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# Commissioners approve new radar units, study law enforcement at Lake Alan Henry

by Wes Burnett

At the regular meeting Monday, the Garza County Commissioners' Court approved the purchase of new radar equipment for the Texas DPS troopers, using the old units in county vehicles. The two new radar units will cost the county \$6,880.

Judge Giles W. Dalby informed the court that he has been negotiating with City of Lubbock officials regarding law enforcement at Lake Alan Henry. Lubbock has assumed responsibility for law enforcement from the Brazos River Authority (BRA).

Currently Garza County deputy constable Daniel Yarbro is providing patrol duty, with an agreement between BRA and the county. Dalby said that Yarbro had applied to the City of Lubbock for one of the two positions, "and we sure would hate to lose his services, he does a lot of good work for the county in serving papers and other services," Dalby emphasized.

Dalby said he is trying to work out a shared agreement with the City of Lubbock, where the county would pay for one of the two positions.

Commissioners heard a report from Warden Terry Bartlett about progress at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Center. Bartlett said that the building was in its final stages, and should be ready for occupancy in the near future. "They're cleaning up and getting all those last minute details taken care of," Bartlett explained.

He also said that the U.S. Bureau of Prisons has shown strong interest in using the facility here for the backlog of some 12,000 prisoners. A contract is now being negotiated, and the Garza County facility could receive as many as 1,000 federal prisoners.

No action was taken on a proposal for leasing Sheriff's vehicles from Ford Motor Company. Commissioners expressed support for the project, but will await a decision until a joint meeting can be arranged with the Post City Council to determine if the city is willing to participate. Judge Dalby pointed out that high mileage on county vehicles creates a maintenance problem, and the leasing program is less expensive in the long term.

Commissioners reject the Sheriff's Department recommendation to enter into a \$100 per year contract with Starkey Electric to monitor the communications tower and equipment at the site. Deputy J.W. Jolly answered Judge Dalby's question about the schedule of maintenance checks, saying that there hadn't been a regular procedure.

Dalby recommended at least every other week check on the gen-

erator and batteries, then proposed that a county employee might be assigned to take responsibility for the monitoring.

In other action, the court postponed a decision on purchasing and installing new computer equipment and software at the sheriff's department until a joint meeting with the city council. Steve Mason presented proposals for the project, with an estimated total price of \$18,966. The old computers have to be replaced in order to meet Y2K compliance.

## GHD board faces tough decisions

The agenda for tonight's Garza County Hospital District board of directors includes 19 items for discussion, in addition to minutes and monthly reports. The meeting opens at 6 p.m. at Citizens Bank community room.

Among the old business items on the agenda are (1) discussing abolishing office of hospital administrator; (2) introduction of interim administrator; (3) accrued vacation leave for former administrator Maritta Reed; (4) minutes of the Jan. 15, 1999 meeting with comments by Jason Markham; (5) review enabling statute; (6) discuss tax appraisal and (7) discuss pending law suit.

Under new business, discussion items include (1) accounts payable, (2) interim audit, (3) Attorney General's opinion pertaining to abolishment of the district, (4) newspaper articles published June 24, 1999 (The Post Dispatch), "It's a Cold Hard Fact" and "Voting Box Challenge"; (5) definitions for "needy" and "indigent," (6) competitive bids for care of indigent residents and lease of former hospital building, (7) location of future elections, (8) Texas Open Meetings Act, (9) contract with Covenant Health System, (9) dissolution election and (10) candidate's contributions and expenditures.

## July 4th celebration packed with family fun

Fireworks, games, music and food are on tap Sunday, July 4 at the Post City Park, beginning at 2 p.m. Sponsored again this year by the Garza County Juvenile Citizens Advisory Board and MAD DADS, the afternoon and evening events are designed for plain ole fashioned family fun.

Activities include:

Check out all the details on Page 10, and plan to join the fun at the park Sunday!

## Court dismisses voting box challenge

The petition to withdraw a law suit challenging the early voting box in the last Garza County Hospital District election has been approved and the case has been dismissed.

Notice of the dismissal was received by the Garza County Clerk on Monday, June 28 from Judge Gene Dulaney of Snyder, who sits as a visiting judge for the 106th Judicial District Court.

The petition for dismissal had been filed June 18 by Bertha Fuentes, Charles Propst and Carol Tobias.

## Rezoning approved by City Council

The Post City Council took the first step toward rezoning several lots within the city limits last week during a meeting held June 22. The council, on first reading, approved a change in zoning for several lots. The change will convert the lots from R-1 designation, which carries with it a single-family residence limitation, to R-2, a designation which is less restrictive and accommodates the placement of mobile home or duplex-type residences on the properties.

Lots affected by the change, which will only become effective following passage by the council on second reading, include Lots 1-16, Block 12; Lots 1-16, Block 13; Lots 10-16, Block 25; Lots 1-16, Block 26; Lots 1-16, Block 39; and Lots 9-16, Block 52.

Passage of the zoning change ordinance on first reading following a public hearing conducted by the council on the proposed zoning change. No one appeared at the session to speak out for or against the proposed zoning change.

In other business, the council passed, on first reading, an ordinance governing the collection of utility charges; appointed Councilman Bill Poole as mayor pro-tem; and approved a resolution giving the new city manager, Fred Stephens, signatory authority.

Stephens officially started work with the city June 10.

# Dramatic art on display through July 11 at Algerita Art Center

Randy White shifted gears a bit on his latest art works, now on display and for sale at the Algerita Art Center in Post. Noted for his western and Indian art, this particular show reaches into the depth of emotions, which are expressions of White's experiences and visions.

"In all of our political correctness, we, as a people, have become afraid to tell the truth," White said. "We artists, those of us still left, concerned with fighting the wrongs and exposing corruption, hate, bias, abuse, love, fear, are always going to make the populace nervous."

"After my brush with arrest on false charges, I decided to take on

atrocities that confound the human spirit and soul. All of the paintings to present I felt confronted not only me, but my viewers with similar circumstances. The childhood memories were their memories, my dislikes, their dislikes.

"You see, we are all pretty much effected by the same process of life. Yet my mission now is to delve into the side that goes past ordinary limits — the law, the government, the spousal abusers (a big number just here in our town for its size), lackadaisical attitudes, lukewarm drinking, drugs, children's plights, people's plights. Tornadoes of mind and spirit. Storms of mankind. This is my mission."

For some time, White's art has touched on the less-than-beautiful subjects of the world. For example, in 1991 he undertook his "Artifacts of the Street" project, which involved bringing a number of homeless families into his studio while he "created a painting expressing their plight." White's "Artifacts" exhibit was a facet of Comic Relief and thanks to supporters of the effort, each of the families portrayed in the artwork was able to find permanent housing and employment.

White encourages those who view his art to think through the work, to ask questions about it.

"I want people to ask questions," he said. "Without questions, it's hard to decipher what points I am trying to make with my paintings. I don't want to overshadow how others interpret the artwork, but no matter how simple the paintings seem, they are totally and completely complex."

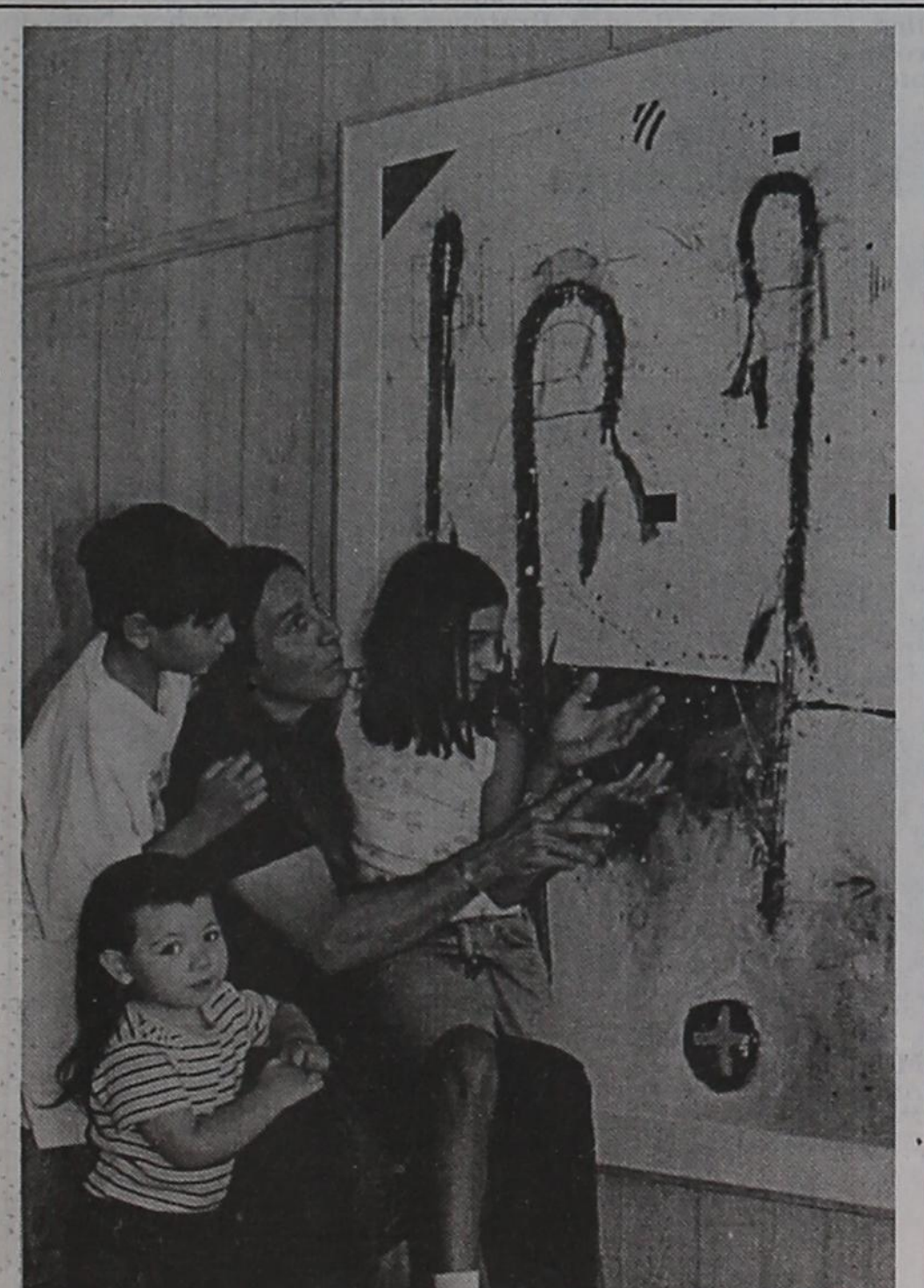
"Art has a real life importance to me during these days of 'total technology.' I feel and try to portray that the inevitable is upon us, as written in Revelations, yet aspects of the prophecy have not been fulfilled as of yet, a certain phrase of, 'let them that have eyes, see and those who have ears, hear.'"

"I believe not in doom, but the changes occurring everyday. I have read over and over about the tower of Babel, and wonder how much in our days, since computers, as in ancient days we come closer ourselves to building, with contempt for God, our tower."

"Face it. God had to separate men of one mind and language once, and said that nothing was impossible with so many in constant communication, working against His glory. If two or more agree and can be given the chance to ask anything of God, then it seems Satan has a similar objective as God. He did, if one believes, try to overthrow heaven and I believe that if half of the angels were on Satan's side instead of the one-third, revolt would have been fact."

"If history repeats itself we are definitely entering the turmoil of the end times. I am and have entered the phase of my work that I hope certain aspects of these prophecies I paint are sent out as warnings and not forecasts of events. I pray for this revelation every day so my art can and will touch people in a way that the art is just not something to hang on the wall."

"My paintings are a proclamation of beliefs, as well as of warnings."



Western artist Randy White (center) shares a moment with his children Issac (left), Elizabeth (right) and grandson Xavier (front) at the Algerita Art Center. White has several unique paintings on display and for sale through July 11.

## Post Notes

### July 4th booths still open

Those individuals or organizations interested in getting booth spaces at the park for the July 4th celebration may do so through Friday. Call Michelle Wischkaemper at 495-4442 to reserve space.

### Health and safety reminder

Tall weeds resulting from recent rains provide shelter for snakes, rats and other vermin that could threaten the health and safety of the community, especially young children. Property owners are reminded of the importance to keep weeds, rubbish, brush or unsanitary materials under control. A city ordinance provides for penalties for violators within the city limits.

### Class of '64 reunion July 3

The PHS Class of '64 has extended an invitation to anyone interested in visiting with class members during the 35th class reunion. The event will be held at the Hotel Garza July 3, following the dinner at approximately 9 p.m.

### Dog dipping service July 10

The Post Rotary Club's annual "dog-dipping" and rabies clinic will be held Saturday, July 10 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Post Volunteer Fire Department. Rabies shots are \$6.50 and the dip is \$5.00 per animal. Proceeds are to benefit a variety of Rotary Club projects.

### Summer football camp set

A summer football camp for youth who have completed fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth grade will held July 19-22, from 8 to 10 a.m. An entry fee of \$15 will be required. Contact PHS coaches Daily (495-4178) or Kelso (495-3270) for additional details.

### Football practice begins August 4

Football players in grades nine through 12 need to pick up their equipment on Tuesday, August 3 from 8 a.m. to noon at the high school field house. Football practice begins August 4.

### Lady Lope basketball camp

The Post Lady Lope basketball camp will be held August 9-11 for girls entering the third through eighth grade. The program opens at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 12:30 p.m. A \$15 per student fee includes the camp, drinks and T-shirt. For more information contact Christi Daily at 495-4178.

### Library summer reading program

The Post Public Library summer reading program begins July 5 and continues through July 30. Videos will be shown on Thursday afternoons beginning at 3 p.m. There will be drawings for prizes at the end of each video showing. Reading certificates will also be awarded at the end of the program to those who read the required number of books. A special program, "The Magic of Montgomery," will be held July 22 at 3 p.m. All children are encouraged to attend the summer reading program.



## Angela Martin, Jerry Crawford exchange wedding vows June 12

Angela Martin and Jerry Crawford were united in a double-ring ceremony conducted June 12 at 3 p.m. in the Post City Park with the Rev. Arthur Kelly officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Alfred and Patricia Martin of Anton and Bill "Sonny" Reed of Post. The groom's parents are Billy and Betty Crawford of Post.

The gazebo was decorated with green and white balloons and streamers, accented by an ivory aisle runner.

Given in marriage by her father, Alfred Martin, the bride chose for her wedding a gown featuring a Venice lace sophisticated V-neck tank top. The A-line gown had a Venice-laced open back, accented by a small bow and streamers. She carried a Victorian fan and laced bouquet accented with hunter green.

Felicia Martin of Dallas served as her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Crystal Crawford of Post, the groom's sister, and Jennifer Martin of Anton, the bride's sister. The attendants work off-the-shoulder silk gowns in hunter green accented with white carnation corsages.

Candice Martin of Anton, the bride's sister, and Amanda Brackens of Dallas, the bride's niece, served as flower girls. They wore white dresses with pearls accenting the fronts and carried laced flower baskets with rose petals.

Robert Flores of Amarillo served as best man. Billy Crawford Jr. of Post, the groom's brother, and Marcus Sapp of Post, the groom's cousin, were groomsmen. They wore black slacks and button-up white shirts.

Traditional music was used during the ceremony, with the attendants marching in to "Truly."

The bride, a 1993 graduate of Whitharral High, attended South Plains College to study accounting and is employed with Stenocall. The groom, a 1996 Post High School graduate, is employed with Palmer's Oilfield Construction.

The couple will reside in Post.

Betty Crawford hosted a houseparty for the couple on June 9 at 7 p.m.

## Lorena Hannel graduates summa cum laude at LCU

Lorena Voss Hannel recently graduated summa cum laude from Lubbock Christian University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Hannel attended Abilene Christian University two years before transferring to LCU where she graduated with highest honors. She was awarded Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges in May of 1988. She served as historian of LOA (Lambda Omega Alpha) and also was a member of Alpha Chi Sigma, an honor society.

Hannel resides in Crosbyton with her husband, Jeff, and is the daughter of Jim and Serena Voss of Post and

the great-granddaughter of Cecil and Frances Tidwell, also of Post.



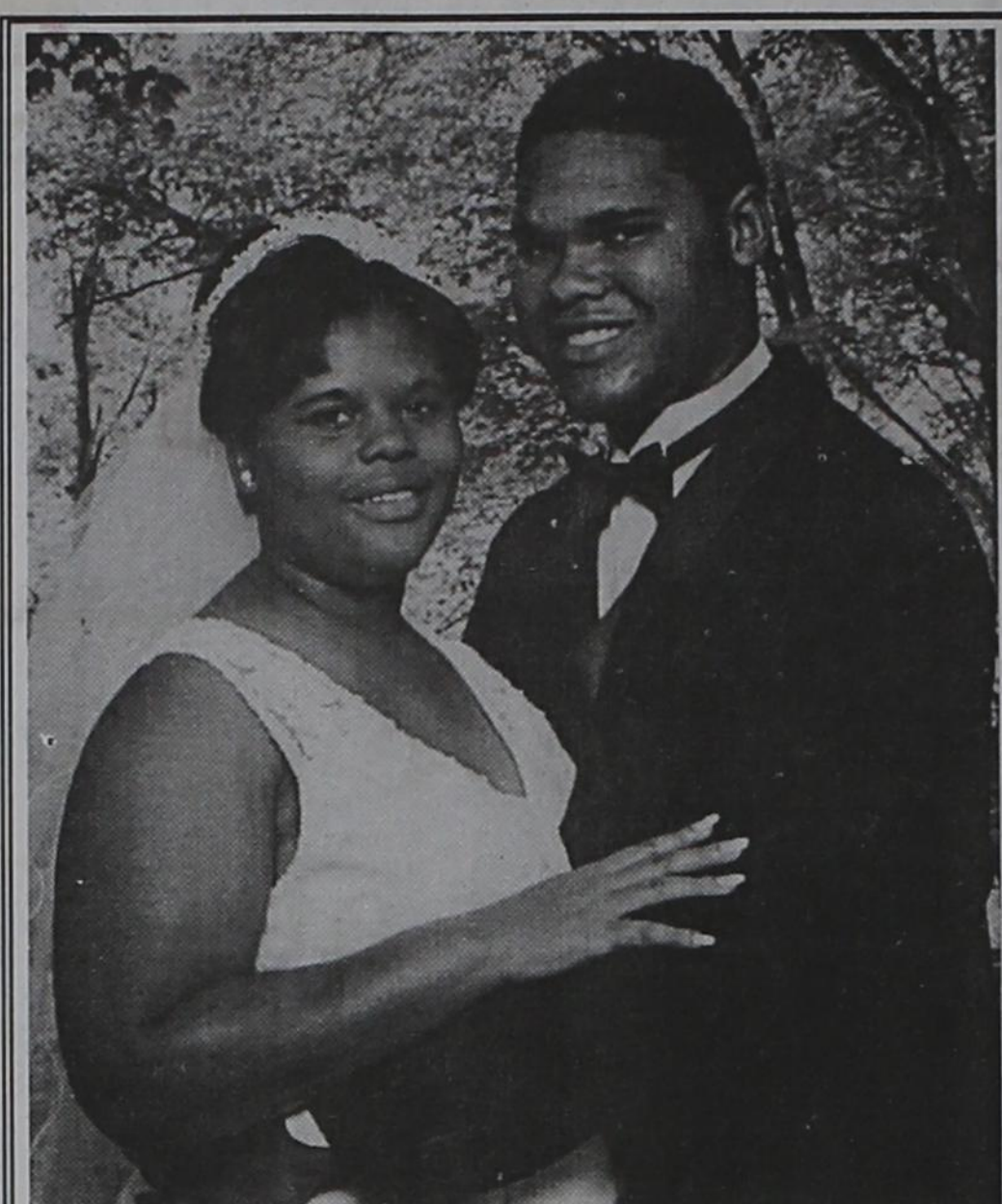
Lorena Voss Hannel

If you will be cherished when you are old, be courteous when you are young.

—John Lyly

The face is the mirror of the mind, and eyes without speaking confess the secrets of the heart.

—Saint Jerome



Mr and Mrs Jerry Crawford

## Mrs Steven Fluitt honored at baby shower

The Graham Community Center was the scene of a baby shower Tuesday evening honoring Mrs. Steven (Wendy) Fluitt.

Guests called between 6:30-7:30 p.m. and were registered by the honoree's sister, Kassie Parrish. The registry table was decorated with a wicker baby buggy holding a fresh flower arrangement and a yellow Cabbage Patch doll.

The serving table featured a silk arrangement, crystal candlesticks entwined with berries and a small china doll in a cradle. A yellow cloth adorned the table. Cookies, nuts and punch were served by Nancy McDonald. Crystal appointments were used.

Special guests were Ruby Parrish, Kathy Fluitt, the honoree's grandmother, Jewel Parrish and aunt, Doris Parrish of Lubbock.

Hostesses for the occasion included Jennie Cowdrey, Jane Mason, Glenda McClellan, Barbara Gossett, Tommie Williams, Orabeth White, Sue Maxey, Lola Ledbetter and McDonald.



Lorena Voss Hannel

## Regina Collazo named USNA winner

Regina Collazo, daughter of Linda Collazo of Post and the late Johnny Collazo, has been named a United States National Award Winner.

Collazo, who attended Post Middle School, was nominated for the award by Suzanna Mercer. The honoree's name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Collazo is the granddaughter of Angelita Banda of and Mike Sanchez of Post.

## Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Welcome to the heat! And the mosquitos!! They are awful, and big as flies. The volume of sales for "OFF" should be good.

### A few good years

I was visiting with Joe Williams last Sunday in church and he reminded me that he came to Post 39 years ago this year. We were discussing birthdays and he wanted me to be sure and remember his sweet wife Alma, who celebrated hers last week.

It sure didn't seem possible that it had been that long since Joe came to Post to join the team at the highway department. The time flies when you're having fun, huh Joe.

Speaking of Alma's birthday, I believe some of her grandchildren and one great grandchild came to help her celebrate. Hope you had a happy one Alma!!

### You know you're in Texas When.....

You notice that the best parking place is determined by shade and not distance.

### Oden - Morris Reunion

The Oden and Morris clan got together this past weekend at the Graham Community Center for a "Cousins", kinda reunion. And boy did they get together. Glenda Stevens reports that there were 101 present and that some of them had not seen each other for over 40 years.

Glenda says that there was lots of hugging, kissing and squealing going on. I know they all had a wonderful time, so maybe they won't wait so long till the next one, or maybe they can count on more than 101 next year. Better find a bigger place gang!!

### Shade Trees???

Listening to the radio coming into work Monday am, I couldn't help but laugh at the announcer telling of his Sunday trip to Lake Allen Henry.

He talked about how really nice the lake was, and how much they enjoyed it, but didn't have much to say on the shade.

He reported there were a few cactus on shore and in the water (?) but not many trees. I thought to myself, you would have to be pretty short to consider a cactus as shade! I think I would be careful if there were cactus in the water, Ouch!!

### Birthdays this Week

Thursday, July 1; Pat Quinonez, Dirk Bland, Kristin Morris, Larry Mills and Tyler Wimmer; Friday, July 2; Donna Best and James Morgan; Saturday, July 3; Kaitlyn Overton, Cindee Sherman, and Susan Pennell; Anniversary; Ronnie and Deann Bratcher; Sunday, July 4; Happy July 4th!! Julie Gonzalez;

Monday, July 5; Alexandra Rodriguez, Bianca Ortiz and Amberiegh Kuyek; Tuesday, July 6; Nicole Pate (Colie), Jackson Thompson and Gene Skonetski; Wednesday, July 7; Erin Ayala, Brook Capps, Tonya Rudd and Marion Cruse.

### Till Next Week

Everyone remember that there will be lots of fun for all at the park Sunday. Just so you all know, Rodney Tidwell and Michelle Wischkaemper work really hard to pull this off. Now I know they have lots of help and I'm sorry that I don't have all of those names to mention.

I just know that Post and the kids in Post are fortunate to have Rodney and Michelle. My hat is off to you two! Lets support the kids, everyone go have fun at the park.

Call Judy with your "Jabberin" 495-2816

### Little League Cubs



Little League Cubs - (back row, left to right) coaches Keith Bullard, Gary Blevins, Rodger Jaquess, (front) Allison Blevins, Cass Tatum, Zach Lopez, Eric Soto, Chris Curb, Cody Bullard, Allen Heckaman, Braden Bratcher and Zach Witcher. Not present for photo were Adrian Zubia, Aaron Fox and Michael Soto. (Photo courtesy Skip Crawford)

Keith & Jana Bullard

Tim & Leslie Tatum

### T-Ball Red Sox



T-Ball Red Sox - (back row, left to right) Coaches Mike Macy, Michael Copeland, Vanessa Riggs, (front row) Edgar Garcia, Aaron Macy, Madison Cash, Jill Thompson, Alex Cruz, Kaylem Perez, Mary Salas, Kyle Copeland, Kensly Hair. (Photo courtesy Skip Crawford Photography)

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# Expect an abundance of bugs this summer

A Texas Tech University entomologist says people should expect to see an overabundance of insects and bugs during the remaining summer months, due to the combination of a mild winter and an overly wet spring and summer.

Harlan Thorvilson, PhD, associate professor of entomology in Tech's plant and soil science department, said that in general, insects are dependent on temperature for their activity level.

"Insects are cold-blooded," he said.

"If winter is short and/or mild, there is less mortality than if the season is lengthy and cold. Bugs survive the winter better when it's not so cold for so long."

Thorvilson explained that because the South Plains area has had more rainfall than normal, there's a good chance of greater survival in most species of insects.

"In a mild winter, many insects survive as eggs, then hatch around playa lakes or higher water areas," he said. "Adult insects that

overwinter around the playa lakes and other standing water will lay eggs in those areas in the spring, creating an increased population also."

According to Thorvilson, there will be a greater survival of species such as ticks, mosquitoes and spiders, as well as types like thrips that feed on crops and flowers. Boll weevils also are an increased problem after a mild winter.

There are a few common sense measures people can take to reduce the incidence of pests, especially mosquitoes.

"Reduce the amount of standing water on your property, like buckets and ponds," Thorvilson said. "Drying out organic material will help. Keep sanitation in mind, too, and make garbage removal a priority."

From a health standpoint, there are precautions that will help campers, vacationers, parade-goers, picnickers and others enjoy summertime outdoor activities despite the higher incidence of insect pests.

According to Roy Warner, DVM, PhD, associate professor of clinical preventive medicine and epidemiology at Texas Tech's Health Sciences Center, aside from the "nuisance factor," bites from these creatures can transmit diseases to people and animals.

Warner said that mosquitoes in this part of the state can transmit several types of encephalitis, diseases that affect the lining of the brain and spinal cord, to humans and animals. The local health department will usually be alerted to such threats by reports of viral activity in birds and clinical disease in horses.

"Prevention of these diseases in humans equals preventing mosquito bites: wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirts when outdoors between 7:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m.; avoid using scented cosmetics such as an after shave lotion, perfumes, deodorants

or hair sprays. Use only unscented types. Also, use insect repellents on exposed skin. The repellent should contain 20-35 percent DEET, N,N-dimethyl-m-toluamide. Eliminate all mosquito breeding sites by draining standing water and getting rid of old tires around your property."

Warner suggested that horses should be vaccinated against Western equine, Eastern equine and Venezuelan equine encephalitis. Any horse that appears to be ill with a nervous disorder should be evaluated by a veterinarian.

Diseases most commonly associated with fleas on the Llano Estacado are plague and possibly cat-scratch disease.

"Plague can be transmitted to humans by fleas that are leaving infested or dying wild rodents, especially prairie dogs and ground squirrels," Warner said. "Cats can also be infected if they are allowed access to wild rodents."

Warner recommended the following for plague prevention in humans: do not camp near rodent colonies; wear long pants and keep cuffs tucked inside high socks while hunting, hiking and camping; spray permethrin or another approved insecticide on outside clothing; use insect repellents containing 20-35 percent DEET on exposed skin. For pet cats and dogs, consult your veterinarian and have a good flea control program for both the animal and the home environment. Outdoor pet cats that appear ill should be evaluated by the vet.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever, tularemia, ehrlichiosis, relapsing fever and Lyme disease are transmitted to humans and animals by ticks, Warner said. Though the deer tick that transmits Lyme disease is rare to absent in West Texas, it is common in states along the Mississippi River, in the northeastern United States and on the Pacific coast. Prevention of tick bites includes

wearing long pants and keeping cuffs tucked inside high socks while caving, hunting, hiking and camping.

"On exposed skin, use insect repellents containing 20-35 percent DEET; spray permethrin or another approved insecticide on outside your clothing; and periodically examine clothing and skin, especially folds and areas compressed by belts and elastic bands, and scalp and hairline.

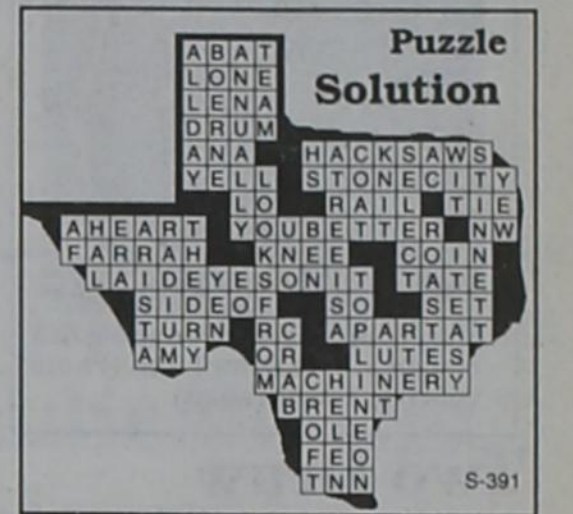
## Fireworks dangers

City Manager Fred Stephens said that despite the heavy rains of recent weeks, fireworks can still pose a threat to persons and property inside the city limits.

"Even with the rains, they're a fire hazard and damage is possible," he said. "We just want to remind folks to be safe."

For pet cats and dogs, consult your veterinarian and have a good tick control program for both the animal and home environment. Pets that appear ill should be evaluated," he said.

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The Star-Spangled Banner was designated the national anthem by an Act of Congress in 1931, 117 years after it was written.



## Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

### Heartburn no joke!

Frequent heartburn can raise the risk of one kind of esophageal cancer, say researchers at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. Since the 1970s, the incidence of this deadly disease has increased six-to-eight fold - more than any other cancer in the U.S. And middle-aged men are the likeliest victims.

Colleagues interviewed 189 Swedish patients with adenocarcinoma of the esophagus about symptoms of heartburn they had at least five years before their cancers were diagnosed. For comparison, they also interviewed 820 healthy people and 167 patients with squamous-cell carcinoma of the esophagus, which is less of a mystery and not on the rise. (It's common in poorly nourished people, especially alcoholics, who eat few fruits and vegetables.)

The risk of esophageal adenocarcinoma was a remarkable eight times higher in people who reported heartburn or regurgitation (short of vomiting) or both at least once a week. People who had symptoms that were more severe and chronic (20 years or more) had an astounding 44 times the risk of those with no symptoms.

That doesn't mean that everyone with heartburn gets esophageal cancer. Twenty percent of adults have heartburn, ten percent of them get Barrett's esophagus (precancerous changes in the esophagus), and ten percent of them get adenocarcinoma.

People including physicians need to know that heartburn isn't a joke. If people have had heartburn for more than five years, if they have it several times a week, if it's severe enough to require a strong medicine like Prevacid or Prilosec, or if it's their main (reason) for going to the doctor, they should have an endoscopy and a biopsy. In that procedure, a physician inserts a scope into the mouth and down the esophagus to examine the cells and take a sample. Taking an X-Ray of the gastrointestinal tract\* a GI series\* is useless for finding esophageal cancer.

It is believed that the cancer starts when stomach acid backs up into the esophagus, damaging its lining. When the lining heals, the new tissue that grows is abnormal.

What about antacids? People usually take them after they have symptoms, so the esophagus has already been exposed to acid. The bottom line is that no one knows if antacids help or hurt.

There are a lot of unanswered questions. But something has happened in the last 20 years. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, adenocarcinoma of the esophagus was rare.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, sex, color, religion, disability or national origin.



## Sheriff reports five arrests last week

Garza County law officers arrested five people last week. June 21 a 26 year old female was arrested on a Crosby County warrant for theft by check. June 24 a 22 year old man and adult woman were charged with forgery and were held in the county jail. June 25 a 39 year old man was arrested on a commitment. June 28 a 23 year old man was held for parole violations.

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**Tax 'n Facts**  
by Terri Cash  
Leave Your IRA To Charity?

For most of us, retirement savings are what we live on when we are retired, with perhaps something left over for our heirs. But when there is a lot of money - enough so that a sizable chunk will be left to charity - it may be smart to leave the IRA (not a Roth) or other qualified savings account instead of cash or securities.

Key: more money will go to your heirs and the charity, and less to the IRS. That's because the retirement plan, built on pretax earnings, would be taxable income to your heirs. Indeed, if the spouse is not the beneficiary, there may be estate tax due, too. But a tax-exempt charity need not pay income taxes on the distribution, and no estate tax is due on charitable bequests.

It makes sense to set up one IRA with the charity as beneficiary (with approximately whatever you wanted to give); at 70 1/2, take mandatory withdrawals from other accounts. The securities that charity didn't get go to family members on a stepped-up basis.

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Darryl Dissinger with one big fish caught at Two Draw Lake. (Photo courtesy Carol Tobias)

### Two Draw Lake restocked

Darryl Dissinger, Jr. got a big one last week, hauling in a 41 pound carp. He caught it at Two Draw Lake recently.

Since receiving much needed rains, Two Draw Lake is now open again and has been restocked with catfish and bass. The fishing and recreation fee is \$5.00 daily per person.

### Maggie Flanigan named to President's List

Maggie Flanigan, daughter of Billy Max and Nancy Gordon of Post, has been named to the President's List at Wayland Baptist University for the 1999 spring semester.

The President's List recognizes students who receive a 4.0 GPA for work tackled during the past semester. The students who qualified for the list maintained top grades while handling a class load of at least 12 hours.

Flanigan is a junior at Wayland with a double major in mass communications and business administration. She has maintained a 3.8 GPA over the last two years. She is a Pioneer Scholar and involved in the Student Foundation, Phi Beta Lambda and is serving as vice president of marketing and advancement for the Student Advisory Council of Wayland's Business Division.

She is a 1997 graduate of Borden County High School.

### Johnny Collazo Jr on active USAF duty

Johnny Collazo Jr., son of Linda Collazo of Post and the late Johnny Collazo, entered into active duty in the U.S. Air Force on June 23.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Collazo will receive technical training in the material munitions system career field. While attending basic training and other Air Force technical training schools, he will be earning college credits towards an associate degree through the community college of the Air Force.



Earth Challenge bikers stopped in Post last week on their way to Nevada. The group spent the evening, camping out at the Post High School gym. (Photo by Judy Bush)

### Earth Challenge bikers stop in Post, raising environmental issues

Participants in a long-distance biking event designed to raise awareness about environmental issues were in Post last week.

Earth Challenge, a new non-profit organization represented by co-founders Susan Alzner and Leigh Lytle, brought its "Shifting Gears: Ride for Environmental Action" project through town last Thursday

and Friday. Post was just one of many stops on their 2,000-mile trek, which will culminate in July when the cyclists arrive at the Grand Canyon.

The ride's objectives include inspiring and developing leadership in participating riders and support volunteers, and meeting with community leaders along the bike route in an effort to exchange ideas on environmental issues. The effort is also aimed at raising funds for the Havasupai Environmental Initiatives Program.

Once they arrive at their destination, the bikers will don hiking boots and hike eight miles down to the Havasupai community where they will spend a week learning about the environmental issues of the Native American tribe. The team also hopes to present the Havasupai Natural Resources Department with more than \$12,000 in donations raised in support of its Environmental Initiatives Program.

"The Havasupai are working to protect their greatest assets — the land, the water and the air," said Alzner. "Their Department of Natural Resources is establishing a community recycling program and developing an educational campaign that will focus on organic farming techniques and conservation. The biggest challenge they face, however, is how to close uranium mines located on sacred sites near their only water supply, Havasu Creek."

Alzner and Lytle believe that the Havasupai environmental concerns are representative of what communities across the nation need to address, including toxic contamination, waste disposal and protection of important natural resources such as the topsoil and natural habitat.

For more information on the Shifting Gears project, call Alzner or Lytle at 404-320-3039 or e-mail: progress@earthchallenge.org.

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Symptoms include a high fever, up to 104 and at least four of the five following signs. A red patchy rash. Swollen lymph nodes in the neck. Swollen and red hands and feet that may peel later in the illness. Red cracked lips and a red color to the tongue. Bloodshot eyes. Sometimes the child will have diarrhea, vomiting and stomach pain.

Most of the time the children recover without a problem, however a few cases that go untreated can develop heart or joint problems. These are usually successfully treated when the disease is in the early stage and treatment is started soon after Kawasaki disease is diagnosed.

Your medical provider will prescribe medication to make your child feel better and to prevent the problems Kawasaki disease can cause. This is one time your provider may prescribe aspirin, sometimes for a long time. Aspirin helps lower the fever and will help with the rash and joint problems. You should never give your child aspirin without your medical provider's advice and if your child develops the flu or any other illness while on aspirin you should contact your provider. Another medication that may be used is immunoglobulin, which helps prevent the heart problems associated with Kawasaki disease.

It may take a few weeks for a child to get over Kawasaki disease. This may include keeping them home from school or day care until he or she feels strong enough to return.

Although usually self-limiting, the risk of heart disease that will last a lifetime makes Kawasaki disease a potentially serious illness. If your child has a few of the above symptoms or you are concerned in any way, a quick trip to your medical provider will help to put your mind at ease.

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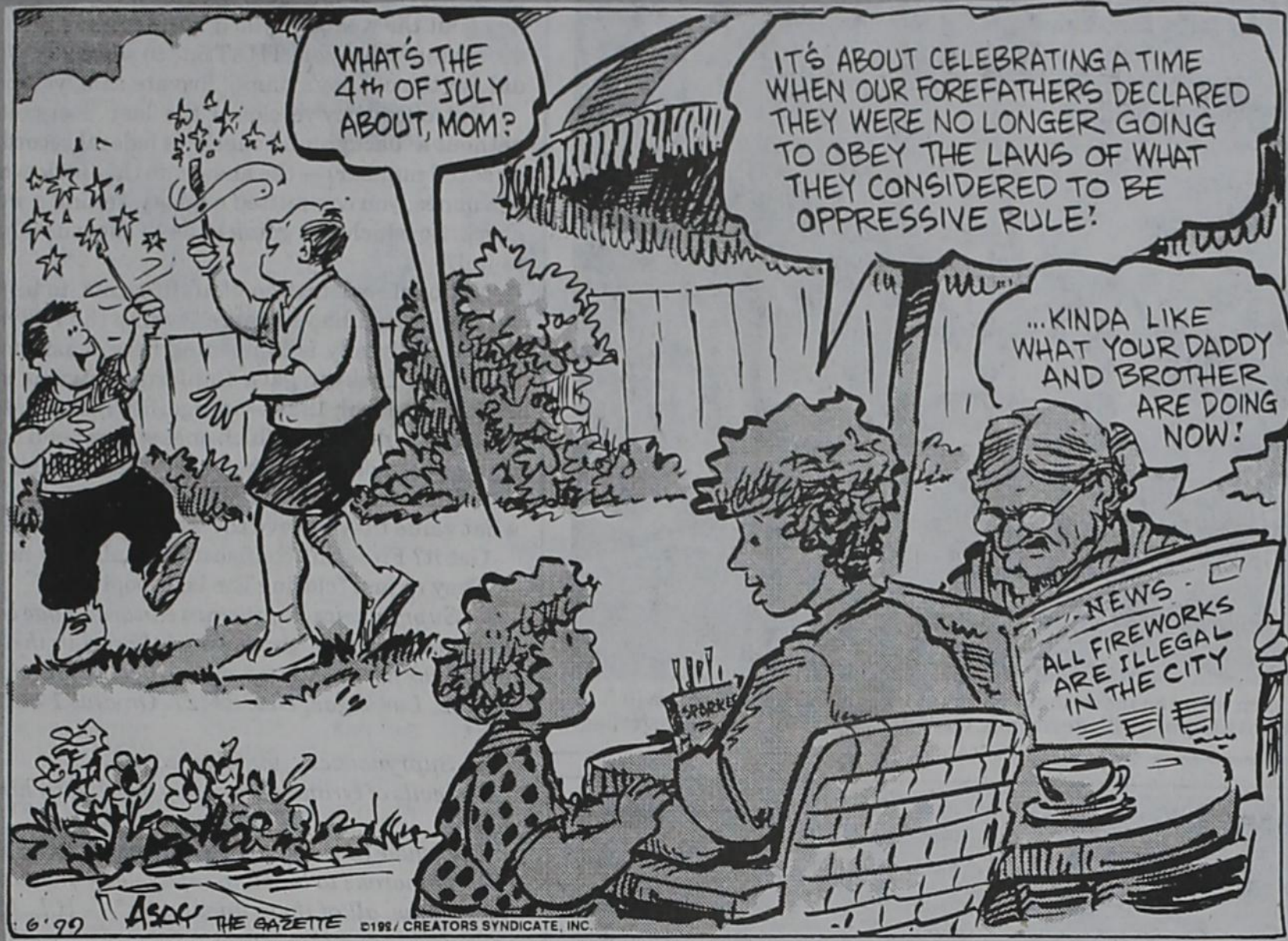
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# Opinions



## And thereafter, corruption of language

by Walter E. Williams

Many of my youthful Saturday afternoons were spent at the theater watching Tarzan or Jungle Jim fighting in the swamps and jungles against the forces of evil. There were swamps and jungles because we saw them.

When have you last heard the words swamps and jungles? Have swamps and jungles disappeared from the face of the earth? No, for political purposes they've been renamed. They're now wetlands and rain forests. The public can't be whipped into a frenzy about saving swamps and jungles, but wetlands and rain forests are a different matter.

Everybody's onboard with the new terminology except the military. They're still calling combat dress clothing jungle camouflage. They should rename their combat dress rain forest camouflage. Years ago, there were bums, vagabonds, tramps and hobos. They, too, have disappeared. Now we have homeless people.

That causes temporary confusion. When a person asks me, "Will you help the homeless?" I don't know whether I'm being asked to assist someone whose home was lost in a tornado, flood or hurricane, or a shiftless bum. Use of homeless is the leftist agenda to establish moral equivalency between tragedy that's an act of God and self-inflicted tragedy.

There's another term confusing to me — care-giver. If someone said, "I saw the girl walking down the street with her care-giver," with whom would you think she was walking? It might be her mother, father, babysitter, seeing-eye dog, doctor, lawyer, policeman, hairdresser — the possibilities are endless.

So why cause confusion? Just say, "She was walking with her father." Just as confusing is the classification native American. Whenever I have to fill out a form that has a block where one can classify himself as a "Native American," I always check that block and urge you to do so too if you were born in the United States.

The African-American classification poses problems, too. What if a

person of Afrikaner or Egyptian ancestry were born in the United States. Would he be an African-American? On many of America's college campuses, there are courses such as "Violence and Gender" and "Gender Inequality."

Sustained, intransigent, ignorance might be excusable elsewhere but not on a college campus. Gender is a grammatical term: "the classification by which nouns and pronouns (and often accompanying modifiers) are grouped or inflected." For example, in French, "le" is the article for the masculine gender and "la" the article for the feminine gender.

Gender and sex are two different concepts. They are not interchangeable. Plus, it would sound funny to say, "He had gender with his wife." Aside from ignorance, college professors can be silly, too. What used to be the position of department chairman is now the sexually neutral department chair.

I hold such a position at George Mason University and refuse to identify myself as Chair. On occasions, when referred to as a chair, I've offered to prove to the speaker that I am a chairman. Sticking with the college scene a little more, presidents pretend to assume the moral high ground by pointing to the importance they place on campus diversity.

Whatever they mean by diversity, they darn sure don't mean political diversity. Most colleges are leftist bastions. Very often 90 percent or more of their faculty and administrators are Democrats. What presidents really mean by diversity is that they are for race and sex quotas, but not political quotas.

John Milton predicted, "When language in common use in any country becomes irregular and depraved, it is followed by their ruin and degradation." Just in case you're puzzled by our national moral decline.

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## They're just closing the last loopholes, see

by Vin Suprynowicz

Offered a chance to let voters know her position on the Second Amendment in the Las Vegas Review-Journal last October, Democratic congressional candidate Shelley Berkley wrote: "I'm a strong believer in the Second Amendment. There's no need for more control, but I favor gun safety education."

Last week, asked why she voted against a gun control bill which would have required "background checks" for any firearm sale between private parties at a gun show, the liberal New York lawyer now serving as a freshman Democratic Congresswoman from Nevada replied that — the amount of time allowed for the background check having been reduced from three days to one — this new assault on the Second Amendment simply didn't go far enough.

"For the greatest deliberative body in the world's history to have done so little on such an important issue is ridiculous," spake the lady.

They say the way to tell when politicians are lying is to watch for their lips to move. Rarely has this been more true than in the failed (so far) attempt to "close the gun-show loophole."

The Democrats (and many Republican enemies of the Bill of Rights) who finally turned against this bill argued that allowing only one day for the state police or FBI to run a "background check" on a potential gun buyer — after 24 hours the sale could have gone through — "wasn't long enough."

But under the "Brady Bill" compromise which the NRA foolishly embraced some years back, the gun-grabbers assured us that by Nov. 1, 1998, there would be in place a computerized, national INSTANT background check.

Instant. If they have failed to keep that promise, than the Brady Law itself is null and void, and all "background checks" and "waiting periods" must be done away with immediately.

But come on. This debate had nothing to do with how long it takes to determine whether someone is a felon — that's entirely a smokescreen. What convicted felon is going to fill out his proper name and address on a government form and expose himself to felony prosecution for trying to buy a gun through a licensed dealer, when he knows full well how to buy one from Guido or Kareem out behind the tavern?

The Clinton administration claims "background checks" have stopped 400,000 "felons" from trying to buy guns, but they've never tried to prosecute more than a handful of these people, knowing full well these were almost entirely "false negatives" — decent citizens wrongly denied a constitutional right.

No, the reason for all this misdirection about "how long it takes to run a background check" is that the real hoplophobe agenda here was to end all gun shows, which are generally held over two-day weekends.

Let's say the widow of a police officer rents a table at a gun show. She displays seven or eight of her dead-husband's revolvers and hunting rifles, priced from \$250 to \$950 — more than enough to cover her overhead for the weekend.

As things are now, I can drive to the show from 100 miles away, negotiate with her for one of her husband's old police revolvers, pay her \$200 cash, and

take the weapon home for my collection. We're both private citizens — only those who maintain their major business in firearms are required to hold federal firearms licenses and run background checks — so this transaction is perfectly legal, as it should be in any nation where "the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

With a required "background check" which can take up to one day, the lady would have to tell me on Saturday to come back on Sunday. Now I have to spend \$80 on a motel room to stay overnight, as well as \$15 for the background check — assuming we can find someone at the show who knows how to do that and who has a phone.

By this time, my vintage \$200 "bargain" handgun is no longer quite such a bargain.

But if anti-gun government agencies were granted THREE DAYS to conduct the "background check"? Now the widow would have to tell me to come to her home the following Tuesday. But she doesn't want total strangers to know her home address, or that she has valuables stored there. Nor can I afford another 200-mile round next Tuesday, a work day.

Presto: the "wait-three-days" background check would be the end of the gun shows — the real gun-grabber agenda, which our courteous press was so careful never to point out during this whole noisy debate.

But wait: We still haven't gotten to the MAIN fraud inherent in this "three-day background check." The lapdog press obediently makes it sound as though the whole issue is determining whether the prospective buyer is a felon. But if that were the goal, why not allow any gun collector, hobby shooter, or militiaman to get his "background" run once, whereupon he would be issued a card, good for life, indicating "Not a felon; can buy any gun he wants" — a card which he could be forced to hand over if ever convicted of a serious felony?

(Mind you, even that would be unconstitutional and unnecessary, since the Constitution does not allow establishment of any second-class citizenship for felons once they've paid their debt to society. Just as the First Amendment automatically restores their freedom to attend church or publish a book the moment they leave prison, so must their guns be handed back to them as they walk out that door, their full sentences served.)

But to figure out what this is really about, ask yourself one simple question: Why does the federal "background check" form also include the weapon's serial number and the buyer's home address?

The answer is that this whole procedure isn't about "checking backgrounds," at all. It's national gun registration, which has proved to be a precursor to government CONFISCATION of all handguns and semi-automatic long guns in such "can't-happen-here" nations as Great Britain and Australia, in the past decade alone.

Once a government agency knows your name, home address, and the serial number, make, and model of every weapon you've ever bought, does any thinking person seriously submit we can trust those bureaucrats to destroy those records?

This is precisely what Bill Clinton and his fellow enemies of freedom really mean when they speak of closing "the loophole."

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## They were just a bunch of "crazy radicals and trouble-makers"

by Wes Burnett

In June and July 1776, a hot, tired and somewhat edgy group of men worked in Philadelphia constructing a statement of intent, designed to clear the air of any doubt regarding a political connection to their home country.

We know that event as the cataclysmic political revolution of modern times, the signal to the world's greatest nation, both economically and militarily, that a subjugated people were fed up with their subjected treatment by a callous and tyrannical government.

Those men were considered at that time to be not only radical, but downright dangerous. They were called all sorts of names: crazy, mad, idiots, trouble-makers, traitors and worse. Most were officially on the "most-wanted" list of their day, and those who weren't, would be branded as such shortly after issuing what we celebrate Sunday as The Declaration of Independence.

"How dare they be so bold as to challenge the King of England!" was the cry heard throughout the colonies. There was but very little public support for such a drastic measure. All around them, men of substance (who had great fortunes to lose) urged caution and compromise.

Compromise, bowing and scraping was still a way of life for most of the colonial subjects of "His Royal Majesty King George." Fortunately for us, there were a handful of men willing to stake their lives and their fortunes for a life of freedom and liberty.

With a master of literacy and craftsmanship chosen to draft a statement, the other 55 sat back and waited for Thomas Jefferson to present them with a proposal. It was simply, a masterpiece of logic, reason and boldness. The compromisers were stunned, the radicals delighted.

When we consume ourselves in food, drink and fun Sunday, celebrating the efforts of our ancestors, I dare say very few among us will be even remotely aware of the dangers and turmoil that faced those 56 men. Most ended up in poverty, many died during the ensuing conflict, but they will all be remembered for that singularly courageous act of defying their "sovereign king" at the expense of death itself.

The opening of the declaration is astoundingly brilliant, and capsulizes what few of us would dare to say today. Try quoting the opening of this document and see how many people would actually sign it.

Here's what flowed from Jefferson's pen:

*"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 entitle 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 Forms, 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 shewn, 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."*

The document continues with a long list of abuses. Interestingly, among that list are many abuses under which we suffer today. I challenge opponents to political change to read that list constructed in the summer of 1776. The critic of change today will find the list replete with similar conditions today.

As in Jefferson's time, most people would rather suffer the indignities of a tyrannical government than to take a chance with real freedom and liberty. Nothing much has changed. Today's political radicals, who call attention to the abuses of government, are demonized even more effectively than in those colonial times. The methods may be different, but the outcome is the same.

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# Sports

## Caprock Golf Course Update

by Mike Bartlett

Well, the golf course is alive and kickin' these days. We owe that to you, the golfers and friends of this community for your overwhelming support and help through our tough times. We extend our sincere gratitude and thanks.

The golf course has undergone a cosmetic facelift over the past month. Not only have we resurfaced all 9 greens, we have upgraded the mowing equipment a little to enhance the grass that we do have in the fairways. In addition, we are in the planning stages of re-grassing a few of the fairways. This will really make things a lot more playable again.

One thing that hasn't changed out here is the family atmosphere. Steve Courson and his family have taken the task of managing the golf course for me. Somewhere in this fine establishment of print media, you will find a picture of them. When you see them, make 'em feel welcome.

The domino table is still inhabiting the men's locker room and "Pro" is looking for some competition since Richard Hart and I can't seem to beat him. Take a ride out and try your luck.

Also, Darlene has coffee made every morning. If you get time, come out and visit with us, even if you're not a golfer.

And, one last note. As of print, we still have a few openings for the July 4th golf scramble to be held on Saturday, July 3rd. We'll have golf, prizes, barbecue, watermelons, and live music so come on out. Heck, even if you are not a golfer, grab the kids and come out and have a meal and listen to the music, we'd like to have ya.

## Post All-Stars begin post-season play

The Post Little League and Senior League All Star teams begin post-season competition Tuesday, July 5.

The 9-10 year old All-Stars square off against Tahoka at O'Donnell, with "batter-up" at 8 p.m.

The 11-12 year old All-Star team hosts O'Donnell in Post, with a 6 p.m. start.

Slaton will be the site for the 13-14 year old All-Stars as they face Slaton as the home team at 8 p.m.

The 15-16 year old All-Star team faces Shallowater at Connie Mack Field in Mackenzie Park in Lubbock at 6 p.m.



Young men learning more about tennis at a summer camp here are (left to right) Heath Fellhauer, Allen Heckaman, Tim Wilson, Jordan Payn, Cass Tatum, Ethan Bilbo and Flynn Chapman.

## Girls Scouts recognized

Recently, members of Post's Girl Scout Troop 47 were recognized for having achieved their Silver Award. This is the highest award given for Cadette Girl Scouts and usually takes from 2 to 3 years to complete.

Camille Blevins, Diana Williams, Renee Dobitas and Laura Tobias all began working on the prerequisites for the Silver Award three years ago. The first three prerequisites had to do with identifying one's strengths, developing leadership skills and career exploration.

Then, after working for an entire year on three "Interest Project Patches" concerning computers and their applications, they fulfilled the final project requirement last fall when they taught computer workshops for Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts.

The girls now have moved on to Senior Girl Scouting and are working toward their Gold Award.



Young men learning more about tennis at a summer camp here are (left to right) Clint Chapman, Blake Nichols, Garrett Chapman and Cole Easterling.



Young ladies participating in a summer tennis camp here are (left to right) Kasey Gorman, Lyndee Strawn, Kayla Morris, Steffi Norman, Kylie Easterling and Christin Collier.



Young ladies participating in a summer tennis camp here are (left to right) Donn Heckaman, Kelli Martin, Becca Stribliln, Laurel Tatum and Allison Blevins.

## Stripping away our individual rights...

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The "loophole" has been that, up till now, should an armed government gang show up at your door with their clipboard and their list, you could safely lie about the weapons you'd been provident enough to bury out in the back 40, saying "Oh, I sold THAT one to some guy at a gun show years ago; never did get the old boy's name. Private sale, you understand — no records."

But once they've closed the last "loophole" — banning private sales without a "background check" (a federal record being made of each transfer by serial number) — the answer to that little white fib will be, "In doing that, Mr. Jones, you committed a felony, selling a weapon without a background check. So which is it going to be — show us where you buried the gun, or go to jail?"

National registration of all firearms, to be followed by confiscation. "Oh, it can't happen here," whine the Pollyannas.

But it already is happening here. Last month, California Secretary of State Bill Lockyer gave California citizens six months to turn in many previously-legal, 1950s-vintage, SKS semi-automatic rifles purchased from 1992 through 1997. (Which ones will depend on official interpretation of the phrase "detachable magazines" - see [www.sksbuyback.org](http://www.sksbuyback.org).)

Californians will be paid the current "going rate" of \$230 — no matter to what value they believe the weapons might have appreciated in the future. Get it? Firearms confiscation is already here.

They're just "closing the last loopholes."

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"The evils of tyranny are rarely seen but by him who resists it." — John Hay, 1872

"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed — and thus clamorous to be led to safety — by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." — H.L. Mencken

## Celebrating great American principles...

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reclaims those liberties and freedoms enjoyed by our ancestors, I too have been the subject of ridicule. To me, it is a high honor to be considered worthy to carry the label of those American heroes we celebrate on July 4th.

Whenever government "becomes destructive of these Ends," denying and stripping its people of the very basic unalienable rights defined in the American Declaration of Independence, "it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it..." Jefferson was correct, long established governments are difficult to trim or reduce, but he and the other radicals of his time demonstrated that it can be done.

Let us celebrate this July 4th with a solid reminder of what that event is all about. It is about standing in the face of giant odds, demanding that a tyrannical government and its leaders cease and desist in their attempts to enslave the very people who feed them.

According to the 56 men who signed that document in 1776, it is our duty to do so. Think about that the next time your liberty is restrained and your pocket book robbed.

Whether it be such a simple act as having the flashing lights of the King's highwaymen running you off the road, or a notice from some government agency that you have violated some nonsensical rule, your status today is not much different from those who signed that great and powerful declaration on July 4, 1776.

Liberty, the unrestrained exercise of free will, was as much valued by our colonial ancestors who demanded and won those rights, as any or all the wealth they owned. One of those radicals said later, "Give me Liberty, or give me death." And Virginia's Patrick Henry meant it. What do our political leaders say today? "Give me your taxes or give me your life."

Which is to be? Shall we be the slaves of tyranny, or shall we be free to do and say and go as we please, as long as we don't violate someone else's rights? I for one choose to be free.

## Post City Sales tax rebate drops

Retail sales in Post and Garza County appear to be substantially lower than those posted a year ago, according to this month's report from the state comptroller's office.

The city's June payment from the state comptroller's office was \$14,816.09, some 14 percent lower than the \$17,295.39 the city received in June of 1998.

Year-to-date payments show a similar pattern. To date, the city has received \$101,536.16 compared to \$119,337.77 received in the first six months of 1998. The difference is 14.91 percent.

June's payments to cities include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in April and reported to the comptroller in May.

Statewide, a 7.1 percent year-to-date increase was reported.

### B-B-0 Briskets

\$20.00 each

Call order in before noon on Friday,  
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### Senior League White Sox



Senior League White Sox - (back row, left to right) Coach Kenny Ratke, Joey Cimental, Luis Zubia, Brooks Conner, manager Chris Belongia, (front) John Eilenberger, Kenny Ratke Jr, Seth Redman, Pablo Perez and Cody Fox. Not present for photo were Felix Valdez, Lance Curtis and Ricky Halford.

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**ACROSS**

1 TXism: "blind as \_\_\_" (poor eyesight)

5 "The \_\_\_ Ranger"

6 ex-TX Railroad commiss. Guerrero

7 UT's "Big Bertha"

8 Santa \_\_\_ National Wildlife Refuge

9 metal cutters

17 TXism: "beller"

19 TXism: "move 'em into \_\_\_" (bury)

21 Yo \_\_\_ Digo Creek

22 TXism: "skinny as a \_\_\_"

23 a cowboy's bolo

24 TXism: "got \_\_\_ as big as Texas" (kind)

30 TXism: "if he says giddyup, \_\_\_ go" (mean)

34 Dallas from Houston

35 TX "Angel" Fawcett

36 TXism: "a \_\_\_ knocker" (scary)

37 football \_\_\_-toss

39 TXism: "never \_\_\_" (unseen)

43 TX victim of the Manson "family"

44 \_\_\_ beef

45 TXism: "\_\_\_ long" (good-bye)

46 TXism: "\_\_\_ in his ways" (stubborn)

47 TX Kenny's "Love Will \_\_\_ You Around"

48 LBJ's TX AG Ramsey (init.)

15 '92 Miss TX: \_\_\_ Parker

54 Travis: "I shall never surrender \_\_\_ retreat"

55 minstrel instruments at TX Renaissance Festival

56 Boerne's Agricultural Heritage Center has antique farm

59 TX Bush's nat. security adviser Scowcroft

60 Grand \_\_\_ Opry

**DOWN**

1 TXism: "can ride \_\_\_ & dance all night" (stamina)

2 Cascade Caverns are near this town

3 TAAS test is given \_\_\_ to TX school students

4 eleven Cowboys or five Spurs

9 TX \_\_\_ McArdle painted "Dawn at the Alamo"

10 TX King Vidor's "\_\_\_ Tree"

11 outer garment

12 do needle work

13 make a choice

14 higher learning in Amarillo (abbr.)

15 TXism: "he'd have to study up to be a half \_\_\_" (dumb)

16 seat of Hutchinson Co.

18 TX B.J. Thomas' "New \_\_\_ An Old Lover" ('85)

20 Cowtown: "Foat Wuth, I Luv \_\_\_"

24 Spindletop driller: Capt. \_\_\_ Lucas

25 TX \_\_\_ Ketchum sang "Small Town Saturday Night"

26 USS Texas period: Dreadnaught \_\_\_

31 numero

32 Dublin's pro Hogan

33 chicken cooker

38 TX Henley Eagles' "Take \_\_\_"

40 TXism: "a hankerin'"

41 first TX forest ('24): \_\_\_ Siecke

42 TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_ an eye chart"

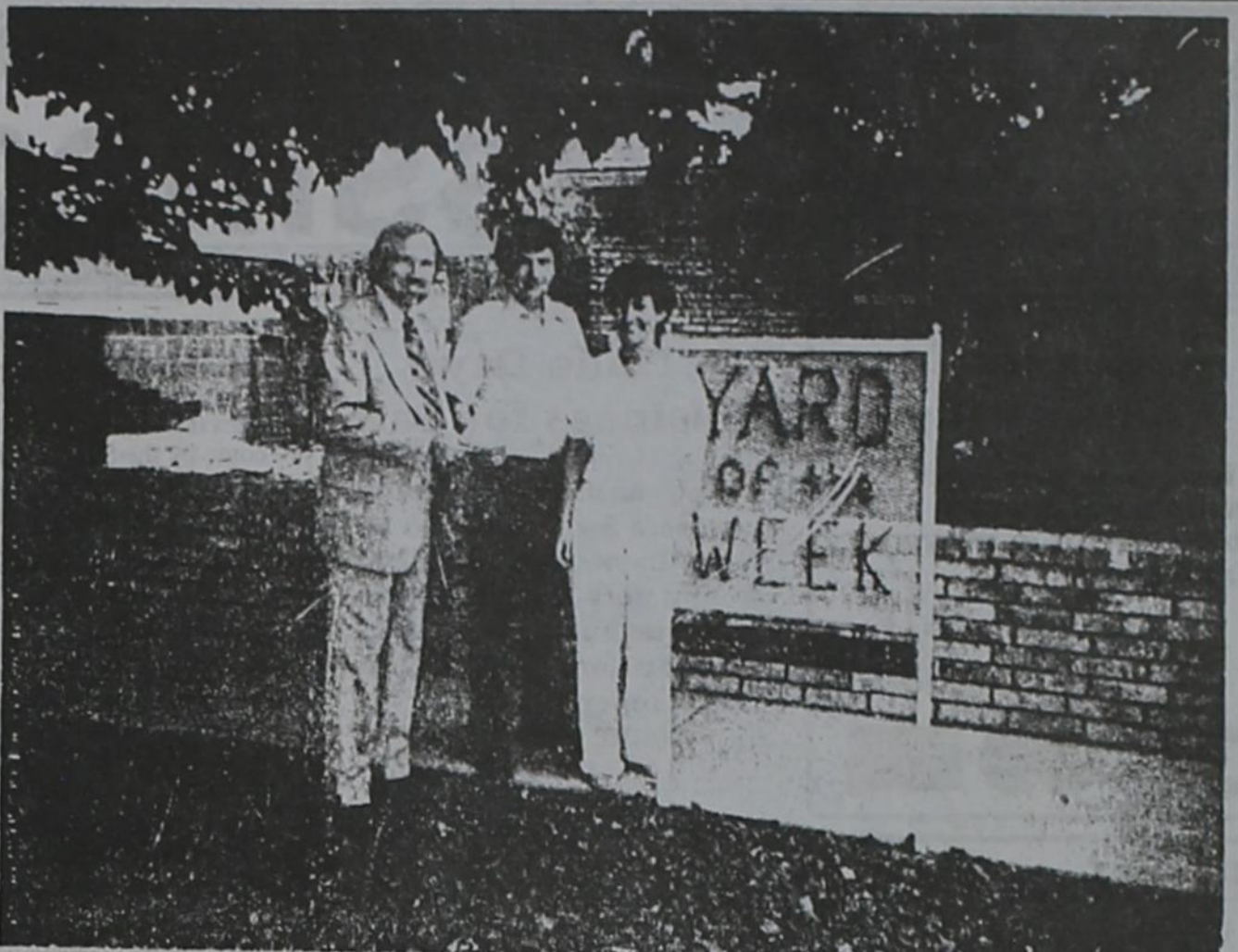
49 Crystal Beach hosts "TX \_\_\_ Festival"

51 uncle's "better half"

52 66 through the panhandle (abbr.)

57 TXs Seals & \_\_\_

58 TX Crystal Bernard role on "Wings"



**YARD OF LAST WEEK** — The Chamber of Commerce's "yard of the week" award went to Mr. and Mrs. Bo Jackson, 905 West 4th, last week. Shown above Chamber president Larry Willard, left, presents the award certificate to them.

From The Post Dispatch, July 3, 1979

## Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

### July 2, 1989 10 Years Ago

Airman 1st Class Marlan B. Greer has graduated from the U.S. Air Force pest management course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

In the absence of president Robert Arriola, Bill Mueller presided when the Caprock Photographers met at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 27 in the SPS Reddy Room.

Dawn Pierce, a 1983 graduate of Post High School, is now touring Europe, along with eight other members of an acappella singing ministry "Best Friends."

Many of Post's golfers have been playing in tournaments around the area this summer. Jimmie Bartlett, Joe Harris, Mike Bartlett and Bob Palmer played in the Men's West Texas Golf Tournament at Hillcrest Country

### July 3, 1979 20 Years Ago

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Post Church of Christ for Mrs. Loree Thaxton, who came to Post as a young woman of 19 over a half a century ago to teach in the local schools.

Mrs. Delbert Rudd was honoree for a layette shower Saturday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church.

The Grassland Hobby Club met recently in the community center with 12 members and three visitors present.

Helen Gerner of Post gave the program on "Redecorating the Home,

### July 3, 1969 30 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hooper and grandchildren of Stanton and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Hopper and family of Lovington, N. M. visited the J. C. Riches Sunday.

Bailey Mayo "pinch hit" for Editor Charlie Didway again to snap pictures of the Babe Ruth League

Jerry Conoly, president of the Post Little League, was scheduled to attend a meeting in Lubbock this week at which the tournament dates were to be set.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lamb and children have moved from Memphis, Tex., to Durham, N. C., where he was transferred by Burlington Industries, Inc.

### July 2, 1959 40 Years Ago

Guests in the Howard Kolb home Saturday through Tuesday were her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Orsburn, Brenda, and Joe, of Wewoka, Okla.

The city has asked the Rev. Almon Martin to undertake a thorough house numbering of all the residential areas of Post in advance of inauguration of mail-deliveries here.

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Gatlin left Friday for Florida, where they will make their new home.

### July 7, 1949 50 Years Ago

City of Post employees yesterday began the spraying of streets and alleys with DDT and the job was continued today. A spraying machine was brought here for the job.

A son, weighing 7 lb. 11 1/2 oz., was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bartlett at 3:07 a. m., July 1, in the Lubbock Memorial Hospital. He was named Jimmy Durward.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Surman celebrated their wedding anniversary July 4th by taking their grandchildren, Jan and Paula, Justice of Lubbock on a train ride.

Neal Clary and Ralph Cockrell left Saturday on a 10-day trip to Colorado Springs, Yellowstone National Park and the state of Washington.



**MINOR LEAGUE PLAYER AWARDS** — Five Minor League players received player award trophies and one sportsmanship award was presented during the final game of the Minor League teams Friday night. Receiving the award trophies were l to r, Karl Gerner, sportsmanship, Dustin Ammons, Greg Benham, and Mike Wells, player awards. Not shown are Trey Jones and Lex Dunn who also received player awards. — (Staff Photo)

From The Post Dispatch, July 3, 1979



**SPORTSMANSHIP AWARDS** — These six players of Little League were awarded sportsmanship trophies during awards ceremonies held Thursday night at the Little League Park. Shown l to r, back row, Greg Massey, Deborah Martinez, and Gregory Adams. Front row, l to r, Donny Payne, Benny Hair and Delton Osborne. — (Staff Photo)

From The Post Dispatch, July 3, 1979



### GRADUATES

Army Pvt. Ronnie L. Polk, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Polk of Post, recently was graduated from the 101st Airborne Division Jump School at Fort Campbell, Ky. Polk received his paratrooper wings after completing two weeks of intensive ground and aerial training which included five parachute jumps. He entered the Army last November and completed basic training at Fort Carson, Colo. He is a 1958 graduate of Post High School.—(U. S. Army Photo.)

From The Post Dispatch, July 2, 1959

### Dr Wilson opens practice in Post



**DR. WILLIAM C. WILSON**  
Dr. William C. Wilson returned Wednesday to his hometown of Post to begin the practice of medicine, with the statement, "I'm glad to be back and ready to go to work."

From The Post Dispatch, July 3, 1969



**Marine Capt. Eugene J. Robinson**, son of Mrs. Ida D. Robinson, was graduated recently from the Amphibious Warfare School, Junior Course, in ceremonies held at the Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va. The amphibious warfare school is the only school in the armed forces that instructs its students in all phases of amphibious warfare. After his visit here, Capt. Robinson will report to the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C., for duty.

Dispatch, July 7, 1949

## Lunch Menus

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| <p><b>Trail Blazer</b><br/>Friday, July 2, 1999<br/>Turkey and dressing, carrots, salad, wheat roll and pineapple cake.</p> <p><b>Monday, July 5, 1999</b><br/>Baked ham, black eyed peas, brussel sprouts, carrot and raisin salad, cornbread and cherry cobbler.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, July 6, 1999</b><br/>Beef enchilada, pinto beans, stewed</p> | <p>okra and tomatoes, tortilla chips and fruit salad.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 7, 1999</b><br/>Baked chicken with mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll and lemon cake.</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 8, 1999</b><br/>Polish sausage, cabbage, green peas, cornbread and pumpkin bars.</p> |
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### Local band to perform in Lubbock July 3

The local band "Tator Red & The Wonderful Ixex Fabrication," have been chosen as one of the bands to compete Saturday, July 3 in Lubbock's "Battle of the Bands" on Broadway. The band is scheduled to hit the stage at 3 p.m.

Members of the band are lead singer Daniel Fluit, Clell Knight on bass guitar, Jeff Dennis on guitar and Colt Miller, guitar. They had submitted a CD for the audition, and were notified earlier this week of their selection.

### USNHR picks Alyse Trinidad

Alyse Trinidad of Post has been recognized for academic achievement as a United States National Honor Roll award winner.

Trinidad, who attends Southland school, will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook.

She is the daughter of Simon and Sally Trinidad of Post. Grandparents are Simon and Amelia Trinidad of Agascalientes, Mexico, and Manuel and Janie Garza of Slaton.

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A special thanks goes to our friends in the Verbeno community who were so quick to offer assistance and care.

Thanks again,  
Danny, Jenifer, Josh and Drew Fumagalli

The family of Amos Taylor would like to thank each and everyone for every act of kindness shown during the recent loss of our loved one. We are so very thankful for the many phone calls, visits, cards and

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We would like to thank all of our friends in Post who called, sent flowers, for your prayers and just being there for us at the death of our daughter Mary Castillo.

Mary was a part of the Post community for many years and would have been honored that so many of her friends remembered her.

Once again, thank you and may God bless each of you.  
Julio and Louise Valdez and the family of Mary Castillo

## Personals

Post Independent School District invites the Senior Citizens of the district to come by the Superintendent's office and receive a gift of a complimentary general admissions pass that will admit you to all school functions. (You will be asked to present identification so that a pass can be issued in your name).

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous Meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on

the last Thursday of the month, which is an open meeting. Door opens at 7 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. cake and coffee following the meeting. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-4152, 495-4185 or 629-4393.

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The Garza Central Appraisal District is now accepting applications for the position of Chief Appraiser.

You may bring your application by our office at 124 East Main, Post, Texas or mail to Garza Central Appraisal District P.O. Drawer F Post, Texas 79356.

All applications must be in our office by July 7, 1999.

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## Garage Sales

Friday, 8:00 am till 11:00 am. 610 W. 11th. Wood shelves, baked goods.

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Friday, 9 am till 3 pm. 508 West Main. Some furniture, childrens clothes.

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## Legal Notices

**Notice of Report of Acquisition of Dickens Electric Cooperative, Inc. by South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

On May 28, 1999, South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SPEC"), an electric utility headquartered in Lubbock, Texas, and Dickens Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("DEC"), an electric utility headquartered in Spur, Texas, filed an Application for Sale, Transfer or Merger with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission"), reporting the acquisition of DEC by SPEC. Copies of the report are available for review during normal business hours at the offices of SPEC, 4727 South Loop 289, Suite 200, Lubbock, Texas; at the offices of DEC, FM 836, Spur, Texas; and the Commission's Central Records, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. The report is also available electronically through the Commission's Interchange, which can be accessed through the Commission's web site, www.puc.state.tx.us

The report to the commission has been assigned Docket No. 20925. The deadline for intervention and comments is July 16, 1999. Persons with questions about the acquisition may contact Bryant Higginbotham at SPEC, 4727 South Loop 289, Suite 200, Lubbock, Texas 79424, (806) 775-7732, or Bobbie Gannon at DEC, P.O. Box 309, Spur, Texas 79370, (806)271-3311. Persons who wish to intervene and/or provide comments on the acquisition should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may be obtained by calling the Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

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### BE SURE TO ATTEND YOUR DIVISION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Dickens Division South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc., will hold its membership meeting at the Spur headquarters, Thursday, July 15, 1999.

A barbeque meal will be served at 6:30 P. M. while guests are entertained by the 3M Band of Motley County. The business session will begin at 7:30 P. M. with entertainment provided for the children at an adjoining area.

Reports on 1998 operations of the Dickens Electric Division will also be given.

The directors and management encourage all Cooperative members to be a part of their Division meeting. An evening of fun, entertainment and prize drawings is planned.

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## Letters to the Editor

**Letters to the Editor Policy:** We require all letters to be signed, however, names may be withheld from publication by request. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation.

### Next they'll want SSN for a pottie break

A few weeks ago, I applied for a Texas license plate for an old flat bed farm trailer. When filling out the customary forms, I supplied all the required information except for the block labeled SSN which I left blank.

After reviewing the form the clerk handed it back to me stating that I must also supply my SSN. I commented that my participation or nonparticipation in the Social Security Retirement Program had nothing to do with licensing my old farm trailer.

The clerk advised me that the law in Texas requires all applicants for drivers license and vehicle license plates MUST provide their social security number otherwise she could not issue a license for my old farm trailer. Of course I already knew that, and proceeded to lodge a formal protest to the requirement.

What is all this numbering of individuals leading to ... the gradual transformation of our REPUBLIC form of government to a TOTALITARIAN form of government. Please continue to read the following information because it's very important and describes what is taking place in America even as I pen this letter.

Many years ago (more than I really care to think about) I had the honor and privilege of serving on President John F. Kennedy's personal battle staff. My area of expertise was in information collection, processing and analysis. In preparation for this particular assignment, I was required to attend a very intense school dealing with various forms of governments.

One of the people who supplied some of the study material used in that school was a Mr. W. Cleon Skousen, who for 15 years was in charge of a team of FBI investigators responsible for investigating and monitoring the clandestine imposition of totalitarian/communist philosophy in American society.

Mr. Skousen and his team were responsible for providing a considerable amount of the information contained in several Department of Defense training manuals used in the DoD school that I attended. One of those training manuals entitled Two Ways of Life, The Communist Challenge to Democracy (DoD GEN-9) I still have, and often refer to.

So that you will better understand why ALL Americans must stand, and fight if necessary, with US Congressman Ron Paul in his effort to defeat the requirement for a national identification system; I would like to direct your attention to one paragraph found in the introduction portion of the Department of Defense training manual I noted above.

In the totalitarian way of life, there are no inalienable rights of man which the state is not allowed to touch. Totalitarianism wants ALL of man, his body and soul, and there is no human activity -political, economic, social, religious, or educational - that is allowed to escape government control.

In addition to not recognizing any limits to its goals, it recognizes no limits to the means it is prepared to use to attain them: propaganda, imprisonment, terror, slave labor, brainwashing, and even the destruction of entire nations (genocide).

I challenge each of you to find just one segment of "human activity - political, economic, social, religious, or educational -- here in American, over which that the present administration has not in the past, and is not presently demanding total and absolute control.

A final observation:

The Church (God's people) is the only institution in America that has the power to defeat this clandestine shift from a republic form of government to the absolute slavery of a totalitarian form of government in America. It's time to wake up America.

Rev. Curtis Tomlin, President

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### Congressman Ron Paul fights ID

Calling on the federal government to end its war on the privacy rights of American citizens and the prerogatives of state governments, US Rep. Ron Paul (R, Texas) is leading a bipartisan team attempting to stop the national ID card, which is set for implementation on Oct. 1, 2000.

The Privacy Protection Act of 1999 was introduced Thursday, June 24, to repeal the sections of the 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibilities Act that set the national ID in place. Co-sponsoring the legislation is US Rep. John Hostettler (R, Indiana), Maurice Hinchey (D, New York) and Bob Barr (R, Georgia).

The legislation is supported by: the National Conference of State Legislatures, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Electronic Privacy Information Center, the National Council of La Raza, Eagle Forum, the Electronic Frontier Foundation,

the Free Congress Foundation and Americans for Tax Reform.

"Under the provisions of the 1996 law, no American will be able to get a job, open a bank account, apply for Social Security or Medicare benefits, purchase a firearm or even take an airplane flight unless their state's drivers license conforms to the national ID," said Rep. Paul. "Any Member of Congress who refuses to support this common-sense legislation obviously has not considered — or has considered and rejected — the reaction of his constituents when they learn they must produce their government papers in order to do just about anything."

Rep. Paul said he is pleased to have the backing not only of his colleagues but also of the American people. Congressional offices have been flooded with mail from constituents on this issue, said Paul.

"This probably marks the first time state legislators and county officials have teamed up with liberal groups like the ACLU and conservative organizations like Free Congress and Eagle Forum, to stop what is a singularly bad idea."

Rep. Paul is recognized as one of Congress' leaders in defending American's privacy rights. He was the first congressman to speak out against the now-withdrawn "Know Your Customer" regulations. He has also been leading the opposition to postal regulations that strip away the fundamental privacy of mailbox users. His legislation to overturn the postal regulations already has more than 30 cosponsors.

"Privacy rights are fundamental to our system of government. These big-government programs only further erode our precious liberties, which is why the issue cuts across political party lines and the ideological spectrum."

Congressman Ron Paul

## Weather impacts completion of correctional facility

Recent severe weather incidents have "negatively impacted" the construction schedule of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, and these complications will delay the facility's opening, according to a press release issued by the facility's warden, Terry Bartlett, Friday.

Damages to air conditioning/evacuation systems caused an initial delay, and the most recent heavy rains have postponed the completion of the paving required to make the facility functional.

"Hale-Mills Construction Company, the general contractor for the construction of the facility, is working diligently to overcome these unexpected delays and complete the facility as rapidly as possible," Bartlett said.

The delays have caused Management & Training Corporation (MTC), the county's contracted prison operator, to push back its planned "staff hiring sequence." As a result, only a handful of "critical" staff positions have been filled to perform the multitude of administrative tasks

required to prepare the facility for opening.

"MTC expects to fully reinstate the hiring process as soon as a contract for housing offenders is completed," Bartlett said.

Although the initial MTC proposal was to incarcerate offenders solely for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, those plans have changed with the state's recent announcement that it no longer intends to enter into new contracts for housing state offenders in privately-operated prison facilities. Since the announcement, which Bartlett described as a "surprise," MTC and Garza County have received requests from prison administrators in other states, as well as the Federal Bureau of Prisons, to house their excess offender populations.

"It will take some additional time to negotiate a contract with the most favorable bidder for housing offenders at the facility," the warden said, "and MTC expects to complete this process in an orderly fashion and begin receiving offenders within 60 days of contract completion."

A Texas Commission on Jail Standards inspection team visited the facility June 21-23 as part of the state's ongoing supervision of the project. The results of their findings are being incorporated into the final phase of construction, said Bartlett.



Rob Holton and Anna Alvarado keep the pace going in the current production at the Garza Theatre.

### "Curse You, Jack Dalton" returns July 9-11 at the Garza Theatre

The cast and crew of the Garza Theatre's "Curse You, Jack Dalton!" are taking a holiday weekend break, so the next performances of the theatre's current production will be July 9-11.

Performances are set for 7:45 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 9-10, and at 2:30 p.m. on July 11. Final performances are slated for July 16-18.

Cast members for the show include Paul Garrett, Rob Holton, Traci Hale, Claire Whiteside and Morgan Mercer. Jake Morgan is directing the effort. Tickets to the show, which is the theatre's annual tribute to the Harley Sadler Old Time Tent Shows, cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12.

For more information, call 495-4005.

### SPC sets CNA course

A course in certified nurse aide will begin July 5 at South Plains College. The class will meet from 5:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the SPC Technical Arts Building, Room 112. Clinical instruction is scheduled 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on four Saturdays.

Instructor will be Linda Newman, LVN. Tuition costs \$250. State exam fee will be \$64.75.

The 80-hour certified nurse aide course provides necessary skills to work in long-term care, home health or hospital environments. Students completing the 56 hours of classroom and 24 hours of clinical instruction will be required to take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Exam.

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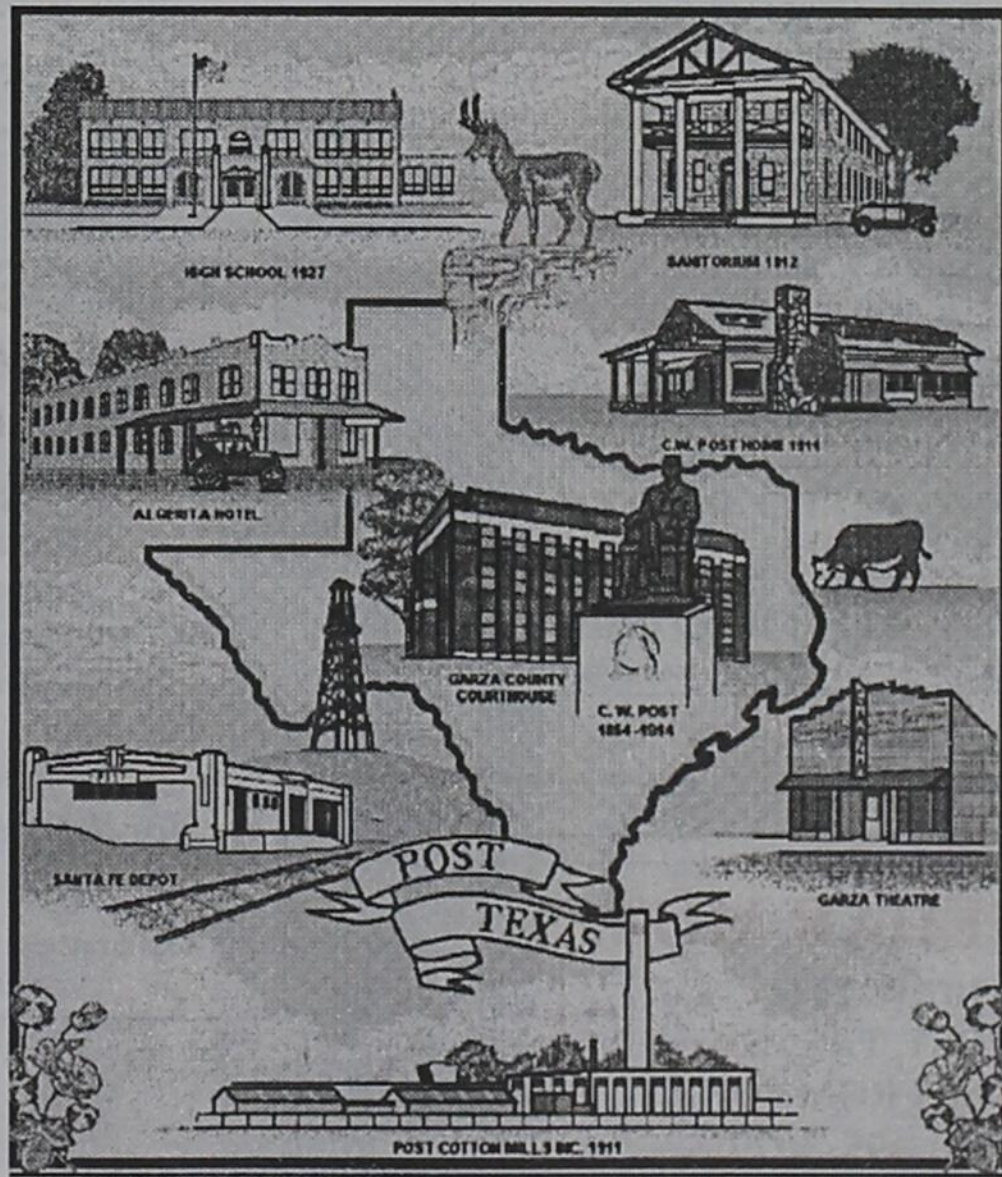
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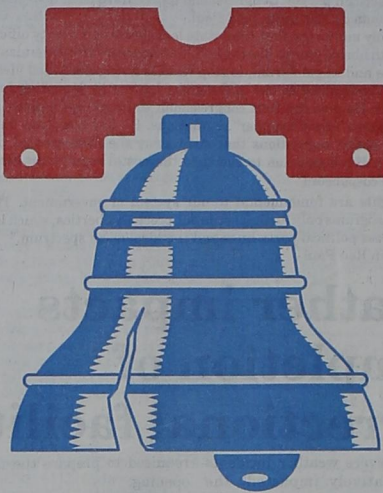
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