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## GCHD plans 'town hall' meeting on proposed hospital

A town hall meeting on the proposal to re-establish a hospital facility in Post has tentatively been set for late February or early March.

According to Tanya White, interim administrator for the Garza County Health Care District, board members discussed the planned meeting at the Jan. 16 board session.

"Things have moved forward," White said, noting that the town hall gathering had originally been scheduled for September 2002. Instead of having the meeting in the fall, however, board members opted to continue gathering information on various proposals. Plans call for that information to be disseminated to the community in the upcoming meeting.

"It's going to help everybody make a better decision," White

## PHS band members in concert Saturday

Several band members representing Post High School and Middle School earned chairs in the All-Region Bands, which will perform Saturday in the Lubbock Civic Center Auditorium.

Fourteen middle school and 10 high school students from Post competed against students from other schools in the region for All-Region honors.

Millie Dissinger, Shyan Todd, Andrew Fumagalli, Bailey Odom, Tim Wilson, Jose Zubia, Jackie Hayes and Christa Soto will perform at 2 p.m. with the junior high group. Alfred Segovia and Jonathon McGregor will play with the high school group at 3 p.m. Dianna Ratke and Adam Nobles will join the ATSSB Honor Band in concert at 3:30 p.m.

"It was a battle of nerves," said the band director. "We had a lot of young people try out. I am impressed with their courage and their willingness to represent Post. They are not only better players, but stronger people for doing so."

said. "We want to inform, and give everyone an opportunity to ask questions.... We really want a good public showing. We really want to know what the public wants."

The decision, White said, will hopefully be put before voters in May. That's when hospital district officials would like to see a referendum on the ballot concerning the proposed establishment of a hospital facility in Post.

During last week's board session, board members heard from Tim Temple of Southlake, president of the Government Capital Corp. Temple, whose company specializes in "rural needs." Temple gave an overview of bond issue requirements, requirements related to tax increases designed to cover operations and debt service costs and provided a number of "ballpark figures" and examples with which the health care district's board members can work.

In previous meetings with design builders, the cost of the proposed 15 bed facility would be approximately \$10 million.

In other business, board members:

- Approved the advertising of bids for the design and construction of a hospital facility. Scheduled to run in The Post Dispatch and the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, the ads are being placed to provide information on yet another option local residents may want to consider in relation to the proposed reopening of a local hospital, White said. Bids will be accepted through Feb. 18 and are scheduled to be opened at the health care district's Feb. 20 meeting.

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## City purchases new sewage treatment equipment

City officials made quick work of a brief agenda last week.

Council members approved the low bid of \$65,000 for the purchase of a mechanical bar screen for use at the sewer plant. The city bid the bar screen separately in an effort to save money.

An independent contractor will be hired to install the equipment, City Manager Fred Stephens said, which will translate into significant savings for the city. Once the project is completed, the city should realize savings of at least \$30,000.

The council also voted to tap into the general fund to cover their portion of the cost of speed spikes requested by the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

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## County to repair museum building

by Wes Burnett

The Garza County Commissioners' Court approved appointments to various boards and committees at its regular meeting January 13. Commissioners also took action to make repairs at the Garza County Historical Museum.

John Boren was reappointed to serve on the county's Lake Alan Henry zoning board. Others serving on the board are commissioner Mike Sanchez, Fred Stephens, Clyde Cash and Weldon Reed.

Commissioner appointments included:

Lee Norman - community center, ambulance, Judge Pro-Tem, 911 committee, Allied Drug Testing, census, historical preservation and airport.

Mason McClellan - landfill and law enforcement.

John Valdez - law enforcement, airport and ex-officio for Trailblazers.

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## Stock show exhibitors net \$48,090 at sale

by Diane Graves

Ninety-nine 4-H and FFA youth participating in the 39th Annual Garza County Jr. Livestock Show last week received a total of \$49,960 in premiums and prize money for the 2003 show.

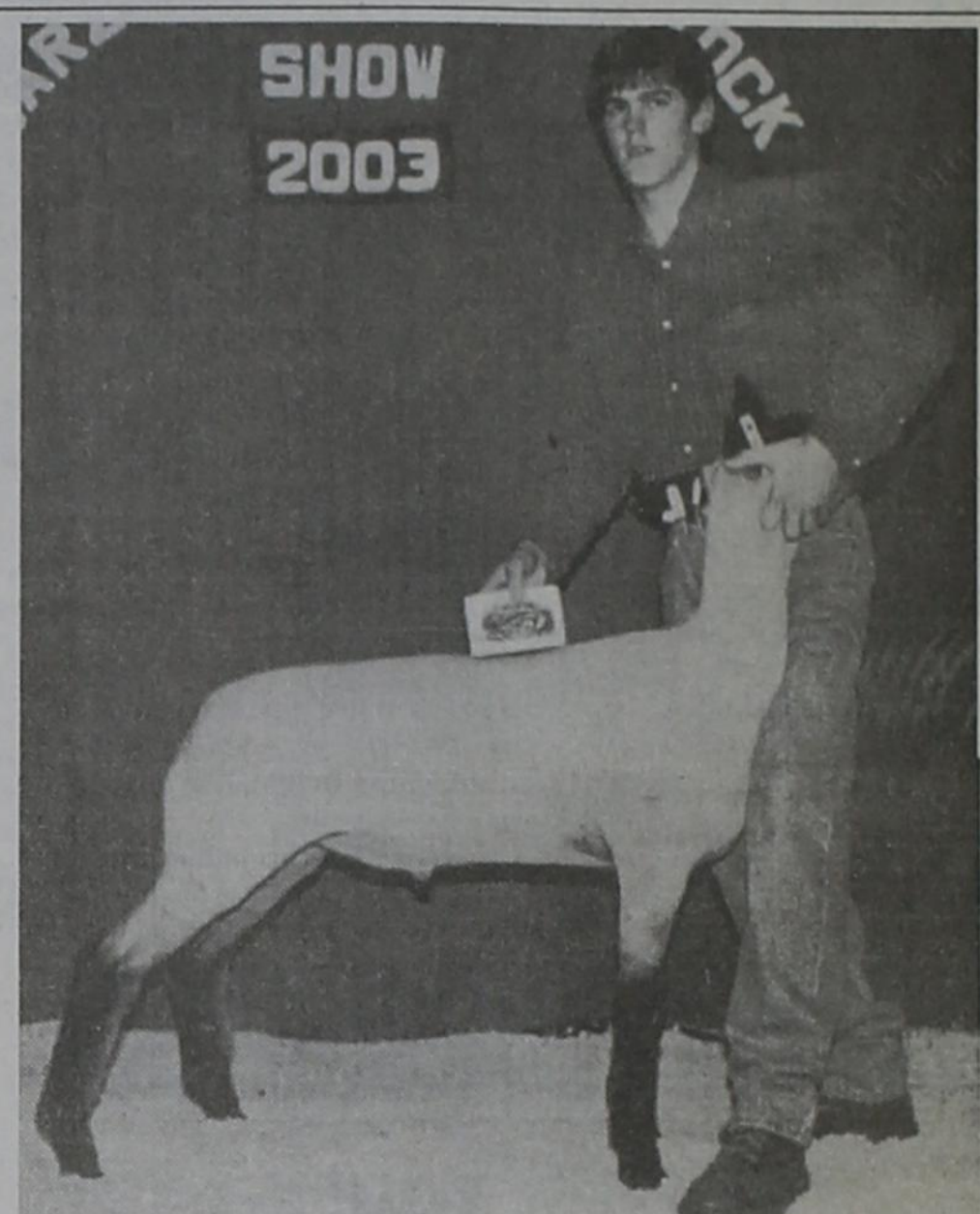
Chase Miller exhibited the Grand Champion Steer which brought him a premium of \$750 from United Supermarkets. The Grand Champion Steer Buckle was sponsored by the Big Country Electric Cooperative, Inc. Chase, the son of Guin and Charla Miller, won with his Exotic Division 1st. place heavy-weight steer.

Jarrett Blevins won the Reserve Grand Champion Steer plaque with his English Breed

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Michael Porter with his Grand Champion Swine (Breed Champion Hamp, First Place Heavy Weight Class). The Grand Champion buckle was sponsored by Stanley Truck & Tire.



Sterling Smith with his Grand Champion Lamb (Breed Champion Medium Weight). The Grand Champion buckle was sponsored by Caprock Cellular.



Wes Mason with his Grand Champion Goat (First Place Heavy Weight Class). The championship buckle was sponsored by Milton Williams Family and Brad Mason Family.



Chase Miller (left) with his Grand Champion Steer (Exotic Division Champion, First Place Heavy Weight Class). Big Country Electric Cooperative Inc. sponsored the Grand Champion Steer Buckle, represented by Darelín (right).

## Post Notes

### Band Boosters meet tonight

Post Band Boosters will hold a short meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, January 23 at the band hall.

### 8th grade parents meet January 23

Parents of eighth grade students at Post Middle School are urged to attend an important planning meeting January 23 at 7 p.m. in Karen Nichols' room at the Post Elementary School. Parents should park at the cafeteria and come to the back door near Mrs. Nichols' room. Contact Nichols at 495-3409 or Terri Cash at 495-3355 for more information.

### Church of Nazarene concert

Paul and Trish Jackson will present a program of vocal music and instrumentals beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Church of the Nazarene. The Jacksons, recording artists on the Pinebrook and Clarion labels, incorporate acoustic guitar, bass guitar and synthesizers into their program and have a musical style that appeals to all ages and tastes. They also use speaking, drama, comedy and puppetry to round out their ministry. The public is invited to the concert. For more information, call 495-3044.

### VFD chili supper February 1

The Post Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Chili Supper Saturday, February 1 beginning at 6 p.m. at the VFD building. Donations will be accepted and all proceeds are for local fire department equipment and training.

### Ronald McDonald grant requests sought

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Lubbock Inc. is accepting funding requests for projects and programs in Lubbock and surrounding South Plains and Eastern New Mexico communities. Requests will be accepted from non-profit organizations whose programs and projects help improve the quality of life for children and their families. Grants will be considered for three distinct areas: civic and social services, education and the arts, and health care and medical research. To obtain a grant application form or for more information, contact the Lubbock Ronald McDonald House at 806-744-8877. Deadline for applications is Jan. 31.

### Talent search announced

Golden Plains Care Center is searching for talent for singing, dancing, musical instruments, cheering or acting. Talent will be featured at a talent show January 30 at 6 p.m. at the center. The public is invited. Contact Christy Rutherford at 495-2848 for more information. Prizes will be awarded.

### Holiday Bells at OS Museum

"Holiday Bells are Ringing" at the OS Museum during its special Christmas exhibit. On display are nativities, creches, Old World Santas and other unique Christmas season collections. The exhibit continues through January 30. There is no admission fee. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

### 'Grandma Brag Pages' set for Feb. 13

The annual Post Dispatch "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published Thursday, February 13, with a deadline of Friday, February 7. Photos of grandchildren are \$10 for photos with one or two children, and \$5 for each additional children in a photograph. Wallet sized photos are preferred, color or black and white. Call The Post Dispatch at 495-2816 for more information.

### Relay for Life meeting tonight

Those interested in continuing the annual "Relay for Life" fund raiser for the American Cancer Society are urged to attend an important meeting 5 p.m., Thursday, January 23 at Wells Fargo community room. New committee members are needed. For more information contact Crystal Peña at 495-2112 or Nancy McDonald at 495-3315.

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## Neighbor to Neighbor

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

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

### Health Benefits of Water

Experts rank water second only to oxygen as essential for life, according to the International Food Information Council. A person can live for only a few days without it. Water is the most abundant substance on the earth and in the body. Water makes up 60-75% of body weight and is important in numerous bodily processes and functions.

Used in the blood to transport nutrients, oxygen, and glucose to all parts of the body, water also carries waste to the kidneys for elimination from the body. It aids in the digestion and relieves constipation. Water is a joint lubricant and cushion for the organs. It lowers body temperature through perspiration. Water improves skin texture and is useful in preventing urinary tract infections and kidney stones.

Because of its importance in the body, experts recommend that every adult consume at least 64 ounces (eight- 8 oz. glasses) of water every day. Depending on body size and physical activity, men and women may need to drink even more than that to meet their bodies' needs. Every person loses approximately 2 1/2 quarts of water per day. Very few people replenish this loss.

There are numerous alternatives to plain bottled or tap water to consume a healthy amount of water each day. About 87% of milk is made up of water and juices or decaffeinated tea can be as much as 90% water. Caffeinated beverages cannot be included in a person's daily fluid content due to their diuretic effect, actually depleting the body of water and fluids. Tips for monitoring water intake include:

Take water breaks instead of coffee breaks.

Choose decaffeinated coffee and tea.

Drink two cups of water 2-2 1/2 hours before scheduled physical activity and again 15 minutes before the activity, 1/2 cup of water every 15 minutes during the activity and then 2 cups per pound of water weight lost during the exercise session.

Keep a bottle or cup of water with you at your desk throughout the day. Try fruit juice and seltzer water or a slice of lime or lemon for flavor.

Source: "The Health Benefits of Water" www.physicianschoiceneews.com

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### Thank You!

To Boyce and Joyce Overton (Papa & Memaw) for buying my pig at the stock show! And to my Daddy, Michelle Wischkaemper and the Blevins for helping me with my pigs!  
Kelsey Overton

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# Congratulations to all our youth who participated in this year's Garza County Junior Livestock Show and Sale



Congratulations to our Senior Exhibitors (left to right) Mindy Anthony, Brent Phillips, Cliff Colvin, GCJLA President Junior Stelzer, Chase Miller, Byron Mason and Seth Redman. (Not available for photo were Alex Perez, Will Reed and Jordan Nelson).



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### Celebrating 40th Anniversary

Mr and Mrs Melvin Lee of Post celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary January 25 with a dinner Furr's Cafeteria in Lubbock. Melvin and Bessie have five children: James A. of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Dennis Ray of Lubbock; Marvin of Andrews; Lannie D. of Odessa and Sharon D. Hastings of Slaton. Melvin and the former Bessie Clark were married January 21, 1963 in Tahoka. They moved from Shiner, Texas to Post in 1957. Melvin has been a farmer for Jerry Thuet for 33 years.

## Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Here I am for one more week; Wow, what great weather this week (except for the dust). I get really nervous about waking up in March with three inches of snow on the ground.

### CELEBRATION FOR JOHNNY RAY

A big family get together took place this weekend to celebrate the 90th birthday of Johnny Ray. Johnny and Opal welcomed Maudie Faye Rose; Danny, Lana and Logan Rose; Bill Carla, Tony, Curt and Natalie Rose; Donna, Laci and J.C Reavis all of Henryetta, Ok. Bobby and Janet Dean; Michael, Tammy, Justin and Sterlin Self; Russel, Sandra, Quentin, Brad, Wyatt, Hayden and Cordale Benham; Evelyn and Charles Mason, all of Post. Shorty and Nancy Ray of Marfa and Debbie Eppard of Lubbock. Barry Ray, Andy and Jo Ray, Meagan and Kallie Moore of Slaton.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I wish a happy birthday to Dora Basquez on Thursday, January 23.

### FROM JERRI

Blessing to you: "The road to success is not straight. There is a

curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, Insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.

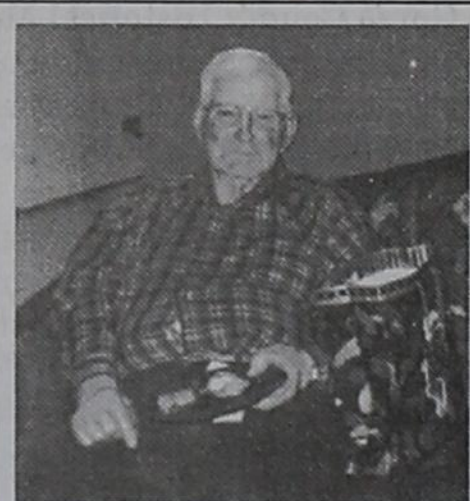
### STOCK SHOW

I want to congratulate all of the kids involved in the stock show. That is a lot of work for the kids and I know from my kids being involved that it takes alot of their fun time. To all of you who participated, congrats!

**TILL NEXT WEEK** Guess that will do it for this week. PLEASE call in your news. God bless each of you and see ya next week. Judy

Taking joy in life is a woman's best cosmetic.

—Rosalind Russell



T.F. Davis enjoying last month's Christmas party at Golden Plains Care Center.

### Births



Chloe Jae Davis

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Jeremy and Monica Davis of Clovis, N.M., are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Chloe Jae, born at 6:02 a.m. Dec. 22, 2002. The infant weighed six pounds, 5.7 ounces, and was 19 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Jim and Karla Schooler of Post and Trenver Davis and Nancy Davis, both of Lovington, N.M. Great-grandparents include Theona Josey of Post, Jenny Jo Schooler of Loop and Bill and Dorothy Davis of Lovington.



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## Jacksons in concert at Church of Nazarene Jan. 30

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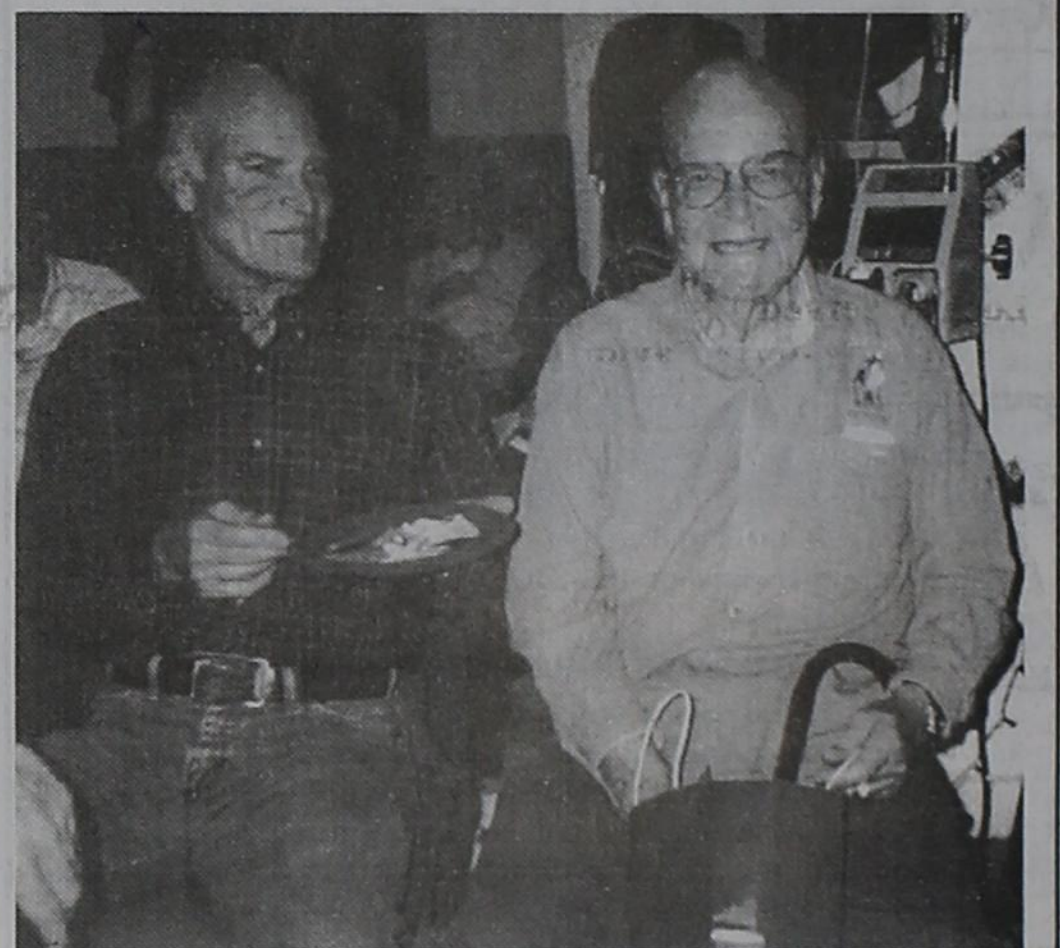
Since 1976, the Kansas-based team has traveled from coast to coast in the United States, Canada and overseas to participate in concerts,

revivals, camps, retreats, crusades and service clubs. They have received several regional awards from the Country Gospel Music Association, including Reciter of the Year, Lyricist of the Year, Instrumentalist of the Year, Sound Engineer of the Year, Female Vocalist of the Year and Comedian of the Year.

The public is invited to the concert. For more information, call 495-3044.

Make all you can, save all you can, give all you can.

—John Wesley



Dr Charles McCook (left) visits with Woodson McCook at the Golden Plains Care Center Christmas party.



Santa's "elves" at the recent Golden Plains Care Center Christmas party were "Santa" Rick Tucker (seated), Phyneshia Rutherford, Chasiti Rutherford, Lindsey Morrow, Alissa Morrow and Stacy Bocko.

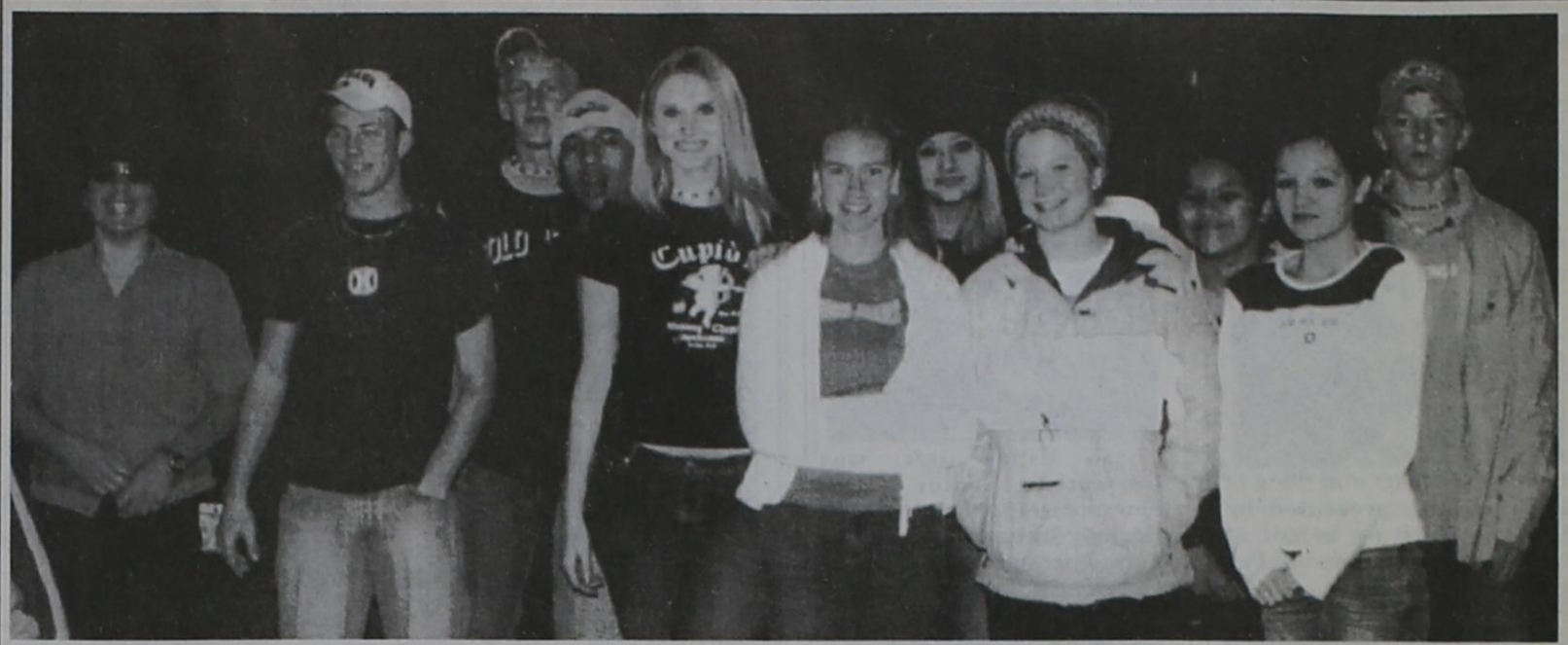


Thelma Epley (left) and Thelma Mitchell enjoying the Golden Plains Care Center Christmas party with family and friends.

# Obituaries

## Marilyn Rose Hadderton

Services for Marilyn Rose Hadderton, 80, of Post were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 2003, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Lloyd Stice officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. She died Wednesday, Jan. 15, in the Crosbyton Clinic Hospital. Born Jan. 31, 1922, in Roby, she married Frank Hadderton Dec. 24, 1938, in Roby. She was a housewife. Survivors include her husband, Frank Hadderton Sr. of Post; three sons, Frank Jr. of White River Lake and Randy and Michael, both of Post; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Larry Hadderton, on Oct. 15, 1990.



Family Harvest Church youth participating in the recent ski trip are (left to right) Adam Meredith, Stace Norman, Keith Meredith, Israel Barbosa, Christine, Tabitha, Ashley, Steffi Norman, Maria Segovia, Roxie and Jake Fluitt. There were 80 youth from Family Harvest Church of Post, Lubbock and Seminole at the event. Adult

sponsors and leaders from Post were Kim and Rhonda Norman, Kellie Macy and Kathy Hamlin. Other Post youth in attendance were Robert and Tony Apollinar, Mitch Holly, Casey Williams, Tyler Odom, Jerica Tyler, Jerin Tyler, Austin and Janice Ham, Alfred Segovia and Joseph.

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# 2003 GCJLA Stock Show

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Champion heavy-weight entry. Jarrett, the son of Gary and Jaquita Blevins, received \$450 premium from the Post Stampede Rodeo Association.

Sterling Smith won Grand Champion in the Lamb Division with his Breed Champion medium-weight Medium Wool. He received an \$500 premium from South Plains Ford, CitizensBank, Ben Murphy, CPA, and Larry Smith. The Grand Champion buckle was sponsored by Caprock Cellular.

D'Nae Johnson won Reserve Grand honors with her medium-weight Medium Wool Breed Champion. D'Nae, the daughter of Michael and Tammy Bland, received a \$450 premium from the Post Stampede Rodeo Association.

Kaylee Farquhar won the Traveling Finewool trophy with her breed champion Finewool lamb. She is the daughter of David and Leisa Farquhar of Southland. The trophy is sponsored by Junior and Diane Stelzer.

In the Swine show, Michael Porter won Grand Champion honors with his heavy-weight Hamp Breed Champion hog. Michael received a \$500 premium from Junior and Diane Stelzer and the Swine Champion Buckle sponsored by Stanley Truck & Tire.

Michael also won the Reserve Grand Champion plaque with his heavy-weight Duroc Breed Champion. Michael, the son of Jason and Donna Porter, received a premium of \$450 from Borden County Jr. Livestock Association.

In the Goat Division, Wes Mason won the Grand Champion buckle sponsored by Brad and Penny Mason and Milton and Billy Williams. His 1st. Place heavy weight brought \$525 from Graham Co-op Gin and Farmers Co-op Compress in the premium sale. Wes is the son of Ray and Celia Mason.

Diann Heckaman's 2nd. Place heavy weight won the Reserve Grand Champion Goat plaque and received a \$400 premium from Giles and Louise McCrary. She is the daughter of Bobby and Nita Jo Heckaman.

The 39th Annual G.C.J.L.A. Show and Sale began on Wednesday afternoon with 23 steers, 111 hogs, 49 goats and 33 lambs being weighed in. Exhibiting these 216 animals were 51 4-H'ers, 20 Post FFA members and 29 Southland FFA members.

Assisting the youth with these projects were David Farquhar, Southland FFA advisor, Post FFA advisors Perry Smith and Lance Dunn, and Greg Jones, Garza County Extension Agent-Agriculture.

Also participating this year and stealing the show were 28 Pee-Wees, ages 8 and under, exhibiting goats. Haley Krauser, Brielee Daniell, Landon Greer, Dally Lynch, Hayden Benham, Rhaeden Bland, Dallyn Ferguson, Lauren Lynch, Kade Smith, Avery Wright, Breea Daniell, Callie Odom and Russ Morris exhibited in the 5 and under age group. Gary Farquhar, Taylor Ann Osborn, Haylen Farquhar, Mallory Arguello, Julie Ann Boren, Kelbie Oden, Matti Smith, Brace Stevens, Wyatt Benham, Pake Jones, Tristan Dunn, Troy Copeland, Seth Babb, Paden Babb and Sara Greer participated in the 6-8 age group. The Pee-Wee Goat Show is sponsored by Garza County 4-H Booster Club. Each participant received a Goat medallion on a red, white and blue ribbon.

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Chase Miller (left) was presented Senior Beef Showmanship buckle by Susan Boren, Garza-Lynn County Farm Bureau representative.



Mitch Holly with his Reserve Breed Champion Finewool.



Coby Jones with his Reserve Breed Champion Finewool Cross.



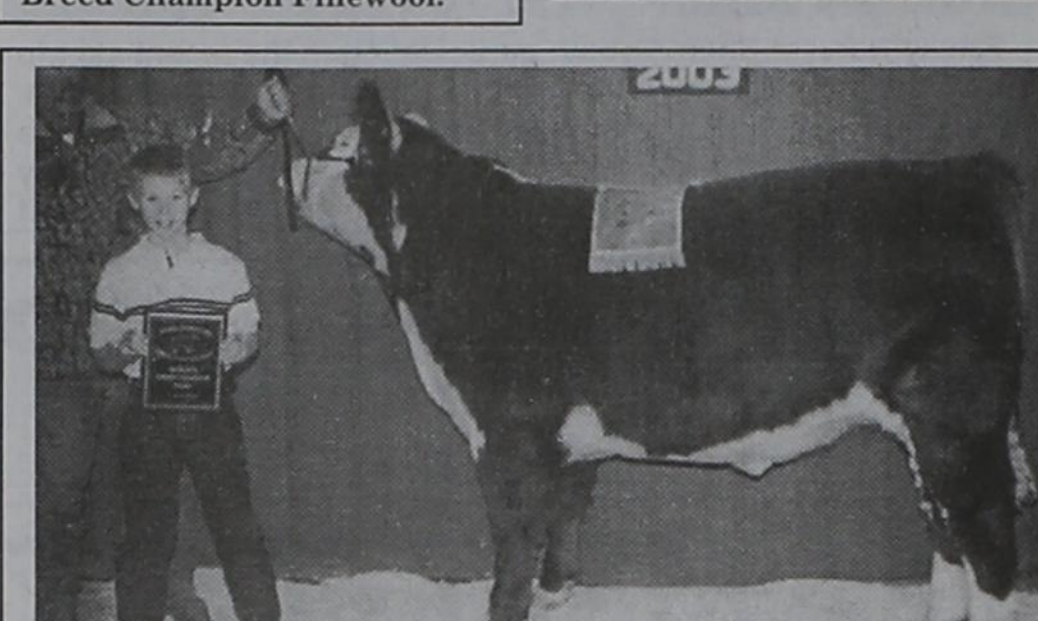
Kaylee Farquhar with her Breed Champion Finewool Cross. Breed Champion Banners sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative Inc. and Hurst Farm Supply.



Christie Curb, representing CitizensBank, presents Junior Swine Showmanship buckle to Jarrett Blevins.



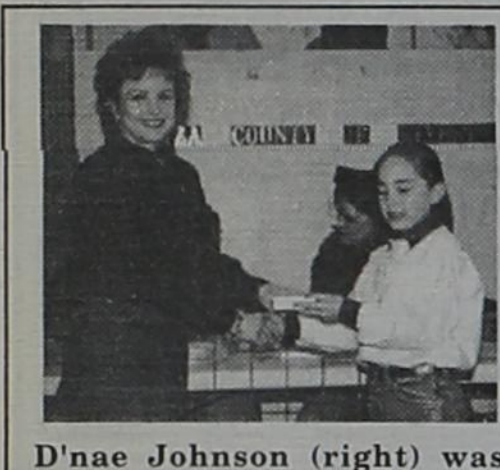
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Jarrett Blevins with Reserve Grand Champion Steer, English Division Champion, First Place Heavy Weight class.



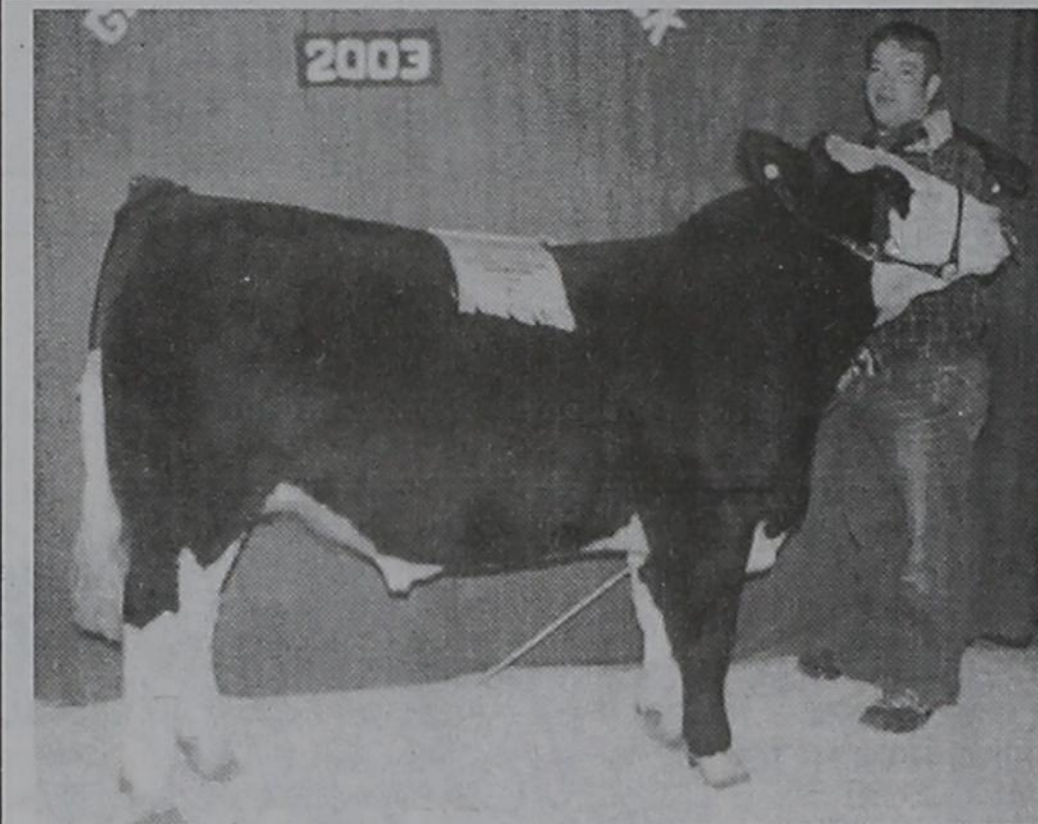
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D'nae Johnson (right) was presented the Junior Lamb Showmanship buckle by Jana McCallister, representing CitizensBank.



Diann Heckaman with her 2nd Place Heavy Weight, Reserve Grand Champion Goat. Plaques sponsored by Lyntegar Electric Cooperative Inc. and Hurst Farm Supply.



Michael Porter with his Reserve Grand Champion Swine, Breed Champion Duroc, First Place Heavy Weight Class.



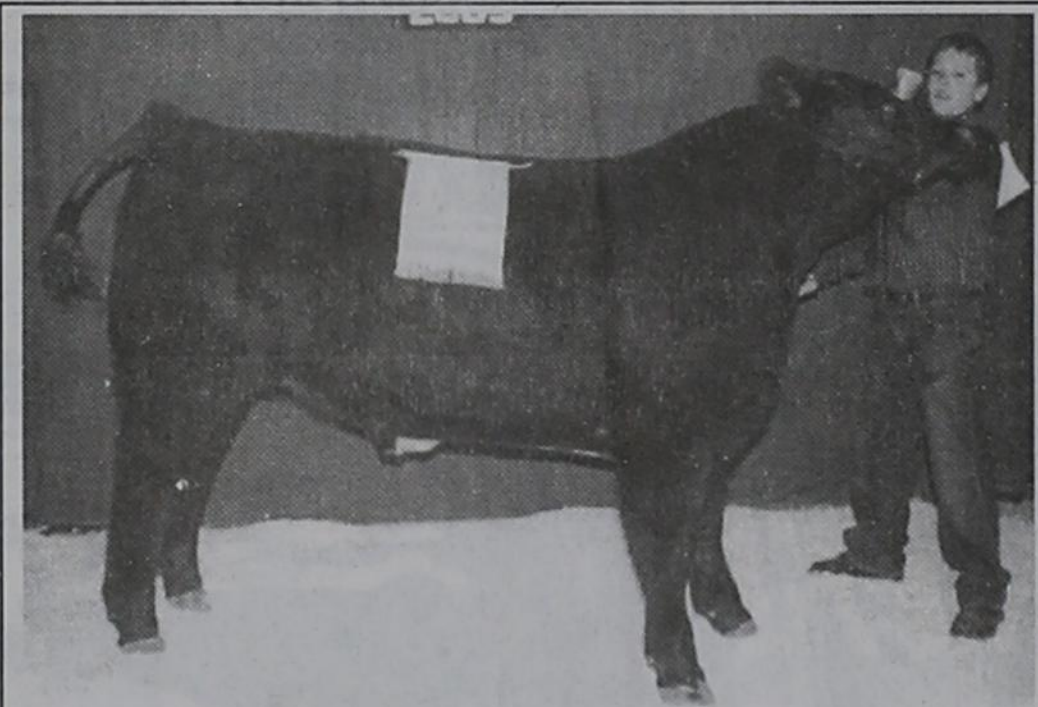
Wes Mason with his Reserve Breed Champion Duroc; First Place Light Weight Duroc class.



Skylar Jones (right) was presented the Junior Beef Showmanship buckle by Donna Baker, representing CitizensBank.



D'Nae Johnson with her Reserve Grand Champion Lamb, Reserve Breed Champion Medium Wool.



Coby Jones with Reserve Exotic Division Champion, First Place Light Weight Exotic.



Megan Howard with her Reserve Breed Champion Hamp, First Place Light Weight Hamp class.



Breann Heckaman (left) was presented Senior Goat Showmanship buckle by Larry Taylor, representing South Plains Electric Cooperative, Dickens Division.



Sterling Smith with his Breed Champion Southdown.



Coby Jones with ABC Division Champion Steer, First Place Heavy Weight ABC.



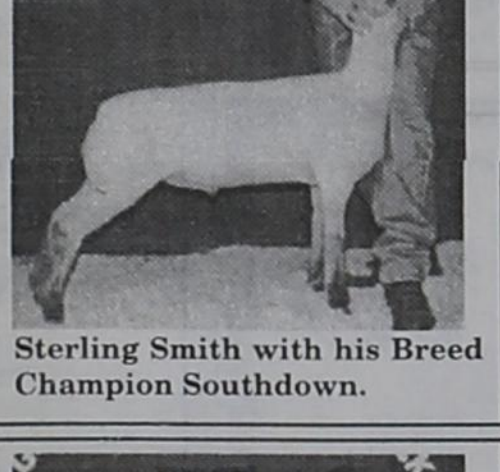
Corlee Greene with Reserve Breed Champion York, First Place Light Weight class.



Zachary Witcher with Breed Champion OPB, First Place Heavy Weight OPB class.



Kaylee Farquhar (right) was presented Junior Goat Showmanship buckle by Larry Taylor, representing South Plains Electric Cooperative, Dickens Division.



Cliff Colvin (left) was presented All Around Sportsmanship buckle by Milton Williams, GCJLA vice president.



Skylar Jones with Reserve ABC Division Champion Steer, First Place Light Weight ABC Division.



Ben Mason with Breed Champion York, First Place Heavy Weight class.



Trent Babb with Reserve Breed Champion OPB, First Place Light Weight OPB class.



Jeff Brown (right) was presented Senior Swine Showmanship buckle by Susan Boren, Garza-Lynn County Farm Bureau representative.



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Chad Miller with Reserve English Division Championship Steer, First Place Light Weight Class.



Trent Laurence with Breed Champion Cross, First Place Medium Weight Cross class.



Israel Beggs with Reserve Breed Champion Cross, First Place Light Weight Cross class.

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# Opinions



## And thereafter, poverty myths

by Walter E. Williams



A typical belief among the world's foreign aid agencies is there's a "vicious cycle of poverty" that makes economic development virtually impossible for the world's poor nations. This idea holds that poor countries are poor because income is so low that savings cannot be generated to provide the kind of capital accumulation necessary for economic growth.

Thus, it is alleged, the only way out of the poverty quagmire is foreign aid. As popular as the vicious cycle of poverty theory is among economic development "experts," it has to be one of mankind's most foolish ideas. "Explain yourself, Williams!" you say. "That's what my professors taught when I went to college, and they're teaching the same thing to my kids."

Let's look at it. The vicious cycle of poverty theory can't even pass the straight-face test. After all, how did countries such as the United States, England, Canada, New Zealand, Switzerland and others break that cycle and become rich? Were they simply "born" rich?

That's a big fat no. So how in the world did these once poor and backward countries become wealthy without what today's development experts say is absolutely necessary for economic growth — foreign-aid handouts, and World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) loans?

Maybe part of the answer lies in the fact that there were no foreign-aid handout programs and economic development experts around during their economic development.

According to a recently released report by Heritage Foundation policy analysts Paolo Pasicolan and Sara Fitzgerald, "The Millennium Challenge Account: Linking Aid With Economic Freedom," despite decades of economic aid, most recipient nations are poorer now than they were before they first received development assistance.

What foreign aid usually achieves is the enabling of Third World tyrants to retain power by having the resources to build grandiose projects that make little economic sense, pay off cronies and buy military equipment to suppress their people, not to mention setting up multimillion- and even multibillion-dollar Swiss bank accounts.

Then there's the population myth that holds that countries are poor because they are overpopulated. That's nonsense. For example, the population density of China is 409 people per square mile; in Taiwan it's 1,478 per square mile and in Hong Kong, it's 247,500. Which people have higher incomes? If you said Hong Kong, you'd be dead right.

But for people who see overpopulation as a cause of poverty, China should be the richest, and Hong Kong the poorest. The late economist Lord Peter Bauer said, "Economic achievement and progress depend on people's conduct, not on their numbers." The latest mythical explanation for Third World poverty is globalization and multinational corporation exploitation.

Peaceable trade and contact with other nations have always raised the potential for higher living standards. In fact, Third World countries least touched by the West, whether the contact was in the form of imperialist conquest, trade or multinational corporations, are among the poorest of the poor — countries like: Nepal, Tibet, Sikkim and Bhutan in Asia, and Ethiopia and Liberia in Africa.

Poverty is mostly self-inflicted — indigenously created. What are some of the most commonly held characteristics of the non-poor world? In non-poor countries, people tend to have greater personal liberty, property rights are protected, contracts are enforced, there's rule of law and there's a market-oriented economic system rather than a socialistic one.

A country need not be rich to create these wealth-enhancing institutions. That's much of the story of the United States. In 1776, we were essentially a Third World nation, but we established an institutional structure to become rich — an institutional structure that not only attracted investment but talented, hardworking immigrants, as well.

Contrast that to today's poor countries, whose policies and institutional structure do just the opposite — repel investment and cause their most talented people to leave.

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## Poverty-inducing entertainment

by Bill O'Reilly



The announcement last week that low-rent rapper Eminem was the "People's Choice" for best male recording star of the year is a huge win for those bullish on the coarsening of America. The award comes as no surprise because the mainstream press has been glorifying Eminem for a couple of years now, ever since he stopped gay-baiting on his recordings.

The elite media will tolerate just about any kind of depravity, but denigrating homosexuals is over the line. Women, however, remain fair game for Eminem, as he continues to threaten them with violence in many of his rap songs.

The general acceptance of Eminem by not only the press but also by tens of millions of American consumers may seem trivial on the surface, but it is not. That's because the "entertainment message" that Eminem (aka Marshall Mathers) puts out, if emulated, could very well be poverty inducing.

Here's my theory: We are living in a hypercompetitive society where those who become educated and disciplined in their work and personal habits have a major advantage in the workplace. Just providing the basics for a small family requires a fairly high skill level in something. Earning a living also requires an understanding of how society operates and an acceptance of the "rules."

But Eminem and other rappers portray American society as a stacked deck. They reject the struggle to succeed, instead encouraging rebellion in the form of anti-social behavior and mannerisms. Eminem's lyrics justify immediate gratification on all levels. If your girlfriend does you wrong, kick her in the stomach. If your mother gives you a hard time, call her a dirty name. If you want to get high — go right ahead.

The corporate charlatans who peddle this pernicious rap crap tell us that they are giving a "voice" to the disenfranchised. But what they are really doing is contributing to the cycle of poverty. If they truly wanted to hear from the "disenfranchised," they'd put out how-to-succeed books and tapes by poor people who have made

it. Hundreds of teachers have written to me saying that their young students emulate rappers in speech, dress and attitudes. Thus, we now have 10-year-old boys calling little girls "bitches." We have 13-year-olds with tattoos and body piercings. We have poor children without parental guidance selling dope and carrying guns.

At one time society and even the entertainment industry frowned on that kind of behavior. Not anymore. There's gold in the beat of rap music. The hills are alive with the sounds of obscenity and violence.

If a working-class or poor child rejects education, does not learn to speak properly, does not respect just authority and does not understand that having babies at age 14 is a ticket to ruin, then that child's life will likely be tragic.

Eminem and his corporate masters care nothing for the legions of confused, aimless youth who are embracing the "gangsta" attitude with a vengeance. Sure, we've always had teenage rebellion in this country. But now the bar has been dropped to the lowest level in our nation's entertainment history. Now it's OK to rap about abusing women, smoking crack and solving problems with a gun.

Eminem may be the "people's choice," but he is as harmful to America as any al Qaeda fanatic. The press is giving him a free pass and lionizing his "artistry." Meantime, bewildered American children continue to drown in their own ignorance and bitterness. In a capitalistic society, the strong and smart prosper, the uneducated and undisciplined collapse. That's the rhyme and the reason that Eminem, his enablers and his brethren, are true villains. They sell mind poison and one-way tickets to misery.

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## Destroy the messenger, not the message

by Wes Burnett

Conflict between people and ideas is as old as mankind, and the way we deal with these conflicts is as diverse as there are people. So, why are we surprised when conflicting ideas result in widely different reactions by people?

I'm one of those who believes that conflict does not have to result in violence or even be acrimonious. I take as the prime example the life of Jesus Christ. Some might want to use Ghandi as an example of how to handle conflict, or in modern time, a man like Martin Luther King.

To stand against the brick wall and throw stones (or other more dangerous weapons) is not near as effective as the methods used by the two examples cited above.

You see, ideas can not be stoned to death, although the messengers can be. Ideas can not be silenced with hanging or shooting, although the messengers of new ideas are often hung and shot.

When new ideas surface, and they appear to be a threat to the status quo, there is a natural tendency for most people to rebel against the messenger. If the idea has great merit, it will survive and prosper. If it is worthless, it will shrivel up and die for lack of attention.

That's the natural order of things.

Those new ideas which survive the slings and arrows of criticism will do so, not because of the messengers, but because the idea itself is valuable and fulfills a deep longing within the hearts and minds of individuals.

As it was with those Americans who stood against the long standing tradition of slavery, the idea of freedom and individual liberty rang so loudly in the minds and hearts of millions, that abolition of slavery could not be ignored.

And so, Americans began to recognize that human bondage was an affront to their calling as Christians. Abolitionists were for many years accused of treason, rabble rousing and anti-government. Their call to abolish human slavery was widely opposed. Anti-slavery messengers were burned, shot, hung and financially ruined, yet, the message continued to spread.

It spread, not because of the messengers, but because Americans began to realize that human slavery is not right, that it is a sin to restrain individual liberty just because of the individual's birth or color of skin.

So it is today for those of us who call for the abolishment of taxation. We are ridiculed and scorned, not because we are evil people, but because our message of freedom and liberty is a serious threat to the established order.

Slowly but surely more and more people will come to see taxation for what it is, theft pure and simple. And not matter how ill treated are the messengers of this powerful message of liberation, the message itself will flourish and survive.

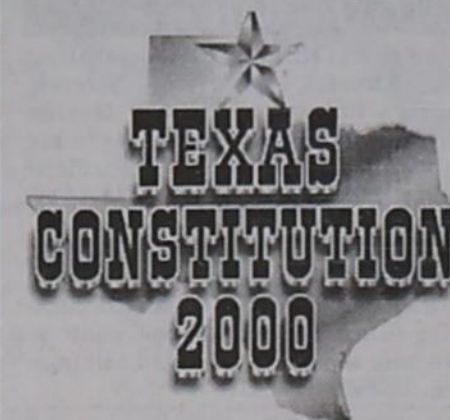
Just as abolishing slavery took many years to accomplish, so it is with abolishing taxation. It's time will come, for it is the right thing to do. One by one, good people see the evil of theft by government through taxation and what was once considered unshakable truth will give way to a new truth, one that comes from God in his commandment: "Thou Shalt Not Steal."

Perhaps the sentiments contained in the following pages, are not yet sufficiently fashionable to procure them general favor; a long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defence of custom.

But the tumult soon subsides.

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# Sports



Taylor Starkey (23) works past a Roosevelt defender during the Post Lady Lope game here last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jerrad Grisham fights off a Roosevelt defender in action here last Friday. Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Meagan Hoover (right) scoots around a Roosevelt defender as the Post Lady Lopes tackled another district competitor last Friday here. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

### PHS Basketball Schedule

Jan. 24	* Shallowater @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 28	* Idalou @ Idalou	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 4	* Roosevelt @ Roosevelt	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 7	* New Deal @ New Deal	JVB, VB
Feb. 11	* Shallowater @ Shallowater	JVB, VB

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## Antelope varsity in hunt for playoff spot

The Post Antelopes improved their district record last week with a 49-41 win over Tahoka, then dropped last Friday's contest with Roosevelt 70-51.

"We're fighting for a playoff spot," coach Dane Vickers said, "and this team is doing what it takes ... they're playing with intensity on offense and defense and if we take care of business, we've got a good shot at playoff action."

The team won again Tuesday night, slipping past New Deal. An important test will come Friday night when Shallowater comes to Post.

In the win at Tahoka, Jarrett Vickers led the scoring with 16 points, followed by Sterling Smith with 11. Jerrad Grisham was credited with nine, Mitchell Mills got seven, two each was credited to Jerrison Moore and Brice Easterling with one each to Kenny Ratke and Janssen Eilenberger.

In the Roosevelt loss, Grisham led with 16 points, with Vickers getting 15. Other scoring included Mills (8), Smith (6), Moore (4) and Easterling (2).

### 8th grade girls win with defense

The eighth grade girls posted what their coach described as their "best defensive game of the season" Monday night in their 31-22 victory over Idalou.

Post jumped out to an 11-7 lead in the first period and maintained that momentum throughout the game.

"We never let down defensively, and we executed our presses very well," the coach said. "Keisha Odom did a great job rebounding for us. Rachel Gray made some great offensive plays and did a good job taking the ball to the basket."

Sarah Kirkpatrick was lead scorer with eight points. Jackie Hays scored five points, while Kylie Easterling and Gray each had five. Larissa Halford scored four points, Claire Kirkpatrick had two and Steffi Norman scored one point in the game.

In the Christ the King Tournament held in Lubbock over the weekend, the girls landed a third place win in the tourney. Sarah Kirkpatrick was tapped as a member of the All-Tournament Team.

To earn the third place finish, Post upended All Saints by a score of 26-19.

"We grabbed the lead early in the first half and never let down," the coach said. "The girls played hard and did a great job considering it was their second game in one day. Sarah Kirkpatrick did a great job offensively and scored a game high 10 points."

Gray and Hays had four points apiece in the game, while Halford, Anahi Garcia and Claire Kirkpatrick each scored two.

Post dropped their earlier game in the day to Trinity by a score of 35-30.

"This game was fast-paced from the beginning," the coach said. "They played us in a zone and we didn't attack the zone and shoot the open shots we needed to. Kylie Easterling had a great game for us and ended up with 11 points. She also was 83 percent from the free throw line."

Halford had six points in the game, Gray had five and Sarah Kirkpatrick, four. Claire Kirkpatrick and Odom each scored two points.

In their first game of the tournament, Post defeated Lubbock Christian 31-25.

"We started the game off really slow. Lubbock Christian really attacked us hard," the coach said. "We were scoreless in the second quarter, which really hurt. We picked up the tempo in the fourth quarter, and I saw a lot of good things."

"Jackie Hays did a great job rebounding for us and hit a few key shots for us in the fourth quarter. Sarah Kirkpatrick did a great job of taking the ball inside and had a game high of 15 points."

Hays had eight points in the game, followed by Easterling with six and Gray, two points.

### JV girls boost district record

The Post junior varsity girls boosted their district record to 2-2 last week with a 29-23 win over Tahoka.

Post was behind in scoring for the first three quarters, but managed a 12-0 shutout in the final period to take the win.

"It was a defensive game," said Coach Jerry White. "We were down by six going into the fourth quarter.... Lyndee Strawn made six out of six free throws in the fourth that were big for us. Laurel Tatum had a good fourth from the post."

Tatum led scoring for the Lady 'Lopes with 13, followed by Strawn and Jenee Lott with six apiece. Courtney Short and Kayla Morris each scored two.

The victory puts the team at 11-7 on the season.

### JV Gold sets 4-2 district lead

The Post junior varsity gold squad holds a 4-2 district record and a 6-5 season record following a series of games played during the past couple of weeks.

The squad lost to Shallowater Jan. 13 by a score of 34-20.

The Lady 'Lopes had their opponents "on their heels" until late in the final period when Shallowater poured in 16 points and held the Post offense to four.

"The 'Lopes played great defense before Shallowater put the game away at the free throw line," the coach said. "ALana Zubia and Dionn Heckaman contributed big efforts on the defensive end."

Roxanne Orona and Erin Wartes led scoring for Post with six points apiece. Sunnie Barbosa and Ashley Powell each added four points to the scoreboard.

The Post team dropped a 54-38 game to Frenship Jan. 10 in the second round of the Levelland Tournament.

"The girls pressured Frenship all game and shared the lead several times," the coach said. "Late in the fourth quarter, Frenship pulled away. The girls had a super effort."

Powell and Orona shared top-scoring honors with 14 apiece, followed by Wartes with six points, Barbosa with two and Zubia with one.

In the tournament's first round, Post fell to host team Levelland 55-18. Orona was the top scorer for the Lady 'Lopes with seven points. Powell had four, Wartes had three and Barbosa and Heckaman each added two points to Post's total offense.

In a game played against New Deal early this month, the team pulled out a win with a strong fourth quarter showing.

New Deal held Post scoreless in the first period, but the local girls came back strong in the second period, down by three points at the half.

The two teams traded point-for-point in the third period, but the Lady 'Lopes doubled New Deal's scoring effort in the fourth to take the 17-16 victory.

"The Lady 'Lopes had a hard time scoring, but came back from big deficits to win at New Deal," the coach said. "The 'Lopes were outscored 9-0 to start the game."

Orona, who led scoring with six points, hit the go-ahead shot with less than five seconds left on the clock. Powell had four points, Barbosa had three and Zubia and Wartes each added two points.

### 7th grade ladies win 31-27

The seventh grade Lady 'Lopes fell 31-27 to Idalou Monday evening.

Post led throughout the first half and carried a three-point lead into the half, but Idalou knotted the score in the third and bested the local girls in the final period.

"The girls did a great job executing the press in the first half," the coach said. "We scored the majority of our points in the first half off our press. We were unable to continue with out success the second half and made mistakes that shouldn't have been made."

Marlee Plummer did a "great job seeing the floor," she said, and handled the ball well throughout the contest.

Samantha Hoover led scoring for Post with eight points, followed by Plummer with six and Lauren Gonzales with five points. Lori Jones had four points and Tamara Raymundo and Brenna Postell each scored two.



Brice Easterling gets to the net over a Roosevelt Eagle during Post Antelope action here last Friday. Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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