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## "Curse You, Jack Dalton"

Paul Garrett as "Jack Dalton" and Traci Hale as "Bertha Blair" are returning the stage Friday in the continuation of the Garza Theatre's "Curse You, Jack Dalton!" 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.

# GCHD board majority votes to disobey law

by Wes Burnett

Garza County taxpayers got a strong slap in the face at last Thursday's Garza County Hospital District board of directors meeting when the three incumbent board members openly admitted that they would not be bound by the law when it comes to spending tax funds. In an astounding admission that the law takes second seat to the objective of providing health care, board president Mike Travis said that he would break the law if necessary in order to "give our citizens the best possible health care."

The decision by the majority of the board to defy state law came on a motion by newly elected director Carol Tobias. Her motion said, "that the Garza County Hospital District adhere to the definition of indigent and needy as defined by the Texas Department of Health and by the Garza County Hospital District's published requirements for indigent and needy designation." Tobias and newly elected director Charles

Propst pointed out that state law, two Attorney General opinions, legal definitions, dictionary definitions and the board's own policy clearly demonstrate that the needy and indigent are one in the same. Travis explained that the meaning of the law conflicted with his definition of needy, and proceeded to give examples of people who need medical attention.

Tobias replied that there is a difference between medical needy and financial needy, and that "the law is clear on that point, needy and indigent are interchangeable and mean the same thing." Board members Zoe Kirkpatrick and David Tyler also expressed their opinion that the legal definition is too restrictive, and they agreed with Travis. Propst pointed out to the three incumbents that they were rewriting the law and questioned their authority to do that.

Tobias also reminded the board that earlier in the meeting they had voted to "adhere strictly to the

district's enabling legislation," which only authorizes the board to expend tax funds on behalf of the needy and indigent. She read portions of the enabling legislation to support the motion. "We must follow the law," she emphasized. Huffaker said the board was obligated to adhere to that law, "and if not, someone can file a law suit for injunctive relief."

When the vote was called, Propst and Tobias voted for the motion, Kirkpatrick and Tyler vote against obeying the law, and Travis broke the tie by voting with Kirkpatrick and Tyler. The decision places a question mark about the operation of the hospital district, since the employees of the district are now faced with a board decision to ignore traditional policies of indigent and needy designation, and are in direct conflict with the Texas Department of Health rules and regulations regarding the use of tax funds for the care of the indigent and needy.

In a related issue, the board majority also rejected the law by refusing to approve a motion to notify CHS that the current contract is invalid due to its violation of the law. The motion by Propst emphasized that the contract was not competitively bid as required by the enabling legislation. In the debate, Huffaker said that professional services did not need to be bid. Tobias reminded Huffaker that at the June board

meeting she specifically asked if the Government Code (Title 10) superseded the enabling legislation. "You said it did not, you said that we must follow the enabling legislation." Huffaker said he thought Tobias misunderstood what he had said.

She pulled out the minutes of the June meeting and read the question and the answer, which confirmed that Huffaker had in fact told the board that the Government Code did not override the enabling legislation. The original contract was defended by Huffaker last year by quoting the Government Code as authority.

"Either we are going to follow the law as it is written, or we are not," Tobias emphasized. Travis replied that he didn't think it was necessary, and it would disrupt medical service for the community. "However," Propst interjected, "the law requires that all contracts over \$1,000 be competitively bid." Kirkpatrick and Tyler voted no, Travis broke the tie and the majority overlooked the requirements of the law.

In another rejection of the law, the majority voted to deny Tobias' motion to limit the amount of payment for assessment and collection of taxes to \$5,000. She pointed out in debate on the issue that the enabling legislation limits those payments. Travis said that he thought county and appraisal district representa-

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## City, county okay agreements

by Wes Burnett

In a joint meeting Tuesday evening between the Post City Council and the Garza County Commissioners Court, the two government bodies agreed to continue joint operating agreements. City council members also agreed with county leaders that a proposed leasing of Sheriff's Department vehicles should proceed. A bid for replacing Sheriff's Department computers and the sharing of costs for improvements at the airport

were also approved.

The leasing program had been discussed in detail by commissioners at several recent meetings, and the city council accepted the proposal as being economically sound. The two governments will share the cost of leasing three vehicles in the next budget year, at an estimated cost of \$22,000 each. Sheriff Kenny Ratke pointed out that there are no mileage restrictions on the leased vehicles, and that warranty items will save thousands

of dollars in maintenance costs. At the end of the lease, the vehicles may be purchased by the county at \$1 each.

Sheriff Ratke and computer consultant Steve Mason explained the replacement of computers and new software to bring the law enforcement complex into Y2K compliance. The total cost of installing five workstations and software will be \$18,000, with the city paying one-half.

Mayor Archie Gill asked Judge Giles Dalby to explain the airport improvements, which were specified in a letter from the Texas Department of Transportation. A grant of \$295,000 has been authorized for the local airport, with the county and city sharing 10 percent, or approximately \$15,000 each. The runways will be resurfaced along with improvements to the drainage at the airport.

The council also approved the appointment of Drew Kirkpatrick to the airport board, replacing Stanley Butler who had resigned and recommended Kirkpatrick for the appointment. Commissioner Lee Norman was appointed by the council to serve as signee for airport board matters. The airport board was also designated as the consultant committee for the improvements project.

In other matters, the council appointed Lanny Fluitt to serve on the cemetery board, joining Rene Mason, Crystal Mason and Cynthia Williams. The cemetery board's recommendation to eliminate a special water and care agreement with lot buyers was approved. City manager

Fred Stephens explained that it was an extra cost that really wasn't necessary, since the city maintains all the lots. Stephens also said that new equipment will soon be purchased to assist with upkeep. "We're going to get a top quality riding mower and an industrial trimmer," he said. Stephens complimented the volunteer cemetery board, and invited council members to attend the regular meeting of the board Thursday (today) at city hall beginning at 5:30 p.m.

A new cemetery contract is being prepared with the assistance of city secretary Yvonne Kennedy, the cemetery board and city attorney Harvey Morton.

The council approved the second reading of a zoning ordinance change and approved a variance request for a carport at Justice-Mason Funeral Home in the 100 block of S. Ave. L.

In a discussion about supplemental pay for Kennedy and Delbert Rudd, council member Bill Pool's motion for a \$1,000 one-time payment was approved without dissent. Mayor Archie Gill pointed out that Kennedy and Rudd had performed additional responsibilities for several months in the absence of a city manager, and all council members agreed that the two deserved supplemental pay for those extra duties and responsibilities.

Council member Harold Craig asked about plans for improving paved streets, and Stephens explained that the city is proceeding with a temporary measure by plac-

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## Another successful July 4th celebration!

Editor's Note: The following is brief report on the very successful July 4th celebration last Sunday. Our highest compliments to the volunteers who made the day so enjoyable and rewarding.

by Rodney Tidwell

We would like to take this time to thank all the people who helped make the 4th of July Celebration a great success. After several hours of planning, (spending much time "tweekin'" on the side when things just wouldn't come together), the day at the park was a great success.

We want to thank all the vendors for coming out and having a variety of activities as well as food and drinks, live bands who provided the entertainment, the Post Volunteer Fire Department for setting off a spectacular fireworks show at the end of the day and to Jerica Tyler for singing the National Anthem to kick off the fireworks.

It makes us very proud to be Americans where we have the opportunity to celebrate all that our country truly stands for: "Freedom". We want to

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## Post Notes

### Cherished flag stolen

On July 3 someone walked up to Barbaralee Newcomb's front porch at 602 W. 10th and stole a cherished American flag that had adorned her father's military funeral casket. He was a veteran of World War I and the flag had been preserved by the family. It is an eight foot flag, made especially for funerals. Whoever took the flag is requested to simply return it, no questions asked. "I hope I'll get up some morning and it'll be right where it had been," she lamented. "This flag has so much emotional meaning to me, I am just crushed. I never imagined someone might actually steal it."

### Guthrie family plans reunion

Members of the Guthrie family will meet for the annual reunion on August 7, 1999. Those who are interested in more details should call (254) 939-7244, 939-3003 or 933-7738.

### 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.

### Garza County roping August 7

The annual Garza County roping will be held Saturday, August 7 at the Rodeo Grounds. Entries must be submitted by Thursday, August 5 at 10 p.m. Call (806) 996-5559 or 996-5368 to enter. A pre-roping will be held Sunday, August 1 at Miller Time Arena.

### 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.

## Hutson in critical condition

Johnny Hutson, a 34-year-old Post resident, remained on life support and reported in critical condition as of Wednesday morning at University Medical Center in Lubbock hospital following a two-vehicle accident Saturday, June 26, north of the city on U.S. 84.

According to Department of Public Safety Trooper Kyle Edwards, the man, whose name the DPS investigating officer would not release, sustained his injuries when the pickup in which he was traveling allegedly went off the roadway and onto the shoulder, striking a parked tractor trailer.

The injured man was trapped in his vehicle for about 20 minutes, Edwards said, and Jaws of Life hydraulic rescue equipment was used to extract him from his vehicle.

The man was transported by Aerocare to University Medical Center. The driver of the parked vehicle was not injured in the accident. The incident occurred at 11:45 p.m. about 14 miles north of Post. The injured man was wearing his seat belt at the time of the accident, according to reports.

Edwards declined to comment as to factors which may have played into the accident but did say the DPS investigation is ongoing.

## New policy opens payment door for medical needy

by Wesley W. Burnett

Over the objection of the two newly elected board members, the majority of the Garza County Hospital District board of directors at last Thursday's regular meeting declared a new policy for determining indigent and needy status for Garza County residents.

The new policy, explained by board president Mike Travis, includes his definition of needy in place of state laws and previous board policy. Mr. Travis defined needy as those in need of medical care, and at the meeting described three cases as examples. The majority of the board voted against a motion to abide by definitions of needy and indigent defined by state law, saying that the state definition was too restrictive.

This new definition and board policy eliminates the need for those seeking medical attention to satisfy any financial limitations regarding taxpayer funded services. County residents apparently will only be required to declare themselves in need of medical attention at the hospital district tax subsidized clinic operated by Covenant Health Systems.

Employees of the district, who had previously screened all needy or indigent applicants, will now be in violation of board policy if they enforce state law guidelines. Information about the new policy may be obtained by viewing a video tape of the July 1 meeting. The tape is to be aired on Channel 31.



# Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Here we go one more time. Hope everyone had a happy 4th of July. I don't know how many got to the park, I was at Old Mill all weekend, but I here they had a good turnout.

### Rankin Reunion

Billy and Wilma Williams were in Canadian, Texas for the holiday. They attended the Roy Williams family reunion (Rankin Reunion).

Wilma said they had a really good time. In all of the relatives, Wilma said 14 could play instruments, so they had banjos, fiddles, guitars, harmonicas and mandolins. The reunion was in a barn, with a sound system for the band! Wilma said they had their own hootin-nanny.

While I'm on Billy and Wilma's family, in case not everyone knew, Barbara (Shytles) Williams, is in Covenant as of this day (Tuesday) recovering from heart surgery. Hope she is doing much better, and we want her to know that she is in our hearts and prayers! Get well soon.

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

Your biggest bicycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death?"

### Surprise Weekend Guests

Stanley, Pauline and James Mathis had surprise visitors this past weekend. Stanley's sisters-in-law, Marvene Mathis of Hereford and Juanell Mathis of Las Vegas, Nevada dropped in for a wonderful visit. They also visited with Stanley's sister, Ione Hughes, at Golden Plains Nursing Center.

Stanley and family were also surprised by a visit from Francis McAfee and Sherry Rutter of Thoreu, New Mexico. I know that made the Mathis bunch enjoy their holiday weekend.

### How low can you go!!!

Wes and I had a visit from Barbaralee Newcomb of Post this morning and the story she told me made me ill!

Over the weekend Barbaralee displayed a United States flag at her home at 603 West 10th street. This was no ordinary flag. This flag had draped her fathers casket at his funeral. He had fought in World War II and this flag was presented to Barbaralee's mother. Upon her mothers death, Barbara received the flag. It is a huge flag being eight foot long.

Now I don't know who thought that they needed this flag bad enough to steal it, but give me a break! Barbaralee just wants the flag returned, no questions asked. The flag could never be replaced, and she is very distraught over it's being stolen.

Now maybe whatever lowlife decided to take this flag does not read "Jabberin'" but, everyone that does can be on the lookout for this flag. Don't let this person enjoy it.

By the way, IF this person IS reading this, take the flag back to it's home, no questions.

### Birthdays this Week

Thursday, July 18; Leslie Davis, Dewayne Morris, James Dawson and Donna Smith; Friday, July 9; Saturday, July 10; Tamara Lashae Williams; Sunday, July 11; Coty Taylor; Anniversaries; Jose and Monica Diaz and Truett and Debra Horton.

Monday, July 12; Blake Nichols, Makayla Miller and Giles Wilson Dalby III; Anniversary; Jim and Janice Plummer; Tuesday, July 13; Rene Delarosa, Becky Delarosa, Elvira Marrie, James Morris, Carly Rudd and Irene Abraham; Wednesday, July 14; Hailey Person, Robert S., Sr., Ronnie Graves, Amanda McBride, Ed Gossett and Jimmy Solis.

### 4th in Bowie

Harold and Jeneice Reno spent their holiday in Bowie, visiting Maurice and Doris Fluitt. Aunt Neice says their new home is beautiful, and that they should be moving in soon.

Maybe they will invite the whole clan down. Scarey thought huh, Bubal!

### Back Home

Rick and I really enjoyed having our daughter Amanda, and granddaughter, Alison here from Norfolk, Virginia. The time just passed too quickly.

Hopefully the whole family, Stephen, Amanda and Alison, will get to come at Christmas. Our house was really quite Monday night!

### Special Get Well

I want to send out a special get well message to James Dye. He is in the hospital recovering from a broken hip.

Hope that you are up in no time James and back at the coffee shop. I know those guys will miss you!

### Till Next Week

Guess that is all for this week. Everyone have a happy weekend and may God bless each of you. Be on the lookout for that flag!!



Mrs. Brian Thomas Crawford

# Byrd, Crawford wed in June 12 ceremony

Tamara Lynn Byrd and Brian Thomas Crawford, both Lubbock residents, were united in marriage Saturday, June 12, 1999, at 6 p.m. at the Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock. Dr. Lester B. Griffin, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Crosbyton, officiated the double ring ceremony.

Edward and Belinda Byrd of Crosbyton are parents of the bride. Her grandparents are Elton and Mary Lee and Lucile Byrd, all of Post. The groom is the son of Bob and Pam Snedeker of Snyder and Tom and Kristy Crawford of Attica, Indiana, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walkup of Kentland, Indiana, and Clara Crawford of Attica.

Vows were exchanged at an altar adorned with an arched candelabra and two spiral candelabras, all entwined with English ivy and white roses. The unity candle stand was also decorated with English ivy and white roses. Pew bows were made of brocade and satin ribbons set off with garlands of green and white snapdragons and white roses.

Candle lighters were Ryan Crawford of Attica, the groom's half-brother, and Roy Stone of Lubbock.

Before the wedding, the mothers of the bride and groom joined in the lighting of the candles aside the unity candle.

The bride was escorted by her father to the music of the traditional wedding march. She wore an elegant white matte satin wedding gown, the bodice of which had a modified Queen Anne neckline. The front and back bodice was adorned with schiffli lace, which was decorated with pearl outlines, pearls and crystal sequins. The back bodice had a large oval keyhole opening. Short sleeves were highlighted with an insertion of web-like illusion, lace, pearls and crystals. The deep basque waistline flowed into a bouffant skirt and train. A double candy box bow appliqued with lace and pearls sat at the back waistline. Two self roses completed the center. A large schiffli medallion decorated the center front of the skirt. Smaller lace motifs were at each side of the medallion. Pearls and crystal sequins studded the lace. The back of the dress had a web-like insertion of illusion under the bow, down to the end of the cathedral train. A wide row of schiffli lace edged the skirt and the cathedral train. Pearls and crystal sequins dotted the hem lace.

The bride's veil was decorated with pearls and satin rosettes. She carried a bouquet of white tea-spray roses, stephanotis and green English ivy.

Following wedding tradition, the bride had pennies minted from the year of both the bride's and groom's birth dates in her shoes. For something old, she wore in her garter a handkerchief belonging to her great-great-grandmother. Something new was her gown. Something borrowed was a pearl and diamond necklace belonging to her mother. Her garter served as something blue. Attached to her bouquet was a gold guardian angel pin given to her by her parents just prior to the ceremony.

Matron of honor was Vanessa Baldree of Lubbock, the bride's sister. Serving as bridesmaids were Kelly Hardin of Lubbock, one who introduced the couple; Erica Dye of San Angelo; Lesley Adams of Canyon; and Angee Morton of Lufkin, the groom's sister.

The attendants' dresses were sleeveless princess-style gowns of navy blue crepe with jewel necklines and straps across the back. A bow with streamers finished the back opening. Each carried a bouquet of hand-tied pompom daisies with yellow solidago, green fern and finished off with green English ivy.

Flower girl was Tanna Morton, the groom's niece. She wore a floor-length dress of navy blue crepe with a raised waist, short sleeves and a round neckline. The back bodice had two bows. Another bow finished off the front. She carried a white satin and lace square basket trimmed in navy ribbon. The basket was filled with sonia peach Gerber petals, peach alstroemeria petals and white tea spray rose petals.

Best men were Jason Bynum of Snyder and Wacey Estes of Lubbock. Grooms-men were B.J. Hardin of Lubbock, one who introduced the couple; Kory Clark of Amarillo; and Bart Morton of Lufkin, brother-in-law of the groom.

All male attendants wore Oscar de la Renta contour tuxedos with black vests and black ties. The groom and the father of the bride wore the Oscar de la Renta contour tuxedos with white vests and white ties.

Guests were seated by David Brooks of Lubbock, Roy Stone of Lubbock and Ryan Crawford of Attica.

Trisna Wheelles presided at the registry table, which was covered with white cloth and a white lace overlay. White candle holders and white candles sat atop a mirror outlined in white wicker. Also on the table was a picture of the couple in a Boy's Bear Collectible frame.

Beverly Eubanks provided the organ music. After the bride and her father, walked down the aisle, Kyle Hind sang "The Keeper of the Stars." "From This Moment On" was sung by Hind and Janalei Potrament during the lighting of the unity candle.

A reception held at the church featured greenery, white roses, peach alstroemeria and candles centering each guest table. A portrait of the bride was displayed on a gold easel.

The bride's table featured the bridal bouquet, a four-tiered cake and a crystal punch bowl set. The cake was made by the bride's sister, Vanessa, and featured a basketweave pattern with zigzag garlands and rope borders. It was trimmed with white tea spray roses, peach alstroemeria blossoms, yellow solidago and ming fern greenery. Atop the cake was a crystal heart with two crystal and gold lovebirds in the center, with lace and bows around the bottom. Also on the table were peach napkins embossed in navy with the couple's names and date.

On the groom's table was a two-layer square chocolate cake also made by the bride's sister. The cake was decorated with sotas on the bottom layer and stripes and dots on the top layer, along with chocolate tuxedo dipped strawberries. Also on the table was a silver tray of nuts and mints. On both tables were Boy's Bears Collectibles, which the bride collects.

Members of the house party were Lesley Baker, Kim Hodges, Rachel Benhke and Crystal Dye.

Baskets filled with flowers made from Hershey kisses were given to the guests. A basket decorated with ivy and a nesting bird was filled with birdseed and distributed to well-wishers as the couple left the church in a white limousine.

Following a trip to the Grand Cayman Island, the couple will reside in Lubbock.

The bride is a graduate of Crosbyton High School and is a senior at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center where she is majoring in speech pathology. She is employed by Scuttlebutt's.

The groom, a graduate of Snyder High School, is employed at Gene Messer Mitsubishi.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Mickey's Steak House in Lubbock. A bridal luncheon was held in the home of Cheryl Adams on May 29 and was hosted by Adams and Janie Wheelles.

# Class of '44 meets here

Members of the 1944 Post High School graduating class gathered recently for their 55th-year reunion.

The event was held in Post June 25-26 and was attended by the following classmates: Johnnie Ruth Cato Harpole of Waxahachie; Kathryn Childress Cawley of Abilene; Alvin Davis and wife, Barbara, of Lubbock; Mary Margaret Duckworth and husband, Glenn Norman, of Post; Hazel Cash Gardner of Abilene; and Jeanette Gilmore Hodges of Post.

Also, Buddy Malouf of Dallas; Johnny Mathis and wife, Estelle, of Lubbock; Pauline Thompson Mathis and husband, Stanley, of Post; James Lee Smith and wife, Dorothy, of New Home; and Donald Windham and wife, Billie, of Post.

Several class members were unable to attend this year's reunion for various reasons, including bad health, previous plans and other reasons.

The group attended the "Harley Sadler Show" at the Garza Theatre on Friday evening, enjoyed a visiting session at Norwest Bank on Saturday morning and had a luncheon/business meeting at the Garza Bed and Breakfast at 1 p.m. on Saturday. As a final item of business, the group decided to schedule the next reunion in the summer of 2002.

The 1944 class had 49 members and graduated on May 19, 1944, in ceremonies held in the school auditorium. Class sponsors were Mrs. Ray N. Smith and Miss Winnie Pitzer.

Since graduation, several class members have died, including Janell Buster, Mary Carpenter, W.L. Crider, Jeff Justice III, Doris Kirkendoll, Spencer Kuykendall, Joe Duren and Kenneth Turner.

Push America is a national outreach project of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Now in its 12th year, the Journey of Hope, which will conclude in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 14, is expected to raise more than \$300,000 to benefit the projects and programs of Push America.

The team will ride an average of 70 miles per day during their two-month trip. Along the way the team members will visit 122 local communities to donate their time and manpower to promote education and awareness for persons with disabilities.

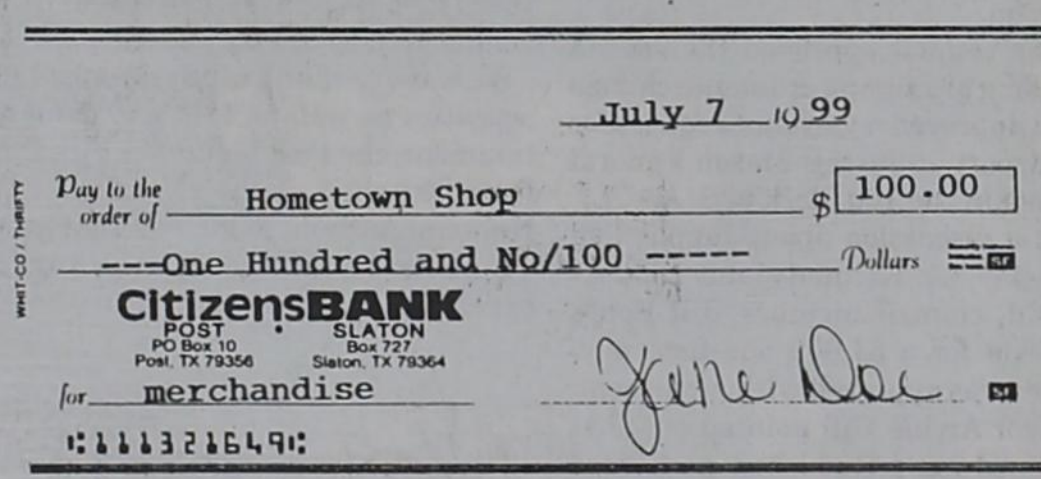
The Post Lions Club has arranged to provide lodging for the cyclists.

# Push America cyclists arrive here July 14

The money is raised through a combination of team member fund raising and corporate sponsorships. Each team member raised \$4,000 to participate in the event. In addition to funding the organization's various projects, the money will be used to provide special grants for more than 35 affiliate organizations around the country.

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# Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash

## Easier Home-Office Deductions

Recent tax law changes have broadened the type of business activity that enables a home office to be considered a "principal place of business" and thus deductible. Even if the office is not where income is generated - that is, where the principal work is performed - using the office for administrative activities like billing and record keeping now meets the home-office standard. This enables people such as consultants, even some doctors and plumbers, to qualify.

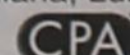
Generally, the expenses that pertain only to the home office are 100 percent deductible. A percentage of other expenses, such as repairs, mortgage interest or rent, property taxes, insurance, and utilities, are deductible proportionate to the space you use.

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## Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

### Coast to Coast Harvest!

From the eastern tip of Maine to the coast of California, in each American fruit-growing community, harvest time is much more than picking time; it's a celebration that can last for weeks. It's a chance to indulge in fresh flavor that only comes around once a year, and to preserve a little for the days when the harvest is just a memory.

**East Coast Blues:** In Maine, you know it's late July when you can stroll down to a town square on a Saturday morning for the local Rotarians' blueberry pancakes. The blueberry harvest is no longer a celebration just for New Englanders; it can draw crowds comparable to fall-color tours. According to the locals, that's okay. There's plenty of harvest to indulge in fresh, with enough left over for jam, syrup, flavored vinegar and more.

Ninety-eight percent of America's blueberries are harvested in Maine, where the rolling plains actually turn blue at harvest time. It's a sight New Englanders anticipate every year as nearly a quarter of a million acres yield a whopping 30 million pounds of blueberries. For a flavorful topping with a definitive New England flair, put up a batch of blueberry syrup. Heat slightly and pour over whole-grain pancakes one Sunday. You'll be back on the town square green - if only in your mind.

**Southern Sunshine:** Southern hospitality gets especially tasty at peach harvest time, where the Georgia Peach Queen Contest, a "Peach Walk for Health," and the "World's Largest Peach Cobbler" (cooked in a 6 X 9-foot stainless-steel pan) mark the celebration. It's no wonder Americans think "Georgia" when they think peaches. In Peach County alone - one of the largest producers in the state, more than 3,500 acres of peach trees yield over 700,000 bushels each year. For Georgians who like to stock up on all that sunny flavor, peach jam is just the beginning.

**Midwest Marvels:** Hundreds of thousands of Midwesterners flock to Traverse City, Michigan, each summer for the Cherry Festival. Michigan leads the country as the largest producer of tart cherries and is among the top producers of sweet varieties of cherries. The state produces over 225 million pounds of tart cherries, the pride and joy of Michigan growers.

Each bright red fruit packs a wallop of flavor in pies, preserves, jellies, and juices. As Michiganders have discovered, the flavor of tart cherries shines through in partnership with the flavor of almond. Cherry-Almond Jam, featuring a few dashes of almond liqueur, is an exquisite "Michigan-style" gift your loved ones will enjoy no matter where you find your cherries.

**California Strawberries:** While cherry season in Michigan is fleeting, the harvest lasts just a few weeks - California's strawberry harvest virtually never ends. Although the peak of strawberry flavor is from April through June, the California coast provides the warm, sunny days and cool, foggy nights strawberries love from January to November.

In fact, no place in the world is friendlier to the seedy strawberry than California. The state produces one billion pounds per year. There's no end to the ideas for both fresh and preserved strawberries. The fresh-tart flavor is equally at home with rhubarb or chocolate, even salad greens.

What fruits are special in our part of country? Raspberries? Cranberries? Citrus? Blackberries? Pears? We have so many. Whatever you prefer, stock a fruit-fest on your pantry shelves. It's time to plan how you'll preserve a bit of the harvest to warm those cold, winter days ahead. Savor the flavor!

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Caprock Council Girl Scouts on European Trip - (back row, standing) - Mariah Robinson, Jessica Rockwell, Mary Laski, Pat Henry, Phyllis Woliver, Martha Laski, Dee Brown, Patsy Cardona, Laura Brown, George Ann Benson, Laurel Johnson, Lori Mears, Jackie Balch, Donna Weathers and Annie Laski (3rd row, hunching down) - Kristi Poe, D.J. Jennings, Joanie Turner, Senieda Rodriguez, Renee Sims, Summer Littlejohn, Shanna McElfresh, Melanie Higgins and Candace Woliver, (2nd row, kneeling) - April Greenwood, Karen O'Dell, Jennifer Sumner, Ashley Whitt, Julie Weathers, Becky Schwartzkopf, Renee Dobitas, Laura Tobias and Amanda Childress (1st row sitting) Leticia Guerrero, Marta Nystel, Alyssa Crow, Merribeth Henry, Tasha Crow, Angela Johnson and Laura Ann Esparza (front) Kimberly Woliver and Sarah Sorenson.

## Girl Scouts on European trip

by Laura Tobias

On Wednesday, June 23, 1999, 32 girls and 10 sponsors from the surrounding areas all met at the Lubbock International Airport for an adventure that would surely not be forgotten. As the 42 of us checked our luggage in and waited on a delayed flight, what seemed as if it had been a dream actually started to become real.

Finally, the plane arrived and we bid our good-byes to family and friends and set out on our "European Expedition." By the time we landed at Gatwick Airport in London, we had spent approximately 12 hours in airports and airplanes.

We were met by a substitute tour director because our real tour director had just finished a two-week tour with another group and needed at least a little rest. By the time we had all reached the hotel from the airport, we were all a little hungry for lunch (our flight had arrived in London a couple hours before noon) so we got our first lesson in riding the Tube or the

Underground, the London subway.

We first made a stop at Trafalgar Square, where London's famous pigeons reside and feast on pigeon food 24 hours-a-day. Most of us, for our first meal, ended up devouring whatever we could find for relatively cheap and that was fast. Don't worry, we had our fair share of European food. After our very satisfying, but late, lunch we all went on a short walking tour of the area of London that we were in.

Next we put our lesson about the Underground to use and rode to dinner. After our first day in London, we were all exhausted and retired to our rooms shortly after we got back to the hotel. Our second day in London was much better than the first, seeing that we had gotten a little rest.

During the morning we went on a wonderful tour of Windsor Castle and the Queen just happened to be in residence at Windsor that day. After lunch we went on a guided sightseeing tour of London which took us by Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, the Tower Bridge, Piccadilly Circus, Hyde Park and also included a short tour inside St. Paul's Cathedral, which suffered two direct hits during the blitzkrieg on London by the Germans during World War II.

The third day we left right after breakfast on our coach (not a tour bus, but a coach) and visited Stonehenge, which entailed a quick history lesson: We then continued on to Bath, famous for its Georgian architecture and the Roman baths.

I also visited Bath Abbey, the cathedral in Bath, and was pleasantly surprised that the Festival of Flowers was happening while we were there. Bath was an extremely beautiful place, I would love to return and visit again. On the fourth day, we visited Pax Lodge, one of the four Girl Scout World Centers (the others can be found in India, Switzerland, and Mexico).

We also dropped by the Original Hard Rock Café in London and received one of our chances to shop our hearts out in London. Oddly enough, it seems as if

we just couldn't escape the shadow of Buddy Holly. One of the first things asked us when we arrived was, "Do you know about Buddy Holly?" Also, on every coach ride we went on, we passed at least one sign advertising the Buddy Holly Story, which was playing at a local live theatre.

The fifth day was filled with yet more traveling. After an early breakfast we boarded the coach and rode to Canterbury where we visited Canterbury Cathedral, where four of the king's knights murdered Archbishop Thomas a Becket in 1170.

Then it was on to Dover, where we boarded a ferry along with our luggage, which I assure you was already getting more and more heavy. We began our crossing of the English Channel with the white cliffs of Dover right behind us. We reached our dock in France and got our luggage onto the French coach and began our ride to Paris.

Once we arrived in Paris, we had our first French dinner and then retreated into the hotel room. On our sixth day of the trip, we woke up nice and early and went on a guided sightseeing tour of Paris that took us by the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame. In the afternoon, we went to the Louvre Museum and saw among other things, the Mona Lisa.

We also made a trip to the Paris Hard Rock Café for shopping. One of Buddy Holly's suits was hanging there on display. The next day in Paris included a tour of the palace in Versailles and free time to shop. Our eighth day was spent riding the coach through the French countryside on the way to the Interlaken region of Switzerland.

After a good night's rest in Switzerland, we left early the next day for our Chalet, the second Girl Scout World Center that we were to visit. Most of our day was spent hiking through the Swiss Alps. The tenth day we roared the coach to Lucerne where Richard Wagner wrote some of his major works.

The final day was spent enroute home. We were tired, happy and glad to be home.

## 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 Littlefield and Mike Sanchez of Post.



Regina Collazo

## July 4th

(Continued from Page 1)

thank Diana Poe for spending so much time on the phone looking for contributions to make the fireworks possible.

These are the people to thank for contributions: Post Lions Club, Giles W. Dalby, Fashion Cleaners, Post Rotary Club, Hotel Garza, Mason Bro. Const., Post Dispatch, E.A. Franklin Oil (Giles McCrary), Garza Co. Probation Dept., Brady's Package Store, Kurt Chapman, Old Mill Trade Days, Ammons Printing, Hudman's Funeral Home, Ira Pump & Supply, South Plains Answering Service, Palmer Const., Justice-Mason Funeral Home, Steven Tidwell, Gary Smith, Diana Graves, Bob Giles, and Wayne McKim.

Many others were involved in setting up prizes and getting things ready for the July 4th Celebration: City of Post, Garza County Commissioners Court and Judge Dalby, Ron Montgomery with SPS Company, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., Dairy Queen, Sonic, Holly's Drive In-Georges, United Supermarket, Armando and Tillie Duran, Mary and Marcial Salinas, Linda Martinez, Soyla Reyna, Lisa Soto, Christy Soto, Wes Burnett, Cain and Anita Abraham, and the Post Chamber of Commerce. Thank you all and may God bless from all of us: Citizens Juvenile Advisory Board for putting the celebration all together, without these hardworking concerned citizens, the 4th of July Celebration would not be possible. Michelle Wischkaemper and Wayne McKim (Garza County Probation Dept.) Kelly Ahrens (Texas Ag Extension Agency), Jayta Cravy (Victims Assistance), Norma Crispin (Garza County Sheriff's office), and Rodney Tidwell (MAD DADS INC.).

This is a great bunch of people to work with. Thank you all again.

## Special art at Algerita closes Sunday

**Editor's Note:** Randy White has some interesting and special art being displayed for sale at the Algerita Art Center through Sunday. The special exhibit is an expression of Randy's social concerns, and represent a somewhat dramatic departure from his previous works.

The art on display, described by Randy:

• "Sainted Visit" Monotype: This is classically a painting made on a piece of thin metal and run through a printing press. It produces one image - monotype. The image is from my interpretation of a friend of mine who became a priest in a monastery in New Mexico.

This monastery in which he served had no electricity or modern conveniences. It was a retreat for lay people to go to and pray in a simple setting. The candle he holds symbolizes the light of the world - always leading the way to the truth.

The four tornado drawings are the analyses of how a tornado in nature forms and the different slopes it takes. To me, they also are symbolic of a human soul twisting and changing in day to day life.

• "The Critic" The name implies what the painting is about. Most critics are just that. To me, it's a funny term. "Critic" means to be paid for being negative in areas such as film, art and theatre because of lack of talent to pursue those talents themselves. You've heard the old saying,

"If you have nothing good to say then don't say anything at all." To me, we have become a society that focuses on criticism instead of pointing out the good and decent aspects of who we are.

• "Jiffy Lube" This painting reflects my love/hate relationship with mechanics. I love to hear them analyze not only the problems with the car but then they all seem to start relating the problems to life's problems. Often they introduce you to how simple the job is but when you receive the bills it's sometimes a terrific shock. I'm sure we've all been through that.

Don't get me wrong for generalizing about these guys because as a group of people I consider them more important than any movie star could be.

• "If I Can Get to the Swing I'll be Safe" This painting is autobiographical. As a child, I felt that if I could make it to my swing then all of the bad things could not get me. Instead of covering my head under the blankets at night or being worried if a foot or hand was exposed without covers or keeping a light on at night, my swing was my safety net. It kept me suspended off of the ground. God, how I loved that swing my dad bought for my brother and me.

• "Whirlwind of Abuse" My last and latest painting is entitled "Whirlwind of Abuse." The image is

of, yes, a local person that I feel has endured physical and mental abuse past anything any of the rest of us would endure.

She, to me, is a symbol. Afraid to stay or go. I will not try and psychoanalyze her problems but if we blame her for staying in a volatile situation, can't we blame ourselves for not offering a support system of strength, helping her break free from this domineering abuser? Battering and abuse committed on children, women or men is wrong. Can we afford this if our community is to survive with respect to God, the flag and apple pie? I doubt it.

I can only promise that if circumstances like this keep happening, then I will continue painting these heartbreaks for awareness' sake.

Randy can be reached at 495-2958.

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## Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by John Senter, CEA-AG

### Worker Protection Standard Handler Training

In response to numerous requests from county producers, a WPS Handler Certification Training has been scheduled for 9:00-11:00 a.m., Monday, July 12 in the Extension Office.

The training will be conducted by Mendy Shugart with T.D.A. and will allow those present to receive their "Handler Card" and therefore mix, load and apply restricted use and state limited use chemicals.

The training is open to any employees who may have misplaced a card since 1995 or, new employees who were not trained in '95. Remember, those folks who were certified in '95 have only until 2000 before those cards expire. Feel free to have these folks at the training if you wish.

By law, an employee must have this blue Handler Card prior to mixing, loading or applying restricted chemicals. Additionally, they should have their training no later than 14 days after their employment begins.

Complying with WPS rules is something all producers must deal with. Hopefully, this training will assist you with certification for all your employees.

In order to make sure that we have the proper number of cards and chairs, or if you have employees that will need this training in Spanish, please call our office no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 9 to reserve a spot for the number of workers you will have present.



Learning about electricity at the recent Southwestern Public Service Company camp were Garza County's Dede Jarrett (left to right), extension agent Kelly Ahrens, Breann Heckaman and Miguel Torres. Kathy Worthington of SPS (center), joined the group in the Sacramento Mountains near Cloudcroft, N.M.

#### 4-H Clothing Project

Anyone interested in participating in the Junior 4-H Clothing Project should plan to attend the first meeting July 20 at the Extension Office, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Youth should bring a sack lunch and plan to stay until about 2:00 p.m. The project is for anyone interested in learning more about sewing fundamentals and clothing aspects.

#### Goat Project Purchase Time

4-H members who plan Goat projects at the County Jr. Show, January 19-22, 2000, be aware now is the time to purchase your goats. There are several very good goats sales during the next three weeks. Any member interested in attending these sales to get a jump on quality show goats, needs to call John Senter at 495-4400 as soon as possible!

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#### Nutrition Quiz Bowl

Extension District Two is a pilot for the Nutrition Quiz Bowl contest for 1999. The contest focuses on nutrition aspects, and is played in a "game show" fashion with teams of 3-4 members. The District N.Q.B. will be played August 28 at Texas Tech. Anyone interested should contact Kelly Ahrens ASAP to get started.

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| First Baptist Church, Wilson              |                                     | 628-6333    |
| Pleasant Home Baptist Church              | E. 14th & N. Ave F                  |             |
| Templo Bautista                           | 315 W. Main, 495-2416               |             |
| Trinity Baptist Church                    | 915 N. Ave O, 495-3038              |             |
| Justiceburg Baptist Church                | Justiceburg, Don Blackcock, pastor  |             |
| Pleasant Valley                           | Hwy 84 & North 399 - (806) 828-4174 |             |
| Catholic                                  |                                     |             |
| Holy Cross Catholic Church                | Ave. K and Main St., 495-2791       |             |
| Disciples of Christ                       |                                     |             |
| First Christian Church                    | 812 W. 13th, 495-3716               |             |
| Church of Christ                          |                                     |             |
| Church of Christ                          | 108 N. Ave. M, 495-2326             |             |
| Graham Chapel Church of Christ            | 5 miles W. Hwy 380, 2 miles south   |             |
| Church of God                             |                                     |             |
| Church of God of Prophecy                 | 602 W. 14th, 495-3644               |             |
| Power House Church of God and Christ      |                                     | Pine Ave.   |
| Lighthouse Christian Center Church of God | 314 N. Ave I, 495-2237              |             |
| Church of the Nazarene                    |                                     |             |
| Church of the Nazarene                    | 202 W. 10th, 495-3044               |             |
| Grassland Nazarene Church                 |                                     | 327-5656    |
| Non-Denominational                        |                                     |             |
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| United Methodist                          |                                     |             |
| First United Methodist Church             | 216 W. 10th, 495-2942               |             |
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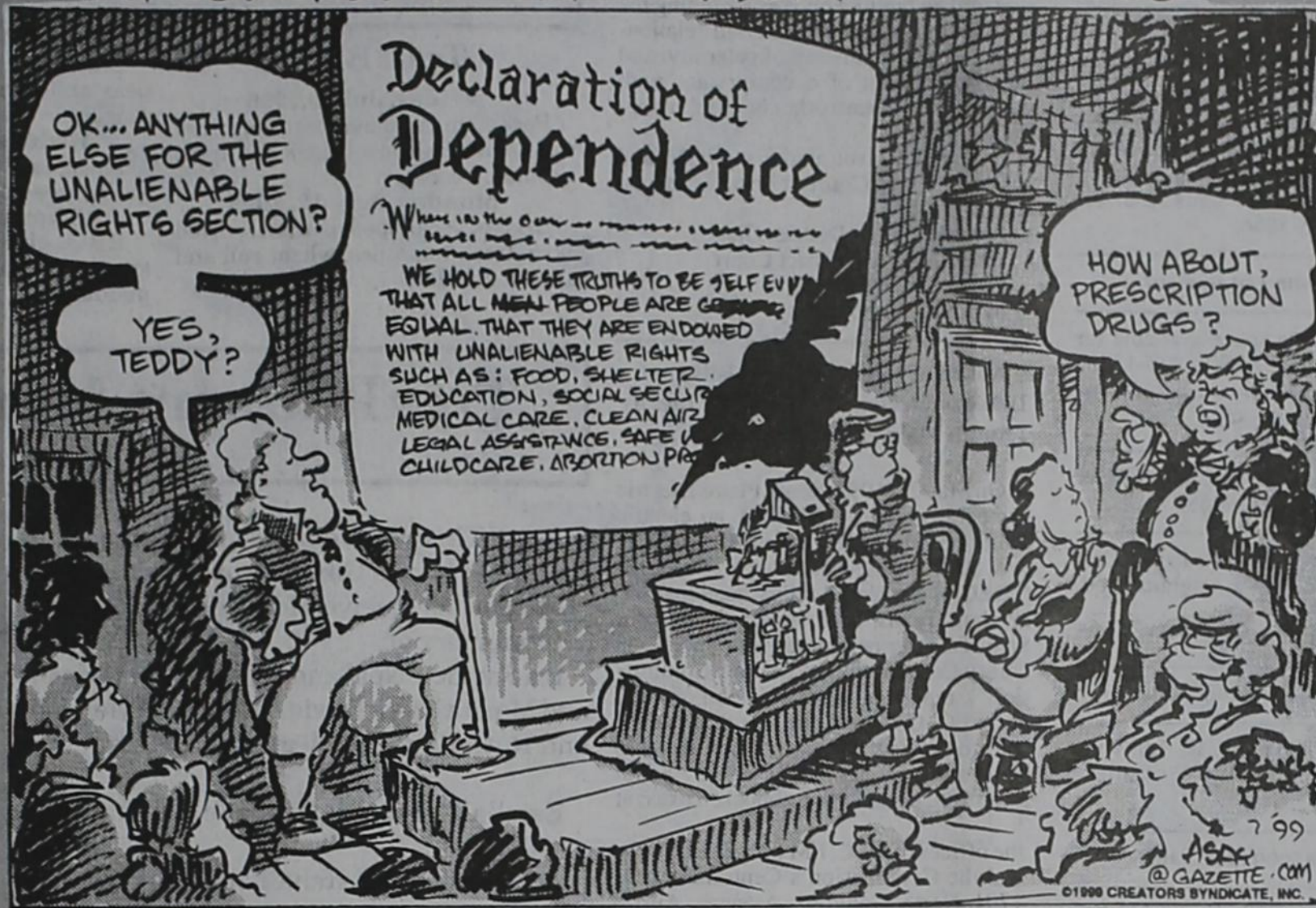
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# Opinions

## IF TODAY'S POLITICIANS HAD BEEN AROUND IN 1776



## And thereafter, America's theater of the absurd

by Walter E. Williams

Last month, a Michigan court ordered producers of the "Jenny Jones Show" to pay \$25 million to the family of a homosexual who was murdered after he revealed his secret crush on a heterosexual man.

Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell wants to add a new liability for cigarette manufacturers by suing them for fires caused by careless smoking. Several big-city mayors have brought suits against gun manufacturers to recoup some of the costs stemming from the murder and mayhem in their cities.

In the wake of the Littleton, Colo., massacre, the victims' parents are bringing suits against gun manufacturers, the school board and the parents of the murderers. Following this tragedy, our political dimwits are calling for more gun-control laws, despite the fact that the Littleton murderers violated 19 gun laws already on the books.

Does anyone think one or two more gun laws would have prevented the tragedy? The unfolding national moral decline, unappreciated by most Americans, is our inheritance from the nation's leftists. The most obvious signs of it are: family breakdown, illegitimacy, incivility, rampant crime, and lack of integrity in private and public life.

A recent example of the decline in integrity standards is the broad public support of a president who has been judged in a court of law as a perjurer, an adulterer and a miscreant. A core element of the nation's moral decline is the attack on individual responsibilities and the establishment of a culture of victimhood. Leftists started this in the 1960s.

Criminals weren't responsible for their crimes, society was. People who dropped out of school and refused to work weren't responsible for their plight. Society was responsible, and owed them welfare and food stamps. The so-called homeless — really bums, men who lived on the streets — were also victims and not responsible for their plight.



Our young people are increasingly becoming violent and decadent, and people are calling for parents to be held responsible for their children's actions. Parents should be held responsible, but we forget that for close to four decades there has been a systematic undermining of parental authority by courts and schools.

Spanking a child might have a social worker at your door to charge you with child abuse and possibly take custody of the child away from you. A teen-age girl must have signed parental permission slip to go on a school trip or have her ear lobes pierced.

But for an abortion, in many jurisdictions, she needs neither parental permission nor is notification of her parents required.

Schools issue condoms without regard to the wishes of the parent. High-school students are given sex counseling with neither parental knowledge nor permission. Traditional values taught in the home are attacked and often held up to ridicule by teachers. As former Secretary of Education William Bennett remarked, something is drastically wrong when a school would discipline young people singing a prayer in school and ignores young people tattooed with swastikas and openly praising Hitler.

Everyone from the president to congressional leaders have called for research and conferences to find out why many of today's youth are violent and decadent.

One thing for sure is that they'll probably invite the very people whose half-baked ideas are largely responsible for the corruption of today's youth: members of the education establishment, psychologists and sociologists, and people in the entertainment industry.

Other than setting a good moral example, the best thing the president and Congress can do for the youth of America is to butt out.

To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## Dairy "working girls" seek new protector

by Vin Suprynowicz

Given that this is a capitalist country, rather than some socialist "workers paradise" with commodity prices set by central planners, many Americans probably figure the price of milk is determined by the price of production, plus the cost of processing and transportation, plus modest profits for farmer, hauler, and grocer.

Um, no. Actually, according to the Code of Federal Regulations, the method for determining the "basic formula price" for milk is to apply this simple mathematical formula:

Basic Formula Price (BFP) = [last month's average price paid for manufacturing grade milk in Minnesota and Wisconsin + [current grade AA butter price X 4.27 + current non-dry milk price X 8.07 - current dry-buttermilk price X 0.42] + [current cheddar cheese price X 9.87 + current grade A butter price X 0.238] - [last month's grade A butter price X 4.27 + last month's non-dry-milk price X 8.07 + last month's dry-buttermilk price X 0.42] - [last month's cheddar cheese price X 9.87 + last month's grade A butter price X 0.238] + (present butter fat - 3.5) X [current month's butter price X 1.38] - [last month's price of manufacturing grade milk in Minnesota-Wisconsin X 0.028].

Then, once the farmer has successfully solved for his "Basic Formula Price," he is free to go ahead and determine his "Blend Price" by using this formula:

Blend price formula = (basic formula price + .12) X (percent of milk used for cheese powder and butter) + (basic formula price + .30) X (percent of milk used for ice cream and yogurt) + (basic formula price + 1.04 + .15 X (distance from Eau Claire, Wisconsin/100)) X (percent of milk used for fluid.)

These pricing formulas, enforced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under laws enacted in 1937, at the depth of the Great Depression, are "a cross between something invented by the Mafia and the Soviet government," says Ed Hudgins, director of regulatory studies at the Cato Institute in Washington.

In supermarkets across the country, application of these formulae recently caused the price of a gallon of milk to surge 25 percent in a single year. But "the real culprit behind rising milk prices is not dairy farmers — it is the largely unnoticed federal government," warn Policy Analyst Jonathan Tolman and Research Associate Clark Massey of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, in their recent article "Milked to the Bone" in Regulation magazine.

"The USDA's Economic Research Service determined that if dairy market orders were eliminated, consumer expenditures on fluid milk alone would drop 14 percent," the CEI researchers continue. "If the USDA's analysis of consumer expenditures is correct, federal market orders cost consumers an estimated \$2.7 billion a year in higher milk prices. ...

"Moreover, by manipulating milk prices, the USDA effectively imposes a tax that disproportionately penalizes families with children — half of the fluid milk sold in the States is consumed by children. ..."

Jerry Tao, legislative aide to Sen. Harry Reid on agricultural issues, argues government regulation of milk prices is necessary — though he says it would now be better if local Nevada producers were allowed to opt out of the changing federal scheme, with local milk prices instead being fixed entirely by the Nevada State Dairy Commission.

Neither the sole local processor, Anderson Dairy, nor its Utah competitors,

"who have more efficiencies of scale, has a pricing advantage, and that's the only reason Anderson is in business," explains young Mr. Tao. "The idea behind the USDA rules was to make sure there's a local producer in every region of the country so the milk will be fresher. It's to protect consumers."

From competition. Before the federal marketing orders system was adopted in 1937, "There were no dairies in south Florida, for instance, so all the milk there was shipped in from Wisconsin and Minnesota. A lot of it went bad on the way, there were tuberculosis germs growing in the milk, and people got sick," Mr. Tao explains.

"What some might claim made sense in 1937 is ridiculous today," respond the CEI researchers. "Improvements in roads and transportation over the past 60 years have freed dairy farmers from single processors, as have refrigeration, faster and more efficient trucking, and improved pumping. ...

It's not as though no one has noticed this little outpost of Moscow on the Potomac. Last year, the Republican congressional leadership attempted to enact a proposal called "freedom to milk," which would have phased out direct government payments to milk farmers and the 60-year-old milk market order system, entirely. But that plan foundered. Instead, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman is now operating under the far more modest "Freedom to Farm Act," which instructs him to prepare proposals to consolidate the 33 geographic areas under which milk "marketing orders" (fixed prices) are now imposed.

And here do Southern Nevada's four dairy farms, the State Dairy Commission, and U.S. senators Richard Bryan and Harry Reid respond to this modest attempt at reform?

"It would destroy the dairy industry in Southern Nevada!" thundered Sen. Reid at a meeting with two Agriculture Department officials in Sen. Bryan's office Tuesday.

What really seems to scare all involved is that Secretary Glickman's modest new plan might force local milkmen to compete at least a little more directly in a larger consortium including dairymen from Utah or Arizona, who (gasp) can produce milk at lower prices.

"It's a step in the right direction, though an extremely modest one," says Mr. Hudgins of the Cato Institute. "It would throw in more producers with one another," in 11 regions instead of the current 33, "so you might get a little more competition."

Goodness. And what would happen if that eventually led to the eliminating government controls, entirely?

"Probably all our milk would come from Minnesota and Wisconsin," warns Mr. Tao, in Sen. Reid's office.

And here I thought Sen. Reid was one of those "new Democrats," proud campaigner against wasteful federal subsidies for mohair and the like.

Thank goodness he didn't turn up three or four mohair producers up in Duck Valley or Eureka, or young Mr. Tao would be warning us today, "Without government mohair protection, all our mohair would be coming to us from Peru and Tibet! And how would you like that?"

Vin Suprynowicz is assistant editorial page editor of the Las Vegas Review-Journal. His new book, "Send in the Waco Killers: Essays on the Freedom Movement, 1993-1998," is available at \$21.95 plus \$3 shipping through Mountain Media, P.O. Box 271122, Las Vegas, Nev. 89127, or web site <http://www.thespiritof76.com/wacokillers.html>, or 1-800-244-2224.

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## New GCHD policy clearly violates law

by Wesley W. Burnett

Last Thursday's decision to openly defy the law by the majority of the Garza County Hospital District board of directors has to be one of the most bizarre votes of an elected board that I have ever witnessed. If it weren't so serious, it would almost be humorous.

By declaring that they would not be restricted by the definitions of needy and indigent found in the law, the three incumbent directors have demonstrated blatant disregard for the law. As Damon Ethridge pointed out during the public comment period, "Doesn't your oath of office mean anything?"

That oath of office which those elected officials took, includes a promise that they would faithfully execute the laws of this state and the U.S. By publicly denouncing the law, they have clearly violated their oaths of office and have set the board on a path of uncertainty with some potentially damaging consequences.

### Consider the consequences

Consider the impact of this decision on employees of the hospital district. They are charged with implementing the policies of the board. With their vote to disregard the law, the majority board members have placed employees in an untenable position. If they follow instructions from the board regarding this defiance of the law, then they themselves will be in violation of the law. If they ignore the edict of the board, then they are in jeopardy of being dismissed for insubordination.

What the majority of the board has said to employees is quite simple: when it comes to determining who is or who is not eligible for needy or indigent status, the state law and Garza County Hospital District policies are no longer to be enforced. That is a critical issue. How shall administrators of board policy possibly determine which applicants to declare as needy or indigent?

Employees could refer to the video tape of last Thursday's meeting, and take note of the president of the board's definition of needy, which the other two members of the majority apparently agreed in their vote to ignore the law. The board president defined the needy as those who are in need of medical care. Okay, so starting this week, any and all of us who live in this county, by this definition, should be able to take advantage of that new board policy by simply going to the GCHD tax subsidized clinic and declare that we are needy.

There can be no retribution on the part of the GCHD, because the majority of the board changed the policy regarding the needy and have therefore fully implemented socialized medicine in Garza County. Forget about constitutional restrictions, lack of legal authority or any other laws... in Garza County you may declare yourself as needy when seeking medical attention, and the taxpayers will pay the bill.

### Bankrupting district and taxpayers

It won't take long for this policy to bankrupt the hospital district as well as the taxpayers.

That's what happens when elected officials are allowed to skirt restrictions of the law and the constitution. It's going to be interesting to see how this new policy is implemented. It'll also be interesting to see the reaction of taxpayers to this blatant disregard for the law by three board members.

There were two board members who opposed the policy change and stood their ground on abiding by the law. Charles Propst and Carol Tobias, although outnumbered, demonstrated great common sense and integrity to their oaths of office in refusing to participate in the illegal action.

We commend Mr Propst and Mrs Tobias for their courage to stand firm on their convictions to uphold the law. There is an unenviable task, but if we are ever to return to lawful government, it must start with people willing to demand that elected officials obey the law.

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The petition of Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Petitioner, was filed in the District Court of Garza County, Texas, on June 30, 1999, against the Unknown Biological Father, numbered 98-05-05419-CV, and entitled "in the interest of Robyn Renee Sanchez, Ray Todd Tamulevich and Naomi Jessica Tamulevich, Children the suit requests termination of the parent-child relationship. The date and place of birth of the children who are the subject of the suit. Robyn Renee Sanchez, born January 4, 1998 in Scurry County, Texas; Ray Todd Tamulevich, born March 10, 1993 in Lubbock County, Texas; and Naomi Jessica Tamulevich, born September 14, 1995 in

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Sonny Gossett, District Clerk  
106th Judicial District Court  
Garza County, Texas  
by Lina Duran, deputy

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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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The petition of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Petitioner, was filed in the District Court of Garza County, Texas, on May 22, 1998, against the Unknown Castellano, numbered 98-05-05411-CV, and entitled "In the interest of Cassidy Reyna, Adrian Reyna, Joshua Castellano, Nancy Reyna & Andrea Reyna, Children. The suit requests protection of a child, for conservatorship, and for termination in suit affecting the parent-child relationship. The date and place of birth of the children who are the subject of the suit: Cassidy Reyna, born August 6, 1987; Adrian Reyna, born February 28, 1990; Joshua Castellano, born January 5, 1994; Nancy Reyna, born March 1, 1996; and

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Monday, July 12, 1999  
Brisket, scalloped potatoes, fried okra, fresh tomatoes, wheat roll and apricot cobbler.

### Tuesday, July 13, 1999

Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, peas and carrots, corn, hot roll and pineapple cake.

### Wednesday, July 14, 1999

Lasagna, Italian vegetables, salad, garlic bread and banana pudding.

### Thursday, July 15, 1999

BBQ chicken, butter beans, spinach, coleslaw, cornbread and rice pudding.

## Trailblazers Memorials

Note: This will be a new monthly feature in the Post Dispatch, furnished by the Garza County Trailblazers.

Memorials received for the month of June, 1999:

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1 TXism: "big of locks" (haired)

5 TXism: "the good Lord willing and the creeks don't"

6 Park, TX

7 Rising TX

8 TX Nolan Ryan baseball cards

17 TXism: "it belongs to me the bank"

18 Travis drew dirt at Alamo

21 concerning

22 TXism: "put the back burner"

23 TX Ginger's the Dark

24 TXism: "rough as sheets"

29 TXism for "flu"

30 TXism: "beer sheds" to Houston from Dallas

32 vessel from Houston (2 wds.)

34 Ranger Palmeiro objectives

35 "Magnificent" Yul (init.)

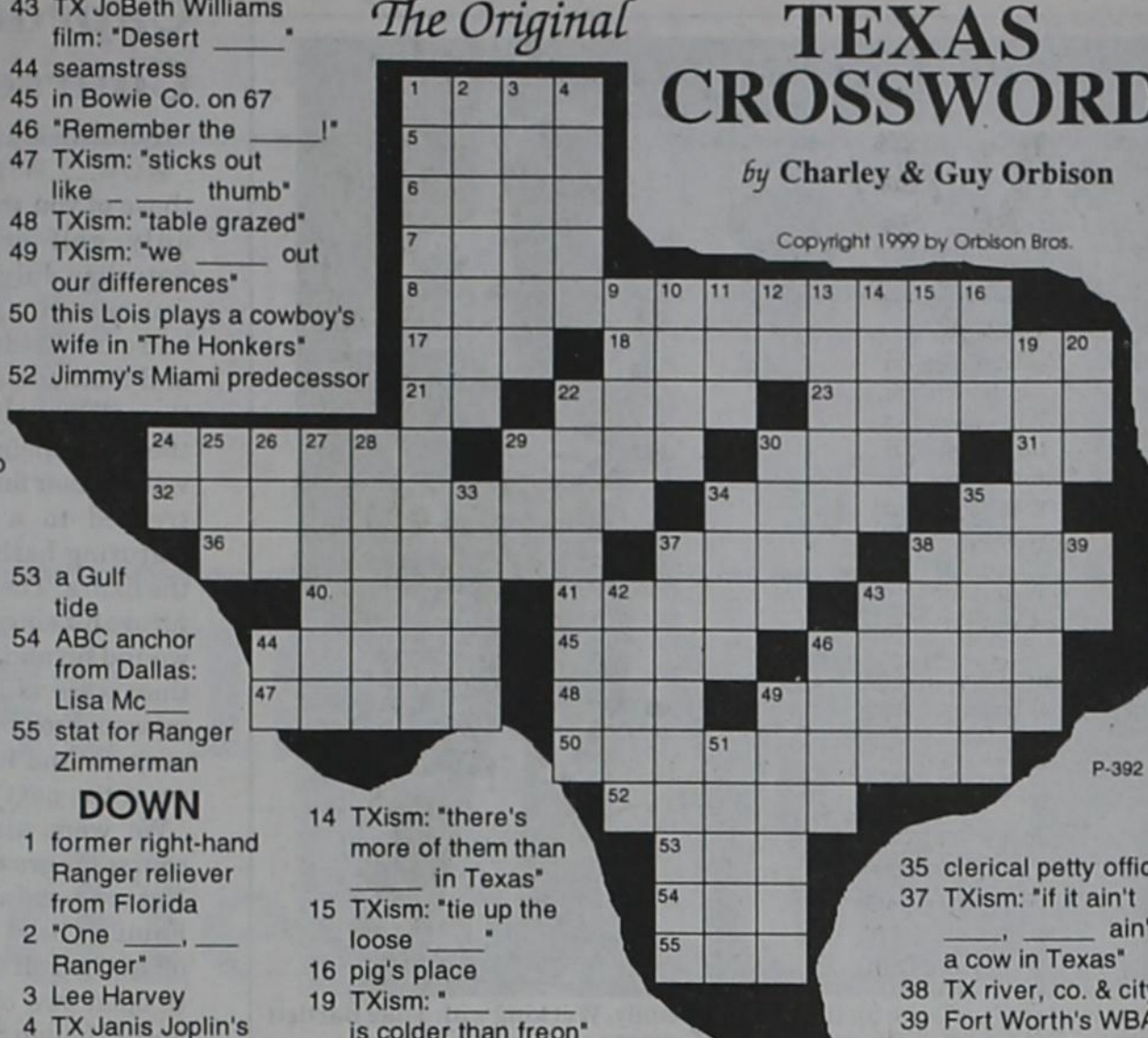
36 a NASA shuttle

37 TX actress Sharon who was slain by Manson "family"

38 mother of TX Ginger Rogers

40 hit by TX Henley's group: "Take the Limit"

41 TXism: "locked (fought)"



**DOWN**

1 former right-hand Ranger reliever from Florida

2 "One Ranger"

3 Lee Harvey

4 TX Janis Joplin's last album

9 "chow down"

10 dull, stupid person

11 TXism: "horn" (amateur)

12 TXism: "big biscuit the pan" (boss)

13 TXism: "he'll to his own funeral"

14 TXism: "there's more of them than in Texas"

15 TXism: "tie up the loose"

16 pig's place

19 TXism: "is colder than freon" (ruthless)

20 to Bryan from Austin

22 the "Duke" in film "The Quiet Man"

24 before AD

25 fictional sister of TX Ima Hogg

26 wagon wheel track

27 meaning of Spanish name, Lampasas

28 TXism: "weak day-old kitten"

29 Ho Minh

30 TXism: "ain't worth two"

33 TXism: "drug cowboy" (dude)

34 TX Joe Don Baker's "Cool Luke"

35 clerical petty officer

37 TXism: "if it ain't a cow in Texas"

38 TX river, co. & city

39 Fort Worth's WBAP

42 this Warren starred with TX Quaid in "Tough Enough"

43 character stain

44 "Alamo City" (abbr.)

46 Big Bend Natural

49 TXism: "monkey's uncle"

51 Guadalupe rafter

## Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

### July 6, 1989 10 Years Ago

At the first meeting of the new 4-H group, the Amigos Club, held June 29, John Barbosa was elected president of the club and committees were formed for programs, recreation and refreshments.

Dennis Mason of Post was among the 26 correctional officers receiving certification from the Texas Department of Corrections (TDC) in ceremonies June 29 at Western Texas College.

If you haven't seen Zoe Kirkpatrick and Will McCrary do "I'm Herbert," act three of "You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running," you have another chance to do so Tuesday, July 11 at 8 p.m. in the Garza Theatre when the short play is performed for a tour group from Lubbock.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ault recently were Sarah's daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Mrs. Leon Sprayberry and Kimberly from Bothell, Washington, near Seattle.

### July 12, 1979 20 Years Ago

Roxanne McClellan and Jana Middleton in Junior I Division and Kayla Peel and Tanya Bland in Junior II Division were the winners of this year's Garza 4-H Fashion Revue.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Williams and Kurt accompanied by Mr. and

Mrs. Jim Skiles and Dawn of San Angelo spent the past two weeks on vacation in various areas of the U.S.

Inez Ritchie was hostess to the Close City Home Makers Extension Club when it met in the community center July 3 at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Shirley Cranford, Chad, Trena and Brice of Texarkana were here over the Fourth of July visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams and attending her class reunion.

### July 10, 1969 30 Years Ago

Weekend guests of Ricky Bush at his parents' rural home were John De More, Randall Fort, Scott Schrader, Sid Aupprele and Larry Rylant of Lovington, N. M., Roger Reno of Houston and Tommy Sellers of Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Windham attended a family reunion recently at White Rock Lake in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kirkpatrick are the parents of a son, their fifth, who was born Sunday, July 6, at West Texas Hospital in Lubbock. The infant weighed 7 lbs., 13 ozs., at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Guthrie are the parents of a son, Rodney Wade, born at 9:50 p. m. Saturday, July 5, at West Texas Hospital in Lubbock, weighing 7 lbs., 6 ozs. Rodney Wade has two sisters, Kimberly Diann and Tracy Lea.

Mrs. Harrison Davis was honored with a dinner on her 85th birthday last Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stone.

The Close City Community Center was the gathering place for the families of E. Z. Jones and the late Gurdy Jones Sunday, with 35 present for the dinner and visiting in the afternoon.

### July 9, 1959 40 Years Ago

Sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hedrick met recently at their home for a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Partlow and children and their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Scott, attended the Partlow family reunion at the West Side Baptist Church in Itasca Sunday.

Mark Hutton was honored recently on the occasion of his second birthday with a party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hutton.

Weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Heiskill were Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Badgett and family of Oklahoma City, Okla.

### July 14, 1949 50 Years Ago

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parker left Saturday for a trip to Carlsbad, N. M.

Capt. and Mrs. E. J. Robinson of Cherry Point, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Tom Power, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Simpson and son and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox and daughter, enjoyed a picnic at Coopers Canyon last Wednesday evening.

Vera Jean Branson is spending the week in Tulsa, Okla.

Bobby Maxcey of Plainview spent Saturday night here in the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Davis.

Sue Smith of Fort Worth recently spent several days here in the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wardlow and children of Munday and Mrs. C. B. Permenter of San Marcos visited in the Bert Cash home over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. White and daughter visited Mr. White's parents at Abernathy Sunday.

David Reed is in Colorado working in the wheat harvest.

Recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Cook were Mr. and Mrs. Edd Hughes of Springfield, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rattton and baby of Matador and Mr. and Mrs. Z. G. Robinson and son of Levelland.

Mrs. A. B. Thomas recently visited her granddaughter, Mrs. Loyd Mock at Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis Williams and daughter of Wickenburg, Ariz., recently visited in the R. V. Thomas home.



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Jan Thomas Wins Miss Post title

From The Post Dispatch, July 9, 1959



Anita Stephenson's engagement to Fred R. Myers announced

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## 17 arrests reported by Sheriff's Department

It was a fairly busy time last week at the Garza County Sheriff's Department with 17 arrests reported.

Two arrests June 29 included a 48 year old man committed to fulfill a conviction and a 78 year old man for misapplication of fiduciary funds.

There were five arrests on July 2: a 22 year old man for possession of marijuana under two ounces; a 21 year old man for the same offense; a 48 year old man committed for serving time for a conviction; a 28 year old man for DWI and a 19 year old man for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

July 3 saw three arrests including a 29 year old man for DWI, a 30 year old man for possession of marijuana and a 28 year old man to serve time on a sentence.

There were no arrests on July 4.

Six arrests were record on July 5: a 33 year old man for displaying an altered or fictional registration sticker; a 31 year old man for DWI and DPS warrants; a 33 year old man accused of family violence; another 33 year old man charged with family violence; a 25 year old man on Scurry County warrant and a 32 year old man for DWI.

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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.*

### Committed to obeying the law

When we placed our names on the ballot for election to the Garza County Hospital District, we made two important promises to the voters and taxpayers: (1) that we would abide by the law and (2) that we would seek lawful means to conduct an election so that the voters of Garza County could decide whether or not to dissolve the district.

At each of the past four board of directors meetings, we have focused our attention on those two primary objectives. Our efforts have been met with great opposition, both by the other three board members, as well as a few vocal people at those meetings. We stand firm, however, on the promise we made to the voters and taxpayers.

In keeping with our promise to abide by the law, we introduced a motion at last Thursday's board meeting, calling on the hospital district board of directors to abide by the state law definition of needy and indigent, as well as the hospital district's own published guidelines. We were shocked by the reaction of the other board members. In direct conflict with their oaths of office, they voted against that motion, saying that they would not abide by the law. They basically do not agree with the definitions of needy as written in the law, and will not be restricted by that definition in the spending of our taxes.

This is a serious and critically important issue. Voters and taxpayers in Garza County have a big stake in the outcome of this debate. First, we have three elected officials who have publicly and formally voted to disregard the law. That in itself is a direct, undeniable violation of their oath of office, in which they, as well as we, promised to uphold the constitutions of Texas and the U.S., and the laws of this state and the U.S.

How can there be any security for taxpayers if their elected officials refuse to obey the law?

We strongly believe that obeying the law is more important than spending tax money on some favorite project. We were elected to fulfill our campaign promises, and we intend to persist in the effort to bring this hospital district into compliance with the law. It would help, of course, if more taxpayers would express their support to insist that elected officials obey the law.

In regards to the dissolution election, we presented a motion to hold an election September 11. It too was rejected by the other three board members, who claim that the law specifying such an election does not apply to this district. There is divided opinion on that point of law, and after careful research and review, we believe that the Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 286.102 does apply to us. That chapter begins with a bold header that says, "Hospital Districts Created by Voter Approval." But the main support we use is Article 9, Section 9 of the State of Texas Constitution, which authorizes the legislature to provide for dissolution elections... which is exactly what they did with Chapter 286.102.

Finally, we want to emphasize that none of the debate during hospital board meetings is personal. Our concerns are directly related to the promises we made to the voters. Although we disagree, we do believe that the three other board members, once they understand the importance of obeying the law, will in fact do that very thing. In the meantime, we pray for God's guidance as we work on behalf of the taxpayers of this county.

Charles Propst and Carol Tobias

### Either obey the law or resign

Under the law, ignorance is not considered an excuse. Which means that when someone violates a law but doesn't know it - they still are liable for that violation.

As anyone who has followed the trials and tribulations of our Hospital Board knows, at least three board members have taken action on numerous occasions, violating the law.

But we've mostly overlooked it, until now. That's because Zoe Kirkpatrick, David Tyler and Mike Travis are our friends and neighbors, and most of us have been willing to at least pretend they didn't know their actions were illegal, and so unlike the law, as a community, we were willing to consider their ignorance as an excuse.

However, after their vote last Thursday, we can no longer give them the benefit of the doubt. They don't have that excuse any more, they admitted at a public meeting of the board (it's on video tape) that they have broken the law in the past by holding illegal meetings and agreeing to contracts written without competitive bids being sought - but now, even worse, they have voted [voted] to NOT follow the law they must operate under.

It is not often that so-called public servants are so arrogant that they are willing to take a public vote to disobey the very law they were elected to carry out!

They should tender their resignations in view of their malfeasance by refusing to obey the law. There just isn't any other way to say it. If they can't follow the law, then they must resign.

Charlie Duncan

### Bunch of Good Samaritans in Post

On June 11 we were on our way to Colorado, planning to spend the night in Hale Center. About 15 miles south of Post we ran into a torrential rain storm in the middle of major highway construction. Suddenly, everything on the dash board turned red and we drove into Post with a very overheated motor.

We stopped at the Town & Country convenience store where everyone was very cooperative. As we sat parked with the hood up, we had a number of people stop by and offered to help. At least seven or eight people asked if they could help us, even while it was still raining. There was a trucker, a weather chaser, a policeman, a man on a motorcycle and a young couple from Dallas.

After about an hour, a big mechanic stopped, and in the rain, fixed the car so we could travel. We only got his first name, Mike, and he refused to take any money.

We just wanted you to know what a friendly and helpful little city you have. We really appreciated it.

Joe Allen, Granbury



Taking care of business at Caprock Golf Course is a family affair with the Courson family. Working with Mike Bartlett are (left to right) Shane Courson, Steve Courson, Pat Courson (front), Darlene Courson and Jerry Courson.

## GHD board majority...

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tives should be consulted prior to making that decision. "Nonetheless," Tobias said, "we are violating the law if we continue to spend tax funds in excess of what is authorized." Tobias and Propst were outvoted 3-2.

Propst entered a motion to set September 11, 1999 as the date for an election to determine the dissolution of the hospital district, citing Chapter 286.102 of the Health and Safety Code for authority. He pointed out that since the definition of "district" in that law does not say that "only" those districts created by that chapter are included, that the Garza County Hospital District could use that as authority. "The people have the right to make a decision," he said, "and we need to get an election to give them that say."

Travis agreed with the need for an election, but said he did not believe that there was any legal way to do it without a change to the enabling legislation.

Tobias countered by reading the title to Chapter 286, which says "Hospital Districts Created by Voter Approval." She asked Travis, "this district was created by voter approval, wasn't it?"

Travis said he wasn't sure. Huffaker referred the board to an opinion by a former attorney general's office lawyer, who said that Chapter 286 did not apply. Propst and Tobias were outvoted 3-2, and the motion failed.

In other action the board: \* Refused on a 3-2 vote a motion by Tobias to abolish the office of hospital administrator. Tobias and Propst emphasized that since there is no hospital, there is no need for an administrator, and pointed out that the board had delegated most of administrator duties to Shirley Taylor.

Travis referred to the enabling legislation, which requires the board to appoint an administrator.

\* Rejected by 3-2 vote a Tobias motion to follow district employee guidelines for vacation pay to former administrator Maritta Reed. Travis rebutted by saying that Reed was not an employee of the district.

Covenant Health Systems (CHS) representative Jason Markham said that Reed was entitled to vacation pay from CHS.

\* Accepted the dismissal of a lawsuit related to the challenge of the early voting box.

- \* Approved accounts payable.
- \* Approved the interim audit.
- \* Approved a formal request to the Attorney General to determine if there is a legal method to hold a dissolution election.

\* Approved advertising for competitive bids for health care of indigent and needy and leasing of the hospital building.

\* Approved a request to the county clerk to conduct all future hospital district elections.

In non-action items, the board: \* Introduced interim administrator Steve Holmes, CHS representatives Jason Markham and Jim Bullard.

\* Discussed the open meetings act.

\* Heard a report from Holmes on various changes implemented in procedures, including the termination of the American Express credit card and AOL internet service; the approval of one indigent application for prescription medicine; and plans for separating the clinic administrator from duties as hospital administrator.

Covenant representatives Markham and Bullard informed the board that although CHS has a mission to serve rural health care, the level of that care is directly related to the amount of tax subsidies it receives.

Bullard responded to the motion to advertise for bids for indigent care by saying that he welcomed such a move, "we'd gladly give up that obligation."

During public comment, Garza County taxpayer Damon Ethridge asked Travis, "How can you justify the collection of taxes when there is no hospital nor hospital system?" He referred to the enabling legislation which only authorizes the collection of taxes for the operation of a hospital or a hospital system. Travis replied by saying, "We eventually are going to do that."

"Look, all I'm asking is that you obey the law, that is not an unreasonable request," Ethridge replied. "You do not have authority to spend our taxes on anything other than what is authorized in that law. What about your oath of office, does that mean anything?"

Travis responded by saying he couldn't remember what he said, "but I think there's something in it about health care." Ethridge added, "You should take your oath of office seriously." Travis replied, "I do."

Early in the meeting Travis overruled a "point of order" regarding procedures, and declared that discussions would be permitted, casting aside the use of Roberts Rules of Order. Propst had objected to entering into discussions without a motion and a second. He read from Roberts Rules of Order, and reminded Travis that at the May meeting the board president emphasized that the meetings would be conducted according to Roberts Rules.

Travis said he didn't know too much about those rules, and continued with discussions without a motion. The meeting, which began at 6 p.m., was adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 5 at 6 p.m. in the Citizens Bank community room.

## Caprock Golf Course Update

by Mike Bartlett

WOW.....WHAT A DAY!!!! For those of you that missed the 4th of July golf scramble held last Saturday, July 3rd at the golf course you missed a whole lotta fun. We had a full field that braved the wind and heat and as far as I could tell, they all had a whale of a time. After the tournament, the participants as well as their family and friends were treated to a down home lunch featuring barbecue, beans, and all the fixin's. Then the music featuring future hit singer Bergundy Rose got wound up and when I left at 10 PM they were still going strong. We missed those of you that couldn't make it and look forward to seein' ya at the next tournament.

We were also treated to a golf course in great condition. Mother Nature's rains and the Courson Family's hard work has surely paid off at the golf course. We were able to open two of the re-done greens and although they were slow, it sure was nice to be able to play on them.

Tournament Results 1st Place - Shooting 62 Steve Courson, Kasey Hardin, Gene Putnam, Rick Benton 2nd Place - Shooting 64 Jerry Graham, Rosie Gilmore, Tommy Young (yes, Tommy Young), Don "Corky" Ammons

3rd Place - Shooting 65 Herman Edmunds, Dwayne "Bobo" Odom, Kim Norman, David Pierce "Good Sports" (Last Place) - Shooting 69 Jimmy Norman, Nancy Norman, Richard Hart, John Valdez

### Amy Schoonover on honor list

Amy Schoonover of Post has been selected for the Dean's Honor List at Texas Tech University, maintaining a 3.8 grade point average. She graduated December 18, 1998 with a major in Elementary Education.

### City council...

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ing a special mix on those streets and alleyways. "We are also going to develop a systematic plan for grading all 20 blocks of unpaved streets on a regular basis," he said. Stephens also informed the council that paving of those streets could cost as much as \$40,000 per block, not including the cost of curbing and gutters.

## Post All-Stars win first round in post-season play

All four Post baseball All-Star teams won their opening play off games this week.

The 9-10 year old All-Stars overwhelmed Tahoka 15-3, and were to play Slaton at O'Donnell Tuesday, July 6.

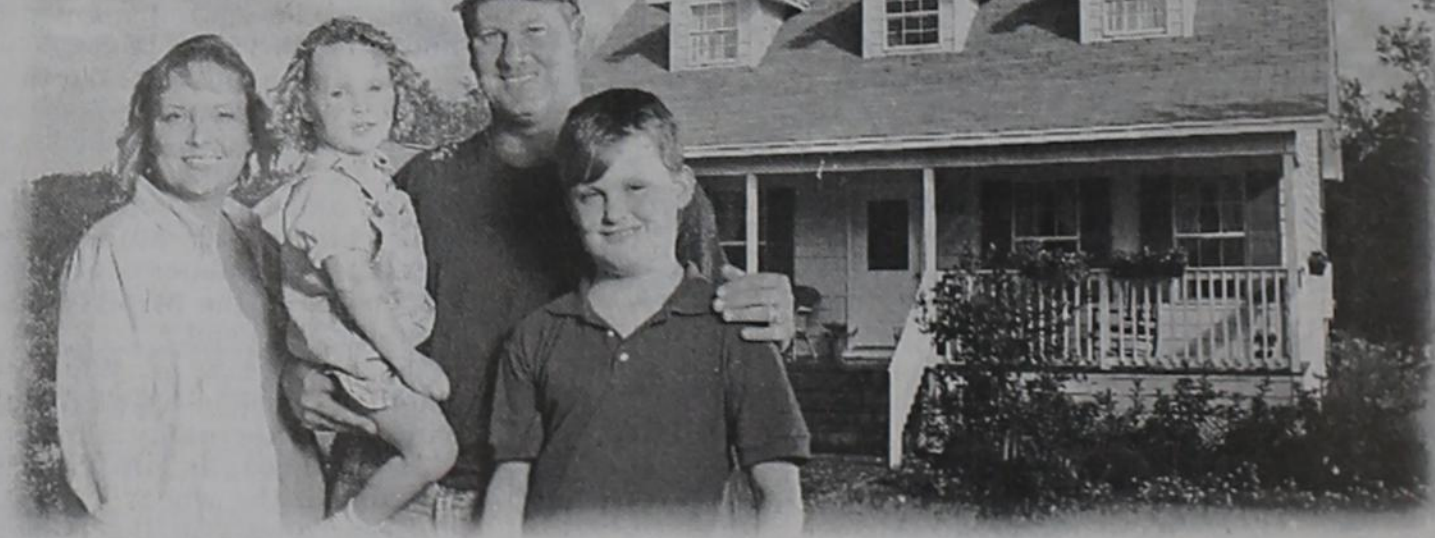
The 11-12 year olds whipped O'Donnell 8-4 and were to play Shallowater Tuesday, July 6.

Another big win was recorded by the 13-14 year old All-Stars in a 12-2 shallocking of Slaton. The team takes on the winner of the Shallowater/Roosevelt game in a 7 p.m. opening Friday in Slaton.

The 15-16 year old team beat Shallowater handily 8-3 and will play Tahoka on Thursday, July 8 at 6 p.m. in Lubbock's MacKenzie Park.

Editor's Note: Our thanks to Larry Mills for keeping our readers informed about these All-Star teams.

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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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