

# Post Notes

## VFW dance Friday

A DJ dance at the VFW is set for Friday from 9 p.m. to midnight. On Saturday the VFW will host a DJ and Karaoke event from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

## Booster Club offers special calendar

The Post Antelope Booster Club is taking orders for 2002 calendars commemorating the 2001 Post Antelope football season. Each month will have a different photo at the top as a reminder of the great accomplishments by the team. The calendars are \$25 each and may be ordered by calling Larry Mills at 495-3726 before January 25.

## Church sets building fund raiser

The Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th St., is offering a taco plate Friday, January 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$5 each which include three tacos, rice, beans and salad. Call Lydia or Norma Soto at 495-3644.

## Little Dribbler registration

The Post Little Dribblers organization is holding registration Saturday, January 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, January 26 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Wells Fargo community room. Registration is \$15 per child, payable at the time of registration. For more information call Robert or Julie Wilson at 495-2077.

## Hamburger dinner

The youth of First United Methodist Church will host a Hamburger Dinner on Sunday, January 27 immediately following morning worship. Everyone is invited to enjoy char-grilled burgers, chips and homemade desserts for a donation to the youth. They are raising money for a Spring Break ski trip to New Mexico.

## Barbara Reece scholarship fund

The Barbara Reece Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established with an account at Wells Fargo Bank in Post. The scholarship fund will be used toward the advanced education of a PHS graduating senior. Those interested in contributing to the scholarship fund should call Carol Short at 495-2804.

## Free calling cards for armed services

The Post VFW Ladies' Auxiliary is offering free calling cards for active duty U.S. military personnel stationed within the borders of the United States. Call Lana at 495-2173 for more information.

## SWCD takes orders for trees

The Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for windbreak trees. Producers may choose from a variety of evergreen (conifers) and hardwood tree species. Call Oneita Gunn at 495-2056, extension 30r visit the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 210 West Main in Post. The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Pancake supper

The First United Methodist Church Youth Pancake Supper is set for Thursday, February 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. Participants will enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice and milk for a donation to support the Youth Spring Break ski trip.

## Volunteer firemen chili supper

The Post Volunteer Fire Department annual "Chili Supper" is set for Saturday, February 9 at the fire station. Donations are accepted.

## Grandma Brag Pages

Grandmothers are reminded that the annual "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published this year in the February 14 edition of The Post Dispatch. The deadline for photos is Friday, February 8. Entries may be dropped at the newspaper office at 123 E. Main. The cost is \$10 per photo, with a limit of two children in each photo. Larger sizes are available, see the ad in this week's edition. Please include names of grandchildren and grandparents and a phone number of submitter.

## Methodist youth windshield wash

The youth of First United Methodist Church will pump gas and wash windshields for donations at the Town and Country store on Saturday, January 19 to earn money for a Spring Break ski trip to New Mexico.

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## Levelland man held here on kidnapping, attempted murder charges

by Sheri Lewis

A 27-year-old Levelland man remained in the Garza County Jail this week on a \$1 million bond after being charged with attempted capital murder of a peace officer.

Bond was denied for Rudy Valderas on a related charge of aggravated kidnapping, and by week's end, he also may face a robbery charge, Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke said.

Valderas was arrested and jailed Thursday morning, Jan. 10, following an eight-hour ordeal which began sometime after 1:22 a.m. That's when a sheriff's deputy on routine patrol noticed there was no clerk on duty at the Allsup's convenience store on West 8th St.

The deputy searched the store, Ratke said, but could not find the 22-year-old female clerk who had been working the midnight to 8 a.m. solo shift. The sheriff was

notified, as were all on- and off-duty sheriff's department personnel.

Deputies immediately contacted the woman's spouse in hopes of obtaining information, and an area-wide Teletype was sent out. A county-wide search was initiated.

Local Department of Public Safety troopers, constables, the Texas Rangers and members of the Post Volunteer Fire Department were called upon to assist in the search. More than 20 law enforcement officers were involved in the effort, Ratke said.

As the search continued during the early daylight hours, a Southland farmer, Larry Niño, was traveling down a dirt road off of CR 211 and US 84 when he noticed a young woman. It was about 8:14 a.m., and Niño offered the woman a ride.

Niño's passenger began telling the farmer about being robbed

and kidnapped from a Post convenience store. As the two were traveling toward Post, the woman pointed out a semi-tractor parked off the eastbound lane of US 84 and told Niño that was the vehicle in which she'd been held captive.

The two drove directly to the sheriff's department, where the woman gave her statement. Several sheriff's department units immediately responded and headed for the site located about four miles out of the city.

Ratke said that upon arriving at the scene, no one was visible in the cab. The vehicle was running. An officer approached the semi and banged on the truck's door. In response, a man appeared in the cab of the truck, revved the engine and put the vehicle into gear.

The semi was completely surrounded by law enforcement vehicles, Ratke said, and the close-

est one to the front of the semi was about 30-40 yards off the truck's right bumper. The driver could have steered left to miss the deputy's car, the sheriff said, but instead appeared to veer toward it. As the vehicle began to move forward, law enforcement officers began firing rounds into the truck's tires. As the semi moved forward, it sideswiped the deputy's car. In the truck's path was at least one uniformed officer who, believing he was about to be run over, fired several shots into the front glass of the cab area.

Ratke said he believes four or five shots were fired into the glass, but the exact number was unknown as of press time. The sheriff's department has turned the semi-tractor, which belongs to Bell Mobile Homes of Levelland, over to the Lubbock Police Department for evidence storage.

The shots fired into the windshield area caused the driver to stop. Law enforcement officers could tell the man had been wounded and initially believed he has suffered a gunshot wound, Ratke said. However, once the man was pulled from the cab, placed on the ground and cuffed, it became evident the injury to his right bicep was due to a cut from a piece of flying glass.

The man, later identified as Valderas, offered no resistance. Officers read him his Miranda rights and transported him to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock via EMS. He was treated for the single wound to the arm and released into the custody of the sheriff's department.

Valderas was booked into the jail and made a single telephone call, Ratke said. The individual he called contacted sheriff's department officials and said Valderas has confessed to the robbery and kidnapping during the phone conversation.

From information gathered since the incident occurred, the robbery netted just over \$100 in cash.

The kidnap victim told authorities she was alone in the store when the man came in and demanded the cash from the register. As she attempted to set off the store's alarm, he moved around the counter, grabbed her and pulled her to his vehicle. The alarm was never sounded.

During the ordeal, the victim's hands and feet were bound with heavy duty tape, and she was secured to the interior of the vehicle.

"There is substantial physical evidence that she was in the truck," Ratke said.

Somehow, the woman was able to persuade her captor to release her, a feat the sheriff said is quite remarkable.

After giving her statement to authorities, the woman was transported to the local clinic for treatment of ligature mark-type wounds sustained during the incident.

The Lubbock Police Department's Crime Lab worked the scene of the robbery and kidnapping, including an area adjacent to the store where they worked to identify tire tracks. Department of Public Safety troopers and the sheriff's department teamed up to reconstruct

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## Garza County could get water from Lake Alan Henry

by Sheri Lewis

Water may no longer be a limited resource if a project being considered by Garza County officials materializes.

Garza County Judge Giles Dalby confirmed Tuesday that county officials are discussing the possible creation of a water district that, if formed, would draw water from nearby Lake Alan Henry.

The creation of the district and the possibility of tapping into Lake Alan Henry for water lies within a state water code which holds that a water supply that remains unused for 10 years may be subject to re-appropriation, Dalby said.

Because the City of Lubbock has yet to utilize water from the lake, county officials believe they should be able to lay claim to a portion of the available water.

"The water is owned by the state," the judge said. "The City of Lubbock owns the lake, but the state can re-appropriate the rights based on public necessity."

With the low water level of White River Lake, the City of Post and Garza County would have no problem showing necessity, he said.

Dalby said he'd like to see the appropriation of 10,000 acre feet of the 31,000-acre-foot lake to Garza County. Such a move could benefit not only local residents, but also those in Spur, Crosbyton and Ralls, the other three communities dependent on the now-dissipating White River Lake. If the need ever surfaced, the county also could assist Slaton with water via the pipeline planned between that community and Post.

Ten thousand acre feet of water is equivalent to a foot of water standing over a 10,000-acre area.

"That's a lot of water," Dalby said, noting that the City of Post, in an entire calendar year, utilizes around 2,000- to 3,000 acre feet of water.

The creation of a water district is within the authority of the commissioners' court, the judge said. If created, such an entity

would be funded by water sales, not tax dollars. Following the water district's creation, the district can make application to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for

the re-appropriation of water rights.

"We're working on it, but it will probably be a while before we get it done," Dalby said. "But we feel pretty confident about it."

## City takes action to find water supplies

by Wes Burnett

The Post City Council took action last week at its regular meeting (1/8/02) toward securing additional water supplies, hearing a report from Oller Engineering about various phases of the project.

The estimated \$6 million dollar water supply improvement plan includes securing a contract with the City of Slaton for treated water and the building of a pipeline along U.S. Hwy 84 right of way from Slaton's storage tank to Post. Negotiations are continuing with Slaton for short term and long term water purchases.

Slaton gets its water from the Canadian River Authority and currently sells part of its allocation to New Deal.

The Post City Council gave the go-ahead to Oller Engineering to begin necessary preliminary work on installing storage tanks, which Rich Oller lists as phase one of the overall plan. Phase two is completing the pipeline from Slaton to Post, then phase three involves purchasing rights for water wells south of Slaton.

The aquifer in that area is the only feasible large supply of well

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Wells Fargo Bank's Charles Hardin (left) presents a \$2,000 check to Garza County United Way board member Cynthia Williams. The donation from Wells Fargo supports a wide range of community organizations assisted by United Way.

## 84 Youth to Exhibit at Livestock Show

The 38th Annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show kicked off Wednesday afternoon with the weigh-in of 19 animals to be exhibited by 35 4-H'ers, 18 Post FFA and 31 Southland FFA members in the county. Thirty have signed up for the Pee-Wee Goat show. Ninety-three hogs, 33 goats, 40 lambs, 26 steers and 1 heifer were entered in the show.

The Swine show will begin at 6:00 p.m. Thursday with Keith Rowan, Rule Vo-Ag Instructor, serving as judge. Swine Superintendent is Bruce Ledbetter.

Fridays' activities start with Tommy Stewman of Maryneal judging the Beef Cattle shows at 6:00 p.m. Milton Williams will serve as Superintendent. Also on Friday, will be the Lamb Show at 7:00 p.m., the Goat show at 8:00 p.m. followed by the Pee-Wee Goat Show. The Goat and Lamb shows will be judged by Richard Long. Junior Stelzer will be serving as Goat and Lamb Superintendent.

Hurst Farm Equipment and South Plains Truck & Equipment are sponsoring the Reserve Grand Champion plaques, ribbons and division banners. Junior and Senior exhibitors will compete for Showmanship buckles sponsored by Garza-Lynn County Farm Bureau, Citizens Bank of Post and South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc. Dickens Division. Godbold Feeds and Conner Herefords are sponsoring the steer "Rate-of-Gain" buckle and \$200 cash prize. Caprock Telephone Company of Spur is sponsoring the Overall Sportsmanship buckle which will be presented to a youth who has shown outstanding cooperation, assistance to others and leadership during the show.

Syd Conner will serve as announcer at the shows and the award ceremony at 9:00 a.m. Saturday just prior to the sale. Serving as Auctioneer will be Ronnie Thornton of Plainview. Several items have been donated for auction to boost the Jackpot which pays premiums to the exhibitors.

A concession stand run by 4-H and F.F.A. members and parents will be open Wednesday afternoon through Saturday. An Appreciation Lunch will be served at noon Saturday.

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association, a non-profit organization formed in 1964, conducted its first stock show in 1965. Currently there are 53 members with the following serving as officers: President - Junior Stelzer; Vice-President - Milton Williams, Recording Secretary - Royce Hart, and Past-President - Giles Dalby, Jr. Diane Graves serves as Corresponding Secretary.

Everyone is invited to the shows and sale. We encourage you to participate as either a premium purchaser or jackpot donor in support of our youth and their hard work.

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## Volunteers needed for Women's Protective Services

Women's Protective Services is in need of volunteers to help in several areas.

Volunteers can get involved in areas such as crisis intervention, children's programs, development and fundraising, community education or just helping with the basic needs of the shelter.

Free volunteer training will take place Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Founded in 1978, Women's Protective Services was established as a non-profit shelter program for victims of domestic violence. WPS has grown in strength and services over the past 20 years to become one of the three largest residential shelters in the state of Texas.

In 2000, WPS served 5,606 women and children, answered 3,635 hotline calls and provided shelter for 54,129 days for women and families.

WPS is the only agency that provides crisis intervention, emergency shelter and support services to battered women and their children in a 10,000-square-mile region. This region has a population of 325,000, comprising the 12 West Texas counties of Bailey, Cochran, Crosby, Dickens, Garza, Hockley, King, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum.

It is the mission of WPS to reduce and prevent family violence by providing emergency shelter to women and their dependent children. It also is the mission of WPS to nurture self-sufficiency in their clients by providing them with emotional support and life skills to overcome the pattern of violence that has dominated their domestic relationships.

WPS continues to provide supportive services such as individual and group counseling for women and children, parenting classes, social services referral, legal advocacy, employment and educational assistance and case management.

If prospective volunteers cannot make the scheduled training, other arrangements can be made. Call Hattie Heiner at 806-748-5292, ext. 167 for more information.

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It requires a great deal of boldness and a great deal of caution to make a great fortune; and when you have got it, it requires ten times as much wit to keep it.

—Meyer A. Rothschild



Jeremiah Gore and Terrie Hair

## Terrie Hair, Jeremiah Cole announce engagement

Leslie and Paula Hair of Mineral Wells are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Terrie ReNee Hair, to Jeremiah Cole, son of J.C. and Dana Gore of Ballinger.

A Feb. 2, 2002, wedding at the Legacy Park Chapel is planned. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Geneva Foster of Post and the late Paul Foster and Arlia and S.W. Hair. A 1996 graduate of Mineral Wells High School, she is employed at Radiology Associates of Tarrant County, Southlake Office.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Nina Cole of Ropesville and the late Ronald Cole, and Nerva Gore of Big Lake and the late Donald Gore. A 1996 graduate of Ballinger High, he is employed with the City of Keller.

## Tanya White appointed as interim administrator at GHD

Lubbock resident Tanya L. White has been appointed interim administrator of the Garza Hospital District.

The new administrator has worked for the past six years in auditing and financial reporting, primarily for hospitals and health care agencies. She also has several years of experience serving as controller for two businesses.

White, a resident of Lubbock since 1996, obtained a doctor of jurisprudence from the Texas Tech University School of Law in May 2001 and earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree in accounting at Tech.

Her husband Kenneth owns Milestone Office Solutions, a copier and office equipment dealership located in Lubbock.



Tanya White

## Valor introduces high speed internet access

VALOR Telecom has announced they have signed a retailer and license agreement with national satellite TV service provider EchoStar Communications Corp. to offer StarBand high-speed Internet services and DISH Network digital satellite TV systems in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arkansas.

The agreement sets the stage for the availability of high-speed Internet from VALOR to all of its service areas.

"The EchoStar agreement is part of an important initiative for VALOR customers and our communities," said Julie Burnett, vice president of Long Distance and Emerging Services. "Since the beginning, our goal has been to make high speed Internet service available to virtually all of VALOR's customer base, in all exchanges, and satellite technology is a key component in our strategy." Under the agreement, VALOR is an authorized retailer of StarBand high-speed satellite Internet service, a two-way, always-on technology available nationwide, and EchoStar's DISH Network satellite TV programming services. StarBand and EchoStar use a single satellite dish antenna for two-way, high-speed Internet service without a telephone connection and DISH TV programming services.

Customers can call 1-866-777-1557 for more information.

"The selection of satellite technology is consistent with VALOR's overall broadband deployment strategy," Burnett said. "While the company continues to evaluate offering Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) service in select markets, there's widespread consensus in the telecommunications industry that a single technology will not meet the needs of all customers, particularly in rural areas such as VALOR's service territories."

## Assault reported at A&T Feed

The Garza County Sheriff's Department is investigating a reported assault which allegedly occurred at A&T Feed early Thursday morning, Jan. 10.

The clerk at the store, a 29-year-old Post woman whose name was not released, reported she was alone in the store when a man entered the business, according to Sheriff Kenny Ratke.

She reported the man approached her, struck her in the face and ran away.

The man was described as a "large male," Ratke said, but the store clerk could provide no other physical description.

The woman refused transportation by EMS to a health care facility. The sheriff said he does not know if the woman sought medical attention on her own.

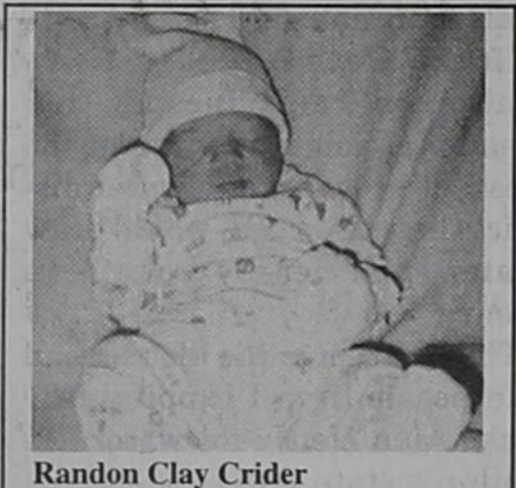
Authorities are continuing their investigation into the complaint.

## Births

### Randon Clay Crider

Marcial and Lisa Crider proudly announce the birth of their son, Randon Clay Crider, who was born December 7, 2001 in Rockwall, Texas. The baby weighed seven and one half pounds and was 22 inches long at birth.

Maternal grandmother is Alicia Foreman and paternal grandmother is Belinda Crider.



Randon Clay Crider

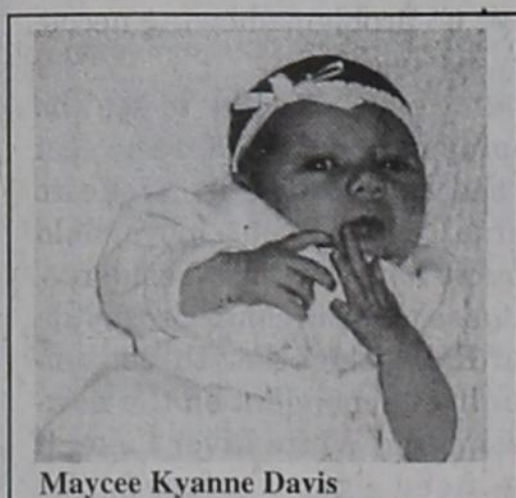
### Maycee Kyanne Davis

Paytin and Sydney Davis of Tri-Cities, Washington, are proud to announce the birth of their new baby sister, Maycee Kyanne.

Proud parents are Aaron and Deborah Davis.

The baby was delivered by her daddy at Kennewick General Hospital in Kennewick, Wash. on December 31, 2001 at 11:52 a.m. Maycee weighed in at seven pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 and 3/4 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Leslie and Linda Davis of Post. Proud great grandparents are Juanita Justice of Lubbock and T.F. Davis of Post. Maycee is the ninth grand child of Leslie and Linda Davis.



Maycee Kyanne Davis

### Caitlyn Lea Silva

Marisa Huffman and Adam Silva are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Caitlyn Lea Silva, born Dec. 14, 2001, at 10:07 p.m.

The infant weighed six pounds, five-and-a-half ounces at birth and was 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Joni Huffman of Post and the late Otis Garland Shephard Jr. Maternal great-grandparents are Edna Bilberry and John Huffman, both of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Yolanda and Royce Agnew of Post. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Celestino Talamantez of RaHs.

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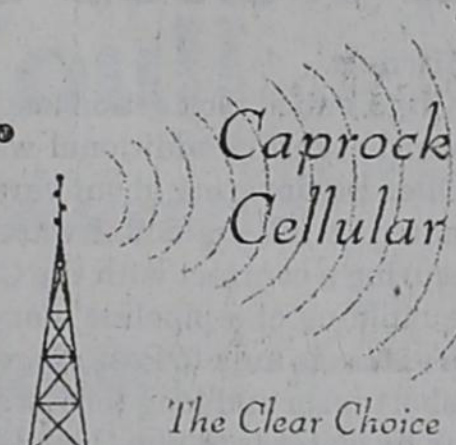
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# 38th Annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show and Sale



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# Obituaries

## Darrell M. Roberts

Services for Darrell M. Roberts, 65, of Garza County were Wednesday, January 16, 2002 at 3 P.M. at the Post Church of Christ. Chalres McCook officiated and burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Roberts died on Sunday January 13, 2002 at his residence.

He was born on July 28, 1936 to William Burnard and Jessie(Thomas) Roberts in Lynn County. He attended school at Close City, Garnolia, Southland and Post. He worked on the farm and served three years in the Army during from 1958 to 1962. After the service he returned to Post and worked on the farm, carpentered and worked in the oil field. He was a member of the Post Church of Christ.

He is survived one Brother, Glenn Roberts of Lubbock. An aunt: Odie Kemp of Post also survives him, along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Joe Cook, Alfred Oden, Johnny Kemp, Jimmy Kemp, Billy Weaver and Barry Ford.



## Dessie Gartman

Services for Dessie Gartman, 92, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, in the Hudman Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

She died Thursday, Jan. 10, at her home. Born Jan. 23, 1909, in Fisher County, she married Howard Gartman in 1924. A resident of Post and Garza County for many years, she was a member of the Nazarene Church and worked as a nurse at the Lovington Nursing Home prior to her retirement.

Survivors include two daughters, Ellen Wiley of Bedford and Pat North of Abilene; a sister, Della Cheek of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren, including Roni Kidd of Lovington, N.M.; 13 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 17, 1970; a daughter, Ruby Ray, on May 25, 1996; and a grandson, Rodney Ray, and a great-grandson, Bradley Ray, on July 23, 1985.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Lovington Good Samaritan Center, P.O. Box 1058, Lovington, N.M., 88260.

## Guy Smith

Graveside services for Guy Smith, 94, of Lubbock were held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2002, in the Terrace Cemetery with the Rev. Michael Passmore of the First Christian Church of Lubbock officiating. Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Friday, Jan. 11, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Sept. 29, 1907, in Dundee, Texas, he married Ruby Spivey in 1929 in Oklahoma. She died in 1988. A former insurance agent, he had been a member of the First Christian Church in Lubbock since 1941.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Patsy and Ted Bristor of Austin; two sons and daughters-in-law, Joe Guy and Kay Smith of Lubbock

and David and Jeannie Smith of Houston; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

## Jessie Lee Lancaster

Graveside services for Jessie Lee Lancaster, 96, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 2002, in the East Mound Cemetery in Matador with Ted Kingery of Silverton officiating. The Seigler Funeral Home of Matador was in charge of arrangements.

She died Saturday afternoon at a private care facility in Lubbock.

Born Dec. 22, 1905, at LaFayette, Louisiana, she received a bachelor of arts degree from Abilene Christian University and a master's degree from West Texas State University. She taught school in Northfield, Roaring Springs and Post. She married Joe S. Lancaster Oct. 12, 1929, in Matador. He died Jan. 19, 1947. Prior to her retirement, she was named Woman of the Year by the Post Chamber of Commerce for her excellence in teaching. She had been a resident of Lubbock for the past 24 years and was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, Joe H. Lancaster of Lubbock; one daughter, Palma Smiley of Lubbock; and one granddaughter.

## James B. Watson

Services for James B. Watson, 71, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002, in the Hudman Funeral Home with Bo Jackson officiating. Burial followed in the Spur Memorial Cemetery.

He died Saturday, Jan. 12, at his home.

Born in Spur Sept. 24, 1927, he had worked for Jackson Brothers meat packers for many years prior to his retirement. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include a sister, Sandra Neaves of Belton.

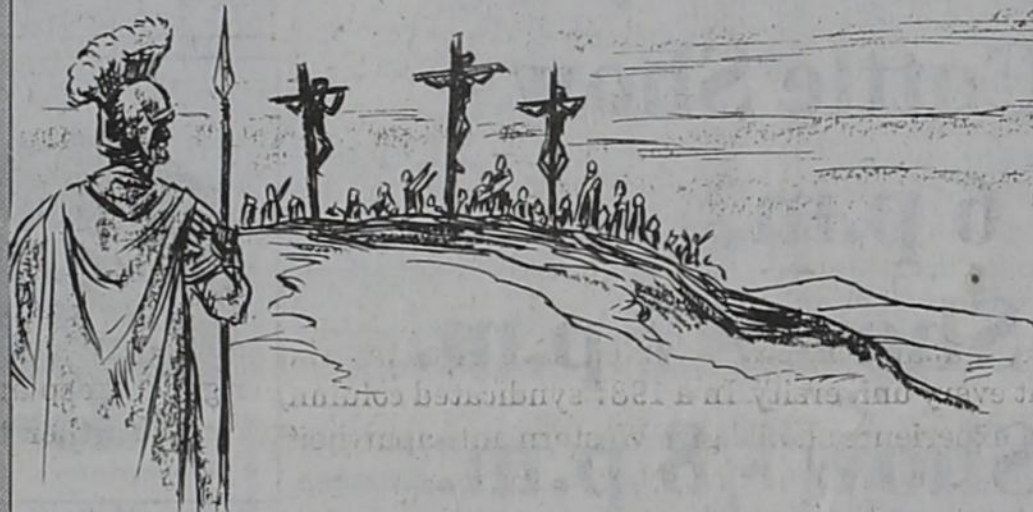
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## And thereafter, South Africa after apartheid

by Walter E. Williams

Moral crusaders have the habit of heading off to their next crusade without bothering to see whether anything went wrong on their last one. During the '80s, TransAfrica, NAACP, Black Congressional Caucus, Hollywood glitterati, college students, and other groups held massive protests on college campuses and at the South African Embassy, built shanty towns, and called for divestment and sanctions against South Africa for its racist apartheid system.

There's no longer apartheid and there's black rule in South Africa, but what's the story there now? Andrew Kenny writes about it in his article, "Black People Aren't Animals." The article appears in the December 15 issue of the British magazine *The Spectator*, the world's oldest continuously published English language magazine (est. 1838).

Each South African day sees an average of 59 murders, 145 rapes and 752 serious assaults out of its 42 million population. The new crime is the rape of babies; some AIDS-infected African men believe that having sex with a virgin is a cure. Twelve percent of South Africa's population is HIV-positive, but President Mbeki says that HIV cannot cause AIDS.

In response to growing violence, South Africa's minister of safety and security, Steve Tshwete, says: "We can't police this; there's nothing more we can do. South Africa's currency, the rand, has fallen about 70 percent since the African National Congress (ANC) came to power in 1994. Emigration from South Africa (mainly of skilled people) is now at its highest level ever."

Kenny asks, "Is South Africa doomed to follow the rest of Africa into oblivion?" He says no, but I'm not as optimistic because of the pattern nearly everywhere else in sub-Saharan Africa. The tragic fact of business is that ordinary Africans were better off under colonialism. Colonial masters never committed anything near the murder and genocide seen under black rule in Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Nigeria, Mozambique, Somalia and other countries, where millions of blacks have been slaughtered in unspeakable ways, which include: hacking

to death, boiling in oil, setting on fire and dismemberment. If as many elephants, zebras and lions had been as ruthlessly slaughtered, the world's leftists would be in a tizzy.

When Zimbabwe, then Southern Rhodesia, was under white rule, the ANC demanded the ouster of Prime Minister Ian Smith and the installation of black rule. Today, Zimbabwe's Minister Robert Mugabe commits gross violations of black and white human rights. With the help of lawless thugs, Mugabe has undertaken a land-confiscation program from white farmers. Instead of condemning Zimbabwe human-rights abuses, the South African government has given Mugabe its unqualified support.

Kenny says that whites treat blacks like animals. When a dog misbehaves, we don't blame the dog — we blame the owner for improper training. In Africa, when blacks behave badly, Kenny says colonialism, imperialism, apartheid, globalization or multi-nationalism is blamed for not bringing up blacks properly. Liberals saw South Africa's apartheid and other human-rights abuses as unjust because blacks were suffering at the hands of whites. They hold whites accountable to civilized standards of behavior. Blacks are not held to civilized standards of behavior. From the liberal's point of view, it might even be racist to expect blacks to adhere to civilized standards of behavior.

During South Africa's apartheid era, I visited several times and lectured at just about every university. In a 1987 syndicated column, I wrote: "Africa's past experience should give Western anti-apartheid activists some pause for thought. Wouldn't it be the supreme tragedy if South African blacks might ponder at some future date, like the animals of Jones' Manor (George Orwell's *Animal Farm*), whether they were better off under apartheid? That's why blacks must answer what's to come after apartheid? Black rule alone is no guarantee for black freedom."

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## Agenda courtesy of the Fourth Estate

by Vin Suprynowicz

Back when the Brady Crime Victim Disarmament Law was being debated, rape enabling legislators such as Charles Schumer and Ted Kennedy rolled their eyes and ridiculed as hopeless paranoids anyone who dared suggest that the goal was to set up some kind of national registry of gun-buyers. You know, the kind of pre-existing registry that proved useful when it came time for earlier governments to round up and confiscate the civilian weapons of the Armenian Turks in 1915, the Ukrainian Kulaks in the 1930s, and Hitler's *untermenschen* a few years later — not to mention those of the hapless citizens of Mao's Red China and Pol Pot's Cambodia and most recently of England and Australia just in the past decade.

How absurd! Anyone could see the law specifically barred the gathering of any such registry — in addition to calling for the destruction of the records of gun-buyers who submit to "instant background checks" immediately after they're "cleared."

So perhaps those naive enough to have once again trusted the gun-grabbers can be excused for scratching their heads and wondering if they'd entered some alternative universe when the headlines of *The Washington Post* on Dec. 7 read "Ashcroft Blocks FBI Access to Gun Records; Critics Call Attorney General's Decision Contradictory in Light of Terror Probe Tactics."

Gun records? What gun records?

Are the good senators talking about using the records police maintain after running those "instant background checks" — which they're not allowed to keep and which only we "paranoid gun nuts" ever suggested they would keep anyway, in defiance of the law? Or are they talking about sending FBI agents into every gun store in the nation to rifle through the file drawers of the Brady Law "yellow sheets" — which we've been promised would always be stored at the individual gun dealer's premises precisely so they could never be assembled into a searchable, computerized national "gun registry"?

Meantime, how on earth do you suppose this issue ever arose at all, when everyone knows no firearms were used in the Sept. 11 terror attacks?

The answer is that it was almost certainly no coincidence Fox Butterfield's story, headlined "Justice Dept. Bars Use of Gun Checks in Terror Inquiry," played on the front page of *The New York Times*, Pravda to America's collectivist elite, on Dec. 6 — the very day Mr. Ashcroft was scheduled to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The story thus provided the good senators with a handy briefing paper for their inquiry.

"The (Justice) department made the decision in October after the FBI asked to examine the records it maintains of background checks to see if any detainees had purchased guns in the United States," the story noted.

Read it again. He couldn't have said, "The records it (the Justice Department) maintains ..." could he?

By Dec. 7, Butterfield's fellow Timesman, Neil A. Lewis, was quoting Sen. Kennedy, D-Chappaquiddick, in full bray, asking Mr. Ashcroft, "Why is the department handcuffing the FBI in its efforts to investigate

gun purchases by suspected terrorists?"

Sen. Schumer fumed, "When it comes to the area of even illegal immigrants getting guns and finding out if they did, this administration becomes as weak as a wet noodle."

The *Washington Post* picks up the account: "Some critics charged that Ashcroft's strong opposition to gun control is interfering with his role as the government's top cop." (I've always loved the "some critics" construction, generally useful to read as "me and the people I watch 'Ally McBeal' with.")

Bush administration officials correctly told the *Post* that information collected by gun stores for use in background checks is by law unavailable for other police purposes — White House spokesman Ari Fleischer going so far as to point out the current administration is only following a regulation signed a year ago by Attorney General Janet Reno, who ruled that records can be used only to audit the background-check system.

But the *Post* was not to be so easily dissuaded from the assigned story angle.

"Such regulations are easily changed, countered Clinton administration officials and other critics." (There they are again.) "They pointed out that Ashcroft has issued an order permitting federal investigators to listen to attorney-client conversations and sought to lengthen the time illegal immigrants can be held before being charged. At his request, Congress has granted many other powers in recent months."

Do I have this right? The senators are arguing that since Mr. Ashcroft has been busily violating the law and the Constitution in other areas, he should not be such a stickler about obeying the law and what remains of the Constitution here?

Did either leftist daily offer us a single, accurate headline on the order of "Senators Urge Ashcroft to Break Another Law"; "Senators Want Ashcroft to Help Them Break Their Own Brady Database Pledge," or "Silly Dems Forget: No Guns Used on Sept. 11"?

Of course not — though the obvious question any cub reporter might have asked the good senators was: "If your Brady Bill is working the way you said it would, doesn't that mean we can all rest assured that NO bad guys of ANY nationality are acquiring weapons in this country?" Or, on the other hand, "Do you mean to say you think your Brady Law isn't working? If that does turn out to be the case — if it is allowing illegal aliens to buy guns from licensed dealers — would the new Schumer-Kennedy solution be to say, 'Oh well, that didn't work, so there's no sense hassling law-abiding Americans any more; let's just repeal the whole thing?'"

They could have asked that question. But that might have generated something well beyond, "All the News that Fits Our Agenda."

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## Half a Win Is Better than None

by Sheldon Richman

Fans of the Second Amendment are rejoicing because a federal appellate court has affirmed that the right to keep and bear arms belongs to individuals, not collectives. Anyone who can read plain English already knew that. But now we have a U.S. appellate court saying so. That can't hurt.

The October ruling of a three-judge panel from the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals grew out of the Texas case of Timothy Joe Emerson. Dr. Emerson was going through a divorce and was subject to a temporary restraining order. Federal law forbids anyone subject to a restraining order to have a firearm. He was charged with violating that federal law.

In 1998 Emerson challenged the law, and Federal District Court Judge Sam R. Cummings declared it unconstitutional on grounds that Second Amendment rights are too important to be abrogated by so casual a means as a "boilerplate" restraining order in a divorce action. He also demonstrated that the amendment applies to individuals, not state national guards. This set the stage for the appellate ruling.

Two of the three appellate judges endorsed Judge Cummings's ruling that gun rights are individual rights. They determined that the 1939 U.S. Supreme Court case *U.S. v. Miller*, which the gun controllers depend on, fails to support the collective-rights position. Miller in no way hinged on whether the defendants were members of the national guard. In fact, the Supreme Court noted that at the time of the framing of the Constitution the militia was considered to consist of "all males physically capable of acting in concert for the common defense."

Thus the appellate judges authoritatively pulled away a key pillar of the gun controllers' case. The Supreme Court has never held that the right to keep and bear arms is something other than an individual right. Further, the appellate court disposed of the argument that the amendment's preamble, "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state," implies a collective right. They pointed out that the preamble is fully consistent with the individual-rights interpretation.

The Fifth Circuit appellate judges followed up this logical argument by delving into the historical record and concluded: "We find that the history of the Second Amendment reinforces the plain meaning of its text, namely that it protects individual Americans in their right to keep and bear arms whether or not they are a member of a select militia or performing active military service or training."

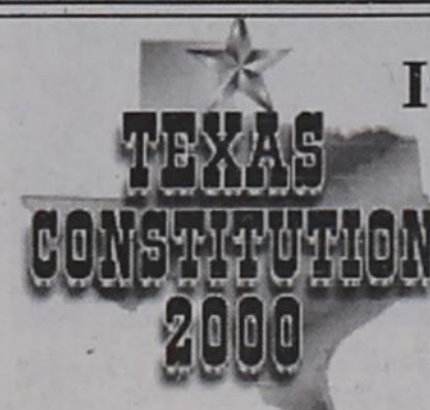
At this point, the judges' opinion takes a wrong turn; for while they find that the Second Amendment sanctions an individual right, they go on to state that the federal law at issue — forbidding people subject to restraining orders to possess guns — is a reasonable limitation on that right. The statute does not violate the Second Amendment, they said, because before issuing a restraining order, a court has to be convinced of a "presently existing actual threat" and the presence of such a threat justifies reasonable restrictions on the right to bear arms. They were satisfied that the judge who issued the restraining order had grounds to be so convinced, even though he made no express findings to that effect and even though none are required by the federal statute. It is enough, the judges said, that the statute requires a hearing on the restraining order and that the order explicitly forbids the use or threat of force. They reinstated the indictment. Emerson will have to stand trial, unless his planned appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court succeeds.

Thus the victory for Second Amendment rights is mixed. It may seem reasonable to restrict the gun rights of someone who is alleged to be dangerous, but it is that principle that is in fact dangerous. Emerson was tried under state law for allegedly threatening behavior — and was acquitted. That being the case, his right to keep and bear arms should be unaffected. On the other hand, had he been convicted, he should have been sent to jail, where he would have been unable to have a gun. As the law now stands in the Fifth Circuit, American citizens can be relegated to a netherworld, neither convicted of a crime nor free to fully exercise their rights.

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# Sports

## Lady Lopes lead district at 3-0

"Every team in this district is aiming at knocking us down," Post Lady Lope basketball coach Ron Taylor emphasizes, "and when we get a win we have to really work for it."

That was certainly the case last week for the Lady Lopes, who edged Sundown 39-33 on Tuesday here, then went over to Tahoka and took a 43-33 win. "We played well at Tahoka," Taylor added, "we knew they were an improved team, but our players took care of business."

The Lady Lopes hit 46 percent of their shots from the floor and 61 percent at the free throw line. "When we play like that on offense and get the turnovers we got on defense," Taylor observed, "we're going to win."

At Tahoka Emily Smith led the team with 15 points, followed by Kelly Moore with 10, Meagan Mills with seven, Manuela Hernandez with five and three each by Kaycee Gorman and Nikki Norman.

In the Sundown contest, Smith and Hernandez each got 14 points, with Moore getting five, Mills hit for three, Norman collected two and Tandi Humble got one.

The team played host to New Deal Tuesday, then heads over to Idalou Friday night. Those who can't make it to the Friday night games can get live reports on Post City Radio, beginning at approximately 6:25 p.m.



Manuela Hernandez (23) puts another two points on the board for the Post Lady Lopes in their district win here against Sundown last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Emily Smith (25) goes over the top for two points against Sundown in a district game here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jett Lott (50) puts up a shot for the Post Antelopes in their non-district bout with Slaton here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Mitchell Mills weaves his way through Slaton defenders for a layup in the game here against Slaton last week. Brody Robertson (20) helps out on the play. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Meagan Mills (left) skirts around Sundown defenders bringing the ball up court for the Post Lady Lope varsity here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## Slaton, Tahoka trip Antelopes

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team was tripped up last week by Slaton and Tahoka, both games going down to the wire. "The team played really hard," coach Dane Vickers said, "and we were just so close, we got into foul trouble at Tahoka, which really cost us late in the game."

The first district contest last Friday in Tahoka came down to a 49-45 win for the Bulldogs, but the Lopes were within range until the final seconds. "We had four players with two fouls before the end of the first period," Vickers added, "and then Mitchell (Mills) got his fourth foul in the third period."

Michael Huff was on a roll for the Antelopes, leading the team with 18 points and shooting seven out of eight free throws down the stretch. Jarrett Vickers and Brody Robertson hit for eight, Mills got seven and Jett Lott scored four points.

In the non-district game last Tuesday, the Slaton Tigers came to Post in another tightly contested ball game. Slaton won 38-35, with the Antelopes right on the heels of the Tigers to end.

Huff scored 16 points, followed by Vickers and Robertson with six, Ratke with three and two each by Lott and Mills.

"We've got a good chance to win the district title," coach Vickers said, "there's not any one team dominating, any given night, any team can win. We've got to take care of home games and win two or three on the road."

The team played host to New Deal Tuesday, then travels to Idalou Friday night.



Jarrett Vickers (4) gets the inside move on Slaton defenders for the Post Antelope varsity in the non-district game here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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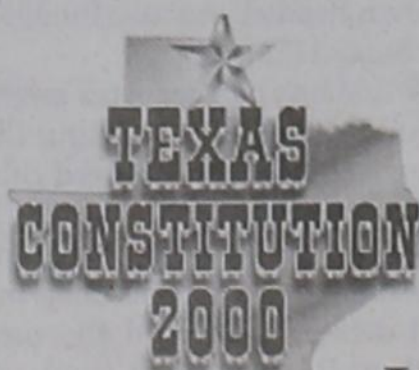
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## JV girls undefeated in district

The Post junior varsity Lady 'Lopes bumped their district record to 3-0 Friday with a 36-19 victory over Tahoka.

Post dominated all four quarters of the game, carrying a 15-10 lead into the half.

Jessica Mason led scoring for the squad with 14 points, followed by Terri Curtis with seven, Tayler Starkey with six, Meagan Hoover with four, Logan Gregory and Courtney Short with two points each, and Donae Dalby with one point.

Prior to the Tahoka game, the team outlasted Sunday 34-11 in a game played Jan. 8.

Again, the Lady 'Lopes were the dominate team from the start, more than doubling their opponent's score in each quarter.

Dalby led scoring with 12 points. Hoover had five points and Lyndee Strawn had four points. Kayla Dunn added three with a long shot from the outside. Starkey, Curtis, Lesley Rutherford, Gregory and Short each scored two points apiece.

To date, the team's season record is 15-0.

## 8th grade girls outscored

The eighth grade Lady 'Lopes dropped a 28-16 game to Sundown.

The game was close through the first two periods, but Sundown began to tighten up its defense, limiting Post to two points in each of the final two quarters.

Laurel Tatum led scoring for Post with eight points, followed by Dionn Heckaman with four points. Jenee Lott and Alana Zubia each had two points.

The team's next game is Monday at Tahoka.

## 7th grade girls win 22-15

The seventh grade A team Lady 'Lopes pulled off a 22-15 victory over Sundown recently.

Post led scoring in three of the game's four quarters to take the win.

Larissa Halford was top scorer for Post with eight points. K'Nell Dalby and Sarah Kirkpatrick each scored three points. Rachel Gray, Steffi Norman, Kylie Easterling and Keisha Odom logged two points apiece.

The team's next game will be Monday at Tahoka.

Meanwhile, the seventh grade B team suffered a 12-4 defeat at the hands of the Sundown B squad.

Scoring for the Lady 'Lopes were Monica Long and Claire Kirkpatrick. "Christina Aguilar, Becca Striblin and Brandi Fowler also played well," said Coach Kristi Lowe.



Post Elementary students completing Level 1 in the CEI Reading Lab during the first semester are (back row, left to right) Juan Gomez, Chase Odom, Pamela Spann, Victoria Guerrero, Stephanie Fox, (middle) Michael Gonzales, Laura Quintana, Patricia McDougle, Paulina Hernandez, Raquel Lopez, Katelynn Short, (front) Skylar Brown, Mario Ceja, Arturo Lopez, Brian Osborn, Rosa Saenz Vanessa Hampton Not available for photo, Samantha Ortiz. (Photo by Peggy Graves)

## City ...

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water. Oller said that initial contact with land owners was not encouraging, "they just don't want to sell any of their water rights at this time," he said.

Oller presented a detailed report to the council about the wide variety of work that much be done in preparation for the project. "We'll have five people pretty much working full time on this for at least a year," he said.

Surveys and engineering work take up a large part of the preparation. "You can be sure that when we get started, there are going to be complications, especially when we get into the details of the pipeline right of way."

In other matters, the council approved the annual audit presented by Ron Howell, represent-

ing J.W. Anderson and Associates.

An ordinance for collecting a technology fee at the municipal court was approved, with council member Harold Craig casting a vote against the measure. "I think we're already taking too much money on tickets," he said. The \$4 fee will be assessed on all traffic fines for the purpose of buying and maintaining electronic equipment for the court.



Ten percent of the Russian government's income comes from the sale of vodka.

## Kidnap...

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the shooting scene. Authorities also searched for evidence at the area where the victim said she was dropped off.

Traffic on US 84 was blocked for several hours as lawmen searched for evidence.

*Editor's Note: The name of the victim of this alleged crime is being withheld out of respect to her privacy.*

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Greatness knows itself.  
—William Shakespeare,  
Henry IV, Part 1  
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## 175 new criminal cases filed in Garza County

A total of 175 new criminal cases were filed in Garza County court during 2001, according to a report County Attorney Leslie Acker supplied to county commissioners last week.

During the year, 226 cases were disposed of, either by guilty plea or dismissal. The result is a pending docket with approximately 128 cases as of Jan. 1, 2002.

Of the cases filed last year, 38 of them involved driving while intoxicated (DWI) charges; 50 were drug-related cases (possession of marijuana) and 71 dealt with charges of driving while license suspended, Acker said in his report. The remaining offenses included assaults, thefts by check, criminal trespass and making alcohol available to minors.

Additionally, the court heard 17 motions to revoke probation.

The juvenile court, too, was "fairly active" during the last calendar year, Acker said. The court conducted 18 detention hearings, considered 12

new petitions and conducted five adjudication hearings and seven hearings to modify disposition.

In addition to the cases handled by the court, Acker's office continues to conduct a hot check collection program with cooperation from the Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace office and the Garza County Constables Office. Last year, this program handled 104 hot checks, resulting in restitution of more than \$9,909 to merchants and vendors.



A group of pheasants is properly referred to as a nye.

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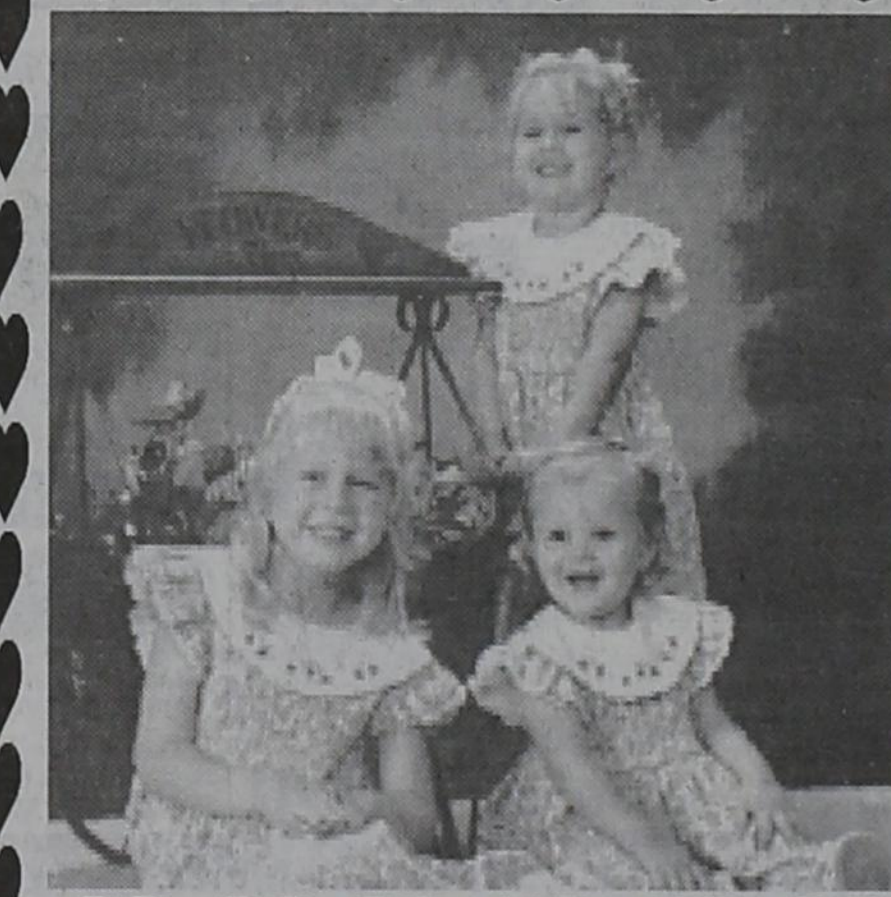
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Official de Condado  
(County Clerk)

### Notice to Bidders

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TxDOT No. 005POSTT

Sealed proposals for the construction of airport improvements at the Post/Garza County Airport should be addressed to the Honorable Archie Gill, Mayor, City of Post, City Hall, 105 E. Main Street, Post, Tx. 79356. Proposals will be received until 10:30 a.m., February 8, 2002, then publicly opened and read. Any proposal received after closing time will be returned unopened.

In general, the work consists of Runway Rehabilitation and Marking, Hanger Taxiway, Apron and Drainage Improvements at the City of Post/Garza County Airport.

Bidding documents may be examined at the Clearinghouses within the area of the project; and Oller Engineering, Inc., 2517 74th Street, Lubbock, Tx 79423; Oller Engineering, Inc., 126 E. Third Street, Hereford, Tx 79045; and TxDOT Aviation Division, 150 E. Riverside Dr., 5th Floor South Tower, Austin, Tx 78704;

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The Texas Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, has Plans Online. You may now view and obtain plan and bid documents at our website, www.dot.state.tx.us. Click the Aviation Icon and go to Plans Online. Bidders are responsible for checking this website regularly for any changes to the bid documents, such as Addendums.

Questions concerning the bid document and plans should be directed to David Charest, Oller Engineering, Inc. at 806-478-5700 or 806-363-6559.

Minimum wage rates have been predetermined as required by law and set forth in the specifications.

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The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the full amount of the contract price, executed by a surety company or surety companies authorized to execute surety bonds under and in accordance with the State of Texas.

The proposed contract is subject to the Vernon Texas Civil Statutes, Article 601.b concerning the participation of Historically Underutilized Business. HUB goal is set at 10%.

The Owner/Agent reserves the right to reject any regular proposal and the right to waive technicalities if such waiver is in the best interest of the Owner and conforms to State and local laws and ordinances pertaining to the letting of construction contracts.

The Owner/Agent hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively assure that minority enterprises are afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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# Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
by Tumbleweed Smith

## An intelligent pet owl



Harry Potter is not the only one with a pet owl. Ron George had one when he was growing up around Commerce. "It was a barred owl," says Ron. "Most remarkable." Unlike Harry Potter's owl named Hedwig, Ron called his owl Tex. Ron says this was before the hawk and owl protection act went into effect in 1965. Ron knows about things like that. He's deputy director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "My brother got Tex out of a nest before it could fly. He brought it to the house and put on a perch outside the kitchen window." The owl certainly became a member of the family in a big hurry. "It would sit on that perch quietly during the day, then in the evening when it got hungry it would call a real soft feeding call two or three times." Ron can make the sound of the call. I can only describe it as the sound of a hungry owl. "If somebody didn't come out to feed it, it would fly over and land on the screen window. It would land at the bottom of the window and walk up the screen flapping its wings. Then it would fly back to its perch."

His mother was pretty quick to get out there with the owl food after that. "That owl lived in the yard and flew around the property. It didn't know how to hunt. Didn't need to, since we fed it. Onetime it caught a small snake about a foot long and brought it to its perch by the kitchen window. Tex was real proud of it and showed it off. He carried it around for a day or two before it actually ate it." Ron milked cows in those days and would walk up to the barn early in the morning. He didn't carry a flashlight, since he knew the trail by heart. "I was walking up that trail one morning way before daylight and the owl flew up behind me and got directly over my head. I didn't have any idea it was there. Owls are totally silent on the wing. Then it came out with a piercing, loud call that really scared me. I threw my hands up in the air and the milk bucket went flying off and I reached up, touched some owl feathers and then felt something land on top of my straw hat. I put my hand up there and it was a cold, wet piece of liver. It was the owl's food from the night before. He hadn't eaten it. I guess owls have a sense of humor." Tex didn't have anything to do with strangers. When somebody would come, he would leave. But he had a fetish for steering wheels. "One day we had a plumber who

did some work, then went to his pickup to leave. He came running back to the house telling us there was an owl sitting on his steering wheel. We told Tex to get off and he did." When Ron's wife started coming around, Tex didn't take to her at first. "He swooped down at her a couple of times. Tex got in her face once, then she whacked him with her hat and it didn't bother her any more after that." Tex stayed around the George house for ten years.

## Lunch Menus

### Trailblazers

- Monday, January 21**  
Baked ham, broccoli and rice, mixed vegetables, wheat roll and jello.
- Tuesday, January 22**  
Hot roast beef on toast, tater tots, peas-n-carrots, sliced tomatoes and fruit salad.
- Wednesday, January 23**  
Chicken fry, cream gravy, corn, peas and carrots, hot roll and apple cobbler.
- Thursday, January 24**  
Soft corn taco's, tossed salad, pinto beans, chips and salsa, fruit and cookies.
- Friday, January 25**  
Fried chicken, butter beans, mixed vegetables, sliced tomatoes, cornbread and pineapple cake.

### Post ISD

- Monday, January 21**  
Breakfast: school holiday  
Lunch:
- Tuesday, January 22**  
Breakfast: Waffles, butter and syrup, sausage, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, California mix, pineapple slices, garlic toast and choice of milk.
- Wednesday, January 23**  
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello and choice of milk.
- Thursday, January 24**  
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Fajitas, onions and peppers, salad, fruit cocktail, cookie and choice of milk.
- Friday, January 25**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, grape juice and milk.  
Lunch: Managers choice

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**Fear is the main source of superstition, and one of the main sources of cruelty. To conquer fear is the beginning of wisdom.**  
—Bertrand Russell



Bobby Smith (left) was a popular Santa at the VFW Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored Christmas party. More than 80 children were treated at the pre-Christmas event. (Photo by JoAnn Stelzer)

## District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht announces candidacy

District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht has announced she has filed as a Republican candidate for election to a full four-year term as judge of the 106th Judicial District. Schildknecht has served in the position since Aug. 31, following an appointment to the bench by Gov. Rick Perry. She stepped into the position following the resignation of former Judge George H. Hansard. "While I must run for office in order to continue to serve as judge, I am committed to preserving the integrity and independence of the judiciary and will not allow politics to sway my actions," said the district judge, whose four-county jurisdiction includes Dawson, Gaines, Lynn and Garza counties. "It is an honor and privilege to serve the people of the 106th District. I am proud of the steps I have taken to initiate a case management system that will promote the efficiency and promptness of the administration of justice in this court. The implementation of this system will provide the court an effective method to handle the backlog of approximately 2,000 cases as well as the new

cases being filed every day." Schildknecht said she is dedicated to the job. "I will diligently manage the court in a manner that provides for the disposition of cases within established time standards that are expected of the court," she said. "I understand that respect must be earned, and I hope that the work I am doing to make this court more efficient and effective will earn your respect." The judge said her top priority is to "follow the law and do what is right in the impartial performance and administration of justice." Schildknecht is a 1959 graduate of Lamesa High School and earned her bachelor's and law degrees at Texas Tech University. Prior to her appointment to the district judge's post, she was a practicing attorney and partner of Remmer, Snell & Schildknecht in Lamesa. Before becoming an attorney, she owned, directed and taught at the Lad and Lassie School in Lamesa for 20 years. Schildknecht's professional associations include the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation, the State Bar College, the Council of School

Attorneys, the Lames Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Her list of volunteer work is lengthy, including service to the Dawson County United Way, teen court, Rotary Club, chamber of commerce, industrial foundation and historical society. An active member of the First Presbyterian Church, Schildknecht and her husband Ellis have been married for 18 years and have two children and three grandchildren. She is the daughter of the late Toots and Ed Tinsley.



Judge Carter Schildknecht

## TxDOT sets hearing on frontage road

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public hearing at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22, to discuss recent commission action concerning frontage roads on new controlled access freeways. The hearing will be held in the basement conference room of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, 1301 Broadway. In June, the Texas Transportation Commission approved minute orders that changed the department's frontage road policy. Minute Order 108544 sets policy so new controlled access freeways are constructed without frontage roads whenever feasible, and Minute Order 108545 directs TxDOT to work with local governments to determine how best to maintain local traffic circulation when frontage roads are not built. Written comments will be accepted if received by Feb. 4. Comments should be mailed to Ken Bohuslav, director, Design Division, Texas Department of Transportation, 1125 E. 11th St., Austin, TX 78701-2483.

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# Letters to the Editor

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## A form of terrorism

Are the criminals trying to get it to where the public in general is afraid to step outside of their own home? Are we even safe inside our home? I think we have all come to believe criminal acts just don't happen here in Post, I know I take life for granted all too easily.

Things happened a few days back, that just ain't supposed to happen in our little town. Such as the robbery and abduction at a local convenience store and another strange mishap at a feed store. In both of the situations, I believe God decided it was time to step in and protect these ladies. I know very little about either story, I know all I need to know.

I know enough to know I was disgusted with both happenings. I am thankful to God - both girls came out of the situations in fairly good shape, with the consideration of what could have happened in either case. I would certainly believe either lady was probably scared half to death, who wouldn't be?

But faith in God, and time will take away most of the initial shock of the

ordeal, but the fear of the unknown could linger on forever. In 1969 I was "Rolled" in New Orleans. I was not seriously hurt except for my pride, loss of a few bucks, and my trust in people.

Until this very day, I do not like to be in a place with my back to the door, nor my back turned to anyone. I'm not necessarily scared of anything, but there seems to be some sort of feeling of being uncomfortable, and or an uneasy feeling in public. I would doubt if these type of occurrences happen again anytime soon, but a form of terrorism is there.

Since those mishaps, I would be inclined to believe that there is a certain amount of uneasiness among the local businesses. That is what terrorism is all about. Terror is meant to keep people on edge, in suspense, and keep one in fear of the unknown.

One of the best things I've heard in a while was when I heard the abducted girl from the convenience store had been found and was basically, O.K. I thought to myself "Whew, Thank God She's Safe". I use the convenience stores regularly. A working man seems to get

his start ever day at a convenience store. We get to know all the clerks, we may not even know their name, but we know 'em. When some idiot bothers one of our clerks, then for some reason, seems like we take it personal.

I was worried for the lil' gal. I've heard she has a tremendous faith in God. Looks like that was one time faith in God paid good dividends. I'm happy for both girls that they are O.K.

I'm glad the cops captured the S.O.B., but instead of hauling him off to jail, he should have been taken to one of the local funeral homes. I was disappointed that the cops wasted all the ammunition trying to disable the truck. Must have sounded like the Indians taking out General Custer and his men at Little Big Horn.

Looks to me like one of the cops fired one good round, that being at the windshield. In my opinion, the truck did nothing wrong, it was only doing what its operator instructed it to do. If shots were to be fired, I would believe ever round should have been fired at wherever the perpetrators head was thought to be.

As far as the feed store incident, I wish the girl would have had a firearm and blowed the fool's brains out. I believe every one should have a concealed hand gun permit, have a firearm, and know how to use it. I am working on the process of getting myself one.

I believe this type of terrorism might

slow down a bit if Dee and Curtis got just a little bit more business. Some way or somehow, this type of crap don't need to get started in our town. Let the S.O.B.'s take it somewhere else.

This is as I see it, and my opinion only. To the girls and the other clerks around town, you will all be in my A.A. prayers. Have a good day.

O.L.(Ferg) Ferguson

## Improper behavior

In a "letter to the editor" on January 3, 2002, the writer questioned the lack of participation in our basketball programs. I believe I know the reasons for much of this, on the high school level anyway.

Our coaches should be teaching the value of fair play and good sportsmanship; however, I have seen coaches knock over a chair in anger, throw a clipboard, rant and rave until they got a technical, and raise their hands toward heaven as they mouthed "thank-you" when an opposing player missed a free throw. (A free throw being taken due to a technical)

We don't allow this kind of behavior from "Little Dribbler" coaches who are volunteers. Shouldn't we expect better from coaches who taxpayers are paying?

Our coaches should be encouraging all of their players and treating each of them fairly. How encouraging is it for "team" members to stay on the bench an entire game, especially when they've never missed a practice, or to only be put in a game for a few token seconds?

I saw three players be put in for the last 1.5 (one point five) seconds of a third period-that was the only "playing" time two of them got that half. (Those two hadn't played much the first half either.) In one game there was a player who hadn't even attended the first week of practices (This player had said they weren't playing this year.) The player came and watched one practice the day of the game and was allowed to play the majority of that game.

I've watched coaches pull some players out of a game or rant and rave at them for a mistake while other players have made the same mistake, or worse, and continued playing with hardly a word from the coach. Maybe these players "caught it" from the coach elsewhere, but at least they weren't degraded in front of everyone in the gym.

I've watched coaches yell at players from both sides of the gym-one coach from the bench with the team and another from the stands across the gym. How confusing is that for a player!

I know that some kids have greater talent and ability than others, but I just wonder how many more would be better players if they were given more encouragement and opportunities to play without such ridicule and humiliation. The other letter writer wondered how many professional players Post has produced. I wonder how many collegiate athletes we've even produced.

I, for one, felt it was time to speak up and make my observations known. I have sent a copy of this letter to each high school basketball coach, the

athletic director, the principal, superintendent, and each school board member.

Michelle Mason

# Yesteryears

January 15, 1992  
10 Years Ago

Nancy Criado, daughter of Manuel and Maria Criado of Post, has been named to the Dean's List at South Plains College in Levelland.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy John Stewart of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Paula, to Benny Jackson. The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jackson of Post. The couple plan to wed February 15, 1992.

All-Tournament honors at the Meadow Tournament went to Post Lady Lopes Cara Cash and Trudy Woods. According to coach Chili Black "this is the first time in several years that Post has had this type of recognition at a tournament".

Garza Memorial Hospital in association with Methodist Hospital announces Dr. Larry Leiningner, M.D. has joined Dr. Shen Chen at the Garza Family Health Center.

Garza County Sheriff Freddy Cockrell has announced his candidacy for re-election. "It has been an honor to serve the people of Garza County as their sheriff for the past three years."

January 14, 1982  
20 Years Ago

Four members of the PHS Band won places in the all-region band in a contest held Jan. 9. Todd Willson, trombone; Jimmy Ticer, french horn; Cindy Basquez, bass clarinet and Raenell Rogers, mallet percussion. These students will perform in the all-region concert.

Coach Sonja Curry's Post girls scored an easy triumph over Roosevelt. Marta Holly led Post in scoring with 11 points and Patricia Price was next with 10.

The Post Volunteer Fire Department has added six new members. They are Milton Williams, Wendell Johnson, Keith Wilks, Dee Justice, Dan Hodges and Jackie Gordon.

Dwaine Binford is the new president-elect of the Post Rotary Club. He will succeed County Agent Syd Conner as head of the local civic club.

The city-county airport here has many uses, some of them rather unusual. Ray Marion and Steve Holtz flew in from Van Horn, Tx with dressed meat of one hog and five deer for Jackson Bros. Meat Packers to cure the pork and make German links out of the deer meat.

January 13, 1972  
30 Years Ago

The PHS Future Farmers of America presented sweetheart jackets to the new senior chapter sweetheart, Jackie Moore and Greenhand chapter sweetheart, Melanie King.

Garza County's outpatient clinic for mental health, which is operated by state personnel from the Big Spring State Hospital, has moved this month into new office quarters in the Mason Memorial Building.

## Sheriff reports 10 arrests

Ten individuals have been booked into the Garza County Jail since the first week of the new year, according to information provided by the sheriff's department.

On Jan. 6, a 19-year-old male was jailed for public intoxication. Two individuals were jailed the following day, including a 28-year-old for revocation of probation and a 33-year-old male picked up on a warrant.

A 38-year-old male was jailed on a commitment on Jan. 8.

On Jan. 9, a 17-year-old was jailed on a warrant. A 17-year-old male was booked into the jail Jan. 10 for allegedly making a terroristic threat. A 27-year-old male also was jailed for attempted capital murder and aggravated kidnapping.

Three individuals were jailed on Jan. 13, including a 34-year-old male for public intoxication; a 58-year-old male for possession of marijuana, under two ounces, and unlawfully carrying a weapon; and a 19-year-old male for forgery of a financial instrument.

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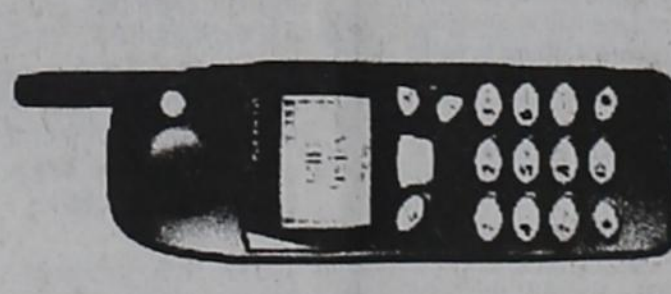
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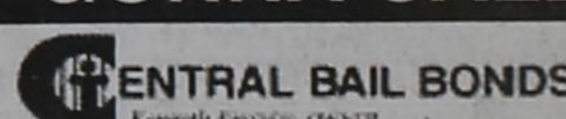
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