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Snyder man charged in local break-in burglary

by Wes Burnett
 Lubbock police arrested Joe Lewis Fuentes of Scurry County on Thursday, August 15, solving a stolen pickup truck case in Snyder and a break-in burglary at the Post Beverage Barn here.
 Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke reported that Fuentes and two Scurry County teenage boys were involved in the two crimes. "We're going to present evidence to the district attorney this week," Ratke said, "and they will face charges here on the burglary."
 The three are being held by Scurry County authorities.
 Ratke said that 95 percent of the stolen merchandise at the Post Beverage Barn had been recovered. "The two youth made a voluntary statement," Ratke added, "and the merchandise was found." All but some beer was recovered of the \$463.12 value of merchan-

dise stolen, including cigarettes, beer and stereo equipment. "They apparently broke into the north side of the building, causing some damage," the Sheriff added. "I want to express our appreciation to Deputy Melvin Britton for the extra time he put into this case, working on his own time."
 "I was very pleased with the help the Sheriff's department gave us," Post Beverage Barn owner and operator Krisha Bush said. "I'm glad this is over."
 The Lubbock police pulled over the truck at about 1:30 p.m. August 15 on South Loop 289, based on a stolen vehicle report by Scurry County. After the Lubbock police notified Scurry County, officials there called Garza County, having been informed earlier about the burglary here.

City sprays to control mosquito outbreak

The City of Post has sprayed the city twice in the past several weeks in an attempt to eradicate disease bearing mosquitoes. Additional spraying has been conducted around South Lake and other areas where stagnant water is present.
 Officials are encouraging property owners to mow high weeds or grass, favorite breeding ground for mosquitoes.
 Land owners are also encouraged to empty stagnant water in outside puddles and bowls, vases, buckets, hubcaps and other containers which could hold water where mosquitoes continue to multiply.

Top talent at KPOS Colgate Country Showdown Saturday

The stage is set for Saturday night's big Colgate Country Showdown at the Garza Theatre, with 14 professional acts competing for the prestigious first place award on the way to the \$100,000 national prize and trip to Nashville, Tenn.
 Hosted again this year by KPOS Radio, the event is part of a national country music talent show and begins at 7 p.m. "The rehearsal last Sunday evening made me realize how tough it's going to be on our judges," KPOS Radio managing director Wes Burnett emphasized. "I was simply stunned by the quality of tal-

ent signed up for our show." As of Tuesday afternoon only 75 seats remain unclaimed at the theatre, "If you like country music, you better call the box office right now," Burnett added, "we only have 204 seats and like last year, this is going to be a sell-out." The Garza Theatre box office may be reached at 495-4005.
 Contestants for the show include Jose Ladinos and Vance Guthrie of Post; Bailey Boyd, Idalou; Rachel Cave of Snyder; Priscila Fulcher, Bangs; Paul Aaron Hughes, Lubbock; Debbie Nelson, Lubbock; Raelin Ogle, Tahoka; Summer Raye of

Muleshoe; Jeff Stacey, Lubbock; Karla Todd, Lubbock; Dave Turner, Lubbock; Junior Vasquez, Shallowater and the duet "When Boy Meets Girl" Danielle Powers of Borger and Barry Alan Bruce of Pampa.
 The popular band "The Classics" will provide backup music for the contestants. Cathy

Whitten, formerly of Post, will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies. Winner of the KPOS Radio Colgate Country Showdown will advance to the West Texas Regional in Abilene on September 7 at the Taylor County Expo Center. The winner of the state final will advance to national regional
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State Award
 Meg Nelson is congratulated by Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby on the recent state award to Nelson in recognition of her contributions to safety programs for Garza County.

Garza County nets \$35,381 in July highway fines

by Wes Burnett
 The highway traffic fund in Garza County has added \$35,381.57 to state and county funding according to reports of the two Justices of the Peace courts for July. The fund raising program, operated by county and state agents, takes advantage of travel victims who violate state commercial transportation codes.
 JP Court 1 reported \$18,875.2 in July with JP Court 2 showing \$16,506.37 for the same month.
 State and county code enforcement officers are "just doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, although that code is limited to regulating commercial transportation. What was sold to the public in the 1920s for "safe" roads, is now a huge money-making machine for corporate governments.
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Terry Bartlett (second from right), interim EMS administrator, accepts a check from youth leaders on behalf of the City/County EMS. Joining in the ceremony were (left to right) Lynn Williams, Mike Hensley, Betty Posey, Bartlett and Rodney Tidwell.

Baptist, Methodist youth earn funds for local EMS

Youths from local churches teamed up for a fundraising car wash Aug. 10 to raise money for the local ambulance service.
 A total of \$462.16 was raised and donated to the service, according to Pixie Grisham, mission coordinator for the Methodist youth workers.
 Methodist youth workers included Langly Couch, Mariah Couch, Bailey Odum, Jerrad Grisham, Claire Kirkpatrick, Christin Collier, Gentry Creech, Kyle Gunn, Jarrett Vickers, Marlee Plummer, Mark McCallister and Coby Jones.
 Mike Hensley serves as the group's youth director.
 Baptist youth workers included Lisa Soto, Christy Soto, Jonathon McGregor, Jackie Hays, Eric Reyna, Allen Heckaman, Dionn Heckaman, Breann Heckaman, Paige Bullard, Cody Bullard, Blake Nichols, Garrett Chapman, Courtney Copeland, Colt Mason and Brenna Postell.
 Lynn Williams is the youth director for the Baptist group.

'Showtunes at Garza Friday

"A Night of Show Tunes," directed by Jay Young, will be featured in a single performance at the Garza Theatre Friday evening.
 Tickets will be \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12.
 The following weekend, "Scotland Road" will fill the stage at the Garza. Under the direction of Mitchell Britton, the play will feature performances by Kelsey Wimmer, Young, Anna Wilson and several others.
 Seven performances of "Scotland" are scheduled, including Aug. 30 and 31, Sept. 1, 6, 7, 13 and 14.
 Curtain times will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and the Sunday matinee is set for 2:30 p.m.
 For more information, call the theatre at 495-4005.

Dr Bain announces retirement

Special meeting set for Post ISD
 A called meeting of the Post Independent School District will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, in the district's administration building.
 Trustees will consider employing a superintendent search consultant to replace Dr. Bobby Bain, who will be retiring at the close of the current school year.



Post EMS volunteers and youth from the First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church celebrate the youth car wash to benefit the local EMS. Participating in the event were (back row, left to right) Rodney Tidwell, Lynn Williams, Christy Soto, Allen Heckaman, Betty Posey, Pixie Grisham, Mike Hensley, Mariah Couch, (front row) Claire Kirkpatrick, Marlee Plummer, Gentry Creech, D'Aun Heckaman, Christin Collier, Lisa Soto and Briann Heckaman.

Post Notes

- Post Elementary open house Tuesday**
 The Post Elementary School will hold an open house Tuesday, August 27 from 6 to 7 p.m. Parents are encouraged to visit the school and teachers of their children.
- Firemen help "Jerry's Kids"**
 Post Volunteer Fire Department firemen will be at Town and Country Saturday with the annual "Fill the Boot" campaign to assist the Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) "Jerry's Kids" fund raising event. Firemen will assist at the gas pumps from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and return at 5 p.m.
- KPOS 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.
- Can Food Drive August 28**
 The Garza County Victims' Assistance Program will host a Can Food Drive Wednesday, August 28. Plastic sacks will be left at residences to be filled with various types of canned foods and staples (salt, pepper etc). Bags will need to be left on doorsteps to be picked up the afternoon of Wednesday, September 4. Call 495-2479 for more details.
- United Way host Shane Rogers concert**
 Shane Rogers and The Texas Roadhouse Band will be featured at a special Garza County United Way fund raising event Saturday, August 31 at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena beginning at 9 p.m. Fans are encouraged to bring their coolers and lawn chairs.
- Church collects shoes for orphans**
 The First United Methodist Church, in cooperation with Free 107 Radio and Buckner's Children's Home is collecting children sized shoes for the "Shoes for Orphan Souls." The shoes will be distributed to orphanages in Russia, China, Romania and Kenya. Donations may be taken to the church office. Coupons redeemable at Chick-fil-A and Great American Cookie will be given to those who donate shoes for the event.
- Spiritual Series at Post Church of Christ**
 Each Wednesday in August the Post Church of Christ is hosting a series of spiritually uplifting lessons from the book of Philippians. Sessions begin at 7 p.m. Speakers for this series are Joe Keyes of Crosbyton, David Hooten and ron Bontrager of Lubbock and Mark Hackett of Lamesa. The church is located at 108 N. Avenue M, the public is invited. For more information call 495-2326 or 495-0887.
- Post Bold Gold Antelope football**
 KPOS Radio and The Post Dispatch are offering a combination advertising and promotion package for the 2002 Post Bold Gold Antelope football season. The promotion begins Thursday, August 29 and includes live, play-by-play action for every game throughout the season on KPOS Radio and a full page every week in The Post Dispatch. A video tape of the games will be aired Saturdays and Sundays on Classic Cable Channel 12, with times to be announced next week. Call Kerri Dean at 495-2816 to reserve advertising for this popular promotion.

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Erica Schooler and Ryan Curry celebrate double-ring wedding

Erica Jenae Schooler and Ryan Douglas Curry exchanged wedding vows Saturday evening, July 27, 2002, in the Post Church of Christ with Paul D. Jones of Wharton officiating the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Schooler of Post and Dr. and Mrs. Zane Curry of Tahoka.

Soft candlelight filled the church, which featured four greenery-wrapped candelabrum at the front. An antique lace cutwork tablecloth created by the bride's great grandmother, the late Leona Mickey, held the unity candle. A vase of assorted flowers and greenery stood on pillars on either side of the table, and a heart-shaped dried floral arrangement hung above, flanked by rows of votive candles. The aisles were marked with white bows and white, lilac and periwinkle ribbons, and the walls were draped at the top with sheer glitter white and lilac gossamer. Twinkle lights and greenery were entwined in an archway used in the ceremony.

Matta Tyler of Post provided the wedding music, and Ross Aten, also of Post, coordinated additional musica arrangements.

The groom escorted his mother and the bride's grandmother, Thema Josey, was escorted by her grandson, Jeremy Josey. Special guests included Jenny Schooler, the bride's grandmother; Jackie Turner, the groom's great-grandmother; and Mr. and Mrs. Don Turner, the groom's grandparents.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose for her wedding a petal white two-piece gown created by designer Carole Hai. The strapless satin bodice was covered in organza and embroidered with lace flowerlets, pearls and sequins. The edges of the top were lined with rows of pearls and clear beading. The long satin bouffant skirt and cathedral-length train were spotted at the top with appliques of lace and pearl flowerlets and vines, a pattern that became more frequent toward the bottom of the skirt. The hemline of the skirt and train were scalloped, with pearl beading lining the edge.

The bride's veil was a shoulder-length pearl-and-bead tiara with matching lace pearl flowerlets sprinkled on the netting. She wore matching satin and sequin shoes. The bride wore long white gloves and carried a nosegay of white roses.

For something old, the bride carried her late great-grandmother's handkerchief. For something new, she wore a pair of pearl-and-diamond earrings given to her by her parents. For something borrowed, she wore a gold wedding ring that belonged to her late grandfather, Lester Josey. And for something blue, she wore a garter made by her late Merle Schooler, the bride's great-grandmother.

Monica Davis, the bride's sister, served as matron of honor. Maid of honor was Mandy Terry of Lubbock. Bridesmaids were Kenda Josey of Post and Jennifer Josey of Lubbock, both cousins of the bride, and Rebekah Curry of Lubbock and Rachel Lehman of Tahoka, both sisters of the groom.

The bride's attendants wore long, full-length lilacsleeveless dresses from the Millennium Collection 2000 Betsy & Adam by Jaslene. They carried bouquets of lilac and baby's breath. Each bouquet was centered by a glass votive candle.

Flower girls were Kaitlyn Lehman of Tahoka, Macy and Sydney Roberts of Lubbock and Anna and Abby Schooler of Grapevine. Ringbearer was Curry Lehman of Tahoka, who carried the pillow used in the wedding of the bride's parents 27 years ago.

Candlelighters were Donae Dalby and Jay Josey, both of Post.

Zane Curry, the groom's father, served as his son's best man. Groomsmen were Bruce Lehman of Tahoka, C.J. Sims of Post, Justin Antu, Shiloh Braddock and Matt Sanders, all of Lubbock.



Mrs. Ryan Curry

The groom wore a classic tuxedo with a lilac tie. The groomsmen wore black tuxedos with button collars.

Ushers were Jeremy Josey, Jeremy Davis, Brandt Stephenson and Jordan Roberts.

Guests were registered by Amy Pennell, and programs were distributed by Tatum Gunn of Lamesa. Wedding coordinators were Diane and Patti Josey. Video cameramen were Jeremy Davis and Tommy Henderson.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Post Community Center. Tables were decorated with lilac and white tablecloths, candles, greenery, flowers, confetti, white balloons and netting.

The bridesmaids entered the reception on the arms of the groomsmen, followed by the newlyweds. Music was provided by Tommy Duncan of Lubbock.

Serving at the bride's table were Camie Payne of Lubbock and Kelci Brock of Abilene. A white, three-tiered cake covered with angels and lilac flowers and topped with a Circle of Love cake topper was served. Mints, nuts, candy, fruit dip and water also were served. Punch was served from an antique punch bowl that belonged to the bride's late great-grandmother, Merle Schooler.

The groom's table served chocolate cake with strawberries, nuts, candy and coffee. Servers included Tatum Gunn and Donae Dalby.

Helping with the tables were Joyce Tatum, Loyce Phillips, Elsie Wright, Loretta Josey, Tinker Paley, Theona Josey, Diane Josey and Don Tatum. Clean-up crew at the church included Jodi Whisenhunt, Roy Josey and Don Tatum. Everyone pitched in to help clean up at the community center.

Following a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Lubbock while attending college.

Pre-wedding Celebrations
A bridal shower for Miss Schooler was held in the Church of Christ reception hall. The bride's colors, lilac and periwinkle, were carried out in the décor, and punch and cookies were served. Greeting guests were the honoree, her parents and the groom-to-

be's mother. Hostesses included Mmes. Becky Sturgeon, Fern Jones, Jeanne Sweet, Mary Windham, Teresia Williams, Marianne Hart, Shawanna Ward, Jody and Josie Whisenhunt, Patsy Sanderson, Mary Gist, Dorothy McCook, Linda Richardson, Debbie Mason, Bessie Strawn, Matta Tyler, Dana Babb, Melinda Mason, JoAnn Stelzer, Judy Bush and LuAnne Terry.

The bride-elect was also given a bridal shower in the home of Arlene Spearman of Tahoka. Assorted fruits, nuts, dips, cake and punch were served. Special guests included Dana Curry of Tahoka, Ouida Turner of O'Donnell, Jackie Turner of O'Donnell, the mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of the groom-to-be, Karla Schooler, Theona Josey, both of Post, and the mother and grandmother of the bride-elect. Hostesses for the event included Donna Stone, Arlene Spearman, Philena Farmer, Sheri McCord, Charlie Tikell, Mary Mahurin, Pat Williams, Pam Barker, Leah Taylor, Barbara Jaquess, Judy Sanders, Jerry Banks, Karen Kelln and Tina Sims. The hostess gift was a vacuum cleaner.

A double lingerie shower was given for the bride-elect by Kelci Hart and Erica Schooler in the home of Mrs. Don Payne of Lubbock. Finger sandwiches, fruit, dips and cookies were served. Hostesses for the event were Mandy and LuAnne Terry of Post and Camie and Carol Payne of Lubbock.

A brunch/lingerie shower was held in Tahoka for the bride-elect in the home of Mrs. Bruce Lehman. Fruit pizza, sausage balls, pastries and punch were served. Hostesses were Rebekah Curry and Rachel Lehman.

A bridesmaid luncheon was held in the home of Mrs. Don Tatum. China, crystal and silver appointments were used, and floral arrangements and candles in the bride's chosen colors decorated the tables. Hostesses were Mendy Dalby and Joyce Tatum. Decorations were handled by Josie Whisenhunt and K'Nell Dalby.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, and dinner was served in the Garden Room at Chappa's Restaurant. Following the meal, the couple presented their wedding attendants with gifts.

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Achievement Banquet
Garza County 4-H'ers will be honored at the Achievement Banquet Tuesday, August 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Post Community Center. RSVP by calling 495-4400. Banquet decorating will be Monday, August 26, at 4:00 p.m. with Program Practice immediately following.

Clothing Project
There will be a county-wide Clothing Workshop on Thursday, August 22, at the Extension office beginning at 4:30 p.m. Anyone who has not signed up for the project but is interested please call 495-4400.

Cattle/Wheat/Horse ID Seminar
There will be a Stocker Cattle/Wheat Production and Horse I.D. Seminar Wednesday, August 28 at the Fluvanna Community Center. Registration begins at 8:45, program at 9:00 and Noon meal at 12:00 p.m.

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Kathy Gerner, Marcus Wall exchange wedding vows



Mrs. Marcus Wall

Kathy Gerner and Marcus Wall were united in marriage in a 4 p.m. ceremony held Aug. 17, 2002, at the First Baptist Church in Post with Bryant Dean, the grandfather of the groom, officiating the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gerald and Helen Gerner of Post. The groom is the son of Gary and Julia Wall of The Woodlands.

Numerous candles filled the church, which was decorated with

navy and silver accents. A large fresh flower arrangement adorned the stage.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white A-line spaghetti strap dress made of satin. The gown featured an organza overlay adorned with Schiffler lace, pearls and other beads. The bridal bouquet contained white roses and lilies.

Tamra Gerner of Burleson served as her sister's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Stacy Brim of

Dallas, Kelley Warren and Tara Powell, both of Houston, Sonda McGowan of Cross Plains and Nancy Vo of Andrews.

The bride's attendants wore elegant two-piece navy dresses and carried bouquets filled with an assortment of bright-colored flowers, including yellow and orange lilies and Tropicana roses.

Flower girl was Audrey Pybur of Lubbock.

Michael Wall of The Woodlands, the groom's twin brother, served as best man, as did Chris Wall, also a brother of the groom. Groomsman were Alan Meers, David Wall and Davey Boswell, all of Houston, Eric Phelps of Abilene and Brad Stowers of Friona, a cousin of the bride.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a silver and black vest and tie.

Ushers were Karl Gerner of Slaton, the bride's brother, and Kris Drake of Dallas. The two also served as candlelighters.

Various Christian love and worship songs were featured during the ceremony.

Following the wedding, the reception followed in the Post Community Center. The building was decorated with navy blue and silver candles and flowers.

members of the house party included Missy Gerner, Melissa Wall, Meaghan Vinson, Jennifer Mabe and Beth Scheckel.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will be at home in Lubbock.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the groom's parents at the County Line Restaurant in Lubbock.

The bride, a 1998 graduate of Post High School, attended Texas Tech University where she received a BBA in finance. She is employed by Spirit Chrysler Jeep in Lubbock.

The groom graduated from Cypress Creek High School in Houston in 1997. He earned a BBA in finance/economics at Tech and is employed by City Bank of Lubbock.

NARFE program on EMS

by Delphine E. Maxey
The National Association of Federal Employees met at Mickie's Steak House in Lubbock Aug. 7.

President Don Crossland presided.

Legislative chairman Harnald Lines explained the rider process. When Congress or the Senate pass legislation, members often attach riders to the bills that have no connection to the subject of the bill. It

is one way of getting "pork" passed that the member was unable to get approved. Often times, these riders may cause your congressman or senator to vote against the legislation because of the riders.

Lubbock County EMS paramedic and public education coordinator Taylor Ratliff and Jim Burton, EMS dispatcher, gave a very interesting and informative program on the work they do.

Day care center survey opens

My Special Place Day Care is in the process of conducting a survey to determine if additional hours are needed to best serve local families.

The survey asks parents if day care services are needed starting at 5:45 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Local residents are asked to call 495-3446 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. with their response.

"We hope to have a tally by the end of the month to see if these services are needed," said Alicia Garcia, director of the facility.

My Special Place's objective is to develop the whole child - spiritually, socially, physically, emotionally and intellectually through active learning. Teachers integrate themes into "hands-on" learning experiences by focusing on activities that are developmentally appropriate to ensure the best educational program for the child.



D.E. (Whitey) and Nell Morris will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, August 24. The event is hosted by their children Dewayne Morris of Post, Kathie Nelson of Fort Worth, Cynthia Colvin of Post, Sherri Davis of Wolforth and Judy North of Rice. Whitey and Nell were married August 23, 1952 in Levelland. They have 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild. The celebration will be at Wells Fargo Bank Room 2-4 p.m.

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Obituaries

Dan Lamb

Services for Dan Lamb, 63, of Post were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Syl Moore officiating, assisted by the Rev. Keith Cooper. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Friday, Aug. 16, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Nov. 30, 1938, in Siston, Texas, he was a graduate of Wilson High School and attended Texas Tech for two years. He worked at the Postex Cotton Mill for many years and was a supervisor in the sewing and cutting room. He also worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier. He married Kay Martin March 5, 1961, in Post. She died Aug. 5, 1991.

Survivors include two sons, Gary of Lubbock and Jeffrey of Magolia; his father and stepmother, Robert and Dorothy Lamb of Wolforth; one sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Bill Baker of Lubbock; two brothers-in-law, Richard Claton of Round Rock and W.O. Fluitt of Post; three grandsons, Joshua Lamb and Jacob Lamb of Magolia and Landon Lamb of Lubbock; two granddaughters, Kayla Reed of Magolia and Courtney Lamb of Lubbock. He was preceded in death by a sister, Doris Clayton, in 2000.

TDH issues hantavirus alert

The Texas Department of Health has confirmed that a resident of the Texas Panhandle died earlier this month from hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, or HPS.

The man, who was in his late 30s, resided just south of the Texas/Oklahoma state line. The case was originally investigated as an Oklahoma case; however, the Texas Department of Health has received the Oklahoma Health Department's investigation results and jointly conducted the environmental assessment.

In November, a 17-year-old female who lived in Oklahoma just a few miles north of the most recent Texas case died of HPS.

The death this month marks the third confirmed case of HPS in Texas this year. The previous cases occurred in February and April. Both were South Plains residents and both cases proved fatal.

Since 1993, 19 Texans have been confirmed as having HPS. Eight of

the cases, or 42 percent, have resulted in death.

People may become exposed to the virus that causes HPS when dust contaminated by rodent droppings and urine is disturbed. This usually occurs during cleaning, but may happen at any time that humans and rodents co-exist.

If rodents have been present in an enclosed space that is to be cleaned, wear rubber gloves, eye protection and a good quality mask to prevent inhaling contaminated dust, according to Texas Department of Health officials.

Prior to initiating the cleaning process, open any windows and doors in the room to allow the air to circulate through the room. Spray the area with a solution of one part bleach to nine parts of water or another disinfectant that will kill viruses.

If rodent carcasses or nest materials are found, spray then with the disinfectant, too. Allow the disinfectant to remain on all surfaces

for a minimum of 30 minutes.

To keep the dust at a minimum, spray the disinfectant a second time just prior to beginning the cleaning process and before removing any nesting material or carcasses.

Steps should be taken to prevent rodents from entering living quarters. Sealing holes in exterior walls and floors and removing brush, woodpiles

and debris from around houses will reduce the risk of rodents entering a house. Keeping pet food in sealed containers and cleaning up any that is spilled also can be beneficial.

If an individual develops flu-like symptoms after being in a rodent-infested area, a physician should be contacted immediately and the possibility of HPS should be evaluated.

KPOS Radio

Post Devotional Page

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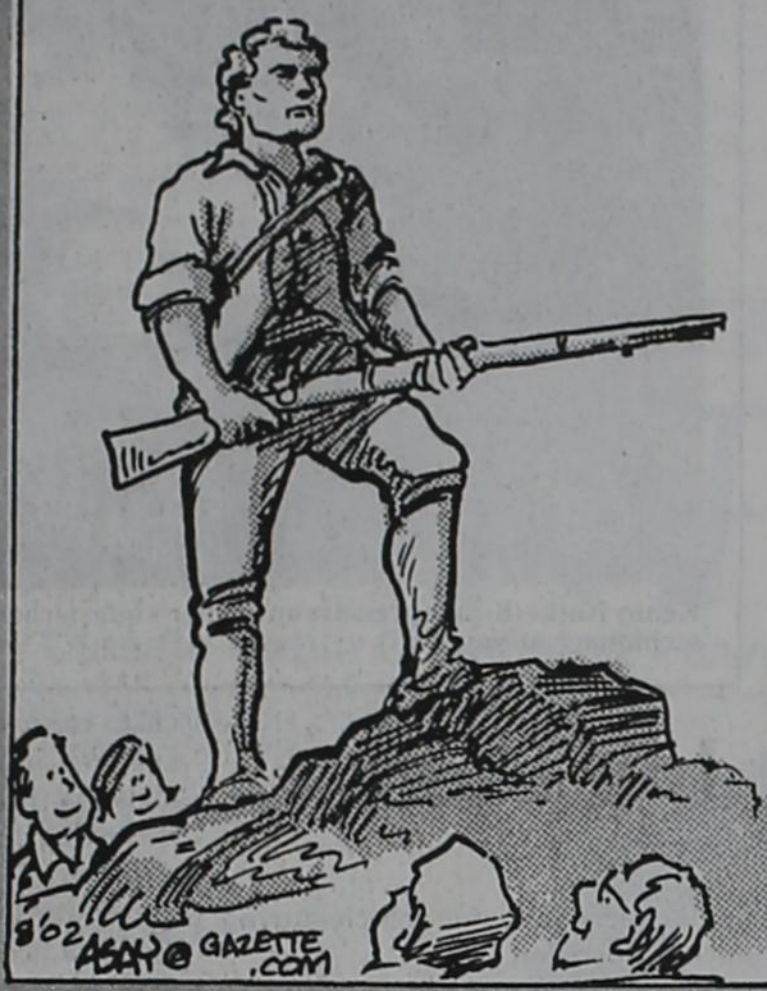
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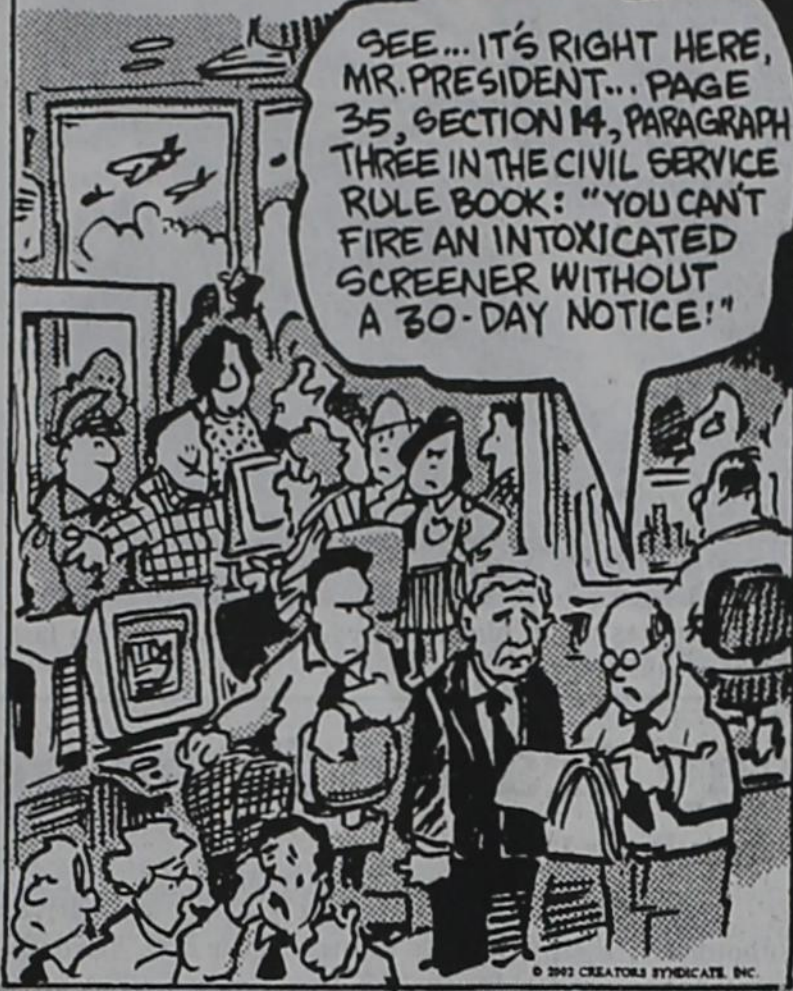
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The important role of news media in child abuse cases

by Sheri Lewis

A letter to the editor in last week's Post Dispatch ("News gets old," Aug. 15) indicated that the writer is "sick of hearing about child pornography, pedophiles, child abductions," sexual assaults and other crimes against children. Many would agree. But the writer's attempt to fault the news media for distributing information on these crimes is disturbing.

Journalists should be applauded for finally spotlighting some of our nation's ugliest crimes. It's good to see heads being turned toward problems that have long plagued our society. Sure, some media outlets are undoubtedly covering child-related crimes for self-serving reasons — to boost ratings or circulation figures — but the result remains the same: Americans are being forced to face the fact that we, as a nation, are failing at keeping our children safe.

The subject of child abuse and abduction is terribly unsettling. Who wants to read about such crimes, so heinous and destructive, being committed against the smallest and most defenseless members of our society? The stories are disgusting, heart wrenching and, sadly, much too frequent.

Crimes against children are unfathomable — something we all know occurs, but only to someone else, somewhere else. But that "someone else, somewhere else" theory was shattered in Post a few weeks ago when a local boy was abducted. Thankfully, his frightening experience had a happy ending; however, not all families are so fortunate.

Blaming the media for fueling crimes against children is a bit far-fetched. It's hard to believe any pedophile is compelled to continue his disgusting activities merely to gain notoriety. Or that a child abductor would take the time to surf news broadcasts just to catch a glimpse of herself as depicted through the eyes of a police sketch artist.

Last week's letter suggested that "if the media would keep such acts at a very low profile... and quit giving the idiots free advertisement," the number of crimes against children would drop. Surely this doesn't suggest that the mere mention of such crimes provides would-be criminals with ideas they had never before considered.

For far too long, our nation has looked the other way, cloaking and locking away the skeletons of crimes against children. And the American media, a mirror of our society, has remained largely quiet in its coverage of such crimes. Why? Because no one wants to read about the violence and exploitation thousands of our children suffer each year. Instead, we all tend to ignore the problem, hoping it will go away.

But it hasn't. And it won't. Statistics profiling crimes against children show the numbers of youths victimized annually continue to climb. Recent figures suggest that one in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before his or her 16th birthday, according to information from the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Web site.

Mull that over the next time you drive past a school playground or see a group of neighborhood children playing down the street.

This mother is happy to see broadcasts on safeguarding children from would-be abductors. To read how local, state and federal agencies are strengthening their efforts to keep tabs on convicted pedophiles. To know that if, God forbid, my child was abducted, the media would be quick to get the word out, empowering thousands to step in and help in the search.

This mother, who is also a journalist, firmly believes that public outrage is the key to making our society safer for children. An outcry led by outraged voters could lead to stronger laws and stiffer penalties for individuals convicted of crimes against our youngsters. Isn't it time we put some teeth in the penalties handed down to those who hurt our children?

Thank goodness someone is finally sounding the alarm. Now it's our time to respond.

FFF Thoughts for the Week

"I have said that the Declaration of Independence is the ring-bolt to the chain of your nation's destiny; so, indeed, I regard it. The principles contained in that instrument are saving principles. Stand by those principles, be true to them on all occasions, in all places, against all foes, and at whatever cost."—Frederick Douglass

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 "War involves in its progress such a train of unforeseen and unopposed circumstances that no human wisdom can calculate the end. It has but one thing certain, and that is to increase taxes."—Thomas Paine, *Prospects on the Rubicon* [1787] "It is the highest impertinence and presumption, therefore, in kings and ministers to pretend to watch over the economy of private people, and to restrain their expense. ... They are themselves always, and without any exception, the greatest spendthrifts in society. Let them look well after their own expense, and they may safely trust private people with theirs."—Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations* [1776]

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America, a sissified nation

by Walter E. Williams

Benjamin Franklin warned, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

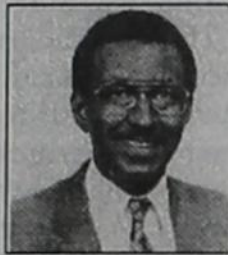
But that's what the Bush administration and Congress have asked of Americans — to give up essential liberty for safety that's not even guaranteed. By not being fully appreciative of the fact that it's Washington, not Osama bin Laden, that represents the greatest threat to both liberty and security, we've gone along with the agenda. Let's look at it.

Before the fall of the Berlin Wall, the communist government of East Germany had an extensive network of informers and spies who reported to the Stasi, the secret police. The Stasi was a carryover from Heinrich Himmler's feared secret police, the Gestapo. You say, "Williams, are you suggesting that there are Americans who want our government to create a network of informants and spies?"

That's precisely what President Bush called for — hundreds of millions of dollars to devise innovative ways to spy on Americans. He called his agenda the Terrorism Information Program (TIP), where electric utility, telephone repairmen and others having access to our homes and offices would report "suspicious" activities.

Had former President Clinton made the same proposal, conservatives would have greeted it with open outrage — but since it's Bush, shoulder-shrugging indifference carried the day. Americans have bought into the most massive government growth since the LBJ days and the attack on our liberties out of the mistaken belief that there's a tradeoff between liberty and security.

We're willing to permit government to take away our ability to move about freely, take away our personal privacy, and number and process us — all in the name of security against terrorist attacks. No matter how much of our liberty Washington takes away in the name of security, there are no guarantees that there won't be another



terrorist attack.

Instead of attacking American liberties, the government ought to go after terrorists in their countries of origin. It should be like what our military attempted during WWII. Don't wait to defend ships against the kamikaze — bomb the fields where they take off. We know the countries who sponsor, support and harbor terrorists.

They are Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Libya, North Korea and a few others. The president should put these countries on credible notice that should United States suffer a terrorist attack and our intelligence discovers that, say, Saudi Arabia financed, assisted or harbored the terrorists, there would be a massive military retaliation that would not exclude nuclear weapons.

You say, "Would our European allies or the United Nations support such an action?" I say ignore our European allies and the United Nations. Their vision of foreign policy is talk and appeasement of tyrants, a vision that allowed Adolf Hitler to nearly conquer Europe. If Ronald Reagan had listened to our European allies and the U.N., instead of the evil empire collapsing, Europe might be a U.S.S.R. satellite by now.

You say, "Williams, you sound like a warmonger!"

No, I'm not. But neither am I willing to wait until a chemical or bacteriological attack kills millions of Americans or a "dirty bomb" makes one of our cities uninhabitable for 100 years before there's an effective response to nations who harbor terrorists. I detest the initiation of force, but if I see someone building a cannon aimed at my house, I'm not going to wait for him to fire it.

I would eliminate him and anyone else in his house before he gets a chance to fire it. But then again, I'm not a member of America's sissified generation.

To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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Feeling a draft?

by Sheldon Richman

Most people may have long forgotten it, but American males who turn 18 are still compelled to register with the Selective Service System. Failure to do so carries a penalty of up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. What's more, states have enacted laws barring nonregistrants from getting driver's licenses.

In the wake of Fourth of July celebrations, is anyone bothered by this? At the moment there is no military draft. Thank goodness. The draft is slavery — temporary, but slavery nonetheless. It was abolished in the latter years of the Vietnam War, primarily to relieve public pressure against the war. A lot of people despised that war as long as they or their sons could be forced to participate.

Once that threat ended, much war opposition dissolved. Suspension of the draft, however, was helped along by a persuasive literature that showed it made no economic or military sense. So the draft was halted, but its machinery, the Selective Service System, remained.

When the Soviets invaded Afghanistan in 1979, President Jimmy Carter made one of those futile gestures presidents like to make: he ordered males to register for a possible future draft. I doubt that it caused the Russians to miss a beat — they stayed in Afghanistan for a decade.

But it legally assaulted the young men of America. It certainly did nothing for military readiness in this country. Ever since registration was imposed, military experts have shown that it is a waste of time and resources. Doug Bandow, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute and a long-time authority on the draft, points out that conscription would actually lower the quality of the military.

As he writes, "Think about it: Is a military healthier if it relies on those who desire to serve and succeed or if it is forced to include those who desire to escape at any price? Draftees have little incentive to train, accept greater responsibility, or reenlist; yet the military must retain them, almost no matter how ill suited they are to military service."

Moreover, the registration rolls are probably worthless. How many men in their 20s have the same address they had at 18? And how many do you suppose have been apprising the government of their changes in address? Of course in a real emergency, registration would be unnecessary because people would eagerly volunteer to defend their homes.

So why do we have draft registration? Politics. No president wanted to risk political capital to get rid of it. Before being elected, President Reagan had condemned the draft as unworthy of a free society. He was right. But he did not end registration, which he could have done by executive order. Apparently he thought it would send the wrong signal to the Russians. (What signal? That we can coerce our citizens as well as they can?)

George Bush didn't end it either — no surprise there. He never spoke of freedom at all, beyond the perfunctory formalisms all presidents are obliged to mouth. Some might have expected President Clinton to scrap registration. After all, Clinton had avoided conscription. For many of his opponents, that was the worst thing he ever did.

But they had Clinton wrong. He opposed only the draft and wars to which he was subject. All others were fine with him. Ironically, given his (unearned) reputation for being anti-military, politically he couldn't afford to end draft registration. Even before September 11, there was never a chance that George W. Bush would eliminate Selective Service.

It probably never occurred to him. So here we are. There is no need for a draft in this era of elite forces and high-tech warfare, and it violates the rights we claim to cherish. Yet the government compels each young man to fill out a card just in case some president finds it necessary to send an even louder message to someone and start up conscription once again.

That's how "democratic" government works. The fact is that 18-year-old males are gratuitously and immorally forced to bend a knee to the government under threat of imprisonment and fine. While this does nothing to protect us, it does much to accustom young Americans to tyranny.

Nice message.
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'Lopes look good at Snyder scrimmage

by Wes Burnett

The season won't open until next Friday for the Post Antelopes, but their offensive display last Saturday at Snyder gave fans a taste of what's in store for opponents.

The offense operated two smooth and efficient scoring drives against a very good Snyder defense. "I thought we got a good start," Antelope head coach Richard Gorman said, "we went up against a very good football team. We have to remember, as I told the players, this was a scrimmage, it'll be different when we line up for that first game."

Gorman said that coaches found some weaknesses that need improvement, but overall were pleased with both the offense and defense. "On defense we had a bit of a problem with the option, but remember, Snyder has one of the best quarterbacks we'll face and he's very talented." The Snyder offense scored twice also.

The Antelope passing game shined, with quarterback Brody Robertson hitting eight of 10 and receiver Jarrett Vickers grabbing most of the passes. The offensive line and running backs executed with precision.

Jon Eilenberger suffered an ankle injury and is expected to be out of action for a couple of weeks, while Steve Rivera was to undergo an MRI on a knee injury.

The team holds its second and final scrimmage Thursday (8/22) here, with the junior varsity squaring off against Stanton at 5 p.m., followed by the varsity at 6:30 p.m.

The 2002 season opens here Friday, August 29 with Denver City, 7:30 p.m. kickoff. Get all the live action on KPOS Radio (97.7 FM in Post) or on the Internet at www.postcityradio.net. A video tape of the football games this year will be aired on Classic Cable Channel 12 on Saturday and Sunday, times to be announced next week.



Post Antelope varsity quarterback Brody Robertson sets up for one of eight completed passes during last Saturday's scrimmage at Snyder.



Noah Gutierrez (left) squares off to block a Snyder defender during last Saturday's scrimmage at Snyder.



Kenny Ratke (8) puts pressure on Snyder's quarterback during last Saturday's scrimmage at Snyder.

Highway traffic fines net big bucks...

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But the question about the lawful nature of the transportation code needs a bit of exploring. The following research is offered for the reader's consideration:

by Timothy W. Burnett

The laws of the land were established in the United States of America and in Texas for the foundational purpose of protecting the life, liberty, and property of the people within. One example of this is traveling. Traveling is a very personal element of life, liberty, and property. Some modes of travel include walking, bicycle, tricycle, motorbike, automobile, horse and carriage, etc. In other situations people prefer paying someone to carry them from one point to another. Or they may pay for their goods to be carried.

These entities paid to carry for another are known as carriers. Carriers use the public highways and roads to transport people and goods in various types of motor vehicles. The question of whether a Driver's License is required in Texas applies both to the traveling public and transportation. And can be answered by a precise study of the Texas Transportation Code.

Before addressing this question, it should be noted that the only right way to interpret the law is to allow it to interpret itself within the letter of the law. Allowing the letter of the law to interpret itself makes it possible for the researcher, juror, and judge to clearly see the correct meaning and scope.

Similar to God's word of grace and salvation, the laws of the land are of no private interpretation. The big difference between God's word and man's word is the author. Unlike God, man is unable to back his word consistently. So the people of this country developed a protective checks and balances system that included justice. They agreed to elect or have appointed certain people who would serve as official interpreters of the laws and related rules.

During the 1950's the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas ruled in various cases that there was no such license known to Texas law as a "driver's license." These official interpreters of the law were in agreement on how the law interpreted itself. In 1953, the Appeals Court gave the opinion that "an information charging the driving of a motor vehicle upon a public highway without a driver's license charges no offense, as

there is no such license as a driver's license known to the law." [Brooks v. State 158 Tex. Crim. 546; May 27, 1953].

A 1951 case appealed the charge of driving a motor vehicle while license was suspended. Judge Woodley gave the following opinion:

"The prosecution appears to have been brought under the provisions of Art. 6687b, Vernon's Ann. Civil Statutes, commonly referred to as the Texas Drivers License Law, Sec. 27 thereof in part providing that no person whose operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's license or privilege to operate a motor vehicle in this state has been suspended

shall operate a motor vehicle during such suspension.

"The information against appellant fails to allege that appellant had been issued either an operator's commercial operator's, or chauffeur's license, or that he drove a motor vehicle while such a license was suspended." [Holloway v. State 155 Tex. Crim. 484; March 7, 1951].

This case indicated that the driver's license was not known to the law and furthermore that the operator's, commercial operator's or chauffeur's license was known to the law. Here Judge Woodley keenly distinguished between what the law did not say, and what it did say.

Mr. Holloway was charged with driving a motor vehicle while "driver's license" was suspended. According to the appeals court, no crime was committed because 1) there was no such license as the "driver's license" known to the law, and 2) the prosecution did not show that he was issued an operator's license.

Later, Judge Mary Lou Robinson presided over a criminal appeals case in which Judge Woodley insisted, "This court has held that there is no such license known to Texas law as a 'driver's license.'" [Callas v. State 167 Tex. Crim. 375 1959].

Under the current Texas legal system, it's a "no-win" situation for most people, except those who wear a corporate badge and those who live off the regular highway revenue producing program.



Kris Hernandez (45) provides downfield blocking for Jett Lott (30) on a big gainer for the Post Antelope varsity during the scrimmage at Snyder last Saturday.



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A multi-county program for farmers and ranchers will be held at the Fluvanna Community Center Wednesday, August 28, 2002. The program will cover wheat production, running stocker cattle and horse identification.

Registration will be from 8:45 to 9:00 a.m. with the program beginning at 9:00 a.m. The program will conclude at 12:00 p.m. when a meal will be served sponsored by Ezell-Key Grain Company and First Ag

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All producers that grow wheat for forage, run stocker cattle or are interested in horse branding or tattooing are encouraged to attend.

The program is as follows: 9:00-9:30 a.m. - Receiving Rations for Stockers, Kent Mills, Ezell-Key Grain Co. 9:30-9:45 a.m. - Risk Management-Beef and Stocker Cattle, Jay Yates and Will Phinizy 9:45-10:15 a.m. - Wheat Varieties for Forage/Planting Dates - Dr. Calvin

Trostle, Texas Cooperative Extension 10:25-11:00 a.m. - Horse I. D. Program (HIP) Freeze and Fire Branding and Tattoo, Alan Thompson and Joe Roberts, T.S.C.R.A. Inspectors 11:00 a.m.-Noon - Receiving Stocker Cattle-Processing, Implanting, Antibiotics, Vaccinations, Dr. Ted McCollum, Texas Cooperative Extension For more information contact Greg Jones, CEA-AG, Garza County, at 495-4400.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service, or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the above number for assistance.

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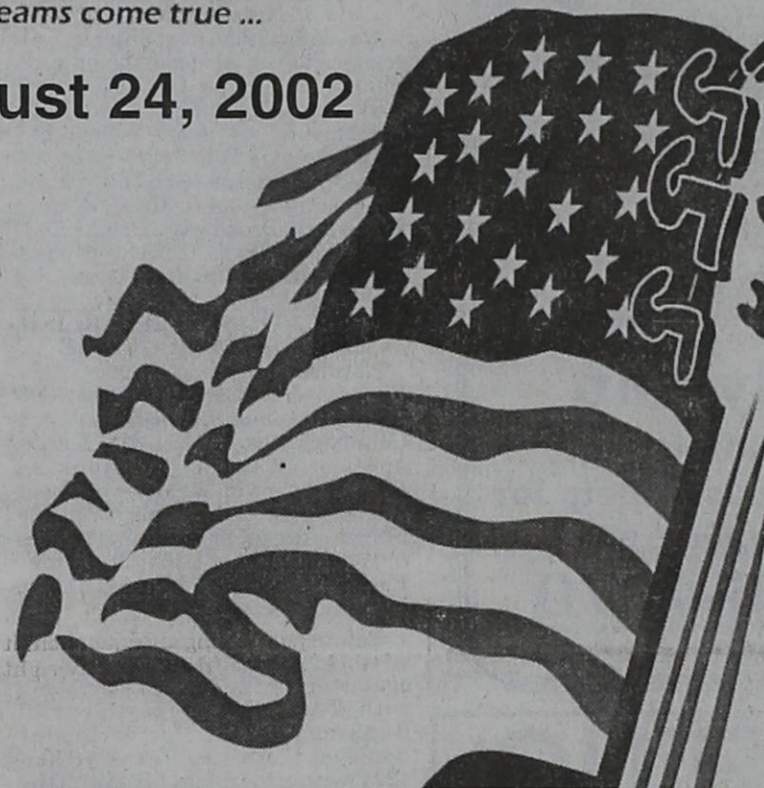
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For all inquiries, please call 806-495-4405.

Notice

The following person has registered with the Garza County Sheriff's Department as a Convicted Sex Offender: Robert Lee McBurney, male, age 44. Convicted of "Indecency with a Child," Victim of a 4-year old female. Mr. McBurney will reside at 235 North Broadway (Deluxe Inn) #115, Post, Texas. Can be seen on DPS web page: <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us>

Notificacion

La siguiente persona se an registrado con el departamento de Sheriff de Garza County. Y sue convicto de una ofensa sexual. Un hombre de 44 anos, Robert Lee McBurney. Sue convicto de "Indecencia con un Nino." La Victima sue una nina 4 anos. Mr. McBurney, 235 North Broadway (Deluxe Inn) #115, Post, Texas. DPS web page: <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us>

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Notification is hereby given that First Bank & Trust Company, 7806 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas 79423, will file an application with the Banking Commissioner of Texas on or about August 19, 2002, to establish a mobile branch office to offer banking services in the Counties of Lubbock, Crosby, Floyd, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn and Terry.

Any person wishing to comment on this application, either for or against, may file written comments with The Texas Department of Banking, 2601 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78705-4294, within fourteen (14) days of the date of this publication. Such comments will be made a part of the record before and considered by The Banking Commissioner. No filing fee is associated with the filing of a comment letter. Any person wishing to formally protest and oppose the proposed branch and participate in the application process may do so by filing a written notice of protest with The Texas Department of Banking, 2601 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78705-4294 within fourteen (14) days of the date of this publication, together with a protest filing fee of \$2,500. The protest fee may be reduced or waived by The Banking Commissioner upon a showing of substantial hardship.

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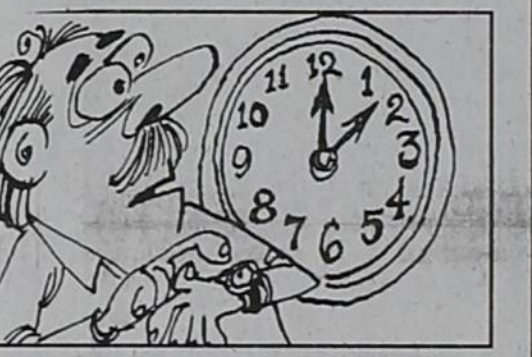
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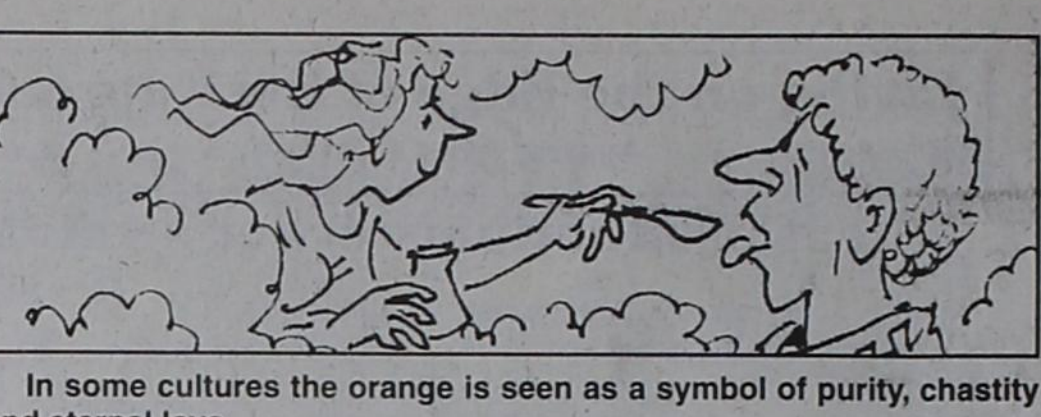
The utility regulators' survey reports Xcel Energy's bill for regular charges to a home using 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month is \$65.66. By contrast, the average Texas bill for charges for the same amount of energy is \$13 higher—a difference of more than \$156 per year.

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Mind their own business

I don't know if I would necessarily say they (city council) should mind their own business, but I would say they could do a better job of taking care of business. Of course the Texas Constitution plainly states that the sheriff is responsible for upholding the law. The 6 digit figure donated to the sheriff department does seem a bit extreme. I wonder if the city council couldn't get a chief and a couple of doughnut eaters a little cheaper? But I suppose its going OK as is. But at a 6 digit figure, are we getting our monies worth? In my opinion, doubling the property tax is totally out of the ball park. Couldn't some of the blowing and going be curtailed, maybe cut a corner here and there. Obviously, its necessary to be getting another source of water coming to Post, and quick. But I wonder if the politicians even took a look at any other alternatives for ways and means to pay for it. Or did they just jump on the first simplest and easiest theory that come along. Post is gonna get the

price of water so high that the bootleggers will be bootleggin' water. Someone should invent powdered water, but then that won't work, we'd still have to have something to mix with it.

It appears to me that the council took no consideration into their minds that we have elderly fixed income people here, we have medium to low income people here, and we have people here that don't have Jack Crap. I think I may be in that category.

Post is wanting to be a thriving metropolis, but how can they (council) expect any outsider to want to move here if they know that taxes may double ever time the council wants something. Whats gonna happen when we need bigger and better poot dissolving system southeast of town, just double the taxes? Whats gonna happen when we have to switch over to a 24 hour a day paid fire department, double the taxes? Whats gonna happen when the new jail construction gets under way, double the taxes?

One thing for sure, our politicians are beginning to really get the hang of how to operate a government... spend about 10 times more than we got!

I wonder if the council is gonna sleep well at night when the elderly folks have to pay their doubles taxes instead of buying medicine? I wonder if the council is gonna sleep really well when they know the poor folks are having to pay their doubles taxes instead of buying food, and, or, clothes for their kids?

As I see it, it is a unnecessary slam to double the taxes, whether we be rich or

poor, just to build a water line that will probably be useless after 10 years. Maybe the phone company could convert it to a fiber optic network, or it could be used to blow kisses to Lubbock.

I heard a story some time ago... A man said he would like to find a job that the starting pay would be a penny per day, double it ever day for 30 days

thereafter... on the 30th day he would be making \$10,737,417.60 a day. I'd like to have a job like that, I wonder if the council thinks we already have jobs like that?

Holy cow, someone tell us when the next elections are... As I see it and my opinion only, O.L. (Ferg) Ferruson



Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,
Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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Packing a Safe School Lunch

School lunches that children take to school may be the reason they come home with stomach cramps, vomiting, or feeling sick. Their illness may be caused by a "food bug" rather than a "flu bug."

Packing a lunch that will be stored at room temperature and eaten many hours later requires special precautions. Harmful bacteria that cause foodborne illness grow best at room temperature. Temperatures between 40 and 140 F, also known as the danger zone can cause these harmful bacteria to multiply and cause illness.

Bacteria that cause foodborne illness need moisture, the right temperature, a source of food like protein, and time. Any protein food is especially susceptible. Foods that are handled a lot during preparation pose an extra risk because bacteria from hands can spread to them. These foods include protein salads such as chicken, ham, or eggs.

To avoid spreading harmful bacteria to food, maintain a clean area when preparing sack lunches. Make sure utensils, hands, work areas, and food containers are clean. Remember to wash the lunch box or thermos after each use. If using a paper bag, use a bag made for food. Do not use grocery bags because they may be contaminated from insects or food leakage.

Keep cold lunch foods cold. Store lunches in a refrigerator if possible. If one is not available, insulated lunch boxes keep foods colder than paper bags. A freezing gel, ice, or frozen drink placed in an insulated lunch box will keep foods chilled. Advise children to place their lunch in a cool place out of direct sunlight.

Keep hot lunch foods hot. Use a thermos for hot foods such as chili, soups, and stews. Use a clean thermos with a tight fitting lid. Rinse the thermos with boiling water and pour steaming hot food into the thermos. The food should still be hot at lunch time.

If you choose to pack lunch meat sandwiches, make sure to keep them cold. When purchasing lunch meat, pay close attention to "use by" dates. These products can harbor bacteria that can grow slowly, even at refrigerator temperatures.

Foods that don't need to be kept hot or cold are a safe choice when there is no cold storage to keep foods chilled. These foods include peanut butter, dried products such as beef jerky, non perishable cheese and cheese spreads, canned products that can be opened and eaten immediately such as meat, poultry, and seafood. Fresh fruits and vegetables, breads, cereals, and nuts also make a good addition to any lunch.

Sheriff reports 20 arrests here

More than 20 individuals have been booked into the Garza County Jail in recent days, according to sheriff's department reports.

Five were jailed on Aug. 11, including a 20-year-old male for DWI/first; a 39-year-old for public intoxication; a 31-year-old for public intoxication and disorderly conduct; a 25-year-old for DWI/first; and a 53-year-old male for DWI.

Two arrests were made the following day. They included that of a 23-year-old male for public intoxication and a 20-year-old male on a Lubbock County warrant.

A 21-year-old male was arrested for assault/family violence on Aug. 13. Also arrested on that date was an 18-year-old to be held for the Border Patrol.

Three arrests were made Aug. 15, including that of a 31-year-old male on a 30-day commitment/DWI/second; a 51-year-old male on a bond forfeiture; and a 46-year-old male for possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

A 22-year-old was jailed on revocation of probation on Aug. 16. Also jailed on that day were a male, age unlisted, for DWI; a 45-year-old on DWI; and a 22-year-old on a warrant.

Two 30-year-old men were held on separate charges Aug. 17. One man was arrested for DWI/third offense, while the other was picked up on a warrant.

Aug. 18 saw four individuals added to the Garza County Jail. A 38-year-old male was arrested for DWI and possession of marijuana, under two ounces. An 18-year-old man was jailed on a Taylor County warrant. A 24-year-old male was jailed for assault/family violence, and a 24-year-old male was jailed for public intoxication.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Post will hold a Public Hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll the preceding year by 91.5%. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that adopted.

The Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on August 22, 2002 at Post City Hall 105 East Main in Post, Texas 79356.

For the proposal: Bill Pool, Dick Odom, Juanita Pantoja, Harold Craig, Joshua Burfield

Against the proposal: none

Present and not voting: Archie Gill

Absent: none

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last year	This year
Average residence homestead value	\$23,958.00	\$23,897.00
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizens or disabled persons exemptions)	-0-	-0-
Average taxable value.....	\$20,983.00	\$21,001.00
Tax Rate	.3772%	.7708% ..proposed
Tax	\$ 79.14	\$ 161.87... proposed

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would increase by \$82.73 or 104.5% percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing Tax Rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax would increase by \$.3452 per one hundred dollars of taxable value or 95.8% percent compared to last years tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Criminal Justice Mandate:

THE CITY OF POST IS NOT UNDER A CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE

Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures:

THE CITY OF POST DOES NOT FUND ENHANCED INDIGENT HEALTH CARE.



When she's not on the bench, District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht enjoys spending time in the outdoors. This five foot rattlesnake met its death when it crossed paths with Judge Schildknecht recently. The only tools available were an antique hoe and rake that she used to brake the snake's neck. The kitten must have thought the rattlers (nine and a button) were quite a toy.

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