





# Trewin, Gonzales united in marriage

Kathleen Rose (Kate) Trewin of Lubbock and Ray Gonzales, Jr. of Post were united in marriage on June 6, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Post with Brother Darryl Smith conducting the ceremonies.

Kathleen is the daughter of Robert and Sharon Trewin of Iowa.

Ray is the son of Reyes and Sara Gonzales of Post.

The church was decorated with white tolle and rose pew bows with white and red rose alter flowers and white and brass candelabra.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, was wearing a white Italian satin gown designed by Mon Cheri. The halter top bodice was enhanced with Schifflilace accented with pears and sequins. The back of the gown featured a backless line. The A-line skirt fell gracefully to the floor. The bride carried a bouquet of white lillies, white and red roses.

Attending the bride was maid of honor, Kelly Rose Trewin, sister of the bride from Denver, Colorado and matron of honor, Jill Frohwein, friend of the bride from Des Moines, Iowa. The flower girl was Brittany Trewin, niece of the bride from New Hampton, Iowa. The honor attendants wore black tea-length crepe and satin dresses.

The grooms best man was Joey Quintana, friend of the groom from Post. Groomsman was Wes James, friend of the groom, from Ames, Iowa. They wore western-cut tuxedo attire.

Ushers were Roy Gonzales of New Deal and Daniel Gonzales of Post, brothers of the groom, Leslie Looney,

the grooms brother-in-law from Post and Ted Trewin, brother of the bride from New Hampton, Iowa.

Candlelighters were Stephanie Looney, niece of the groom from Post and Adrian Gonzales, nephew of the groom from Post.

Wedding music was provided by LuAnne Terry, friend of the couple from Post. Soloists were Patti Knowlton, aunt of the bride from Charles City, Iowa and Mark Solis, cousin of the groom from Dallas.

A reception followed in the Post Community Center.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the Gonzales Family in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church.

Kathleen is a 1991 graduate of New Hampton Community High School and a 1997 graduate of Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. She is currently employed by the Lubbock Independent School District, Harwell Elementary Campus as a Special Education Teacher.

Ray is a 1991 graduate of Post High School and is currently employed by Rhode Construction in Lubbock as an operator.



The first mechanical clocks had neither hands nor faces but marked time by sounding a bell.



Mr and Mrs Ray Gonzales Jr.



Mrs Eris Shawn Byrd

# Chowning, Byrd exchange wedding vows

Jaelyn Suzanne Chowning and Eris Shawn Byrd exchanged marriage vows at 6 p.m. on June 20, 1998 in the Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Jaelyn is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Chowning of Lubbock. Shawn is the son of Mr and Mrs Jimmy Byrd of Post.

Presiding at the registry table was Christa Hooten, the groom's cousin of Lubbock. Covered with a white linen cloth with a lace skirt, the table held the Brides book, a burgundy plumed pen, Precious Moments Bride and Groom, and completed by a bridal photograph. Directly across a table held various photos of the couple during their childhood.

David Hooten, uncle of the groom officiated at the ceremony. In the background stood an arc of brass votive candelabra flanked on either side by a spiral candelabra entwined with silk greenery. Adding to the setting were two white pedestals holding baskets of white silk magnolias, roses and gladiolas accented with burgundy, white and burgundy silk bows marked each pew.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a gown of candlelight matte-satin from the designers of Jasemime Bridal. The fit and flared gown featured a scoop neckline and long sheer sleeves accented with alencon lace, pearls and sequins. The hemline of the gown was heavily adorned with the same alencon lace, pearls and sequins which flowed into a chapel length train.

Her bouquet was a cascade of silk white roses, magnolias accented with white and burgundy.

Something new was her gown; blue was a garter made by Mrs Sue Maxey of Post; old were her earrings made from her paternal grandmothers wedding ring; borrowed was a pearl necklace given to her maternal grandfather at the birth of the bride's mother.

Upon entering Jaelyn presented her mother a white silk rose. As she was leaving she gave her mother-in-law a rose who in return gave her a bible.

Maid of honor was Rebekah Bulen of Lubbock. Bridesmaid was Deborah Falls of College Station. Each wore burgundy silk shantung dresses that were fitted with a flared skirt. The off the shoulder neckline was accented with lace appliques as were the short shirred sleeves. They wore matching shoes and carried a cascade of burgundy roses, gladiolas accented with white and greenery.

Best man was Bryan Long of Lubbock and groomsman was Shawn Arney of Amarillo. Ringbearer was Brody Kyle Williams, nephew of the groom from Amarillo.

They wore charcoal gray pin stripe tuxedos with matching ties and cummerbunds. The groom was attired in a single-breasted jacket, vest and tails. They each wore a white rose boutonniere.

Ushers were Scott Chowning, the bride's brother, Brad Miller and Daniel McLaughlin, all of Lubbock.

The groom escorted his grandmother, Mrs Myrtle Peel of Post, as Traci Hale, accompanied by Garrett Sorenson on the piano, sang "The Lord's Prayer". Scott Chowning escorted the bride's grandmother, Mrs Verna Polk of Dumas.

Shawn also escorted his mother who wore a deep purple silk crepe layered day length dress with black Metallic shoes. Scott Chowning escorted the bride's mother who was wearing a gold and brown flared dress, with matching jacket and taupe shoes. They wore white silk rose corsages.

As each mother entered she lit the family candle on either side of the unity candle after exchanging vows. Shawn and Jaelyn lit the unity candle as Traci sang "Love Remains".

Immediately following the ceremony the guests were invited to the reception in the church's fellowship hall.

Covering the brides table was a white linen cloth with a lace skirt. The three tiered basket weave cake was adorned with burgundy roses and frosting. Highlighting the cake was a Precious Moments cowboy, groom and bride under a lucky horseshoe. The bride's bouquet completed the decor. Refreshments consisted of mints, nuts, fruit tray and punch. Serving were Deena Humphrey, Linda Ricks and Juanita Flores.


Assisting the guests at the grooms table were his sisters, Keliss Byrd of Lubbock and D'Lynn Williams of Amarillo.

Centering the table was a square beveled mirror where on one corner sat an antique gold espergne holding silk burgundy, magnolias and greenery. The diagonal corner held a gold and crystal votive holder and a crystal bowl of potpourri. Lemon leaves edged the groom's cake which was chocolate. It was designed with the couples name and a rosette. Completing the table were cashews, chocolate covered pretzels and coffee.

After a honeymoon in Las Vegas they will reside in Lubbock.

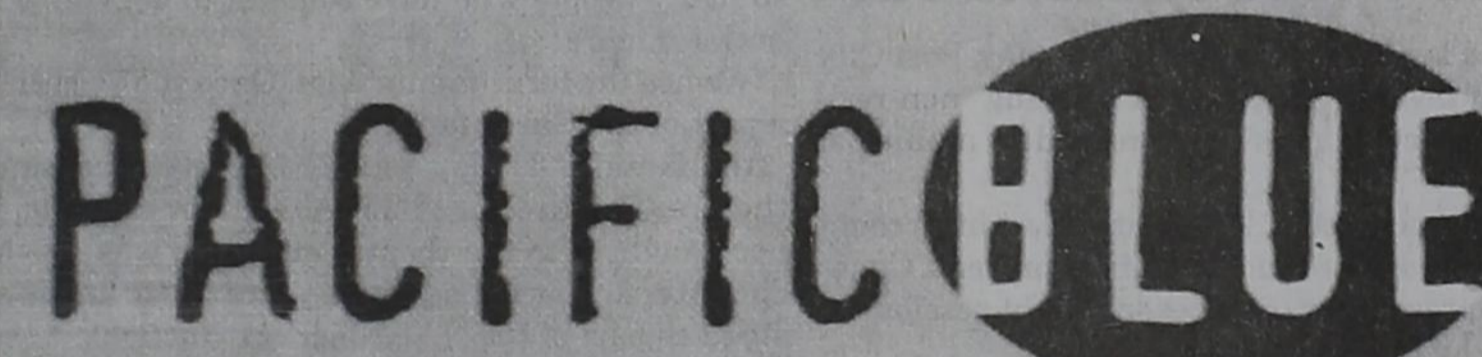
Shawn is employed by Southwestern Bell Mobile and Jacklyn is employed by Bland Harper Associates.

The groom's parents hosted the rehearsal dinner with a catered dinner in the fellowship hall of the church.




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# Grant provides new roof for Algerita Building

## Caprock Cultural Association News

by JoAnn Mock

It looks like we're finally going to get the roof repaired properly for the historic Algerita building. Six officials with the ISTE grant from the Texas Department of Transportation examined the roof in early June for the final process involved in the federal grant.

According to officials, roofing material will be top quality and with the best and newest installation techniques. The grant money is dedicated first to a new roof and then any left over funds are to be applied to exterior structural cracks.

The new roof is absolutely necessary to preserve our oldest and one of our most beloved historical structures. As Par Schnider, one of Texas' most respected historical architectural engineers said, "With a little TLC and annual maintenance, the Algerita Building will serve the Post community for another 83 years."

After the hard rain we had June 3, Opal Rudd dumped three, 10 gallon buckets of rainwater from leaks in the Art Center.

The project has been an effort of the Caprock Cultural Association to preserve the Algerita Building for continued use and to stop the water damage for the art center and the Garza County Trailblazers.

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We have had lots of compliments about the week of music, featuring fiddle king Alvin Crow. Those of you who enjoyed and appreciated this event need to write us a note for our files to help us in future events such as that one.

We are particularly pleased to say a big "thank you" to Post city manager Rick Hanna for helping arrange the highway signs directing visitors to our Garza

County Historical Museum. Many attempts in the past had failed, but Rick finally got it done.

Foundation applications were discussed and approved recently by the CCA board for the renovation and improvements at the museum. The applications will represent phases four and five of museum renovation and improvements. During the past five years, staff and management efforts completed phases one, two and three of our long range plans.

Phase four is complimented by the addition of the New Oil His-

tory Room, and selected renovations. The Oil Room is scheduled to open in time for Founder's Day.

Museum supporters are most grateful that the 1998 Founders' Day "Black Gold" activities have been dedicated to benefit the Oil Room and the Oil History development. This development will be a lasting tribute to the contributions of the oil and of the oil industry to Garza County. It will also be a lasting tribute to all of the hard-working volunteers who are planning, designing and working on the 1998 Founders' Day events.

## Wheat, cattle, commodity seminar to held in Jayton

A wheat production, stocker cattle, commodity marketing seminar will be held in Jayton on Friday, July 17, 1998 at the community center. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Kent County along with the Kent County Crops and Range and Livestock Committees will host the seminar.

This program will start at 9 a.m. Friday morning and last until approximately 4 p.m. that afternoon. There will be a \$5 registration fee payable at the door and a Bar-b-que lunch will be served at noon.

A host of speakers has been lined up for this informative event. The speakers include: Dr. Travis Miller, Extension Small Grains Specialist; Dr. David Worrell, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Vernon; Dr. Todd Baughman, Extension Agronomist; Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension Beef Cattle Specialist; and Mr. Rob Borchardt, Extension Risk Management Specialist.

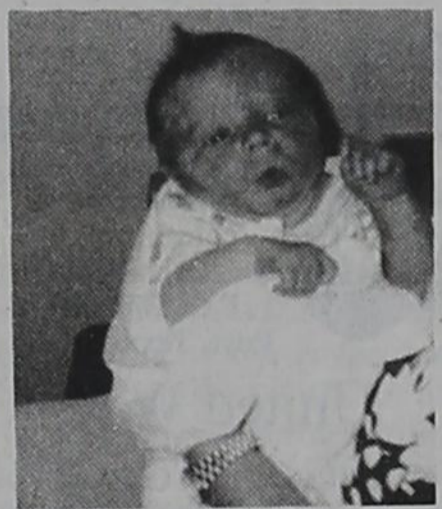
Through the morning and afternoon sessions these speakers will talk on a wide variety of topics. These topics will include: The importance of fertilization in small grains, wheat and other small grain

varieties best suited to the Rolling Plains region for grain and forage production, planting dates and their consequences, weed control and new products, receiving stockers and a new products update, video marketing, how to prepare to talk to lenders, futures and options, hedging your commodity, risk management tools and marketing clubs.

If you are interested in attending this seminar or if you have any questions please contact the Kent County Extension Office at (806) 237-3751. Please, RSVP for lunch purposes by Monday July 13, 1998.

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

### Birth



Nathaniel Renfro

### Nathaneil Renfro

Keith and Heather Renfro of Post are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nathaneil Gage Renfro. He was born June 25, 1998 in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. Nathaneil weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 21 1/4 inches long. He is welcomed home by his big brother, Billy Jordon who can't wait until Nathaneil is big enough to play race cars with him.

Maternal grandparents are Billy and Sue Freeman of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Sue and Buddy Renfro of Lubbock.

### Kaitlyn Overton

Kelsey Briana Overton is proud to announce the birth of her baby sister, Kaitlyn D'Nae Overton. She was born in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock on Friday, July 3, 1998 at 4:45 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 19 1/4 inches long.

Proud parents are Chad and Ysabel Overton.

Proud grandparents are Pat and Susan Soto and Boyce and Joyce Overton of Post.

Great grandparents are Isabel Soto and Lupe Ybarra of Post, the late Mildred Whitaker of Brownfield and Thomas Overton of Perryton.



Inspecting the Algerita Building roof recently for a federal grant to make repairs to the historic facility were (left to right) Brock Jackson, Westex Roofing; Davis Melton, Tom Eisenhour and Ted Moore of Texas Department of Transportation.

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Ed Gill of Post is celebrating his 87th birthday on July 10. He worked for the Exxon Oil Refining Co. of Baytown for 42 years. Ed is holding his great-grandson, Beau Howard, of Lubbock. Ed was born in Dayton, Texas July 10, 1911.

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Mon., July 13, 1998

Meat loaf, baked beans, corn, tossed salad w/Ranch dressing, biscuit, watermelon, beverage.

Tues., July 14, 1998

Oven fried fish, baby limas, carrots, coleslaw, oranges and bananas, tarter sauce, cornbread, beverage.

Wed., July 15, 1998

Brisket, scallop potatoes, fried okra, tossed salad/Italian dressing, wheat roll, raisin pie, beverage.

Thurs., July 16, 1998

Mexican beef and potato stew (carne con papas), mixed vegetable (colache), pina colada pudding, Jalapeno cornbread, beverage.



Here, Maria Contreras is shown at the Tamale Booth, one of several popular food booths operating at the park Saturday.

## Obituaries

### Fernie Gene Reed

Funeral services for Fernie Gene Reed, 59, of Justiceburg were held Friday, July 3, 1998 at 4:30 p.m. in the Justiceburg Baptist Church with Shannon Adkins of Ralls officiating. Burial was in Justiceburg under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

He died June 30, 1998 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Fernie was born September 14, 1938 in Justiceburg to William Lee and Jewell Ita (Brooks) Reed. He married Jo Ann Cornett on November 3, 1956 in Hobbs, New Mexico. He was a life long resident of Justiceburg and a member of the Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Reed on October 11, 1980.

Survivors include: his wife, Jo Ann of Justiceburg; one son, Ronnie Reed of Justiceburg; one granddaughter, Chelsey Reed of Justiceburg; and one brother, Weldon Reed of Justiceburg.

Pallbearers were: Tommy Reed, Dan Nelson, Ray Mason, David Boren, Tim Gaydos and James Morgan.

## Personal from the Sheriff

On a regular basis the Sheriff's Department will be furnishing responses to questions from citizens concerning local law enforcement issues and providing other public service information to help inform Garza County residents of department concerns.

This week's question is: "In a day when many are forsaking their religious roots, what faith are you and in what faith were you raised?"

I am Catholic and I am a member of the Holy Cross Church in Post. I was raised by my parents in the Lutheran Church. After marrying my wife, Nora, and raising children, I decided to take my wife's faith and agreed to have our two children raised in the Catholic church. Meeting my wife and having renewed my faith as a Christian, have been the backbone of my success in both the workplace as well as my personal relationships.

Every day I go to work and see people who are troubled and seem to have difficulty dealing with the pressures of life. I realize that keeping my focus and faith are vital if I'm going to have any hope of changing attitudes or making any positive impact on those I serve.

It's very easy to fall into the trap of forgetting that as law enforcement officers, we are dealing with people. I serve nearly 6,000 people in Garza County, who may not always agree with me on a particular issue, and at times tempers flare.

One thing I've seen is that most people have common ground, if we're patient enough to look for it and sincerely willing to listen to the issues. I personally feel that having a relationship with God, although it can't legally be used as a basis for hiring peace officers, helps an officer have a more well-rounded view, especially when dealing with the problems that others are having.

As a response to this question, I was interviewed by Jim Graham, my police chaplain. This interview can be seen Wednesday, July 8 at 8 p.m. on Post Channel 31.

Kenneth Ratke, Garza County Sheriff

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### What happens when we disagree?

by Wesley W. Burnett

I find it interesting, as I cruise through the daily routines of life, to discover that when people have disagreements, they often shut the door in each other's faces... or worse.

In light of what Jesus Christ taught us about accepting one another, it is disconcerting to me to see my brothers and sisters in Christ turn their backs on old friends or neighbors or some minor or major disagreement.

It is simply impossible for people to always agree on everything, and anyone who thinks differently is fooling themselves. The very nature of our being makes us think and act differently. God created us that way, and gave each of us the gift of real liberty, to do or say as we please, and face the consequences of those actions.

God wants us to be in harmony, but that does not mean that we have to all march to the same tune. And it also doesn't mean we have to walk away from those with whom we disagree.

Keeping the door open for civil discourse is the only way for people to be reconciled with each other. Look at it this way, God often sees us in disagreement with him and his word, yet he does not slam the door shut... he keeps it wide open, for he knows that we are worth talking to, and he hopes we will keep talking to him.

I pray those whom I have offended will keep the door open so we can be reconciled, and even in disagreement, we may find harmony in our relationships and live as Jesus Christ taught us to live, with love for one another.

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Last week Rabies, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Lyme Disease, Psittacosis, and Leptospirosis were discussed. Zoonoses are diseases transmissible from animals to man. The ones listed are significant to Texas.

Plague and Flea-borne Typhus are flea born diseases present in Texas. Plague often causes a swelling in the lymph nodes of the groin, armpits or neck area. Fever is usually present. Untreated, an infection in the bloodstream can cause meningitis. Typhus usually presents with flu-like symptoms including vomiting and diarrhea. There is often a generalized rash.

Encephalitis (Sleeping Sickness), is an infection of the central nervous system transmitted by mosquitoes, it can be passed between man, birds, rodents, bats, reptiles and horses by the bite of the infected insect.

Q-fever is a disease associated with domestic livestock (cattle, sheep, and goats). Man usually gets Q-fever by inhaling contaminated dust around infected animals. Q-fever can also be contracted from consuming unpasteurized dairy products.

Two foods related zoonoses are Salmonellos and Trichinosis. Salmonellos is an intestinal infection from improperly cooked foods from infected animals. Symptoms include sudden onset abdominal pain, fever, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting. Many wild and domestic animals are carriers of the disease. Trichinosis is caused by the round worm and is usually acquired by eating improperly cooked pork or bear. Muscle cramps, fever, joint pain and swelling are the main symptoms.

Although rare illnesses, the diseases mentioned are real and sometimes hard to diagnosis and treat. With a few simple precautions you can enjoy the outdoors and its wildlife with little concern of illness. Wear repellent and long sleeve cloths in tick, mosquito, and flea infested areas. Keep animal areas that are inclosed, clean and if possible dust free. Avoid contaminated, standing water. Keep all animals, both pet and domestic vaccinated as directed by your veterinarian. Avoid handling wild animals or sick domestic stock. Properly prepare all wild game to be consumed. Always wash after handling or preparing wild or domestic animals.

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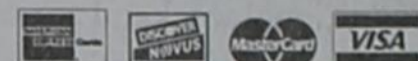
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**Letters to the Editor**

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**Government must trust citizens with guns**

*Editor's Note: Last week it was announced in major news media outlets that in December of this year all buyers of "long guns," such as rifles or shotguns, will be required to submit to "screening" by the federal government prior to being allowed to make the purchase. Such blatant violation of the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was included in the so-called Brady Bill with little notice. The following letter is a reminder about this subject.*

*"A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." - Amendment II, United States Constitution.*

*"The Constitution shall never be construed to authorize Congress to prevent the people of the United States who are peaceable citizens from keeping their own arms." - Samuel Adams.*

State and federal laws restricting or banning gun ownership are misguided and self-serving political moves. It is evident to even my children that "bad guys" who break the law by murdering defenseless people will ignore lesser laws restricting gun ownership.

True crime control begins in the home by raising children according to a moral law which says, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," and "Thou shalt not kill." Without individual adherence to a higher moral code, all the laws in the world will not prevent the murder by man by his fellow man. It is thus essential that the state not restrict the right of self-defense against those who do not live by such a moral code.

The use of firearms by citizens to prevent death, injury, rape, assault and robbery is well documented. Professor Gary Kleck, Ph.D., is the author of the award-winning "Point Blank: Guns and Violence in America." Dr. Kleck, a Florida State University criminologist, is a liberal Democrat and member of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

His 1993 National Self-Defense Survey found that handguns are used by citizens to prevent crimes more than 1.9 million times per year. Professor Kleck's research also revealed that more than 500,000 times a year (1,300 times per day) somebody carrying a gun away from home uses it to defend himself or herself.

The experience of Florida confirms this survey. Since the adoption of a concealed carry law in 1987, over 175,000 people have received permits to carry a concealed handgun on their person. The FBI reports that the homicide rate has fallen 21 percent in the past five years. Only 17 of the 175,000 permit holders (0.01 percent) used their legally purchased guns to commit a crime.

The emotion-laden voices favoring a ban, confiscation, or denial of the right to carry a gun often justify their extreme measures by saying it is worth it if even one life is saved. The above facts indicate that many more lives will be lost from just such restrictions, and therefore, it is not worth it.

A government that does not trust law-abiding citizens with guns is a government that cannot be trusted.

Michael Sivertsen, Keller

**Open letter to the Garza Hospital District Board of Directors**

Since all of the issues have been brought up lately concerning our hospital/clinic and the actions of our hospital board, we have been doing a lot of reading and thinking. One thing we believe is that the folks serving on our hospital board are not bad people. We do not believe that any of them did anything wrong intentionally.

A lot of us (our board included) weren't sure just exactly what laws we were supposed to operate under. Therefore, a lot was done that was assumed to be right and for the benefit of the people of the hospital district. Now, since things have been challenged and consequently researched, some things that have been done are good while others appear now to be illegal.

We have discussed the issues with many people and a lot feel as we do, on at least the basics, that our board meant well. Now, since study of the laws concerning the hospital, it seems mistakes have been made.

Rather than trying to "sweep them under the rug," we feel it would be in the best interest of the people of the hospital district to let the past be past. Start now to bring the hospital district into compliance with the laws which govern the district.

We don't want to see our community split by arguments and lawsuits. We can solve this together if we try! There are a lot of prayers being offered to help us do just that.

Frank and Carol Tobias

*Editor's Note: Amen to that. We expect our elected officials to adhere to the law.*

**Local Government Meetings**

**Monday, July 13**

• Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor court-house.

**Tuesday, July 14**

• Post ISD board of trustees, 7:30 p.m., administration building.

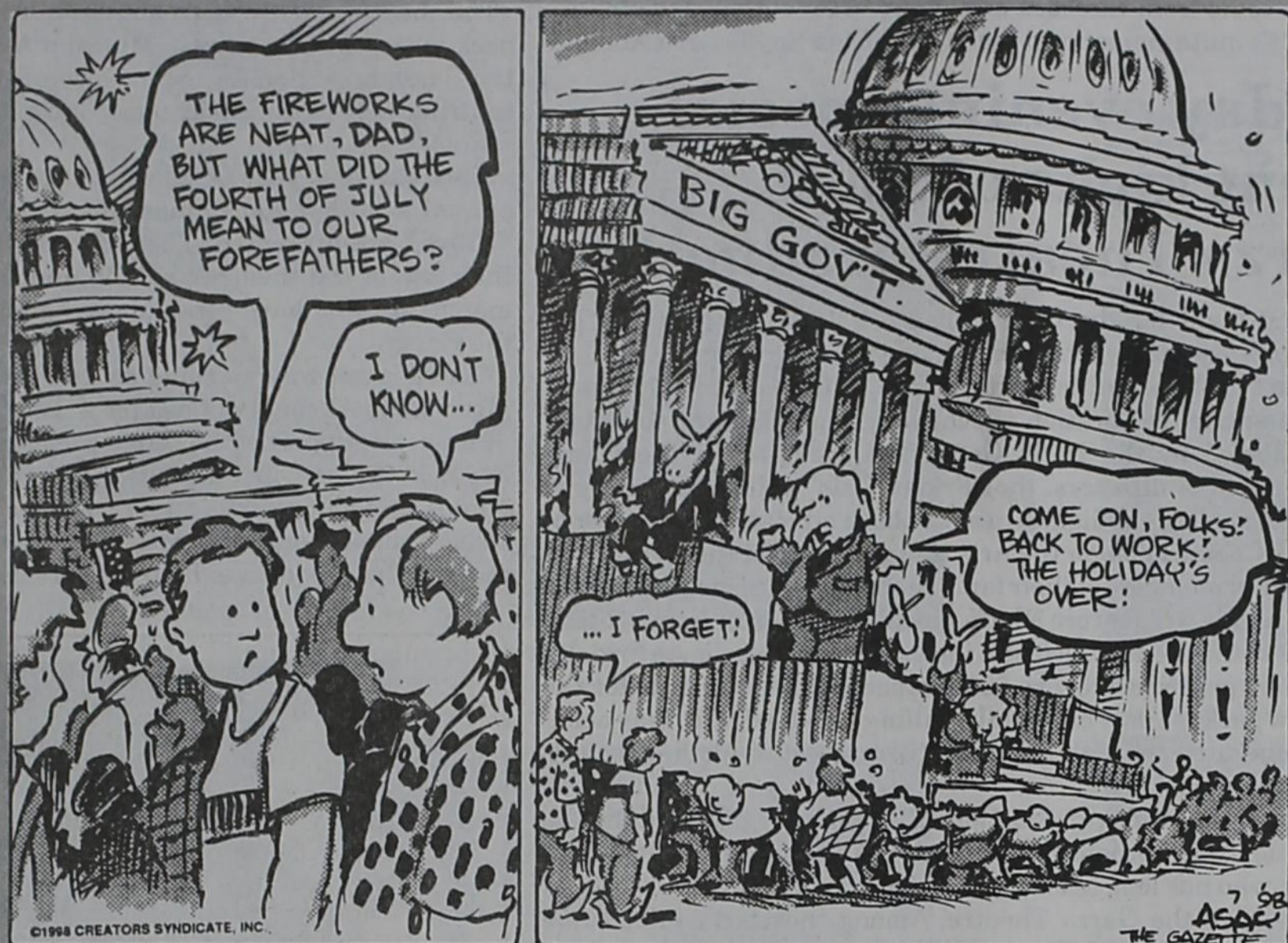
**Monday, July 27**

• Garza County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m., 3rd floor court-house.

**Thursday, July 30**

• Garza Hospital District board of directors, in the clinic building, 7 a.m.

**Opinions**



**Can we afford to go in debt \$2.4 million?**

by Wesley W. Burnett

Maybe it's none of my business, at least that's the attitude I've received from proponents of the "lease-a-gym" project, but I can't help but wonder if it's such a good idea for the Post ISD board of trustees to obligate \$2.4 million for the next 10 years in face of depleting tax reserves.

And I am pleased to note that at least some questioning along the same lines has been expressed by a few members of the Post ISD board of trustees.

Considering the apparent tough times ahead, and potential loss of as much as \$500,000 in tax collections next year, the "let's take another look at this thing" approach is not only prudent, but appropriate.

Proponents of the project emphasize that the "lease-a-gym" approach "saves the district money." This reminds me of the charge card starved folks who can't turn down a sale, even though they know their paycheck is being cut the next week and they might be in a crunch to pay the "lease."

When I first heard about this plan I was almost in a state of shock that the reasonable, conservative and careful money managers who serve on this board would succumb to the temptation this "lease-purchase" idea presents.

No matter that it will save money... the question for tax payers has to be, "yeh, but what if we just learned to live with what we got?"

School board trustees are not just signing their own names on this "lease-purchase" plan... they are committing future tax payers for at least 10 years, or more. And at some point that will probably translate into tax rate increases, perhaps this year.

Even though the superintendent declares the district in "good shape," we know from experience that in one year all that could change. There are still folks around here who remember what happened in the early 1960s when Post ISD ended up in serious financial difficulties.

Investors who put their money into this project will expect to get paid... whether it be from Post ISD or directly from those who obligated the funding. It is entirely possible that some future Post ISD

board of trustees might, in a pinch, decide to cancel the lease. Or, disgruntled tax payers might just decide to shut down the entire taxing authority and close the district.

**Who pays the bill then?**

Just food for thought from a somewhat confused citizen who has trouble balancing a check book and has no business meddling in such "high finance" mumbo jumbo.

However, it doesn't take a financial wizard to see through this financing scheme, where a corporation is established by the board of trustees to build a gym, then finance it through leasing it back to themselves as a board (the same board which created the corporation). I may be slow, but this certainly seems like a shell game to me. I don't think any of us non-government folks would be able to get away with this arrangement with our businesses.

Of course, we are the schills in this game as tax payers, who, given the choice at the voting box, more than likely would reject the building of a \$2.4 million athletic facility during these tough economic times.

And let me emphasize one more time, I am **not** opposed to the building of a new gym, I am opposed to the method of funding the project.

Perhaps the trustees will follow the wisdom of their elders who have been here before, and put this idea on the shelf for future consideration.

**The Inherent Right to Travel**

"The right of the citizen to travel upon the public highways and to transport his property thereon, either by a carriage or automobile, is not a mere privilege which a city may prohibit or permit at will, but a common right which he has under the right of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Thompson v. Smith, 157 SE 579

**Liberal double standards**

by Walter E. Williams

During the '70s and '80s, South Africa's apartheid was the target of civil-rights organizations, politicians and campus radicals.

They called for sanctions, boycotts and disinvestment in protest against the injustices of apartheid — and there were plenty of injustices. South African blacks had little or no political say-so. Codified discrimination restricted what jobs blacks could hold, where they could live, whom they could marry and a host of other encroachments on personal liberty.



Between 1900 and 1990, before apartheid finally ended, roughly 10,000 blacks lost their lives in civil conflict with the South African government.

In countries like Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Zaire, Mozambique, Somalia, Sudan and Chad, millions upon millions of blacks have lost their lives in civil conflict and genocide. Much of that conflict continues today and includes murder, torture and genocide. Many victims reach their end in unspeakable ways, including dismemberment, boiling in oil and "necklacing," a procedure where the victim is bound with barbed wire, a tire placed around his neck, doused with gasoline and torched.

In Sudan and Mauritania, blacks are bought and sold into slavery by their fellow blacks and Arabs. Also in Sudan, there have been decades of warfare that have claimed nearly 3 million lives of African Southern Sudanese. Five million civilians have been displaced internally and another half million fled to neighboring countries.

Iran, Iraq and Libya have sent both materials, including chemical weapons, and troops to assist Khartoum's Islamic government in its war against the South.

Africa's tragedy is horrible. Compounding that tragedy is the deafening silence of the do-gooders and the media, who loudly protested against South Africa's injustices. South Africa's misdeeds were child's play compared to those in Africa's other countries. When President Clinton, black congressmen and their civil-rights entourage visited Africa, did you hear them condemn these horrors and suggest the kind

of sanctions they supported against South Africa?

Dr. George Ayittey, director of the Washington-based Free Africa Foundation and professor of economics at American University, says the fundamental factor behind virtually all of Africa's civil wars is the struggle for political power. He adds that rebel leaders who set out to remove tyrants are really tyrants themselves, as demonstrated by the ouster of Zaire's Mobutu by Kabila.

Ayittey, a Ghanaian, doesn't have kind words for Africa's leaders. He says, "Africa's liberation struggle is a trenchant story of betrayal, choreographed by an assortment of crocodile liberators, quack revolutionaries, Swiss bank socialists and grasping kleptocrats."

Forty percent of Africa's people live on less than \$1 a day. In most countries, per-capita income and economic growth, if at all positive, are less than they were at the time of independence. In 1957, when Ghana gained its independence from Great Britain, it had very high prospects. If you were a betting person, you would have bet that by 1990 Ghana would be far richer than South Korea or Hong Kong.

There are some bright spots in Africa. In countries like Botswana, Mauritius, Namibia and South Africa, there's more democracy and economic growth.

In the face of Africa's tragedy, where are the civil-rights leaders, politicians and campus radicals? Why aren't they staging demonstrations in front of the embassies of those brutal African governments? The only answer I can come up with is that, for them, brutal injustices are important only when it's whites mistreating African blacks.

It's the same reasoning at home. Thousands of black Americans are murdered each year by fellow blacks. But Jesse Jackson gets animated when some Texaco executives don't speak nicely about their black employees.

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# Garza Theatre celebrates 100th production...

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most recent Harley Sadler show. He's been a part of the theatre's productions for many years, having started work with the theatre when he was 12 years of age.

The theatre traditionally offers 7-8 productions each year, including a recreation of early day "tent shows" each summer. Billed as the Harley Sadler show, these productions prove quite popular with Garza theatre-goers and the most recent show was a sell-out.

Sell-outs have occurred several times over the years. When the Garza put on the musical "Fiddler on the Roof," the demand for tickets was so heavy that theatre officials opted to extend the show an additional weekend to accommodate those wanting tickets. And over the past 13 season, the Garza has repeated a few productions due to popular demand. One of those, "Arsenic & Old Lace," was first performed four years ago and is scheduled to return to the stage in October.

Requests for the theatre's offerings to "go on the road" have also been made. After the recent production of "Saintly Hypocrites and Honest Sinners," Morris received one request for the theatre to perform the show at a Lubbock church and another request for the show to be performed at a nearby prison.

When scheduling productions, Morris said she tries to stick with "mainstream" efforts that will have a broad appeal. She also draws from input from the theatre's primary directors and places a heavy

emphasis on the many requests she fields from Garza Theatre patrons. The goal, however, is to strike a balance of comedies and heavy dramas that will appeal to almost everyone.

The appeal of the Garza Theatre is evident. Audience members routinely come from Lubbock and many of its outlying communities and it's quite common to see groups from Snyder and Abilene

## Friday evening special event kicks off 100th Garza Theatre production

Opening night for the Garza Theatre's 100th production, "Li'l Abner," promises to be a fast-paced, fun-filled evening.

Prior to the show's initial performance, which is set for 7:45 p.m. Friday, a special celebration is scheduled to be held at the Hotel Garza. Hosted by the Hotel Garza and members of the Garza Theatre board of directors, the "Friday Gala" will serve a bevy of invited guests — local dignitaries, Lubbock officials, the director of the Texas Commission on the Arts and members of the show's cast and crew and members of their families. Also open to members of the public, the gala will feature a buffet meal and will run from 6-7 p.m.

Tickets to the event, which also include paid admission to Friday's "Li'l Abner" performance, are \$25 per person. Reservations for the gala/show package may be made by calling 495-4005 by Friday noon. Funds generated through the gala will be used to further theatre activities.

Sidelining the Friday production of "Li'l Abner" itself will be the introduction and recognition of family members of the late Will McCrary, who has long been described as "the driving force" behind the start-up of the Garza Theatre. Among those scheduled to be recognized is LeeRoy McCrary, Will McCrary's father, who helped build many of the early sets used in the theatre's early years.

Also scheduled to be recognized are cast and crew members from any past Garza Theatre production. During the entire run of "Li'l Abner," anyone who has ever worked on stage or behind the scenes of a Garza Theatre show is asked to sign his or her name in a special book that will be located in the theatre's lobby. At each show, those individuals present for that performance will be recognized during intermission.

## "Li'l Abner" opens Friday at the Garza

The production of "Li'l Abner" will take the stage at the Garza Theatre this weekend, marking the local theatre's 100th production.

Nine performances of the musical are scheduled, including 7:45 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday, July 10-11, and a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Sunday, July 12. Additional performances are set for July 17-19 and 24-26.

Written by Norman Panama and Melvin Frank and based on characters created by Al Capp, "Li'l Abner" features lyrics and music by Johnny Mercer and Gene dePaul. Directing the Garza's rendition of the production is Jake Morgan.

Featured actors include Brandon Bohannon, Amy Sever, Mike Morgan, Tim McIntire, Glenn Polk, Steve Sever, Amy Johnson, Morgan Mercer and Cordell Green.

Tickets for this show, the Garza Theatre's third musical production, are \$10 each.

For more information, contact the theatre at 495-4005.

## Trade Days reports another big event

A crowd of more than 6,300 filled the Old Mill Trade Days park over the Fourth of July weekend, according to Trade Days Manager Charles Baker.

A total of approximately 6,325 individuals paid for admission to the park, Baker said, noting that that number would not include the many children ages 12 and under who are routinely granted free admission to each event.

"We had hoped for a little more but with the weather conditions like they were we were very pleased," Baker said. "There were several other activities going on around the area but I don't think that really hurt us. We are very, very pleased."

The event drew an impressive crowd on Friday and the numbers in attendance on the weekend days were healthy as well, despite sweltering heat and higher-than-normal humidity.

The next Trade Days will be July 31 and August 1-2.

in attendance. But the Garza has drawn audience members from across the nation and throughout the world as visitors to the area hear about the theatre's productions and stop in for a theatrical treat.

The theatre itself was treated to a little recognition a few years back when the West Texas Museum Association of Lubbock gave the Garza an Action Award in November 1987 for "its outstanding contributions to the enrichment and culture of the Southern High Plains."

Since the first year of its existence, the Garza has observed an annual awards night dinner where acting and technical awards, "Wilys," are presented. These awards are routinely presented at the close of the theatre's season and include recognition of local merchants who have gone "above and beyond" in their support of the Garza.

"There is no way we could do this without community support," Morris said. "I could not ask for a more supportive community."

Financial support of the Garza comes primarily from contributors and ticket sales. Currently the theatre pays its way "show by show," Morris said, but work is under way on a grant application with the Texas Commission on the Arts. If approved, the Garza Theatre could receive grant monies to help support its 1999 season.



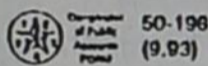
Garza Theatre board of directors dedicating personal time, energy and resources, celebrate the 100th production at the theatre. Board members are (left to right) Giles C. McCrary, Linda Ellis, Christy Morris and Maxine Earl. Board member Jack Alexander was not available for the photo.



Garza Theatre 'Li'l Abner' cast and crew members get ready for this weekend's opening of the 100th production. Among the cast and crew are (back row, left to right) Twila Polk, Fred Stephens, Tracy Polk, (front row) Blayne Beal, Michelle Borland, Brent Reno and Anna Wilson.

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Budget

Garza Central Appraisal District

The Garza Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 19 99 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 22, 1998 at 9:00 A.M.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ 212,901.47
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 6,581.29
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	3 (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	3 (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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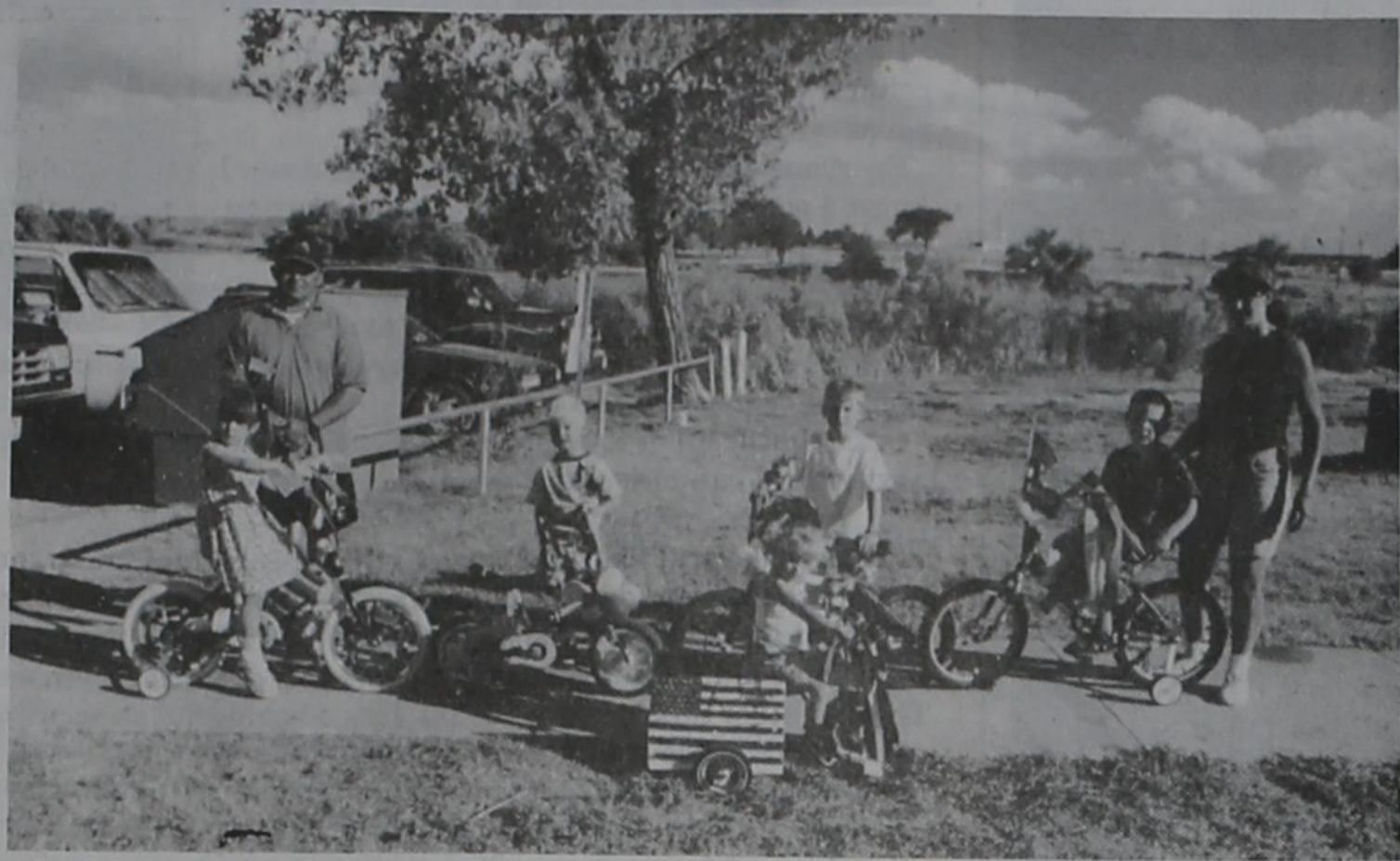
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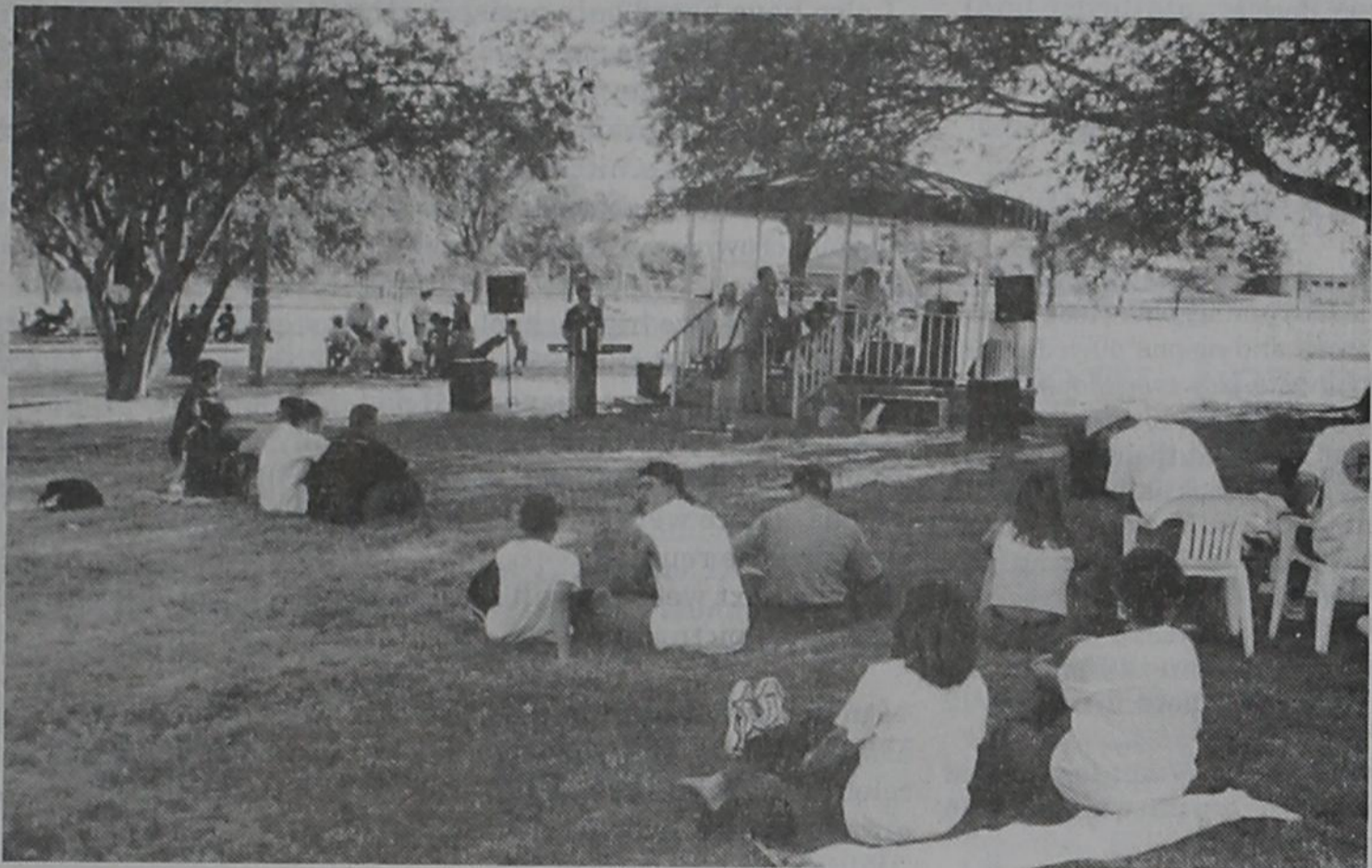
# Lots of fun at the park July 4th!



Fourth of July celebration organizers Rodney Tidwell and Michelle Wischkaemper are pictured above with winners in the Decorated Bicycle Contest — Kelbie Oden, Aspen Wischkaemper, Kendrick Boland, Kelton Boland and Jake Wischkaemper.



From the left, Ruth Castaneda, Sara Gonzales, Sofia Martinez and Diana Looney are shown at their barbacoa and chicken taco booth.



The musical group Spin 490 from Brownwood is shown entertaining a large crowd during the early evening hours Saturday at the city park.



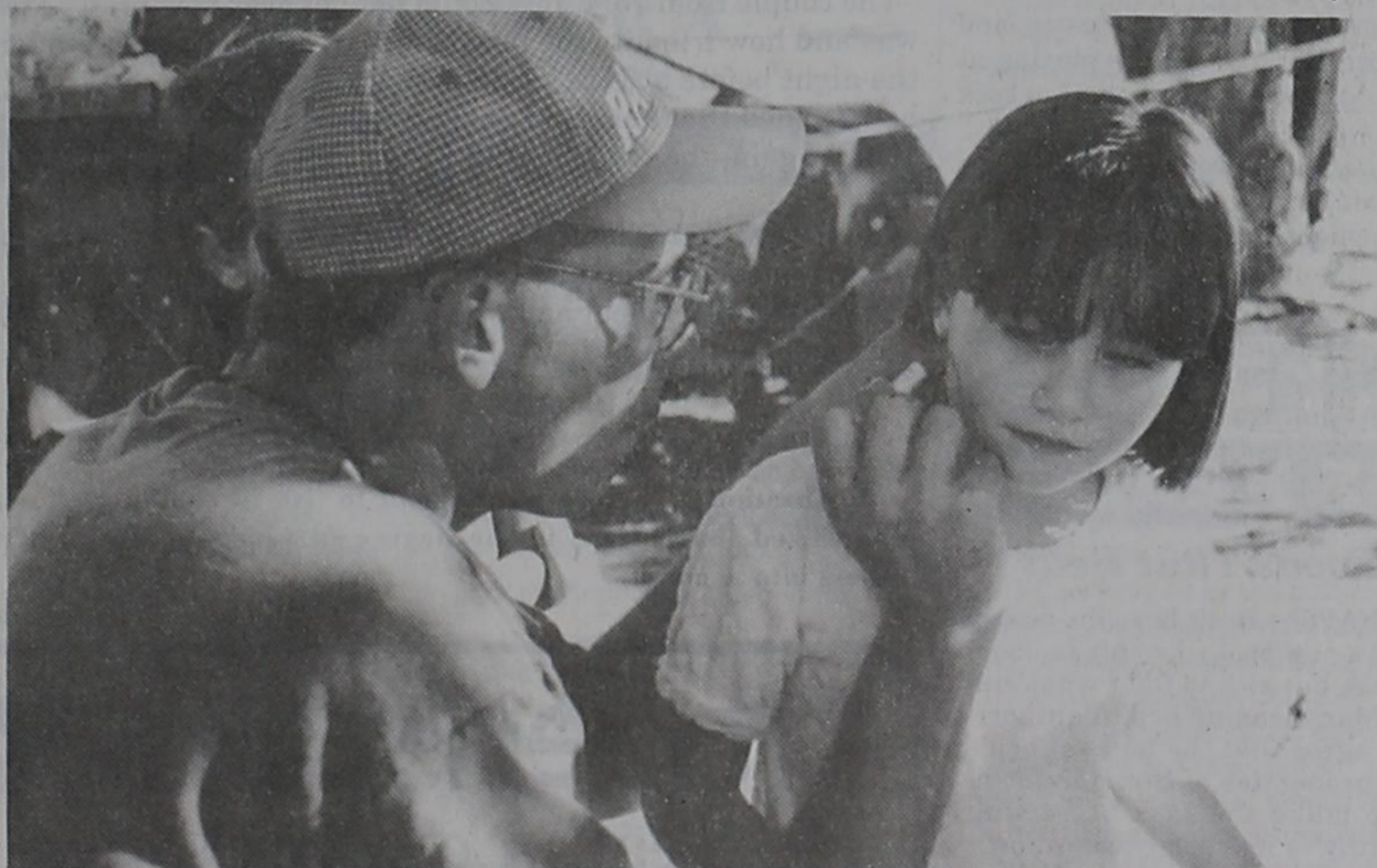
Frankie Orona, Dianna Williams and Jerry Curtis are shown left to right at the Church of the Nazarene Youth Group booth, the Dart Throw.



Natalie Saenz spins the Wheel of Fortune in hopes of winning a prize at Hector Chapa's booth.



Peddling snow cones for the First United Methodist Church Youth Group were, from the left, Miranda Palmer, Vondi Gradine, Youth Director Jona Jones and, at back, Becca Stelzer. Not pictured are Anthony Flores and Trey Jones.



Gabby Gomez took time away from the many park activities to have her face painted by Wayne McKim at the Face Painting booth.

## July 4th photos by Sheri Lewis



Flora Gomez sits atop the coveted "hot spot" in the Dunking Booth, waiting for another contestant to try and dunk her.



The Post Lions Club cold drink booth, manned by Rebecca Balleza, Jose Javier Balleza, Michelli Duran and Bonnie Stern, was popular during Saturday's warm temperatures.



Manning the MAD DADS benefit booth were Diana Poe and Anita Morris, who is being assisted here by Shelby.



Taylor Osborn is shown getting some assistance with a beaded necklace at the booth operated by Girl Scout Troop 415.



# Area athletes compete at Six-Man All Star games

Four area athletes have been tapped to participate in the Texas Six-Man All-Star Week activities going on this week in Lubbock. Football players Oscar Baeza and Bryce Dye of Borden County High School and Billy Salome of Southland are participating in the week's activities, as is Southland's Lara Olive, a basketball player. A total of 118

all-star basketball and football players from throughout the state have been invited to take part in the event, which is sponsored by the Texas Six-Man Coaches Association and the Lubbock Sports Authority. "This is a great event for Lubbock and for these young athletes," said Andy Jugan, director of the Lubbock Sports

Authority. "They may come from small schools in little towns but they are truly all-stars in their own right. Their hearts and desire are as big as the state of Texas and they are here to prove it." The week's activities included, on Tuesday, a welcome party and media night event at the 50th Street Caboose, and on Wednesday, a Six-Man All-Star Night at Texas Water Rampage. On Thursday, a golf tournament for coaches is scheduled, followed by an All-Star barbecue at the Omnimax/Science Spectrum. Olive will compete for the North in the North/South All-Star Girls Basketball Game set for 7 p.m. Friday at Lubbock's Monterey High School. Baeza, Dye and Salome will help represent the West squad in the East/West All-Star Football Game scheduled for Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Monterey High.

## 15 arrests reported by Sheriff's dept.

Fifteen arrests were made by local law enforcement officials over the past week, according to records kept by the Garza County Sheriff's Department. Arrested on July 2 was a 29-year-old male, Ricky Garza, who was charged with assault with injury (released the next day on \$2,500 bail bond). Six arrests were made July 3, including that of a 53-year-old male picked up for DWI (released the next day on \$1,500 bail); a 37-year-old male, commitment (released July 5 on time served); a 37-year-old male, commitment (released July 5 on time served); a 46-year-old male, commitment (released the next day on time served, fines paid); a 32-year-old male, commitment (released July 5 on time served); and a 59-year-old male, commitment (released July 5 on time served). Seven arrests were made on the Fourth of July holiday. Those included that of a 40-year-old male arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and DWI/felony; a 19-year-old male arrested for DWI (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond); a 21-year-old male arrested for possession of marijuana, under two ounces (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond); a 22-year-old male arrested for possession of marijuana, under two ounces (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond); and a 35-year-old male arrested on a Stephens County warrant (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond). Also arrested was a 51-year-old male picked up for unlawfully carrying a weapon (released the next day on \$2,500 bail bond). Arrested July 5 was a 35-year-old female charged with possession of marijuana (released the same day on \$1,500 bail bond). On July 7, a 41-year-old male was arrested for driving while license suspended (released the same day on a \$1,500 PR bond). Almost 90 calls for service were handled by Sheriff's department dispatchers over the past week, many of those calls involving reports of fireworks being discharged within the city limits. On July 1, authorities received four reports of fireworks being used within the city. On July 2, another fireworks report was received, as was a report of a disturbance at Burlington Place and a domestic dispute in the 700 block of West 11th. Three more fireworks calls came in on July 3 and an automobile accident (truck lost its load) was reported on US 84 south. On the Fourth, three additional fireworks calls were received, as was a report of a one-vehicle rollover three miles south of Justiceburg (no injuries were reported). Other reported filed on the holiday included a disturbance in the 100 block of North Avenue S; a domestic dispute (no location given); a domestic dispute in the 400 block of North Avenue Q; and a vehicle fire on US 84 south. A vehicle rollover on 380 west was reported on July 5 (no additional details recorded). On July 6, authorities were called out to a disturbance in the 500 block of South Avenue I and an automobile accident with injuries on US 84 south. Two cases of possible cruelty to animals were reported on July 7. The first case, allegedly involving a dog kept on a long chain and not provided with water, was reported at a location on North Avenue F. The second, also involving a dog reportedly deprived of water, was reported in the 100 block of North Avenue N.



Kasey Hardin

## Post junior golf update

by Barbara Hardin

The Post junior golfers took a break last week and no one played in any tournaments. However, Monday, July 6 Kasey Hardin, and Justin and Nikki Norman resumed their tournament schedule this week at the Green Tree Country Club in Midland. Kasey shot a 72 capturing first place honors for the 15-18 year old girls division. Nikki shot a 64 over a 9 hole format and won third place in the 11-12 year old girls. Justin fired a 77 but just missed placing in the top three in the 14-15 year old boys. Many of the Post junior golfers belong to the Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation and play on the Westcott Junior Tour throughout the summer. The NTPGA Junior Golf Foundation is the largest of its kind in the country. The foundation oversees the operation of a three area junior tour in East Texas, West Texas and the Metroplex and currently boasts a membership of over 3,000 golfers between the ages of 7 to 18. Kasey and Justin played at Levelland Country Club on Wednesday and Justin and Nikki will be back in Midland at Hogan Park GC on Thursday. Marcus Lopez is in Dallas this week playing in tournaments in that area. Kasey will be playing in a US Junior Girls Qualifier at the Spring River Golf Course in Roswell, NM on Monday, July 17.

The top four players from this tournament will be eligible to participate in the 50th US Girls' Junior Championship in Pennsylvania. The Normans, Jay, Justin and Kaycee Gorman will be playing at Pine Valley Golf Course in Lubbock next week. All of these young players have certainly represented Post well throughout the summer.

## Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

I will really be happy when I can open my column with something other than the heat wave!

Everyone out there is tired of the melt down I know. I worry about our senior citizens getting more heat than they should, so all of you be careful.

The pets are having a rough time too, so make sure you keep plenty of water out for them and if possible a shady area out of that hot sun.

O.K., that is all of the heat warning for this week. Hopefully by next week I can talk about the nice rain we received!!!



I noticed several flags out this July 4 holiday and I know that most of those were due to the Lions Club flag program. If you missed it in an earlier Dispatch, the Lions Club will place a flag at your home 5 different times a year and will also pick them up. They do all of this for only \$20.00. It is a wonderful service and if you should decide that you would like to take part, just contact Paul Jones and he will get you set up.

Speaking of July 4, I am so happy that the park was such a success. I missed most of the afternoon events because of trade days, but I know from several reports that it was a lot of fun.

I also have heard only praise for the fireworks show. I am so pleased that Post is once again celebrating this special holiday. I hope that Rodney Tidwell and all of the folks who jumped to his aid felt a special pride when the day ended and those fireworks went off without a hitch, and they were so pretty!

To all of you, congratulations and job well done. One more star for your crown!

There were two high school reunions over the holiday weekend. The class of 1978 and 1988. I really don't have reports on either one and would love to have. Call me!

I know the 1988 class had a really, really, good time. My son Kevin was down from Dallas and was thrilled to see so many old friends. There were 57 of those graduating seniors, and 39 attended the reunion.

Maybe next week we will have reports from both classes and even some pictures to show off.

I understand that I missed a very important birthday on July 4. Mr. Roy Willis, our wonderful Postmaster, did a little extra celebrating, and I just want to add a late Happy Birthday. Roy is always so nice, even on days when I call him 3 or 4 times, so H.B. "Willis".

Mr. Scott Farris celebrated his birthday July 1, with a big dinner and birthday cake at the home of Clarence Warren. Scott turned 25 on June 30 but delayed the party hats by one day.

Noah and Brenda Sweeten entertained a big group of 22 people for the holiday. They had a big bar-b-que at their home and then all watched the fireworks. A great time was had by all.

Birthday this week: Thursday 9; Stacey Suarez, Sunday 12; Ray Perez, Solomon Solis, Keagan Soto, Giles Dalby 11 and Kambry Mason. Anniversary; Jim and Janice Plummer and Don and Betty Parks. Monday 13; James Morris, Carly Rudd, Irene Abraham and Tra Howell. Tuesday 14; Ed Gossett, Jay Patel, Jimmy Solis and Karen Pennell. Wednesday 15; Randy McCallister, Thressa Harp, Tayler Starkey, Tana Starkey, Terry Jarrett and Wayne Line.

Don't know how many of you were able to attend Old Mill Trade Days this past weekend, but once again it was a big hit, even with the hot, hot, weather. I met several people from out of state (Mississippi, Colorado and New York!).

Sometimes it is hard to believe that we are fortunate enough to have this happening each month that brings so many folks through out town.

The couple from New York could not get over how pretty Post was and how friendly the people were. They had eaten dinner the night before at L.D.'s Daughters and loved the steak, and had decided that Texas was a wonderful place.

Once again, thanks Old Mill!

Guess that better be all for this week. As I finish this it is sure looking and sounding like rain this a.m. Hopefully so. Take care in the heat and May God Bless each of you. See you next week!

Civilization is, before all, the will to live in common. A man is uncivilized, barbarian, in the degree in which he does not take others into account.

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## NEWS OF HEALTH

### Foods That Heal

(NAPS)—Foods have the power, says a new book, not only to nourish us, but also to fight what ails us. Many leading health authorities agree that the natural healing properties of common foods help make the task of "eating healthy" a lot easier to swallow.

The book offers numerous healthful ideas, including how:

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- A fresh green salad can help protect you from the effects of secondhand smoke.

Prevention's *New Foods for Healing: Capture the Powerful Cures of More Than 100 Common Foods* (Rodale Books; \$29.95), by Selene Yeager and the editors of Prevention Health Books, details the extraordinary potential of foods to stop disease and health threats in their tracks.

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# U.S. Senate holds Year 2000 hearings at last!

by Tom Hürley  
Little Assisi

Sen. Robert Bennett (R-Utah), chairman of the U.S. Senate's newly formed Year 2000 committee, recently reported: "I had anticipated that I would be able to provide a positive report on the Year 2000 status of these public utilities, instead, based on the results of this survey, I am genuinely concerned about the very real prospects of power shortages as a consequence of the millennial date change."

Senator Bennett was referring to a survey his office conducted among 10 of the country's largest utilities, which points to slow progress in certifying they will be "Y2k compliant."

Co-chairman of the committee, Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn) said he was worried because of the lack of contingency plans by businesses and departments of government.

The chief of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, James Hoekert, testified, "The state of Year 2000 readiness of the utility industry is largely unknown."

## Water treatment plants at risk

Senator Bennett added that "The water treatment system in every municipality in this country is computer driven and has the potential of being upset because of imbedded chips and bad software." Bennett warned there is a 40 percent chance of collapse of the power grid on January 1, 2000. He cautioned there was a 100 percent chance of collapse if today was the first day of the year 2000.

The good news is that our elected leaders are holding hearings. These hearings are confirming that there is a serious problem. The consequences of the problem are being quantified. The quantification shows a real risk of a collapse of the electric power grid which serves every home and business in Texas and the rest of the country.

The bad news is that people are still being told by news commentators and others in authority that there is no reason to be alarmed. We are being assured, "Everything is fine, don't worry." I wonder when will we see those in authority back up their optimism with evidence to demonstrate that even one public utility claims it is "Year 2000 compliant."

January 1, 2000 is but less than 18 months away, and experienced observers tell us that the testing of new software and replacement of imbedded micro-chips will take at least 12 months. Even the small rural utility companies who only resell electricity should be working right now to certify that they are "Y2k compliant." And they should

## Council action...

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clarify the wording of one sentence of the resolution. Once that sentence was revised and changed, the resolution passed without incident.

In other business, council members:

- Postponed action on a request for assistance from MAD DADS.
- Informally endorsed a fund raising project by Girl Scout Laura Tobias who, along with members of the Caprock Girl Scout Council, plans to travel to Europe next summer. Tobias told the council she needs to raise \$2,500 to participate in the trip and asked for permission to offer to paint house numbers on driveways and curbs around town to raise money. The council was supportive of her project and noted she will be providing a much-needed service.
- Approved a variance for a zoning request to place a mobile home at 125 North Avenue I.
- Reviewed city items to be included in the upcoming city/county auction.
- Approved, on second reading, the ordinance regarding cable TV franchise rights.
- Received from City Manager Rick Hanna an update on the White River water project and the latest lake level. Hanna said the lake is currently about 16.5 feet low, but added that Post is "still in relatively good shape" with regard to water.
- Heard from Mayor Jim Jackson that the council will observe its first work session on the next fiscal year's budget on August 4.

also show that they have taken care of the imbedded micro-chips in the distribution systems.

The only way we will know if a power supplier, municipal water authority or gas provider is taking care of business, is when they certify themselves as "Year 2000 compliant." Anything else is just words.

Electric utilities in this country operate about 6,000 power stations and more than 100,000 substations. Each station should be certified as compliant, otherwise the failure of even a small number of them can cause a domino effect, resulting in failure of large areas of even the entire grid.

In the approximately 100 year history of the grid, there has never been a large scale failure. Some experts argue that without electricity flowing on the grid, it is not possible to restart the failed generating plants. Can we be certain that anyone has the expertise to restart the grid?

## Can we survive without electricity?

Civilization as we know it cannot exist without electric power. All critical human activity is aided or made possible with electricity. Without electricity we will be back 100 years or more, but without the know-how that people of that time had for survival. Think about it, how many of us know how to grow, harvest and grind wheat by hand? How about preparing and baking a loaf of bread or slaughter, salt and dehydrate cattle or hogs? Can we pump and carry water from a well or do our laundry without a washing machine?

It is a mistake to see Y2k as just a computer problem. One of my neighbors told me Y2k would not be a problem for him because he doesn't have a computer. He hadn't considered what the loss of electricity would mean to him.

## Delegates 'fine-tune' new Texas constitution in 12th Session, July 11

Delegates to the Texas Constitutional Convention are expected to complete work on a new Texas constitution in Junction on July 11 and 12. The 12th session of the convention opens Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at the Texas Tech University Center Library in Junction. Delegates will fine-tune the new constitution in preparation for publishing and distributing in the next few months. A transition plan will also be debated. All sessions of the convention are open to the public.

The Texas Constitutional Convention was convened on July 4, 1997 at the historic Old Irion County Courthouse in Sherwood, and delegates have been meeting monthly and semi-monthly since then. When completed, the constitution will be presented to Texans for a decision through county conventions, coordinated by the Texas Constitution Ratification Committee (TCRC).

Among the highlights of the proposed new Texas constitution are the elimination of all taxation, the securing of ownership of property, the implementation of randomly selected juries and placement of most political power at the county level.

"The most important ingredient of this new constitution," chairman Don Henson emphasizes, "is our Declaration of Rights in Article 1, where we have clearly defined individual rights, leaving no doubts or questions about our meaning. Everything else in the constitution is written to support the Declaration of Rights."

The new Texas constitution establishes a republic form of government, with a unicameral administrative body, composed of 254 representatives appointed by elected officers of each Texas county to serve in the National Assembly. Implementing the functions of government authorized by the constitution, the National Assembly will be balanced by the nation-wide election of a president, vice president and treasurer, who will serve on the National Executive Council.

Demonstrating their intent to place most political power at the county level, the constitution authorizes a County Administrative Council (CAC) to implement the limited functions of county government.

The council will consist of all elected officers in the county: sheriff, treasurer, county recorder, commissioner for each precinct; at least one justice and one clerk of court for each county or one justice and one clerk of court for each precinct. CACs will appoint one citizen to serve in the National Assembly, and will have authority to recall the appointee at any time.

Even a power man such as Bill Gates recognizes the seriousness of the problem. The founder of Microsoft said, "Don't expect me to fix the world's Y2k problem. It's too big for my company to solve." This is from the man who has made billions of dollars from creating software that is used around the world.

The staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission is on record as saying, "It is not and will not be possible for any single entity or collective enterprise to represent that it has achieved complete Y2k compliance... The problem is simply too complex." Obviously the SEC is saying the problem is too big for man. This is clearly a problem we must look to God for a solution. Only God can spare us from the consequences of this man-made calamity.

## How about communicating?

Without electricity, the modern communications we take for granted are going to cease to exist. Without electricity, there will be no phones, faxes, Internet, mail, UPS, FedEx, USPS ... and on and on. Without electricity there will be no newspapers, magazines, television or radio.

Without electricity we will only be able to communicate with those we can meet face-to-face. With bicycles and horses we will be able to get as far as Lubbock or Snyder, but Dallas or San Antonio or Austin will seem impossible distances away.

Maybe it's time to think about planting a few acres of wheat. If you have livestock it would be good to grow some grain with which to feed them. How about that old windmill? Can you get it working and pumping? Just imagine one of these 106 degree days we've lived through without adequate supplies of water.

Perhaps it's time to raise a few hens, or a hog! It's too late for a garden this year, but if you have the water, what about a garden for you and your neighbor next year? If you bought the seed now, at least you'd know you have it. Remember to buy only non-hybrid seed, hybrid seed does not reproduce itself.

This would be a good time to get a book or two on plant propagation. A prayer to God for guidance would certainly be in order.



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I would also like to thank all of my courthouse friends for the thoughts, flowers, the food basket and visits.

No words can express the grateful appreciation I have for all of you.

Dee

Many thanks to you, Koen Josey and Donna Aten for the most enjoyable 20 year reunion of the Post High School 1978 seniors. The Holiday Inn on July 3 was very adequate.

Your plans and work are greatly appreciated. Getting to see and visit with all those attending was surely a treat!

Ivan Lee Jones, Jr. (Bud)  
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Moscow, Russia

The family of Skeeter Justice would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the visits, calls, cards, food, flowers and prayers given to us during this time.

Thank you to Jack Alexander for his support and for the "perfect" service. Skeeter would have loved it. To Lee Ann Hodges and Georgie Willson for the beautiful music. To the ladies of the First Christian Church for the wonderful lunch. To the Metzgar's, Gradine's, Lois and Julia Childs, Sonja Fields and Frances Conrad, who went out of their way to help us, we would never have made it without you all.

A very special thank you to the Englund's, who always seem to be there whenever we need them, for everything they did in taking care of Skeeter.

We would also like to thank Curtis and Bill for taking call for us the day of the funeral, we really appreciated it.

We are very blessed to have such good and loving friends. Skeeter was truly a very unique person and those of you that knew her will never forget her.

God bless you all,  
Mason, Dee, Janet, Bryan and Brent

With the City of Post and Garza County Sheriffs office for 22 1/2 years as the Municipal Judge I want to Thank everyone for my retirement and to the City for the plaque, the reception on my last day at work. Thanks for the food, flowers and bench. I was surprised and really proud. We have a great bunch working for the City.

To the sheriffs office, thanks for the hamburgers along with all the other good food. Also thanks for the wonderful gift. We had a wonderful time talking over the 22 1/2 years.

Thanks also goes to the others that gave gifts: Sheriff Kenny, Nora, Kenny Jr. and Diana Ratke, Sheila Melton, Sandy Guthrie, Betty and Jim Curry, Mary Nelson and my family, Billy, Tina, Todd, Raelye and Terrica Taylor, Jeff, Jarrod and Corlee Greene.

So many people have wished me congratulations on my retirement and I would like to say Thanks to all of them for their concern.

I will miss working with everyone but I plan on seeing you from time to time.

Again Thanks a Million for everything. God Bless you and I love you all,  
Louise Greene

### Personals

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### Legal Notices

Application has been made with the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission for a Wine only package store permit by Edd Neal Welch DBA Post Beverage Barn, to be located at Hwy 380 East, north side 1 mile east of intersection F.M. 207, Post, Texas, Garza County.

## Did You Know?

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## Henry Gonzales joins Norwest Bank in Post as personal banker

Charles Hardin has announced that Henry Gonzales has joined Post's Norwest Bank as Personal Banker.

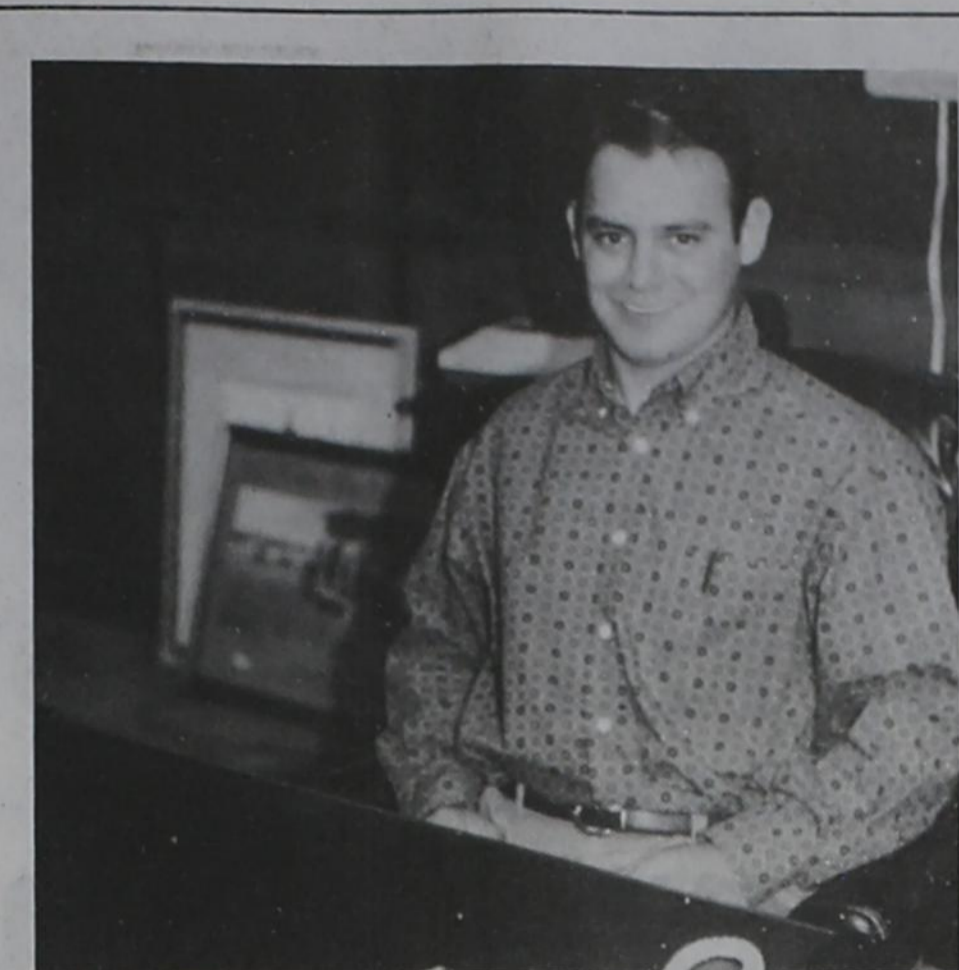
Gonzales, a native of Plains and 1990 graduate of Plains High School, comes to Post from Lubbock, where he has been with Norwest Financial services for the past two years. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in restaurant and motel management.

"I am very excited about working in Post," Gonzales said, "I believe I have a lot to offer our customers here."

Along with his new duties, Henry will be responsible for soliciting and opening new accounts and to assist with determining and recommending appropriate products and services for customers.

Henry's training helps his customers by his understanding of the benefits and features of a wide variety of products and services, which include Norwest Investment Services, Norwest Mortgage, Norwest Trust and other departments.

"I think Henry brings some special skills and personal abilities to us and his customers," Hardin said.



Henry Gonzales

## Recipes sought for new Women's Division cookbook

The Women's Division of the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau is in the process of collecting recipes from local residents. The recipes will be used to create a new cookbook to be printed and published by Nov. 15.

Anyone interested in submitting their favorite recipes should use the form provided on page 9 of this edition of The Post Dispatch. Additional recipe forms are also available at the Post Public Library.

Completed and signed recipe forms should be deposited at the public library no later than Aug. 15.

All types of recipes, including old family favorites, will be welcomed.

## Celebrate Jesus Revival in Gail

The First Baptist Church of Gail would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our upcoming "Celebrate Jesus Revival" with Dr. Steve McMeans, pastor at Coggin Avenue Baptist Church in Brownwood.

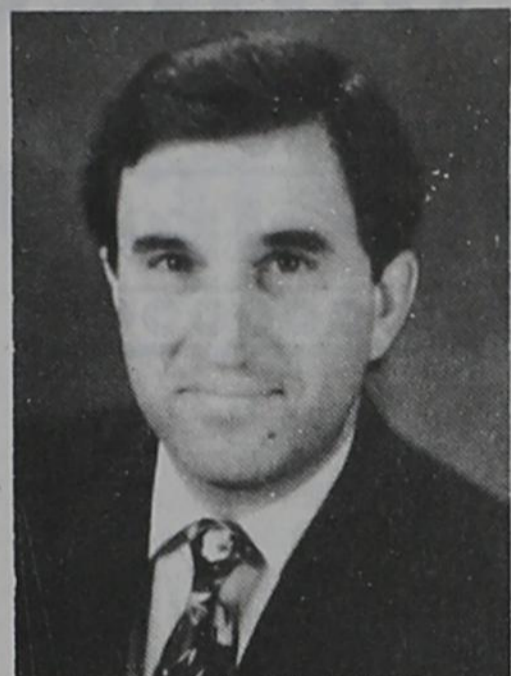
Steve is the son of Mr and Mrs Mickey McMeans, of Post.

The services will start July 19 at 6 p.m. with Bro. Steve preaching

through Wednesday, July 22. The evening services will start at 7 p.m. with Randy Hardman leading the great gospel singing and many talented singers of Borden County.

Each night there is a "Special Blessing" for every age group.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear God's Word presented by Steve McMeans.



Steve McMeans Evangelist

## Black Gold and Glamour Style Show and Luncheon

Tickets are now available for the Black Gold and Glamour Style Show and Luncheon. The style show and luncheon will be held on Friday, July 31 at the Post Community Center from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Fashions will be featured from Lily Dale's and LaPosta of Post and J. Hoffman's, Tucker Brown and Skibell's of Lubbock.

There will also be a silent auction which will include items from Old Mill Trade Days vendors and local merchants.

The tickets are priced at \$15 and are available from the Post Commerce and Tourism Office at 495-3461. VISA and Mastercard payments are also accepted.

Proceeds of this event will benefit the Garza County Historical Museum in their construction of an oil industry exhibit.

## Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

July 7, 1988

10 Years Ago

Geraldine Butler was named Post Art Guild Artist of the Month...Marine Pfc. Jimmy L. Albert recently reported for duty with 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing at the Marine Corps Air Station Eltoro, California...James Easterling and Leanna Davis were double winners in a local doubles tennis tournament here in Post this past weekend...Joe Warren was the lucky winner of a VCR given away by the Post EMT's in a drawing held July 4.

July 13, 1978

20 Years Ago

Happy Birthday today goes to Jerry Key, Lester Josey, David Warren Yancy, James Morris, Vicki Carol Palmer, Charlie Brown, Michael Charles Shedd, Teresa Sparlin and Patricia Davis...Ken Curtis, who was "Festus" on Gunsmoke, will serve as official arena marshal on both days of roping during the "OS weekend"...Tom Power has been installed as president of the Post Rotary Club...Mr and Mrs Bill Shiver received the "Yard of the Week" award for this week.

July 11, 1968

30 Years Ago

Buck Perrin of Pasadena, California flew back to his home Sunday after a week's visit here with his parents, Mr and Mrs R.B. Perrin, and his sisters, Mrs Roy Rosey and Mrs Lometa Epley...Mr and Mrs Royce Hart and baby moved from Odessa to Jal, NM to make their home...Mr and Mrs Paul Jones

and grandchildren, Terry, Kayla and Julie Payne of Abilene, spent last week vacationing at Kingsland...Mrs Cecil Smith and grandson, Dee Cecil Justice, visited Mrs Ella Murphy Sunday.

July 10, 1958

40 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs Jim Cornish and daughters, Chris and Susan, returned home Sunday night from a four day visit with relatives in Arkansas City, Kansas and Ponca City, Oklahoma...Mr and Mrs Louis Sinclair announced the birth of a son, Jerry Don, on July 1. He weighed six pounds and four and one half ounces...Mr and Mrs F.E. Weaver celebrated their 55th anniversary Sunday combined with a family reunion in Slaton...Leslie Acker pitched a no-hit game for Levi's Ranch Cafe Indians here last Thursday against the Taboka Braves in a Pony League game.

July 8, 1948

50 Years Ago

Mr and Mrs John T. Herd will leave next week on a six weeks trip to Alaska...David Schultz and Johnny Mickey went fishing during the July fourth holidays...Mr and Mrs Bob Lusk are driving a new 1949 Ford...Sonny McCrary came home from the Pecos rodeo Sunday with the mumps...Gene Ford, Charles King and Cecil Bybee recently went fishing at matador...Mr and Mrs Pete Crispin and children and Harold Cass were among the Garza County spectators at the Stamford rodeo Monday.



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# Thanks!

We take this opportunity to express a big thank you to all the "behind-the-scenes" people who made this year's 4th of July Celebration possible.

Anita Morris and Diana Poe for gathering funds to make the fireworks possible.

Wayne McKim, Trushell Marts, Nan Gonzales, Sandra Rivera for all the work at the park and Sophie Martinez for coordinating events.

Cindy Guthrie for getting the bands together.

Royce Josey, Harold Reno, Ron Montgomery and the Juvenile Probation Dept. for getting the park ready and last minute preparations.

David Lee Rivera, Irvin Mason, Lisa Soto, Soyla Reyna and Nan Gonzales for helping clean up Sunday morning.

And the following who donated for purchasing fireworks: Lions Club, J&Y Cellular, Giles W. Dalby, Fashion Cleaners, Twins Fashions, Rotary Club, Hotel Garza, Mason Bros., Post Dispatch, E.A. Franklin Trust (Giles C. McCrary), Garza County Juvenile Probation Dept., Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., Brady's Package Store, Rocker A (Kurt Chapman), Old Mill Trade Days, Ammons Printing, Hudman Funeral Home, Boles Broadcasting (KPOS), Reef Chemical, Citizens Bank, Norwest Bank and Jenkins Bros. Electric.

The Post Volunteer Fire Department for setting off a spectacular fireworks show.

Rosalinda Alaniz for singing the National Anthem to start off the fireworks show.

Thank you, the people of Post, who came out to support our celebration. With your help, this will be an ongoing tradition that will get bigger and better each year.

God Bless each of you.

Juvenile Citizens Advisory Board

Michelle Wischkaemper

Rodney Tidwell

Kelly Ahrens

Leslie Acker

Mike Travis



Shelby D'Ann Kerns was crowned Little Miss Silver Nugget during the June 19-21 Jim Bowie Days Celebration in Menard. Shelby is the four-year-old daughter of David and Bessie Kerns of Menard and the granddaughter of Fred and Barbara Van de Valle of Post. (Photo courtesy of The Menard News and Messenger)

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### ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "roosters crow, \_\_\_ deliver"
- 5 TXism: "best I ever wrapped around"
- 6 TXism: "shoots \_\_\_ over the phone" (risk taker)
- 7 TX Janis' "I Got Dem \_\_\_ Kozmic Blues Again, Mama"
- 8 what made TX Bush spew in Japan in '92
- 9 TXism: "folks"
- 15 what most TX college students take out
- 16 Ft. Hood's "Robert Gray" and Ft. Bliss' "Biggs"
- 19 past Dodger Carl who was signee of TX-made Nokona ball gloves
- 21 this TX Kelton wrote "The Time It Never Rained"
- 22 TXism: "let the cat out of the bag"
- 27 TX Rangers broadcaster Nadel
- 28 throw a fishin' line (2 wds.)
- 29 A&M's "Reveille"
- 30 \_\_\_ the occasion"
- 32 this TX Clark was ambassador to Australia
- 34 TXism: "little bitty"
- 37 TX Kite won the U.S. \_\_\_ in '92
- 38 Houston's Wortham World of \_\_\_ mates
- 39 celestial sphere

- 40 \_\_\_ Inn State Historic Site
- 42 TX co.'s CEO (abbr.)
- 43 this George discovered Glen Rose dinosaur tracks
- 46 slides into a chair
- 47 horse's father
- 48 extremely
- 49 snow glider
- 50 famed aviator Amelia
- 53 Beauford Jester was only TX gov. to \_\_\_ office
- 54 \_\_\_ Verde County

### DOWN

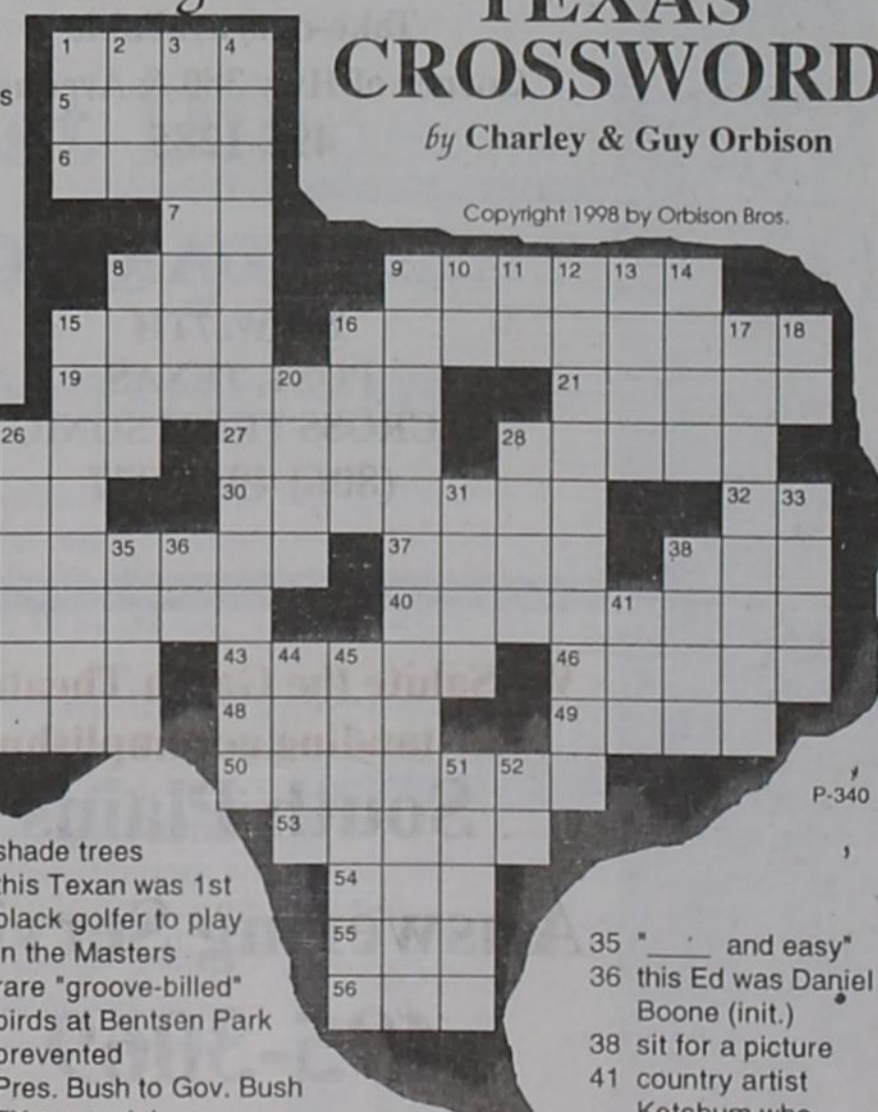
- 1 TXism: "\_\_\_ my boots retreaded" (repaired)
- 2 TX actor Wallach
- 3 Padre Island named for \_\_\_ Balli
- 4 former "dark" Six Flags ride (2 wds.)
- 8 the only type of car TX Clyde Barrow would steal
- 9 TX Janis Joplin hit
- 10 TXism: "let \_\_\_ rip!"
- 11 TXism: "out \_\_\_ kilter"
- 12 Gilmer's Yamboree features a yam-\_\_\_
- 13 mother of TX Ginger Rogers
- 14 shade trees
- 15 this Texan was 1st black golfer to play in the Masters
- 16 rare "groove-billed" birds at Bentsen Park
- 17 prevented
- 18 Pres. Bush to Gov. Bush
- 20 TX perennial
- 22 this Bing starred with TX Reynolds in "Say One For Me" (init.)
- 23 \_\_\_ Fresnos, TX
- 24 Houston Oiler that killed himself in '93 after auto accident
- 25 TXism: "he \_\_\_ a wide trail" (big)

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- 35 "\_\_\_ and easy"
- 36 this Ed was Daniel Boone (init.)
- 38 sit for a picture
- 41 country artist Ketchum who started in Austin
- 44 TXism: "\_\_\_ solid perfect"
- 45 landing at DFW
- 51 TXism: "rode the bed wagon"
- 52 this Republican pres. candidate carried TX in '72 (init.)



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