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County rejects Lubbock's proposed LAH amendment

by Wes Burnett

A growing split between the City of Lubbock and Garza County Commissioners' Court got a bit wider Monday morning with the county's rejection of Lubbock's proposed amendment to the Lake Alan Henry law enforcement agreement.

County judge Giles W. Dalby called the proposal "simply terrible, a bad deal for us." His comments were echoed by commissioners Mike Sanchez, Lee Norman and Mason McClellan. Dalby pointed out that the proposed amendment calls for a reduction of \$9,300 from the current payment by Lubbock. County attorney Les Acker said he was a bit surprised to see that the agreement basically puts the Lubbock police chief in charge.

Dalby also objected to higher costs related to Lubbock's proposed requirements for divers and the increased burden of fuel expenses. The court agreed to draft a proposal more favorable to Garza County. At the insistence of Sanchez, that proposal will include a provision for setting the entry fees for Garza County citizens at the same rate as those for City of Lubbock citizens.

In other matters, commissioners agreed to an increase of \$2.50 to the local fees charged for registration of vehicles. The current rate of \$5 was proposed by McClellan, who voted no on the increase which was introduced by Sanchez, joined by Dalby and Norman. They cited increased demands for maintenance to roads and bridges.

The court approved Clyde Kitten's \$10,000 private bid for property at Justiceburg. Kitten's offer must meet approval of the Post ISD and the Garza County Hospital District, which share ownership

from unpaid taxes. The property is known as the Burnham township, had been advertised in a recent Sheriff's auction, but no bids were received at that time. According to Acker, that gives the county authority to accept a private bid.

Kitten said he plans to clean up the lots and develop those not in the flood plain.

Bids on three lots inside the city limits were also approved. Those lots had been recently advertised for sale in The Post Dispatch.

The court also approved a resolution in support of the development of a regional mitigation action plan (map) to be known as the South Plains Hazard Mitigation Action Plan. A separate vote approved a resolution for the county to participate in the plan, which is administered by the South Plains Association of Governments.

County clerk Jerry Hays explained that new electronic voting systems are due to be in place for the 2006 elections, but that "small" counties may not be required to switch from manual voting systems. Hays is attending an election school this month, and will report back to the commissioners concerning the implementation of the new voting system.

Commissioners approved the renewal of various insurance policies through the Texas Association of Counties.

A scheduled budget session was postponed due to the lack of information needed from participating agencies and county departments. Dalby said that his office will issue a reminder to elected county officials so that budget planning could begin later this month.

Post Notes

MAD DADS Benefit Set Saturday

A beans-and-cornbread supper benefiting the local MAD DADS program will begin at 6 p. m. Saturday at the Garza County Trailblazers, 205 E. 10th. Red beans, cornbread, sausage, potato salad and desserts will be served at a cost of \$5 per plate. To-go plates also will be offered. Sidelining the supper will be the drawings for a 19-inch TV/DVD/VCR combo (proceeds to benefit MAD DADS) and a quilt (proceeds to benefit the Sonny Gossett Scholarship Fund) that were to have been conducted during the Fourth of July celebration. Inclement weather delayed the drawings.

Church Youth Fundraiser

The Calvary Baptist Church Youth will hold a car wash at United Supermarket on Saturday, July 17 beginning at 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Also, snow cones for .50 and a bake sale from 9 a.m. until all sold. Donations will be accepted.

Gospel Music at the Park

Bring your favorite lawn chair, favorite cold beverage (no alcohol please) and snack, blanket, whatever you are comfortable with and enjoy some great gospel music. King's Ransom Ministry, with Gary and Liz Stephenson and Spirit of Truth Ministry, with Ray and Gloria Hamlin will perform on Saturday, July 17 at 7 p.m. at the City Park on Hwy. 84. Tell someone, and bring your neighbor with you! It's FREE!

Post Bold Gold Football Camp

The Post Bold Gold Football Camp will be held Wednesday, July 21 - Friday, July 23 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. First graders through eighth graders can register at the Post High School Field House or at the Central Administration Office. Registration fee is \$20 per camper. For more information you can contact Coach Tim James at 495-2770, ext. 211 or Shellee Odom at 495-3343.

"Whose Your Daddy" 2nd Annual Tournament

The 2nd annual father/daughter tournament has been scheduled for July. Anyone interested in participating should call Ysabel Overton at 543-3603. Entry fee will be \$20 a father/daughter couple.

Annual Rotary Club Dog Dip

The annual dog dip sponsored by the Rotary Club will be held on Saturday, July 17 at the Fire Station from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Dip - \$5.00, Rabies - \$7.00. Other vaccinations will be available.

Vacation Bible School

The Calvary Baptist Church will have it's annual Vacation Bible School July 26-30 from 7-8:30 p.m. All children kindergarten through high school age are welcome. Call 495-3342 or 495-2342.

Summer Reading Program

We invite you to join us for our summer reading program at the Post Public Library beginning July 6-27. We will have programs for two age groups, 3-5 year olds will meet at 10-10:30 a.m. each Tuesday morning and 1st-5th grades will meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m. We are planning a fun time of art, good books, and other activities. Also, Bluebonnet books will be available for check out in June. Come join in the fun and read this summer!

New Exhibit at OS Museum

A new exhibition at the OS Museum, "Portraits of Civilization", opened last week. The exhibit features artifacts and photography of the Asmat area of Irian Jaya, New Guinea, as well as providing a "glimpse into the artistic culture of other world countries." Viewing hours are from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Mondays thru Saturdays. The museum is located in the upstairs area of 201 E. Main St. in downtown Post. An elevator is provided for the convenience of museum-goers. For more information call 495-3570.

Cactus Theater

The fabulous music of the legendary Eagles is presented by overwhelming demand in an encore series, produced by Don Caldwell. This rare opportunity will feature Donnie Allison, Jason Fellers, Marcellus Roberts, Brian McRae, Mark Paden, Lesley Sawyer, Billie McClaran, Abbi Hutcherson, Kurt Kiser, and the incomparable instrumental and backing vocals of the Lubbock Texas Rhythem Machine. This tribute to the music of the Eagles will be Friday and Saturday, July 9-10, 23-24, and 30-31. Each performance will begin at 8 p.m. Reserved seats are \$25.00/\$20.00. For more information and reservations call (806) 762-3233.

Class of 1994 Reunion

The Post High School Class of 1994 will be holding their 10-year Class Reunion on Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31. Friday, July 30 at 7 p.m. will be Family Night at the home of David and Karen Nichols. There is no charge to attend this event. Saturday, July 31 will be a Barbecue Dinner with drinks at the Post Community Center. The charge for this event is \$20 per person.

An RSVP is needed for both events, please. RSVP or call for more details to: Sara Hodges Allred (214) 726-9770 or Mikki Wilks Swaffar (806) 786-1861.

Country Bluegrass and Gospel Music

Post Opry will feature country bluegrass and gospel music on the first Saturday of every month at the Senior Citizens Hall at Avenue I and 10th Street. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted.

My Special Place

My Special Place is enrolling children ages birth to 12 years of age. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify. For more information call 495-3446 or stop by 111 N. Avenue H.

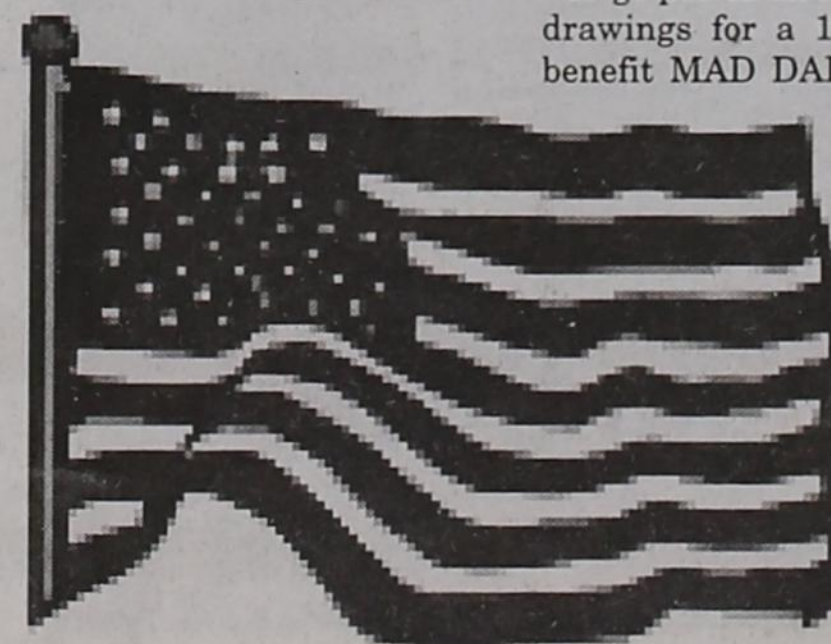
First Baptist Church

Come to the park for Mission Vacation Bible School. We will be playing games, learning about the Bible and God, and enjoying some great food each Wednesday night in July and August from 6 - 7:30 p.m. The First Baptist Church van will begin picking people up at 5:30 each Wednesday night, take them to the park, and drop them off at the same place they were picked up after VBS is over. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the church office at 495.3554.

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Face Painting at Post Public Library

Children who enjoyed face painting activities last Tuesday at the Post Public Library during the Summer Reading Program are (back row left to right), Taylor Osborn, Kelbie Oden and Jamie Melius (middle row), Haley Brownlow, Sara Greer and Mckenzie Brownlow (front row), Josh Warren, Josh Hataway and Katie Colvin. (Staff photo by Kerri Dean).

GHD directors begin budget sessions

In a brief meeting held at 9 a.m. July 7, members of the Garza County Health Care District board of directors reshuffled its

slate of officers following the resignation of longtime secretary Zoe Kirkpatrick.

Citing a number of other activ-

ities that are keeping her busy, Kirkpatrick announced she was resigning as board secretary, according to district administrator

Tonya Boucher. Kirkpatrick, a member of the district's board of directors since August of 1983, will continue her service on the board.

Edna Owen accepted election to the position of secretary.

Boucher gave a brief overview of preliminary budget items to the three board members present. District officials will go over the budget line by line in coming weeks as the board works toward finalizing the document for the new fiscal year.

The next budget meeting is set for 9 a.m. July 28 in the conference room at the Garza County Health Clinic Building, 608 W. 6th St. Additional budget sessions also may be conducted, Boucher said.

The board's next regular meeting will be tonight, July 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Citizens Bank Community



Flag Burning Ceremony

Chuck Ratliff (Commander, Post VFW #6797), participated in the Flag Burning Ceremony held recently at the Post.

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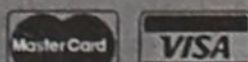
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Mrs. Timothy James Hill with her daughter Avery Wright

"A Toby Show" ... what a hoot!

by Wes Burnett

A hoot and holler, gang buster show is the best way to describe the current Garza Theatre production of "A Toby Show," which continues Friday, Saturday and Sunday and again July 23 and 24.

Directed by Christy Morris, the Aurand Harris production is a western style "Cinderella" story...complete with the always hilarious "Toby," starring Chris Davis. The slapstick and good old fashioned comedy keeps the audience laughing and cheering on the cast.

Supporting "Toby" on stage is a cast of top-notch actors, each one bringing their characters alive, to the delight of audiences. Kathy Kidder plays "Cindy" (you guessed it, the step-daughter cheated of her father's inheritance), sharing the stage with Mickie Klafka as "Mrs Van Undersquire," the manipulating step-mother audiences love to hate).

Getting a big share of laughs is Joe Bass as "Colonel Dinwiddie," the befuddled, hard-of-hearing uncle to "Prince Burdock (Matthew Gallagher)," who must marry the daughter of the late "Mr Undersquire" or else lose his princely title and worldly possessions.

Naturally this story isn't complete without the jealous and haughty step-sisters, "Sophia" and "Mauderina," played brilliantly by Jessica Wilson and Michelle Tucker. They believe the prince will marry one of them, but of course, he falls in love with the outcast step-sister, "Cindy."

The twists and turns are well timed with crisp performances by the cast. The traditional "tent show" candy sale was most popular the evening I saw the play, and Jeff Conner offered a taste of his many talents during the second intermission, even taking advantage of the BSNF railroad warning whistle in the middle of his musical entertainment.

Every bit as important to the production, are Joshua Blevins on sound and lights, Chris Davis for set design and dressing, Michael Vorauer, Dennis Gallagher and the cast for construction of the beautiful set and the box office staff of Alex Chapa, Alejandra Ceja, Kayla Dunn, Stephanie Gearhart, Shannon Rasbeary, Christina Zellmer and Naomi Matsler.

Juanetta Bock's mural painting on the inside lobby wall was praised by Morris.

Call the box office at 495-4005 to reserve a seat to enjoy this "hoot and holler" at the Garza Theatre.

Keitha White, Timothy Hill exchange vows

The Doss Chapel in Seminole was the scene of the 7 p.m. June 26, 2004, wedding of Keitha Beth Wright and Timothy James Hill. The double-ring ceremony was performed by Ted Tatum of Post, a longtime family friend.

The altar was flanked by two white antiqued columns that bore large pots of Boston fern. A large stained-glass window served as a backdrop. The entry was accented with pots of asparagus ferns.

Parents of the bride are Noel and Orabeth White of Post. The groom's parents are Dr. and Mrs. Morris Hill of Salado. Mrs. Quannah Maxey of Post, grandmother of the bride, also attended the ceremony. Other grandparents are Quannah Maxey and Mrs. Beulah White of Post.

Wedding music was provided at the piano by Cathy Hill of Seminole, sister-in-law of the groom. Mark and Cathy Cornelison of Seminole sang "When You Say Nothing At All," "You Light Up My Life" and "Word of God Speak." Following the exchange of vows, the bride's father performed "Follow Me."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a fitted beige sleeveless gown featuring a round neckline and embellished with pearl and crystal-beaded flower motifs. The dress flowed into a mini-train at the back. The bride wore ivory silk orchids woven into her hair, and her bouquet was an arrangement of roses, gerber daisies, spider mums and pom pom mums in shades of pink and coral, accented with lime green.

Serving as matron of honor was the bride's sister-in-law, Jackie White of Throckmorton. She wore a coral pink linen dress topped with a short-sleeved jacket trimmed with beaded flower motifs. She carried an arrangement of gerber daisies and roses.

Avery Wright, daughter of the bride, served as flower girl. She wore a coral sleeveless dress accented with silk flowers and ribbon at a high waistline. The skirt was overlaid with coral organza. She wore a halo of tiny silk flowers and ribbons.

Johnny Hill of Seminole was his brother's best man. Ushers for the occasion were nephews of the groom, Joshua Hill of Seminole and Donovan Hill of Whitney. Registering guests were the groom's nieces, Rachel Hill of Seminole and Morgan Degner and Katie Fitzpatrick both of Bandera.

The reception followed at the couple's home in Seminole. The patio and backyard were decorated with white lights, ferns, hibiscus and bougainvillea.

The bride's table was covered with a white lace-edged cloth and topped with a hot pink satin cloth that was swagged with tiny pink flowers. Hot pink and coral tulle was entwined through the silver mirror serving pieces. Behind the table was a white lattice backdrop entwined with ivy and tiny silk flower lights. The area was highlighted with a brass easel that held the bride's picture.

The three-tiered round wedding cake was accented with coral ribbon and fresh gerber daisies in shades of pink and coral. Punch was served from a crystal bowl atop a silver and mirror tray, and fresh fruit was arranged on a three-tiered silver stand. A large fresh arrangement of gerber daisies and roses also adorned the table.

The wedding cake, fruit, peanuts, wedding bell mints made by Jennie Cowdrey and punch were served by the bride's nieces, Cheyenne and Schelli White of Throckmorton.

The groom's table stood before an ivy-draped white lattice that held a large Texas Tech sign framed in red. The table was covered with a black cloth and featured a Texas Tech chocolate cake. Coffee and peach tea were served from a silver service. Chocolate-dipped strawberries and peanuts also were served. An arrangement of red poppies completed the table décor. The groom's nieces served guests.

Following the reception, the couple left in a red golf cart. Two days later, they flew to Hawaii for a nine-day honeymoon in Honolulu and Maui.

The bride, a 1988 graduate of Post High School, is a graduate of Texas Tech University and Covenant School of Nursing. She has been employed as an instructor of the medical magnet program for the Lubbock Independent School District.

The groom graduated from Whitney High School, Texas Tech University and the University of Texas at San Antonio. He is employed by the Seminole Independent School District.

The couple hosted a rehearsal family dinner - a Hawaiian luau - in their backyard June 25. The catered meal included pork tenderloin, bacon-wrapped green beans, new potatoes, mandarin salad, fresh fruit in a melon basket, French bread, mango and homemade lemon ice cream. Guests wore leis and enjoyed a professional trick rope exhibition by Kevin Fitzpatrick and his children, Katie and Will; karaoke performances; music by Noel and Steve White; swimming; and visiting.

On the morning prior to the wedding, the five sisters and sisters-in-law of the prospective groom hosted a bridal brunch in the home of Cathy Hill. Special guests included the bride; her daughter, Avery; her mother, Orabeth White; his mother, Barbara Hill; and Jackie, Cheyenne and Schelli White and Barbara Tatum.

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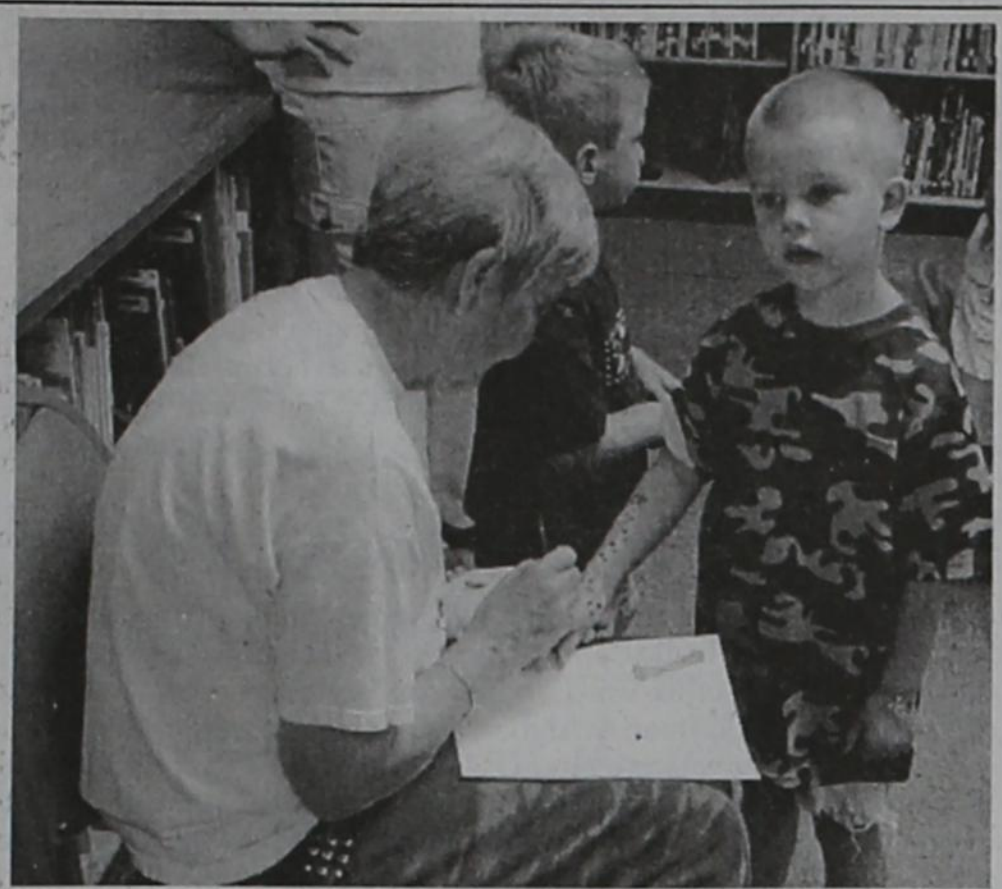
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Robyn Petree, Aaron Schatz announce wedding plans

Joe and Sandy Petree of Savoy have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Robyn Danece Petree of Richardson, to Aaron David Schatz of Van Alstyne, son of David and Elaine Schatz of Van Alstyne.

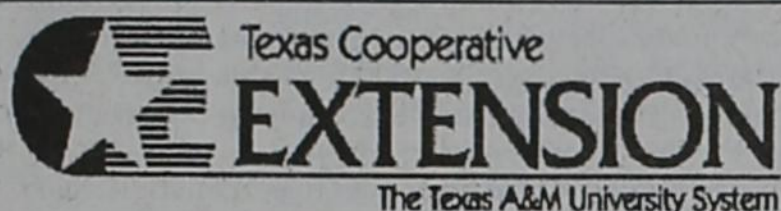
The couple will marry Dec. 18, 2004, in the First United Methodist Church in Van Alstyne with the Rev. Byron Brown of Savoy officiating.

A graduate of Savoy High School and Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Okla., the bride-elect is pursuing a master's degree at the University of North Texas in Denton. She is employed as a teacher in the Richardson Independent School District and is the granddaughter of Bill and Margaret Dixon of Denison, formerly of Post.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Van Alstyne High School and Texas State University (formerly Southwest Texas State University) in San Marcos. He is attending Oklahoma City Law School in Oklahoma City, Okla.



Robyn Danece Petree



Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch Dirks
County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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Caregiver Burnout and Stress Management

Caregivers invest so much time and effort into the lives of their care recipients that they often neglect themselves. Feelings of guilt and a sense of helplessness may cause significant stress in the life of a caregiver causing an inability to function properly. When caregiver burnout occurs, the caregiver is not the only person who suffers * the care recipient may also be affected. This article will provide some strategies to help identify and manage stress in an effort to prevent caregiver burnout.

You cannot begin to resolve the stress in your life until you realize that you are affected by it. The following questions may help you identify some warning signs of stress.

- * Do you feel lacking in energy?
- * Do you feel increasingly isolated?
- * Are you having increased health problems: high blood pressure or ulcers?
- * Are you having trouble sleeping?
- * Are you having trouble concentrating?

In order to address your stress and find a coping strategy, you must be able to identify its cause. What creates stress for you may not create stress for another person. Some questions to help you identify the cause of your stress are listed below.

- * Are there too many demands on your time, energy or money?
- * Do you have difficulty meeting your care recipient's needs?
- * Do you feel trapped?
- * Do you feel that other members of your care team are not doing their part?
- * Are your expectations for caregiving unrealistic?

As mentioned earlier, the coping strategy you choose may depend on what type stress is affecting your life. You may be able to find one coping strategy to manage your stress but more than likely it will take a combination of several ideas to help you. Whatever you do, do not get to the end of your rope. You owe it to yourself and to your care recipient to make an effort to provide the best care that you can.

* Share Concerns * Within reason, involve your care recipient in making decisions that affect him or her.

* Rest * Lack of rest may lead to decreased patience and tolerance. It also negatively impacts your health.

* Solve Problems * Some needs simply cannot be addressed. Change the things that you are able to change and try not to worry about the rest.

* Use Common Sense * Be flexible and adapt to different situations. In the end, you know what is best for you.

* Ask For Help * Do not assume you have to do this alone. Rely on your care network to help you.

This list of coping strategies is certainly not exhaustive. Always remember that there are alternative solutions * they just have to be found. Sadly, caregiver burnout leads to many alternative housing placements, sometimes prematurely, simply because there are no other alternatives. Caregivers have quite an awesome responsibility to another person! Remember to keep realistic expectations about your abilities and about the condition of your care recipient. This will make large strides in helping you to cope with the stress that caregiving may bring.

Additional resources for caregiving may be found on the web, in print or in person.

- * Texas Cooperative Extension
o <http://tcs.tamu.edu/aging/caregiversupport.htm>
o <http://tcebookstore.org> (Publication # B-6006)
- * Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
o 1.800.252.9240 (In Texas)
- o <http://www.tdoa.state.tx.us/Services/AAALocatorMap.htm>
- * American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
o <http://www.aarp.org/life/caregiving>

For more information on caregiver stress, burnout, coping strategies or caregiving information in general, contact your local County Extension Agent. Contact information may be found on the internet at <http://county-tx.tamu.edu/>

Source: Andrew B. Crocker * Gerontology Health Specialist
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Linda Puckett applies paint facing art for Shandi Warren during the Post Public Library's Summer Reading Program earlier this week.

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Home Horticulture Tour

Are you having a problem in your yard with a tree, shrub, or grass? Call the Extension office at 495-4400 and set up an appointment for our home horticulture tour Thursday, July 15. Dr. Harold Kaufman, Plant Pathologist, and Greg Jones, County Extension Agent, will make visits between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to try to assist you with yard and garden problems. Please call to make your appointment by 10:00 a.m., Thursday.

Junior Clothing Project

Any 4-H'er interested in participating in the Junior Fashion Show Project needs to contact the Extension office by July 19.

Banquet Decorations Committee

Any 4-H'ers interested in helping with decorations for the 4-H banquet, will have a workday Saturday, July 24, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at 701 West 6th Street in Post. Contact the Extension office or Karen Greene for more information.

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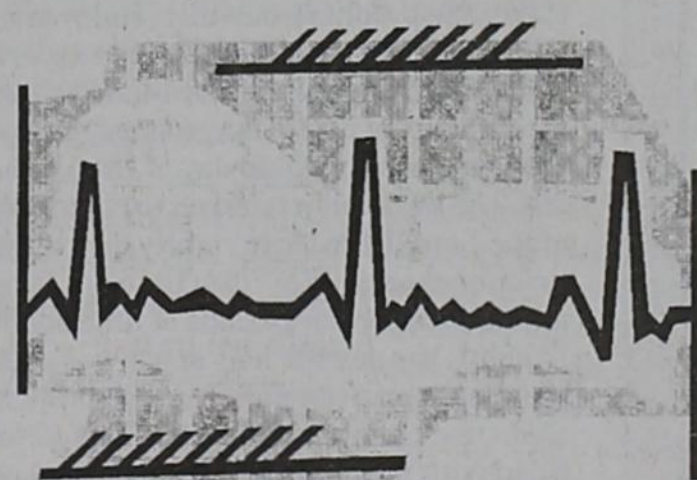
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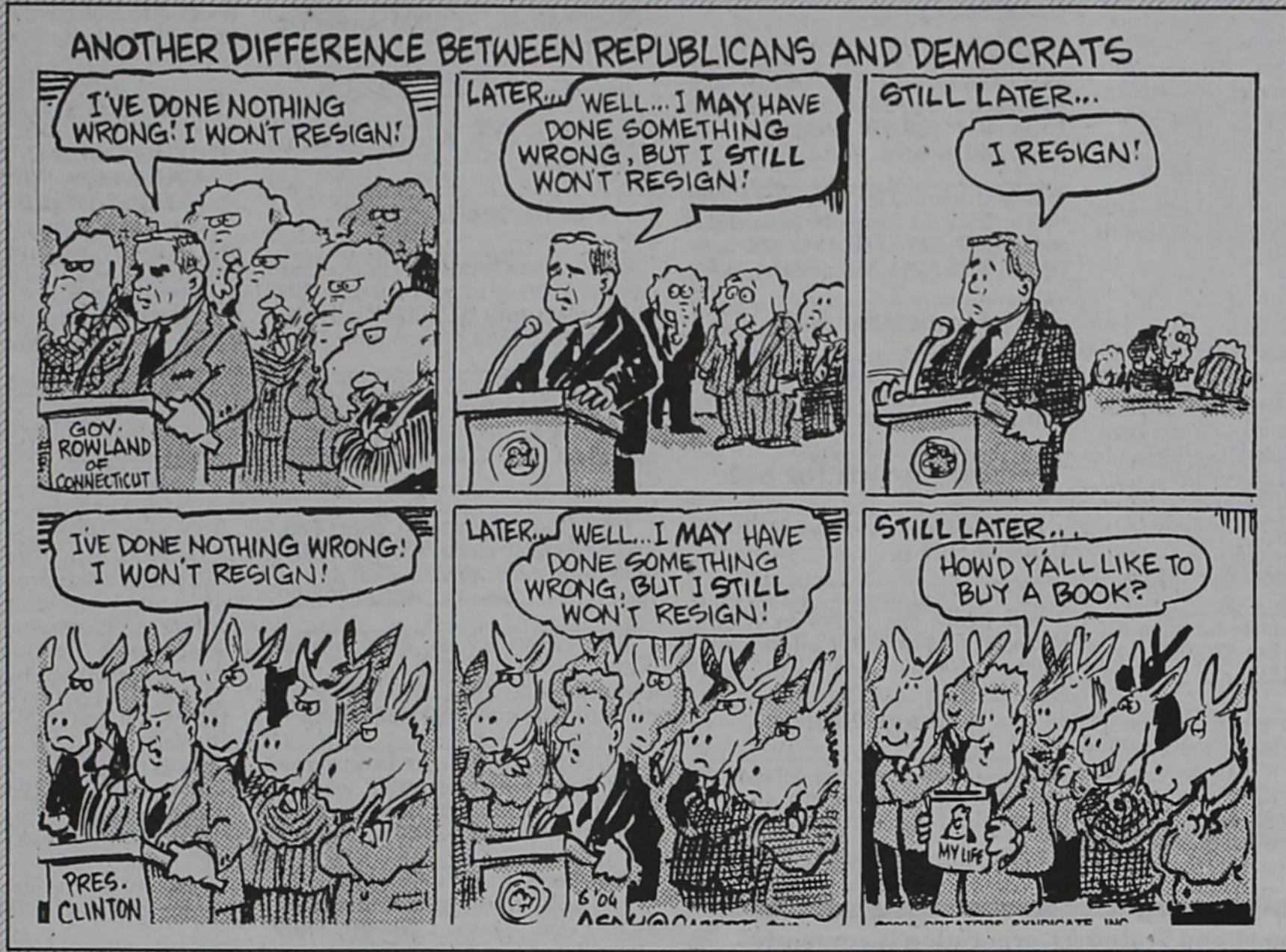


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Federal Reserve Debt Engine

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan testifies for both US House and Senate committees several times each year, and recently appeared before the Joint Economic committee on which I serve. These appearances by Mr. Greenspan always cause quite a stir on Capitol Hill. Often the stock markets react within hours of his pronouncements regarding the health of the economy and the future of interest rates.

Congress and the financial press treat Mr. Greenspan as an all-knowing sage, seeking his wisdom on political and even social issues that have nothing to do with monetary policy. During last week's hearing Mr. Greenspan was asked his opinion on topics such as Social Security, tax cuts, federal spending, corporate accounting rules, the congressional budget process, and even immigration. It seems bizarre that a credulous Congress and public are willing to accept the judgment of an unelected, virtually unaccountable central banker while knowing little or nothing about the Federal Reserve itself.

Judging by Mr. Greenspan's statements to a Senate committee in February, Fed economists are confusing debt with wealth. Mr. Greenspan praises the "sustained expansion of the US economy," but then goes on to highlight the real reason for the expansion: loose monetary policy and near-zero interest rates. Since Fed bankers set interest rates artificially low, the cost of borrowing money is very cheap. This leads to more and more consumer spending, which Mr. Greenspan touts as the driving force for economic growth.

In fact, he expressly cites the benefits of increased household spending made possible by mortgage refinancing. But new debt is not wealth, and it's impossible to borrow one's way into prosperity.

Mortgage debt increased 13% last year, while consumer credit debt also increased. American households unquestionably have more debt and save less than ever before. Yet we are expected to believe that more spending and more debt are the keys to economic prosperity.

During past recessions, many Americans shed debt either through bankruptcy or through austerity measures. In other words, they either changed their spending and borrowing habits or went broke. At some point their debts were in essence cleared from the books. In the recent recession of 2000-2002, however, many cash-strapped households managed to stay ahead of creditors by borrowing even more money.

This is directly attributable to Fed easy-money policies, which greatly expanded the money supply and caused banks to lower creditworthiness standards. As a result, many Americans are overextended rather than bankrupt. Someday, however, they simply won't be able to borrow another dime. All the Fed has done is make the bubble bigger and postpone the day of reckoning. This hardly makes for a strong economy, which must be based on savings and investment.

It's not enough to question the wisdom of Mr. Greenspan. Americans should question why we have a central bank at all, and whose interests it serves. The laws of supply and demand work better than any central banker to determine both the correct supply of money in the economy and the interest rate at which capital is available—without the political favoritism and secrecy that characterize central banks. Americans should not tolerate the manipulation of our economy and the inflation of our currency by an unaccountable institution.

How Hitler became a dictator

by Jacob G. Hornberger

How many people know how Adolf Hitler actually became a dictator? My bet is, very few. The story is set forth in detail in William Shirer's book *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, on which this article is based.

A few weeks after he was appointed chancellor of Germany by President von Hindenburg in January 1933, Hitler was enjoying supper at the home of his friend Joseph Goebbels, when the telephone rang with an emergency message: "The Reichstag is on fire!" Hitler and Goebbels rushed to the fire, where they found Hermann Goering shouting at the top of his lungs, "This is the beginning of the Communist revolution! We must not wait a minute. We will show no mercy. Every Communist official must be shot, where he is found. Every Communist deputy must this very day be strung up."

The day after the fire, the Prussian government announced that it had found communist publications stating,

"Government buildings, museums, mansions and essential plants were to be burned down.... Women and children were to be sent in front of terrorist groups.... The burning of the Reichstag was to be the signal for a bloody insurrection and civil war.... It has been ascertained that today was to have seen throughout Germany terrorist acts against individual persons, against private property, and against the life and limb of the peaceful population, and also the beginning of general civil war."

The day after the fire, Hitler persuaded President Hindenburg to issue a decree entitled, "For the Protection of the People and the State." Justified as a "defensive measure against Communist acts of violence endangering the state," the decree suspended the constitutional guarantees pertaining to civil liberties:

"Restrictions on personal liberty, on the right of free expression of opinion, including freedom of the press; on the rights of assembly and association; and violations of the privacy of postal, telegraphic and telephonic communications; and warrants for house searches, orders for confiscations as well as restrictions on property, are also permissible beyond the legal limits otherwise prescribed."

Two weeks after the Reichstag fire, Hitler requested the Reichstag to temporarily delegate emergency powers to him so that he could adequately deal with the crisis. Denouncing opponents to his request, Hitler shouted, "Germany will be free, but not through you!" When the vote was taken, the result was 441 for and 84 against, giving Hitler the two-thirds majority he needed to suspend the German constitution. On March 23, 1933, what has gone down in German history as the "Enabling Act" made Hitler temporary dictator of Germany, freed of all legislative and constitutional constraints.

One of the most dramatic consequences was in the judicial arena. Shirer points out,

"Under the Weimar Constitution judges were independent, subject only to the law, protected from arbitrary removal and bound at least in theory by Article 109 to safeguard equality before the law."

Within a month of the Reichstag terrorist case, in which some of the accused had been acquitted, the Nazis transferred jurisdiction over treason cases from the Supreme Court to a new People's Court, which, as Shirer points out, "soon became the most dreaded tribunal in the land. It consisted of two professional judges and five others chosen from among party officials, the S.S. and the armed forces, thus giving the latter a majority vote. There was no appeal from its decisions or sentences and usually its sessions were held in camera. Occasionally, however, for propaganda purposes when relatively light sentences were to be given, the foreign correspondents were invited to attend."

The Nazis also set up the Special Court, which handled cases of political crimes or "insidious attacks against the government." The Nazis also implemented a legal concept called *Schutzhaft* or "protective custody" which enabled them to arrest and incarcerate people without charging them with a crime.

For their part, the German people quickly accepted the new order of things. As Shirer put it,

"The overwhelming majority of Germans did not seem to mind that their personal freedom had been taken away, that so much of culture had been destroyed and replaced with a mindless barbarism, or that their life and work had become regimented to a degree never before experienced even by a people accustomed for generations to a great deal of regimentation.... The Nazi terror in the early years affected the lives of relatively few Germans and a newly arrived observer was somewhat surprised to see that the people of this country did not seem to feel that they were being cowed.... On the contrary, they supported it with genuine enthusiasm. Somehow it imbued them with a new hope and a new confidence and an astonishing faith in the future of their country."

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The injustice of "Inside trader laws"

The laws that prompted the investigation of Martha Stewart should be repealed because they violate individual rights.

by Andrew Bernstein

Martha Stewart was investigated for the "crime" of insider trading and later convicted of obstructing justice for lying to authorities during the investigation. But the questions no one is asking are: Should Martha even have been the subject of a criminal investigation in the first place? Should anyone be investigated for insider trading? Is insider trading objectively a crime?

In a free society a company belongs to its owners—the shareholders—not to the government. The owners have the moral, and must have the legal, right to decide if corporate executives—their employees—will be permitted to trade on or disseminate "inside," i.e., proprietary information. Indeed, the owners have the moral right to decide if corporate executives will even be permitted to own stock in the company.

Prior to the establishment of the SEC in the 1930s, the government properly did not violate the right of a company's owners to control, by means of corporate by-laws, the practices of corporate executives regarding stock ownership and inside information. The government recognized that proprietary information belonged to the company's owners. However, this respect for property rights began to erode as regulations and prohibitions on insider trading were gradually imposed.

Opponents of insider trading claimed that the practice is unfair because information is not available equally to all market participants. For example, if an executive is permitted to purchase stock on the basis of news that he alone knows will increase its value, an "injustice" is done to other shareholders or potential shareholders who do not possess that information.

But by what standard is this unjust? Contrary to the egalitarian premise giving rise to opposition to insider trading, individuals have no more right to information they have not earned than to wealth they have not earned. Should a talented analyst, for example, be forced to make his research publicly available if it would otherwise give him a competitive edge on the market? The mere fact of participating in the financial markets does not confer upon one a right to the hard-won knowledge of others.

In a free market, corporate policy on insider trading would be knowledge available to the public. If a potential investor held that the practice involved too much risk to the value of a stock, he could refuse to purchase the stock of companies permitting the practice. And companies desiring to prohibit the practice among their employees would be free to do so by contractual agreement. They would have the moral and legal right to bring civil charges against an executive who violated his contractual obligations.

Interestingly, however, under the freer, more capitalistic system of the past, shareholders only rarely prohibited their employees from trading on inside information. The owners generally considered it a legitimate form of compensation and recognized that if such a privilege were abused they could ban the practice and/or fire the offending party.

For example, for decades the great railroad builder, James J. Hill, took no salary for his work as President and CEO of the Great Northern Railroad; he was compensated exclusively by the increase his productive work added to the value of his stock. Should the government have had the power to prohibit him from buying on the good news his work made possible—contrary to the choices of the company's shareholders who agreed to compensate him in this way?

By its very nature, insider trading has a minimal effect on the value of a stock. The overwhelming preponderance of a stock's gain or loss is determined by the nature of the information itself, not on the act of inside trading on it. ImClone's shareholders, for example, lost \$900 million because of the FDA's arbitrary decision (later reversed) to not approve the company's cancer-fighting drug, Erbitux, not because of the stock sale of Martha Stewart (or even the much larger one of Sam Waksal).

Laws against insider trading violate the right of shareholders-owners to decide the manner in which their company will be run. It is right that a company's owners decide what practices their executives will be permitted to engage in regarding the proprietary information that belongs to them.

Martha Stewart is an enormously productive businesswoman caught up in a network of immoral laws. It is far more just to repeal the laws that punish one who obstructed an investigation that was wrongful from its inception.

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Questions about Iraq war...

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often because of the many young people that is meeting their end over there and all the young men and women there are coming home maimed and damaged for life when I'm not sure why. It is really heart breaking.

I think I would like to see Big George do Iraq like Truman did to Japan and get it over with and get our folks outta there.

All the personnel and troops deserve a big thank you and a lotta prayers. It is evident that our military is none other than the best in the world, and I am thankful for that. Looks like Bush is using some of Bill Clinton's words: "Just because I could..."

I wonder what country will be invaded next? Looks to me like there is plenty of repair work right here in the USA that needs to be done instead of trying to fix the world.

Over the years I finally decided I needed to fix myself before I could take on the job of fixing someone else. George W. should try some of that. Fix America, and if there is any time left, then try fixing somebody else.

God bless the U.S. military and God bless America.

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

Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones from the files of The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago July 13, 1994

Benny Jackson of Post recently designed and decorated the H. T. Ardinger Showroom at the World Trade Center in Dallas in preparation for the July gift and Christmas market. Jackson, owner of Studio B Designs was awarded first prize for window and showroom design including completin with all the showrooms in the World Trade center.

Army Sgt. James A. Lee, 29 year-old son of Melvin and Bessie Lee of Post, left June 28 enroute South Korea for one year. Lee is a 1983 graduate of Post High School.

Kent Kirkpatrick, son of Jack and Zoe Kirkpatrick of Post has been invited by Oxford University in England to teach a six weeks course on "Movement for Actors." Kirkpatrick spent three summers in Japan learning this exclusive art form taught only in Japan.

The Women's division of the Post Chamber of Commerce held a drawing for a kite as a fund raiser for their Womens Division. The kite, valued at \$200 was won by Ida Jones of Post.

"Since the City of Post, the Extension Program Council and the Garza County Commissioner's Court have enacted the Recycle Post Program it has become one of the best in the state for a community of our size," announced Rick Hanna, City Manager.

20 Years Ago July 18, 1984

Kristy Haire, 16 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Haire of Southland, has been selected for competition in the 1984 Modern Miss State finals. The program is designed to recognize young women, 13 to 18, who excel in scholastic achievement and community involvement.

Keith Osborn and Robbie Williams are competing in the Area II FFA Agricultural Proficiency Award Program, representing the Post FFA Chapter. The two move toward state recognition in the competition.

The Texas Water Commission will hold its hearing on the application for the Justiceburg dam permit Aug. 6 in Austin. The dam is to be located on the South Fork of the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River near Justiceburg.

Births: Noah Gutierrez Jr. was born July 13 to Noah and Rosa Linda Gutierrez in Post; Solomon Solis was born July 12 to Ruben and Sheila Solis; Kirt and Lisa Robinson are the parents of Crystal Ann born July 9 at Garza Memorial Hospital.

30 Years Ago July 14, 1974

Three jeeps were put into service here by the post office Tuesday morning, enabling city mail carriers to deliver parcels along with letters and other smaller mail. Postmaster A. J. McAlister said the new mail service is called the "park and loop" system and has gone into effect in every town and city in the nation that has city

mail delivery.

Miss Becki Dalby, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Giles W. Dalby is touring Europe and the Middle East with an Olson Travel Group.

The First Presbyterian Church was the scene of the marriage of Pamela Petty and Steven Newby, with the Rev. George L. Miller, pastor officiating at the double ring ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Pat Ward and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David N. Newby, all of Post.

Post school trustees hired John T. Morrow as the new high school girls' basketball coach and Mrs. Linda Linn as high school English teacher.

The electrically-operated fiberglass crossing gates went into operation at the West Main Street railroad crossing here last Thursday. The crossing gates consist of two 32-foot poles, two on each side of the tracks, which come down to form a barrier across the highway when a train is approaching the crossing. The law requires that all railroads using such gates make them operative 20 seconds before the fastest trains reach the crossing.

40 Years Ago July 16, 1964

Donkey baseball, "America's funniest game," comes to Little League Park here Monday night when teams from Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and the Junior Chamber of Commerce clash in a benefit game. Donkey ball rules provide that all except the pitcher and catcher ride donkeys in the game. The pitcher and catcher cannot field a batted ball, but must wait until a player with a donkey has handled the ball first. There are no strikeouts or walks in the game, and when the batter hits fair he must mound the donkey and ride around bases in proper order.

Season tickets to the Post Antelopes games are on sale. Home games will be against Ballinger, Crane, Denver City, Plains and Slaton.

Chris' Copy: Looks like the oil companies have gotten most of the available manpower around town. Glenn Polk is a pumper for Continental and Jimmy Smith is working for Rocker A. Roughnecking, for Gould Drilling Co. are Ken Rankin, Billy Shumard, Freddie Simmons, Tom Campbell and Ralph Ardis. Brown Brothers' list: Buddy Moreland, Delton Robinson, Tommy Bouchier, Danny Jones and Leslie Acker, who do roustabout work.

The Church of the Nazarene has formed a new Junior Choir to sing at the evening services. Mrs. Lester Keeton and Mrs. Kendall S. White will sponsor the choir. The choir will be under the direction of Mrs. Keeton.

Ronnie Pierce received the Babe Ruth League batting championship trophy at awards night recently with Bo Hutchins taking home the sportsmanship award.

50 Years Ago July 15, 1954

Jimmy Bird of Post carried away top prize money of \$100 from last weekend's Brownfield Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was named ribbon roping champion. Jimmy Moore of Post and Dave Hopper of Lubbock split the bareback bronc riding championship.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Shelton are announcing the approaching marriage of their sister, Mrs. Florene Johnson, to N. R. King.

Church News: Marvin Williams, Travis Gilmore and R. E. Shedd were ordained as deacons in the Calvary Baptist Church Sunday afternoon.

A horse trailer loaded down with beer was confiscated July 6 in the arrest of a Tahoka man on East Main Street. Arresting officers were City Marshal F. M. Reep, Sr., Sheriff Carl Rains and Deputy J. W. (Red) Floyd.

The Atkins Gospel Singers will fill three singing engagements this weekend at the Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Post. The Rev. C. Crayton is pastor of the church.

The sheet factory at Post-Tex Mill, Inc., has changed from a 40-hour to a 45-hour weekly shift because of better business conditions.

60 Years Ago July 20, 1944

Lee Byrd won 3rd place in the old men's roping contest at the Texas Cowboy Reunion at Stamford. His time was 30 seconds and he was riding his horse "Shorty." The prize was a pair of spurs.

Supt. L. V. Bearden returned from San Antonio last week driving one of the two 1942 model Chevrolet carry-alls which the Post Independent School District had purchased from the U. S. Treasury Department. The carry-alls are surplus army equipment. He will return to San Antonio soon and will drive the other bus to Post. These carry-alls are to be used as school buses and are better than heavy buses for traveling over the dirt roads of the county.

Ten Garza county men were accepted for military service. Three men who were inducted in the Navy were Melvin Clayton Edwards, Robert Noel Cato, and Charles Murray. Those inducted into the Army were James Raye Daniels, William Paul Slatter, Bertis Clyde Henderson, Jack Billy Wright, Dorris Ray Porter, Victor Paul Sweeten, and Harol Thomas Childs.

The week-end of July 4th united five of six childhood friends, Mrs. Clarence Woods, nee Faye Smith; Mrs. June Caffey, nee Rea Patty; Mrs. Jess Hendrix, nee Gladys Cox; all of Lubbock, and Mrs. Ike Parker, nee Cleora Zetman, of Post, and Mrs. Elmer Hill, nee Geno Foreman.



NEW MAIL SERVICE — Three new mail jeeps went into city delivery service here Tuesday morning to deliver parcel post, as well as letters, newspapers, etc. The city carriers beside their jeeps, front to rear, are Roy Josey, Jimmie Redman and Wayne Thomas. — (Staff Photo)

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "Ya'll come _____, ya hear?"

5 city of Arlington imposed this on smoking (2 wds.)

6 TXism: "hook, _____ and sinker" (all)

7 in Hidalgo Co. on 107

8 Luling's Watermelon Thump has a _____ contest

17 TXism: "_____horse town" (small)

18 '24 campaign slogan: "_____ Ain't Got a Darn Thing Against Pa"

21 some TXns ski in Santa _____, NM

22 TXism: "_____lick" (none)

23 San Antonio Tejano and C&W singer

24 outdoor living

29 TXism: "_____mind to" (inclined)

30 state _____ has olive branches

31 Gov. _____ Culberson

32 TV soap of TX Al Freeman, Jr.: "One _____"

34 what the Ranger did at 2nd base

35 _____ Fresno, TX

36 TXism: "mouth _____" (liquor)

37 TXism: "two _____ in a pod" (alike)

38 Houston Olympics gym coach Karolyi

39 TXism: "got a mind like _____"

DOWN

1 commodity bundles in west TX (3 wds.)

2 Taylor Co. seat

3 TX Nash hit: "I _____ Clearly Now"

4 work bread dough

9 Biblical word for strike or hit

10 Quanah Parker was son of _____ Nocona

11 TXism: "_____hog had wings he'd be an eagle"

12 TXism: "up _____ snuff"

13 TX King Vidor's "A _____ A Tree"

14 TX bumper sticker: "_____ Too, Eddie"

41 Comanche's court-house: "Old _____"

42 sergeant

43 TXism: "took everything but the _____ my lungs" (robbed)

44 this golfer Julius won the '59 Dallas Open

45 with Angelo or Antonio

46 TXism: "old as _____"

47 in Young Co. on 114

48 talented marchers: Texas _____

15 TXism: "fought tooth and _____"

16 "My _____ Sal"

19 Padre Island was named for Padre _____ Balli

20 TXism: "got as much to hibernating bear"

22 TX Larry McMurry in Dallas: _____ Thornton Freeway

25 TX high school sports league (abbr.)

26 state university in Nacogdoches (abbr.)

27 proud of their state in Hill Co. on 81

37 TX Shelby Hearon's "Painted Dresses; A _____ Fellow"

38 TXism: "a frog in a skillet would have more fun"

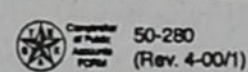
40 "_____ and true"

41 ex-Ranger coach Valentine was born in Stamford, _____

44 oldie DJ line: "_____ from the past"

47 TCU '38 Heisman winner Davey _____

49 TXism: "_____ the hoo!" (hog)



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Board of Trustees of the Post Independent School Dist. will hold a public meeting at the Central Administrative Office at 501 S. Ave. K in Post, Texas on July 22nd, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.39	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.39	\$ 4679	\$ 2102
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.4871	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.4871	\$ 4788	\$ 1993
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.41	\$ 0 *	\$ 1.41	\$ 4935	\$ 1949

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 28,253	\$ 28,277
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 16,379	\$ 16,612
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.41
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 227.67	\$ 234.23
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 6.56

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.7495. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.7495.

Fund Balances	
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	
Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 7,535,694
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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Camp SPC deadline extended

Registration deadline has been extended to July 19 for Camp SPC, the fourth annual student success camp at South Plains College in Levelland. The expanded new student orientation is scheduled July 27-29 in the Sundown Room of the Student Center and will cover goal setting, career exploration, study skills, testing strategies, stress management, diversity awareness, mentoring and campus and community resources.

Fall class advisement and registration will be included July 29. Students can download the camp application online at <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/counseling/camp.htm>.

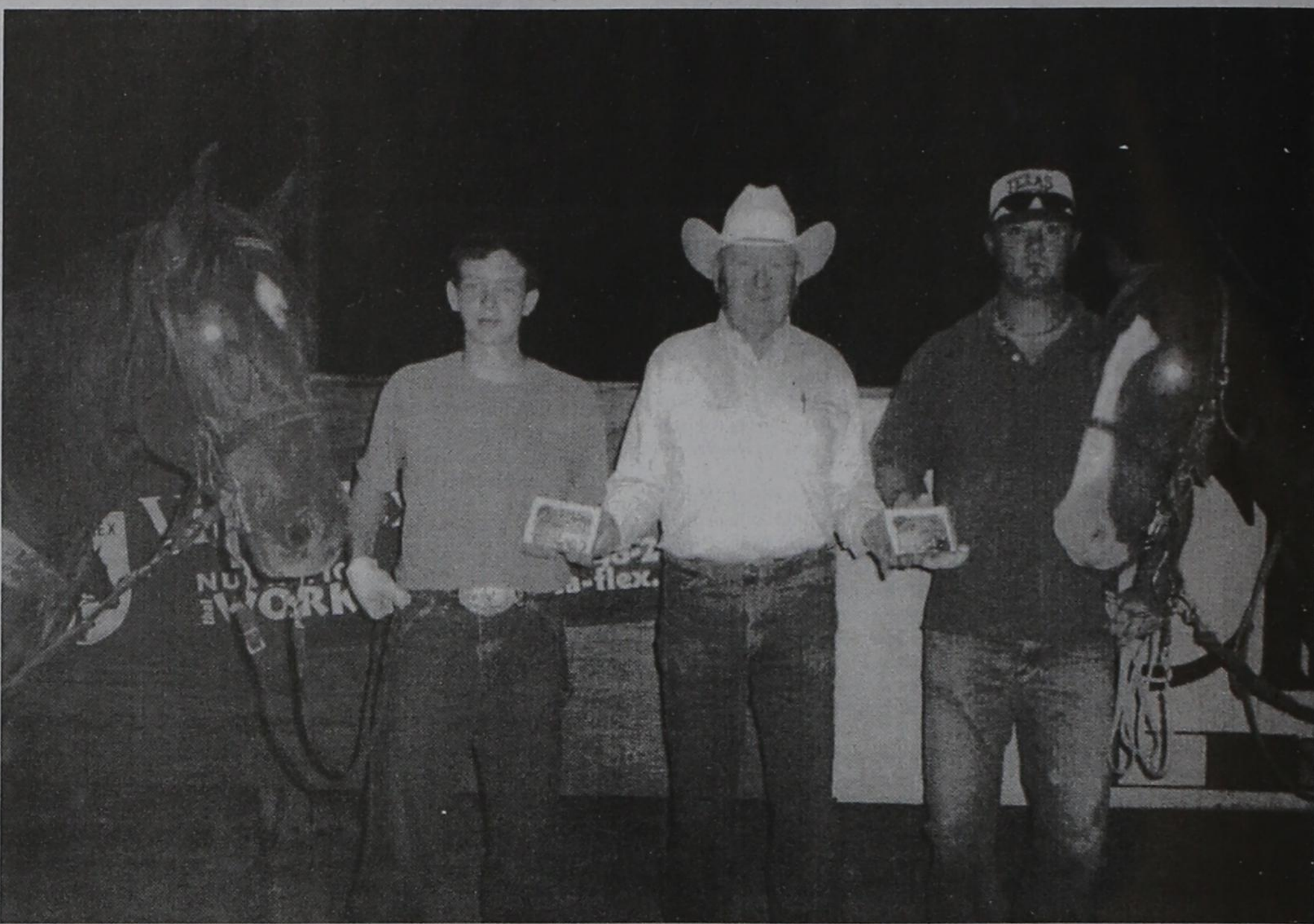
The camp is aimed at students who would like extra assistance in learning college/life success skills, first-generation college students, non-traditional students who have been out of school for awhile, students entering with a GED, those who will be enrolled in two or more developmental courses, and student with physical and/or learning disabilities, said Brandon Awbrey, Access and career counselor.

Students can stay in college dorms for a cost of \$50. Cost for commuter students is \$20.

Students are also asked to pledge 10 hours of volunteer service to the college or community, which is designed to get them involved in college and community life and help develop leadership and mentoring skills.

Sponsors will be the SPC Counseling Center, Multicultural Services Office, Teaching and Learning Center, Title III and the TRIO STAR (Success Through Academic Services) Center, a federally-funded program which reaches first-generation college students with a variety of educational support services.

For more information, contact SPC at 806-894-9611, ext. 2362, 2563 or 2750.



Millertime Arena June Buckle Series Champions were (left to right), r.H. Whitten (Champion Header), Danny Richardson presented the buckles, and Bobby Blair (Champion Heeler). The Series wishes to thank the following sponsors: Lee Lawn & Feed, Strawn Transport, Tobe Palmer, Jenkins Electric, Saddle Traders & Tack and National roper's Supply.

Fighting Mosquitoes is everybody's business!

Citizens can help out by emptying old still water from troughs, tires, cans, buckets, vases, etc. where mosquitoes breed and multiply.

We can also mow tall weeds and grass where they hide during the day.

The City has sprayed for mosquitoes previously and will be spraying again this Thursday night.

Let's make our community safe from these dangerous little bugs by making it hard for them to live in Post!

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The Crow's-Foot Chronicles

by Cindy Baker

Watts in a birthday? I did a better job of giving birth 34 years ago than I did preparing birthday breakfast for my son on July 3. What a dark and stormy day it was!

A birthday is the day to throw out the fat-free frenzy, the low-carb craze, and the massive-abs mania.

My menu would make Dr. Atkins roll (or waddle) over, but I was determined to fix the "lineBaker's" delight—home-made biscuits, gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs, and hash-brown potatoes.

With a 7:30 a.m. completion time for six people, I began slowly cooking my sausage patties at 6:00 and then slipping them in the oven to stay warm. The 10-cup coffeemaker was the sergeant in charge of waking up the cook.

By 7:00 I had the eggs and milk beaten and ready to scramble, the biscuits anxious to jump in the oven, and the hash browns on standby. Suddenly, the lights flickered. My neck stiffened and my breathing stopped.

"Surely," I thought to myself, "the electricity wouldn't dare go off today . . . of all days." Darkness . . . nada . . . zilch. Not assuming the neighbors would

call the electric company, I ran to the phone. Ack! I couldn't see the phone book!

Quickly, I ran to the window to see if the cloud-covered sky would give me any light. Squinting and memorizing the telephone number for the utility company emergencies, I ran back to the phone and dialed the number as best I could from my memory of the keypad.

Bingo! "Welcome to the automatic outage reporting system. For options in English, press 1 now." Ugh! I inadvertently pressed Portuguese! Drats! I began again.

After three more tries, I finally got an English-speaking Stepford wife. "If you are reporting an outage for a home or business, press 1; to report a street light or guard light out, press 2; for a wire down, press 3; for flickering lights, press 4."

I couldn't see. I think I pressed 5. "I'm sorry. We couldn't understand your response." I began again.

After several fatal aborts, I now know that Portuguese is 2, Icelandic is 3, Yiddish is 4, Swahili is 5, Lithuanian is 6, Croatian is 7, Albanian is 8, and Finnish is 9. Finally, I was able to tell an English-hearing Cyber Susie that I was reporting an outage at a residence.

The robot continued, "If this is correct, press Star. If this is incorrect, press Pound." Guess what I pressed. #@%*\$# By 8:30, I knew we wouldn't have electricity in time to prepare the breakfast of champions.

We adjourned to the patio and sang Happy Birthday while sipping tepid coffee.

The menu? Sausage, graham crackers, and whole cloves. cindybaker@cablone.net



Kelbie Lynn Oden

Kelbie Oden competes in state meet

Kelbie Lynn Oden, 8-year-old daughter of Rodney and Marcia Oden, competed in the state gymnastics competition in Levelland April 24.

She competed in three events in her 8-year-old, Level IV, Division I, age group: tumbling, tramp and double mini. She placed first in tumbling, first in tramp and fourth in double mini.

In July, she competed in the Southwest Regionals in Tulsa, Okla., placing first in tramp, second in tumbling and eighth in double mini.

She attends gymnastics and is on the Air Extreme team at Ready, Set, Go in Lubbock.

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