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County approves help for child care

by Wes Burnett

A contract with the Texas Workforce Commission was approved by the Garza County Commissioners' Court at the regular meeting Monday morning, providing funding for indigent and needy children at My Special Place.

County Attorney Leslie Acker

briefed the court about legal issues involved, and said that with restrictions and limitations in the contract, he believed the county could participate. Acker said that TWC lawyers in Austin had conducted extensive research on the constitutional questions.

Acker also said that he would withdraw an earlier request to

the State Attorney General, which had been sent to clarify whether or not the county could participate in the TWC program.

Restrictions in the contract require that all county funds be maintained separately and that they may only be used in direct support of children declared as financially needy, indigent or under court supervision.

Count funding will be matched with state and federal funds to provide approximately \$67,000 to the local child care facility. County funding is to be included in next year's fiscal budget, which takes affect October 1, 2001.

Commissioners heard a report from Post Volunteer Fire Department chief Ivan Line, who requested assistance with purchasing new helmets for the department. The court approved the request or five new helmets at \$95 each.

Garza County Extension Agent

Sara Stevens presented a report, and announced that she will be moving to Rocksprings. "You're going to be missed," Judge Giles W. Dalby said, "you've done a terrific job here." Stevens is moving as a result of her husband's employment at Rocksprings.

Arnold Fry briefed commissioners on a recent inspection of the winter storm damage repair to county roads. Fry said that the inspector was pleased with the progress. Funding for the project comes from federal disaster aid, administered by the state.

Fry also reported on the re-

cently completed emergency management plan, and requested that he be allowed to continue serving as emergency management coordinator through a contract with the county. Commissioner Lee Norman suggested that an annual estimated cost should be included in Fry's proposal.

The court decided to continue the \$5 per vehicle fee for registration, although it can by law increase the amount to \$10.

After a brief recess, commissioners opened up a study of the budget.

Post Notes

Bold Gold football camp July 23-26

Boys entering the third through eighth grades are encouraged to sign up for the 2001 Bold Gold Football Camp, which starts July 23. Fundamentals, sills, games and fun are scheduled for participants. Call Coach Darrell Daily at 495-4178 or 495-3164 for more information or register at 8 a.m. at the track.

Post Dispatch offers on-line service

The Post Dispatch is now offering Post news on line. The new internet service is available on the web site: www.postcityradio.net and at this time offers page one, obituaries and opinion page. Users will need to install Adobe Acrobat Reader to utilize the new service.

Redistricting public hearing July 27

The Garza County Commissioners' Court will hold a special session and public hearing on Friday, July 27 at 7 p.m. in the Post Community Center to receive public comments on redistricting of county elections.

Girls basketball camp

Sign up for the Post girls basketball camp, which starts July 16, by seeing Coach Christi Daily at 110 N. Avenue S.

Church offers menudo dinner Sunday

The Church of God of Prophecy is offering a "Menudo Dinner" Sunday at 602 W. 14th following morning worship service at noon. Plates are \$3 each with all the trimmings.

Barbacoa burritos at Holy Cross Church

A fund raising event to assist the youth of the church will be held Saturday at the Holy Cross Catholic Church with breakfast barbacoa burritos beginning at 6:30 a.m.

Antelope Booster Club meets July 16

All parents of Post ISD athletes are urged to attend an important Antelope Booster Club meeting Monday, July 16 at the high school commons beginning at 7 p.m. Election of officers and plans for the football season are the main topics.

July 20 garage sale to help church

Members of the Holy Cross Catholic Church are holding a breakfast burrito and garage sale on Friday, July 20 at the church. Breakfast serving begins at 6:30 a.m., with a fish fry and garage sale set for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Close City-Garlynn reunion August 18

The Post Community Center will be the site for this year's Close City-Garlynn Reunion. A \$9 per plate catered meal will be featured. Call Charles Morris at 495-3413 or Laverne Aten at (806) 327-5678 so they will know how many meals to order.

Rotary Club sponsors "Dog Dip"

The Post Rotary Club will sponsor its annual "Dog Dip" Saturday, July 14 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Post Volunteer Fire Department station. Dr Larry Mills will give rabies shots for \$6.50 and other shots at reduced prices. The dip will cost \$5 per dog. Proceeds go for Post Rotary Club activities.

Tennis camp set July 16-19

The Antelope Tennis Camp will be held July 16-19 at the high school tennis courts. Boys and girls entering the second grade through ninth grade will be welcomed. Times are from 8:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday. Cost is \$20 per student. Call Coach Vickers at 495-0232 for additional details.

Reception for Sara Stevens

There will be a Farewell Reception honoring Sara Stevens Thursday July 12, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Stevens, Garza County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, will be leaving with her husband Ty, to accept teaching and coaching positions in RockSpring

United to host Sunday blood drive

A United Blood Services blood drive will be held at Post's United Supermarket Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. The drive will be conducted in the UBS mobile coach.

Donors are asked to sign up for appointments at United's customer service desk.

On the day of the drive, donors should bring a photo ID and a list of all medications being taken. All donors will receive a half-gallon of United-brand ice cream.

Head Start recruitment

Recruitment for the upcoming year of South Plains Early Head Start will run July 20-27. Applications will be taken at the local Early Head Start Center Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To complete registration, parents should have the following documentation for each child: birth certificate, updated shot record, Social Security card, Medicaid (current verification letter) and income verification (2000 income tax return or W-2 forms).

For more information, call 495-3446.

New exhibit at OS Museum

"Signatures of Civilization" is the name of the current exhibit on display at the OS Museum, 201 E. Main.

"Discover the cultural identification of countries around the world as you view the art and artifacts in the gallery," reads the press release mailed out by museum officials.

The exhibit contains Russian eggs, icons, lacquer boxes, wood sculptures, crystal, porcelain sculpture, Irish woven baskets, ivory works, unusual chess sets, cloisonné and many other types of artwork.

Viewing hours are from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

Harley Sadler Show opens

July 20 at Garza Theatre

"Too Poor to Paint, Too Proud to Whitewash" is the name of the Harley Sadler tribute performance set to take the stage later this month at the Garza Theatre.

Directed by Christy Morris, "Too Poor..." represents the theatre's annual tribute to Harley Sadler.

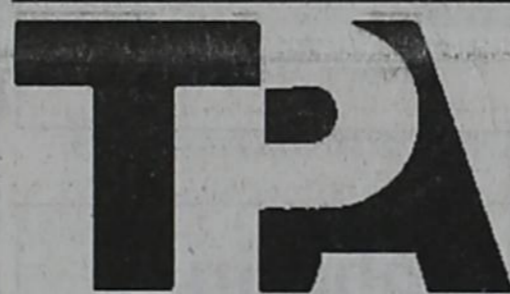
The play will star Cordell Green, Emily Hataway, Jay Young, Matthew Ladd, Ginny Haning, Kindyl Keeton, Mikey Gonzales, Terry Sackett, Heather Bullard and Jeff Conner.

Performances are set for July 20-21, 27-28 and Aug. 3-5.

Curtain times are 7:45 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinee.

Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12.

For more information, call the box office at 495-4005.



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The Price of Fame

Randy Owen (second from right), lead singer for the famous "Alabama" country band, took time out from his lunch Monday to pose for a photograph at Holly's Drive In. Welcoming him to Post were (left to right) Dana Holly, Susan Soto, Marta Holly and Dalton Holly (front). Owen and his family were passing through Post during lunch time. Owen lives in Fort Payne, Alabama.

Special aid offered to area ranchers, farmers

A new conservation provision called Soil & Water Conservation Assistance is now available for farmers and ranchers in Garza County.

"Soil & Water Conservation Assistance, or SWCA, provides cost-sharing to help farmers and cattle producers install conservation practices on their land," said Mario Avila, natural resources manager with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

"SWCA provides 75 percent of the cost of the installation of eligible conservation practices on private lands. The Farm Service Agency will disburse cost-share funds to the participating landowners."

Soil & Water Conservation Assistance is authorized under the provisions of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000. The conservation provisions will address the current backlog of conservation applications and other program requests and afford an opportunity for others to apply for program assistance.

"Nationally, there is about \$20 million budgeted for Soil & Water Conservation Assistance this year," Avila said. "Funds are distributed to the states using an allocation formula based on 29 environmental factors."

Soil & Water Conservation Assistance is carried out in consideration of those areas of the state that are outside of Environmental Quality Incentive Program 2001 priority areas and the

National Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Longleaf Pine Conservation priority areas."

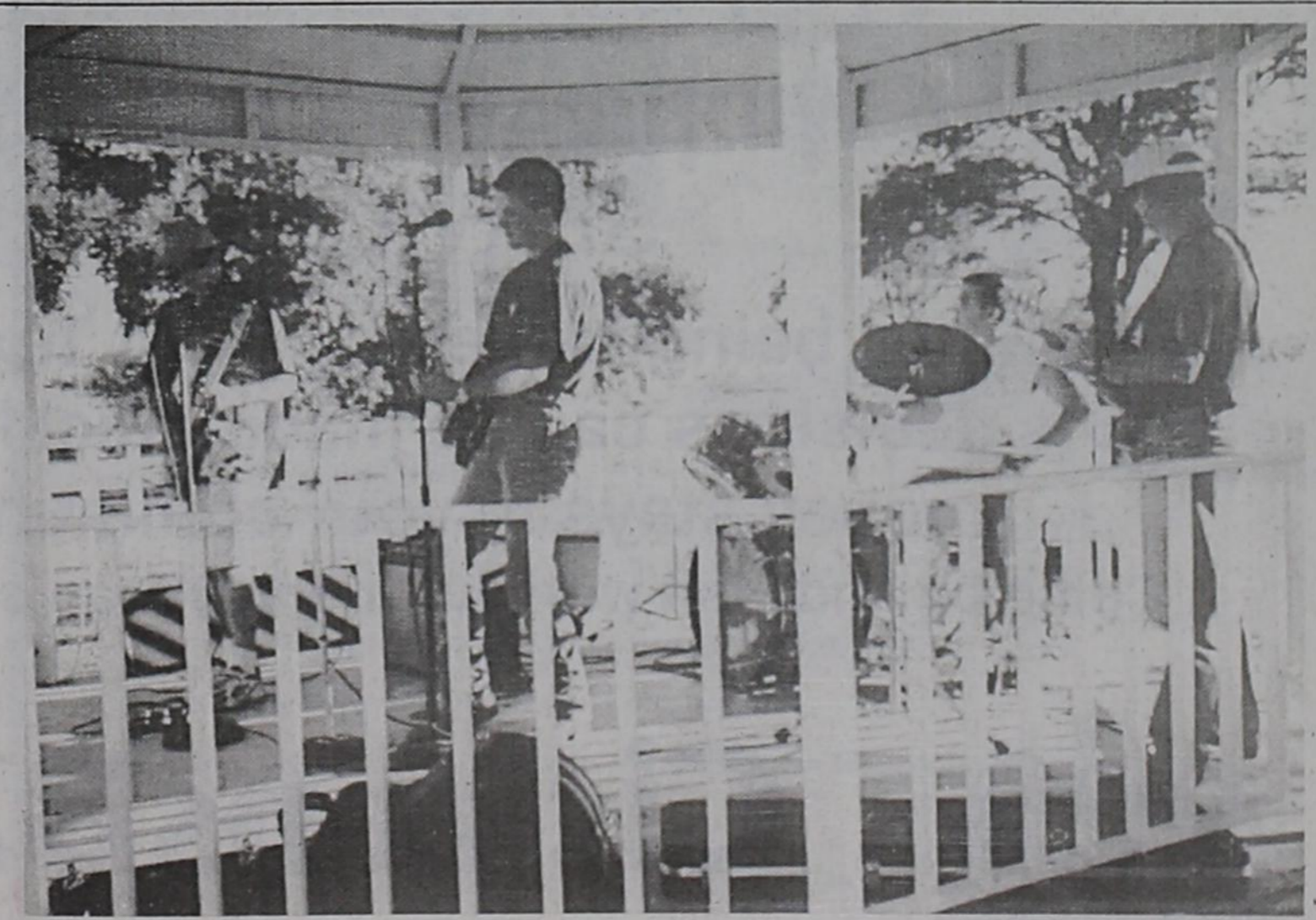
Persons applying for Soil & Water Conservation Assistance must own or control the land and agree to implement specific eligible conservation practices. The contract period is from five to 10 years. The

maximum total payment per participant for SWCA shall not exceed \$50,000.

"The federal share shall be 75 percent of the cost of an eligible practice based on the percent of actual cost, or percent of actual cost with not-to-exceed limits, or flat rates," said Avila.

"The Soil & Water Conservation Assistance program is available to eligible landowners and agricultural producers."

To find out more about the program, call the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service or local Soil and Water Conservation District office at 495-2056, ext. 3.



The "Electrical Misfits" entertained during July 4th activities at the park. Members of the band are Jeff Redman, Casey Griffin, Derek Guthrie and J.M. Olson. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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Tonya Harp, Gregory Smith exchange vows July 7

Tonya R. Harp and Gregory D. Smith were wed at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 7, 2001, in the garden of the bride's parents' home.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacky J. Harp of Post, the bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill J. Harp of Post, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Palmer of Lubbock and the late Mrs. Barbara I. Palmer.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Eunice N. McMillan of Lubbock and Roy D. Smith of Denver, Colo. His grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Miller of Floydada, Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Smith of New Home, Mrs. Dorothy M. Smith of Tahoka and the late Herbert (Hub) G. Smith, Mrs. Pauline Stephens of Tahoka and Mrs. Neta McMillan of Lubbock.

The Rev. Mickey Eckels, the bride's college pastor and an associate pastor at Trinity Church in Lubbock, officiated the ceremony. The worship portion of the ceremony was directed by Mrs. Karla Nivens of Grand Prairie and led by Mrs. Chastity Bass of Katy and Douglas Feil of Dallas, all college friends of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. Casey Brewer, also college friends of the bride, prayed spiritual blessings over the ceremony site and registered guests.

The registration table, covered with chiffon draped from a suspended canopy, held the guest book, a plume pen and a floral arrangement.

A wooden archway served as the altar, which was decorated with chiffon swags featuring wisteria overlays. A small white draped table held the couple's unity candle.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a simple A-line gown made of chiffon and satin, designed by Saint Patrick. The tank-style bodice featured a square neckline and led to fitted elbow-length angel sleeves. The satin bodice adorned with white crystals had an empire waist that flowed gracefully to the soft chiffon skirt. The gown had the crystal beading spread throughout its length, and the skirt transitioned into a dainty sweep train. The bride carried a nosegay of white hydrangeas, accented with hydrangeas leaves.

For the traditional "something old," the bride wore a pearl necklace and earring set. "Something new" was the bride's gown. "Something borrowed" was a lace handkerchief belonging to her great-grandmother, Mrs. A.L. Gray. For "something blue," the bride wore a garter fashioned by Mrs. Sue Maxey, a family friend.

The "six pence in her shoe" tradition was modified, as the bride and bridegroom chose to go barefoot during their wedding ceremony. Instead, the pennies minted in their years of birth were attached to the blue garter.

The bride's mother, Thressa Harp, served as matron of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were the bride's sisters, Mrs. Amber Massey of Abilene and Mrs. Sonya Ellis of

Houston. Each wore individual floor-length gowns in white chiffon, and each carried a nosegay of red geraniums, purple iris and hydrangeas.

Serving as best man was the bridegroom's brother, Bryan J. Smith of Muskegon, Mich. Attending their brother were Jessica C. Stephens of Tahoka, sister of the bridegroom, and Gary M. Smith of Corpus Christi, brother of the bridegroom.

The gentlemen, including the bridegroom, wore Raffinati double-breasted shawl tuxedos with black paisley vests, pleated pants and white mandarin shirts, accented with silver cuff links. The bridegroom's female attendant wore a floor-length white chiffon dress.

Serving as ushers were SSgt. Dustin L. Massey of Abilene, brother-in-law of the bride; Dr. Stephen R. Ellis of Houston, brother-in-law of the bride; and Jeremy B. Summers of Lubbock, the bride's cousin.

Kiersten Taylor Smith, daughter of the bridegroom, served as flower girl. She wore a pixie-style gown made of satin and chiffon and carried a white basket decorated with ribbon and flowers.

As a surprise for the bridegroom, the bride prerecorded special vows and played the tape to background music as they were joining hands.

As a surprise to the bridegroom's daughter, the bride and groom presented her with a ring to serve as their outward symbol of their inward spiritual love and commitment to be united as a family. The bride also prerecorded special vows for the young girl, and played the tape to music during the ring presentation.

Music for the ceremony was provided by Mrs. Jane Mason, a family friend. Radley Nichols of Houston, a childhood friend of the bride, sang, "The Lord's Prayer" acapella during the lighting of the unity candle. Karla Nivens, Chastity Bass and Douglas Feil sang, "Concentrate on this Communion" while the couple took Holy Communion.

Following the ceremony, a reception was conducted in honor of the newlyweds.

Chiffon-draped suspended canopies and white wisteria hung above the bride's table, which held Italian cream satellite cakes created by Mrs. Anita Morris, a family friend. The cakes were adorned with floral toppers. Almond tea, mixed nuts and mints were also served.

Assisting with serving duties were Labeth Jones of Post and Mrs. Dana Brewer of Lubbock.

The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Eunice McMillan, was surprised by the newlyweds at the reception with a memorabilia table in honor of her birthday. A German chocolate cake with cascading chocolate-covered strawberries, also created by Mrs. Morris, decorated the table. Photos

Assisting with the serving duties were Jacey Fillingim of Lorenzo and Jenae Fillingim of Lubbock, both cousins of the groom.

of the groom's mother throughout her life and special letters written by her children were also featured.

Large floral arrangements adorned the food tables. Delicious ensembles of baked ham and roast beef on homemade biscuits, fruits and vegetables with assorted dips, vegetable spring rolls with sweet-and-sour sauce, black-eyed pea salad, deviled eggs, quiche, and smoked cheese served with an assortment of crackers were provided by Mrs. Rachel Dunn and Mrs. Penny Mason of Post, family friends of the bride.

Guest tables were covered with white linen cloths and featured scattered pictures of the bride and

groom during their childhoods, as well as large vases filled with calla lily plants and goldfish.

Music for the reception was provided by Billy Joe Harp, grandfather of the bride, and members of his band, Mrs. Jane Mason, Noel White, Morris Tyler and Ted Brannon, all friends of the bride's family. "Reggie," a professional photographer from Lamesa and family friend of the bride, captured the ceremony and reception memories.

The couple will make their home in Hope Mills, N.C., where the groom is employed by the United States Army at Fort Bragg as an infantry parachute paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Regiment. The bride is employed by the Cumberland County Independent School District at South View High School in Hope Mills.



Mrs. Gregory D. Smith

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Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush



Lordy! Thank you so much for all of the calls and concerns about "Judy's Jabberin'". It makes me feel so appreciated that so many of you were concerned when there was no column last week. What with the new business and an early press time last Tuesday, I just didn't make it. I will try not to let that happen again.

How is everyone making it with this heat?? Awful isn't it. I never know if the farmers want rain or not. I know some don't right now, but I know Rick would sure appreciate some on our garden. He just mumbles when I ask him about the tomatoes!! (Not that there are any tomatoes) But hopefully we will get a chance at showers this weekend.

As for us we will be painting. Do I hear any volunteers out there??

My Sympathies

I lost two people near and dear to me last week. Wanda Morris had been a member of our church long before I ever started attending. She was such a special lady and knew her Bible better than anyone I've ever known.

She was in church rain or shine, feeling well or not until finally it became just too much. I know all of her family will miss her so much.

Also, my mom's dear friend, Modena Farmer. She and mom visited twice daily far as long as I can remember. We always kidded mom when we tried to call for 30 minutes or more that she and Modena must have been catching up. Modena had such special son's and daughter-in-laws. They were there for her daily and I know they are feeling such an empty space right now as is mom. My prayers to both of these families.

Class Of 65

For those of you who graduated in 65 as I did, and for others who know Ronnie "Fuddy" Cook, thought you might like to know.

Fuddy had a heart attack about two weeks ago while visiting here in Post with his brother.

Word from Chunky and Benny is that Fuddy was placed on the list for a heart transplant 7/9/01. He is in St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City. The guys did not have a room number but you can call 580-497-6340 for information. He is registered as Ronnie B. Cook.

Please send him a card and let him know he is in your prayers, as he is in mine.

Taxi Driver

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the sidewalk and stopped centimeters from a shop window.

For a second everything went quite in the cab, then the driver said, "Look friend, don't ever do that again. You sacred the living daylight out of me".

The passenger apologized and said he didn't realize that a little tap could scare him so much.

The driver replied "Sorry, it's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver, I've been driving hearses for the last 25 years."

Birthdays:

Friday, July 13; Kim Mosser, Kerry Mosser, Carly Rudd, Jerry Osburn, James Morris and Irene Abraham; Saturday, July 14; Ken Young, Ronnie Graves, Hailey Pearson, Ed Gossett, Sydney Davis, Jo Ann Robinson, Jimmy Solis; Sunday, July 15, Kayla Dunn, Thressa Harp, Terry Jarrett, Randy McCallister and Wayne Line; anniversary, Ronnie and Voda Beth Gradine, Monday, July 16, Amanda Quintana, Brooks Conner, Thelma Criswell, Dianna Ratke and Cheyenne Poe; Tuesday, July 17, Keri Holly, Dee Ann Tackitt, Wednesday, July 18; Lorrye Roye and Sandra Benham, Thursday, July 19; Sam Bevers, DeDe Smith and Heather Bullard. Anniversaries, Ray and Celia Mason and James and Melinda Morgan.

To The Guthries

To all of the Guthries, my prayers are with you. Especially to Danny and Terry, you are in my thoughts.

Pretty Good Philosophy

One day a farmer's donkey fell down a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do.

Finally, he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up anyway...it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well and was astonished at what he saw. With every shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick of getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up!

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart for hatred...
2. Free your mind from worries....
3. Live simply....
4. Give more....
5. Expect less....

Enjoy your weekend.

Till Next Week

Have a great weekend and pray for rain., please. May God hold you in the palm on his hand and the angels watch over you. See ya next week.



Shawn Pennell and Amy Mason

Amy Mason, Shawn Pennell set wedding date

Dennis and Debbie Mason of Post are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy D'Lynne Mason, to Shawn Roy Pennell, son of Joe and Karen Pennell of Post. The bride-elect, a 1997 graduate of the Borden County Independent School District, attended Lubbock Christian University and is employed by Dr. Charles McCook, DDS. Her fiancé is a 1994 Post High School graduate who attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville. He is employed by the George R. Brown Partnership. A Saturday, Sept. 5, 2001, wedding ceremony at the Hotel Garza is planned.

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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Sara Stevens, CEA-FCS

Farewell Post

I have really enjoyed working as the Garza County Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent. I have had some incredible opportunities to learn and grow through my job and not many people can say that.

I have worked with some wonderful people: the community of Garza County, the 4-Hers, other Extension Agents, but most of all the staff of the Garza County Extension Office. Thanks Greg and Diane for all your guidance and wisdom over the last year! "My" 4-Hers have had a significant impact on my life.



I was never in 4-H and never had the opportunity to learn so many things through the program. I have grown to think of the 4-Hers as my own and take pride in their achievements. I also want to thank the 4-H parents who guided me through the stock show, projects, and MANY concession stands. Okay only two concession stands, but it sure felt like a million.

I would also like to acknowledge the Commissioners Court, as well as the whole Garza County Staff, for all the support they give the Extension Service. I will miss the community of Post, but most importantly I will miss all the wonderful friends my husband and I have made during our time here.

My husband and I are moving to Rocksprings, Texas where he will coach and I will teach 1st grade. We will miss you Post!



Some of the dart throwers at the Post Girl Scout booth during July 4th activities at the park were (left to right) Cheyenne Poe, Tyler Odom and Allisha Jones. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Surgical technology testing date

A summer pre-entrance exam has been added for the South Plains College surgical technology program at the Reese Center.

The pre-entrance exam will be given July 20 in the computerized testing facilities on the SPC Levelland campus. The test is set for 9 a.m. in the Technical Arts Building, room 110. Fee is \$25, payable by money order. Pre-registration is required.

Testing for the surgical technology and vocational nursing programs at the Reese Center have been moved to SPC Levelland to facilitate the testing procedure.

Additional exams are scheduled at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sept. 13 and Sept. 20. The exams are among requirements for admission to the spring 2002 classes.

For more information or to pre-register, contact Lissa Sharp, testing coordinator, at 894-9611, ext. 2367 or 2530.

Lunch Menus

Trailblazers

Monday, July 16

Spaghetti, tossed salad, squash, garlic bread, strawberry shortcake.

Tuesday, July 17

Chicken fry, cream gravy, baked potatoes, green beans, wheat roll and fruit.

Wednesday, July 18

BBQ chicken, butter beans, greens, coleslaw, cornbread, rice pudding.

Thursday, July 19

Turkey and dressing, carrots, salad, wheat roll and pineapple cake.

Friday, July 20

Hamburger, tater tots, cheese slices, lettuce, tomato, chips, dip and fruit.



The Thrift Store Cowboys entertained at CitizensBank's July 4 celebration with favorite tunes. Members of the band are (left to right) Jeff Dennis, Colt Miller, Clint Miller and Daniel Fluit.

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Extension Extras

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

4-H Booster Club Meeting

All 4-H parents and supporters are encouraged to attend a meeting at Noon, Thursday, July 12, in the Extension office. Please bring a sack lunch.

Farewell Reception

A reception honoring Sara Stevens, CEA-FCS, will be held Thursday, July 12, 3-5 p.m., at the Extension office at 102 South Avenue L. Come help us wish Sara the best as she leaves Garza County.

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Births

Olivia Grace Simpson

Jim Riley and Jill Simpson are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Grace, born June 21, 2001 at 8:03 a.m. in San Antonio.

Grandparents are Donny and Donna Stelzer, Sherry Sappington and Riley Simpson.

Great grandparents are James and Linda Dye, Julius and Isabelle Stelzer and Jim and Ada Lou Byrd.

Great great grandparents are Sarah Byrd, Willie Mae Dye and Inez Smith.

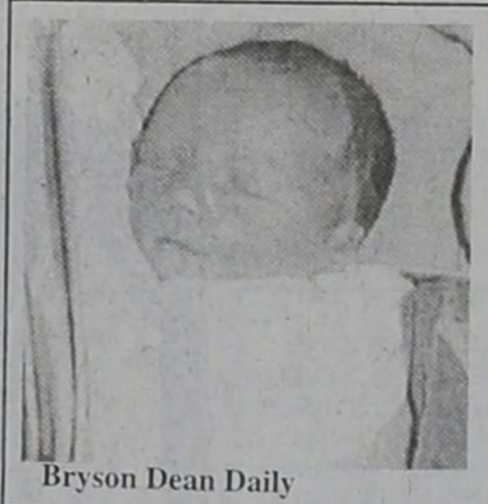


Olivia Grace Simpson

Bryson Dean Daily

Darrell and Christi Daily are proud to announce the birth of their son, Bryson Dean Daily, who was born June 28, 2001 at 11:31 a.m. in Covenant Hospital at Lubbock.

The baby weighed six pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 and 3/4 inches long. He was welcomed home by his big sisters Brooke and Ali.



Bryson Dean Daily

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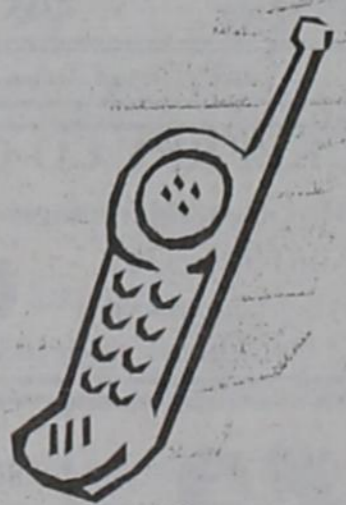
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Obituaries

Billy Byrd Holly

Graveside services for Billy Holly, 70, of Post were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2001, in the Terrace Cemetery with his nephew, the Rev. Mike Holly, officiating. Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Thursday, July 5, at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock. Born April 17, 1931, in Dickens, Texas, to Roy Holly and Laura Hettie Byrd, he married Joy Odom in November 1954 in New Mexico.

He worked in the oilfield. Survivors include his wife, Joy, of Post; four sons, Jerry Don Holly and Terry Holly Hogger, both of Lubbock, Randy Joe Dunn of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Lee Roy Holly of Post; two daughters, Billie Sue Brown of Fort Worth and Rhonda Morrow of Post; two brothers, Troy Holly of Andrews and Eddie (Bubba) Holly of Post; five sisters, Cleo Sappington, JoAnn Blacklock and Renee Mason, all of Post, and Brenda Angerer and Vada Kinman, both of Lubbock; 12 grandchildren, Riley Holly of Slaton, Ryan Holly of Eddy, Texas, Matthew, Kristen and Kara Dunn of Grand Rapids, and Amanda Landa, Heather Hall and Jenny Curb, all of Post; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Lee Roy, Ray (Boog) and Lewis Holly, all of Post.

Wanda Morris

Services for Wanda Morris, 81, of Post were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, 2001, in the Post Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Dan Pool, pastor of the Graham United Methodist Church, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ron Miner, pastor of the Post Church of the Nazarene.

Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

She died Saturday, June 30, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Born Sept. 26, 1919, in Petersburg, Okla., to Everett and Bertha Mae Hill, she came to Garza County in 1924, settling in the Graham community where she attended school and graduated.

She married Dillard Morris Oct. 2, 1937, in Posey. Their first home was in Barnum Springs. They later moved to the Close City community. She was a member of the Graham United Methodist Church, having taught the adult Sunday school classes for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Dillard Morris; one daughter and son-in-law, Shelia and James Melton of Post; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Lois Morris of Clarendon and Jack and Jean Morris of Post; two brothers, S.E. Hill of Houston and Ples Hill of Post; two sisters, Juanice Surface of Dell City, Okla., and Loyce Poudner of Oklahoma City, Okla.; eight grandchildren, Melinda Choate, Jerry Morris Jr., Renea Thomas, Angela Melton, Clint Melton, Rusty Morris, Dana Carter and Nancy Morris; and seven great-grandchildren, Camille, Cade, Tyler, Jarrod, Dylan, Kristen and Russ.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Cecil Foster Sr.

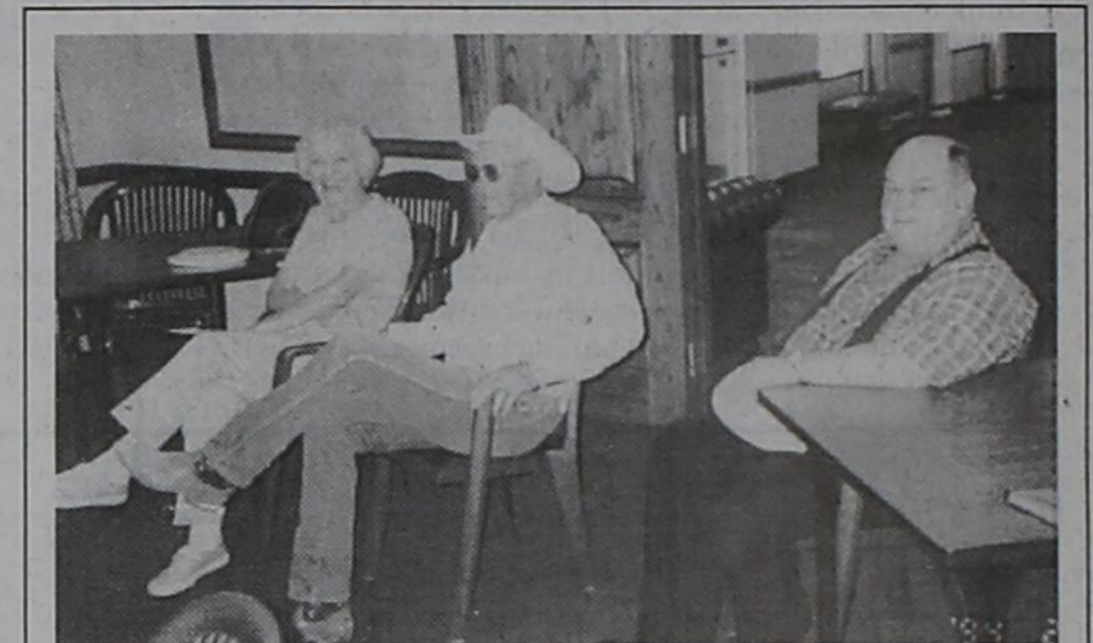
Services for Cecil Foster Sr., 87, of Post were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, 2001, in the Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Jim Graham officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ron Minor. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, July 8, at the Golden Plains Care Center.

Born May 19, 1914, in Mount Zion, Okla., he married Shirley Williams Feb. 7, 1979, in Tahoka. He was a merchant and a member of the Nazarene church.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley, of Post; four sons, Cecil Foster Jr. of Post and Boyd, David and Phillip, all of Buchanan Dam; four daughters, Daisy Alice Riley of Burnet, Wanda Goldsmith and Linda Fowler, both of Buchanan Dam and Brenda Fowler of Woodward, Okla.; three brothers, Paul of Lubbock, Elijah of Forney and Amos of Quitman; one sister, Ruby Tyler of Woodrow; 14 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Danny Foster, on July 30, 1989.



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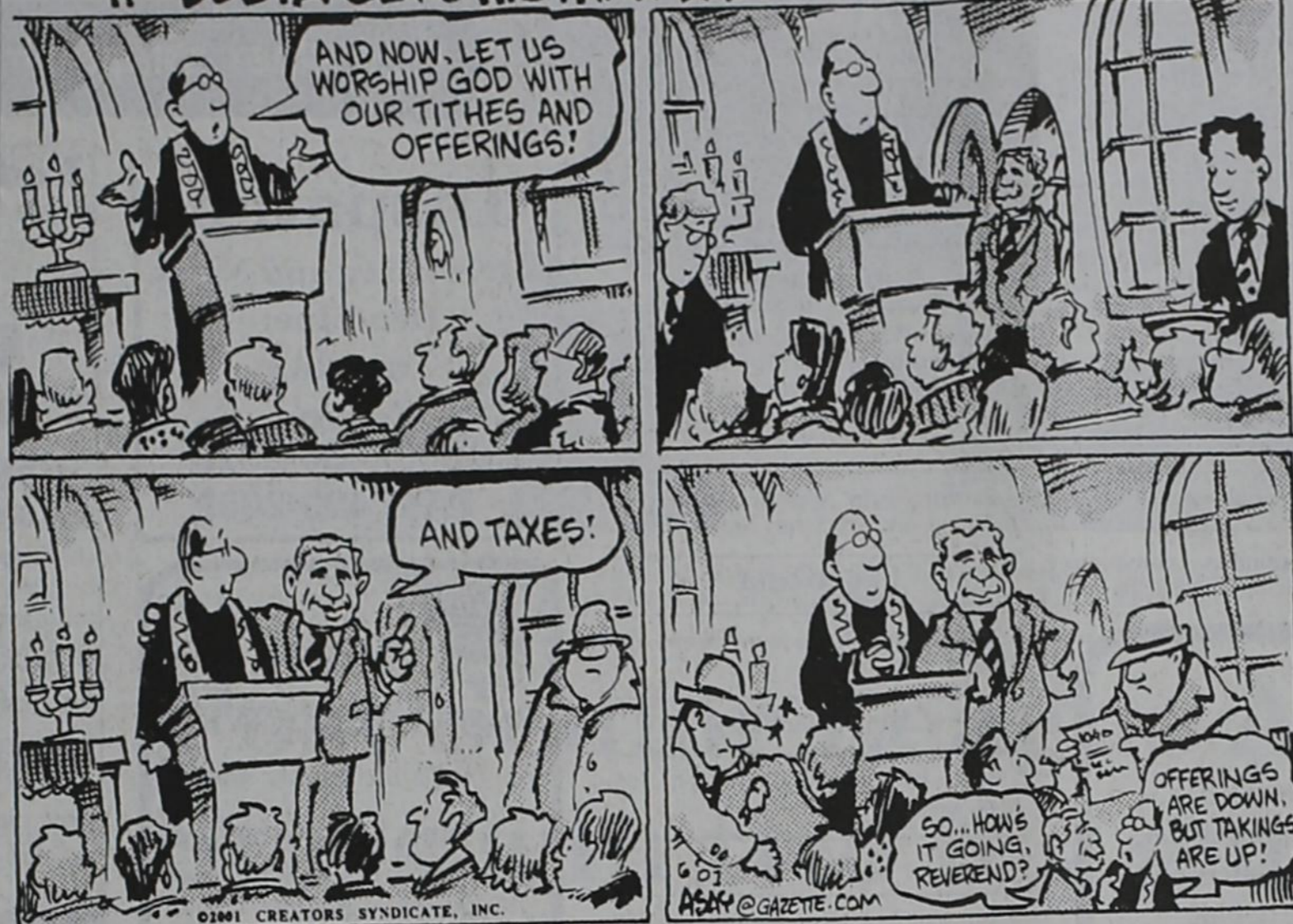
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The immorality of taxation...

by Wes Burnett

When people's property is stolen from them, even if that property is not worth a dime, it is still theft. It makes no difference if theft is by one individual or several, it's still theft.

In the name of the "good of society," Texans routinely turn over the power of theft to their government "representatives" in an attempt to absolve themselves of such sinful behavior.

"Well, how else can we pay for government?" is the standard reply by defenders of this ungodly system. Or, they'll say something like, "Jesus said give unto Caesar that which is Caesar's," as if that is supposed to smooth over the conflict with the Commandment: "Thou shalt not steal."

I responded to one such comment recently by asking, "Are you suggesting that Caesar owns our property?" The meek reply was, "Well, I guess so."

"Well then," I replied, "who is the Caesar of our time?"

Truth is, government behaves as if it owns our property, otherwise there could be no justification for taxation. Jesus, and his listeners, understood that Caesar owned all the property, therefore it was only right to give tribute to Caesar.

But as "free" people, who supposedly have certain unalienable rights, such as the right of property ownership, and the right of owning our own labor and the results of that labor, we do not hail to a Caesar, bowing and scraping like so many slaves.

Christians and Jews, and others who believe that theft is a violation of God's law, must come to terms with their implicit thievery. We must insist on abolishing all forms of taxation, or any other theft process conducted by government.

By allowing, condoning and even supporting theft by our government representatives, we are just as guilty of theft as if we were to raid our neighbors' homes.

There can be no morality in government as long as government behaves immorally, and government will never behave morally as long as its leaders are encouraged and allowed to continue stealing property, no matter how important are uses of the stolen property.

For too many years socialists have used trickery and deceit, playing on the goodness of most people, pretending that taxes are an "obligation" of a "good" citizen. Good people don't need a gun aimed at them to do what is right. Only those who lack faith in people turn to armed force to extract payment for what they believe are "good causes."

It's high time for those of us who believe in following God's word to stand in favor of abolishing taxes, in the name of what is right and for the sake of obeying God's great commandment: "Thou Shalt Not Steal."

To remain silent and allow this theft to continue is tantamount to slapping God in the face.

What about the "general welfare?"

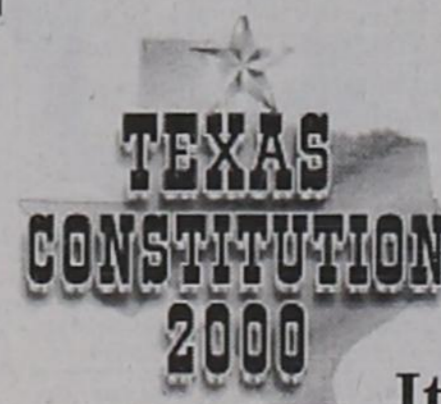
Suppose you're a politician pushing for government spending on social programs and you say authority for doing so is found in the Constitution's "general welfare" clause.

Surely you wouldn't want Americans to be familiar with Madison, the acknowledged father of our Constitution, who made this statement about the general welfare clause:

"With respect to the words 'general welfare,' I have always regarded them as qualified by the detail of powers connected with them. To take them in a literal and unlimited sense would be a metamorphosis of the Constitution into a character which there is a host of proofs was not contemplated by its creators."

Taxation is evil, it is sinful. It violates God's commandment delivered to Moses:

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American contempt for rule of law

by Walter E. Williams

What should be the characteristics of laws in a free society? Let's think about baseball rules (laws) as a means to approach this question. Some players, through no fault of their own, hit fewer home runs than others.

In order to create baseball justice, how about a rule requiring pitchers to throw easier pitches to poorer home-run hitters, or simply rule what would be a double for anyone else a home run?

Some pitchers aren't as good as others. How about allowing those pitchers to stand closer to the batter? Better yet, we could rule their first pitch a strike, regardless whether it is or not. In the interest of baseball justice, we might make special rules for some players and not others.

That might level the playing field between old players and young players, black players and white players, and fast runners and slow runners.

You say: "Williams, you can't be serious! Can you imagine all the chaos that would ensue: players lobbying umpires, umpires deciding who gets what favor, lawsuits and not to mention fighting?"

You're absolutely right. The reason baseball games end peaceably — and players and team owners are satisfied with the process, whether they win or lose — is that baseball rules (law) are known in advance; they are applicable to all players; they're fixed; and umpires don't make up rules as they go along. In other words, baseball rules meet the test of "abstractness."

They envision no particular game outcome in terms of winners and losers. Baseball rules (laws) simply create a framework in which the game is played. Laws or rules that govern a free society should have similar features. There should be "rule of law."

Rule of law means that laws are certain and known in advance. Laws envision no particular outcome, except that of allowing people



to peaceably pursue their own objectives. Finally, and most important, laws are equally applied to everyone, including government officials.

Sir Henry Maine, probably the greatest legal historian, said, "The greatest movement of progressive societies has hitherto been a movement from status to contract."

In non-progressive societies, rule of law is absent. Laws are not general. They're applied according to a person's status or group membership. There's rule not by legis, the Latin word for law, but by privileges, the Latin term for private law.

Let's look at our country and ask whether we live under rule of law. Just about every law that Congress enacts violates all of the requirements for rule of law. How do we determine violations of rule of law? It's easy.

See if the law applies to particular Americans as opposed to all Americans. See if the law exempts public officials from its application. See if the law is known in advance. See if the law takes action against a person who has taken no aggressive action against another.

If you conduct such a test, you will conclude that it is virtually impossible to find a single act of Congress that adheres to the principles of the rule of law. That's the very reason lobbyists descend upon Washington and cough up the big campaign bucks.

They want Congress to use its law-making power to grant them special privileges. But every indication I see, privilege granting is precisely what most Americans want, though they might disagree on who gets what privilege.

Most Americans have no inkling of what rule of law means. We think it means obedience to whatever laws Congress enacts and the president signs. That's a tragedy.

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Anonymous juries gain ground

by Vin Suprynowicz

A series of appeals court decisions have smoothed the path for American judges to empanel anonymous trial juries, and the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press is raising objections on First Amendment grounds.

A decision last month by a federal appeals court in New Orleans upheld the reasoning of the judge who empaneled a jury to hear corruption charges against former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards. The jurors' names were to be kept secret even after the verdict because Edwards and several co-defendants were charged with attempting to bribe a judge and tamper with witnesses, generating reasonable concern that the jury might be harassed "by the media and others" after the trial, the courts decided.

A parallel appellate court ruling in 1997 OK'd the now-common use in Los Angeles courtrooms of "confidential juries" — a system under which names and other identifying information about jurors are kept secret from the press and public even after a verdict... but lawyers are allowed to see the names during jury selection.

A 1968 federal law allows federal judges to keep juror names anonymous "where the interests of justice so require." In 1998 a Minnesota judge empaneled nameless jurors to hear a damage case brought against tobacco companies, a step which "created a terrible impression of our clients," by implying they might take retaliatory actions against individual jurors, complains Peter Sipkins, a lawyer for the Philip Morris Companies.

Lucy Dalglish, executive director of the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, argues the names of prospective jurors should be released during jury selection so reporters can investigate possible jury bias and write about trial strategy.

Unfortunately, that focus on the First Amendment rights of reporters is not proving very effective. A judge like Joseph Clark of Fairfield County, Ohio, makes an effective emotional plea when he recalled for The Wall Street Journal this week the case of a distraught prospective juror "who was forced to reveal during pretrial questioning that she had been raped by her stepfather. She said she had never told anyone, not even her husband."

"I get tears in my eyes even now thinking about it," said Judge Clark, who now awaits a ruling from Ohio's Supreme Court on whether his subsequent decision to keep all juror names secret violates a defendant's right to a fair trial.

And Ms. Dalglish thinks she can win popular support for a crusade to let reporters pry still further into the backgrounds of common citizen jurors, seeking indications of "bias?"

Mind you, constitutional issues should not be decided via an applause-o-meter, like the verdict on "Queen for a Day." Nonetheless, Ms. Dalglish would be on much more solid ground if she stuck to the right of defendants to a "speedy and public trial by an impartial jury" — the Sixth Amendment, not the First.

The answer to Judge Clark's anecdote is to ask him who "forced" this distraught prospective juror to discuss her sexual history, and why.

The founding fathers knew nothing of the kind of "voir dire" questioning which has become common in many of our courts today. The clear meaning of an "impartial jury" to the men who wrote the Bill of Rights

was a jury selected "per pais" — randomly on the country, from among the juror's countrymen.

But a jury carefully culled and shaped by "voir dire" questioning is no longer a random cross-section of the community at all — it's been stacked.

The real purpose of voir dire questioning is to stop juries from performing one of their most important functions — serving as a check on aggressive or inappropriate prosecutions under wrongheaded or unpopular laws. Prosecutors in the northern states could never win a conviction under the Fugitive Slave Act in the 1850s, because a randomly selected jury would always contain one or more abolitionists. Prosecutors didn't demand stacked juries — that was unthinkable. Instead, they just gave up. Thank goodness.

By the same token, who would bother trying a simple marijuana possession case in our courts today if the judge didn't carefully screen out the high percentage of citizens who have tried marijuana at one time or another and don't believe its use should be a crime? Such prosecutions would be hopeless; they would not be brought, and much time of judges and prosecutors would thus be freed up to deal with more serious crimes — precisely the kind of jury function with which the founders were familiar, from examples such as the 1765 trial of John Peter Zenger, whose jury acquitted of libeling the king regardless of the letter of the law.

On the other hand, once these "well-meaning" modern judges are allowed to haul us before 12 anonymous citizens — who could end up "protected" behind a screen, or wearing black hoods — how are we to know the government won't merely empanel a dozen assistant prosecutors, sworn in advance to railroad us to the gallows?

Of what use then, this paper promise of "an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed?" For who would really know?

These judges don't want to "protect" randomly selected and fully-informed juries who know their powers under the Constitution — they want to eliminate them, their maneuverings safely hidden behind a screen of anonymity, justified by the need to "protect" jurors... from whom? Why, from the ruthless black-robed interrogators, themselves!

Let's stop prying into jurors' private lives. Instead, let's seat the first 12 law-abiding citizens who show up, and do without the black hoods... shall we?

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 "When great changes occur in history, when great principles are involved, as a rule the majority are wrong. The minority are right." — Eugene V. Debs (1855-1926)

"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

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Members of the Temble Bethel Church helping customers at the July 4 celebration at the Post City Park were (left to right) Lisa Gill, Willie Barboza, Susie Barboza, Michelle Fraust. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Post Senior League All-Stars win two big games

Post 8, Dixie 2

Facing probably the toughest opponent in Senior League All-Star Tournament played at the Dixie League fields in Lubbock, the Post All-Stars played with grit and determination with a single goal — to show that not only can they play with Lubbock teams, but they can dominate them as well.

Led by coaches Larry Mills, Les Looney and Jeff Lott, Post continued their dominance from their 17-1 regular season run. The Post team used efficient pitching, excellent defense and timely batting to squash the Dixie All-Star team which is general regarded to be one of the toughest teams in the tourney.

Only four batters came to bat in each of the first five innings, with no runs scoring. A great defensive play occurred in the third inning after Dixie's lead off batter walked and the second batter popped out to Patrick Gonzales on first. Dixie's best player, Abel Cardenas, lined a shot to right center. Right fielder David Rivera scooped up the ball, firing a bullet to catcher Mitchell Mills, who blocked home plate and tagged out the runner who had run from first to score. Pitcher Cody Fox struck out a Dixie batter for the third out, stranding Cardenas on third.

Fox's pitching totals for the seven-inning complete game showed 108 pitches with 53 strikes and 39 balls, with approximately 30 pickoff attempts and foul balls. Fox had nine strikeouts, six hits and four walks.

Batting for Post were Kenny Ratke, three walks, scored three times (stole home twice on wild pitches); Mills, one single, one walk, scored twice; Fox, one on-base by hit batter, two singles with one RBI and scored twice; Bryan Looney, one single, two RBIs; Coby Jones, one walk, one single, scored once; Joseph Espinoza, two singles, two RBIs; Jett Lott, two walks; and Gonzales, one walk, one single, one RBI.

Post 10, Shallowater 2

In Senior League action Sunday at the Dixie League fields, the Post All-Stars cruised to a 10-2 victory over the Shallowater All-Star squad. Post's victory pushes their record to 2-0 in

tournament play going into Tuesday's late game.

Getting the pitching honors and win was Looney, going for the complete seven-inning masterpiece. Looney went for a 106 pitch count, with 55 strikes and 38 balls, with approximately 25 pickoff attempts and foul balls. He had 14 strikeouts, seven hits and one walk. Looney's curve ball befuddled Shallowater, with six batters striking out on three strike curves.

Batting for Post were Ratke, one



Taking a shot at the Post Girl Scout dart board during July 4th activities at the Post City Park were Marla Crenshaw (left) and Jonathan Perez. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Bodie Simpson steps up to professional ranks

A former Post resident has accepted a minor league baseball contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks. He is the grandson of Jim and Ada Lou Bird of Post.

Bodie Simpson, who recently finished his collegiate career at Bellevue University and played four years with the semi-pro Beatrice (Nebraska) Bruins baseball team, reported to Yakima, Wash., after receiving the call.

He was visiting his brother in San Antonio when he got the news.

"(Bruins' manager and Diamondback scout) Bob (Steinkamp) called me about noon and told me it was a done deal," Simpson told the sports editor of the Beatrice Daily Sun newspaper. "He told me to pack my bags. I jumped in my car and took off."

Simpson drove 17 hours straight to get to Beatrice and immediately flew out to Washington state.

"This is a childhood dream for every young baseball player starting out," he told the Beatrice newspaper. "There's been some ups and downs the past couple of years, but I guess it all paid off."

Simpson will play as part of the Yakima Bears, a Class A short-season team affiliated with the Diamondbacks. Yakima plays in the Northwest League in a 76-game season that will run June 19 through Sept. 5.

Simpson, 23, said he believes he will benefit from having played with the Bruins over the past four years. Another benefit he will have, he said, is that he has played in a number of different baseball programs in recent years.

Simpson's college career began at Vernon Junior College. He moved on to play a year at Texas Tech, but he hurt his shoulder there and transferred to Bellevue University, playing two years after receiving a medical redshirt.

"Going from school to school I've seen a lot," he told the Beatrice

double, two on-bases by hit batter; Mills, three singles, one walk, one RBI, scored once; Fox, one error hit, one double, one home run, scored twice; Looney, one fielder's choice, on double with one RBI, scored once; Jones, one walk, one on-base by hit batter, scored twice; Espinoza, one single, scored once; Brody Robertson, one double, one RBI; Mitch Holly, one walk, scored once; Lott, one single, one triple, one RBI, scored once; Gonzales, one error hit, one single, two RBIs, scored once; and Rivera, one walk.

10 arrested here last week

Ten arrests had been made in Garza County as of Tuesday afternoon, according to the jail log book.

On July 1, a 36-year-old male was picked up for public intoxication. A 24-year-old male was picked up July 2 and was held for pick up by Dallas authorities.

Four arrests were made on the Fourth of July, including those of a 19-year-old male and two 18-year-old males, each for possession of marijuana, under two ounces. Also arrested was a 36-year-old male for Class C assault/family violence.

On July 7, a 37-year-old male was picked up for DWI and reckless driving and a 19-year-old male was arrested for assault/family violence.

Two individuals, a 26-year-old male and a 49-year-old male, were arrested July 9 for theft. The 26-year-old was charged with theft under \$1,500, while the older man was charged with theft, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

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- Digo
- TXism: "got the hang —"
- TX Fulghum's " —: Some Observations from Both Sides of the Refrigerator Door"
- Star State
- TXism: "it's root hog — die"
- corn on the —
- " — like a dog"
- this Paul was 70's "Bozo" ringmaster in Dallas
- TXism: " — driller" (dentist)
- TX Ann gave this address at '88 Dem. convention
- this Davy Crockett saying, e.g.: "Be sure you're right, then go ahead"
- Big D
- "to — his own"
- animal fur
- parent co. of Dallas Morning News
- in Fannin Co. on 82
- Newton (cookie)
- Waxahachie event: — Faire
- TX wildflower ("flaming sword")
- TXism: "greasy —" (cafe)
- TX saying: "one —, one Ranger"
- TXism: "blind as —"
- " — of war"

DOWN

- TX Strait's " — In Love"
- TXism: "a good judge — flesh" (capable)
- TX Doak Walker was a Detroit —
- Lake — Pines
- gator's kin
- TX Willie Nelson tune (4 wds.)
- quitting or killer
- Opie's aunt
- TX Roddenberry Trek line: "Live long —"
- TX Buddy Holly hit: " — On"
- Cameron AM radio
- Branch Davidians, e.g.
- TXism: "adios"
- TXism: "thick as ticks — hound dog"
- TX Elder: 1st black to play in Masters (init.)
- Henry Wade was — who prosecuted Jack Ruby
- TX Bob Wills line: " — ha, take it away Leon"
- former senator Bentsen (init.)
- in Gray Co. on 273
- '83 TX hurricane
- citizens' radio
- TXism: "stuffed — the gills"
- Travis' Alamo letter: "I shall never surrender — retreat"
- Mexican "yes"
- TX cactus: "cat —"
- rare — buffalo shot in TX in 1878
- TXism: "has to sneak — — mirror to fix her hair" (homely)
- TX song: " — Back to Houston"
- Palestine: TX's — city
- TX Tanya (init.)
- TX Bush's "Stormin' Norman" gen. (init.)
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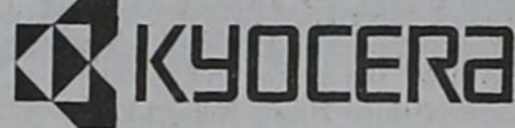
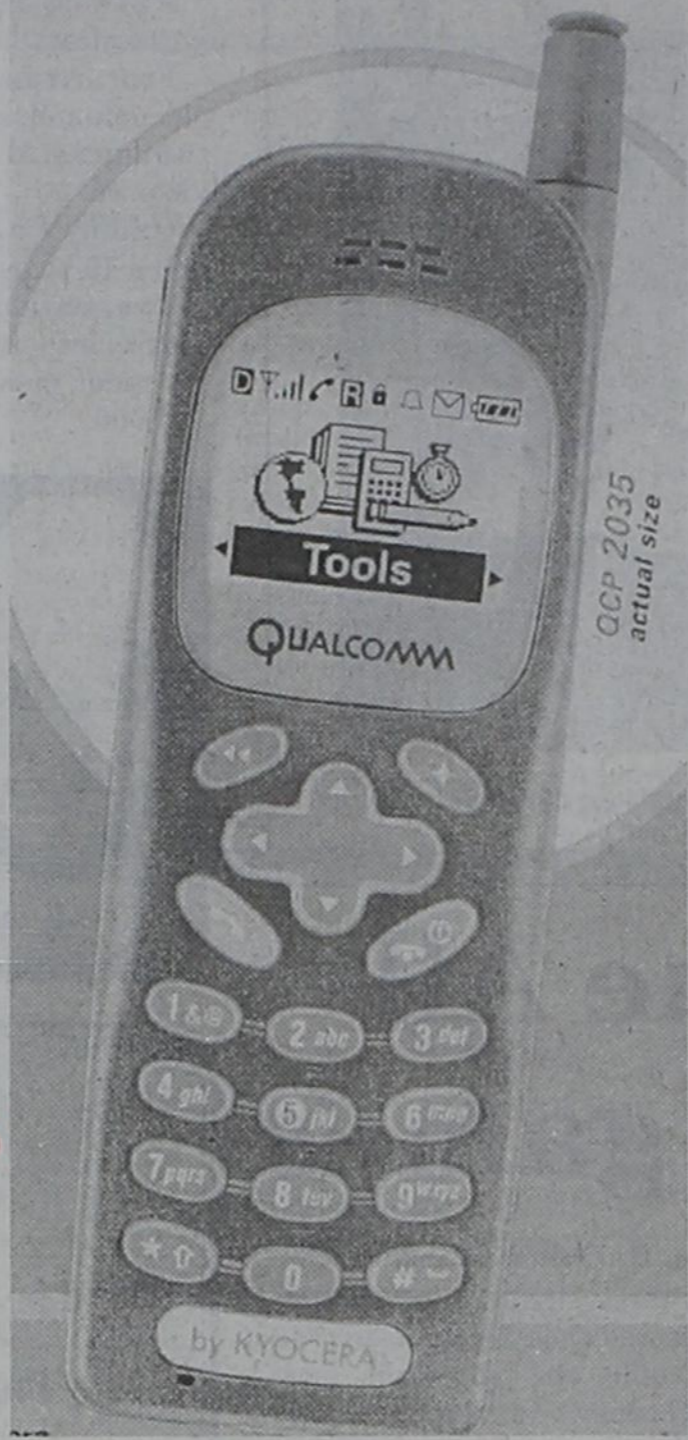
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Letters to the Editor

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Who can milk the most money?

Up to a point, I will have to agree with the Post Dispatch editor. Is the Post area, and/or Garza County police agencies and departments, in a race with other areas to see who can milk the most money from John P. Public?

Although I have been lucky or fortunate enough not to receive a citation for a traffic violation in a few years, that doesn't mean I haven't deserved one somewhere along the way. For more than 12 months ago, I should have had a DWI on more than one occasion.

Nevertheless, this sure starting to look like the motto "To protect and to serve" is slowly falling by the wayside, and "to serve citations and gather money" is taking its place. I don't spend too much time driving around, checking on other people's business. I have a job.

But I notice citations are on the increase. Maybe it's, going on everywhere. I don't know. The tickets I have received in the last few years have been for some sort of rinky-dink truck violation issued by our wonderful group of D.O.T. (Department of Transportation) fellows, which I heard on a grapevine that they are requesting the county to do their weekly appearance here and gather money for the local coffers.

They seem to just be making a game out of it. I seriously doubt if the DOT boys care one way or the other whether a truck is roadworthy, or if the load weighs twice what is the legal limit. If their concerns was about anything other than money, then why do we never see a country truck or a Texas Highway Department truck being weighed or Level One inspected?

Could it be that there is no money in checking those? The other evening I drove to Lubbock at 75 mph. Three different cops from three different departments passed me going nowhere. I don't believe I've even seen a cop stop another cop for a traffic violation.

Could it be that there's no money to be made in such a stop? Could it be that there is something to the theory that seatbelts work and do occasionally save a life? Evidently there is possibly something to it, otherwise pilots and race car drivers wouldn't voluntarily put them on when sitting down to the controls.

I've driven trucks before the DOT came into the picture. In those days, all or most, trucks were not safe to drive across the cotton patch, much less the highway. I am inclined to believe the DOT is a bit necessary to have around just to keep the employers on their toes and halfway keep trucks up to a safe standard.

But, I do believe the money end of the deal has gotten out of hand. I know most of the cops in the area, and know most of the D.O.T. cops by first name. I

have nothing against any of them. In fact, I'm friends with most of them.

All the traffic cops as well. I believe someone with more clout and stripes or their shirt sets up the standard they have to follow and the quota they have to meet each month. But then by the same token, I wonder what would happen if the governor of each state would mail our letters telling everyone that beginning Aug. 1, all police departments will be shut down for one year.

No cops will be anywhere. All judges will close their offices. The Highway Department will turn off all the traffic control lights (redlights), and cover all traffic control signs with black plastic bags. Alcohol and drugs may be sold 24 hours a day to anyone at any age.

At the close of the governor's letter, he would say everyone do whatever, however you may see fit. Just do whatever floats your boat. I suspect in a matter of minutes of that letter going

Push America cyclists arrive in Post July 13

Earlier this month, 70 undergraduate fraternity members from 32 college and university chapters of Pi Kappa Phi began a 4,000-mile cross country cycling trip to raise money and awareness for people with disabilities.

The two month trek, dubbed the "Journey of Hope," is scheduled to roll through Post July 13. It is a project of Push America, a Charlotte, N.C.-based non-profit organization serving individuals with disabilities.

"Journey of Hope" began in 1987 as a single man's dream to cycle cross country from Florence, OR, to Yorktown, VA, to benefit Push America. Now in its 14th year, the event is expected to raise more than \$350,000 and is considered a premiere service project in the Greek world.

The 70 cyclists began the journey by crossing the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco and traveled together for the first week. They then divided into two teams, one taking a northern route and the other, a southern route. The two will reunite Aug. 11 on the steps of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

Averaging 70 miles per day during their two-month trip, the student cyclists and crew will visit 104 local communities to donate their time and manpower to promote education and spread a message of hope and understanding for persons with disabilities. The team participates in a wide range of events, from producing a puppet show called

into effect, a total chaos would take place. Funeral homes would be going up everywhere. Seems to me that would be where to make some quick money.

Then the governor might say, "If this doesn't work out," then we could try martial law and declare this a military and police state. Even put the National Guard to controlling the highways. I believe I prefer it like it is now. Seems to me like the human race can't operate a transportation and traveling system without some sort of police control.

I would prefer it as is anyway over America becoming under the control of martial law and military police control. Now whether the cops are "protecting and serving" or not, I don't know. I would probably say "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

I do believe whoever writes the books on how much to charge for each violation should follow the working man around and maybe get some "hands on" of this work we have to do. Just maybe they might not be so anxious to milk us out of our money in such vast sums.

It amazes me how greedy the world has become. Seems like all anyone thinks about is how much money can we get in a pile. To the cops keep up the good work. Just look the other way when you see me go by.

O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

'Drug War' insane award of the year

The trip is made possible through a combination of team-member fund-raising and corporate sponsorships.

Do you feel safer today? You ought to: A few weeks ago, a 75-year-old Wisconsin farmer with severe arthritis, glaucoma, and diabetes was sent to jail for growing marijuana. His 80-year-old brother also faces charges for the same crime.

And they're not alone in the "Who'd-a-Guessed-They're-In-the-Drug-Business?" Department: Over the past few years, two Old Order Amish men, a Rabbi of the Year, and a 9-year-old boy have been charged with selling drugs.

All of which proves that the War on Drugs has made selling illegal substances so lucrative, say Libertarians, that almost anyone can be tempted into breaking the law — even past-their-crime-prime senior citizens.

"When a crime wave is being fueled by Geritol, you have to surmise that something is wrong with the law itself," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach. "And when the Amish are riding get-away buggies after making drug deals, you know the profit margin in illegal drugs has become so ridiculous that even otherwise law-abiding people can be corrupted."

"Whatever the cause, Americans have to decide if locking up senior citizens, rabbis, and the Amish for drug crimes is an effective use of law enforcement resources — or whether police should, instead, be concentrating on young, energetic murderers, robbers, and rapists."

In June, 75-year-old David Burmesch was sentenced to one year in the county jail for growing marijuana on his farm. He was also ordered to serve five years' probation, pay a fine, and perform 200 hours of community service. His brother, Eugene, 80, is undergoing competency hearings and could face a similar sentence. Burmesch said he grew marijuana to help pay for the costs of raising his developmentally disabled son.

The Burmesch brothers are just one example of America's surprising new breed of drug dealers.

In New York, Eli Gottesman, 74, who was once named "Rabbi of the Year" by his colleagues, is facing charges that he smuggled cocaine and marijuana into a federal prison. If convicted, he faces 20 years in prison.

Continuing the Torah'd crime wave, Yitzchal Fried, a 52-year-old Orthodox rabbi, was arrested in February 2000 for selling seven ounces of marijuana to a police informant in Brooklyn. Fried said the marijuana was an "exit drug" that helps people get off heroin.

In 1998, two Amish men in Pennsylvania were sentenced to a year in prison for conspiring with a motorcycle gang to sell cocaine at an Amish hoedown. Ironically, both men are Old Order Amish — the most conservative of all Amish sects — and reject the use of automobiles, electricity, and most modern conveniences.

In May, a 9-year-old boy in Villisca, Iowa, was arrested for selling marijuana to three 14-year-olds. The boy, who wasn't named because he is a juvenile, will be sent for rehabilitation.

In November 2000, the Reverend Travers C. Koerner, 55, was arrested in Maryland for intent to distribute methamphetamines. The Episcopal priest was found with \$10,000 worth of drugs in his rectory.

What do these cases have in common? They prove that when the government makes something illegal, the price goes up — which tempts more people into becoming criminals, said Dasbach.

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