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# The Post Dispatch

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## County takes look at juvenile center bonds

**by Wes Burnett**  
Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby informed commissioners at Monday morning's regular meeting that bond holders of the Garza County Regional Juvenile Center have made an overture to the county to sell the bonds. Dalby said he was preparing some ideas for the commissioners to consider related to the proposed sale. The bonds were issued by the Garza County Facility Corporation, which was formed in preparation for the construction of the facility. The facility is now managed by Cornerstone Programs, following Management and Training Corporation's (MTC) decision to terminate its management agreement.

Commissioners approved a resolution for establishing an interjurisdictional emergency management program with the City of Post.

Following a closed session, the court approved the appointment of Joy Creech to serve as the county's emergency management coordinator.

No action was taken on an agenda item calling for prohibiting fireworks in unincorporated areas of Garza County. The issue is set for discussion at the next court meeting, June 23.

Electrical service was approved for a warning siren at Lake Alan Henry.

Victims' Assistance Program man-

ager Jayta Cravy expressed appreciation to the court for its support of the program and announced that recent state budget cuts may eliminate funding for the program. Judge Dalby said that the program was very important and suggested the county would have to budget for the shortfall.

A public hearing on the adoption of the Manufactured Home Rental Community Regulations was also held.

Dalby said that the upcoming budget process would be the most difficult of any he's experienced, as the result of the state legislature's recent action in Austin. "No one wants to see tax increases," he lamented.

In other matters, county zoning code enforcement officer Terry Bartlett presented preliminary drawings for the emergency services building to be constructed at Lake Alan Henry. Bartlett said the first draft plans call for a 7,000 square foot facility, with bays for ambulance and fire truck, along with accommodations for EMS and firemen needed for response to emergencies at the lake.

The estimated cost is \$100 per square foot, with an unofficial price tag of \$760,000. The building would also include a conference room. Bartlett said the plans fit into requirements for a grant to support the cost.

The court approved Joe Hays as the new auditor.

Public assistance was approved for one applicant for rent and utility assistance. Two other applicants were rejected based on county income guidelines.

## Colgate Country Showdown features top West Texas talent

For the third consecutive year, KPOS Radio in Post will host The Colgate Country Showdown. The show begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 28 at the Garza Theatre, and features the popular local band, The Guthries as backup for the contestants.

The Colgate Country Showdown is the nation's most prestigious professional country music talent show, which begins with local showdowns, where future country music stars seek to hone their skills and compete for \$100,000 in prize money and recording contract.

Tickets for the event are only \$5

per person. Reserved seating tickets may be ordered by calling the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005.

Cathy Whitten will serve again this year as Mistress of Ceremony.

This year's talent for the show includes the popular "Country Boys," who perform all over West Texas. Members of the Country Boys are O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson, Billy Cork and Tinker Carlen.

Other contestants are Lubbock singers Debbie Nelson, Keith Sanders, Karla King, Tammy Gibson; Megan Cheek of Abilene, Katelyn Hobson of El Paso and Ashley Rene Hatley of Post.

The show will feature each of the acts performing two musical selections in two sets. Each act will perform one song, followed by a 15 minute intermission,



### Wind Damage

Last Friday morning the staff at Wes-T-Go on U.S. Hwy 84 thought something looked a bit odd. High winds late Thursday evening or early Friday morning pulled the pump roof out of whacks. It was "catty whompus" as one observer noted.

## Post Notes

### Babysitting clinic June 17

June 17 is the date for youth wishing to participate in a babysitting clinic. Topics to be covered are general safety, playtime, mealtime, bath time, bedtime and "changing time." The clinic will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, 215 West Main Street. Participants must call in advance at 495-4400. If the staff is out, leave a message with name, phone number and age.

### Post Church of the Nazarene Revival

The Post Church of the Nazarene will host Summer Revival Services beginning Sunday, June 15 continuing through Wednesday, June 18. Rev. John Lewis of White Dove Ministries in Fort Worth will serve as evangelist. Services times are 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. For more information call the church office at 495-3044.

### VFW to destroy old flags

Old flags that need to be discarded may be taken to Radio Shack. The VFW will pick up the flags and dispose of them properly as part of a Flag Day ceremony June 14 at 1 p.m.

### Raffle tickets available

The MBFA Relay for Life Team is selling raffle tickets for a guaranteed guided wild hog and adad hunt. Tickets cost \$1 each, and all proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information, call Dick Odom at 495-2457; Ben Wright at 495-1147; or Rodney Quintero at 495-1550.

### Family Night at the swimming pool

Dollar Family Night at the Post Public Swimming Pool has been changed to Friday nights. Hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Call 495-1066 for more information.

### New play offered at Garza Theatre

The latest Garza Theatre production, "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe," continues this weekend and next. Based on the C.S. Lewis classic, the play is being directed by Mitchell Britton. Performances are set for June 13, 14, 20 and 21. Curtain times for Friday and Saturday performances is 8 p.m. The Sunday matinee performance begins at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12. For more information, contact the theatre's box office at 495-4005.

### Father/Daughter softball tourney

The First Annual "Whose Your Daddy" father/daughter softball tournament will be held Saturday, June 21 with a \$100 entry fee per team. Each team will consist of five daughters and five fathers. Deadline for registration is June 18. For more information contact Ysabel Overton at 806-543-3603 or Christina Jones at 629-4092. All proceeds benefit the Girls' Little League softball team.

### Vacation Bible school set

The First United Methodist Church, Bethel Assembly of God, Church of the Nazarene and Family Harvest will sponsor SCUBA (Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure) vacation Bible school June 23-27. The week-long event will run from 9 a.m. to noon daily. For more information, call the FUMC office at 495-2942 or e-mail ulazysranch@aol.com.

### MAD DADS youth center summer hours

The MAD DADS youth center summer hours are Monday, noon to 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Friday and Saturday nights the youth center will open 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Additional hours will be announced following summer baseball.

### Donations accepted for Relay for Life

Garza County Relay For Life is accepting donations for door prizes and silent auction items for the June 13 and 14 event. Call Michelle Rasbeary at 495-0040 for more information.



Debbie Nelson

Karla King

## Big bucks taken from Garza County travelers

**by Wes Burnett**

Garza County and the State of Texas collected \$61,005.58 in April and May for traffic fines issued here, according to reports of the two Justices of the Peace courts. 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 \$18,770.26 in April and \$14,068 in May with JP Court 2 showing \$317,222.09 in April and \$25,003.23 in May. 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.

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:

People can learn the exact jurisdictional limits (scope) of the Texas Transportation Code by allowing it to interpret itself according to its strict construction. The scope of the Code can be known by its title, "Transportation."

Since this term is not defined in the Code, then it must be defined according to the United States Transportation Code and Black's Law Dictionary. These sources reveal that the term

"Transportation" means transportation by a carrier for hire.

Use of the roads and highways for purposes of "transportation for hire by carriers" is what falls under the scope of the Code. The Code protects the traveling public by regulating the vehicles using the roads for the purpose of "Transportation."

So why do we see Department of Public Safety Officers (DPS), county and city officers enforcing the Code upon the traveling public who show no appearances of using the roads for "transportation" purposes?

The answer rests upon the registration of vehicles with the State of Texas. The scope of the registration requirement falls under "Transportation."

So all motor vehicles using the roads for purposes of "transportation" are required to be regis-

tered with the State. But guess what?

Any automobile, registered with the State, falls within the scope of the Code. The registration sticker and the license plate are the identifiers by which the DPS can determine whether or not a vehicle falls within their jurisdictional limits.

Question for thought: Does the DPS have the authority to enforce the Code upon travelers, not involved with "transportation," who have voluntarily chosen not to register their automobiles with the State?

This is a question to be seriously considered by each individual DPS officer, and the County.

For, both the County and the State stand to financially benefit from a high volume of automobiles being registered with the State.

## Relay For Life gives hope

Cancer does not stop for nighttime, and neither will dozens of Garza County, Relay For Life participants this weekend. This Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14, the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Garza County will finally get underway.

Twenty-one teams and more than a dozen volunteers have worked for the last few months organizing and raising money to benefit the American Cancer Society. All Garza County residents and surrounding communities are invited to gather for the annual event at the Post ISD track for 24 hours of fun, fellowship, and a great opportunity to help support the American Cancer Society.

Relay For Life is often compared to a giant moving slumber party.



Local cancer survivors take a walk to promote this year's Relay For Life, which will be held June 13 and 14 in support of American Cancer Society efforts to prevent and find cures for cancer. (Photo courtesy Shelley Odom).

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James Kelly Line and April Leanne Drummond

## Line, Drummond set August 23 wedding

Ivan and Debbie Line of Post are proud to announce the engagement of their son, James Kelly Line, to April Leanne Drummond, daughter of Theresa and Troy Oliver of Ovalo, Texas and Lee and Brenda Drummond of Abilene.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1994 graduate of Post High School and is currently employed by D&D Cable Services in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene and is currently pursuing a degree at TSTC in Sweetwater for a vocational nursing license.

An August 23 wedding is planned at the 4-H center in Brownwood.



Educational programs of the Texas Cooperative Extension are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age or national origin.

### Babysitting Clinic

June 17th is the date for youth wishing to participate in a Babysitting Clinic. Topics to be covered are general safety, playtime, mealtime, bath time, bedtime, "changing time", etc. The clinic will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will be held at the Extension office at 215 West Main Street in Post. It is imperative to call and sign up at 495-4400. If we happen to be out of the office at the time you call, please leave a message with the participants name, telephone number and age.

### Garza County 4-H Trap Shoot....

.....June 21, 2003 at Monk Palmer's 2 Lazy 2 P Gun Club nine miles West of Post on Highway 380. Registration is at 8:00 a.m., shoot begins at 9:00 a.m.. For more information contact Ray Mason at 495-2776 or Mark Kirkpatrick at 495-2235.

### Steer Validation

Anyone interested in showing steers need to contact Greg Jones at 495-4400. State steer validation will be June 24, 2003, 5:00 p.m. at Syd Conner's pens.

## Births

### Dillon Sean Cowley

Tisha Cowley is proud to announce the birth of her son, Dillon Sean Cowley, at 5:23 p.m. May 21, 2003, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

The infant weighed five pounds, five ounces, and was 18 inches long. Grandparents are Debbie Cowley of Post and the late Donnie Cowley.



Dillon Sean Cowley

### Madelyn Grace Clemmons

Patricia and Michael Clemmons of Lubbock proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Madelyn Grace Clemmons.

She was born May 12, 2003 at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, weighing seven pounds, seven ounces and was 22.5 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Roy and Carolyn Willis, great grandparents Lillie May Willis and Bob and Marguerie Johnston of Lubbock.

Paternal grandparents are Les and Sherrie Clemmons and great grandparents Les and Betsy Clemmons and Bobbie Terrell of Lubbock.



Madelyn Grace Clemmons

The power of this ceremony lies in providing an opportunity for people to work through grief and find hope. The candles stay lit throughout the night, motivating the walkers/runners through their paces. In addition, entertainment, kids' activities, colorfully decorated tents, prizes, games, and fun for all ages round out the Relay experience.

The Relay is a tobacco/alcohol-free environment. This does not mean banning smokers/chewers. Rather we encourage their participation and discourage their use of tobacco during the event.

Relay For Life is a family event and will be held on school property, therefore alcohol is prohibited.

Garza County's 2003 Relay For Life goal is \$10,000. While event chairmen will not disclose the total amount raised until the actual event, they will say that it is shaping up to be the most successful Relay event of Garza County to date!

**Worth repeating ...**  
 When the people find that they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic.  
 — Benjamin Franklin

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## Relay For Life

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Teams of 8-15 walkers/runners from businesses, churches, schools, organizations, families, and neighbors join with cancer survivors, the honored guests, for the Relay with alternating shifts.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life was originally created as a 24-hour event because cancer never sleeps. Someone who has cancer battles it 24 hours a day. 1.3 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer this year; more than 550,000 will die.


Dr. Gordon Klatt, a Tacoma colorectal surgeon, started the American Cancer Society Relay For Life in 1985. He ran and walked around the track at the University of Puget Sound's Baker Field for 24 hours raising nearly \$24,000 for the American Cancer Society. His dream of a relay-style team event was realized the following year, when 19 teams participated in the first "City of Destiny Classic!"

This gave rise to the event that would become the original Relay For Life. This event is now held in hundreds of communities across the United States, raising millions for the battle against cancer each year.

The Relay Opening Ceremonies will begin at 6 p.m. Cancer survivors will take the first lap. All cancer survivors, as well as those still battling the disease, are invited to help kick off the event. The team participants then start their rotations for the rest of the event.

After dark a meaningful and often healing luminaria ceremony begins. Luminaria bags are lit "In Honor" of those surviving/battling cancer and "In Memory" of those who have lost their battle. The Luminaria Ceremony is often referred to as the "Ceremony of Hope."

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## Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

### Grain Sorghum as a Beneficial Alternative for Damaged Cotton

Grain sorghum may prove to be an attractive alternative for cotton producers on the Texas High Plains whose cotton crops fell victim to recent storms and hail. The situation has many growers looking at alternative crops such as grain sorghum to replant in their fields.

Grain sorghum can offer long-term benefits to producers who traditionally grow cotton. Research conducted near Brownfield, Texas, by Dr. Dan Krieg, agronomist at Texas Tech University, indicates that a crop rotation consisting of grain sorghum and cotton can increase cotton yields the following season by at least ten percent. Krieg also has found that rotating sorghum with cotton can have positive impacts on sorghum yields.

Dr. Jeff Dahlberg, National Grain Sorghum Producers (NGSP) research director says that producers can help maximize yields by following recommended practices such as choosing appropriate hybrids for maturity and planting based on @plants per acre@ rather than @pounds of seed per acre.

Dahlberg also adds that grain sorghums water sipping characteristics could prove to be beneficial later this summer if moisture supplies tighten.

Additional grain sorghum production and management tips along with information on getting free grain sorghum seed can be found at the TGSB website, [www.sorghumgrowers.com/texas.htm](http://www.sorghumgrowers.com/texas.htm), or by calling TGSB at (806) 749-3478.



Alex Mesa (right) gets special attention by a UMC mobile unit staff member during last week's Open House at the Garza County Health Clinic. Beatriz Mesa (left) joined her husband at the open house. Visitors got a close look at the facility, were treated to special services and BBQ brisket donated by Jerry's BBQ. Physician Network Services is managing the local clinic. The building is currently undergoing improvements and the staff extends an invitation to the public to visit.

## "The Lion ..." is a smash hit at Garza Theatre

by Ruth Ann Young

Currently playing at the Garza Theater is *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, written by C.S. Lewis and directed by Mitchell Britton.

The story unfolds when four siblings travel to Marbleton Manor and open an old wardrobe. When they step back through the closet, they find themselves in the Land of Narnia, which has been ruled for hundreds of years by the icy White Witch. The beautiful but cruel witch rules over the inhabitants of Narnia with an iron hand, turning anyone who opposes her into stone. She has turned Narnia into winter, and she enforces her rule with her police, who are wolves.

The plot of the story portrays good overcoming evil. Characters are in costumes of forest animals, from Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, owls, dogs, eagle, bulls, leopards and many more.

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Dr Angela Tobias

### New hours posted at Post Public Library

The Post Public Library will begin operating under new hours beginning today.

The library will be open from 9 a.m. to noon and 2-9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The same schedule will be in place for July.

Library and computer assistance will be available for patrons who need help.

The extended hours were made possible through a Community TIF grant. The library will observe Story Hour on Tuesdays during the month of July.

The first Story Hour event will be July 8 from 10-10:30 a.m. for children ages 3-5 and from 10:45-11:30 a.m. for children ages 6 through fifth grade.

We encourage all children to come in and read during the summer, a library official said.

### 4-H Photography Contest Results

4-Hers participated in the Photography Project during the 2002-03 year. Learning experiences consisted of project meetings, workshops and field trips. Senior members entered 54 photos in the county competition which was judged by Fred Postell and Joe Miller. The top photo in each category advanced to state with the following results: Seniors: Tony Apolinar, B&W-Nature/Scenic, Red; B&W-People, Red. Breann Heckaman, Color-Humor, Red; Color-People, Blue; Color-Nature/Scenic, Blue. Kadie Vernon, Color-Creative Effects, Red.

The pictures entered at state will be on display this week during Texas 4-H Roundup at College Station.

Junior members entering in the District competition and the judging results are as follows:

Junior 1 Cheree Conner, age 9, Color-Nature, 1st.; Color-Plants/Flora, 2nd.; Color-Landscape/Scenic, 3rd.; Haylee McDaniel, age 9, Color-Animals, Participation.

Junior 2 Kevin Strube, age 11, Color-People, Participation; Color-Nature, Participation; Color-Animals, Juror.

Choice, Participation; Color-Plants/Flora, Participation; Color-Creative Effects, Participation; Allen Heckaman, age 12, Color-Landscape/Scenic, Participation.

If you would like to see the Junior Photography entries, come by the Extension office.

## Angela Tobias earns Doctor of Medicine degree at Baylor

Angela Tobias was awarded her degree of Doctor of Medicine from Baylor College of Medicine Wednesday, May 28th, in graduation ceremonies held at the Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts in downtown Houston.

Dr. Kenneth Shine, Director of the RAND Center for Domestic and International Health Security, delivered the commencement address. Dr. Michael DeBakey, a pioneer doctor in the field of cardiology, presented the graduates with their diplomas.

Following her graduation, Angela will be moving to Rochester, New York. She will be working at Strong Memorial Hospital of the University of Rochester Graduate Program for three years as a resident in Family Medicine.

Angela is the daughter of Frank and Carol Tobias and the niece of Richard and Bertha Fuentes of Post. Her grandparents are Ricardo and Angelica Tobias of Mission, TX (formerly of Post) and the late Garland and Georgia Nell Davies of Post.

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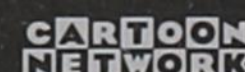
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# Obituaries

## Dorothy Condron Adkins

Graveside services for Dorothy Condron Adkins, 77, of Big Spring were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Elwin Collom, chaplain of Home Hospice, officiating. The Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She died Friday, June 6, at her home.  
Born March 24, 1926, in Ralls, she volunteered at the Chalet Shop to benefit the Big Spring State Hospital.

Survivors include two sons, Walter Davis Condron of Mathis and William Dean Condron of Victoria; three daughters, Cynthia Condron Hale of Mathis, Mollie Condron Banks of Beaverton, Oregon, and Jackie Condron Banks of Mentone, Calif.; four brothers, Troy Dean of Big Spring, Other (Pokey) Ammons and Donald (Corky) Ammons of Post and Sterling (Bugs) Ammons of Front Royal, Virginia; four sisters, Weaver McKamey and Marcelle Hair of Post, Virgie Jenkins of Brownfield and Annamerle Jackson of Bakersfield, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first and second husbands, Bertie William Condron and Charlie Adkins, one brother and one sister.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the American Cancer Society Memorial Program, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, TX 79721-2121.

## Margaret J. Campbell

Graveside services for Margaret J. Campbell, 89, of Hobbs, N.M., will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 12, 2003, in the Terrace Cemetery in Post with the Griffin Funeral Home officiating.

She died Monday, June 9, at Lea Regional Hospital in Hobbs.  
Born in Devine, Texas, March 18, 1914, she married Marton H. Campbell in 1932 in Uvalde. She moved to Hobbs in 1935 from Midland. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include one son, Tom Campbell of Hobbs; one daughter, Darlene Geister of Springdale, Ark.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Nov. 15, 1967; three sisters, Frances Bassett, Mary Adele Meredith and Leona Griffin; and one brother, Alfred Moss.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, P.O. Box 90790, Albuquerque, N.M., 87199-0790 or the Lea County Humane Society, P.O. Box 11921, Hobbs, N.M., 88241.

## Bonnie Maree Cearley

Services for Bonnie Maree Cearley, 92, of Early, Texas, formerly of Post, will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 12, 2003, at the First Baptist Church of Early. Burial will be in the Terrace Cemetery in Post at 1 p.m. Friday, June 13. Visitation will be conducted in the Hudman Funeral Home prior to graveside services. The Heartland Funeral Home in Early is in charge of arrangements.

She died at 11:30 p.m. Monday, June 9, 2003, at Brownwood Regional Hospital following a brief illness.

Born in Weatherford April 10, 1911, to N.W. and Lorena (Bradley) Allphin, she graduated from Abilene Christian Academy and attended Abilene Christian College. She married John F. Cearley Nov. 28, 1932, in Lovington, N.M. The couple resided in Post until July 1948 when they moved to Fabens, Texas. They lived there until 1957 when they moved to Pecos.

While in Post, Mrs. Cearley worked as a reporter for The Post Dispatch during World War II. She helped publish the newspaper for three years while the publisher served in the military overseas. She continued her newspaper career at the Pecos Daily News beginning in 1962 and later worked as women's editor for the Pecos Enterprise. Following her retirement, she continued to write columns for the Golden Age supplement to the Enterprise.

Active in numerous civic and cultural organizations, she was a 50-year member of the Texas Federated Women's Club, serving in several state board positions and as Western District president in 1979-80. She was a member and past-president of the Pecos Modern Study Club; a member of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce; a member of the chamber's Gold Coat organization; and a member of the Pecos Business and Professional Women's Club. She was named that organization's Woman of the Year in 1980. An active member of the Order of the Eastern Star, she was a member of the Monahans Chapter. She had been a Sunday school teacher, a member and board member of the Texas Press Association, board member of the Beauty Texas Council and an American Cancer Society board member. She was a longtime member of the Fourth & Bois d'Arc Church of Christ in Pecos.

After moving to Early in 1995, she was chaplain for the Welcome W. Chandler Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She attended Early First Baptist Church where she was active in the senior group.

Survivors include one son, John Allan Cearley Sr. and wife Janie of Liberty Hill, Texas; one daughter, Marthana Hudson and husband Coy of Early; five grandchildren, John Glenn Hudson of El Paso, Coy Brendan Hudson and wife Rebecca of Corsicana, Christine Feldmann of Corsicana, John Allan Cearley Jr. and wife Michelle of Liberty Hill and Nathan Hudson of San Marcos; seven great-grandchildren, Jeffrey and Julie Feldmann of Blooming Grove, Texas, Whitney Hudson of San Antonio, Ian Thomas Hudson of Arlington, Garrett Ransom and Brenna Leigh Hudson of Corsicana, and John Jacob Cearley of Liberty Hill; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Geraldine and Stanley Butler of Post; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981 and a son, Ralph, in 1935.

## April Line earns honors at WTA&M

April Line, a sophomore pre-veterinary medicine major from Post, was one of 62 students recently inducted into the Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society at West Texas A&M University.

To be a member of Gamma Beta Phi, students must have at least 30 hours at WTAMU and be in the top 20 percent of their respective class.

Gamma Beta Phi is a service organization as well as an honor society. Members participate in service projects both on campus and in the community throughout the academic year.

## Joey Quintana earns RN degree

Joey Quintana of Post graduated from the Registered Nursing program at Covenant School of Nursing in Lubbock in ceremonies held May 30 at the First United Methodist Church, Lubbock.

Prior to the ceremony, graduates attended a breakfast held in their honor. The event was hosted by American State Bank of Lubbock.

Quintana, who completed the program in April, is a 1991 Post High School graduate. He attended South Plains College in Levelland and Texas Tech University prior to entering the Covenant School of Nursing.

Quintana is the son of Lupe and Adelina Quintana of Post.  
Covenant School of Nursing, formerly the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, is a fully-accredited hospital-based program for professional nursing. More than 3,300 students have graduated from the school since it began operations in 1918.

## Edith Crispin

Services for Edith Crispin, 79, of Post were 2:00 P.M. Wednesday at the Calvary Baptist Church with Jack Gordon, Minister of the West Side Church of Christ of Slaton Officiating. The Rev. John Hedrick, Pastor of Graham United Methodist Church and the Rev. Les Atkins, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church assisted. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Crispin died Sunday, June 8, 2003 at University Medical Center, Lubbock.

Born at Albany to F.M. and Fannie Annie (Brown) Jinkins, they came to Post when Edith was only a child.

Edith attended and graduated from Post schools. Married Pete Crispin and later worked for the Postex Cotton Mill. She owned and operated one of the first beverage stores in Post and later managed the Pinkies Store and later bought it and operated Edith's until her retirement in 1987. She was a Charter Member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

She is survived by: one Daughter: Rosemary and husband Tommy Cole of Post one Son: Ray and wife Margaret Crispin of Wilson. One Sister: Ida Mae Edwards of New Home. 13 grandchildren: Mitchell Bartley, Rhonda Boone, Barbara Joe Goodwin, Tracy Kendrick, Raenell Sneed, Kerri Dean, Jason Bartley, Kevin Crispin, Kelly Crispin, Kim Ross, Bill Cole, Tracey Cole and Jay Cole. 27 great-grandchildren: Ashley Bartley, Beth Bartley, Colton Bartley, Britney Hodo, Dillor Bartley, Candice Noble, Joseph Noble, Channing Chancy, Rachel Chancy, Alexis Sneed, Lauren Annette Sneed, Kaylyn Dean, Kylee Dean, Kenley Dean, Kayle Bartley, Jordan Bartley, Austin Bartley, Victoria Inman Crispin and Lexi Crispin.

Pallbearers were Kelly Crispin, Kevin Crispin, Robby Dean, Nonnie Bright Robert Boone and Channing Chancy. Honorary Pallbearers were all grandchilder and great-grandchildren.



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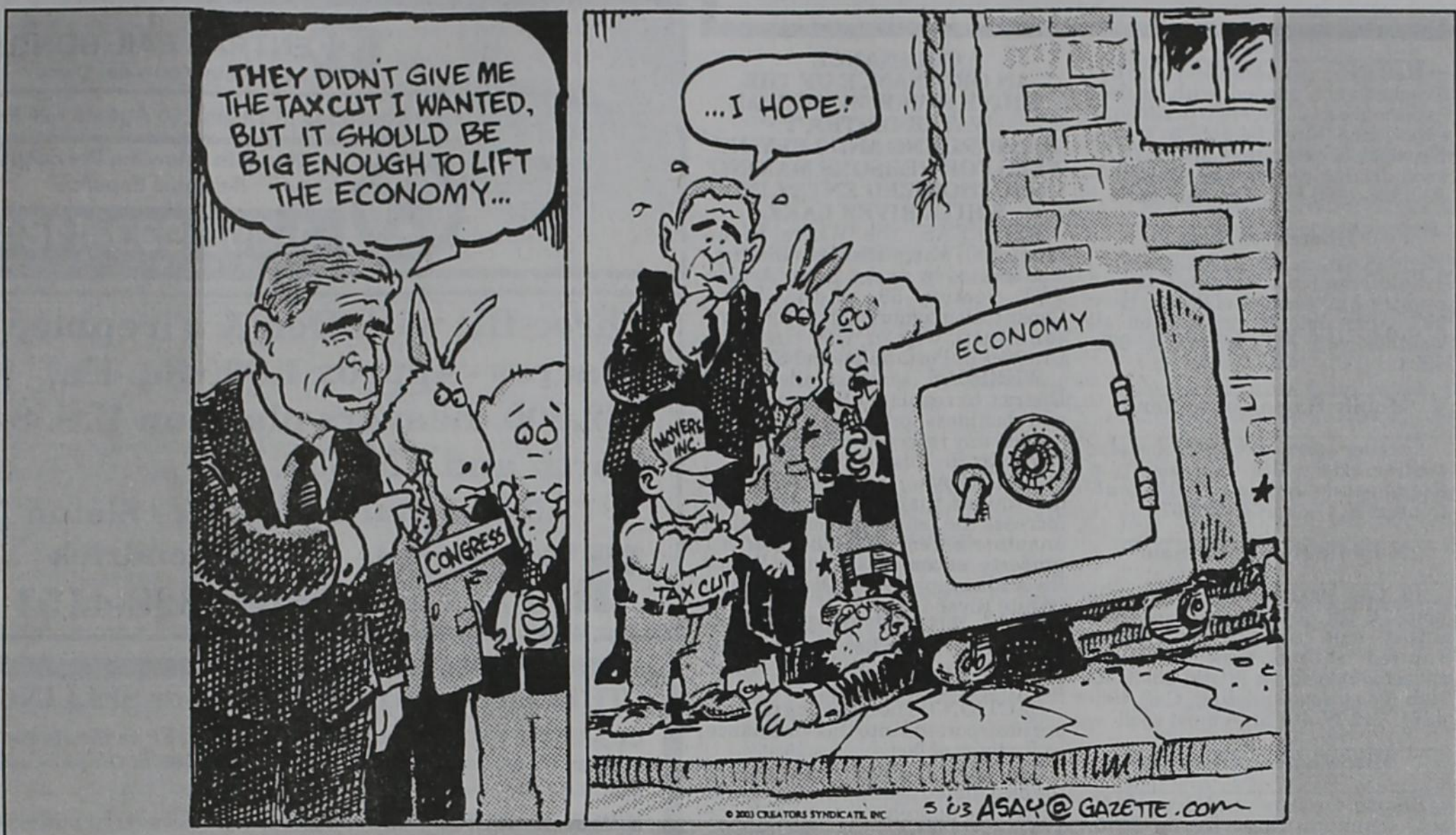
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## Walter comes out of the closet

by Bill O'Reilly



A few weeks ago in this space, I criticized Walter Cronkite for attacking the Bush administration over the war in Iraq. My analysis was that the former CBS News anchorman was coming at it from an internationalist point of view, putting the objectives and policies of foreign countries on the same level as those of the USA. In this age of terror, when we are under attack, that attitude just doesn't cut it. The government of the United States must be proactive in protecting its citizens, and if the French

don't like it, they can go eat snails.

Well, guess what? Walter Cronkite has finally come clean. He's not simply an internationalist, he's a liberal internationalist!

Speaking to The Washington Post last week, Cronkite said: "I would call myself a liberal, but I hope I don't lose my ability to be dispassionate."

Uncle Walter has just signed a deal to write a syndicated newspaper column and his first piece, this coming August, will explain why he thinks most news reporters are liberals. Wow!

At age 86, Mr. Cronkite is finally laying it on the line. But now, I have a few more problems with him. First of all, it is not a stretch to think that Walter's political ideology influenced the story selection on the CBS Evening News. I worked there and can tell you that the competition to get on the air is intense. For every story that you see, 10 others don't make the lineup. And Walter was a huge part of the selection process.

Secondly, I think journalists should strive to be independent thinkers and reject ideological labels. The truth is that complicated problems sometimes require solutions from the Right and sometimes from the Left. Let the best solution win!

But if a powerful journalist sees the world through a liberal prism, then he or she may be tempted to favor leftist positions. That's when things go awry.

The editor of The Los Angeles Times, John S. Carroll, wrote an interoffice memo to his subordinates last week ordering them to stop putting a liberal spin on hard news stories. Carroll cited a front-page report on alleged cancer dangers to women who undergo abortions. The story was skewed left, and Carroll called his sub-editors on it.

We all know the terrible problems The New York Times is having because its editors imposed a politically correct atmosphere at the paper that allowed a minority reporter, Jayson Blair, special treatment. That biased philosophy led to the resignation of the two top editors of the Times and is one of the biggest scandals in newspaper history.

In the face of those and other controversies, one wonders why Walter Cronkite is defining himself as a liberal. He's experienced enough to make judgments based on facts, logic and fairness, rather than a philosophical outlook that is sometimes effective and sometimes not.

But the good news is that Cronkite, the poster boy for the elite media, has finally come out of the closet so we can all get a clear look at him. Gosh, Walter, it must have been really stuffy in there.

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### FFF THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"Fear is the foundation of most governments." — John Adams, *Thoughts on Government* [1776]

"...[O]ne of the most refined (and rare) certainties of liberalism is that historical determinism does not exist. History has not been written so as to negate any further appeal. History is the work of men, and just as men can act rightly with measures that push history in the direction of progress and civilization, they can also err, and by conviction, apathy, or cowardice, allow history to slide into anarchy, impoverishment, obscurantism, and barbarism. The culture of democracy can gain new ground and consolidate the advances it has achieved. Or, it can watch its dominions shrink into nothingness, like Balzac's *peau de chagrin*. The future depends on us — on our ideas, our votes, and the decisions of those we put in power." — Mario Vargas Llosa, *Liberalism in the New Millenium* [2000]

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## White guilt, black exploitation

by Walter E. Williams



Few Americans have heard of the National Slave Memorial Act (HR 196) that proposes to erect a National Slave Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Last year, Sen. Trent Lott made this suggestion whilst groveling at the feet of black politicians and civil rights activists after his remarks supporting the 1948 presidency of then-segregationist Sen. Strom Thurmond. Since then, a few Republicans have joined with Democrats to co-sponsor the National Slave Memorial Act.

Supporters say the National Slave Memorial Act will begin the racial "reconciliation" and "healing" process. It's amazing how people can say this with straight faces and believe it.

We've heard this claim as justification for one government program or another, most recently being former President Clinton's "Race Initiative." How much healing and reconciliation did it produce? It simply produced a forum for charlatans, demagogues and race hustlers. If a slave memorial is built on the National Mall, it will simply become a media backdrop for the likes of race hustlers like Al Sharpton, Jesse Jackson and Black Congressional Caucus to spew their anti-American venom and call for quotas and reparations for slavery.

There's no way the National Slave Memorial Act could become law without the assistance of useful idiots in the Republican Party. You'll recall that "useful idiots" was a term coined by Lenin to describe mindless Western do-gooders who were helpful to communists but nonetheless detested. Republicans can't believe that their support for the National Slave Memorial Act will deliver them more black votes and greater acceptance by the Democrats; that's assuming Republicans have a modicum of good sense. The only other reason why they might support the act is to assuage their feelings of guilt for the injustices of slavery that made a mockery of the values expressed in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

Guilt is one of the worse human motivations. It promotes self-

serving actions, while ignoring or discounting the effects of those actions on the object of the guilt. I recall my first year as an assistant professor of economics at Temple University in 1973. Black students had demanded that a course in "black economics" be taught. What's worse is that some of my colleagues were giving the demand serious thought.

Not being able to convince me that there was such a thing as black economics, I asked several of my colleagues what would be their response had some Polish or Italian students demanded a course in Polish or Italian economics? I answered the question for them by telling them they'd probably kick the rascals out of their offices.

That was just the tip of the guilt iceberg. One Temple University colleague took me to lunch and confided to me that he was having numerous academic problems with his poorly prepared black students.

I asked him what his response to their poor preparation was. He replied that he tried to take into consideration racial discrimination and the poor education they received. I asked him how he assigned grades, to which he responded: "If they come every day and look as if they're taking notes, I give them a 'C'."

After I recovered, I told him that's very much like having a dog in an English class and one day the dog sits on his hind legs and says, "You not po da do dat." You'd give the dog an "A". Why? You don't expect the dog to speak at all, and no matter what he says you'd deem it laudable.

Motivated by these and other experiences, sometime ago I created a "Certificate of Amnesty and Pardon" for guilt-ridden Americans of European ancestry (available at: [www.gmu.edu/departments/economics/wew](http://www.gmu.edu/departments/economics/wew)) under "Gift" on my webpage. I now extend that gift to Congress and White House supporters of the National Slave Memorial Act.

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## "There was a report of drugs and guns"

by Scott McPherson

On May 16 New York City police officers dressed in riot gear broke down a woman's door and exploded a concussion grenade in her Harlem home. The woman, 57-year-old Alberta Spruill, was unarmed. She died a few hours later of a heart attack.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly both apologized to family members within hours of the incident. Asked to account for the paramilitary-style "no-knock" raid on Spruill's home, the mayor explained it like this: "There was a report — obviously in this case erroneous — but a report of guns and drugs."

Mayor Bloomberg and Commissioner Kelly blame a flawed tip from an informer for causing the police error. "[The] Police Department's motives were something that nobody should question," the mayor assured the public. "Whether or not it was done correctly, whether we could have prevented it or it was just one of those unfathomable accidents, we don't know. That's what the police commissioner conducts an investigation for."

Translation: Don't worry your pretty little heads — that dead woman's relatives will have a plausible-sounding explanation, sooner or later, of why it was their loved one's home was mistakenly attacked early one morning as she got ready for work. Maybe they'll put it down to a leadership-oversight problem and send someone off to early retirement.

But whatever conclusions they reach, don't count on anyone's discussing the real reason for Ms. Spruill's death: She was another victim in the government's war on drugs and its growing crusade against guns.

There was a time in this country when people saw the government merely as a protector. Unless someone was doing actual harm to another person, the essential guiding principle in America was that people should be left free to regulate their own affairs without a government agent's breathing down their neck.

In short, as long as a citizen's actions weren't aggressive, the most he faced was the moral condemnation of his fellows. As much as certain behaviors may not have been liked, they were tolerated as the price of a free society.

The trouble is, most Americans today view merely doing something they don't like as the moral equivalent of an act of aggression.

Offending the sensibilities of the majority runs the very real risk of getting a boot on the neck, or a stun grenade in the face — whether or not you've actually committed a violent act against someone. No legal distinction is made between acts that violate people's rights and those that merely transgress prevailing moral sentiments.

In America, drugs are considered evil, and so they're illegal. In New York City, guns are also considered evil, and so they're illegal. Americans long ago abandoned the libertarian principle that holds that government exists only to protect individuals from acts of violence committed by others, and that all criminal laws should reflect only that aim. As a result, peaceful activities that people just don't like or that they consider immoral are grounds for calling in the SWAT team — especially when those activities involve guns or drugs.

In the case of Alberta Spruill, the cops were enforcing the law. An investigation into whether they followed correct procedures is warranted, but an examination into the laws they were enforcing is even more important. It's time to reconsider both the war on drugs and the war on guns, for the sake of future innocent victims.

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### Sanity in government budgets

by Wes Burnett

We can only hope that local governments will take notice of the recent Texas Legislature's dramatic change from "spend and tax" to withstand the socialist urges to raise taxes more and more.

A review of local government budgets reveals that as much as 50 percent (or more) is set aside for purely socialist programs, and although they serve some useful purposes, those "feel good" projects are the not necessary for government to perform its essential duties: securing the rights (as defined by the American Declaration of Independence and our constitutions).

Securing liberty and justice are the two critical and essential roles of government in a republic established to secure the rights of individuals. Anything else is simply nonessential.

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## Sheriff reports eight arrests

Eight arrests were recorded in the Garza County Jail log during the past week, according to sheriff's department reports.

Arrests included a 32-year-old on a grand jury indictment and a 21-year-old for possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

Two individuals, ages 33 and 25, were picked up for public intoxication, while another individual (age not listed) was arrested on a Kent County warrant.

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# Yesteryears

10 Years Ago  
June 2, 1993

Junior Varsity Cheerleaders for the Post Bold Antelopes for the 1993-94 school year are Jill Stelzer, Andrea Wallace, DeeJeEstep, Jodi Hawkins, Nikki Pollard and Angela Jefferson. Also leading the Antelopes to victory are Kasey Hardin, Jennifer Josey, Arimy Gradine, Natalie Pollard, Rachelle Jones and Macee Mills representing Post Middle School.

Post ISD Board member Jeff Lott delivered the commencement address to 51 graduating Post High School students Friday evening at Antelope field. Michael Voss and Brad McDonald also spoke to the graduates. Voss delivered the Valedictory address and McDonald delivered the Salutatory address.

Basketball All-American Sheryl Swoopes from the national champion Lady Raiders from Texas Tech, delivered the keynote address during the Post High School All-sports banquet.

Jewell Parrish will be honored for her 80th birthday on June 13 at the Community Room in the First National Bank.

Russel and Sandra Benham are proud to announce the birth of their son, Quentin Ray Benham.

20 Years Ago  
June 5, 1983

Alphonso Reyna, salutatorian, Cynthia Poole, Wade Giddens, valedictorian, Darla Jackson and Robert Shults were recognized as Post High School 1983 honor students during ceremonies at Antelope Stadium.

Nicholas Vukad presented an American flag to L. S. McCrary for the Garza County Senior Citizen Trail Blazers.

The 1983 O.S. Saddle Bronc and Art Show, to be held Saturday and Sunday, will include 30 of the world's best PRCA bronc riders and a wide variety of famous Western artists.

Wedding vows were pledged between Marinette Hays and Jerry Bruce Tyler at 7 p.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church.

Six Post High School choir students who qualified for the state meet returned to Post Monday following competition. Dianne Ladd, director, said the students gave their best performance ever at the meet. Results of the meet were Mark Stark - II, Todd Wilson - III, Frances Cendalski - III, Renae Melton, Dawn Pearce, and Barbara Sturdivant - IV.

30 Years Ago  
June 7, 1973

Miss Trena Lea Jackson became the bride of William David Woods Friday, June 1, at 7 p.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church. Miss Jan Bullock was maid of honor, with the groom's father Bill Woods serving as the best man.

Outstanding bandmen awarded plaques by Director Herb Germer at the recent end-of-school concert in City-County Park were Tiana Shiver, junior high, Sherell Guichard, high school, Daniel Morrow, fifth grade and Bryan Compton, sixth grade.

Colors of red and white were used in decorations when Miss Lee Ann Williams was complimented with a lingerie luncheon Saturday in the

home of Mrs. Charles Williams, Jr.

Newly installed officers of Gamma Mu chapter are Orabeth White, president; Judy Bush, vice president; Ruth Ann Young, secretary-reporter; Jane Mason, treasurer, and Loveta Norman, educational director.

Mrs. Julio Valdez of Post was named "Outstanding Spanish Speaking Mother of the Year" for 1973 in a Mother's Day contest sponsored by radio station KCLR in Ralls.

40 Years Ago  
June 6, 1963

Four nights of weather violence within a six-day period ending Monday brought record field water flooding to Garza's portion of the High Plains and virtually wiped out the county's young cotton crop.

The White River Lake today has water backed up for one and one-half miles from the new dam and is 15 to 20 feet deep in spots. Dam Contractor Steve Luce hasn't closed the dam, but he did order some 2,000 yards of dirt plugged into the 100-foot wide gap in the dam Monday to start catching some water for construction purposes.

Miss Shelia Joy Morris became the bride of James Ralph Melton Friday, May 31, in the evening at the Church of the Nazarene. Mrs. Jerry Morris, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor, with Donal Melton serving his brother as best man.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Hutto Jr., are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Glenda Jane Hutto, to Mason McClellan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray McClellan.

Larry Welch and Dan E. Cockrum, Post college students, left May 26 for summer jobs in far-away places. Larry will work for the forest service as a "smokejumper" out of Fairbanks, Alaska. Dan will be employed by the park service in Glacier National Park, Montana.

50 Years Ago  
June 4, 1953

Mack Terry, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Terry of Post, won the Garza County FFA tractor Operator's Contest at the Earl Rogers farm here, but only after a close contest with Moody Graham, son of County Judge and Mrs. Oscar Graham. Mack and Moody were neck-and-neck in the judges' opinions after completing the two plowing rounds called for, but Mack compiled enough extra points in an added round to nose Moody for first place.

Thursday, Justiceburg School pupils enjoyed a train ride to Lubbock, tours through Baldridge's Bakery and Borden's Creamery, and lunch in Mackenzie Park. They returned home in school bus and cars, which were waiting for them when they got off the train in Lubbock.

A son, Guy Troy, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Troy Nelson May 23 in Garza Memorial Hospital. He weighed six pounds and eight and one-half ounces at birth at 4:06 a. m.

Two Post Marines recently completed their recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif. They are Pvts. John J. Bilberry, son of Mrs. Henry Bilberry, and Sidney D. Caylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Caylor.

# Letters to the Editor

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

## Amazing, simply amazing!

My husband, Michael, has been a mail carrier in Post for four years. During this time, I knew that he had befriended many of his customers. However, until we had our baby in May, I never knew the extent of the kindness of people in Post.

Madelyn is our first baby so this has been such an exciting time for us. The experience has only been made richer due to the kindness and generosity shown by the people in Post. We have been showered not only with presents, but also with love. I could never have imagined how many gifts and cards we would receive from people on Michael's route and other Post citizens.

On behalf of our family, I would like to take this opportunity to thank your community for embracing Michael, Madelyn and me. Your generosity has been overwhelming, and I cannot express how much we appreciate all that you have done to welcome Madelyn to the world. You are all very lucky to live in a community full of so many thoughtful people.

Patricia Clemmons, Lubbock

## A good friend died

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend by the name of Common Sense who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valued lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge).

His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student only worsened his condition!

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, spilled it in her lap, and was awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

He is survived by two stepbrothers; My Rights and Ima Whiner. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still know him pass this on, if not you can give him a second death.

Contributed by a friend

## Like to hear from you

Hi, guys. This is Gary Eaton reporting in from out in the western Pacific.

The battle group that I am deployed with (Carl Vinson) has just been extended 'til Nov. 2 due to various threat conditions.

We deployed Jan. 13, which will have us out at sea for 10 months. So I ask that y'all keep me in all y'all's prayers.

I would like to thank Operation Support Our Troops for all the cards. I would like to thank Sandy Smith for all she does for the Armed Forces and Linda Goen for all her support and encouraging words. I would also like to thank Garza County's Commissioners Court for all their prayers and kind words.

I miss all of y'all very much, and I hope the Lord brings me home safe and soon.

Once again, thanks, Garza County, for all the support. It is really appreciated.

God bless America!  
Gary L. Eaton USS Sacramento AOE-1 1st Division/Deck FPO AP 96698-3012

## To protect and to serve??

Last week the editor had an article about cops catching each other and then erasing the situation. I see no reason for an alarm. I thought it was supposed to be that way.

Remember back in the days of the TV show "The Andy Griffith Show" or "Gunsmoke"? Barney Fife was always getting in a jam. Andy (sheriff of Mayberry) would always bail him outa trouble. Look at the days of "Gunsmoke," Deputy Festus Goode could screw up a train wreck, but Marshal Dillon would always cover up his malfunctions.

What we have here is history repeating itself, with the exception, this is 2003, and not television entertainment, this is modern day America.

I would think the cops would have better things to work on besides trying to catch each other in the first place. Maybe they don't. I don't know the answer to that question.

I read a book one time about Judge Roy Bean (The Law West of the Pecos) who was called the Hangin' Judge down at Langry, Texas, in the 1800s. It was said the Judge Roy Bean told the lawmen of those times not to bring him a law breaker that was making him money. Whether it be a law enforcer or a crook.

He only hung "no name" people. Things have been that way for the last couple hundred years and probably ain't gonna change any time soon. Nevertheless, I got a good laugh from reading the article.

In my 45 years of boo-boo's, I'm sure I probably got several breaks, and I guess that was OK. But it does seem like what's good for the goose oughta be good for the gander.

You scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours to me don't seem to be the proper way to do things, but who's

got the gun?

I often wonder if the system has ever stopped and asked "Why doesn't John P. Public" have much faith in the system anymore.

Obviously, it would be a major chaos here in America if there was no cops or judges or any kind of rules to go by, but "to protect and to serve," in my opinion, that motto needs to go to file 13.

I think we probably have a fairly decent bunch of law enforcement people here, or as good as anywhere else, but I'd like for them all, here or

anywhere else, look it up in the big black book and read the part that talks about "All Men are Created Equal" and try it and see if it works.

I remember when I was a kid, cops fascinated me and I thought they was something out of the ordinary. But do we wonder sometimes, is the day coming when we have to look down instead of up? But then of course, there is some good in everybody.

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

## Trail Blazers list memorials

The Garza County Trail Blazers have received a number of memorials during the past two months.

Memorials received in April and May include, in memory of Joe Williams, a gift from Wanda Blacklock; in memory of Maude Cade, memorial gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Earl, Wanda Blacklock, Theona Josey and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sanderson; in memory of Ms. Willie Tucker, a memorial gift from Bonnie Oletha Hawkins; and in memory of Mary Allene Ault, gifts from Jack and Sara Ault, Onieta Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Earl, Wanda Blacklock, Ms. Ida Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ault and Neon Communications.

## Robertson earns honors at SP College

Jeremy Robertson of Southland has been named to the Dean's Honor List for the spring 2003 semester at South Plains College in Levelland.

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### AGENDA:

1. The board will hear and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matters permitted by TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.

- (1.) Real, Personal, Minerals, & Utilities  
Time: 9:00 A.M. until NOON
- (2.) Certification of 2002 Appraisal Roll
- (3.) Certification of Supplemental Records for 2001

This notice is given in pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code.



**NEW BIBLE FOR HOSPITAL**—Members of the First Presbyterian Church School last week presented a Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible to Garza Memorial Hospital. Shown here is Neal Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burney Francis, presenting the Bible to County Judge Oscar Graham, who received it on behalf of the hospital. Looking on is Mrs. Gerald N. Blackburn, director of the Vacation Church School.—(Post Dispatch Photo).

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12 this TX English was on Lawrence Welk show  
17 TXism: "it's cats and dogs"  
20 TXism: "got \_\_\_ as big as Texas" (kind)  
22 San \_\_\_ TX  
23 WWII book: "Texas \_\_\_ War"  
24 Dublin plant uses \_\_\_ water on Dr. Pepper bottles  
29 TX Forrest played Honda on this show held at 22 across:  
30 "Texas Mardi \_\_\_"  
31 fin on Gulf sharks  
32 TXism: "flush \_\_\_" (hunting phrase)  
37 former Fort Worth mayor Willard  
38 Copperas Cove newspaper  
43 "Giant" star Liz was also this queen  
45 this Warren was in "Tough Enough" with TX Quaid  
47 TXism: "wouldn't know him from \_\_\_"

DOWN  
48 illegal block in the back  
50 TXism: "it'll kill it or \_\_\_" (medicine)  
51 TXism: "two peas in a \_\_\_" (alike)  
52 TX Audie Murphy in WWII  
53 makes eyes at  
54 Chico, Fenix and Paso  
55 star of film "Silkwood" that was shot in Dallas  
56 explosive used by TX oilfighter "Red" Adair  
58 former athletic assn. of Midwestern State  
59 TX Janis Joplin sang "\_\_\_ Blues"  
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27 TXism: "tame \_\_\_ dog"  
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33 TXism: "sold \_\_\_ a bill of goods"  
34 TXism: "it's root hog \_\_\_ die"  
35 TXism: "\_\_\_ to snuff"

37 TX inn: \_\_\_ Quinta  
38 "\_\_\_ it in stone"  
39 this Whelan starred in "San Antonio"  
40 this Steve sang "San Antonio Girl"  
41 TXism: "speaks cow like a \_\_\_"  
42 Fiesta Diez y \_\_\_  
44 Erle's lawyer (init.)  
46 \_\_\_ Jo, TX (abbr.)  
49 TXism: "sticks like a \_\_\_ stamp"  
50 young'un's favorite drink  
57 "one \_\_\_ one Ranger"





Mark Short (left) was administered an oath office Tuesday evening by Post Mayor Archie Gill (right). Short will serve as city fire marshall.

## Time now to plan for big July 4th event

by Theresa Harp  
President Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau

It's not too early to start planning for the big Fourth of July celebration in Post.

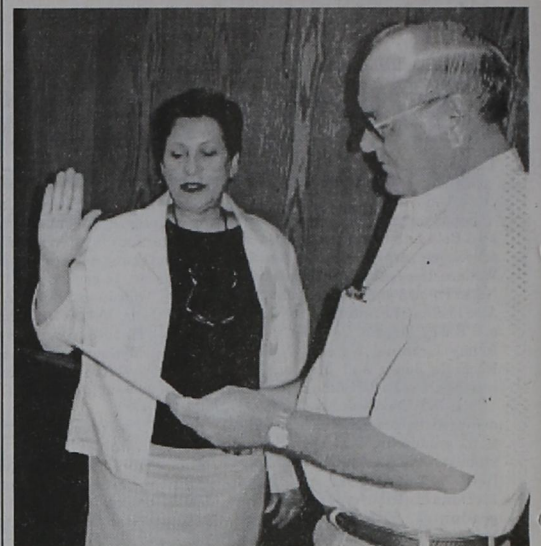
The Fourth of July will be on Friday this year, and we want to encourage merchants to stay open on that day because it is Old Mill Trade Days weekend and the town might just be full of people.

We also want to encourage you to decorate your storefronts for a contest sponsored by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau. The prize for the best storefront will be an American flag that has flown over our nation's capital.

Rodney Tidwell will again be gathering money for the fireworks display, and we want to encourage all Post businesses to donate so that this year will be the biggest and best ever. Please make your checks to MAD DADS. It is tax deductible.

We are looking into new planters for Main Street and will be letting you know where you can purchase these if you choose. The board will also be planting these planters at your request.

Get ready - we have much to celebrate!



Nelva Syberts (left) repeats her oath of office as Municipal Judge with Post Mayor Archie Gill administering the oath. Syberts was appointed municipal judge following the resignation of Jim Plummer. Plummer will assist with transition through June.

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