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## Hospital District rejects Supreme Court decision

by Wes Burnett

Garza County Hospital District board of directors, in a three to two vote last Thursday evening, rejected following Attorney General opinions and Texas Supreme Court decisions as they relate to hospital districts.

Board members Zoe Kirkpatrick and David Tyler voted no on a motion by Carol

Tobias to abide by state Attorney General opinions and Supreme Court decisions, with board president Mike Travis breaking the tie in opposition to the motion.

Tobias had distributed to board members a 1984 Attorney General opinion which declared that the Titus County Hospital District could not lease any portion

of its hospital building to a private physician. The opinion cited a 1940 Texas Supreme Court decision which clarified the limits of authority of legislatively created districts, determining that those districts could not exceed the authority stated in the legislation which established the district.

In the hospital district case,

Titus County wanted to lease part of its building to a private doctor. The Attorney General quoted from the supreme court decision: "A special purpose district may exercise only the powers that are expressly delegated to it by the legislature..."

"I don't like it," Tobias said after presenting the information, "but it is the law, and we can only use the building for hospital purposes. We could lease the building to someone to operate a hospital or we could sell the building, but we can not lease it or use it for any purpose other than for a hospital."

Board member Charles Propst pointed out that the board's continuing illegal use of tax money could become a personal hazard. He emphasized that board members could be held individually responsible for misappropriation of tax funds. Tobias also read a letter from 106th Judicial District Attorney Ricky Smith, who said that personal liability to board members could be substantial.

"When you decided to close the hospital in 1996," Tobias asked, "did anyone bother to look up the law to see if the building could be leased for a clinic? Was there any legal research done to find out about this in advance?"

Travis replied that he wasn't on the board at the time, Kirkpatrick and Tyler did not respond to the question.

GCHD's attorney Callaway

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Garza County Hospital District board members studying important issues at last week's meeting are (left to right) Carol Tobias, Zoe Kirkpatrick, Mike Travis, David Tyler and Charles Propst. Interim administrator Steve Holmes is at right.

## 59th Post Stampede Rodeo opens tonight

The 59th annual Post Stampede Rodeo, billed as the "Best Rodeo in the West," will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the rodeo arena. TCRA- and CPRA-approved nightly shows will begin at 8 p.m. Grand entry is set for 7:45 p.m.

Terry Walls of Stephenville will serve as rodeo producer. Scheduled events include bareback bronc, one go-round, \$60; calf roping, one head, \$60; saddle bronc, one go-round, \$60; barrel race, \$60; team roping, open, \$120; bull riding, one go-round, \$60; muton bustin', \$5; girls break away roping, \$60; junior flag, 12 and under, \$5. Flag entries will be limited to the first 10. The top five from each night will advance to the finals.

A ranch horse competition will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. and wild cow milking will be conducted nightly, \$100.

Admission to the rodeo will be \$6 for adults. Children ages six and under will be admitted free of charge.

Dances will be held on Friday and Saturday nights on a 100x150-foot slab. Jody Nix will provide the music. Admission will be \$6 per

person.

Sponsors for this year's rodeo include Brady's Package Store, Hackberry Co-op, Caprock Cellular, Norwest Banks, Cellular One, Town & Country and Monsanto.

Sidelineing this year's rodeo will be the first annual Saddles, Bits, Spurs & Western Collectible Tack Show to be held on the rodeo grounds.

Show hours are set for 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 12; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 13; and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 14.

Booth spaces, 10' x 12' in size, are available at a cost of \$50 each. Booths will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Vendors will set up and maintain their own booth. No import bits and spurs will be allowed, and no security will be provided.

Booth space reservations may be made by contacting Danny M. Vernon, 495-2415.

For more information on the rodeo and related events, call the Stampede Arena at 495-2501.

## Post ISD looks at tight budget

by Sheri Lewis

Projected revenues and expenditures for the 1999-2000 school year are expected to be fairly close, but school district officials are optimistic about the fiscal year spending plan.

"It's a lot rosier picture than it was this time last year," board member Mark Kirkpatrick said at Tuesday night's special session of Post ISD trustees.

The district has projected revenues of \$7,096,855 for the upcoming fiscal year, with expenditures at \$7,096,427. Revenue projections are based on the same tax rate as assessed in the current fiscal year — \$1.45 per \$100 valuation.

Dr. Bobby Bain, superintendent, said the district should finish up the school year "...\$54,000 in the black" and commended everyone who has worked on the budget for the coming school year.

The bulk of the increase in this year's budgeted expenditures over the 1998-99 school year are due to teacher salary hikes, Bain said. The pay increases, which are mandated by the state but not funded, will cost the district an additional \$300,000.

A budget hearing on the 1999-2000 plan has been scheduled for Aug. 24. The tax rate for the new fiscal year is expected to be adopted after Sept. 1, Bain said.

In other business, trustees briefly discussed several options through which school district officials might make the Post ISD a safer place to work and learn. Bain suggested the possibility of hooking up an answering machine and dedicating it to calls from students, parents and staff members who might be aware of existing problems. If such a system was established, there would be no attempt to identify the caller, and incoming calls might shed light on possible "safety issues" on Post ISD campuses.

"I don't know how much it would be used, but it's worth a try," he said.

Several board members agreed the idea was a good one, and Kirkpatrick suggested the local MAD DADS chapter might assist

the district in accepting the same types of calls.

Bain said the Texas Education Agency is requiring school districts to explore safety issues in light of recent episodes of violence on school campuses throughout the U.S.

"We've taken steps and continue to try to take steps to make it a safe place," the superintendent said.

Middle School Principal Marita Jackson said Bobby Dean is creating a "Code Blue" emergency plan for such incidents as tornadoes or disasters. Dean is working in conjunction with the local sheriff's department, volunteer firefighters, EMS and other entities, as well as discussing with officials from other school districts the types of measures they have in place.

Trustees also:

- Discussed teacher evaluation forms and approved teacher evaluators and the evaluations calendar for the 1999-2000 school year.
- Approved revisions to the Student Code of Conduct.
- Approved the gradual replacement of the auditorium curtains. Cost to replace all of the curtains would be \$24,000, and the district plans to stagger the replacement effort over a three-year period.

## Sen. Gramm rep visits Friday

A representative from Sen. Phil Gramm's office will meet with County Judge Giles Dalby and other local officials Friday, Aug. 13, at 4:45 p.m. at the community center.

Sondra Ziegler, director of Gramm's West Texas Region office, will be on hand for the session.

"The purpose of my visit is to offer Sen. Gramm's help on any and all federal projects or legislative issues in which Garza County may be involved or interested," Ziegler said in a recent correspondence to Dalby. "Certainly, the more the senator knows about your interests and projects, the better he is positioned to assist."

## Post Notes

### Freshmen swimming party

A special party for incoming freshmen students will be held Saturday, August 14 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the city pool. The event is hosted by freshmen student parents. There will be swimming, followed by hot dogs, soft drinks and sweets at the park. Freshmen students and parents only.

### Christian School begins Aug. 16

The First Baptist Church Christian School begins classes Monday, August 16 for kindergarten through third grade. Registration and book fees for pre-kindergarten through third grade are due now. August tuition is due August 1. Please come by the church/school office to pay fees and receive school supply lists and uniform information. Office hours are 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Pre-school classes begin after Labor Day.

### New elementary student registration

All new students planning to enroll at Post Elementary School are urged to visit the school office as soon as possible for registration. Parents are urged to register students, especially pre-k and kindergarten in advance. The office is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. School starts August 18.

### Attention PHS band students

Summer band will be held August 9-13 for Post High School band students. The schedule: 10 a.m. to noon, flutes and clarinets; 1 to 3 p.m., all brasses and saxes and 7 to 9 p.m., full band.

### Free blood pressure checks

Free blood pressure checks are available at the Garza County Trailblazers Senior Citizen Center each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Nursing staff of Covenant Home Health Care of Post are providing the free service.

### Close City/Garlynn Reunion

The annual Close City/Garlynn Reunion will be held Saturday, August 21 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Post Community Center. The reunion will feature a \$9 per person catered meal beginning at noon. Reservations must be made no later than August 19 to Laverne Aten, Rt 3, Post, 79356 or call Laverne at (806) 327-5678 or Billie Cross at (806) 495-2359.

### Rotarians selling grocery raffle

Post Rotarians are selling \$1 tickets to win either \$100, \$50 or \$25 "back-to-school" groceries from United Supermarket in Post. You may purchase tickets from all Rotarians, including Charles Hardin, Fred Myers, Bob Collier, Wanda Mitchell, Victor Ashley, Fred Stephens, Giles McCrary, Terry Bartlett, Leslie Acker, Jana Bullard, Bill Pool and others. The winning tickets will be drawn Tuesday, August 31 in the Rotary Room Post Community Center.

### New PMS student registration

Registration for new students at the Post Middle School will be held Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### Crazy Quilts of Autumn

The Algerita Arts Center will host "Crazy Quilts of Autumn" from September 28 through October 5. Entries will be accepted at the center on Tuesday, September 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Chennault featured at program

The regular meeting of the Algerita Arts Center on September 13 will feature artist Bob Chennault. Reservations for the program should be made by calling 495-3493.

### PHS Class of '59 reunion

The Post High School Class of 1959 is planning a 40th year reunion at the Hotel Garza on October 1. A reception will be held at 4 p.m. with dinner at 5 p.m. Those classmates interested in attending should contact Don Davies at (817) 473-3454 or write him at 2406 Summer Breeze Court, Arlington, Texas 76001. Classmates Linda Waldrup and Pat Bilbo may also be contacted.

### Y2K program offered Friday

If you're concerned about whether or not your medical equipment is ready for the year 2000, plan to attend a program on the issue Friday, August 13 at 1 p.m. at the Garza County Trailblazers. Covenant Home Health Care's Freda Kelly, RN will present the program.

### Resource Fair Sept. 21

The Family and Consumer Sciences Committee of the Garza County Extension Program Council, is sponsoring a Resource Fair September 21 at the Post Community Center from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity to let the community see what your organizations do, whom they help, or how they can help. For more information on the Resource Fair, read Kelly Ahrens regular column in today's paper, or call Kelly at 495-4400.

### Football Contest Starts Sept. 2

Businesses will want to reserve space soon for the annual Post Dispatch Football Contest, which begins September 2.

The special page features Post Antelope football game information, area high school football contests as well as collegiate and professional.

A weekly winner gets \$25 in Post City Bucks, which are redeemable only at participating advertisers. Call Judy Bush at 495-2816 to reserve your space on this popular feature.

## Birth

### Ty James Jones

Jona and Trey Jones announce the birth of their son Ty James Jones, who was born August 2, 1999 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, weighing seven pounds, 14 ounces and 20 and 1/2 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his sister Allisha.

Maternal grandparents are John and Sandy Smith of Post, great grandmother Jackie Odom of Post and Juanita and Mac McMullin of Houston.

Paternal grandparents are Connie and Jimmy Jones of Post, great grandmother Phyllis McWhorter of Post and great-great grandmother Vera McWhorter of Post.



Allisha Jones welcomes her new brother Ty James Jones.

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In Greek mythology, the fates were three goddesses who controlled human life. Clotho spun the web of life, Lachesis measured it and Atropos cut it.

## Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash  
Look Who 'S Paying AMT!

When the Alternative Minimum Tax was inaugurated some 30 years ago, it was designed to trip up the really-rich who shielded all their income in tax-exempt bonds and tax shelters. Over the years, though, the middle-income taxpayer has been snared in the net.

The key problem is that the law treats exemptions for children and deductions for medical expenses just like stock options and oil-well credits. Once these "preference items" hit a certain level, the taxpayer moves from regular income tax to the AMT. Large families, especially those with high medical costs, are hit with huge tax bills. (Some people with high incomes still pay no tax.)

While regular income tax brackets have been indexed for inflation, the AMT exemption has not. To do so would require raising the exemption-the amount of preference items allowed-from the current \$45,000 for a married couple to about \$57,000. Many lawmakers would like to do this-but the government needs the money.

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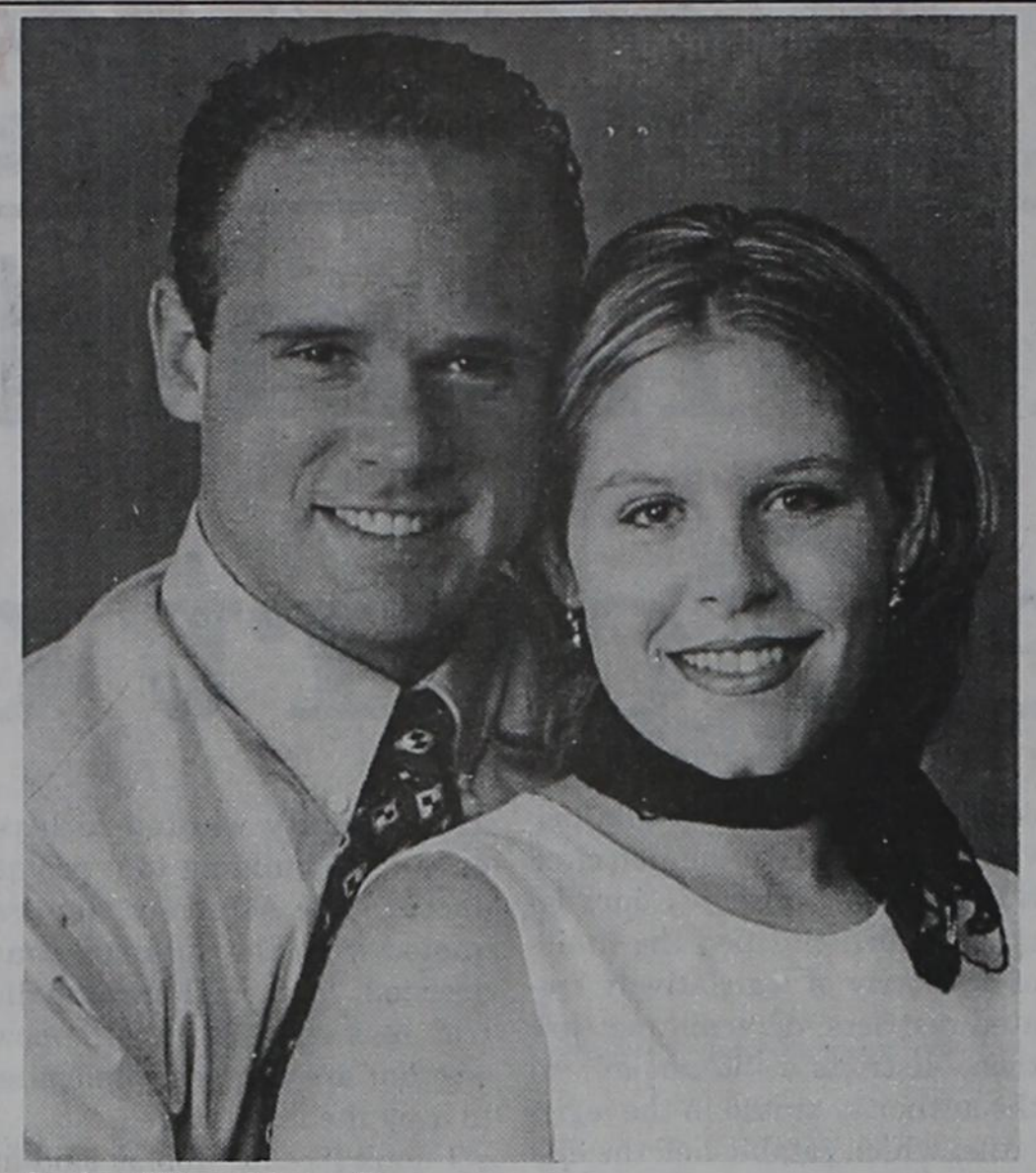
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## Sonya Harp, Stephen Ellis announce engagement

Jacky and Thressa Harp of Post announce the engagement of their daughter, Sonya, to Stephen Ellis, son of Christine Ellis of Nottingham, England and RJM Ellis of Alford, Scotland.

The couple will marry September 3, 1999 at the First United Methodist Church in Post. The bride-elect attends Amarillo College School of Nursing. The future bridegroom attends Texas Tech Medical School in Amarillo.



Stephen Ellis and Sonya Harp



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Mr and Mrs Edwardo Davila

## Mr and Mrs Davida celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr and Mrs Edwardo Davida will be honored by their children and grandchildren at a 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration, Saturday, August 14 at 10 a.m. at the Holy Cross Catholic Church.

The family is extending an invitation to friends to the celebration, which will be followed by a reception at the Post Community Center.

Flora Gonzales and Edwardo Davida were married in Post. Their children are Mercedes Vera, Rosemary Tuck, Martha Martinez, Dora Rodriguez, Flora Mendez, Roy Garza, and the late Edwardo Jr, Ambrose and Steve (Sam).

## Schoonover, Haynes engagement announced

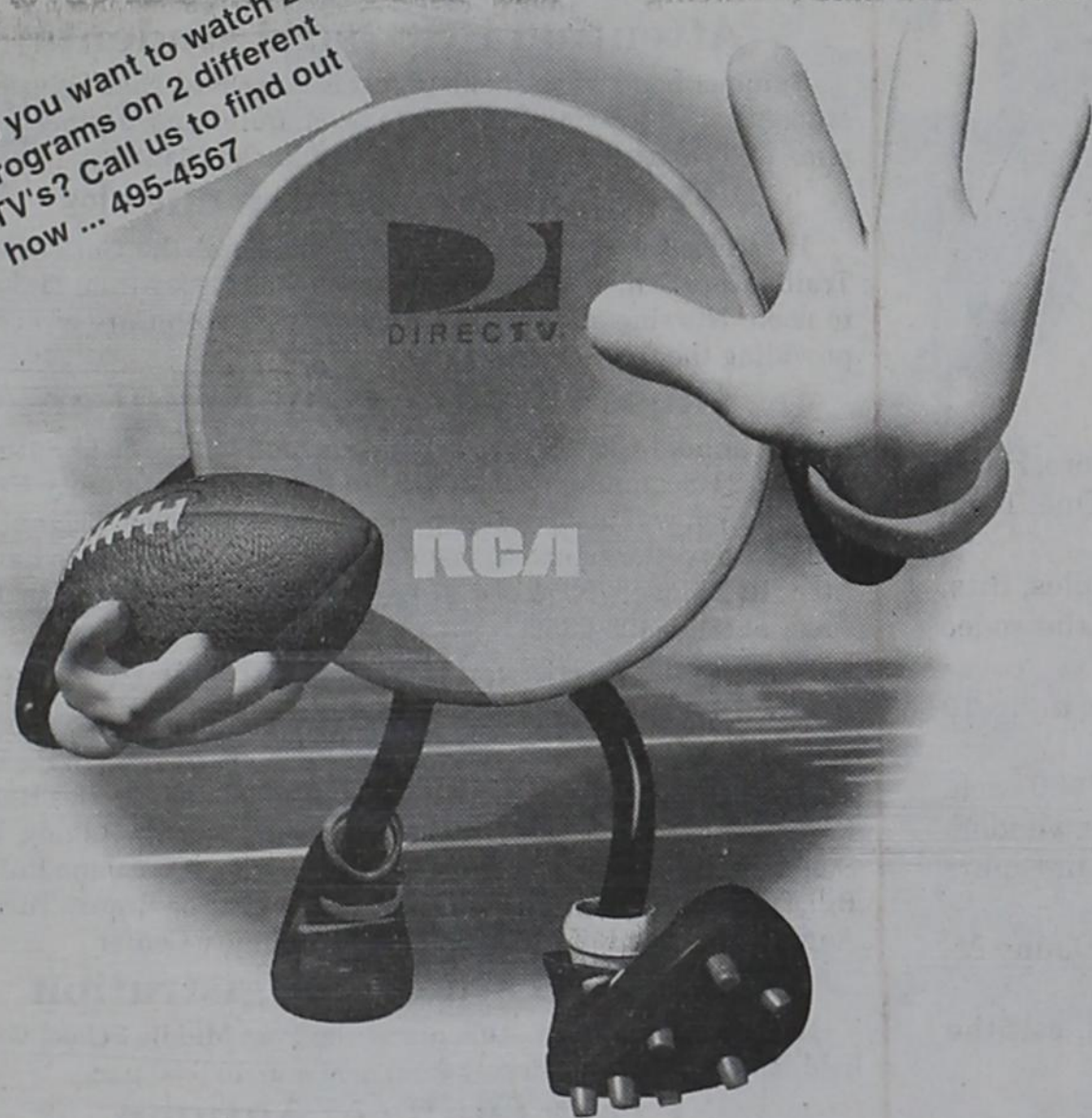
Isaac and Teresa Schoonover of Post have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy Renee, to Scott Haynes, son of Mae Haynes and Curtis Haynes of Post.

A Sept. 3, 1999, wedding is planned. The ceremony will be conducted at the Calvary Baptist Church, Post.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Southland High School and is a candidate for December graduation with a degree in elementary education from Texas Tech University. The groom is a 1991 graduate of Post High School. The couple plans to make their home in Post.

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Russ Moore

## Russ Moore completes Navy training

Airman Apprentice Russ Bradley Moore of Post has completed basic naval training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Ill. and has been assigned to Pensacola, Fla. for advanced technical training.

Moore is a 1998 Post High School graduate, and is the son of Jodi Moore of Post and Brad Moore of Wilson. His grandparents are Gerald and Loveta Norman, Shorty Moore of Wilson and the late Runt Moore of Wilson.

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**Post Rotarians clowning around**

We didn't get very many guesses on this Post Rotary Club photo from the 1950s... so here's the names on the photo (left to right): Leo Acker, David Willis, Bill Edwards, Bill Land, Bob Collier, John Lott, Giles McCrary, Powell Shythes and Steve Laurence. (Photo courtesy Giles McCrary)

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**Neighbor to Neighbor**

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

**Resource Fair scheduled**

The Garza County E.P.C. Family and Consumer Science Committee is sponsoring a Resource Fair on September 21, 1999 at the Post Community Center, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.



What is a Resource Fair? A resource fair is a gathering of community resources in a central location with persons and tables displaying information about groups and organizations in our community.

Everyone can benefit from this great event. Individuals and groups can benefit in many ways. It will be an opportunity for the community to see what your organization does,

whom they help, or how they can help.

It could be a membership drive for clubs. It could educate our residents on potential needs of the community and develop services to better meet those needs. Booths can display information on this day or use it as a kick off or fund raising event for organizations.

The Garza County E.P.C. F.C.S. Committee has plans to create a Resource Directory, a listing of clubs, groups, organizations, entertainment, private, public entities, health/medical/safety facilities, financial/insurance and other resources available in our community.

We hope that this will be a source of continuing information to the community. It will be an asset for new members in our community. It

will be an asset for old members of our community with changing needs. As people's lives change, their needs change.

Why should I come to the Resource Fair? It should be a fun day of meeting old and new friends and finding out what they really do. We might identify needs of our community that can easily be met through our community. We just might discover that you really don't have to go to Lubbock for everything!

If you or your group or organization is interested in having a booth or display, please contact Kelly at the Extension Office at 495-4400 or Freda Kelley at 495-3533 (office) or 495-3363 (home). The deadline for registration of booths will be September 14th.



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All 4-Hers and parents need to call the Extension Office to sign up to work in the Concession Stand fund raiser during the Post Rodeo starting tonight, Friday and Saturday. Also needed are people to help with the Ice Cream, Ice and Wood Committees. If everyone helps a little, no one will have to work long!

**Lamb Validation Tag Orders**

Anyone planning to show lambs at a major stock show this fall or next winter, must order validation tags by Noon Wednesday, August 18. Cost of the tags will be \$2.00 each. Come by the Extension office to order and pay for tags you will need.

**South Plains Fair Entries**

Exhibitors planning to show

steers, lambs, or hogs must have entries for South Plains Fair in the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 19. Entries must be filled out in Extension Office by a parent and exhibitor. Fees must be paid at the time entry is made. For a list of show dates and schedule feel free to stop by the Extension Office and look at the entire S.P.F. catalog.

**Achievement Banquet**

Mark your calendars for the Garza County 4-H Achievement Banquet scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Saturday, August 21 at the Post Community Center. All 4-Hers who participated in county, district and state activities will be honored. 4-H families are asked to bring a vegetable dish or salad and a dessert to go with the cooked brisket being furnished. Please call 495-4400 to

let us know the number that will be attending for planning purposes.

**4-H Leader Day**

The District Two Fall Leader's Day is scheduled for August 28 in Lubbock. All 4-H parents are invited to attend this informative meeting. Lunch will be provided.

**Resource Fair**

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**Shifflett gets TILF scholarship**

Shelley Renee Shifflett, a graduate of Post High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Shifflett received an Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000, payable \$750 each semester for the first two years.

The Abell-Hanger Foundation awarded 28 scholarships to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

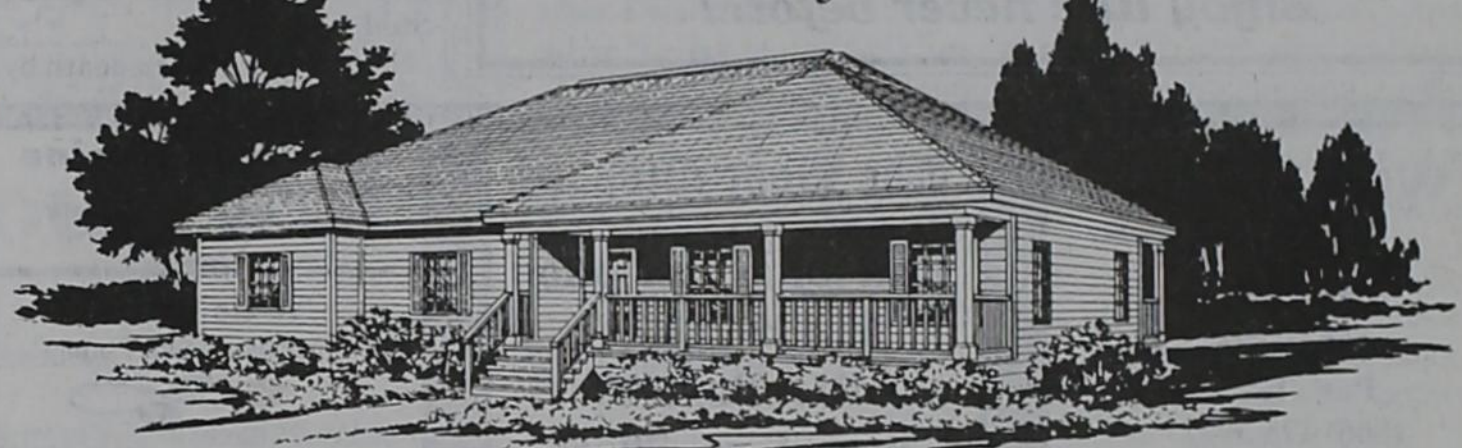
Three of the scholarships were awarded to students who plan to major in nursing.

This year, the TILF awarded 315 new awards and will renew approximately 220 awards for a total of 535 scholarships for 1998-99 with an approximate value of \$836,000. Recipients may attend any approved college or university in Texas.

Shifflett placed first in team spelling and third in individual spelling at the 1999 UIL Academic State Meet. In 1998, she placed second in both team and individual spelling. In 1997, she placed first in team spelling and third in individual spelling, and in 1996 she placed second in team spelling. She also participated in UIL C-X debate and tennis. Shifflett was ranked second in her graduating class and was a member of the student council. She was voted Senior Class Favorite and Prom Queen. Daughter of Gary and Vikki Shifflett, she volunteered with vacation Bible school, Toys for Tots and Children's Miracle Network.

Shifflett plans to attend West Texas A&M University where she will major in physical therapy.

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# Obituaries

## Pearl Collins Moreman

Services for Pearl Collins Moreman, 87, of Post were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1999, in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Buddy Payne, pastor of the church, and David Joyner of the Graham Chapel Church of Christ officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, Aug. 8, at the Golden Plains Care Center. Born Sept. 29, 1911, in Valley Mills, she moved to Post from Rotan in 1932 and married Weaver Moreman Oct. 21, 1935, in Post. He died Oct. 2, 1996. She had worked for Fashion Cleaners and was a Girl Scout leader from 1954-1959. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters and a son-in-law, Jo Ann and Leon Miller and Janice Moreman, all of Post; one son, Larry Moreman of Lubbock; one sister-in-law, Ella Middleton of Azle; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

## Jody Young

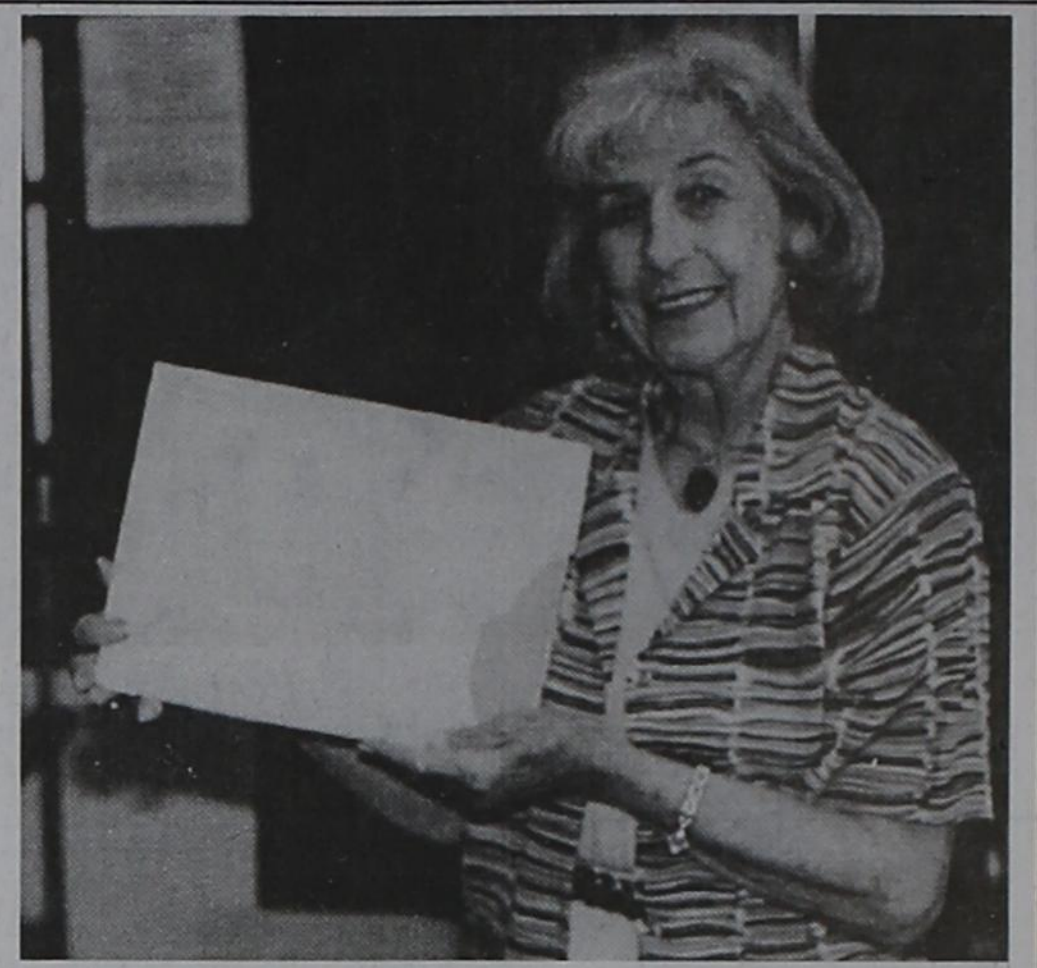
Services for Jody Young of Dallas were Monday, August 9, 1999 in the Terrace Cemetery in Post. Paul D. Jones, minister of the Post Church of Christ officiated. Services and burial were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Young died August 6, 1999 in the Presbyterian Hospital in Plano, after a brief illness.

She was born in Brownwood November 6, 1934 and attended school at Hext and graduated from there. She attended business college for two years in San Angelo. The former Jody Elliott married Donald Donovan November 11, 1954 at St. Mary's Church in San Angelo. She became a licensed beautician and owned and operated her own beauty salon for many years. In July, 1974 she married Gaylon Young in San Angelo and they made their home in San Antonio.

She later became a Real Estate Broker and worked several years in San Antonio. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gaylon, September 29, 1984 and by a daughter, Sharon Ebeier in November, 1998. In 1984 she moved to Dallas to live.

Survivors include, a son: James E. Donovan of Amarillo and a daughter: Kathleen Gibson of Lewisville. Two brothers: Ed-Don Elliott of Fredericktown, Missouri and Bob Elliott of Livingston, Texas. Three sisters: Lanita Fulton of Kingsland, Texas, Mae Marksbury of Mesquite, Texas and Fae Flemming of Hext, Texas. Also, by a large number of nephews and nieces. Three sister in laws: Glenda Childs of San Angelo, Raynona McDaniel of Lubbock and LaGayluah McReynolds of Post.



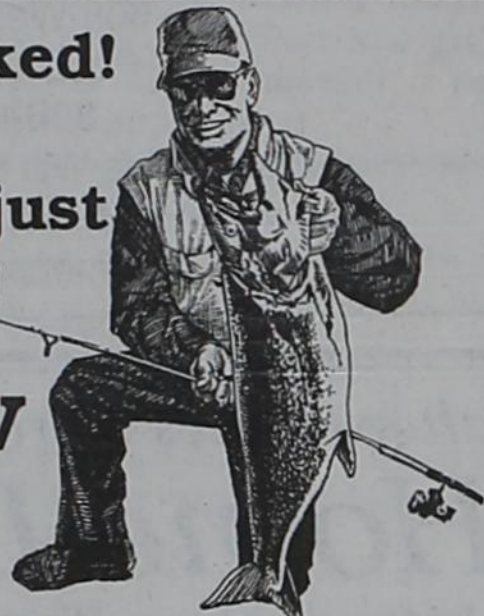
Marie Neff was a bit surprised and happy to get a special letter in the mail recently. The envelope had been mailed to her late husband Ed in February 1979 from Oklahoma City. Their son Jim, who was working in Oklahoma City at the time, mailed the package with some satellite images of the earth, requesting his father to enlarge them. "Jim wondered why his dad never said anything about the photos," Marie explained, "but didn't realize that the envelope never arrived." Postal officials informed Marie that the envelope was discovered behind some equipment, and although it was 20 years late, she was very pleased to get the mail.

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Services for Lloyd Weldon Meares, 73, of Lamesa were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1999, at the Second Baptist Church in Lamesa with the Rev. Clifton Igo, pastor emeritus, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Bob Wright, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene.

He died Monday, Aug. 9, at Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock. Born April 2, 1926, in Dawson County, he was a lifelong resident of Dawson County. He served with the 36th Infantry in the Philippines during World War II and married Nora McReynolds Feb. 29, 1948, in Seminole. He was a member of the Second Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Nora Meares, of Lamesa; two daughters, Judy Green of Leavenworth, Kansas, and Carol Ann McDonald of Post; one brother, Bill Meares of Lamesa; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Meares Jr., in March 1999.



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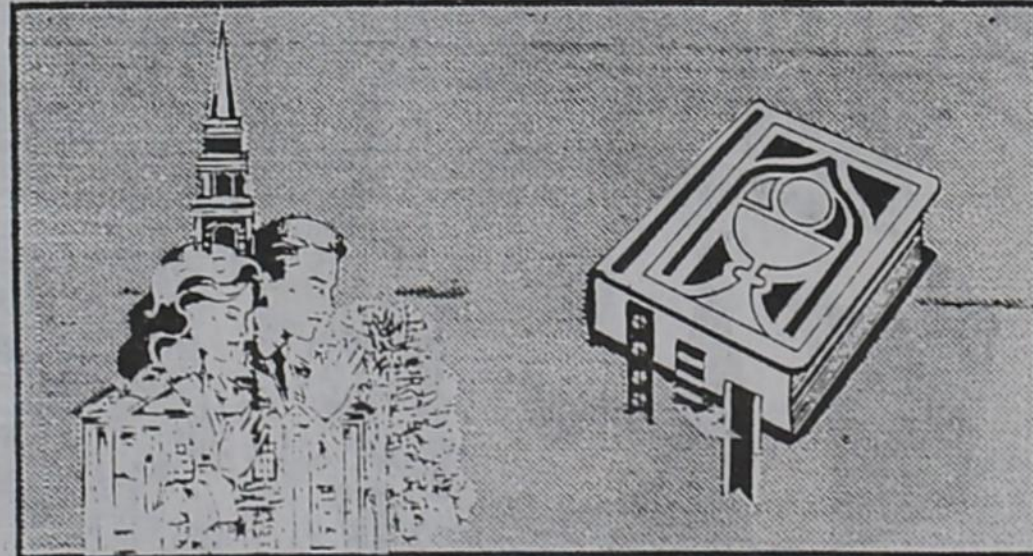
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In most under developed countries diarrhea comes from drinking the water or eating uncooked food. The illness may also cause cramping, nausea and vomiting. It is usually limited to 2 or 3 days of inconvenience and then life goes on. Fever and blood in your stool is the sign of infectious diarrhea.

Besides watching what you eat and drink, prevention can be increased by remembering to wash your hands with prepackaged wipes before you eat. Keep safe bottled drinking water on the sink for drinking and teeth brushing. Tie a ribbon around the water faucet so you will remember not to use the tap water and don't gargle in the shower! REMEMBER: Don't use ice, unless it's from bottled or boiled water. Don't eat raw vegetables or salads and don't eat fruit unless you peel it yourself. Avoid food or drinks from street vendors. Don't eat unpasteurized dairy products. Coffee and tea made in boiled water are safe, as are carbonated soft drinks, beer and wine (without ice). Foods served hot, bread and most dry foods are safe.

If you do get diarrhea, stay well hydrated. Take more than goes out! Lots of clear liquids, juice or noncaffeinated soda. You can even buy oral rehydration mixes that will replace the electrolytes your body is losing. Imodium A-D will help as long as there is no blood in your stool and your not running a fever. You would be wise to see your medical provider for some antibiotics to take along, just in case. Regardless, a few precautions can make the difference in your trip. Go, have fun, but eat and drink smart.

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# Opinions



## And thereafter, forked-tongue scoundrels

by Walter E. Williams

Liberal Democrats in Congress and Clinton love to attack Republican proposals for Social Security reform. In their quest for votes, they stoke the fears of older Americans by telling them that Republicans want to destroy Social Security by allowing Americans choices in providing for retirement.

Most Democrats and some Republicans rank Social Security with God, motherhood and apple pie. Few people know that about 5 million Americans employed by state and municipal governments do not pay into Social Security. Under the provisions of the 1935 Social Security Act, state and municipal governments could opt out.



This Social Security loophole was closed in 1983; however, Congress permitted those 5 million employees, as well as about 100,000 clergy, to remain exempt from paying into Social Security. Part of President Clinton's plan to "save" Social Security, and championed by Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is to force previously exempted employees into Social Security.

If 5 million more workers are forced into the system, it would bring in an estimated \$11 billion over 5 years. Instead of Social Security collapsing in 2030, it would collapse in 2032 and there'd be 5 million more Social Security obligations. Clinton and Breaux's proposal is standard for any Ponzi scheme — to keep the scheme going, you have to round up more participants.

Last April, 12 senators, including five Democrats — Diane Feinstein, D-Calif.; Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.; Christopher Dodd, D-Conn.; Richard Durbin, D-Ill.; and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. — descended on the White House to demand that President Clinton not support forcing 5 million of their constituents into Social Security.

They warned of the adverse impact on employees in terms of lower rates of return and lost flexibility. J.T. Young, chief economist for the U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee, points out a real-life example of the inferiority of Social Security compared to municipal pensions. San Diego city employees

are required to put at least 3 percent of their salary into a pension plan (and may contribute up to 7 percent).

Say that a worker with a constant salary of \$32,000 puts a minimum of 3 percent of his salary into a defined-contribution plan that goes into a mutual fund paying an annual rate of 7 percent. Upon retirement, that worker will have \$293,385 in constant dollars.

Such a return is far superior to Social Security's zero to 2.5 percent rate of return. If currently exempt workers are forced into Social Security, they'd also lose the flexibility of their municipal pension plans. Municipal pension plans typically award partial benefits for partial disability. Social Security provides benefits only when the individual becomes totally unemployable.

People in high-pressure jobs like police and firefighting sometime require early retirement. Under Social Security, retirement benefits are not available until age 62. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out why municipal employees don't want to be in Social Security.

But what are we to make of Democrats who criticize Republicans for proposals that would begin the process of allowing American workers to find a deal better than Social Security while at the same time fighting to keep their 5 million constituents from being dragged into the Social Security rat hole?

At best, they're a little more than forked-tongue scoundrels. When politicians boast to you about the wonders of Social Security, you should ask them: "If Social Security is so wonderful, how come people have to be pulled kicking and screaming into it?"

If it's so wonderful how come you're petitioning Clinton to spare your municipal employee constituents from being pulled into it? I bet they will fork you gibberish for answers.

To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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## Possible incendiary devices found in Waco wreckage

by Vin Suprynowicz

Could it be the fog of denial and obfuscation surrounding the cynically motivated and deadly 1993 government tax raid on a Seventh Day Adventist church in Waco, Texas are finally starting to clear?

Rare is the radio show I do on this subject that isn't blessed with some government apologist calling in to insist the Rev. David Koresh did indeed possess automatic weapons at the Mount Carmel Church. Of course, the government promised to display such "captured machine guns" at the trial of the survivors in San Antonio, and never did. Nor do the government cronies like to admit that possessing such weapons is still perfectly legal in this country, upon payment of a mere \$200 tax.

Do most Americans endorse government taxmen with submachine guns firing on and incinerating dozens of innocent women and children (after incapacitating them with a nerve gas banned under the Geneva convention, which turns to deadly cyanide when it burns) in attempts to apprehend a preacher suspected of being \$200 behind on his tax bills — doing so in massive armed raids organized to gain TV coverage a few weeks before their congressional funding hearings, even after the main subject of their investigation publicly invites said agents to drop by and inspect his weapons at any time?

A great step forward in clearing the purposeful fog which has been laid down here was the 1997 Academy Award-nominated documentary "Waco: The Rules of Engagement," which first brought to public attention infrared footage shot by a government plane circling high overhead on the day of the final fire, as FBI agents purposely blocked fire engines from the scene.

That footage shows what appears to be automatic rifle fire into the back of the compound to stop any residents from coming out or resisting the armored vehicles as they moved in to knock down the walls and staircases of a building known to be heated with kerosene heaters (the government had illegally shut off the electricity) and reinforced against government bullets with bales of hay.

But now speeds the pace at which the government snow job melts. "The head of the Texas Department of Public Safety said Tuesday that evidence held by the Texas Rangers since the 1993 Branch Davidian siege calls into question the federal government's claim that its agents used no incendiary devices on the day that a fire consumed the sect's compound," reports Lee Hancock in the July 28 Dallas Morning News.

James B. Francis Jr., chairman of the Texas Department of Public Safety, declined to detail the evidence, but said, "With the proper experts analyzing it, it might shed light as to whether an incendiary device was fired into the compound that day."

U.S. District Judge Walter Smith of Waco, the judge who oversaw the trial of the Branch Davidian survivors in San Antonio (they were acquitted of all major and capital charges, but sentenced to decades in jail, anyway) in a July 1 ruling refused to dismiss Davidian claims that the FBI may

have fired into the church on April 19, or allegations that FBI negligence was responsible for the final tragedy. In fact, the judge ruled that the claims have sufficient merit to warrant scheduling an October trial date for the wrongful-death lawsuit filed by surviving sect members and families of the 80 people (mostly women and children, many black and Asian) who died when the compound burned.

"Sources close to the government's Davidian investigation say the current questions center on several 40 mm munitions found in the compound wreckage," reports Mr. Hancock of the Morning News.

"Mr. Francis said Tuesday that some FBI officials made statements to Texas Rangers immediately after the fire 'that are contradictory' to the federal government's account of what happened. ..."

Michael McNulty of Colorado, author and co-producer of the documentary "Waco: The Rules of Engagement," who is planning a follow-up documentary for release this fall, was granted access to some of the stored evidence from the Waco site by a Justice Department public-affairs official, Mr. Francis told the Morning News.

"In those visits, Mr. McNulty said, he and an expert assisting his film company examined a 40 mm shell casing and two 40 mm projectiles that he contends are pyrotechnic devices," reporter Hancock continues.

"He said they also found that at least six items listed in Texas Ranger inventories as silencers or suppressors were actually 'flash-bang' devices. Those devices are commonly used by law-enforcement officers to stun suspects, and they sometimes ignite fires in enclosed spaces because they emit a loud bang and flash driven by a small pyrotechnic charge.

"Mr. McNulty said he thinks those devices could be key evidence because Texas Rangers' evidence logs indicate they were recovered from areas of the compound in which the fires broke out. ...

"It's our belief that these pieces of ordnance could — and probably did — have an impact on the fire on April 19th," he said."

In a carefully worded denial, Attorney General Janet Reno responded from Washington Thursday, saying she has "gone over everything and I know of no such evidence. ... To date, I have found no basis for concluding that the FBI was in any way responsible."

Has seen no evidence to date. My, there's a strident vote of confidence. Vin Suprynowicz, assistant editorial page editor of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, is author of the new book, "Send in the Waco Killers," available through web site <http://www.thespiritof76.com/wacokillers.html>, or at 1-800-244-2224.

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"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed — and thus clamorous to be led to safety — by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary." — H.L. Mencken

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## Now children, quit denying the obvious

by Wes Burnett

Last week our three year old granddaughter was jumping on our bed, and when I walked into the room and spotted the "off-limits" behavior, I said to her, "honey, please don't jump on our bed, it's not a trampoline you know." "But pappy," she said so innocently, "I wasn't jumping, I was playing."

Of course, we expect that kind of denial from our children and grandchildren, it's their way of defending themselves when they get caught red-handed in the act of violating some rule that they just can't or won't follow. It's so tempting to jump on the bed.

But when adults use that same kind of denial technique, most of us get more than a little irritated. We expect adults to behave like adults, and when caught in the act of violating some rule, we expect them to 'fess up to it, or at least acknowledge that they just aren't going to bother following that rule.

Such was the case last Thursday evening at the Garza County Hospital District (GCHD) board of directors meeting. A citizen calmly pointed out that the majority of the board had voted in July to scrap the former policies relating to definitions of who can and can not be declared indigent or needy.

GCHD board president Mike Travis, and fellow board members Zoe Kirkpatrick and David Tyler all insisted that they had not changed the policy. "Then when did you make the change?" Charles Duncan asked. "Has there been a board meeting since July where you reversed your vote?"

Travis replied that the board never changed the policy. Duncan asked for a reading of the motion in July, Mrs Kirkpatrick read it... "that the Garza County Hospital District abide by the definitions of indigent and needy as defined by the Texas Department of Health and the district's policies."

"In that case," Mr Duncan said, "the one indigent applicant who was rejected for financial reasons should have a very strong case against you for turning him or her down." Duncan pointed out that the board had clearly rejected the long-standing legal definitions of needy and indigent, therefore, at this time there are no official board policies specifying who is and who isn't qualified.

"I can assure you that there are no changes in our policy," Mr Travis insisted, denying the obvious. "In that case," Mr Duncan said, "you must be saying that the previous vote, which was approved by the board and the minutes of that meeting approved also, was not valid? Or that your vote doesn't count? Which is it?"

In defense of the decision to reject state law and its own policies, the majority of the GCHD board now quibbles with their disagreement with the definition of needy. They deny taking action to change the policy, although the evidence is overwhelming that they did exactly that by refusing to follow the law.

The law is clear, there is no ambiguity... the words indigent and needy are used interchangeably in the statutes as well as the constitution. To claim that their vote to reject the law does not mean they are rejecting the law is absurd... it reminds me of President Clinton's denial of sexual relations "with that woman," because he doesn't agree with the definition of "sexual relations."

We expect that from children, we do not accept that kind of arrogant denial from adults, especially those who have promised in their oaths of office to abide by the law.

It's time we demand our elected and appointed officers of government to put aside their childish ways and take responsibility for their actions as adults.

Denying the obvious is an insult to the voters and taxpayers of this county.

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Post Antelope football coach Richard Gorman (left) gives his attention to the backfield during practice last week. The Antelopes are preparing for their first scrimmage Thursday, August 19, hosting Slaton.

## Antelopes fight the heat in pre-season practices

by Wes Burnett

The Post Antelope football program got started early this year with 70 players beginning practice on August 4. Workouts continued from 8 to 11:30 a.m. through August 12, when they will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

"Over all," coach Richard Gorman

comments, "we're not in such bad shape. The kids are not ready for that first game yet, but considering the time of the year, conditioning is not too bad." The coach said that the players are getting tired by the end of the practice, but that's to be expected.

"We're trying to pick times when the heat is not so unbearable," Gorman emphasized, "working out when it's too hot is not going to do us much good."

There are seven offensive starters returning and six defensive starters. Gorman said there are currently 25 players on the varsity team. All other players will be split into two junior varsity teams.

"Our main problem this year," the coach observed, "is the youth in our backup positions. We are going to play a lot of sophomores who just don't have that game experience."

Gorman expects to get a better look at players in the first scrimmage, set for Thursday, August 19 with Slaton here. The first j.v. scrimmage will begin at 5 p.m., with the varsity scrimmage starting after the second j.v. scrimmage, about 7 or 7:30 p.m.

The final scrimmage will be held Thursday, August 26 at Shallowater.

The team opens the 1999 season on Friday, September 3, hosting the Floydada Whirlwinds. "Right now it looks like Floydada will be one of the best teams we will face," Gorman says, "but you know, later on down the road, Stanton and Seagraves are going to be ever bit as good."

## Local folks gave 49 pints of blood

Forty-nine pints of blood were collected at last week's Lions Club blood drive held at the Church of Christ. "We'd like to thank everyone who gave," said Paul Jones.

The next quarterly Lions Club blood drive is set for the first Thursday in November. This event also will be conducted at the Church of Christ. Local residents are encouraged to mark their calendars in anticipation of the next drive.

## Western Texas College sets fall registration ends August 25

Fall registration at Western Texas College, Snyder, begins Aug. 25 from 1-7 p.m. and continues Aug. 26 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, 1-4 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.

Classes toward an associate degree in a variety of liberal arts and pre-professional fields are offered, as well

as vocational programs in computerized business technology, welding, criminal justice, golf and landscape technology, and licensed vocational nursing.

For individuals interested in a class just for fun, there are also courses in ceramics, drawing, speech,

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Many other classes are offered. To obtain a complete listing and schedule, call toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982) or 573-8511.



Participating in the Snyder Summer League basketball program were (back row, left to right) Post youth Xane Mason, Donae Dalby, Kristy Shifflett, Nikki Norman, Patricia Hester, Meagan Hoover, coach Lance Dunn, (front row) Lyndee Strawn, Logan Gregory, Kayla Dunn and Christin Collier. Not available for photo were Kaycee Gorman, Courtney Short and assistant coach Robert Wilson.

## Lunch Menus

### Trail Blazer

**Friday, August 13, 1999**  
Turkey and dressing, green beans, salad, hot roll and apple cobbler.

**Monday, August 16, 1999**  
Beef enchiladas, Mexican corn and beans, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad, tortilla chips and peach shortcake.

**Tuesday, August 17, 1999**  
Pepper steak, rice, squash, tossed salad, hot roll and pineapple.

**Wednesday, August 18, 1999**  
Chicken and dumplings, black-eyed peas, okra, cornbread and chocolate pudding.

**Thursday, August 19, 1999**  
Baked ham, peas and carrots, coleslaw, hot roll and apple cobbler.

### Post ISD

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**Friday, August 13, 1999**  
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Cheeseburgers, fries, hamburger fixings, ice cream and milk.

**Monday, August 16, 1999**  
Breakfast: Pancake and sausage wrap, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Chili cheese hot dog, corn chips, pork-n-beans and milk.

**Tuesday, August 17, 1999**  
Breakfast: French toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: BBQ Chicken, baked beans, potato salad, fruit salad, rolls and milk.

**Wednesday, August 18, 1999**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit and milk.

Lunch: Hamburger steak, cream potatoes, green beans, apple cobbler and milk.

**Thursday, August 19, 1999**  
Breakfast: Biscuits and gravy, juice and milk.

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# Letters to the Editor

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## I have but one agenda: abiding by the law

At last Thursday's hospital district board meeting, Mr Mike Travis, president of the board, said that certain people were making motions at the meeting to further their own personal agenda. After he completed his unsubstantiated remarks, I asked Mr Travis to identify the people he believes are doing that.

He refused to answer my question. But it was very clear to everyone in the room, and to those watching the videotape, that Mr Travis was pointing his finger at me and board member Carol Tobias, because we were the only ones proposing motions in an attempt to bring this district into compliance with the law.

Every motion that I or Ms Tobias have made during our tenure on this board, has been introduced in an effort to follow the law. Mr Travis apparently is offended by these motions, and apparently misunderstands my motives and those of Mrs Tobias. Indeed, I do have an agenda, and that is to see that this hospital district follows the law. At every turn in trying to control the spending of tax funds within the law, Mr Travis has voted against us.

It seems to me that the one with an agenda for personal reasons has three fingers pointing back at himself.

I have but one agenda for serving on the hospital board, that is to bring this district into compliance with the

law. If we accomplish that, then taxpayers here will be saved millions of dollars. In the meantime, I took an oath of office that I take very seriously, and in that oath I pledged to obey the law and that is exactly what I have done and will continue to do.

If that means that Mr Travis and others will call me names and ridicule me, so be it. I will not knowingly violate my oath of office, and I want the taxpayers and voters of this county to know that my only agenda is to see that the district does its business according to the law. That means that we must stop spending tax funds to support the notion that everyone in Garza County is entitled to health care at the expense of taxpayers.

We are only responsible for the health care of the indigent and needy of Garza County, and that means the folks who are financially unable to care for themselves.

If we limit ourselves to what the law says we can do, there will be big savings to taxpayers, we'll have better health care for our people, and our meetings will be short, sweet and matter of fact.

Charles Probst

## Allsup's seeks help for El Cid

Every year Allsup's puts together "goody bags" for the approximately 500 participants of the El Cid Cutting Horse Futurity, a show approved by the National Cutting Horse Association of Fort Worth, held at our ranch east of Clovis. The El Cid show is ranked nationally as 10th in size

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We would appreciate your donation of 500 similar or like items such as pens, pencils, collectibles, pins, cards, hats, key chains, gloves, nonperishable snack food items, candy, T-shirts (size XL), drinks in sealed, unbreakable containers, sunglasses, disposable rain ponchos, any trial-size consumer or health and beauty products, gift certificates, film, phone cards... your imagination has astounded us in the past and the recipients have a real blast digging into their bags!

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Items should arrive no later than Sept. 15, 1999.

Lonnie Allsup, President Allsup's/El Cid

## Thanks to the Dispatch

Thank you for your wonderful coverage of our recent special exhibit at the Algerita Arts Center. I speak for all of the CCA Board in expressing our pleasure and honor to have sponsored this exhibit of two fine artists, living right here in Post, Texas.

Randy Lee White has lived here for some time and enjoys a great reputation as a contemporary artist throughout the nation. I hope that the viewers were able to recognize the mission and great insight of his art works. It was a thrill to me and my artistic side to see that an artist can depict social issues in their art. I just wish I could figure out how to start. It was a great honor for us to show his work for the first time in Post. Daryl Dissinger has also been a long-time resident of Post. The artistic side of his metal art is an emerging talent and it was a thrill to be able to show his visions and talents in this exhibit. While he has shown cowboy cutouts, this is the first showing of his imaginative creations of a contemporary nature. We appreciate his sharing with us his dreams depicted in metal. We want to publicly thank these two men for a great exhibit that to my knowledge is a "First" for this type of art in Post.

JoAnn Mock, CCA Executive Director

## We must stay within the limits of the law

After last week's Garza Hospital District Board meeting, I felt that I should clarify some things for the voters as to my intentions in bringing up to the Attorney General's opinion. I want everything to be clearly understood by all that care to read and/or hear.

In researching laws applicable to Garza Hospital District, I came across an Attorney General's opinion (JM-258, which is based upon an earlier Texas Supreme Court case) and realized that what we've been doing is, in fact, illegal.

I don't know if anyone checked the legality of turning the hospital into a clinic when the hospital was closed or not, but this opinion states that unless it says you can, in your enabling legislation, you can't lease your building for a clinic. Unfortunately, our enabling legislation, HB 1325, doesn't say we can lease the building for a clinic. We only have authority to operate a hospital.

I am well aware that for some time now there have been those who claim that I and Charles Probst are wanting to close the clinic. Nothing could be further from the truth!

I am determined to keep a clinic in Post and would even like to see the hospital reopen, if economically feasible. Whatever we do as board members of the hospital district, however, must be LEGAL. We must go about this in a way in accordance with the law... not just what seems right and convenient at the time.

So now, you ask "What can we do?" Obviously, our predecessors who penned HB 1325 intended for Garza Memorial Hospital to be with us always, as they didn't include plans for any other situation. As it stands now, though, we could either reopen the hospital or sell the building to some other entity to operate a clinic legally, such as Barbara Ethridge suggested in her letter to the editor (7/29).

Possibilities for this could be the Post Economic Development

Corporation or the Post Hospital Foundation, which Zoe Kirkpatrick informed us about at a previous board meeting. I wouldn't mind donating to either one of these organizations for supporting the clinic.

It would be much better than paying taxes like we are doing now to the Hospital District, and it would be perfectly legal. Maybe the directors of these groups should look into the possibility of doing this and let us know where we can make donations toward this project.

Carol Tobias



Post City maintenance crews are making improvements to approximately 15 city blocks of unpaved streets. Arnold Fry was grading and preparing a mix on the west side of town this week. City manager Fred Stephens said that crews will continue the work on a regular basis.

## McClaughlin addresses Rotarians

Scott McLaughlin of Big Spring, assistant governor for the Post Rotary Club area, visited here Aug. 3 and discussed some of the outstanding programs carried on by Rotary clubs in the Texas Panhandle/South Plains district.

One such program is the Group Study Exchange (GSE) which is chaired this year by Bill Pool of Post. This program involves a team consisting of four to six non-Rotarians and one Rotarian leader visiting another country to improve international understanding. All travel and lodging expenses are paid by Rotary International.

The GSE team selected this year will visit Jaladhar, Punjab, India during the month of February 2000, staying in the homes of host Rotarians and experiencing the Indian culture first hand. In exchange, a team from India will visit West Texas in April and May.

The Rotary Club is now seeking qualified business and professional people to apply for this year's team.

You cannot be a Rotarian or directly related to a Rotarian and must be physically and mentally able to deal with a vigorous visit schedule. In addition, team members must have

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