitey and Nell Morris of Post and the late O.C. and Katheryn Colvin of Snyder.

Post ISD ...

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Following a presentation regarding Moms in Touch, routine informational items will be reviewed, as will the board's regular monthly business.

Taba'na ...

(Continued from Page 1)

the wind direction at the moment of sunrise, kneeling and pointing a feather in the direction from which the wind comes end the Smoke Dance.

An east or northeast wind is indicative of a very good year, while a north or northwest wind translates into an average year. If the winds blow from the west or the southwest, Indian lore would suggest a poor year lies ahead, while winds from the south or southeast predict a very bad year.

Following the traditional ceremony, representatives of the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau will serve refreshments.

For more information, call 495-3461.

Items listed on the agenda for consideration include a discussion of a policy concerning graduation requirements for students who graduate at the detention center; employment of an auditor for the 2002 school year; presentations by Marvin Self, elementary school principal, and middle school principal Brian Brownlow; consideration of the textbook committee report; and consideration of the proposed calendar for the 2002-2003 school year.

Also to be considered is a proposed extracurricular policy: the amount the Post ISD will charge for enrollment of federal students at the detention center; and a usage fee for Antelope Arena.

The board is scheduled to go into closed session to consider action regarding contracted employees, a retirement incentive and substitutes. Any action deemed necessary in the executive session will, in accordance with state law, be taken in open session.

Smith, Schildknecht get recognition

Attorneys Ricky B. Smith and Judge R. Carter Tinsley Schildknecht, both of Lamesa, were among those recognized as maintaining members of the College of the State Bar of Texas at its annual awards luncheon Feb. 9 in Austin.

Smith is the district attorney who represents Garza County, while Schildknecht is the district judge.

The college is an honorary society made up of lawyers who strive to keep their legal knowledge and skills at peak levels through attendance of a number of continuing legal education hours, at least twice the required minimum.

Established in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas, the college counts in its ranks most of the leaders of the legal profession of the state,

including many judges. Only about six percent of Texas lawyers qualify to become members.

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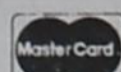
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