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# The Post Dispatch

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## Probation office, extension service moving to new locations

by Wes Burnett

The Garza County extension service office and the probation office will be moving in the next few weeks as the result of action taken Monday morning by the county commissioners' court.

A four year lease was approved by the court with the owner of the former SPS building on West Main Street. The building will be the new home of the extension service, with the probation and victims' assistance programs to

expand from the present office into the vacated current extension service facility.

The lease for the former SPS occupied building is \$500 per month, with an option for first refusal to purchase if the owner places the property for sale. The lease is renewable with agreement by both parties.

The court also approved the implementation of a "Safe Hands Program" to assist those with

memory retention problems. The program will be administered by the sheriff's department and is funded by a grant from South Plains Association of Governments.

A bid to purchase three city lots by Mitchell Real Estate was rejected, with the court agreeing to advertise the property for public bid. Ceased for non payment of taxes, the three city lots are jointly owned by the county, city and Post ISD.

Commissioners agreed with County Judge Dalby to include a compliance officer at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility as part of the budgeting process this year. The new position is to satisfy new contract requirements by the Bureau of Prisons. Judge Dalby said that the position needs to be budgeted so that when the new contract is implemented, there will be a smooth transition.

Dalby explained that the new contract includes an increase in the county's obligation for prisoner medical care from a cap of \$5,000 per prisoner to \$25,000. There will also be a guarantee from the federal prison system for a minimum of 1,000 beds. The contract also will deduct from future payments for any violations of the compliance agreement.

"That's why it is so important

for us to have a compliance officer in place," Dalby added, "we've got to make sure that we're in compliance with the contract."

Dalby also said that the county will be responsible for maintenance outside of the fence around the prison. Until recently, a limited number of inmates were allowed to perform outside duties, but new regulations forbid such an arrangement.

The court continued its \$5 fee for vehicle registration, resisting the opportunity to raise the rates as have most other Texas counties. The fees are used by the precincts.

Garza County Democratic Party chairman Lewis Earl presented a list of citizens to serve as election judges and alternates. After a review of the voting precincts and comparing names from the Republican Party, the court approved the following election judges and alternates for voting precincts:

Precinct 1 and 1A - Janet Ratliff, election judge; Frances Conrad, alternate.

Precinct 2 - Mary Basinger, election judge; Libby McGehee, alternate.

Precinct 3 - Dianne Windham, election judge; Betty Striblin, alternate.

Precinct 4 - Peggy Smith, election judge; Mary Miller, alternate.

Precinct 5 and 5A - Billie Cross, election judge; Jane Terry, alternate.

Precinct 6 - Jennie Cowdrey, election judge; Tommie Williams, alternate.

Precinct 7 - Melissa Hudson, election judge; Shawna Jaquess, alternate.

Precinct 8 - Mark Odom, election judge; Shirley Riedel, alternate.

Precinct 9 and 9A - Eddie Jo Miller, election judge; Fay Maddox, alternate.

Earl expressed his concern about the splitting of voting pre-

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## Night of One-Act Plays opens at Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre will offer what is being billed as "A Night of One-Act Plays" beginning this weekend.

Plays will include "Antic Spring," starring Jordan Tatum, Melissa Stambaugh, Christina Zellmer, Aaron Jones, Mikey Gonzales and Michelle Tucker; "Graceland," with Emily Hataway and Jessica Culwell; and "I'm Herbert," which will feature Zoe Kirkpatrick and Bill Woodard.

Mitchell Britton will direct "Spring," Jay Young, "Graceland," and Christy Morris is director of "Herbert."

Performances will be this Friday and Saturday, as well as July 19-20 and 26-27.

Curtain times will be at 8 p.m.

The annual Harley Sadler Show, "How the West was Fun," will be staged Aug. 2-4, 9-10 and 15-17. Directed by Morris, the play will feature Hataway, Micah Robnett, Patrick Ryan Jones, Heather Bullard, Mickie Klafka, Katie McNeil, Stambaugh, Chris Davis, Ginny Andrews, Kathy Kidder, Kristie Thomas and Rocky Wilkins.

Performances of the Harley Sadler Show will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The Sunday matinee will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets to both shows will be \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12.

The box office is open Monday through Friday from 12:30-5 p.m., except on show weekends when it will be open from noon to curtain time.

These productions were made possible in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

## New program helps Alzheimer patients

Garza County officials are working to keep local Alzheimer's patients "In Safe Hands."

The "In Safe Hands" program, authorized earlier this week by the commissioners court, is a collaborative effort between the Texas Department of Human Services' Alzheimer's CARE Program, the local sheriff's department, the county's Victims Assistance office and the Agency on Aging at South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG). The program is designed to help individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias to return home safely if they wander away or get lost.

The Garza County Sheriff's Department will issue each individual registered in the program an ID bracelet. Information about the resident - name, address, family contacts, etc. - will be kept on file at the sheriff's department. If an individual is lost and a phone call is made to the sheriff's department on his or her behalf, the information on the ID bracelet will enable the caregivers or family members to be contacted immediately.

Caregivers also can contact the sheriff's department to alert them in the event a registered individual is missing.

The primary purpose of the program, according to information provided to the commissioners' court, is to help the memory-impaired individual return home quickly and safely.

The Alzheimer's Association-

South Plains Chapter will provide the bracelets free of charge to participants in Garza County through a grant supplied to SPAG. The front of each bracelet will read "IN SAFE HANDS" and will feature the Garza County Sheriff Department's name and telephone number. The back of the bracelet will be engraved with the name of the individual wearing the ID piece.

For more information on the program, contact Dana Bear at 743-3095 or Virginia Chavez at 743-3096 at the Texas Department of Human Services' Alzheimer's CARE office. Spanish-speaking assistance is also available.



### July 4th Fun at the Park!

Jaycie Kimmons (left) and Cheyenne Poe show off their bikes and gold medals during last week's July 4th Celebration at the park. Hundreds of Garza County citizens enjoyed the event, which featured music, food, games and of course, the big fireworks display at dark. Rain and cool weather boosted the spirits for the celebration. (See more photos and story on Page 3).



Grand opening ceremonies at North Ridge, a new residential development on the shores of Lake Alan Henry, were held last Saturday. Joining in the "ribbon cutting" were (left to right) Lubbock City Council member Gary Morrison, contractor Joe Marts, owner Clifford Kitten, Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby, owner Clyde Kitten and Mrs Elizabeth Kitten.

## Post Notes

### McMeans honored at reception

A retirement reception will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Borden County school cafeteria and auditorium to honor Mickey and Shirley McMeans. Mr. McMeans has served Borden County schools for 44 years, while Mrs. McMeans has served as a school teacher at Borden County 34 years.

### Bethel Assembly offers gordito plate

The Bethel Assembly of God will offer gordito plates Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Plates at \$5 each include two gorditos, rice, beans, salad and dessert. The church is located at 407 May Street, or call 781-2300 to place orders.

### Reception welcomes new county agent

The public is invited to attend a reception welcoming Julie Neitsch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 11 at the extension office, 102 South Avenue L. Neitsch is the new county extension agent-family and consumer sciences.

### Dept of Labor offers help for jobs

People having difficulty finding a job or advanced education are encouraged to consider the WIA program, funded by the Dept of Labor. For more information, call 806-771-3815, extension 284.

### CCA sponsors family history seminar

The Caprock Cultural Association's (CCA) "Post Toaster" program Thursday, July 18 features guest speaker Gene Mathis on family history and genealogy. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. at the "Little House," 109 N. Avenue N. Call 495-4148 for more information.

### Bold Gold football camp July 22-25

The Bold Gold Football Camp will be held Monday, July 22 through Thursday, July 25. The camp will emphasize football skills and drills used throughout the Post football program. Post coaches will direct the camp for boys who are entering sixth grade through ninth grade. A camp T-shirt will be given to all participants at the end of the camp. Early registration is recommended, but sign-ups will be accepted on the first day of the camp. The fee is \$20 and will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon. For more information call Coach Brian Davenport at 495-3500.

### Church collects baby clothing

The First United Methodist Church is collecting T-shirts, newborn size and receiving blankets for babies in the nursery at University Medical Center who are entering the adoption program. These items will go with the babies when they leave the hospital. Donations may be taken to the church office or for more information, call 495-2942 or Pixie Grisham at 495-4154.

### Rotary Club "dog dip" July 27

The Post Rotary Club sponsored annual "dog dip" will be held Saturday, July 27 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Post Volunteer Fire Department building. Rabies shots are \$7, flea and tick treatment, \$5 and other vaccinations will be available.

### Elementary school supply packs

The Post Elementary School now has supply packs available for the upcoming school year. The packs are at the school office, which is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Supply packs are for students grade kindergarten through fifth grade.

### Rodeo Parade entries sought

The Post Stampede Annual Rodeo Parade will be held Saturday, August 10 at 3 p.m. Line up will be at 2:30 p.m. on the West side of the courthouse. Prizes for floats will be \$250 for first place, \$150 for second place and \$100 for third place. Riding clubs will receive trophies and an added \$100 for first place. Send entries to the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau at P.O. Box 610, Post, Texas or call 495-3461.

### Southland Reunion August 3

The Southland Reunion will be held Saturday, August 3 at the Southland school building. Registration is at 3 p.m. with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. (meat will be furnished). JoNeal Hargrove, Class of 1956, will be featured speaker. Anyone who has lived or attended school in Southland, or taken part in the community is cordially invited.

### KPOS Radio Colgate Country Showdown

Tickets are now on sale for the August 24 KPOS Radio sponsored Colgate Country Showdown at the Garza Theatre. The professional talent show features the best talent in West Texas. Winner of the event will advance to the state finals in Abilene. Reserved seating tickets are \$5 each, call the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005.

### Cook-out, concert help mission trip

The First Baptist Church is hosting a hamburger cookout and concert Friday, July 12 at 6 p.m. to assist Todd Terry in his upcoming six month European mission trip. Carry-out and delivery is available. Entertaining at the event will be "Thousand Hills Band." Todd is the son of Gordon and LuAnne Terry.

### Free Texas Forum Tuesday

The monthly Free Texas Forum is set for Tuesday, July 16 beginning at 6 p.m. at Chapa's Family Restaurant. Garza County citizens interested in learning about the benefits of a new Texas constitution are encouraged to attend this meeting. The Free Texas Forum is held the third Tuesday every month. Call 495-0122 for more information.



Mrs Brad Robert McDonald

## Moore, McDonald exchange wedding vows

Mary Ruth (Rusty) Moore of Lubbock and Brad Robert McDonald of Post were wed in a 1:30 p.m. double-ring ceremony June 15, 2002, in the Grassland Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Greg White and the Rev. Bob Ferguson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of George and Pamela Moore of Vancleave, Miss. Parents of the groom are Wayne and Carol McDonald of Post.

The church was decorated with highlights of cobalt blue, yellow and silver, and yellow roses accented the windows. The pews were marked with vases tied with cobalt blue ribbon and filled with spider mums. Tulle and lights were entwined at the bridal entrance, and silver candelabra were entwined with greenery.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a candlelight-colored gown of Jessica satin featuring a sweetheart neckline. The neckline and shoulder straps were accented with pearl rope. The veil had a rose tiara accented with pearls and sequins and edged with ribbon. The bridal bouquet featured seven long-stemmed calla lilies and three yellow and pink roses tied with cobalt blue and silver ribbon.

Angela McDonald of Wilson served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Laci Rosas of Austin, Alexa Hadderton of Crosbyton and Jamie Campos, cousin of the bride, and Keisha Washington, both of Lubbock. The bridesmaids were attired in floor-length cobalt blue dresses. Fashioned from organza, each dress had a scope neck. Each attendant carried a long-stemmed mum tied with a ribbon.

A niece, Abigail McDonald of Wilson, served as flower girl. She carried a blue and silver ribbon-decorated basket filled with daisy petals.

Serving as best men were the groom's brothers, Brent McDonald of Wilson and Brandon McDonald of Slovenia. Groomsmen were Jeremy Lowe of Atlanta, Georgia, Josh Weese of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jason Hubbert of Kansas City, Kansas. The attendants were dressed in black tuxes and blue vests and ties accented with yellow daisy boutonnieres.

Ring bearer was Blake Turney of Houston, a second cousin of the bride. Ushers were Wesley Moore of Vancleave, the bride's brother, and Cory Green of Leavenworth, Kansas, a cousin of the groom. Candlelighters were Trent McDonald of Post, a cousin of the groom, and Alexis Potter, a cousin of the bride.

While the couple's parents lit the parent/child candles, "Love Song" was performed by vocalists Steve and Tamara Mason, accompanied by guitarist James Sullivan. As the wedding party entered, "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Bev White. Keyboardist Martha White played "The Wedding March" as the bride was presented. During the Lord's Supper observed by the bride and groom, "My Will" was sung by Brandon McDonald and Byron Mason, accompanied by pianist Jon Casebolt and the guitarist. For the recessional, "Everlasting Love" was performed by Ramon Montemayor, accompanied by the guitar.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Grassland Family Life Center. Three tables covered in white satin tablecloths featured bouquets of roses and daisies. The focal point was the bride's cake, designed and created by Jimella Simpson and decorated with white sugar bells. The groom's cake, also designed and created by Mrs. Simpson, featured a basketball shape and was inscribed with the words "Brad loves Rusty."

Members of the house party included Linda Fuller, Marlene Patterson, Brenda McCleskey, Melissa McCleskey, BreAnne McCleskey, Joyce Bell, Carol Patterson, Lunell Gribble, Peggy Galloway, Linda Tew, Karen Nichols, Lori Green and Steven Green.

Following a wedding trip to Amarillo and the Four Corners area of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado, the newlyweds plan to move to Euless, Texas, in August.

A bridesmaid party for family and friends of the bride was given June 13 in the home of Linda Quarles. Hostesses for the event included Linda Quarles, Angela McDonald and the bridesmaids.

A "Tool Time" party was given June 13 by Brent McDonald at Spanky's Restaurant in Lubbock for friends and family of the groom.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the parents and family of the groom June 14 at the Graham Community Center. Special hostesses and host were Nancy McDonald, Rebecca Haney and Marsha and Lee Norman.

The bride, a 1996 graduate of Crosbyton High School, holds a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in business administration in accounting. She is scheduled to receive a master's of

science degree in accounting from the university during August 2002 commencement ceremonies. She is employed by El Ran Inc. of Lubbock.

A 1993 graduate of Post High School, the groom received his bachelor's of science in math and finance from Southern Nazarene University in 1997. He received his master's in business administration and finance from Texas Tech in 2001 and is employed by the university's Department of Grants and Contracts.

## Summer Rec Program served 329 youth

More than 300 local youngsters were served by the Garza County Summer Recreation 2002 program, according to a report delivered to the county commissioners Monday.

The program's director, Rodney Tidwell, said a total of 329 children ages 5-15 participated. The program ran five days a week for four weeks.

"This is the first year we have gone five days a week, and we feel it was very good," Tidwell said.

## Workshop helps family history writers

"How to Write Your Family History," a course offered at Lubbock's Hodges Community Center, 4011 University Ave., will teach participants how to collect and write the stories that make their families unique. Class members will learn how to record their memories, interview family members and friends, organize their notes, gather and select documents and photos, and, finally, put all that they have into a book.

The two-part class will be taught from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 13, and Saturday, July 20.

Cost of the class will be \$25 per person, and an optional workbook will be available for an additional \$10 each.

Teaching the class will be writer, editor and educator Carla McKeown of Lubbock.

To register for the class, call Hodges Community Center at 806-767-3706.

The average attendance per week was as follows:

- June 3 - 220 for the week; trip to the skating rink, 196 children.
- June 10 - 230; trip to the Science Spectrum, 131; trip to Joyland Amusement Park, 152.
- June 17 - 220; trip to Copper Caboose restaurant, 128; two trips to the Vatican art exhibit at the Texas Tech Museum, 80 total.
- June 24 - 230; trip to Water Rampage Water Park, 146.

"We used the junior high gym every day and painted the gym when we were finished," Tidwell said. "We also used the park often to play hockey and other games. We also spent at least two days a week at MAD DADS to give the kids plenty of variety."

"Thank you for allowing and funding this program," Tidwell told the commissioners. "This is a very necessary program, and the kids love it."

## Extension Extras

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

### Welcome Reception

The public is invited to attend a reception welcoming Julie Neitsch, the new Garza County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences. The reception will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Thursday, July 11, 2002, at the Extension office at 102 South Avenue L in Post.

### Home Horticulture Tour - July 24

Anyone that has any lawn, tree or ornamental problems please contact the Extension office by July 22 to get on the list for a home visit. The number to call is 806-495-4400.

### 4-H Record Books

Several 4-Hers have completed Project Record Books for the 2001-2002 4-H Year and will compete at district judging July 17, 2002, at the KoKo Palace. Congratulations to Breann Heckaman, Diann Heckaman, Allison Blevins, Allen Heckaman, Jarrett Blevins and Kevin Strube for a job well done in completion of their 4-H projects.

### Delectable Science

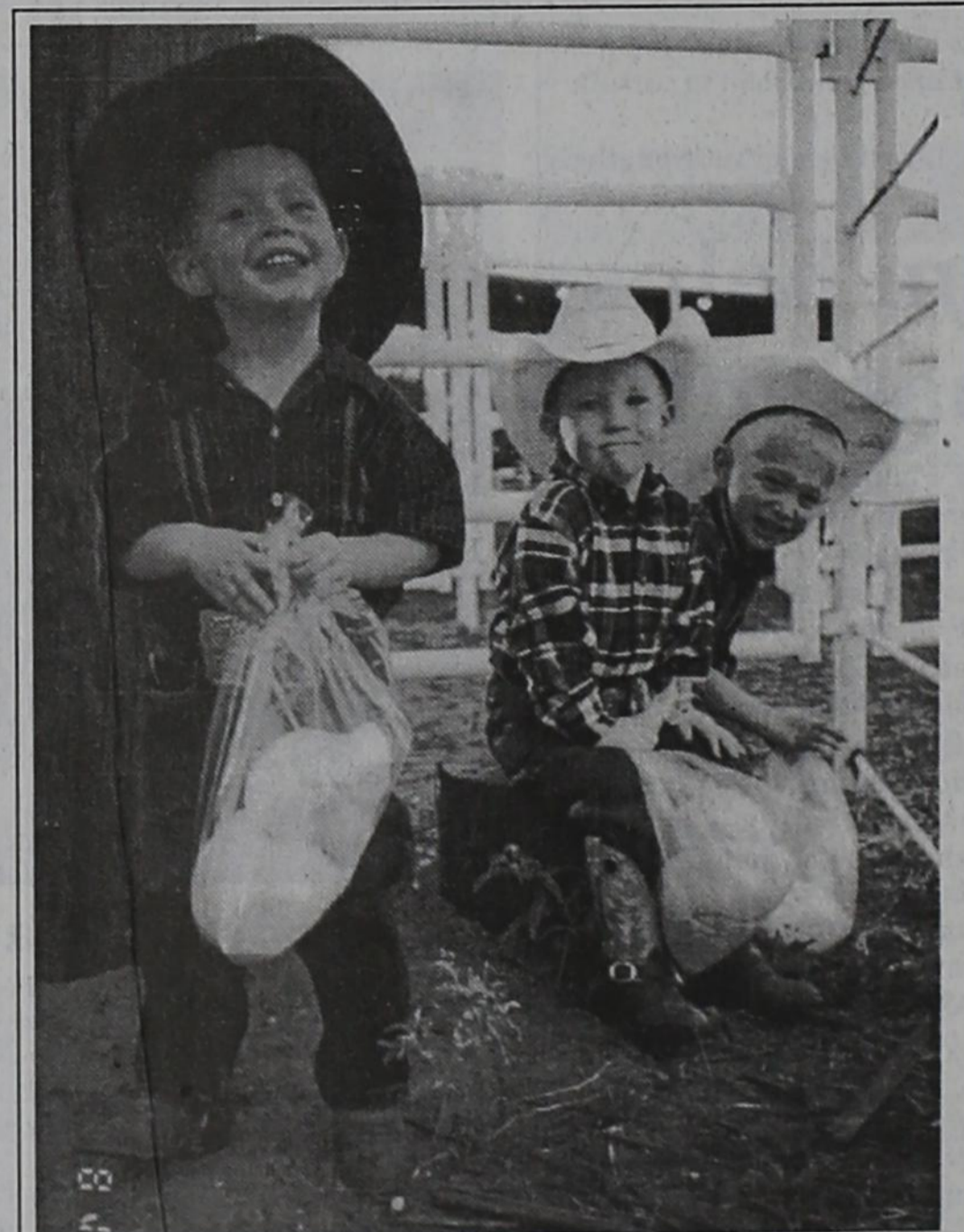
Just a reminder that food and nutrition training will be held on July 25th for Senior 4-H youth and Food and Nutrition volunteers at the District Extension Office in Lubbock. This fun filled day will begin at 9:45 a.m. and lunch will be provided. Please call 495-4400 for more details.

### Texas Country Cleanup

If you missed the Texas Country Cleanup in Post, there is one scheduled July 25, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Max Lee Crop Spraying Service in Slaton. If you have used oil, oil filters, lead acid batteries or empty and triple-rinsed plastic pesticide containers, bring them for recycling.

### 4-H Bears & T-Shirts

The 2002 Centennial 4-H bears and Garza County 4-H T-shirts are available in the Extension office if you would like one. The bears sell for \$10 and the T-shirts sell for \$7.50.



Amy Mason-Pennell won honorable mention in the Texas Farm Bureau's photo contest, which was published in the July 2002 publication. She took the award winning photo at last year's Post Stampede Rodeo. Captured in the photo are (left to right) Kade Smith, Riggin Johnson and Colby Pennell. "I snapped this photo soon after the trio took a break from the action to enjoy some cotton candy. These little cowhands were almost as entertaining as the rodeo itself!" Amy said her husband, Shawn, encouraged her to enter the photo contest.

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# July 4th celebration...

by Diana Poe

July 4th, 7 a.m. Time to wake up and get started decorating for the celebration. There's a lot to do.

On, no, what is that I hear? Could it be rain? Oh, please, not today. So many plans have been made, and rain wasn't one of them. Everything will be wet. No one will show up. Now wait just a minute. What more could we celebrate - our independence and our desperately needed rain.

As time draws near, we pack all our decorations and head for the park. As we get to the park, what a wonderful sight to behold - people setting up their booths and putting up tarps. There spirits were high for the occasion.

We begin to decorate. Streamers

got wet. Oh, well, put them back for next year. We had streamers from the sky. Some rain. Some sunshine. What more could we ask? What a wonderful day this has turned out to be!

At this time, we would like to thank the people who made this the best Fourth of July celebration in years. The kids and parents who decorated their bicycles and participated in the parade (there were 27 kids that took part, and you looked fabulous!). The great music thanks to the Silver Threads and the Guthrie Family bands.

The people who sold tickets for the quilt giveaway (you did a great job): Deana Gunn, Reshea Kimmons, Bunny Lynch, Jana McCallister, Teresa Hair, Shawna McClintock,

Trudy and Tommy Basquez, Anita and Cain Abraham, Donna and Kelly Baker, Anita Morris, Rodney Tidwell and Diana Poe. Thanks to Lauren Lynch for drawing the winning ticket. Stephanie Smith of Slaton won the "Stars and Stripes" quilt.

Also, the White Elephant Auction, auctioneered by Thresa Harp, with help from Bunny and Scooter Lynch and Joann and Mike Travis. It was a great success. Donations for the auction were donated by Radio Shack, PostAuto, Joann Stelzer, McDonalds, Karen Palmer, Jane Terry, Main Street Mercantile, OS Ranch Shop, The Frame Shop and Hotel Garza.

For the muscles that were needed, thanks guys: Ronnie Pruitt, Wesley Morris, Rodney Tidwell, Jason Powell, Clay Pruitt, Robbie Palmer, Irvin Romine and Lanny Poe.

For the people who ran their booths to provide food and fun: Church of God Youth, Anita Morris, Mary Baldree, Marilyn Crenshaw, Mary Chilton, Carlos Resendez, Holy Cross Church, Golden Plains Care Center, Sarah Gonzales, Sonja Fields and Marie Oden, Bethel Assembly Youth, Methodist Church, MAD DADS.

For donations for the fireworks: Adult Probation, Rocker A Well Service, Giles McCrary, Strawn Transport, Sonic Drive-In, Old Mill Trade Days, Dalby Cattle Co., Handy Hardware, Palmer Construction, Chris Stelzer, Lions Club, Rotary Club, Wells Fargo Bank, BOF, Ira Pump & Supply, Holly's Drive-In, Brady's, Jenkins Electric, Mason Bros. Construction, Post Heating and AC, Hotel Garza, Hudman Furniture, Pizza Hut, Justice-Mason Funeral Home, Wells Pharmacy and VFW Women's Auxiliary.

Last but not least, thanks to the Post Volunteer Fire Department for lighting up the sky.

Special thanks to Anita Morris. Without all her help, my life would have been a lot harder. Thanks, sis. Your ideas went over very well.



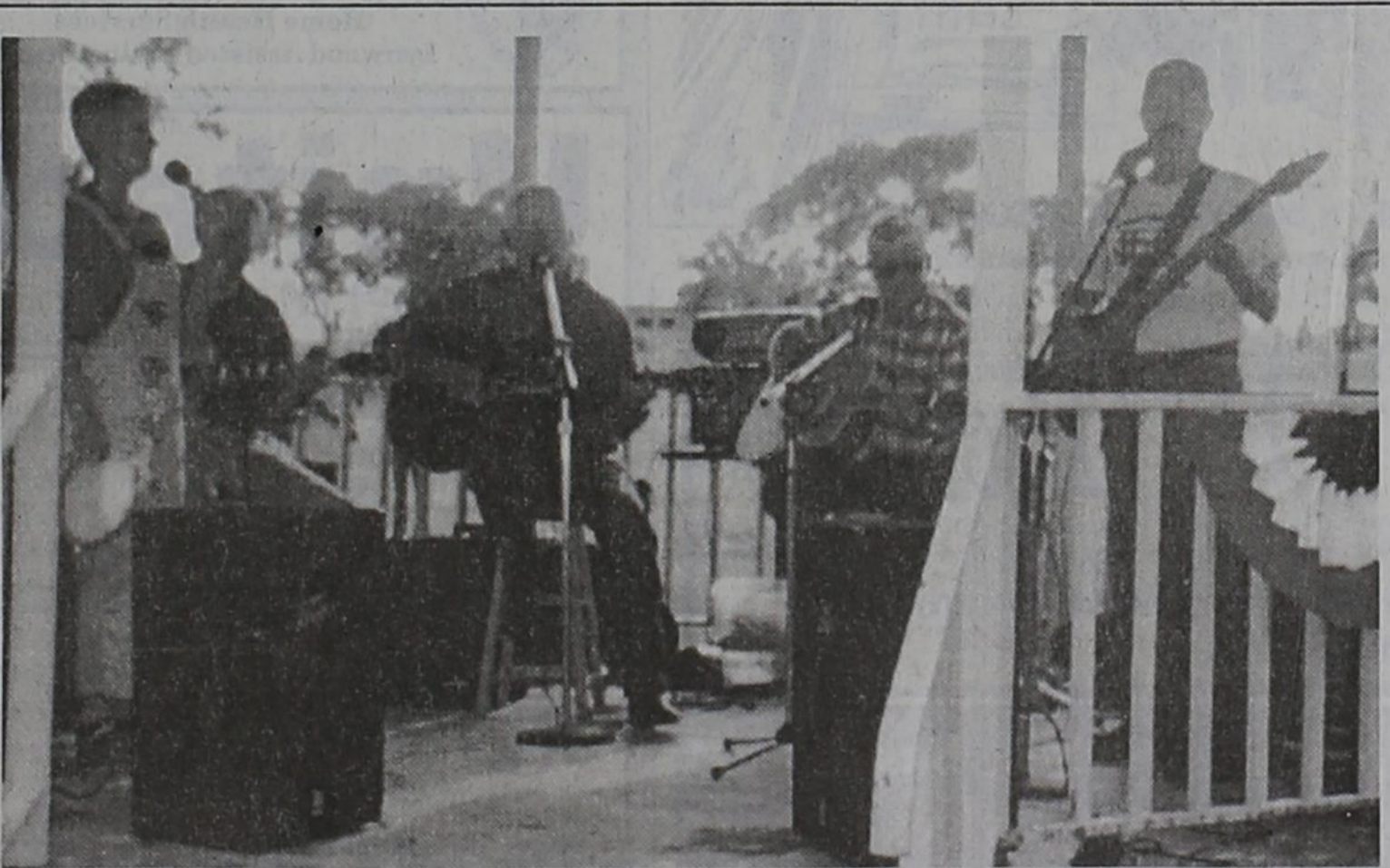
Children enjoyed jumping in The Dragon sponsored by MAD DAD's at the July 4th celebration at Post City Park (Photo by Rebecca Sturgeon).



Good food, good times at Mary Chilton's booth during the July 4th celebration at Post City Park (Photo by Rebecca Sturgeon).



Marilyn Crenshaw helps children pick a duck, any duck...and win a prize at this Girl Scout sponsored booth at the July 4th celebration at Post City Park (Photo by Rebecca Sturgeon).



The Silver Threads entertained revelers at the July 4th celebration at Post City Park (Photo by Rebecca Sturgeon).

## Sheriff reports 11 arrests

Eleven arrests were recorded in the Garza County Jail log during the past week, according to information provided by the sheriff's department.

On July 1, an individual (age unlisted) was arrested on Department of Public Safety warrants out of Granbury.

Three arrests were made the following day, including that of a 30-year-old male for driving while intoxicated/third or more; a 30-year-old picked up on a Scurry County warrant; and a 28-year-old male arrested for parole violation.

A male, age unlisted, was arrested on July 3 for possession, under two ounces.

Two additional arrests involving individuals ages 17 and 18 were made on July 4. Both were charged with possession of marijuana, under two ounces. A third arrest was made on the Fourth, this one involving a 25-year-old charged with criminal mischief and disorderly conduct by language.

On July 5, a 40-year-old was jailed for possession of marijuana.

Two individuals were jailed July 6, a 40-year-old on charges of driving while license suspended and a 21-year-old on a Tarrant County warrant.

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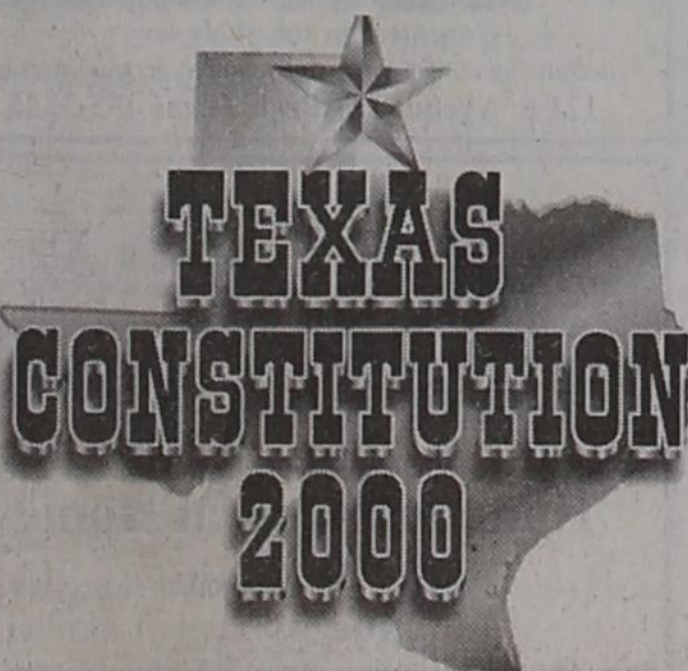
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## Free Texas Forum

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# Obituaries

## V.L. "Buster" Shumard

Services for V. L. "Buster" Shumard, 81, were held Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at Justice-Mason Funeral Home with the Rev. Billie S. Smith, Pastor of Trinity Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



Mr. Shumard died on Sunday July 7, 2002 at the Golden Plains Care Center. He was born on January 27, 1921 at New Castle, Nebraska to Dorrace and LuElla (Timmons) Shumard. He married Mildred Ruth Carlton on March 28, 1941 in Post, Texas. They lived a short time in Plainview and returned to Post where he worked for the Postex Cotton Mill as a supervisor until 1960. At that time he went to work for American National Insurance Company and worked for nearly 30 years. He retired in 1989.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred, September 12, 1998 and also by a son Tommy Shumard, February 26, 1999. He was a long time member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

He is survived by one son, Billy and his wife Doyleene Shumard of Post. One Daughter, Barbara and her husband Melvin Britton of Post. One Sister, Vada Billingsley of Sand Springs, Ok.; Half-Brother, Bert O'Conner of Midland and a Half-Sister, Betty Jane Green of Hurlwood, Tx. Five

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Pallbearer were: Jimmy Holleman, Danny Cooper, Arlon Ford, James Mathis, Dan Rankin, Melvin Britton and Randy Britton.

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Group effort! First Baptist Church Youth Group volunteered their time to clean up vacant lots for their Backyard Missions last week.

## Pfc Collazo reports to duty

Marine Corps Pfc. Jamie L. Collazo, son of Linda L. Collazo of Post, recently reported for duty with the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Collazo is a 2001 graduate of Post High School. He joined the Marine Corps in November.

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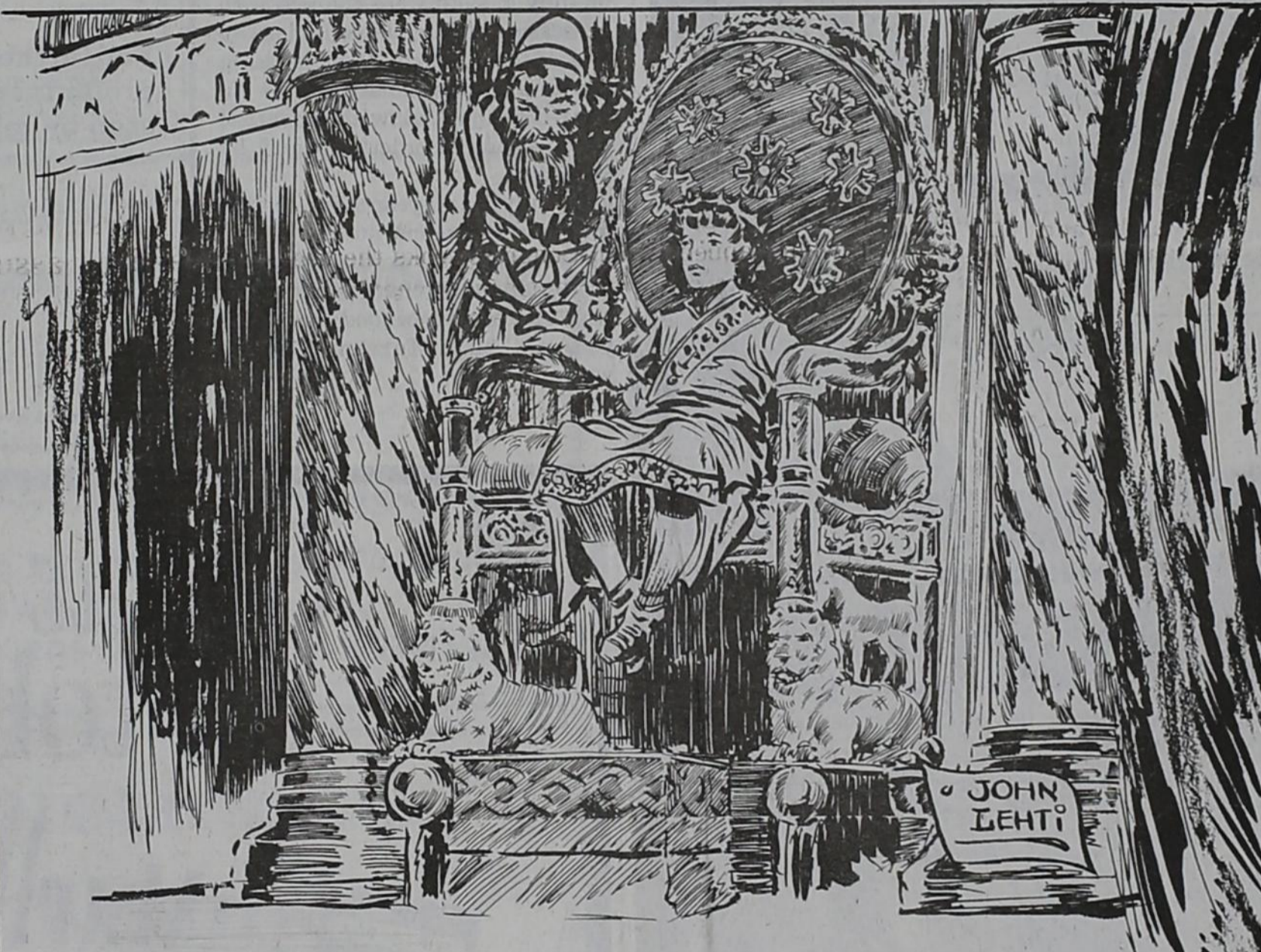
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## Post Devotional Page

### Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

#### BORN TO THE PURPLE

THE COLOR THAT DENOTES ROYALTY IN ANCIENT AND IN MODERN TIMES IS PURPLE. POSSIBLY THIS IS SO BECAUSE ANYTHING PURPLE WAS COSTLY AND CONSEQUENTLY ITS USE WAS THE PRIVILEGE OF THE WEALTHY AND THE HIGHLY PLACED. RICH CLOTHES OF PURPLE WERE USED AS COVERING FOR THE SEATS OF PRINCIPAL PALANQUINS AS NOTED IN THE SONGS OF SOLOMON (CHAP. 3:9,10). ALSO FOR THE DECK AWNINGS ON LUXURIOUS SHIPS AS NOTED IN EZEKIEL (CH. 27:7). ALSO FOR THE DRAPERY OF MANY IDOLS OF THE HEATHEN AND FOR THE HANGINGS IN THE TABERNACLES AND THE GARMENTS OF THE HIGH PRIESTS. THE PURPLE DYE WAS OBTAINED FROM VARIOUS KINDS OF SHELLFISH. THE AMOUNT YIELDED BY EACH FISH WAS VERY SMALL SO THAT MUCH LABOR WAS REQUIRED TO COLLECT A QUANTITY OF THE STUFF WHICH MADE THE PRICE CORRESPONDINGLY GREAT. SO THE SAYING "BORN TO THE PURPLE" REALLY DID SIGNIFY A PERSON'S HIGH ESTATE.



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## Which

by Walter E. Williams  
President Bush says about some of the America and called WorldCom, which is \$3.8 billion in expense. The president added hold people account also employees." The Securities and against the nation's company slid toward biggest case of crooked \$4 billion worth of bottom line look good. But is WorldCom gimmickery and deception congressman: How? Nine will get you 1 had just a tad of intragovernmental than \$6 trillion. Even accounting, deception WorldCom seem like Washington's deception by Andrew J. Rettenmaier National Center for Government's Debt Rettenmaier says obligations to all people benefits are \$12.9 trillion Medicare. Combined the total federal debt

## The

by Sheldon Richman  
On May 2 the best Peter Bauer was 80 Milton Friedman Prize Institute. Never heard his solution to it establishment or by Gunnar Myrdal and for the "third world." Bauer favored individual and limited government heard much about reasons the laws of countries do not work. Their rationalization people do not respond invest now in order "cycle of poverty," said, only by government West. Unfortunately, the system after World War II material well-being. Meanwhile, guilt-foreign "aid" to those of the bureaucratic aggravated their condition all the Hungarian showed why socialism the developing world. He started out with economists were rich poverty is mankind with capital, and be one to provide foreign. Bauer, through an elaboration of not the cause of work, supportive property; in a word. Where those conditions was extremely poor Asia is full of other "Western Guilt and

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## Which is worse: Worldcom or Congress?

by Walter E. Williams

President Bush said he was "deeply concerned" about some of the accounting practices in corporate America and called "outrageous" the disclosure that WorldCom, which is \$32 billion in debt, had hidden \$3.8 billion in expenses.

The president added, "We will fully investigate and hold people accountable for misleading not only shareholders but also employees."

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filed fraud charges against the nation's No. 2 long-distance telephone company, as the company slid toward bankruptcy. WorldCom is being called the biggest case of crooked accounting in U.S. history, where it hid nearly \$4 billion worth of expenses from investors in order to make its bottom line look good.

But is WorldCom really America's biggest case of accounting gimmickery and deception? I don't think so. Ask the president or any congressman: How much debt does the federal government owe?

Nine will get you 10 that they'll tell you that it's \$3.5 trillion. If they had just a tad of sophistication or honesty, they might add intragovernmental debt that'd bring the "total debt" to slightly more than \$6 trillion. Even that figure represents a level of creative accounting, deception and lies that make the actions of Enron and WorldCom seem like child's play.

Washington's deception about federal debt can be found in a report by Andrew J. Rettenmaier, a senior fellow at the Dallas-based National Center for Policy Analysis, titled, "How Big Is the Government's Debt?"

Rettenmaier says that, as of 2001, the accumulated federal obligations to all people who've earned Social Security and Medicare benefits are \$12.9 trillion for Social Security and \$16.9 trillion for Medicare. Combined with the public and intragovernmental debt, the total federal debt burden is an unimaginable \$35 trillion.



That amounts to roughly \$120,000 for every man, woman and child in America. It will be impossible for the government to pay that kind of debt. Washington will do what all governments do when it cannot make good on its debt.

Congress will repudiate agreements with creditors by refusing to pay on agreed-upon terms or choose government's traditional method of repudiation — inflating the currency. There's no question that both Enron and WorldCom engaged in deceptive and dishonest practices — in a word, fraud.

Here on Earth, there'll never be the end to deceptive and dishonest practices, notwithstanding supposed protection by the SEC. We're going have to wait until we get to heaven for total honesty. But let's compare what happens when deceptive accounting practices are discovered in private industry versus when they're discovered in government.

Without the SEC, the supposed guarantor against corporate hanky-panky, lifting one finger, the market has exacted high penalties. Enron and WorldCom shares of stock and their reputations are virtually worthless. Heads have rolled.

By contrast, what happens when Congress cooks the books and deceives Americans into believing that government debt is \$3.5 trillion or \$6 trillion, when it's really \$35 trillion? Absolutely nothing. I bet that if you brought this up to one of our Washington politicians, he'd say: "That Williams guy doesn't know what he's talking about. What we owe to Social Security and Medicare recipients is not debt."

Of course, Enron and WorldCom might get out of their troubles by redefining what debt is as well — but the economic arena, unlike the political arena, doesn't play that.

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## The world's poor lose a friend

by Sheldon Richman

On May 2 the best friend of the world's poor died at home in London. Peter Bauer was 86 and had just been named winner of the first Milton Friedman Prize for Advancing Liberty, awarded by the Cato Institute. Never heard of Peter Bauer?

That's because his analysis of poverty in the developing world and his solution to it weren't shared by the political and media establishment or by mainstream development economists, such as Gunnar Myrdal and John Kenneth Galbraith. They all favor socialism for the "third world."

Bauer favored individual freedom, private property, the rule of law, and limited government: that is, capitalism. That's why you haven't heard much about him. Development economists have a dozen reasons the laws of economics that work so well in developed countries do not work in poor countries.

Their rationalizations come down to a few main points: that poor people do not respond to market incentives; and that they won't invest now in order to reap a larger return later. This is known as the "cycle of poverty," which can be broken, development economists said, only by government planning and massive handouts from the West.

Unfortunately, when countries were getting free from the colonial system after World War II, their Western-trained autocratic leaders listened to Myrdal and Galbraith. The result was a decline in material well-being and decades of miserable poverty.

Meanwhile, guilt-ridden Western leaders sent billions of dollars in foreign "aid" to those countries, achieving little besides the fattening of the bureaucratic class and the politicization of society, which only aggravated their condition and even provoked civil wars. Through it all the Hungarian-born Bauer's lone, gentle voice painstakingly showed why socialist development policies would doom the people of the developing world.

He started out with a deceptively simple question: If the development economists were right, how did anyone ever get rich? After all, poverty is mankind's natural state. The human race did not start out with capital, and before the first people grew affluent, there was no one to provide foreign aid. So how did it happen?

Bauer, through empirical studies of West Africa and Malaysia and an elaboration of economic theory, showed that capital is the effect, not the cause, of material progress. The causes are ambition, hard work, supportive cultural attitudes, and a rule of law that protects property; in a word, capitalism.

Where those conditions obtain, progress follows. Hong Kong, which was extremely poor after the war, is only the most striking example. Asia is full of others examples. In one of his best-known essays, "Western Guilt and Third World Poverty," Bauer showed that the

West need not feel guilty for world poverty.

The poorest of the poor countries are the ones that have had the least contact with the capitalist countries. The richest of the newly developed countries were colonies until recently. (Hong Kong was a British possession with little democracy until 1997.)

The guilt trip is just a way for elitist third world leaders to extort money from rich Westerners. But the money has not raised the living standards of the people. Only market reforms have accomplished that.

In other words, advocates of free-market globalism (not the government-managed kind) can hold their heads high. Free trade with the developing world is good for everyone concerned. In fact, it is the only route out of the abject poverty so many in Africa, Asia, and Latin American find themselves in.

Bauer also was an early opponent of government population-control programs. For him, the simple question is: who should make decisions about having children, parents or the state? The answer is obvious. Moreover, he pointed out that a growing population is not an impediment to economic progress—quite the opposite.

The populations of England and America grew dramatically when those countries were first getting rich. In much of the developing world, the problem is too few people to support an infrastructure capable of efficiently moving goods to markets.

Finally, where the mainstream development economists' writings drip with condescension for the apparently helpless poor, Bauer's words glow with goodwill and respect. The inhabitants of the developing world are people, he reminded us. They need freedom too.

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## Some thoughts about independence

From Future of Freedom Foundation:

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forevermore." — **John Adams, Letter to Mrs. Adams — July 3, 1776**

"Let us therefore animate and encourage each other, and show the world that a free man, contending for his liberty on his own ground, is superior to any slavish mercenary on earth." — **George Washington — July 2, 1776**

"May [our Declaration of Independence] be to the world, what I believe it will be (to some parts sooner, to others later, but finally to all), the signal of arousing men to burst the chains under which monkish ignorance and superstition had persuaded them to bind themselves, and to assume the blessings and security of self-government... All eyes are opened, or opening, to the rights of man." — **Thomas Jefferson, Letter to Roger C. Weightman — 1826**

## Interesting quotes

A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in. — **Greek proverb**

When I despair, I remember that all through history, the way of truth and love has always won. There have been murderers and tyrants, and for a time they can seem invincible. But in the end they always fall. Think of it, always. — **Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869-1948)**

Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power. — **Abraham Lincoln, U.S. president (1809-1865)**

Every society honors its live conformists and its dead troublemakers. — **Mignon McLaughlin, author**

I ask you to judge me by the enemies I have made. — **Franklin D. Roosevelt, U.S. president (1932)**

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man. — **George Bernard Shaw, writer, Nobel laureate (1856-1950)**

It is the common fate of the indolent to see their rights become a prey to the active. The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt. — **John Philpot Curran: Speech upon the Right of Election, 1790.**

To put the world in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must cultivate our personal life; and to cultivate our personal life, we must first set our hearts right. — **Confucius**

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The National Association of Federal Employees met at Mickie's Steak House in Lubbock July 3.

President Don Crossland presided. The members said the Pledge of Allegiance, and Paula DiBenedetto, RN, MSN, of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center spoke on the subject of falling.

There is a growing population of the elderly. Peoples' falls rarely occur by chance. In the U.S., there are approximately 150,000 falls each year, with about 10,000 deaths resulting from falls. Some reasons for falling are visual decline, hearing loss, osteoporosis, chronic diseases, muscular and neuromuscular reaction time, degenerative arthritis and rising from a bed or chair too quickly. Depression and anxiety also contribute.

One should identify the environment where the person lives and evaluation medications being taken. Have non-skid floor surfaces, shoes with non-slip soles, take calcium and vitamin D and install railings and grab bars in the bathroom. Also, exercise of some sort must be accomplished on a regular basis to strengthen muscles.

The next NARFE meeting will be on Aug. 7 at Mickie's Steak House, 83rd and Indiana Avenue in Lubbock.

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Before you give up hope, turn back and read the attacks that were made upon Lincoln.  
—Bruce Barton  
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## Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

### Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance in Texas

The discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in a wild mule deer in southern New Mexico last month has lent new urgency to Texas plans to detect and control the illness that affects deer and elk, if and when it is found in Texas. On June 17, tissue collected from a mule deer on the White Sands Missile Range tested positive for CWD, the first confirmed case in New Mexico.

"There is still no evidence that CWD is in Texas, but this puts it one state away," said Robert L. Cook, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department executive director. "Our first priority is to try to keep it out of Texas. However, if it is found here, we plan to be able to detect and control it quickly."

"We are also ramping up a sustained public information campaign to inform Texas hunters and the general public about CWD," Cook added. "While the situation does require informed vigilance, Texans should look forward to a good hunting season this fall. Deer diseases have been around for a long time; we should not let this one compromise a centuries-old tradition in our state." Texas has already suspended the importation of elk and several species of deer, and is working with deer breeders in the state to set up a voluntary monitoring program to test for the disease in private facilities.

This month officials began testing deer showing possible CWD symptoms, and TPWD is drafting a plan for its field employees to be on the lookout for deer exhibiting symptoms that meet the clinical profile of CWD and to start sampling hunter-killed deer on wildlife management areas and state parks this fall.

"The name Chronic Wasting Disease indicates animals wasting away, and that is typical of what you see with CWD-infected deer," said Gary Graham, Ph.D., TPWD wildlife division director. "But, just because an animal appears to be skinny or malnourished does not mean it has CWD-drought, overpopulation and other factors can produce the same appearance."

There is some good news from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), which for decades has tested imported livestock and game animals for diseases like brucellosis or tuberculosis. TAHC Veterinarian Kenneth Waldrup, Ph.D. said the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab in College Station got a grant last year for equipment to diagnose scrapie, a similar disease that affects sheep. Waldrup said the new gear also works to test for CWD, and the lab is in now certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture

to be able to process CWD samples. Officials say the Texas lab should soon be able to handle more than 500 samples per week, with the ability to confirm or deny the presence of CWD in a particular sample within three days.

After last week's discovery, New Mexico officials promptly closed the state to any importation of deer or elk. Texas took a proactive step, and since March 11 has suspended the importation of elk, mule deer and white-tailed and black-tailed deer. Dozens of other states have taken similar action. CWD outbreaks in free-ranging deer have been detected in Colorado, Nebraska, New Mexico, South Dakota, Wisconsin Wyoming, and the Canadian province of Saskatchewan.

As a preemptive measure, New Mexico officials said they may consider regulations to restrict the importation of sport-harvested deer or elk, when nearly all other states are focusing on restricting the importation of live, captive-raised deer for breeding facilities. CWD is in the family of diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE). The disease is found in infected animals' neural tissue such as brains and spinal cords, as well as eyes and lymph nodes. The TSE in domestic sheep is called scrapie, and in cattle it's bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). Similar diseases in humans include Creutzfeldt-Jacobs Disease (CJD) and its new variant, kuru, and fatal familial insomnia. CWD should not be confused with BSE, scrapie or CJD.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has said there is no scientific evidence CWD can infect humans. (After more than 16 years of monitoring in the affected area in Colorado, no disease has been detected in people or cattle living there.) However, the WHO also says no people or animals should consume any part of potentially CWD-infected deer or elk.

Hunters are advised to wear latex gloves when field dressing game, to de-bone all meat and avoid consuming any neural tissue, such as brain or spinal cords of animals. With approximately 4 million animals, Texas has the largest population of white-tailed deer in the nation. In addition, about 19,000 white-tailed deer and 17,000 elk are being held in private facilities. To know if CWD is present in captive herds, TPWD and Texas Animal Health Commission are working with breeders to monitor their herds.

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# Yesteryears

## July, 1992 10 Years Ago

Janell Jones was honored recently at Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences as Aggie-of-the-Month.

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 162 recently bridged to Brownie Scouts. Graduating were Eboni Gonzales, Starlett Greathouse, Elizabeth Serrano, Dianna Ratke and Casey Greer.

Amber Harp was honored at a bridal brunch, Saturday morning, June 20 at the Chaparral Garden Room. Hostesses for the event were Jody Butler, Stephanie Palmer and Gina Palmer.

Earning degrees at Texas Tech University commencement exercises in May were Rodney Coleman George, B. S. physical education and Danny Keith Gunn, B. S. interdisciplinary agriculture.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Osborn and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cash are proud to announce the birth of their grandson, Brian Ross "Briar" Osborn.

## July 8, 1982 20 Years Ago

Thousands enjoy festivities during 75th celebration here over the weekend. Jubilee parade winners were Palmer Bros., "Future Secretaries of Post", won the first place trophy followed by the EMT's "Mash Unit" and third place honors went to the First National Bank, with its train.

Donna Gayle Massey and Kelly Ray Baker exchanged wedding vows Saturday night, July 3, in the Trinity Baptist Church, at 7 p.m.

Those admitted to Garza Memorial since Thursday of last week were: Olga Rodriguez, O.B.; Ann Stark, O. B.; Tammy Holly, medical; and Edith Rogers, medical.

Double ring wedding vows were pledged between Penny Bartlett and David Pierce Saturday, June 26 at the Meadow First Baptist Church.

Announcing Cynthia Morris is now with Modern Beauty Shop and will be using Redken Products.

Scottie Clinesmith, of the Indians was presented the batting trophy during awards ceremonies of the Babe Ruth League last week. Scottie had an average of .500.

## July 6, 1972 30 Years Ago

Burglars broke into the Piggly Wiggly Super Market here last night and got between \$300 and \$400 in cash, Joe Sanchez, store manager, told The Dispatch this morning. Tim Pettijohn, the store's produce manager, discovered the burglary when he arrived at the store at 5:50 a.m. to unload an early morning produce truck. Entry had been gained by prying open the front door on the west side of the store.

Postings: Brrrrr, it was "cold" here on the Fourth of July. But that just goes to show that everything is relative. The lowest temperature for the 4th here officially was 25 degrees above freezing—or 60 degrees. It

actually got up to 67 degrees for the day's high.

Attending Kickapoo Kamp for girls in Kerrville this summer were Miss Sharla Macy and Miss Lorry Chapman. Miss Macy was elected junior firefighter at the camp.

Miss Cynthia Davis, bride-elect of Jimmy Mitchell, was honored with a gift coffee recently in the community room.

Post's Little League All-Stars will play Lamesa on Tuesday, July 18. This year's All-Stars are Raymie Holly, Caine Abraham, Doug Hall, Billy Smith, Brad Davis, Kent Craig, Larry Harper, Ronald Bratcher, Jeff Williams, Jeff Greene, Evans Heaton and Randy Baker.

## July 12, 1962 40 Years Ago

A large crowd attended the July 4th swimming funfest at the City-County pool, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Runkles, pool managers, report. Winners of the Peanut Race were Jackie Huff, first; Benny Owen, second, and Mike Bingham, third. Winners of the Bug Race were Junior and Donnie Stelzer.

Junior Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Foster, will be home on leave after finishing his basic training August 3 at Fort Chaffee, Ark. Foster, who attended the Post schools, enlisted in the Army on May 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Windham announce the birth of a daughter, born July 10 in Garza Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs and was named Kendra Latrice.

Eight Post girls will compete Saturday in the annual Abilene City Recreation Dept. Tract and Field meet at ACC Stadium. The Post entrants by division are as follows: Senior Girls, Nita Wilson and Jamie Carradine; Junior Girls, Sherry Woods and Cheryl Pennell; Intermediate Girls, Shirley Isaacs, Cheryl Martin and Mary Ann Stone; Midget Girls: Vickie Sue Martin.

Jimmy Moore was the top cash winner in the 32nd annual Texas Cow-boy Reunion at Stamford, where R. E. Josey won the double mugging championship.

## July 10, 1952 50 Years Ago

The Armed Forces Blood Mobile Unit will be in Post Wednesday in the basement of the Methodist church to take blood to be sent to Korea, with 150 pints needed to fill Post and Garza county's quota for the one day.

Miss Jessie Louise Pearce, of Lometa, will assume duties as Garza County Home Demonstration Agent Tuesday, July 15, Judge H. M. Snowden announced.

Miss Zoe Sims, who will become the bride of Jack Ham of Big Lake, tomorrow evening in the Sims home, was feted at a tea-shower in the Kenneth Davies home, in Southland recently.

Two new heavy-duty John Deere 2- and 3-plov tractors, successors to Models "A" and "B" will be announced and displayed Saturday, July 19 at Shytles Implement company on the Tahoka highway.

## Birthdays This Week

- July 11-Jerald Stafford
July 12 -Freddy Reyna, Giles Wilson Dalby III
July 13-Laura
July 14-Ronnie Graves
July 15- Thressa Harp, Terry Jarrett, Toby "Bubba" Basquez, Kayla Dunn
July 16- Dainna Ratke, Linda Martinez, Cheyenne Poe
July 17-Keri Holly, Jerry McCarley

## Menus

- Garza County Trailblazers
July 15- Polish sausage, cabbage, green peas, cornbread, pumpkin dessert
July 16- Baked ham, black-eyed peas, brussel sprouts, carrots/raisin salad, hot roll, cherry cobbler
July 17-BBQ chicken, butter beans, spinach, coleslaw, cornbread, rice pudding
July 18-Lasagna, italian vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread, banana pudding
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## COATS AND CHICKEN

That typifies Post's Fourth of July "brrrr" celebration last week. Shown above in coats and eating some of the barbecued chicken which featured the free barbecue are Deean Ammons, left, and Amy Babb.—(Staff Photo)

From The Post Dispatch, July 6, 1972

## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit by Tumbleweed Smith

### Spitting seeds at Luling's Watermelon Fest



The announcer screams out, "Nine feet, five inches. That's a good job for Jack Bowman of San Antonio." And the crowd cheers. Competition is fierce at the watermelon seed spitting contest at the Luling Watermelon Thump. The preliminaries take place on the grounds of the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio during the annual Folklife Festival.

At this year's event, James Fenoglio of Nocona won his division with a spit of twenty-nine feet, one inch. He backed up from the spitting line, took a big breath, came forward a couple of steps and launched his seed with a mighty upper body thrust.

"My technique is to just put it in my mouth and blow it. Of course I have to soak it in beer first. I don't like the taste of watermelon, so I have to get that watermelon flavor off of it."

James has won the state tobacco spitting contest. He has several trophies for spitting. Chris Powell, one of the organizers, strutted around with a hollowed-out watermelon on his head. It covers his entire face has holes for his eyes and mouth. He says it's a pretty good air conditioner and works great until the honey bees show up.

"Course the watermelon smell stays with me for a couple of days after I take it off. It makes my hair kind of sticky."

Fourteen year old Cash Enich of San Antonio was the overall winner at the preliminaries with a spit of thirty feet, nine inches. "Just lots of practice," says Cash. "I spit in the house. I'd like to thank my mom for cleaning up all the messes."

Commenting on his name, Cash says his parents named him that so they could say they always had plenty of cash. Jamie Nichols has been Master of Ceremonies for the spitting contest sixteen years. He says his city's annual festival started forty-nine years ago to celebrate a good watermelon crop.

"There was a naming contest and a high school student entered the name The Luling Watermelon Thump and it stuck. Of course thumping is the way you test a watermelon for ripeness." The record seed spit is sixty-eight feet, nine inches. James says that was set by Lee Wheelis of Luling.

"He did that in 1989. That's how long the record has stood." Luling has an official Spitway, made of concrete and asphalt. It is probably the only one of its type in the world. The Thump has a fight song. Officials sing it at the end of each age group's competition.

"O when I step up to that starting line, I'm gonna blow with all my might this time. For I am eager and determined to show this grand old town just how good I can do. I'm gonna blow, blow with all my might. I'm gonna send that seed on a record flight. I'm gonna put my name in the Guinness Book, the Guinness Book, just wait and see."

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## Letters to the Editor

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### What about tatoos?

Seems like for some reason, a few younger generation folks has been asking me about my tatoos. Do they hurt, are they expensive, or why did I have them put on my body.

Yes they are very uncomfortable to have put on. And they are really uncomfortable when one spills diesel fuel on one, then infection sets in and I nearly lose my arm.

Moneywise, I have \$550 on one arm and \$100 on the other. For around \$6000, I can have them removed. So I suppose I am stuck with them till death do us part.

As far as I know, they serve no purpose. I guess if a person wanted to start a career in criminal activity, they will work almost as good as fingerprints for positive identification. That is the nearest thing I can think of for a purpose. Since I don't have any criminal

activity planned anytime in the future, then far as I am concerned, they are worthless.

Now when I had the things put on, I had a whole different theory about where I was trying to go with my life. Along with my progressive alcoholism, I decided to add tatoos to enhance some things that I had going on in my life. I thought they (tatoos) would make me look more macho. I was real sure they would make me more adorable then I already was. I was thoroughly convinced that the tatoos would move me directly to the top shelf of machoism.

I became so convinced that I was unique, or something special, that I had a picture of the little red devil comic book character "Hotstuff" put on my left arm.

To my disappointment, none of the above ever materialized. Alcoholism brought me crashing down to rock bottom, and the tatoos are

permanently there as a constant reminder of far out in left field I allowed myself to get in life.

So as far as a purpose goes for a tatoos, there is not one, and most people think they want one probably are not always gonna want it.

The disadvantages by far outweigh the advantages. Such as the danger of AIDS, hepatitis, venereal diseases and blood problems. Although these problems are rare, the possibility is always there.

If we happen to be thinking about getting one, think again and weigh all the options and negatives.... We will eventually decide we don't want it, but then it is to late to change our mind.

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

### Grand opening great success!

My Special Place Christian Day Care & Preschool held its grand opening on the evening of June 24, 2002, at the new facility located at 111 N. Ave. H, directly behind the Garza Theatre.

Board members and staff welcomed parents and community members to tour the new facility and had a wonderful turnout of supporters.

MSP has announced open enrollment for the summer, as well as for the 2002-2003 school year. Call director Kristen Webb at 495-3446 for more information.

MSP would like to thank the following people for their generous contributions of time, money and support: Joe Giddens, Sharla Wells, Jimmy Redman, Bo Jackson, Jim Voss, Steve Rodriguez, Jim Wells, Billy Kelso, Darrell Daily, Patty Kirkpatrick, Judge Giles Dalby, A.C. Cash, Giles McCrary, Jay and Kim Lott, First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Holy Cross Catholic Church, Rex and Terri Cash, Post Rotary Club and Higginbotham-Bartlett.

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Post 9-10 year old All-Stars - (back row, left to right) Coach Dick Odum, Clint Windham, Allen Duran, Chase Odum, and coach Chris Belongia, (front row) Dale Diaz, Chase Greathouse, Reece Belongia, Solomon Abraham, Jake Wischkaemper, M.J. Wynne, Travis Bergin, and Garrett Pena. Not pictured are Angel Espinoza and Coach Chris Wischkaemper.

## All-Stars bow out to Floydada

by Shellee Odum

Post 9 & 10 year old All Stars faced the O'Donnell team on Tuesday, July 2nd. The game was originally scheduled for 8:00, but didn't get underway until around 9:40.

Post took the home field, allowing O'Donnell's first two batters on base. Those two ultimately ending in the only two runs for the first inning. Pitcher Garrett Pena struck out batter number three and eight. Batter four was out on first with a hit directly to Post first baseman, Clint Windham. Post was up and out quickly at the plate in the first inning, ending the first inning 2-0.

O'Donnell batters were put out quickly in the second inning with two strike outs and an out to first base after only 4 batters. Post came back in this inning with Windham getting a third base hit. Angel Espinoza hit and made it to first, allowing Windham to come home. M.J. Wynne and Allen Duran were both sent on base with a base on balls call. Jake Wischkaemper sent a fantastic hit to center field allowing Wynne and Espinoza to make it home. The inning ended with Post ahead 3-2.

O'Donnell had a fantastic third inning sending up twelve batters and scoring eight runs before Post put them out. Pena scored the first run of the third inning for Post with a base hit. Windham was third batter and hit a home run making the score at the end of the third 10-5.

Inning number four saw four batters each for O'Donnell and Post, with no runs being made for either team. The remainder of the game was postponed until the following night at 6:00pm, because of Little League All-Star rule stating that no new inning may be started after 11:00pm.

The game delay seemed to be in Post's favor, as they came back Wednesday night ready to finish the game with a fight for the win. O'Donnell managed to score one run before their fourth batter was put out. First three batters of the night for Post, Pena, Reece Belongia and Windham, scored a run each for Post. Post was put out after the eighth batter, narrowing the margin in the score 11-8.

Pena quickly struck out O'Donnell, three up-three down in the sixth inning. Pena and Belongia both hit base runs and Windham came up to bat. Windham hit the ball and O'Donnell short-stop managed to catch the fly putting Windham out on first. He quickly sent the ball to second, putting an advancing Belongia out on second, and further shocked Post with a throw putting Pena out at home. The triple play put Post out for the 6th inning, ending the game 11-8.

Following the Post-O'Donnell game, Post faced Floydada as visitors in their regularly scheduled game. Post was put out after their fifth batter of the first inning with no runs. Floydada

scored one run before Post pitcher Chase Odum struck out batters one, three and four, ending the first inning 1-0.

Inning number two saw no runs for Post putting them outfield after only three batters. With Floydada up to bat, Odum sent batter one out on strikes and walked number two, who ultimately scored another run for Floydada. Batter three also struck out. Batter four managed a hit and made it to first base, but was put out on third by third baseman M.J. Wynne with an assist by catcher Travis Bergin. Inning two ended 2-0 in Floydada's favor.

Post's Jake Wischkaemper started the third inning bat for Post followed by Garrett Pena who took the bat and got a first base hit. Next batter, Wynne, was hit by the pitcher and took his base. Clint Windham followed with a double, bringing Pena in for a score. Wynne and Windham made it to home plate before Post's third out. Floydada made three runs before batter eight was put out first by first baseman Windham with an assist by Pena, ending the inning 5-4.

Floydada further took the lead in the fourth inning scoring five runs and putting Post out after three batters. The fourth inning score was 11-4. Post came back fighting in the fifth inning. Pena got a base hit as did Windham, both ending in runs. Chase Greathouse was walked and ultimately came in scoring the last run of the game for Post. Floydada's first two batters scored and batter three was put out on second by pitcher Windham with an assist by catcher Travis Bergin.

Floydada managed five more runs before the game was called at the end of the fifth inning due to the 10 run rule, giving Floydada the win 17-7.

## County...

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districts for two congressional districts, laying the blame for the splintered boxes on three federal judges. "I think we need to correct this problem before the election if possible," he said, "it's ridiculous to have a small slice of Garza County cut out for another congressional district."

"We've got to have two complete set of ballots for those three voting boxes (1, 5 and 9)," he added. "It only affects about 75 voters."

The political party which held a majority vote in the last general election has the first pick for choosing election judges in those voting precincts in which it held a majority.

Earl admonished the commissioners' court and elected officials in Garza County for not campaigning strong enough for Democratic candidates. "You are all elected as Democrats," he emphasized, "you should do more to get out the Democratic vote for our state and federal candidates."

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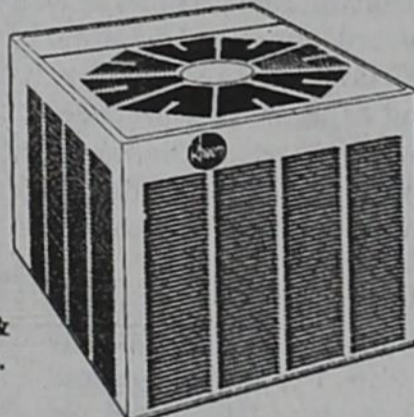
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