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## Post Notes

### Gordita plates at Holy Cross Church

The Holy Cross Catholic Church is offering gordita plates with rice and beans for \$5 a plate and pork roast tamales at \$6 a dozen on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Orders may be placed by calling 495-3059 or 495-3054.

### Church league softball season

The Post church league softball season will be continued next summer, beginning in June 2003. Any questions or for more information, call Lynn Williams at the First Baptist Church or Pixie Grisham at the First United Methodist Church.

### First Baptist Vacation Bible School

The First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School will be held July 22 through July 26 at the church for children completing kindergarten through fifth grade. The program will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. A light meal will be served prior to each day's adventure. Call 495-3554 for more information.

### CCA sponsors family history seminar

The Caprock Cultural Association's (CCA) "Post Toaster" program Thursday, July 18 features guest speaker Gene Mathis on family histories 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.

### Garza County roping August 3

The Garza County Team Roping will be held August 3 at 7 p.m. Contact Danny Vernon at 495-2415 to enter. Deadline for entries is August 1. The pre-county roping will be held at the Millertime Arena on July 27 at 1 p.m.

### Graham Community Fellowship August 6

The Graham Community Center Homemade Ice Cream Fellowship will be held August 6 at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to bring a freezer of ice cream or cookies to share. The event is free to everyone!

### 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.

### Reward offered to convict vandals

A generous reward has been offered to anyone providing information which leads to the arrest and conviction of vandals responsible for damage to the historic building at 208 E. Main Street in Post. The destructive act early Monday morning included ripping bricks off the top of the building and tossing them onto the sidewalk covering, destroying signage on the building and strewing the broken bricks across East Main Street. Concerned citizens who have information to assist in bringing the vandals to justice are urged to call the Garza County Sheriff's Department at 495-3595.

### Youth offering car wash August 10

A Baptist and Methodist youth car wash will be offered Saturday, August 10 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Methodist Church parking lot, 216 W. 10th. All donations are appreciated and will be used to support the Post EMTs. To make a donation, call Mike at 495-1074 or 441-1592.

### Family Fun Carnival August 10

The Calvary Baptist Church is sponsoring a Family Fun Carnival August 10 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the church grounds, 6th and Avenue H. The event is for all ages, featuring games and entertainment.

### Calvary Baptist Vacation Bible School

The Calvary Baptist Church Vacation Bible School is set for August 12 through 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the church, 6th & Avenue H. The program is for children ages kindergarten through sixth grade and includes Bible study, crafts, fun and refreshments. Call 495-2342 or 495-3342 for more information.

### School registration under way

Students new to the Post Independent School District are being registered as district officials gear up for the 2002-2003 school year. Shot records and a Social Security card are required to complete registration. Classes in the Post ISD begin Aug. 20. Teacher in-service begins Aug. 13.

### Pre-K classes open to all

Pre-K classes in the Post Independent School District are open to any eligible student residing within the school district. To be eligible for the half-day classes, a child must be four years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2002, Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain said. Pre-registration for pre-K classes is under way. Parents should bring a record of immunizations and the child's Social Security card to complete registration.

Local News - KPOS Radio 97.7 FM

## Grease, sludge jam up city's sewage treatment

by Wes Burnett

The Post City Council took action at the regular meeting last week (July 9) to correct major problems at the sewage treatment plant. Huge accumulations of grease and other solids are jamming up the IMHOFF system, forcing the city to investigate other methods for processing sewage treatment.

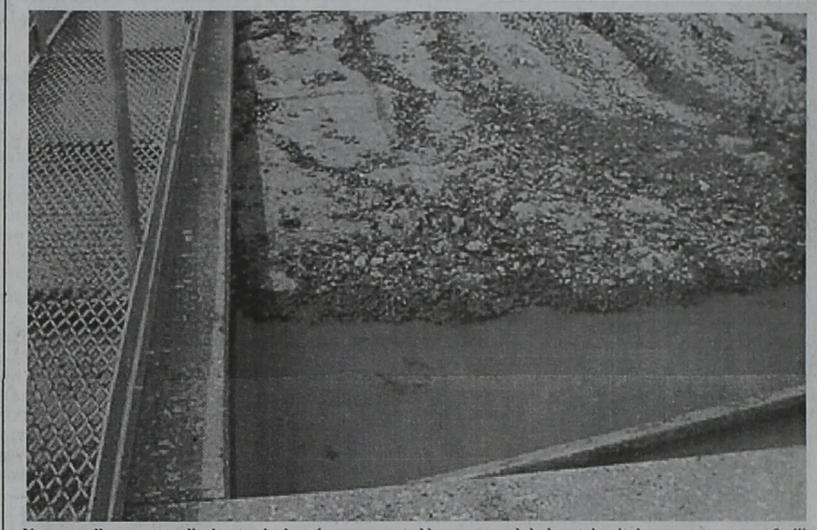
Sludge and grease builds up on the old IMHOFF separation system, bringing the process to a halt until city workers can scrape the material away, sometimes twice a day. Bar screens are separating heavier solids, but grease and sludge mix in with liquids and eventually grind the system to a halt.

After hearing a detailed briefing on various options to solve the problem, council members authorized city manager Fred Stephens to continue investigating costs and best equipment to solve the problems. A decision is expected at the August regular meeting.

The council also took action to fund the backup water supply project, formally adopting an agreement for sale of certificates of obligation to Edward Jones at a rate of 4.677 percent. The AAA rated certificates are to be paid over a 20 year period at the rate of \$395,000. The certificates are backed by water sales and taxes.

Mayor Archie Gill emphasized that water rate increases beginning September 1 "have nothing to do with our backup water project." Those increases are the result of dramatic rate increase of water purchased by the city from White River Municipal Water District.

"I want everyone to know that our water rate increases are a direct result of the increase White River put on us," Gill added. "We've been paying \$1.45 (per thousand gallons), now we're saddled with a rate of \$2.10. Our annual payment to White River is going from \$352,000 a year to \$510,000."



No one really wants to talk about or look at the mess created by grease and sludge at the city's sewage treatment facility, but the problem must be dealt with by city crews everyday.

## Vandals rip bricks off top of historic Main Street building

The historic building at 208 East Main Street, currently the home of Post City Communications CellularOne, was victimized early Monday by vandals who ripped off a big chunk of the brick parapet on top of the building.

Damage to the building included the CellularOne on the front of the building. Vandals apparently broke off bricks and threw them down toward the awning and onto Main Street. The street in front of Twins Fashions, Post City Communication and The Norman Agency was strewn with chunks of bricks and debris.

Although most of the vandalism was confined to the north side of East Main Street, there were numerous broken bricks on the grassy medium and on the south

side of East Main Street in front of Collier's Drug Store.

The Garza County Sheriff's Department investigated and found no evidence of vandals hav-

ing been on the roof, although the investigating deputy admitted he had not been on the roof to seek evidence.

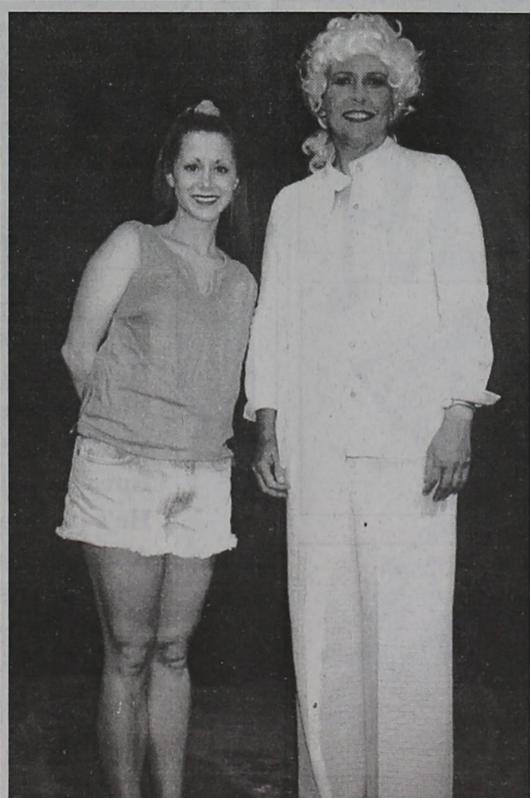
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Bill Woodard and Zoe Kirkpatrick make quite a team in the current "I'm Herbert" hilarious routine at the Garza Theatre, which continues July 19 and 20 and July 26 and 27. (see related story on Page 3)



"Spring Antic" opens up the "Night of One-Act Plays" at the Garza Theatre, which continues July 19, 20 and July 26, 27. Cast members are (back row, left to right) Aaron Jones, Mikey Gonzales, Jordan Tatum, (front row) Melissa Stambaugh, Michelle Tucker and Christina Zellmer. (See Page 3 for related story)



"Graceland" cast members Jessica Culwell (left) and Emily Hataway offer Garza Theatre audience a lot of laughs and a bit of touching love in this spoof about two dedicated Elvis fans. The "Night of One-Act Plays" continues July 19 and 20 and July 26 and 27. (see related story on Page 3)



Mr and Mrs Lyndon D. Couch

## Amanda Kauffman, Lyndon Couch exchagbe vows June 29

Amanda Susan Kauffman and Lyndon Don Couch exchanged wedding vows at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, 2002, in an outdoor ceremony at Lubbock's Reese Center with the Rev. Sylvan Cargile officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Rip and Susan Kauffman of Levelland. The groom's parents are Lyndall and Lydia Couch of Levelland.

As the musical selection "Our Hearts Will Go On" played, the bride and her bridal party arrived in a horse-drawn carriage, which was lavishly decorated with sunflowers and greenery to complement the bride's chosen flower and colors.

The bride, escorted by her father, entered to the music "Trumpeter Fanfare." She wore an elegant satin gown highlighted by beaded clasps on the low-cut back. For her veil, she wore a satin-wrapped headband accented by white roses with pearl insets and a short tulle veil. The bridal bouquet featured yellow calla lilies, white freesia, liriopse and green coffee foliage.

Mary Mitchell served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Annette Waggoner, LaShawn Speiser, sister of the groom, and Holly Cross. Each wore a blue chambray outfit and carried a single, long-stemmed sunflower tied with pale blue ribbons. The flower girl was Madison Kauffman, the bride's niece. She wore a yellow sleeveless dress featuring a lace overlay.

The groom wore a black tuxedo jacket with tails, tuxedo vest and white shirt with black western jeans. A black hat and black boots completed his attire.

Best man was Lyndall Couch. Groomsmen were Joe Speiser, Casey Waggoner and Lynn Pierce. Ring bearers were Austin Speiser, nephew of the groom, and Blake Mitchell. The attendants wore blue western jeans, white shirts, straw hats and boots.

The bride's table featured a unique, three-tiered wedding cake. The marble wedding cake, iced in black and white frosting to resemble a Holstein cow, was adorned with white daisies and miniature black and white cowboy hats. It also featured a Holstein bridal couple, Apple punch, mints, cookies and pastel M&M candies also were served from the table.

Highlighting the groom's table was a chocolate cake designed to resemble a Texas Department of Public Safety badge. Chocolate-dipped strawberries and apple punch also were served.

Immediately following the reception and dance, the couple left for a short honeymoon at Lake Ivey.

The newlyweds will reside in Post. The bride, a 1998 graduate of Levelland High School, graduated from Texas Tech University in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in agriculture education. She owns Echo Equine Sports Massage.

The groom, a 1997 graduate of Green Valley High School in Henderson, NV, graduated from the Texas Department of Public Safety Academy in Austin in March 2002. He is employed as a state trooper with the Department of Public Safety in Post.



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Macee Mills

## Macee Mills accepts Pi Beta position

Macee Mills, a recent Texas Tech University graduate, has accepted a position with Pi Beta Phi sorority as a traveling graduate consultant.

Mills will spend the next year traveling and consulting with Pi Phi sororities on campuses throughout the United States and Canada.

She was selected as one of nine graduate consultants from a pool of 37 applicants.

The daughter of Larry and Kim Mills of Post, Macee Mills graduated magna cum laude May 18, 2002, with a bachelor's degree in communication disorders from Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

She plans to continue graduate school following her year with Pi Beta Phi.

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The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.  
—William James



The population in Denver, Colorado, is among the youngest in the nation.

## Cody Bain earns Master Degree at A&M

Cody Bain of Post was earned his Master of Civil Engineering degree at Texas A&M University, receiving his diploma at graduation ceremonies recently. He was among 4,929 Texas A&M University graduates during spring commencement ceremonies.

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Speak clearly, if you speak at all; carve every word before you let it fall.  
—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.  
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### Facts, Fun & Family

by Julie Neitsch

Hi! I am pleased to introduce myself to the wonderful people of Garza County.

My name is Julie Neitsch and I am the new Family and Consumer Sciences Agent.

FCS Reflections will be a new column in the weekly paper, and I hope I can provide some interesting, helpful, and fun information about nutrition, recipes, families, child care, and a variety of topics that will benefit the people of this fabulous community. Being summer, picnics and cookouts are a common scene.

Try the recipe of the week for a great accessory to any barbeque or meal!

#### Sweet Potato Salad

- 3 lbs. sweet potatoes, cooked, peeled, cubed 2 c. celery, sliced
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. Tabasco c. onions, chopped
- 1 c. bell pepper, chopped
- 2 c. Miracle Whip
- Ground black pepper to taste

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well. Cover and refrigerate overnight to let flavors blend.

Enjoy! Please call 495-4400 or come by the Extension Office if I can assist or serve you with Family and Consumer Sciences related topics.

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## T.J. Quintana

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You've had him now for over four years,  
But we still miss him, and shed our tears.  
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And someday we'll join him and say hello.  
For this a goal for all of us,  
To be with you and in your trust.  
Where there is no sickness or no sin,  
Only happiness with all our friends.  
So, Lord, when you see T.J.  
Tell him to continue to pray,  
So we can join him in your family that day.  
When your son calls us home,  
And we will never more roam.  
Love and miss you  
The Old Man



Post basketball fans cheered for Meagan N...

## Post

The Post Independent's officials are gearing up for District trustees hired school science, and Kara C July 10 meeting. Superintendent Dr. Bob fills the final two open trustees may need to hire the juvenile detention center Classes for the 2002-2003 begins Aug. 13. In other business, trustees are curating the upcoming school, Hackberry Co-op ear to the school cafeteria.

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Post basketball fans attending the Texas Girls' Coaches Association basketball all-star game in Fort Worth cheered for Meagan Mills and the North Division I All-Stars.

## Meagan Mills competes in prestigious all-star contest

Meagan Mills, a 2002 Post High School graduate, recently participated in the Texas Girls' Coaches Association Basketball All-Star Game at Daniel Meyer Coliseum in Fort Worth.

Mills was one of 12 girls selected to play for the North Division I All-Stars.

The game was held July 11, and the north defeated the south team 77-51.

Attending the game in support of Mills were her parents and siblings, Larry and Kim Mills, Macee and Mitchell Mills; her grandparents, Mike and Wanda Mitchell and Wynelle Craft; aunts and uncles Toby and Melanie Craft, Trasi and Wesley Ruddick, Henry and Sudie Miller and

Mike Sullivan; cousins Dylan Davis, Heather, Brian and Ashley Miller, Tucker Craft and Bill and Linda Robbins.

Also, Blandon, Alecia and Ashdon Hancock of Tahoka; Pat O'Neil and Jesse Miles of Fort Worth; Israel Rivera of Dallas; and former Post High School coaches and families Ron and D'Aun Taylor, Darrell, Christi, Brooke, Ali and Bryson Daily, and Billy, Shanda and Brody Kelso.

Mills was asked to give the invocation at the Wednesday luncheon honoring basketball, softball, volleyball and cross country and track all-stars.



Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.

## Post ISD fills teacher roster

The Post Independent School District teachers' roster is filled, and district officials are gearing up for the beginning of the new school year.

District trustees hired two teachers - Patty Josey, who will teach high school science, and Kara Grace, a middle school basketball coach - at their July 10 meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain said the hiring of the two new employees fills the final two open teaching positions in the school district, although trustees may need to hire additional staff members for classes conducted at the juvenile detention center.

Classes for the 2002-2003 school year begin Aug. 20. Teachers' in-service begins Aug. 13.

In other business, trustees awarded bids for oil, fuel and milk for use during the upcoming school year. Post Auto Parts was awarded the bid for oil, Hackberry Co-Op earned the fuel bid and Gandy's will supply the milk to the school cafeteria.

Board members also considered the installation of a lawn sprinkler system at the primary school but tabled action on the topic until more information could be gathered. Trustees were interested in receiving estimates for sprinkler system installations at Antelope Stadium and the other Post ISD campuses, Bain said.

## One Act Plays keep audiences in stitches

by Louella Bilberry

Where were you last Friday night? I was at our little theatre with 23 others enjoying a night of three one-act plays!

The first was "Arctic Spring" about teen-agers and the teen-age cast is

great! The second act was of two devoted fans of Elvis Presley. One is a teen-ager, but the other is a middle-aged woman as devoted as the younger girl. Each hopes to be the first in the door when "Graceland," the Presley mansion, is first opened to the adoring fans of Elvis.

The third act is a rerun of "I'm Herb," one of the first performances on the reopening of the old Palace Theatre. Our Zoe Kirkpatrick repeats her role, and Bob Woodard plays the role Will McCrary did. Two (very) senior citizens are rocking away in their rocking chairs and they begin to reminisce. The fun starts when their memories differ!

We had 42 in attendance for Saturday night, half were Post people!

"Out-of-towners" love our little theatre. Come join them on July 19, 20, 26 or 27. You will have a wonderful night out!

## WPS seeks help with tractor raffle

Tickets are now available for the Women's Protective Services' Third Annual Tractor Raffle - Planting the Seeds for Change.

Women's Protective Services will host its third annual raffle Aug. 17 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center beginning at 7 p.m. Raffle tickets are on sale now, and all proceeds benefit Women's Protective Services of Lubbock.

A 150-hp 2002 7810 John Deere tractor will be raffled off. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold. Cost for tickets is \$100 each.

The ticket price includes admission for two, a raffle entry, a barbecue dinner provided by J&M Barbecue, a silent auction and live entertainment by the Rex Thomas Band.

Tickets are available in Garza County at the following locations: B&T Feed in Post; Graham Co-op in Graham; Wells Fargo Bank, Post; Citizens Bank, Post; and Mason's Farm & Ranch, Post.

Chad and Kerry Byrd of Petersburg were last year's winner of a 150-hp 2001 John Deere tractor. The Byrds are parents of three children - Zane, 10, Zack, 5, and Morgan, 18 months. Chad Byrd is a cotton and maize farmer and his wife is a stay-at-home mother. The tractor the couple won last year is the first new tractor the Byrds have ever owned.

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# Obituaries

## Jackie Ray Odom

Services for Jackie Ray Odom 64 of Post will be 2 p.m., Thursday July 18, 2002 at the Calvary Baptist Church. The Rev. Les Atkins, Pastor will officiate. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Mr. Odom died Monday, July 15, 2002.

Born April 27, 1938 to James Arthur (Bud) and Annie (Rolan) Odom, he attended Post Schools and later served two years in the US Army. He married Karrol Redman at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

After returning to Post he worked for Rocker A and Palmers. He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by one son: Jimmy Ray Odom, January 27, 1980.

Survivors include: one son: Mark Odom of Post and one daughter: Sandy Smith of Post. One brother: Jerry Odom of Midland. Seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be: Greg Benham, Russell Benham, Trey Jones, Jonathan Smith, Jason Smith and Quiton Odom.

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# CCA seeks funding assistance

The Caprock Cultural Association is seeking \$23,370 in financial assistance from Garza County taxpayers in the upcoming fiscal year.

According to a report presented to the court by JoAnn Mock, the CCA executive director, the organization seeks the financial assistance to help cover the salaries of the Garza County Historical Museum director and a staff assistant who will maintain the museum's Web site; the development of educational materials and related travel; and \$1,000 for CCA operations.

Mock said the CCA's Web site, which "introduced Post, Texas, on the World Wide Web" in 1993, is sorely in need of renovation and routine maintenance. A professional consultant has handled necessary assistance in the past, but plans call for the hiring and training of a part-time employee to update and create pages relating to local history.

"In the future, we plan to work with the performing arts with the same training and page development," Mock said in her report. "This will help with our mission of showing all aspects of Post in one site."

The site's demographic data and business information has proven to be an effective tool, Mock said, and the site averages almost 200 "hits" per week, making information on Post attractions, schedules, historic information and business and organization pages readily available.

"Tourists, shoppers, heritage searchers and folks wanting to keep in touch with their hometown are turning to the Internet," she said. "The impact for Post is unmeasurable."

"The demographics, history and activities helped the Monarch Company in their research to determine if McDonald's should be located in Post. Comments and e-mails come in on a regular basis from those that are looking for family roots. Former residents are most complementary as they feel that the site... is really cool."

The educational materials being created by the museum will focus on Native American history. Cynthia Herbert, educational specialist with the Texas Alliance for Education and the Arts, will serve as a consultant on the project.

The materials will be designed for use in school lesson plans. Once completed, they should meet school requirements while helping students to prepare for TAAS and other required tests, Mock said.

"Of course, the materials will greatly enhance the importance of the museum to the community, especially to the school," she said. "We hope to expand this program each year to cover other history units exhibited in the museum. We also plan to use these materials for hands-on demonstrations to give more meaning to the school and youth tours at the museum."

In the current fiscal year, a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts funded half of the expenses related to the development of the educational materials. That amount will drop to one-third of the total cost in the coming fiscal year.

Rounding out her report, Mock informed the court of the pending opening of another new room - the Native American room - at the museum. The newest exhibit, scheduled to be ready for display in August, will be dedicated to the memory of the late "Chief" Frank Runkles.

Mock also reported on the Post Toasters group, which was organized earlier this year as a way to show appreciation for volunteer services and goods provided by local residents, and her recent participation in an ADA workshop in Lubbock.

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## And

by Walter E. Williams  
We have no less than 100 million people at the airport security. Williams? Last month Express flight to Miami was pulled as a result of a security check. The entire flight was cancelled. The guards concluded that the same on the flight. Did the airport security check find anything? Bush and became a States? Could it be that something, no matter how small, is making a difference? If you think that the leaders. Human Events asking them: "Al Gore isn't that a waste of money?" Sen. Jeff Bingaman. It's a random check. Breaux, D-La., said, "I don't know, whether the Senate, all public officials, all public officials. Sen. Jim Bunning. That's the way it should be. I might explain the chance that a senator might be a terrorist. I'm guessing that the terroristism of our country is being used to hijack a person would answer.

## When

by Sheldon Richman  
The doomsayers are target. Refute one of them with another before. Sometimes even the a Paul Ehrlich, used to predict mass ecological disaster. Did that cause the a new catastrophe? president of the Foundation for the Future. There is no global food shortage. Writing recently in millions of people are because much of the for animals rather than for the wealthiest people on from food to feed or increasingly desperate. He adds, "The world's highest point on the starve." It's all very expect to see it refuted, infant and so on. These should all be cause for optimism, and getting better. Do these sound like "humanity"? (The Environmentalist, Lomborg.) The world more to eat per person than you think U.S. demanding more. The United Nations 23 percent since agricultural production is up 12 percent in the developing countries to almost 2,600 a day by over 66 percent. "Fewer people are expected to fall from starvation in 1999." Starvation

# Opinions



## And thereafter, the idiots rule

by Walter E. Williams

We have no less than unadulterated idiots in charge of airport security. You say, "What is it this time, Williams?" Last month, while boarding a Midwest Express flight to Milwaukee, former Vice President Al Gore was pulled aside at the boarding gate. He was frisked and his carry-on luggage searched.



The entire flight was boarded before Reagan National Airport guards concluded that Al Gore posed no hijacking threat. It was more of the same on his return flight to Washington. How might we reconcile these security measures with any semblance of intelligence?

Did the airport security people think Al Gore harbored lingering anger from his controversial election defeat at the hands of George Bush and became an Al Qaeda operative out to destroy the United States?

Could it be that security people think Americans will put up with anything, no matter how stupid, as long as there's equality in treatment? If you think that the answer is no, try some responses from the nation's leaders. Human Events' (June 24) interviewed several U.S. senators asking them: "Al Gore was searched twice last week in U.S. airports. Isn't that a waste of limited resources?"

Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., replied: "No, they do that to anybody. It's a random check." When asked the same question, Sen. John Breaux, D-La., said, "No, I think everyone ought to be subjected to the same rules, whether it's a member of Congress or a member of the Senate, all public officials."

Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., answered: "I've been searched 20 times. ... That's the way it should be. We shouldn't be exempt from that." How might we explain these senatorial responses? Is there the remotest chance that a senator might be a terrorist hijacker?

I'm guessing that the average person would say no; senators confine their terrorism to our pocketbooks. What about the chances that a terrorist has asked a senator to carry on board a weapon that can be used to hijack an airliner? Again, I'm guessing the average sane person would answer no.

But there's another possible explanation that should never be ruled out: When looking for a reason why people do certain things, never rule out sheer stupidity. What makes the Al Gore frisk and search even more stupid is the fact that he was traveling from and to Reagan National Airport.

All flights in and out of metropolitan Washington's Reagan National airport are accompanied by armed sky marshals. Columnist Ann Coulter, writing in the same issue of Human Events, puts her finger on it: "Searching Al Gore is a purely religious act. It's purposeless, fetishistic performance of rituals in accordance with the civic religion of liberalism."

This religion of liberalism that's a part of the Bush administration has the potential to produce great death and destruction in our nation. A few weeks ago, FBI Director Robert Mueller told the Senate Judiciary Committee that "immediately after Sept. 11," when the FBI was trying to stop "a second wave of terrorists out there," FBI policy was this, according to Mueller: "We're not looking for individuals of any particular religion or from any particular country."

If the director is telling the truth, he ought to be fired for aggravated stupidity and endangering the lives of Americans. One of the best immediate things that Bush can do for the fight against terrorism is to fire both Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta and his undersecretary, John Magaw, both of whom have waged war against a pilot's right to carry firearms as a last-ditch means to protect his plane and passengers.

If F-16s are ever scrambled to shoot down a commercial airliner, Mineta and Magaw have a lot of explaining to do, and so does President Bush.

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## When will the catastrophists learn?

by Sheldon Richman

The doomsayers never give up. Whats more, they are an ever-moving target. Refute one of their claims of catastrophe, and they are back with another before you can say, "The future is bright."

Sometimes even the good news is bad. The global catastrophists, such as Paul Ehrlich, used to say, "The battle to feed humanity is over" and predict mass ecological starvation, even in the West. It never happened.

Did that cause the catastrophists to retreat? No. They simply found a new catastrophe. No one better epitomizes this than Jeremy Rifkin, president of the Foundation on Economic Trends. Rifkin concedes that there is no global food shortage. His complaint is that we are misusing the food.

Writing recently in the Los Angeles Times, Rifkin said, "Hundreds of millions of people are going hungry every day all over the world because much of the arable land now is being used to grow feed grain for animals rather than food grain for people. Grain-fed cattle, pigs, chicken and other livestock, in turn, are being consumed by the wealthiest people on the planet while the poor go hungry.... The shift from food to feed continues apace despite the growing hunger of an increasingly desperate humanity."

He adds, "The world's wealthier consumers ... favor eating at the highest point on the global food chain while their fellow human beings starve." It's all very bleak — and untrue. If Rifkin were correct, we'd expect to see it reflected in various statistics concerning global life expectancy, infant mortality, per capita food production, caloric intake, and so on.

These should all be trending in the wrong direction. Yet they all show cause for optimism. In each of these departments, things are improved and getting better each year.

Do these sound like the statistics of "an increasingly desperate humanity"? (The statistics can be found in The Skeptical Environmentalist, by Greenpeace member and statistician Bjorn Lomborg.) The world's population has doubled since 1961, but there is more to eat per person — and at lower prices — than ever before. Why do you think U.S. farm incomes are falling and grain farmers are demanding more government support?

The United Nations says total food production per person has increased 23 percent since 1961. The developing world has increased its agricultural production threefold in the last 40 years and has increased per capita agricultural crops 52 percent. Worldwide per capita meat production is up 122 percent since 1950. The daily caloric intake in the developing countries has gone from an average of about 1,900 in 1960 to almost 2,600 at the end of the 1990s. The price of food is falling — by over 66 percent since 1957.

"Fewer people are starving," writes Lomborg. "Globally, the proportion of starving people has fallen from 35 percent to 18 percent and is expected to fall further to 12 percent in 2010. This should be compared to an estimated 45 percent of developing country people starving in 1949." Starvation is diminishing in absolute numbers also, writes

Lomborg. Undernourishment among children is declining.

Children in the developing world are also surviving infancy in larger numbers, an important sign of progress. "In 1950, 18 percent or almost every fifth child died; in 1995 only 6 percent died — a fall to just one third," writes Lomborg. There is improvement throughout Africa, even where AIDS is rampant.

Increasing life expectancy is equally dramatic. In the developing world as a whole, life expectancy has gone from 41 in 1950 to 65 in 1998. None of this could be happening if Rifkin and his allied pessimists were right. Rifkin's concern about the diversion of grain to livestock neglects the fact that, thanks to technology, we get amazingly more grain from less farmland (which has permitted an increase in forestland). And the developing world has barely started tapping its potential. Freeing the entrepreneurial system by limiting government intervention in the marketplace will ensure there is ample grain for everyone. Moreover, as people get richer, they eat more meat.

But that is exactly what Rifkin doesn't want. He's against meat eating and thinks methane from cows causes global warming. So he uses every argument he can think of to stigmatize meat production, including the ridiculous claim that starvation is increasing.

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## What is "corporate" government anyway?

by Wes Burnett

We often comment on these pages about the corporate form of government. Recently I've been asked to explain how government came to be incorporated.

The first step in understanding the evolution of government in America is to recognize what is, not what was. Most Texans believe that their government is a republic form, having been taught that in school. That's what was.

But slowly over the past century, government in the U.S. has transformed itself from a republic form to a corporate form, and evidence of that today is found at the county courthouse, city hall, government schools, hospital (or health care) districts, water districts and all those other legislatively created "municipal corporations."

That's what is. Government today in Texas and the U.S. is incorporated, and there is barely any semblance of a republic form remaining.

This move toward incorporated government began in the 1870s, following the great war between the unionists/federalists and the separatists/anti-federalists (often called the civil war). Even before the shooting and killing stopped, government in the U.S. changed dramatically, casting aside the traditional notion of limited government created by American founders.

In its place came a strong federalist central government. In 1876 the U.S. congress passed the first act of incorporation, designating the geographic boundary of the District of Columbia as a corporation, owned by the U.S. government.

After the adoption of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. constitution, all states of the union became in effect, subdivisions of that corporation.

In Texas, government under the thumb of federalists, began to create municipal corporations, and the legislature took on a corporate role through its adherence to the 14th amendment, later authorizing the "State Compact Act," which codified the relationship of the State of Texas with the U.S. federal government.

So, Texans elect, not representatives, but members of the board of directors, such as school boards, hospital boards, water boards, city councils and county offices. Those incorporated government units, (yes ... the "County of Garza" is incorporated as well as the "City of Post") adhere to a set of corporate rules and regulations, mostly outside of constitutional control.

For instance, the "corporate charters" for the city and county (and other government units here) are codified by statutes. Those statutes define the nature of the government unit, as well as its authority and scope of functions. So, when we elect officers to serve on these corporate boards, they are bound first to the statutes which created the corporations ... the constitution takes a secondary role, if any at all.

### Why is government incorporated?

A very important question indeed ... I asked that question of a former Post city manager ... he looked at me and smiled slowly, replying, "So we could pass ordinances?"

In fact, that is a primary function of incorporated government. In order to control the behavior of corporate "subjects," there must be some framework from which to operate. With an incorporated form of government, agents of the corporation are not bound by constitutional restrictions, their first obligation is to the board of directors, who owe their allegiance, not to the people who elected them, but to the creators of the corporation and its by-laws.

The creators, of course, are the legislature. That body sets the rules and punishment for those who fail to toe the line on corporate policy. Anyone who has ever served on a school board, city council or other elective office will admit that the "policy" restricts what those board members can and can not do.

These corporate government agents, both elected and appointed, are taught in the corporate training programs, that they are not to judge the constitutional limits of their offices, but to adhere to the statutory law.

These incorporated governments then behave as if all those who are inside the corporation borders (whether it be a county, city, school or hospital district) are required to adhere to the corporate rules, even if those rules violate constitutional rights of the corporation's subjects.

### Are you a corporate subject?

With corporate government, as is true with private corporations, it is understood that once people step onto the corporate property within those designated boundaries, they are bound to obey the corporate rules. It is considered a voluntary act. "If you don't like the rules, move somewhere else," is a likely answer to a complainer.

This corporate mentality assumes that the corporation owns all the property within its boundaries, therefore control of the property by the corporation is not only right, it is necessary.

Property owners may believe they "own" their property, but in effect, they are merely renting from the real owner, corporate government. Those who refuse to pay the "rent" (taxes) find out shortly who the real owner is when the property is seized and sold at auction to the highest bidder.

When a citizen challenges the corporate body, it is invariably a stone wall. The response most frequently given to complainers: "If you don't like it, take us to court." Of course, the courts are part of the corporation, so there's no justice there for those who do not wish to take part in the corporate game.

The republic form of government, which we are promised and guaranteed by both the U.S. and Texas constitutions, is all but dead. So, how do we restore a republic form of government? More on that next week.

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DATED: 7-15-2002  
Aurora S. Vargas  
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## Vandals...

(Continued from Page 1)

Wesley W. Burnett, managing director for the building owner, suspicious that the volume of bricks could not have fallen on their own, secured the services of local contractor David Woods to perform an inspection of the damage to the roof and brick parapet.

"It was obvious right away that this was an act of vandalism," Woods insisted. "You can see scuff marks and evidence of the force that was used to dislodge the bricks."

Repair will begin this week to secure the remaining bricks and prevent further damage to the historic structure.

"Imagine the damage this would have caused had there been any one on Main Street," Burnett emphasized. "I was stunned to see bricks as far away as the middle of the street between the Algerta Art Center and OS Ranch Shop. It was clear to me that those bricks didn't just happen to fall down, someone went to a lot of work to toss them off the roof top."

The historic Post building at 208 E. Main Street was constructed in 1912, according to information from former owner Charles Wallace. "It's a very solid building," Burnett added, "it's a shame that there are people in our town with such little regard or respect for the property of others. It's a crying shame."

A reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the vandals has been offered. Anyone with information should call the Garza County Sheriff's Department at 495-3595. "We trust that the sheriff's department will conduct a vigorous search for these vandals and bring them to justice," Burnett said.

"Honest, hard working Garza County citizens will want to have these vandals apprehended immediately and provided due process for their destructive behavior," Burnett added. "No downtown business or building owner can feel secure when they leave their businesses in the evening, not knowing what kind of damage awaits them when they arrive for work the next morning," Burnett emphasized.

Burnett praised the quick response of City of Post, whose crew scooped up the dangerous materials off the roadway early Monday morning.

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# Yesteryears

July 15, 1992  
10 Years Ago

The Southland ISD board of trustees has named Terry W. Smith to serve as its superintendent and began his duties July 1.

Amber Harp and Dustin Massey exchanged wedding vows Saturday, June 20, 1992, at 8 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Post with Rev. Billy Smith officiating.

Traci Lyn and Kirk Stevens are the proud parents of a daughter, Branda Lyn, who was born Thursday, June 25, at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital.

Stanley Mathis is right proud of his dipper gourds. His new hobby produced some real gems at 911 W. 15th. This his first year to grow the gourds.

Sara Ault and Faye Maddox, Garza Co. Extension Homemakers Club members, served as judges for the District 3 Texas Extension Homemakers Cultural Arts competition July 9 in Jayton.

July 15, 1982  
20 Years Ago

Chip Polk, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Polk of Post, and a former resident of Post himself, is coming up in the art world, and was just recently invited to exhibit his works with the James M. Haney Gallery in Amarillo.

Ted Aten, who has managed the Graham Coop Gin for almost ten years, officially retired from his position Monday night at the regular directors meeting. Noel White, a farmer in the Graham Community for the last 21 years, has been hired to replace Ted, and will begin his duties at the gin in August.

Steven Traw has accepted the position of minister of the First Christian Church in Post, assuming the pulpit for the first time Sunday, July 11.

This year's 11 and 12 year old Little League All-Stars and Amando Chapa, Blair Didway, Glen Hardin, Eric Reese, Lex Dunn, Michael McClain, Michael Ayala and Darrel Foster, Dale Gonzales, Greg Benham, Brent Jones, Roy Holly, Henry Medina, Andy Pearson, Johnny Torres, with Milton Williams as manager and George Reese, coach.

Now Open: Red Barn Drive-Inn and Games. We will be open from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., six days a week. Located across the street from primary school.

July 13, 1972  
30 Years Ago

City dads backed off Monday night from the request of an irate mother that a "curfew" be imposed on Post young people because of a "window peeping" incident. Councilmen took the position that there are "enough laws now on the books and adding another might hurt more than help." It would be penalizing 99 per cent of the youngsters who do no wrong.

Mark Bevers won the mile run in the senior division of the Junior Olympics at Borger Saturday with a time of 4:59.4.

County Judge Giles W. Dalby will be in Austin Friday hoping to see the state criminal justice council approve the \$88,000 "law enforcement

complex" building project for Garza County.

How about eight inches of rain in just seven days? That was what was reported at Ronnie Graves' farm, four and a half miles northeast of Post.

The two winners in the Garza 4-H Dress Revue this year are Irene Sanchez, senior division and Glenna Bevers, junior division, with runners-up awards going to Mary Ann Sanchez, senior division and Darlene Gunn, junior division.

Jack Alexander, local school administrator, was installed as the new president of the Post Rotary Club at the organization's weekly luncheon in City Hall Tuesday.

July 19, 1962  
40 Years Ago

It's a man's world—or is it? Part of the answer will be provided in enjoyable form Friday night, at 7:30 p.m., when the Beta Sigma Phi clash with the Post Lions Club in a benefit softball game at the baseball park. It's going to look more like a woman's world at game time with the Lions decked out in feminine attire.

Iven Clary, well known local service station operator, is in West Texas Hospital at Lubbock recovering from injuries sustained in an automobile accident near Lubbock late last Thursday night.

Teddy Scott, pitcher and infielder for the champion White Sox, is this season's batting champion of Post's Babe Ruth League.

Pearl Nance had the misfortune to be pawed by a horse last Thursday. She suffered a very bad sore and bruised leg. She spent the night with the Lee Reeds.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Martinez, July 16 in Garza Memorial Hospital. She was named Linda Kay and weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hudman and sons, Sonny, Curtis and Joe left Saturday for an extended vacation trip through the Pacific Northwest and into Canada.

July 17, 1952  
50 Years Ago

Patriotic Garza county citizens responded with generosity Wednesday to the cry for blood for the Armed Forces and exceeded the quota set for the County with a total of 157 pints.

Installation of new officers highlighted the last Thursday night meeting of members of the Masonic lodge, with R. B. Dodson being installed as Worshipful Master.

M. H. Hutto, 28-year-old Post resident, is in Lubbock Memorial Hospital recovering from a broken pelvis received in an automobile accident on the Lubbock highway, Saturday.

Approximately 350 persons from West Texas are expected to be in Post today through Sunday attending the West Texas Annual State Convention of The Church of God Prophecy.

Friday was Rally day for all Garza county 4-H girls and 32 of them took advantage of the opportunity to meet at the County courthouse for a day of learning, fun and other entertainment.

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- Schlitter \_\_\_\_\_
- Water Park in New Braunfels
- Kick \_\_\_\_\_ Joy Juice
- newspaper: Abilene Reporter-
- TXism: "he'd \_\_\_\_\_ unarmed in a battle of wits"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ big for his britches"
- in addition; besides
- TXism: "son of \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "high \_\_\_\_\_" (fled)
- TXism: "raised on concrete"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the Baptists are sprinkling"
- claustrophobia is a \_\_\_\_\_ being enclosed
- "Bum" Phillips
- Chinese cinnamon
- this Cohen was LBJ's HEW Secretary in '69
- not faithful
- ex-Cowboy lineman Nate (init.)
- this actor starred with William Holden in film "Texas"
- Rangerettes founder Gussie \_\_\_\_\_ Davis
- TX's 1st woman legislator was elected on this ticket in '22 (abbr.)
- TXism: "playful \_\_\_\_\_ in clover"

### DOWN

- \_\_\_\_\_ the Bomb
- TXism: "fits like ugly on an \_\_\_\_\_"
- \_\_\_\_\_ them Cowboys?"
- TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_\_\_"
- work hard
- small ornaments
- marching or mariachi
- TXism: "blue belly"
- Univ. of Houston Heisman winner, Andre (init.)
- A Newton cookie
- TX "Babe": Mildred \_\_\_\_\_ and no foam" (genuine)
- troubles
- TXism: "checking my eye \_\_\_\_\_ for leaks" (napping)
- TXism: "rough as \_\_\_\_\_"
- Lincoln & Fortas
- Oilers offense with QB Moon: "\_\_\_\_\_ Shoot"
- placid
- "V" of Y2K
- TXism: "a right smart piece"
- cheer south of the border
- Odessa AM radio
- San Antonio pianist Samarooff
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ buster" (farmer)
- Ballinger high school classification
- Titanic's bane
- 83 runs from Valley to Panhandle



4-H'ers HOLD COUNTY RALLY — 4-H girls in Garza county held their annual rally at the county courthouse last Friday with 32 girls and several sponsors present. The girls listened to reports, wave baskets and conducted a recreational program. (Dispatch Photo).



LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS - (back row, left to right) Coach Frank Flores, manager David Woods, coach Antonio Perez, (middle row) T.J. Gaydos, Ricky Quinonez, Russ Moore, Raymon Perez, Steve Gonzales, Jamie Hernandez, S. Woods, (front row) Pete McElroy, Slade Bevers, Efrain Aranda, Adrian Marin, Orlando Castillo and Anthony Flores. Available for photo Shawn Henderson. (Photo by Mike Stearns)

From The Post Dispatch, July 8, 1992

### Mystery Photo

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### Courtney named Lady Lopez coach

Randy Courtney of Andrews, who was recently hired as head girls' basketball coach, is looking forward to bringing his program to a town interested in basketball. Courtney replaces Ron Taylor, who has accepted a position at DeLeon.

"The bottom line was that Andrews is just not serious about basketball, and Post is," Courtney said in a July 11 article in the Andrews County (Texas) News. "At the start of games when we played home games in Andrews last year, nobody was there. It was hard on the kids, hard on me, and I just didn't think we had that bad of a team.

"I just felt basketball was taken a lot more serious in Post, where kids don't have that many sports to pick from."

Most of Courtney's time will be dedicated to girls' basketball — both high school and middle school — as he'll be serving as girls' coordinator and teaching a single physical education class, the article said.

The Courtney family's move to Post will bring them closer to their families in Snyder, but the decision to move was not an easy one to make.

"It was a very tough decision for me and my family to leave Andrews," he said. "Our kids have a lot of friends, the school system is great and the people of Andrews were wonderful to us and really accepted us. But it is time to move on.

"There just comes a time that you have to move on, and the time is now for us. That is just part of the coaching business."

Courtney began his tenure at Andrews three years ago following successful coaching stints at Jayton and Abilene Wylie.

He and his wife Lynn have two children — Brittany and Braden.

Travelers are always discoverers, especially those who travel by air. There are no signposts in the sky to show a man has passed that way before.

—Anne Morrow Lindbergh

The great end of life is not knowledge, but action.

—Thomas Henry Huxley

## Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit  
by Tumbleweed Smith

### The Ritz gets ritzy



Kevin Ritz moved to Big Spring in 1992 to operate a pizza franchise. Within three months he was in the movie theater business. "Our last name is Ritz and the Ritz theater here came up for sale. We figured that was a sign and checked into it. We made an offer and it was accepted. We've been in business ever since."

He had never been in the theater business before. "We hired ex-employees to teach us how to run the equipment. It was kind of different." Within six years, Kevin bought the other two theaters in Big Spring.

"I really like the industry. I've always enjoyed movies. Even before we owned the theaters, I went to almost all the movies that came to town. Now I don't have to pay when I come in. It's a little nicer."

When the new Star Wars movie came out in digital format, the Ritz in Big Spring was one of only three theaters in Texas with digital equipment. It was an expensive move for Kevin. "One projector cost as much as all three theaters did."

Only fifty-six theaters in the US have the equipment the Ritz has. Kevin chose the Boeing system of digital projection, one of two systems being offered. The movie studio sends out the movie by satellite, Kevin downloads it onto his computer and shows it whenever he wants to.

"I walk into the booth and I've got a little laptop and I press PLAY and BOOM! the movie starts. On a thirty-eight foot screen."

The Ritz now has state of the art speakers. The sound and the images are crystal clear. Kevin sees a great future for the digital format, which will also allow him to show live sporting events. He decided to go into debt for the new equipment, even though he was just a few years away from having all the theaters paid for.

"For it to be successful in a small town in West Texas, I had to be first. I need a three to five year jump on everybody around me. Right now people are coming to Big Spring from all over the place to see digital projection in Big Spring, Texas. When they've got it in their hometown, they're not going to come here anymore." He says little things that are usually in the background and fuzzy on film show up in detail in digital.

"The little bird sitting in a tree, the little flowers. You can see them real good now." A few years ago Kevin remodeled the Ritz to have two more screens in the balcony. That didn't work out so he has remodeled the balcony again to have just one screen.

"I'm intending to go digital on that as well. If I get that done in time, we'll be the first theater in the world to be totally digital."

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## Letters to the Editor

**Letters to the Editor Policy:** We require all letters to be signed. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of The Post Dispatch nor its staff.

### Water rate explanation

The City of Post was recently notified by White River that as of Sept. 1, 2002, White River is increasing their water rates to each member city. The increase will pay for required improvements White River has to make to their system. The improvements have to do with their compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.

White River has been charging Post \$1.45 per thousand gallons of water since 1999. Their new rate to Post is going up to \$2.10 per thousand gallons. This is a 45 percent increase above the current water rates. Since early 1999, Post's basic minimum water bill has been \$20.25 monthly, which includes use of up to 3,000 gallons of water. All of this money has been used to pay White River.

To pay White River's new rate, as of Sept. 1, 2002, Post's new basic minimum water bill will be \$29.50 monthly, also a 45 percent increase. This money will be used to pay White River's monthly bill to Post.

Your council has explored alternatives and will continue to do so, but none has been found for the immediate term.

In addition to the new basic water minimum of \$29.50 (which includes up to 3,000 gallons), water used by you after Sept. 1, 2002, that exceeds the first 3,000 gallons will be \$2.40 per thousand.

Post has been paying White River \$350,200 annually. The city's new water bill from White River will be over \$510,000 annually.

None of this price increase has anything to do with Post's alternative water project to construct large storage tanks and a 27-mile pipeline to the City of Slaton involving water from the Canadian River Municipal Water Association.

Your understanding in this matter is appreciated.

Post Mayor and City Council

### Texas has everything

Never am I untruthful to my readers. This may sound like a Ripley's Believe It or Not story, but here goes.

A week or so ago, I was bringing my pal in from the work site with a mile insulin reaction. The poor guy was acting a bit strange, and I was somewhat nervous about the situation as a whole. But actually I was not really all that concerned, as I had seen people have insulin reactions before. But as we were riding along, headed for town, my pal said he seen a white rabbit out in a pasture.

I suppose my first thought was that my friend was a fixin' to croak right there in my trusty 'ol Ford pickup. Now something I really don't like is somebody biting the dust in my vehicle.

So I commenced to bringing 'ol Rattler up to the extreme pressure of 75 mph. A little farther down the road, my buddy began to see people on bicycles in the road. I did not allow my friend to know it, but by now, I was near the reaction of pooping in my step-ins.

My pal was OK, and a day or two later, I started my regular procedure of joking with him about it. But then on the morning of 7/13/02, to our amazement, my friend, Mike Babb, and I actually seen the white jackrabbit in the Justiceburg area.

And no, I have not resumed the use of Jack Daniel products.

I do not believe in all my 20,710 born days on this earth have I ever seen a white jackrabbit.

I managed to take three photos, and I am curious to see if they turn out OK. Now I suppose I better apologize to my buddy. He wasn't about to kick the bucket... he saw a white jackrabbit!

As I saw it, and not my opinion, but a fact.

O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

### Seeks obit for grandfather

**Editor's Note:** Archival copies of The Post Dispatch are available beginning 1943. The following letter writer seeks help with an obituary prior to our records.

I am trying to find a record of William Winfield Shepherd, who died April 5, 1936 in Post, Texas. If anyone reading this is able to help, I would greatly appreciate it.

Carolyn McNicholl, 224 Creek Dr., Whitney, Texas 76692

### Questions unanswered

**Editor's Note:** The following letter was sent to C-SPAN regarding recent "war" discussions.

Dear Sir or Ma'am, I appreciate how your hosts on C-SPAN 2 politely allow all callers to speak freely, and drive in the tough questions for your guests.

This morning I especially admired the host for reading the article about Halliburton's financial success related to this current "War" in Afghanistan. It brings to light how key government officials and their corporate interests are benefitting from what I designate "Pipeline War."

Also, please consider including on your guest list, Representative Ron Paul (Tx), and Walter Williams (economics professor from George Mason University and syndicated writer). Both of these fine gentlemen could provide very good input on discussions of politics, government, economics, and currency.

Ron Paul can also discuss with your viewers the only lawful response to the various international guerilla attacks

on American soil (ie. New York 1993, OK City 1995, and New York 2001). That being Congress granting Letters of Marque and Reprisal.

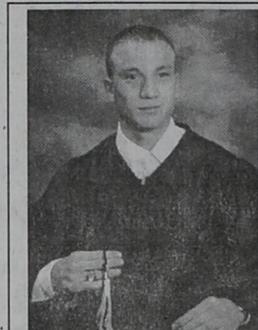
He urged Congress to respond in this lawful manner. They ignored him and allowed our military to begin launching attacks on Afghanistan without a declaration of war.

Like many other citizens in this country, I'm sure he is aware that this sort of unlawful use of the military during peacetime has been taking place since as far back as post-World War II. And that it is this kind of militaristic foreign policy which has lifted U.S. to the top of the enemy list for many countries.

Ron Paul would definitely be an excellent guest on Washington Journal. Tim Burnett Denton, Texas



Gay Eaton, PHS 2002 graduate, recently joined the U.S. Navy to serve in the Seaman Apprenticeship program. He will enter Naval Basic Training July 24. Gary is the son of Gary G. Eaton and Silvia Cruz.



Brandon Massey, PHS 2002 graduate, recently joined the U.S. Navy to serve in the Fireman Apprenticeship program. He will enter Naval Basic Training July 24.

### Garrett Ranch joins American Angus Assoc.

Pat Garrett Ranch in Southland is a new member of the American Angus Association, according to John Crouch, executive vice president of the National Breed Registry Organization in St. Joseph, Missouri. The American Angus Association, with more than 35,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on more than 14 million registered Angus.

The association records ancestral information and keeps production records on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association.

Most of these registered Angus are used by U.S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for American consumers.

Nowadays people know the price of everything and the value of nothing. —Oscar Wilde

### Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

### Golf Tournament supports South Plains 4-H Activities

The South Plains 4-H program will host a one-day gold tournament at the Plainview Country Club. The tournament is open to anyone wishing to play golf. The format for the tournament will be a four-person scramble. Individuals are welcome. The entry fee is \$50 per person (\$200 per team). The field is limited to 96 golfers (24 teams). Entries are due August 5. Your entry fee covers the green fee, cart rental, mulligans, lunch, beverages, and all the fun you can have.

Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th teams. The tournament will include individual prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, the shortest drive used and door prizes. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. There will be a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Sign up at the County Extension Office prior to August 5th. (495-4400)

The golf tournament supports two important South Plains 4-H activities. The Bob Benson Memorial 4-H Scholarship - Bob Benson was a longtime county agent in the South Plains 4-H District 2 (Hale County). Bob lost his battle with cancer in August, 1999, and a memorial educational scholarship was developed in Bob's name for South Plains 4-H members.

Fifty percent of the proceeds will be used to fund the scholarship. Fifty percent of the proceeds will be used for The 4-H EXCELL Scholarship, a travel fund for South Plains 4-H members who have qualified for National 4-H activities. EXCELL stands for EXperience, Citizenship, and Examples for Lifetime Leadership.

Garden Checklist for July-August, 2002

- \* Check plants for mulch. Replace or add when needed.
- \* Keep close check on recently set out plants. Inadequate root systems and drought can be damaging. Plants injured by last winter's cold should not be allowed to suffer drought stress.
- \* Sow seeds of the following annuals for late summer and fall flowering: marigold, zinnia, periwinkle, petunia, cosmos, portulaca, ageratum. Transplants, available from your nursery or garden center, will usually provide faster color.

- \* To keep hanging baskets looking attractive, soak them in a tub of water every few days in addition to the regular daily watering. This is also a good time to fertilize baskets by incorporating water-soluble fertilizer into the water every 3 to 4 weeks.

- \* Divide spring and early summer perennials - including daffodils, daylilies, iris, etc., and replant the best clumps. Discard the diseased or damaged material and share any surplus with friends.

- \* Don't forget to water large leaved plants like hydrangeas, coleus, caladiums, and chrysanthemums. Even in shade, the hot, dry wind can soon deplete the soil of moisture where these plants are grown.

- \* Bluebonnet seeds should be ordered this month so you will be ready to plant in August and September.
- \* If you have planted copper plants for fall color, be sure to pinch out the tips of the branches to encourage branching and develop bushy, compact plants.

- \* Gladiolus corms can be dug, cured, and stored as soon as the foliage turns brown.
- \* Many spring flowering shrubs will be forming flower buds in late July and August. Drought conditions can reduce both the quantity and quality of spring flowers. This is true of azaleas, camellias, peaches, pears, forsythias, and other similar plants. Don't allow them to suffer drought stress at this critical time.

- \* Clean up iris beds and thin out clumps if crowded. They can be transplanted and divided anytime from late July to October.

- \* The care you give your rose garden in July and August will determine both the quality and the quantity of flowers you will have in late September and October. Adequate moisture and an application of nitrogen fertilizer in late July will be beneficial.

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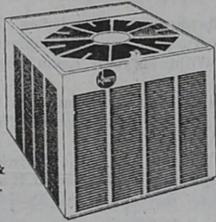
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