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# Post Notes

## Fellowship Singing Tonight

There will be a singing at Trinity Baptist Church Thursday, March 11 at 7 p.m. There will be a fellowship social event following the singing.

## Sirens Tested March 13

Garza County Sheriff's Office has announced the sirens will be tested Saturday, March 13, at 2 p.m. The sirens will sound at two close intervals. Testing should be complete no later than 2:15 p.m.

## Post ISD Spring Break begins March 12

Post ISD students will begin Spring Break Friday, March 12 at 1 p.m. Buses will run at that time. There will be no classes from Monday, March 15 through Friday, March 19. Classes resume with regular schedules Monday, March 22.

## U&FWCD to elect two directors

The Garza County U&FWCD will elect two directors on May 15, 2004. Positions on the ballot are Precinct 1 and Precinct 3. Those positions are currently held by Ferrel Wheeler and Ronnie Graves. Deadline for filing for the election is March 15, 2004. Filing for the ballot is available at the district office in the courthouse.

## Baseball Sign-Ups Open Until March 22

Registration for Minor League, T-Ball, Jr. & Sr. League, and Girls' Softball ages 7-12 have been extended through March 22 at Mad Dads. For more information, call Dawne Stone at 495-1256.

## Rotary Club Broom Sale March 30

The annual Rotary Club Broom Sale is Tuesday, March 30. It will be at the usual spot on 120 W. Main starting at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Algerita Spring Art Show March 26

The Algerita Spring Art Show will be held March 26 with Western Texas College art professor Ben Sum serving as judge. Entries for the show will be accepted Wednesday, March 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Thursday, March 26 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. A special category, "Black and White With a Touch of Red" has been added. For more information call Linda Puckett at 495-2207 or 3623 or Glenda Morrow at 629-4393.

## EMT classes available in Tahoka

Lynn County EMS is offering an EMT Class beginning April 6. Classes will be held in Tahoka two nights a week on Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost of the class is approximately \$500. Those interested in becoming an EMT to help the service in Post are encouraged to attend the EMT class. Call 269-0075 for more information.

## Little League Concession Stand Bids

The Post Little League is accepting bids for those interested in operating the concession stand this season. Deadline for submitting bids is April 1. Contact Sonja Fields at 495-3533.

## "Eggs 'N Art" at the OS Museum

The OS Museum has announced the opening of its "Eggs 'N Art" exhibit. Viewing hours for the exhibit are Monday thru Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. The Museum is located at 201 E. Main. For more information call 495-3570.

## Baseball umpires needed

The Post Little League is seeking individuals interested in officiating baseball games. Behind the plate umpires will be paid \$10 for Little League games and 425 for Jr./Sr. games. Please call Joey Stone at 495-1256 for more information.

# The Post Dispatch

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## Democrats choose Laws, Valdez in primary election contests

Garza County Democratic Party garnered 518 votes, with challenger Jon Smith collecting 135 votes. In the only other contested Tuesday's primary election, Laws

position, incumbent Precinct 3 County Commissioner John Valdez took 159 votes, with challengers Linda Lambert getting 36 and Ken Young 26 votes.

A total of 725 votes were cast in the Democratic Party Primary election. Vote totals for other local candidates includes County Attorney Les Acker (531), Tax Assessor Collector candidate Judy M. Bush (516), Precinct 1 Commissioner Lee Norman (132), Constable Daniel Yarbro (299)

## City approves cooperative emergency response

by Wes Burnett  
The Post City Council approved a resolution at its March 2 meeting to join other South Plains cities in a South Plains Association of Government emergency response agreement. The agreement formally recognizes the city's cooperation with adjoining counties in times of emergencies, but specifies liability issues. Garza County approved a similar resolution at its February 23 meeting.

The council also approved retiree supplemental insurance, which requires the retiree to pay the monthly premium.

In other action, the council agreed to pursue joint working arrangements with Post ISD for improvements to the baseball park and to share one of the fields for Post High School softball program next year.

The council meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday monthly at city hall.

## Early dismissal Friday for Post ISD

Classes will be dismissed at 1 p.m. Friday in the Post Independent School Districts to allow students, faculty and staff a head start on spring break, according to district officials. There will be no classes next week, March 15-19. Classes will resume at regular time on March 22.

## MTC pays county for prisoner transfers

In an article printed in last week's Post Dispatch, an incorrect statement was made regarding MTC's financial arrangements related to the relocation of Garza County's overflow inmates from the Dalby unit to the Lynn County Jail. The article should have stated that the \$30-per-day-per-inmate allowance to be paid by MTC is expected to cover not only housing, but also medical, transportation, manpower and vehicle maintenance costs associated with the relocation of inmates to Tahoka. As stated in last week's article, no taxpayer dollars will be spent in connection with the move. The Dispatch regrets the error.



Post Assistant Band Director Bernie Tackitt grooms the Junior High Concert Band for upcoming UIL Competition. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

# County adds \$77,750 for prisoner transfer

by Wes Burnett

A special budget item of \$77,750 was approved Monday morning by the Garza County Commissioners Court to provide funding for the housing of prisoners in the Lynn County facility. After a lengthy discussion on the matter with Sheriff Kenny Ratke, the court agreed to establish a separate budget item for the remainder of this fiscal year and review the costs in June or July for adjustments.

County Judge Giles W. Dalby informed the court that Management and Training Corporation (MTC), which operates the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, has agreed to reimburse the county for expenses related to transporting, housing and providing medical treatment for prisoners housed in Lynn County.

Garza County has been housing up to 11 prisoners a day at the Dalby Unit under an agreement with MTC. Ratke explained that the county jail can only take seven prisoners, or four male prisoners and one female prisoner. When the jail population exceeds the state limit, the Sheriff has been taking prisoners to the MTC facility. "This has been a big savings for the county," he emphasized.

Discussion about medical costs consumed the court Monday. "We just

won't know how much that will be until we have a few months behind us," Ratke added. He informed the court that the costs will be much higher.

Dalby explained that the change was brought about by a new "statement of work" issued by the Federal Bureau of Prisons. By housing county prisoners, the Dalby unit was under more stringent state regulated jail standards, including guard-to-prisoner requirements. By eliminating county inmates, the Dalby unit will house only federal prisoners, allowing for a lower guard-to-prisoner ratio.

Dalby added that in order to remain competitive in its bidding for federal prisoners, MTC has to cut costs, declaring, "We had no choice in this matter."

The court approved an agreement with Lynn County which includes guaranteed funding for 10 beds at the rate of \$30 per day at a cost of \$54,750 through September 30, 2004. Other costs include \$12,500 for staff overtime, FICA, workers compensation, retirement match and unemployment compensation; \$5,000 for anticipated inmate medical

expenses; \$1,500 for fuel cost related to transporting prisoners back and forth and \$4,000 for initial start up costs.

In other matters, the court approved a revision in the Request for Proposals (RFP) related to the contract to operate the Dalby unit. The change was limited to specifying that the operator "make available to the County no more than (10) beds, at no cost to the county." Dalby said that his office sent all interested contractors a copy of the change.

The court will review proposals at its March 22 meeting and set March 29 at 8 a.m. for a meeting to decide which proposal to accept. The current contract with MTC expires April 1, 2004.

County attorney Les Acker presented a report on Class C Misdemeanor cases filed with the City of Post Municipal Court. The report indicated that the Sheriff's Department was in fact abiding by the county policy that Class C Misdemeanor violations inside the city limits were filed with the Municipal Court. The court approved the current practice by constables to file those cases with the county Justice of the Peace Courts.

At the request of the fire marshal, the county approved extending the "burn ban" for another 90 days.

Commissioners postponed a vote on Commissioner Lee Norman's motion to require all elected officials or any employee required to hold a Peace Officer's Certification to be paid at the expense of the official or employee. "It's just gotten too expensive for us to continue paying for that certification," Norman said.

A motion by Mason McClellan to declare a four-tenths of a mile portion of roadway intersecting FM 669 as a county road was approved.

A resolution declaring March 14-20 as National Agricultural Week in Texas was also approved.

## Candidates announce for City, Hospital, School elections

Individuals interested in open positions on the city council, school board of health care district board of directors have until Monday to file their declarations.

Candidate filings for the City of Post, the Post Independent School District and the Garza County Health Care District May 15 elections will be accepted through March 15. (The Post ISD administrative offices will be open Monday, despite the spring break, to accept candidate filings.)

As of early this week, two of the three city council incumbents had filed for re-election, according to city officials. Bill Pool and Harold Craig will seek to return to their council posts. The third council seat to be filled in the election is that of Josh Whiteley.

Post ISD incumbents Brad Mason and Guin Miller also have filed for re-election, according to school district officials. Two school board positions will be filled.

Incumbent Ray Bagby will seek to return to his Precinct 2 seat on the Garza County Health Care District board, while newcomer Fred Howell has filed to declare his candidacy for the at-large position, according to district reports. Board positions held by Edna Owen, Precinct 1; Bagby, Precinct 2; and Mike Travis, at-large, are expected to be filled in the election.

Early voting will run April 28 through May 11.

Last day to register to vote in the May 15 elections is April 15.



## Getting ready for summer baseball

Post Little League Board Members are (back row left to right), Danny Garcia, Mike Macy, Joey Stone, Oscar Garcia, Drew Kirkpatrick, Joshua Whiteley, Jeff McAuley and Greg Williams (front row), Dee Garcia, Dawn Stone, Karla Adams, Sonja Fields, Terri Howard, Isabell Overton and Marilyn Crenshaw. Not Pictured are Trudy Basquez, Jerry Crenshaw, Christina Jones, Marcie Oden, Phil Tyler and Donnie Windham. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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**Labeth Jones and Joel Snow celebrate January 3 wedding**

Labeth Jones and Joel Snow were united in marriage on Saturday, January 3, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tabernacle of the Circle 6 Ranch Baptist Camp in Stanton, Texas. Parents of the bride are Darrell and Ruby Jones of Post. Parents of the groom are Joe and the late Lois Snow of Odessa.

Pastor Tony Conner of the Cowboy Church of the American West officiated the wedding.

Attendants of the wedding were Traca Hilson, matron of honor and Kelli Collier, bridesmaid both friends of the bride. Andy Smith, best man and Nicky Chapman groomsman, friends of the groom. Flower girl was Kelcey Reed and Drew Smith was the ring bearer.

Family and friends enjoyed fellowshiping with one another at the reception following the wedding.

Joel and Labeth will reside in Midland, Texas.

**Fred Howell files as at-large GHD candidate**

Fred Howell has filed as a candidate for the at-large position on the Garza County Hospital District (also known as Garza County Health Care District) board of directors.

"A number of people have asked me to get involved in helping Garza County. I believe my education and experience will be a valuable addition to the Board as they address health care issues. I believe my proven ability to develop budgets and financial plans will help the residents of Garza County get the most for the \$428,323 of taxes that are projected to be spent this year in the Health Care District."

He was born in DeKalb, Texas but moved to Kermit in the second grade where he grew up. He graduated from high school and then graduated from Texas Tech University.

Howell recently retired to Post after a lengthy career in business finance. At the time of his retirement, he was a financial analyst for Verizon Information Services International in Irving.

He previously was chief financial officer, treasurer and a director for The Leather Factory in Fort Worth from 1996-1998.

In 1985, Howell and his wife purchased a retail travel agency and managed it for seven years. With that experience, he moved on to the Carlson Travel Network in Irving where he helped the financially-ailing firm turn a profit after only eight months.

From 1967-1985, Howell was employed by Atlantic Richfield Co., working his way up from planning analyst to financial director of ARCO's International Coal Operations.

Other positions he held at ARCO included planning coordinator; manager of Performance Reporting & Analysis, Budgets and Capital Control; and senior financial analyst. While at ARCO, Howell earned a master's degree in finance at Braniff Graduate School in Irving.

The Howell's moved to Dallas after he completed his bachelor's degree in accounting at Texas Tech University in 1962 and was employed as a contract administrator for Collins Radio Co. Later, he served as internal audit supervisor and internal auditor for Anderson, Clayton & Co.

Howell is co-author of "Joint Association Survey Aids in U.S. Finding Cost Study," which was published in the October 1972 international edition of "World Oil." The publication was updated a year later under the title of "What It Costs to Find Hydrocarbons in the U.S."

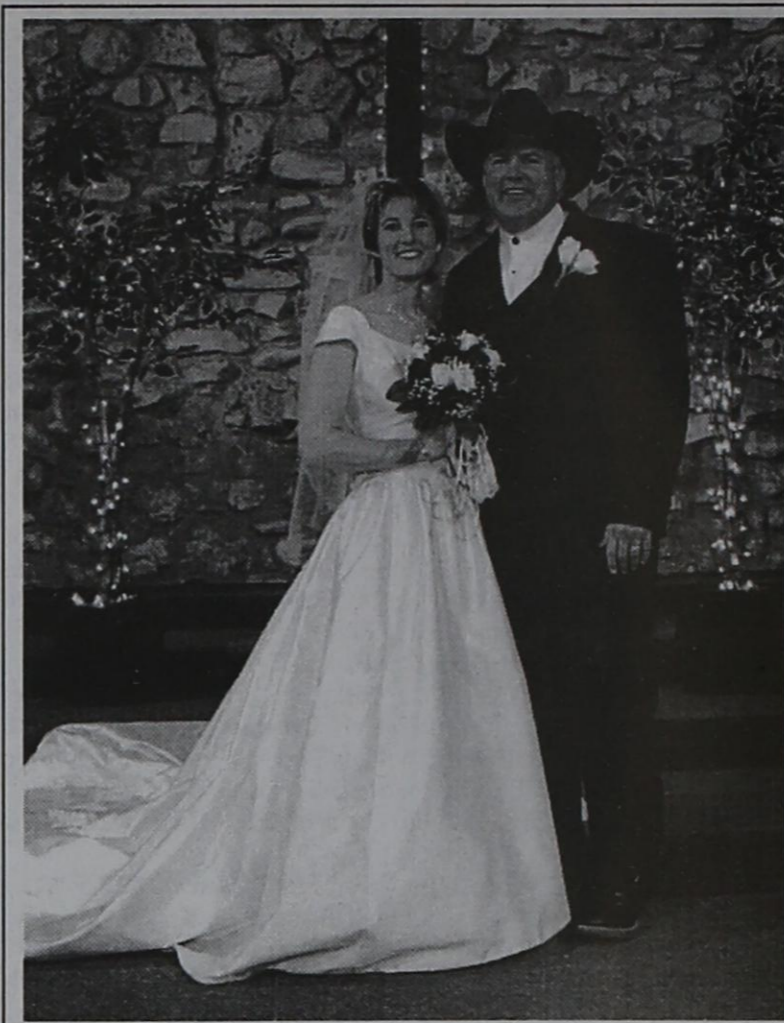
**Primary election...**

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Republican Party Primary voters cast 105 ballots with no contested positions. Republican Party candidates are for district attorney Brian Kingston (84), County Sheriff Kenny Ratke (85), Precinct 1 commissioner Gary McDaniel (20), Constable Randy Nielson (41) and 93 votes for county chairman Ross Aten.

Garza County Democratic voters overwhelmingly chose Sen. John Kerry in the presidential contest. President George W. Bush was opposed on the Republican ballot.

Complete election result details in next week's edition of *The Post Dispatch*.



Mr and Mrs Joel Snow

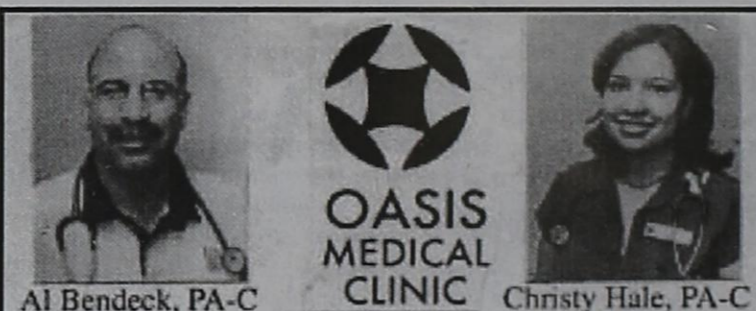
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# No cuts expected at Dalby Unit

by Sheri Lewis  
 The Federal Bureau of Prisons stands to save more than \$1 million per year as a result of the plan to relocate the overflow of Garza County Jail inmates from the Giles W. Dalby Detention Center to the Lynn County Jail. Garza County Judge Giles Dalby said the BOP requested the change after a recent legislative action. During the last legislative session, a bill was passed to allow facilities housing only federal prisoners to move from the umbrella of state jail standards to the authority of federal regulations. Federal regulations are generally less stringent and, therefore, less costly to follow, the judge said.

To accommodate the shift from state regulations to federal authority, the facility will be forced to shut its doors to the overflow of Garza County inmates routinely housed at the Dalby unit. As long as county inmates are housed in the facility, it must be operated under state standards.

Since its opening, the Dalby unit has handled any overflow of prisoners from the Garza County Jail under a contractual agreement between the county and MTC, the detention center's operators. That contract makes available 10 beds in the Dalby unit for use by the county.

The Garza County Jail can accommodate 6.7 inmates, according to state reports.

Under an agreement between MTC, the Dalby unit operators, and Garza County, MTC will pay \$30 per day per inmate to house any county overflow inmates in the Lynn County Jail in Tahoka,

Dalby said. "No taxpayer money will be used," he said.

Additionally, MTC will cover the costs of transportation, medical costs, manpower and fuel. A van the county already owns will be converted for transport use.

The judge said he knows of no plans for layoffs at the Dalby unit as a result of the transition, which will take place Friday. The unit plans to move to 8-hour shifts, resulting in the loss of overtime hours by some employees, but no job cuts are anticipated.

Sheriff Kenny Ratke said his office will realize staffing challenges as a result of the change, but the situation is one that can be handled.



Post ISD Assistant Band Director Bernie Tackitt pushes his Junior High Concert Band in preparation for UIL Competition. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett).

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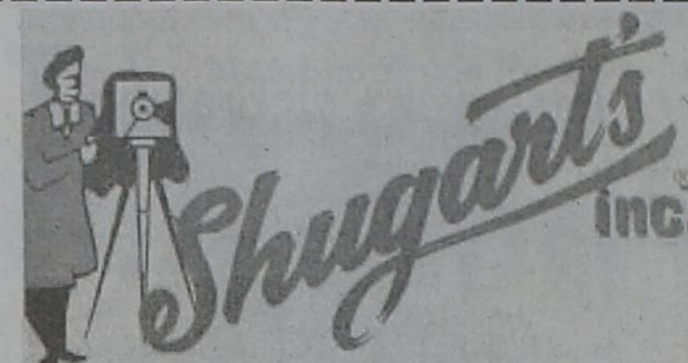
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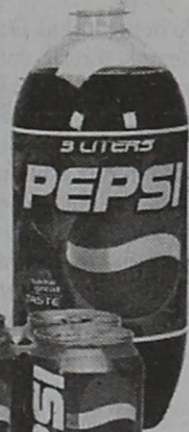
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# Obituaries

## T.F. Davis

Services for T.F. Davis 86, of Post were 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, at the Trinity Baptist Church in Post. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery. The Rev. Donnie Blacklock of the Cowboy Church of Justiceburg officiated. Services were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Davis died Monday, March 8, 2004 at the Golden Plains Care Center.

Mr. Davis was born April 10, 1917 at Ennis Creek in Scurry County to Isiah and Mertie Belle (Martin) Davis. He attended school at Ennis Creek and Godley. He married Ruby Nell Blacklock July 20, 1935 at Godley. In 1940 they came to Garza County to farm and ranch. During WWII they moved to California, where he served in the Navy. Returned to Post and he went to work for General American Oil Co. as a pumper. He retired in 1980. He was a charter member of the Trinity Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by nine brothers



and sisters, his wife in 1996 and by a son Leon, Davis in 2000. Survivors include two Sons: Darrel and wife Kay Davis of Ft. Worth and Leslie and wife Linda Davis of Post. One Daughter: Carolyn and husband Elvin Allen of Post. One daughter in law: Marie Davis of Post. 11 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

## David Anthony Benham Sr.

Services for David Anthony Benham Sr., 51, of Post will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 12, 2004, in the Hudman Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery. He died Tuesday, March 9, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He married Frances Lappen on Oct. 31, 1972, in Post. Survivors include his wife, Frances, of Post; two sons, David A. Benham Jr. of Fort Hood and John W. Benham of Lubbock; one daughter and son-in-law, Sonja and Ricky Creek of Lubbock; one brother, Jerry Benham of Post; one sister, Nita DeLong of Arkansas; two grandsons, Jonas and Jeremy Creek of Lubbock; and a number of nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Billie Jo Benham, in 1973; a brother, Terry Benham, in 1958; and a sister-in-law, Beverly Davis, in 2002.



I want the readers to know that MTC, to my knowledge, has created no financial hardship for the residents of Garza County. Kenneth M. Ratke Sheriff, Garza County



## Neighbor to Neighbor

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

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

### Recipe Makeovers

You can transform almost any recipe with just a few modifications to improve the nutritional content of a recipe without much change in flavor. Think about the following questions: Can I leave an ingredient out? Can I decrease the amount of an ingredient? Can I make substitutions? The goal is to lower fat, sugar, sodium, etc. in recipes not to totally omit it.

#### Fat Cutters:

Broil, grill, roast, or stew meats rather than frying them most of the time.

Stretch higher fat ingredients. For example, use 1 tablespoon of peanut butter on a piece of toast instead of two or use less grated cheese in a favorite casserole.

Coat cooking pans with a thin layer of oil. Two tablespoons of oil adds up to 28 grams of fat and 240 calories; a thin coating of vegetable oil spray has about one gram of fat and 10 calories.

Try lower fat options. Use extra lean ground beef, skim milk, or lower fat canned cream soups.

Refrigerate soups and stews before they are served. Fat hardens when it is chilled and it is easy to remove with a spoon.

#### Shake the Salt Habit:

Taste food before reaching for the salt shaker!

Spark up flavor with herbs and spices.

Drain liquid from salty canned foods such as canned vegetables.

Reduce or omit the salt in cooking water for things such as pasta or rice.

#### Sugar Shavers:

Use less, cut the amount called for in a recipe by 1/4 to 1/3.

Use extracts such as vanilla to enhance the sweetness of a food.

Warm spicy foods, they will taste sweeter.

Choose fruits canned in natural juices or rinse fruits canned in heavy syrup before eating.

Continue to enjoy your dining experiences but also think about your health and how you can maintain a healthy and rewarding lifestyle!

Reference: The American Dietetic Association's Complete Food and Nutrition Guide. Roberta Larson Duyff, MS, RD, 1996.

## Letters to the Editor

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

### Correcting a misimpression

The March 4, 2004, edition of the Post Dispatch had an article on the front page about the county inmates being removed from the Dalby correctional facility. It described why the inmates will be housed in the future at the Lynn County jail.

I have been contacted by county residents who, after reading the article, got the impression that MTC was leaving Garza County "holding the bag" on the costs associated with the moving of our county inmates. This is not the case at all.

I was requested to furnish figures on what it would cost to house our inmates out of county. It is my understanding that these figures were used to negotiate. It is also my understanding that the county will receive enough income to pay for the costs of housing our inmates in Lynn County. This includes all costs for housing space, staff to transport, inmate medical, transportation and vehicle costs. I was very clear on this issue during my conversation with Dispatch reporter Sheri Lewis.

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April 5, 2004 at 6:30pm  
(this will last approximately 3 hours)  
in the Post Community Center  
113 West Main Street  
\$25 per person

For reservations call Benny or Paula Jackson at 495-0955, tickets must be reserved and paid for by March 28, 2004. Sunday attire is appropriate. Children are welcome if they can sit through a 3 hour service plus dinner.

Group seating is available in numbers of 8.

Tickets are non-refundable.

We accept check, cash, Visa/Mastercard.

There will be no reservations accepted after March 28

This will be a spiritually enriching evening as we celebrate God's love for His people

## Post Devotional Page

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### On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

#### God's Word Heals the Heart...

You ever had one of those days? People around you seem to be against you. Maybe you feel like those who really love you only want to make life miserable for you. Things just feel disjointed and empty? Or unexplainable fear and insecurity is building up inside? How about those horrible feelings of depression and inadequacy which eat away inside your tender heart because someone you love seems to despise you. And those churning feelings of anger and bitterness that flare out from within? These are all very real feelings and thoughts within those who are in need of healing. This kind of healing can only come by letting God's words of love and life live in the heart and mind. God is a pretty good authority on our hearts and minds...considering that He designed mankind.

God's will for everybody is to be healed. How do we know this? Just go to His word. It is written, "...by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). This is past tense. Every single scrape and rip across our Lord's body was for our healing. But those stripes have no meaning except that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead and sat him at His own right hand of all authority. Now all people who simply change their minds and believe that God raised Jesus Christ from dead can be made righteous, which is to be filled with holy spirit. This is what it means to be cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.

So how does this relate to all the mental pain and suffering mentioned above? Many people believe that God raised our Lord from the dead, but very few commit themselves to loving God with all their hearts, minds, soul and strength. They know what Christ did for all of mankind, but they don't know how to tap into the healing that became available.

Here is a basic truth to understanding our feelings and actions, "Guard your heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23). Why is it important to God that we guard our hearts? What is it about our hearts that is so important? God's got the answers right there in the same verse, "...for out of it are the issues of life." The issues of life come out of the heart. This includes those deep mental pains and feelings. This includes the actions and decisions we make. The word heart is a figure of speech where the organ is put for the inner seat of life, or the inner depths of the mind. In the field of Psychology, the closest thing I have seen to God's word on this is the "schemata." Some Psychologists consider this to be the deep subconscious out of which our life's decisions, actions and feelings come from. But let us stay focused on God's perfect word.

When we love God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength we guard our hearts. He made it so simple for us. Or should I say, we complicated it to the point that we are unable to see its simplicity. So what does it mean to love God? According to John 4:24, "God is spirit..." He cannot be touched or seen by people. Truth is we know God by His word. To love God is to love His rightly divided word. What a fantastic package that is available to anybody. It is right there in the Bible.

We have all at some time heard this saying, "You get out of it, what you put into it." Those who devote a great deal of time in reading, studying, meditating on and doing God's word will get the dynamically good results God promised. It is also true that what we put into our minds and hearts is what will issue out of our lives. Why? Because out of the heart are the issues of life.

Here is some mental food for healing, "Be anxious for nothing. But in everything by prayer and supplication, with giving of thanks, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace from God, which surpasses all understanding, absolutely shall guard your hearts and thoughts through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

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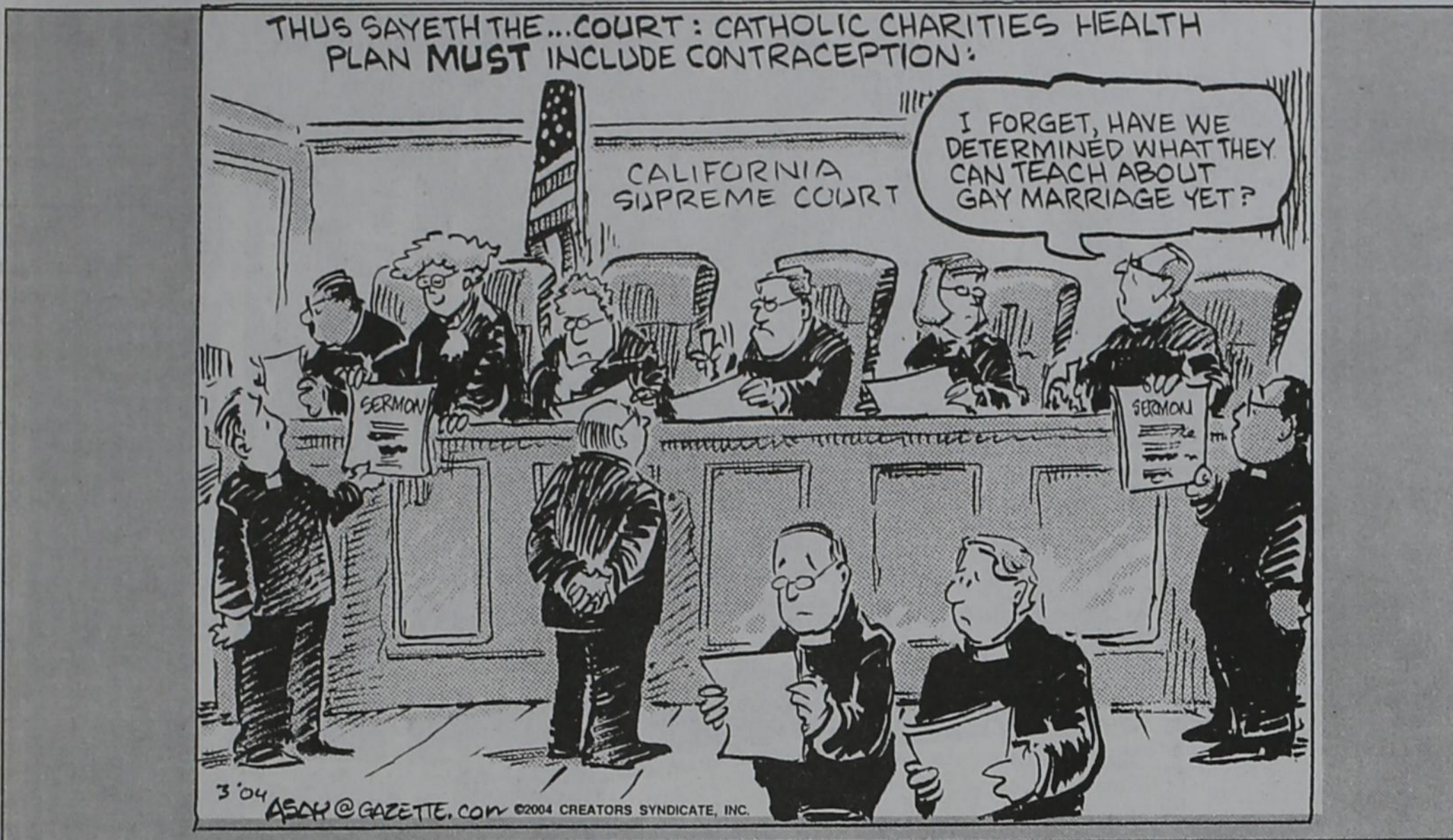
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# Opinions



## Let's get married...

by Walter E. Williams



The Massachusetts high court ruled that people of the same sex have a right to be married. San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and County Clerk Nancy Alfaro, in defiance of California law, have issued over 3,000 officially sanctioned marriage licenses to homosexual couples.

What are we to make of this? Same sex marriage advocates argue for a change in the legal definition of marriage so as to include marriage between male couples and female couples. Here's my question: Are homosexuals the only Americans permitted to change the definition of marriage, or do people with other sex orientations have that right as well?

Here's why I ask that question. Suppose a woman and a horse appeared before San Francisco County Clerk Nancy Alfaro applying for a marriage license, or it might be a man and a sheep. What argument might the County Clerk have for not issuing them a marriage license?

After all, the woman or man might say, "Our definition of marriage includes animals, plus my horse or my sheep will be eligible for my employee health care benefits and my inheritance at my death." It would appear that a denial of a marriage license would be sufficient grounds for a discrimination lawsuit. After all, animals have rights as well as humans.

But there are other possibilities. Some people might feel that the definition of marriage should be expanded so as to include group marriage. What argument would the San Francisco County Clerk have against the issuance of a marriage license to three, four or 10 men or the like number of women who wanted to marry?

You might say: "Williams, you're raising a red herring. Gay activists are only talking about same-sex marriage between one man and another, and one woman and another." That's the call for right now. There is a phenomenon known as the slippery slope, or the camel's nose in the tent strategy, whereby one's complete agenda is not

revealed at first lest he not get any of it at all. Examples abound, but one of the most flagrant was the tobacco zealot's agenda whereby they started out demanding non-smoking sections on airplanes — then no smoking altogether, then no smoking in airports, then no smoking in restaurants and so forth, until what we have today.

Had the anti-smoking zealots revealed their full agenda upfront, they might not have even been successful in getting no smoking sections on airplanes.

The argument that same-sex couples can't enjoy benefits that heterosexual couples enjoy is an issue that can be readily resolved. For example, if employers provide \$200 worth of medical insurance a month, they can simply add \$200 in cash to their employees' paychecks and let them decide how it's spent. Other rights same-sex couples claim they're denied can be achieved through contracts.

It's my personal preference that people be able to conduct their lives in any manner they please. Tolerance doesn't require approval, only non-interference. Tolerance also doesn't require recognition of what one might call himself. A man and a man might call themselves married, but I'm not obliged to recognize it as such anymore than my calling myself the King of Siam should require that you recognize me as such.

President Bush has asked Congress to enact a constitutional amendment making it national law that marriage is a union between a man and a woman. The perceived need for a constitutional amendment should be an embarrassment for all of us — it's simply more evidence of our moral decline. If it were possible for previous generations of Americans to know about this marriage controversy, they'd probably be embarrassed and shocked, and might ask, "What in the hell has happened to America?"

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## Government has no business meddling in marriages

### Marry and Let Marry

by Sheldon Richman

President George W. Bush has amply demonstrated that he is a stranger to the U.S. Constitution. He's meddled in education, about which the Constitution has not one word. He aspires to give taxpayers' money to religious groups doing social work, despite the First Amendment's barrier to state entanglement with religion.

He invaded Iraq to oust its president, without asking Congress for a formal declaration of war, as the Constitution requires. And his respect for civil liberties protected by the Constitution is less than exemplary.

For this president, there has been no use for the Constitution - until now. He wants to amend it in order to forbid the states from granting marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

If Bush gets his way, it will be the most outrageous use of the Constitution since the amendment to ban alcoholic beverages in 1920. This harebrained idea indicates such an astonishing ignorance of the purpose of the Constitution that one has to hope that Bush has embraced it purely out of expediency, to pander to a conservative base that is disenchanted with his profligacy and empire-building.

Although the Constitution set up the machinery of the federal government and established various procedures, the document's core purpose was to limit power in order to protect life, liberty, and property. We can argue over whether it has accomplished that purpose, but the purpose itself is clear.

The Founders did not want an autocratic executive such as King George III. Nor did they want a "democratic despotism," which Thomas Jefferson warned against. Government was to be limited, its powers, in James Madison's words, "few and defined."

The doctrine of enumerated powers, along with the Tenth Amendment (reserving all other powers to the states and the people), makes the Framers' objective abundantly clear.

For Jefferson, the Constitution was a cage for confining the beast of government power and thereby protecting liberty. Thus it must be inappropriate to add an amendment that prohibits individuals from engaging in peaceful, voluntary arrangements. To do so is to unchain the beast and set it on people who are minding their own business.

To put it bluntly, this amendment would sully the Constitution. What was supposed to protect us from government power will have

been used to threaten and restrain. And the precedent will be powerful. Regardless of what the Framers would have thought about same-sex marriage, such twisting of the Constitution would appall them. So should it appall us all.

President Bush's remarks on this subject were a subtle form of fear-mongering. "If we are to prevent the meaning of marriage from being changed forever, our nation must enact a constitutional amendment to protect marriage in America." It's a phrase he would repeat: "Our government should... protect the institution of marriage."

Protect it from what? Even if one believes that the definitions of words are set in stone (a dubious proposition) and that marriage for all eternity means a joining of a man and a woman, it is not clear how marriages so defined are threatened by same-sex unions called "marriages" by the civil authority.

The president himself said the states should be "free to make their own choices in defining legal arrangements other than marriage." So it all comes down to a word.

As a man married to a woman, I cannot see how my marriage, or marriage itself, is endangered if gay men or lesbians marry and their marriages are accepted by the authorities for tax and other civil purposes. I repeat: What am I being protected from?

The president says he fears that states that don't countenance same-sex marriages could be forced to recognize them under the Constitution's "full faith and credit" clause, which requires states to accept "the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings of every other state."

There's a way to address that without distorting the Constitution: remove marriage from the government arena. As columnist Michael Kinsley suggested, privatize it. Marriage originated outside of government. Why is it any of the government's business now?

Put marriage in the private realm, and then respect people's freedom to recognize or not recognize same-sex marriages as their convictions dictate. As for governments, they should not tread on individuals as long as they are peaceful and respectful of the rights of others.

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## This Bud's not for me

by Bill O'Reilly



A couple of years ago, I chastised Pepsi for hiring "gangsta" rapper Ludacris as a pitchman. There was a public outcry, Pepsi folded, Ludacris was sacked.

Now, incredibly, Anheuser-Busch has done the same thing. The company will pay this guy Ludacris big bucks to push beer.

My basic objection to this is simple: Some American corporations are rewarding bad behavior in pursuit of more profit. Ludacris puts out rap that celebrates criminal activity (such as selling narcotics), general debauchery and violence against women. There is no question about that. Does Anheuser-Busch believe that kind of exposition is good for the USA? Does the company realize that millions of children, many of them unsupervised, digest the garbage Ludacris puts out? Does the company care?

Lest you think Ludacris is some kind of Ozzy Osborne, here are some of his lyrics:

"I got my twin Glock .40's cocked back  
Me and my homies, so drop that."  
"My shotguns are cold and hard ...  
My triggers are always talking about some squeeze me, squeeze me."  
"Hollow bullets I pull it,  
I'm about to live in vain  
And then I drill 'em, refill 'em,  
make sure they feel the pain."  
"I smack bitches with no (breasts) ..."

Talk to most educators in poor neighborhoods and they will tell you that the debasement of our culture, of which gangsta rap is a big part, has coarsened children in general and put high-risk kids in a dangerous place. Taking drugs, carrying guns and disrespecting human beings is now not only socially acceptable in many situations, it is downright glamorous.

Anheuser-Busch has a gleaming headquarters in St. Louis. It is a place of wealth and power. But a few miles east across the Mississippi lies East St. Louis, a devastated city where drug gangs rule entire neighborhoods. Children as young as 10 work as lookouts for these gangs; 13-year-olds sell heroin and crack cocaine on the streets. Violence is as common as a garbage pickup.

Ludacris sells big in East St. Louis and other dangerous neighborhoods across the country. His rap is something these criminal kids can identify with. He understands and encourages the "life."

Isn't it time Americans demand corporations stop polluting the country? Whether it's dumping PCBs in waterways or promoting degenerate CDs, corporate chieftains should be held responsible by consumers. Hiring a person like Ludacris to push beer is reprehensible to me, and so I will exercise my right not to do business with Anheuser-Busch, which, by the way, owns a series of family theme parks across the country.

On his latest CD, 'ol Ludacris has a rap song called "Hoes In My Room." It's a harsh diatribe about, well, women the man does not respect but who somehow inhabit his "space." The last few lines go like this:

"Then it got to my head, and somethin' reminded me  
I know who let 'em in, it was Bill O'Reilly — faggot."  
So add a gay slur to the list of crudities Ludacris embraces as he gleefully dances down the road to millionaire status. Anheuser-Busch should be very proud to be in business with a guy like this.

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## Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

### Please Don't Touch the Bats!

It's that time of year again. The bats will soon be returning from their winter vacation in Mexico. Although bats are fascinating animals, they are also high risk for spreading rabies. If you find an injured, sick, or dead bat, please do NOT touch it.

Recommendations for bat capture are as follows:

- \* remove any children or pets from the room;
- \* wear leather gloves;
- \* avoid direct contact between the bat and bare skin;
- \* confine the bat to one room by closing the windows and doors;
- \* turn on the lights if the room is dark;
- \* wait for the bat to land;
- \* cover the bat with a coffee can or similar container;
- \* slide a piece of cardboard under the can that has the bat trapped;

and

\* tape the cardboard directly to the can.

If any possible contact between the bat and a person or domestic animal has occurred:

\* do not release the bat; and

\* contact your local animal control agency or law enforcement agency to arrange for immediate submission of the bat for rabies testing.

If you are certain no contact between the bat and a person or domestic animal has occurred:

\* take the container outside immediately; and

\* release the bat, preferably at night and away from populated areas.

When capturing a bat, avoid striking it if at all possible. Physical trauma can damage the brain and make it impossible to conduct rabies laboratory tests. One of the primary concerns if a person has contact with a bat is the possibility of exposure to rabies. Bats have been increasingly implicated as wildlife reservoirs for variants of rabies virus that have been transmitted to humans. Since 1980, 29 of 33 indigenously acquired human rabies cases in the United States have been attributable to bat strains of rabies virus.

Bat bites are not always visible. Therefore, in situations in which a bat is physically present and there is a possibility of an unapparent exposure, the bat should be captured and submitted to a rabies laboratory for testing. If rabies cannot be ruled out by laboratory testing, people with a reasonable probability of an exposure may be recommended for rabies postexposure treatment (or for domestic animals, a requirement for a booster vaccination(s) and isolation or euthanasia).

Scenarios that may indicate a reasonable probability of exposure to rabies include:

\* a child touches a live or dead bat;

\* an adult touches a bat without seeing the part of the body they touched;

\* a bat flies into a person and touches bare skin;

\* a person steps on a bat with bare feet;

\* a person awakens to find a bat in the room with him/her;

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\* a person puts their hand in firewood, brush, a crevice, or a dark space (i.e. a closet), experiences pain, then sees a bat. For additional information on rabies, contact your Regional Zoonosis Control Office or go to <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/diseases/RABIES/default.asp>.



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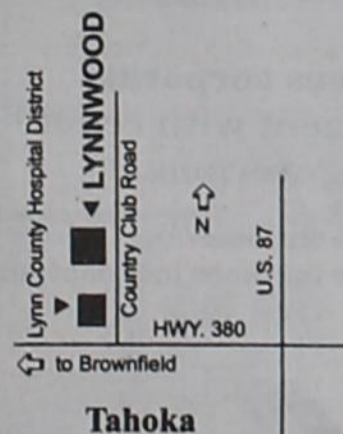
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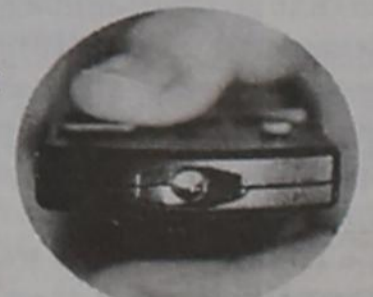


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When he was 14, he moved in with then-sheriff "Uncle" Ben Stewart, whose son, Earnest, was Carl's best friend. These two friends started a trap line, living off the land out of a covered wagon and selling their furs for money. Soon, however, Carl started getting jobs at local ranches, as he was a good roper. One of these jobs was with the Slaughter Ranch during the "screwworm" season.

One day Mr. Slaughter rode up on the bunkhouse to get someone to ride with him to doctor the cattle. Carl said he would go and got his rope and horse and rode out with Mr. Slaughter. As was the custom back then, they didn't visit too much as they were too busy to talk, but thereafter, Mr. Slaughter would come up to the bunkhouse and tell the other cowboys to "send me the kid with the rope." This lasted for several weeks until one day Carl asked when he was ever going to meet the boss. Well, that set all the other cowboys to laughing as they told him he had been riding with him every day for several weeks.

Carl worked for several local ranches after that until he was about 16. Then he decided to see the world a little, so he went up to Montana to see if he could get a job cowboying. When he was finally hired, the other cowboys thought he was a tenderfoot from Texas, so they put him to pulling cattle and calves out of the rivers and quicksand. They saw that he knew what he was about, so they took him on the next "gather." And being cowboys, they decided to play a trick on this young tenderfoot.

As he rode in late from his shift of riding herd, he got to the chuck wagon only to discover that there was not a tin plate for him to eat from. Being an "old" hand at the tricks cowboys play, Carl just went out a little way from the camp and returned with a dry, sun bleached cow patty and proceeded to put his biscuits and other food on it and eat. From then on out there was a tin plate for him when he came in to eat.

These men had asked him when he first got there if he would like a horse

from the gentle string, the medium string or the rough string. After looking them over, Carl chose the gentle string, which was "none too gentle." But later in life, he told Pen that he had never felt so grown up or important as the day he was allowed to pick his horse from the hat like all the other cowboys.

Carl came back to Post in 1917, hoping to get more cowboying jobs. About that time, Mrs. James had lost her husband to illness and was unable to run the ranch herself. She told her banker that if she could get that young man living at Uncle Ben's, she thought she would like to keep her land. So Carl went to work and live with Mrs. James and her daughter.

Back then, there weren't too many ranches fenced in and when someone gathered and worked cattle, all the neighboring ranches sent a "stray rider" to help gather, work and return the ranch's stray cattle. On one such occasion, Carl and two other cowboys were working over near the Chimney Ranch when the weather turned wet. It began to rain pretty hard, so they all started looking for a dry place to hole up for the night. They found an old small cellar that was pretty dry and decided to spend the night, so they hobbled their horses and took saddles and blankets in for bedding.

As it turned out, the other two cowboys got in ahead of Carl, so when he got to the cellar there wasn't much room for him and that only near the door where he would be getting wet. Well, Carl put his back against the wall and settled down like the others, but then he got to thinking of the rattles in his pocket from a rattlesnake he had killed earlier in the day. As he sat there and thought, he decided to have some fun, so he took the rattles out of his pocket and shook them. One cowboy's head came up and he looked around like he was listening and then lay back down. Well, Carl waiting a while, then he shook those rattles again. Up sat the other cowboy. "I thought I heard a rattlesnake," he said. The other cowboy jumped up and said, "I know damn well I did. I'm getting out of here." So they "woke" Carl and said there was a rattlesnake in the cellar and they were going to sleep out in the rain. "I think I'll just take my chances with the snake," Carl told them, so he had plenty of room to lie

down and keep dry all night. But you can know that Carl didn't go around telling that story until both of those boys were dead.

Like most cowboys of that era, Carl had a favorite horse. This horse's name was "General," and Carl told all of the other cowboys he could take that horse anywhere. As it happened, they were in front of "Uncle" Dad Elkin's café, so Carl up and said, "I bet I could even ride this horse up them steps and into that café." Well, those boys took that bet. "Open the door," Carl said, and sure enough, he rode the General up the steps and into the café, riding around the tables. As it happened, there was a large group of travelers eating at the time. The poor travelers didn't know what to think about the crazy kid riding his horse in the café, so they all stood up and flattened themselves against the wall, staying out of the way of the "wild man."

The sheriff at the time saw some of the commotion and met Carl as he came out the door. "Carl, you better get out of town before I throw you so far in jail that they'll have to shoot beans at ya just to feed ya," the sheriff told him. So Carl left town, but probably not before collecting on his wager.

In 1923 and 1924, there had been so much cattle rustling in Garza County that the sheriff and two Texas Rangers, O.D. Cardwell and Bryan Williams, needed some help. They called the Cattleman's Association in Abilene and asked for someone experienced to help. So "Uncle" Dave Allison came up into this country. One day he rode up to the TO to see Carl. Uncle Dave knew Carl and knew that Carl wasn't afraid of anything or anybody and he was a local. Uncle Dave also knew when Carl was missing cattle he rode the rustler's range and pens, looking for the missing cattle rather than going to the law. He went to the man. The rustlers always told Carl when confronted that their "men must have penned them by accident." Carl always told them the same thing - he expended those "missing" cattle back on the ranch by the next day. They were always returned. Since he needed some help, Uncle Dave deputized Carl as an association ranger to help stop some unlawful shipping of cattle. Uncle Dave also told Carl that he had better watch himself because one of the rustlers was going to be after Carl because he knew too much - which just might have been the start of Carl thinking about being a lawman

himself.

Carl married "Penny" Cash in 1925 and they moved out to the ranch. There, they raised three kids and numerous cattle, horses and mules until forced to move into Post in 1949 to keep their two youngest in school.

Carl ran for sheriff in 1950, since he was living in town anyway, and was elected sheriff and served in that

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office from 1951 to 1961 when he passed the age limit then allowed for peace officers in Texas. He went back to running his ranch and living in town until 1971 when he had a heart attack chasing cows on foot in hot July weather. Pen and Carl then

moved back out to the ranch in 1972 and sold some of the cattle so Carl and Pen could work the ranch themselves. He ran cattle on the ranch until 1986 when his health became too bad to do the work himself. He died on Dec. 25, 1987.

# Jimmy Bird named Conservation Rancher of the Year

Comments by Drew Kirkpatrick at the recent Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau's annual banquet.

The Garza County Soil & Water Conservation District is proud to recognize Jimmy Bird as the 2003 Conservation Rancher of the Year.

Jimmy was born and raised on the ranch that he currently lives on in Garza County. He attended McMurry University in Abilene where he was the only male student on the rodeo team. He helped McMurry win an intercollegiate rodeo, and he won the All-Around Cowboy award. He paid his college tuition by playing the banjo and singing. The first year the American Junior Rodeo Association (AJRA) was established, Jimmy won the All-Around Cowboy Award here at the Post AJRA Rodeo.

Jimmy and his wife, Ada Lou, have four children - Jay of Post, Cindy of Abilene, Sherry of Lubbock and Dana of Frisco. They have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jimmy's ranching operation consists of native rangeland, improved pastureland and cropland. He has created improved pastures by sprigging Bermuda grass on much of the cropland. The remainder of his cropland is used for growing annual crops for grazing. This has curtailed all erosion on the pastures and provides his cattle with spring, summer and fall grazing. This allows native rangeland to remain in excellent condition and grow plenty of grass to be used in winter.

Jimmy has his own feed mill where he mixes supplemental feed based on the nutritional needs of his livestock. He also mixes his own salt and mineral. He runs a cow/calf operation and retains ownership of his calves until after they leave the feedlot.

Other conservation practices Jimmy has implemented are constructing new ponds, cleaning out existing ponds, installing livestock pipelines and concrete troughs (which he builds himself). He has aerial sprayed his rangeland only once to control brush. Since this initial treatment, he has kept brush in check by hand-spraying. Hand-spraying brush uses fewer chemicals and therefore is good for the environment. Jimmy practices rotational grazing and

stocks his ranch at 50-60 percent of the county average stocking rate so that his ranch is never overgrazed, even during times of drought.

Jimmy's favorite saying is "On a ranch, you have a cowman who makes the decisions and a cowboy who does the work. To make a ranch successful, you have to be both."

The Garza Soil & Water Conservation District is honored to recognize Jimmy Bird as the Conservation Rancher of the Year.



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

## Junior 4-H Photography Contest

Any 4-H youth interested in participating in the District 4-H Photography Contest needs to contact the Extension Office for information. Entries are due in the district office April 1.

## Garza County Texas Community Futures Forum

Garza County Texas Cooperative Extension staff will host and facilitate the Texas Community Futures Forum set for March 25, 2004 beginning at 6:30 at the First United Methodist Church in Post. This process will help to coordinate the partnering of county government, state agencies, organizations, businesses, and other groups to organize action teams to address needs of the community. For more information about participating in the TCFE please contact Julie Neitsch or Greg Jones at the Garza County Extension Office at (806) 495-4400 or visit this website: <http://futuresforum.tamu.edu>.

## Dog Obedience Course

The 4-H Dog Club is hosting a five week obedience training course starting March 30, 2004. You may use your own dog or a dog can be provided by the club. All dogs must have proof of a current rabies shot. The deadline to register is March 23. To register contact the County Extension office at 495-4400.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

On February 10, 2004, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed its Second Amended Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and incurred costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002 between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and, in many instances, the exchanges of other local telephone companies. The Second Amended Application was filed pursuant to the Commission's Substantive Rule § 26.221 titled "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges."

ELCS expands the local calling scope of a telephone exchange to include one or more additional telephone exchanges if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. Costs and lost revenues associated with Valor's surcharge application are those not recovered through existing ELCS fees.

In the Second Amended Application, VALOR proposes to implement monthly ELCS surcharges for five years beginning on the date the Commission issues a final order on VALOR's request. The Commission can establish an ELCS surcharge for any duration. ELCS surcharges apply in addition to monthly ELCS fees. VALOR proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per residential line: \$.86 in Year 1, \$.85 in Year 2, \$.03 in Year 3, \$.02 in Year 4, \$.01 in Year 5. VALOR proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per business line: \$1.72 in Year 1, \$1.70 in Year 2, \$.06 in Year 3, \$.04 in Year 4, \$.02 in Year 5.

VALOR is currently billing interim ELCS surcharges approved by the Commission, including an interim ELCS surcharge of \$.65 per month per residential line and an interim ELCS surcharge of \$1.30 per month per business line. If rates below the level of the interim surcharges are ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR may be required by the Commission to refund all or part of the interim surcharges.

If VALOR's Second Amended Application is approved, the net annual effect on VALOR's Year 1 revenues will be zero since the requested surcharges are designed to replace lost revenues and to reimburse VALOR for increases in costs associated with the provision of ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$3,867,372 in Year 1, \$3,791,870 in Year 2, \$133,831 in Year 3, \$89,220 in Year 4, and \$44,610 in Year 5.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Commission assigned Docket No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, and no later than April 21, 2004, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512)936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

## AVISO

El 10 de Febrero de 2004, VALOR Telecommunications de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service - ELCS) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

En la Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación, VALOR propone implementar un cargo mensual por cinco años commensando el día que la Comisión sumete el orden final, por la solicitud de VALOR. La Comisión puede establecer sobrecargos ELCS for cualquier duración. Sobrecargos ELCS se aplicarán arriba de los cargos mensuales ELCS.

VALOR hace proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada línea residencial: \$.86 en Año 1; \$.85 en Año 2; \$.03 en Año 3; \$.02 en Año 4; y \$.01 en Año 5. VALOR hace proposito de los siguientes sobrecargos mensuales por cada línea comercial: \$1.72 en Año 1; \$1.70 en Año 2; \$.06 en Año 3; \$.04 en Año 4; y \$.02 en Año 5.

Corrientemente, VALOR esta cobrando sobrecargos ELCS Interines aprobados por la Comisión, incluyendo un interin sobrecargo de \$.65 por mes por cada línea residencial, y un interin sobrecargo de \$1.30 por mes por cada línea comercial. Si tasas bajo de los sobrecargos interines serán ultimamente aprobadas por la Comisión, es posible que VALOR estará disponible a reembolsar todo o parte de los cargos interines.

Si la Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación de VALOR esta aprobada, el efecto neta anual de tasas para VALOR en Año 1 serán cero desde que los sobrecargos solicitados son apuntados a reemplazar tasas y a reembolsar a VALOR por los gastos aumentados y asociados con la provisión de ELCS. El estimado total de tasas perdidas y cargos aumentados que VALOR trata de recuperar sobre este procedimiento es \$3,867,372 en Año 1; \$3,791,870 en Año 2; \$133,831 en Año 3; \$89,220 en Año 4; y \$44,610 en Año 5.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propostados, o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220. La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 21 de Abril, 2004, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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Information for Bidders, proposal forms, plans and specifications are on file at the offices of the various City Managers, County Judges of the Cities and Counties of Abernathy, Borden County, Friona, Fritch, Hearne, Lockney, Lorenzo, Morton, Post, Tahoka, Tulia, and Whiteface Texas and Oller Engineering Inc., 2517 74th St., Lubbock, Texas 79423, (806)748-5700 for a non-refundable cost of \$35 per set.

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**CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)**  
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Contract 6111-27-001 for MILL AND INLAY in GARZA County will be opened on April 07, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office for an estimate of \$1,388,836.32.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and application for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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# Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones from the files of The Post Dispatch

## 10 Years Ago March 9, 1994

One of the largest, if not the largest billboard in West Texas is just one of the visible signs that preparations for the upcoming Old Mill Trade Days are moving right along. The sign painted by well known artist Robert Chennault is on the south warehouse wall of the Postex Mill. It covers some 2,350 square feet.

Marine Lance Cpl. Robby D. Blair, son of Roger and Cheryl Blair of Post, is mid-way through a six-month deployment to Okinawa, Japan with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 39, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

Current Lorenzo city manager Rick Hanna has been tabbed to step into the same role here in Post. Hanna will begin his duties April 4. "The attitude of the people here is so positive," said Hanna. "The Main Street project looks so good, people all over West Texas talk about it."

Post Volunteer firefighters were called to the Postex Mill Friday after a welder's torch started a smoky oil fire under a piece of equipment that was being removed. Despite the smoke, there was no damage.

## 20 Years Ago March 7, 1984

Mayor Giles McCrary was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year during the annual Post Chamber of Commerce banquet last Friday evening. McCrary, who has been mayor of Post since 1968, was recognized for his wide variety of contributions to civic improvement to Post.

Post Independent School District superintendent Bill Shiver has announced his recommendation of Roy (Ben) Benton Hawkins as band director, to serve through the remainder of this school year. Mrs. Barbara Babb has served as substitute teacher for the junior and senior high bands since the death of band director, Steve Ladd and choir director, Dianna Ladd.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig recently returned from a 0-day tour of Mexico sponsored by Successful Farming magazine.

The Body Shop, a new exercise center located at 111 N. Ave. I, held its Open House Sunday, March 4. Julie Mason is owner and operator of the facility.

## 30 Years Ago March 7, 1974

Emmett Shedd was presented the Post Archery Club's "Most Valuable member" award by new president Bobby Snow at the organization's annual meeting. Approximately 30 persons attended.

Four Post Does and one Post Antelope were named to the 5AA all-district basketball teams selected last week. Members of Coach Jay Wilson's Post girls' team named to the all-star squad were Melanie King, Jenda Gilmore, Ann Mitchell and Jan Hall. Coach John Alexander's Post boys' team placed senior Ricky Shepherd on the squad.

Cindy Bird a senior at Post High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bird, placed fourth in the average of the two go-around GRA-approved barrel race in El Paso.

Keith Bullard's model farm took first place in the Genius Kit contest for Den 1 at the Cub Scout Blue and Gold banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Rodriguez announce the birth of a daughter, Lucie, born Feb. 19 in Garza Memorial Hospital.

## 40 Years Ago March 12, 1964

Postings: The White River Municipal Water District is now at least half-way "out of the courthouse" in efforts to obtain title to the land for the big White River Lake. The decision at Crosbyton appears to clear the way for use of much of the lakeshore for recreational purposes.

Garza Memorial Hospital admitted 50 patients in February, the occupancy rate was 22 percent with a total of 255 patient days and an average stay of 5.1 days per patients.

Areas farmers are going to decide for themselves Tuesday night whether they want to add another cash crop - blackeye peas - to the

area's agricultural economy.

The contracts of Harold Teal, athletic director and head football coach, and Glynn Gregg, assistant football and head track coach, were extended one year.

Post Highlights: Diane Maxey and Ronnie Graves, Billy Shumard and Nita Wilson and Diane Kiker and Jimmy Sharp went to Lubbock Friday night to see Cleopatra . . . but, instead went to see Friona play basketball in the regional finals.

## 50 Years Ago March 11, 1954

Two Post High School students, Mary Lou Hedgepath and Jennie Lou Redman, are in the princess contest of the South Plains Junior Stock Show in Lubbock.

Eugenia's Beauty Salon is offering a special get-aquainted deal. The \$7.50 cold wave permanent is being offered for \$5.00. Martha Stephens, a new perator at Eugenia's place, will be happy to serve you.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Smith announce the arrival of a son born March 9 in Garza Memorial Hospital. He was named Jerry Don.

Mrs. Chester Morris gave a party Monday night honoring her daughter, Shirley Ann, and Mason McClellan on their birthdays. Cake and pops were served to Harold Wayne Mason, Lewis Mason, Delwin Fluitt, Kenneth and Patsy Thompson, Rhea Peel, Jerry Bush, Shelia Morris, Carolyn Jones, Frances Barron, Paula Hedrick, Linda Kay Bartlett, Butch Jones, Howard Teaff, Kay Hedrick, Judy, Charles and Ronnie Morris.

Tommy Malouf has been elected president of the Post High School Student Council for the 1954-55 school year. Loyce Josey was elected vice president.

## 60 Years Ago March 9, 1944

Roy S. Martin, Seaman first class, from Southland was a member of the Navy gun crew on a "lucky" Liberty ship. Twice Japanese submarines lined the Liberty ship up in sight. Twice they sent torpedoes smashing into the plodding vessel's side. Net result - two small dents.

The Post Chamber of Commerce met to elect three new directors. The new directors are Arch Haws, Clint Herring and Tom Bouchier. The hold-over directors are Wallace Kimbrough, Roy Holland, Pat O'Conner, Ashely Lawson and B. J. Edwards.

Mrs. James Minor has received word that her husband has been "wounded in action" in Italy and has been awarded the Purple Heart. He is now in a hospital somewhere in Italy.

Fate Williams left Sunday for Brownfield where he is the new manager of the Piggly Wiggly meat market. Mr. Williams was manager of the Piggly Wiggly market here for seven years.

# City, White River exchange verbal barbs over treatment costs

The City of Post and the White River Municipal Water District appear to be entangled in a war of words over responsibilities associated with the district's delivery of water to the city.

In a letter written to city manager Fred Stephens Feb. 17, WRMWD general manager Tommy O'Brien outlined several determinations made by the district's directors at their Feb. 12 meeting.

"It was decided that the district will pay for all electrical and chemical costs associated with your chlorination facility and liquid ammonium sulfate (LAS) facility located at the district's Post meter on the north side of town," the letter reads. "The City of Post will be responsible for operating and maintaining all equipment and appurtenances associated with the chlorine equipment and LAS equipment."

The letter goes on to outline proposed reimbursements for chlorine container, electrical and LAS costs and asks the city to provide copies of its invoices for 50-gallon liquid chlorine containers used at the Post meter site chlorination facility.

"If your invoices include chemical costs for chlorine used at the chlorine facility currently on the west side of town where chlorine is added to the Slaton water, clearly indicate on the submitted invoices only those costs which reflect the costs for the chlorine used at the chlorination facility at the Post meter site," the WRMWD letter reads.

One day after O'Brien's letter was penned, Stephens responded with a letter of his own.

"We take exception to your assertions.... The City of Post is not responsible for 'operating and maintaining all equipment and appurtenances associated with the chlorine equipment and LAS equipment....' You are responsible for the quality of water treatment. It's your water. Your responsibility for its cleanliness is unavoidable," Stephens' letter states. "Post accepts responsibility for White River water only after it is delivered to the points of delivery within the city and title to the water changes, as is established by the contract."

Stephens goes on to write that the city will not charge the water district for chlorine used for "Slaton treatment."

"It simply would not occur to Post to engage in such practices," the city manager said in his letter.

Stephens detailed the following four accommodations the city agrees to handle as an "intergovernmental kindness... to our White River friends."

- Check White River's treatment equipment north of Post daily, reporting any noted irregularities;
- Change out the liquid chlorine containers when needed "so your folks won't have to make a special trip to Post to do so;"
- Contact White River personnel to change out or add ammonia, as needed; and,
- Watch the district's chlorine and LAS equipment and report to the district any suspected need for repairs.

# Woman's Culture Club offers interesting programs

by JoAnn Mock

Many interesting programs have been presented to the Women's Culture Club this year.

One of the programs included Dr. James Bell, a retired missionary serving in Africa who recently visited four large states in the South Congo with Bishop Kalambo and a group of guards, cooks and caregivers. There, a continual war unfolds. Church congregations consist of orphans and widowed women. A slide presentation documenting the trip showed trail-like roads that limited speeds to 30 mph. The club donated a bicycle for use by the pastor.

Barbara Newcomb shared experiences of caring for a disabled daughter who is now 47 and residing at the Texas State School in Lubbock. After suffering brain damage at birth, the young woman is confined to a wheelchair and her condition continues to deteriorate.

Petty Smith presented a videotape of iWomen in the Military produced by the American Memorial Foundation of Washington, D.C. Outstanding were Dr. Mary Walker, the first POW and Medal of Honor winner during World War II. More than 400,000 women served during the war without benefits and minimal pay. Sweetwater was the training group for the first WASP, or women's Air Force. Olivia Culp Hobby was Gen. Eisenhower's secretary and largely responsible for the organization of the WAC during the war.

In Jimella Simpson's icake decorating program, a 1990 Country Reporter tape was shown. It featured a teen-aged Jackie Cruse winning a national competition with her gingerbread house after taking lessons with Simpson. The first cake Simpson sold was a birthday creation for a set of Slaton triplets in 1951. During her program, she decorated a cake and club members decorated and ate their own cupcake creations.

Linda Puckett, director of the Garza County Historical Museum, gave an interesting tour of the facility and explained the latest additions.

Inez Seabourn presented a program on iLife in Foreign Countries. Her program included nuggets of information from a variety of locations. For example, tourist dollars were important in Cuba in 1955. Fidel Castro, first hailed as a hero, became a villain when massive killings were reported and he forced oil families from his country. Another revolution occurred in Venezuela, where the Indians were a major threat. Hail screens were used on windows to keep out poison arrows. Thefts were numerous. The turmoil was so great that letters of permission were required for safe travel; those without letters were shot. Oil seeped from the ground and soiled clothes like tar. They lived below a volcano crater in the Canary Islands where lava ash produced a wealth of flora and fauna, including 400-year-old eucalyptus trees originally planted by Christopher Columbus.

Marie Neff, director of the O.S. Ranch Art Museum, presented iRussian Lacquer Boxes, a collection of worldwide acclaim. Bright cinnabar and emerald verdure, ultramarine and ochre blends together with pure gold, silver or pearl radiance in a range of designs from simple patterns to complex scenes. The painstaking work requires 60 days to complete, excluding the painting itself. The miniature paintings depict Russian fairy tales, forerunners to our own fairy tales. Giles McCrary, museum owner, collected these boxes during his travels in Russia.

The Women's Cultural Club is the oldest study club in Post. Club members invite other women to join them. The club meets on the second Wednesday of each month, September through May. For more information, contact Barbara Hardin or Jan Acker.

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- 5 TX-based "Giant" was an \_\_\_ film
- 6 TX Dabney film: "\_\_\_ to Five"
- 7 TX Kite ball holders state fair month (abbr.)
- 9 African hunting expedition (2 wds.)
- 16 TXism: "I \_\_\_ that like an armadillo needs an interstate"
- 18 TXism: "hunkered down and \_\_\_ go"
- 20 Parkland Hospital's receiving area for the injured (abbr.)
- 21 A&M started as a \_\_\_ grant college
- 22 Houston Texans league (abbr.)
- 24 \_\_\_ E. Myers designed the state capitol
- 30 bad dream
- 34 airline once headquartered in Dallas (abbr.)
- 35 "42" tile piece
- 36 TX "Moonraker" actress Chile
- 37 TX Luby's CEO at time of '91 killings
- 39 abrasive ABC reporter from TX
- 43 consumers expect after X-mas (2 wds.)
- 44 most secure
- 45 TXism: "cut \_\_\_ some slack"
- 46 Texarkana AM radio
- 47 what the faucet did before it was fixed
- 49 Goldthwaite's "Kid 'N \_\_\_ Fair" shows wool made into cloth
- 52 TXism: "let '\_\_\_ rip!"
- 53 Alpine football class
- 54 a hot time at the spa
- 55 TX Gale Storm TV show: "\_\_\_ Margie" (abbr.)
- 58 San Marcos dance hall: Cheyenne \_\_\_ Club
- 59 LBJ's party (abbr)
- 60 \_\_\_ whiz
- 61 road curve

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- 2 TXism: "just down the road \_\_\_"
- 3 teen age
- 4 high poker cards
- 9 "Cowpokes" artist Reid (init.)
- 10 TXism: "\_\_\_ away" (save)
- 11 male sheep (2 wds.)
- 12 Dallas-based oil co.: \_\_\_ Inc.
- 13 TX Cullen Davis was accused of killing this daughter of Priscilla
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- 15 TXism: "call \_\_\_ day" (quit)
- 17 football precision dancers (2 wds.)
- 19 film about TX woman: "Son \_\_\_ Starr"
- 23 lumber is sold by the \_\_\_ foot
- 24 TV horse: Mr. \_\_\_
- 25 \_\_\_ Ebanos, TX
- 26 Gov. Hogg's daughter
- 27 TXns Bowie, Hogg & Reeves
- 28 TX eatery: Steak \_\_\_
- 29 TXism for "dancer"
- 31 Brazos means "arms of \_\_\_"
- 32 TXism: "he's lying through \_\_\_ teeth"
- 33 this Dodger Carl was a TX Nokona ball glove signee
- 38 TX Trini Lopez sang "La \_\_\_"
- 40 organ. for some TX teachers (abbr.)
- 41 "\_\_\_ and ye shall receive"
- 42 Shepherd, TX newspaper: San Jacinto \_\_\_
- 48 TXism: "never in all my born \_\_\_"
- 50 Texans \_\_\_ mess of chili
- 51 TXism: "he's \_\_\_ of spit and vinegar" (energetic)
- 56 big mountain cabin before TX-71's slurpees

# Lady 'Lopes win relays in Roscoe

The Post Lady 'Lopes track team won the Blackland-Divide Relays at Roscoe, but the meet winner was not decided until the final race of the competition.

Going into the 1600 meter relay, Post was trailing Colorado City 101-106. The Lady 'Lopes' second place finish in the race was enough to boost them to the meet championship.

The Post girls won medals in the 100 meter hurdles (Laurel Tatum, first; Jackie Hays, third), 100 meter dash (Megan Hoover, third), 400 meter dash (Hoover, second), 300 meter hurdles (Tayler Starkey, first; Jenee Lott, second), 800 meter relay (Rachel Gray, Starkey, Lott and Larissa Halford, third), 1600 meter relay (Gray, Courtney Short, Kayla Dunn, Hoover, second) triple jump (Lott, second), long jump (Hoover, third) and high jump (Claire Kirkpatrick, third).

Other Lady 'Lopes who scored points to help win the championship trophy were Lyndee Strawn, Erin Wuertes and Katie Vernon.

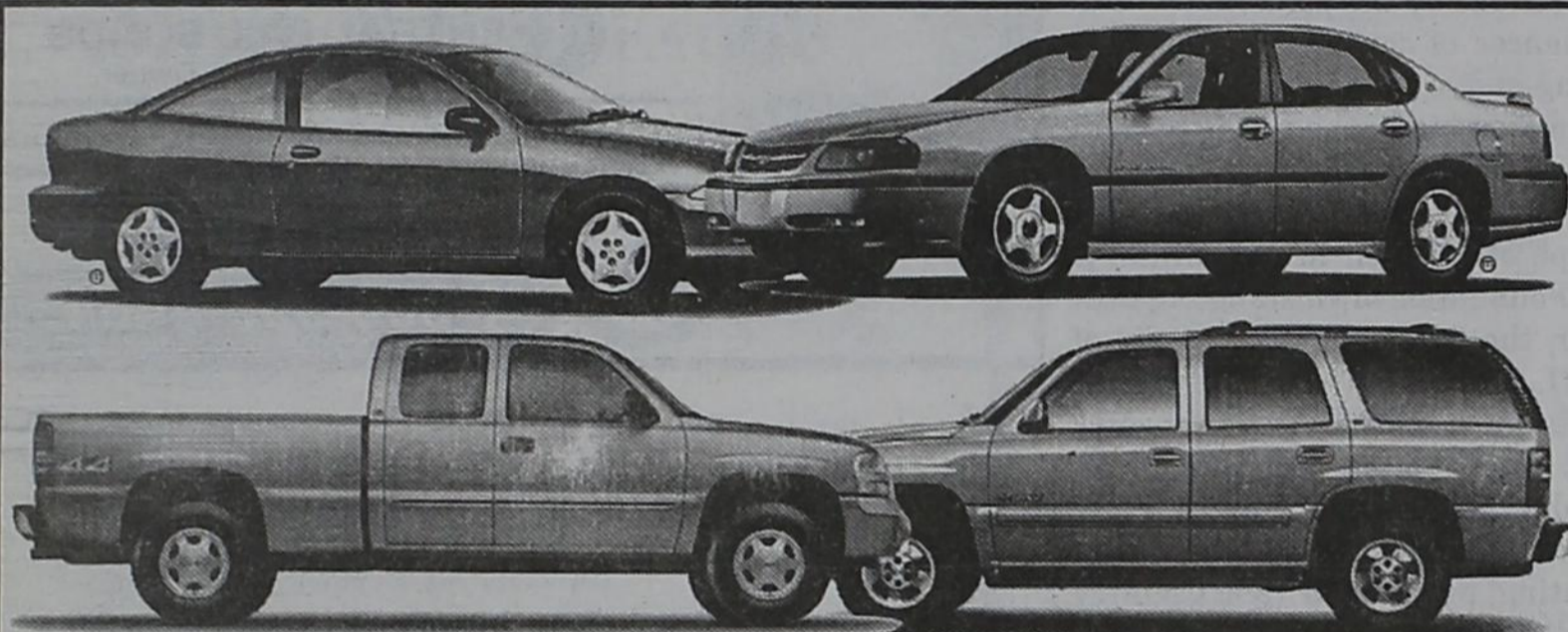
Individual results, as reported by the coach, were as follows:

- 3200 m. run - Strawn, sixth, 13:57.00; Zellmer, 14:11.00
- 400 m. relay - Gray, Starkey, Halford and Lott, fourth place, 55.07
- 100 m hurdles - Tatum, first place, 17.78; Hays, third place, 18.27; Creech, 20.47
- 100 m dash - Hoover, third, 13.65; Dalby, 14.46; Odom, 15.19
- 400 m dash - Hoover, second, 64.68; Short, 67.9; Dunn, 70.00
- 300 m hurdles - Starkey, first place, 52.47; Lott, second place, 55.86
- 200 m dash - Halford, fourth, 28.27; C. Kirkpatrick, 29.61; Dalby, 30.86
- 1600 m run - Strawn, fourth, 4:28.18; Zellmer, 6:41.00
- 800 m relay - Gray, Starkey, Lott and Halford, third place, 155.80
- 1600 m relay - Dunn, Short, Gray and Hoover, second place, 4:08.18
- Shot put - Wuertes, sixth place, 27-10; Vernon, 23-7; Odom, 20-9
- Discus - Lott, third place, 31-7 3/4; Short, 28-1; Copeland, 27-9 1/4
- Long jump - Hoover, third place, 14-0 3/4; Zellmer, fourth place, 13-9 1/2; Dunn, 12-6 1/4
- High jump - C. Kirkpatrick, third place, 4-2



Post High School Powerlifting team move on to Region UIL Competition. Qualifiers are (back row left to right) Kris Hernandez, Chessauf Garcia, Mark McCallister and Israel Beggs (front row), A'Lana Zubia and Christin Collier. Zubia and Collier

competed last Saturday at Kermit. Both ladies performed at their best as Collier ranked fourth with her best-ever squat of 170 lb, and Zubia dead-lifted 265 lb (five over her best). with a second place ranking. The four young men will compete on Saturday March 27th, at Roosevelt (Staff Photo by Tim Burnett)



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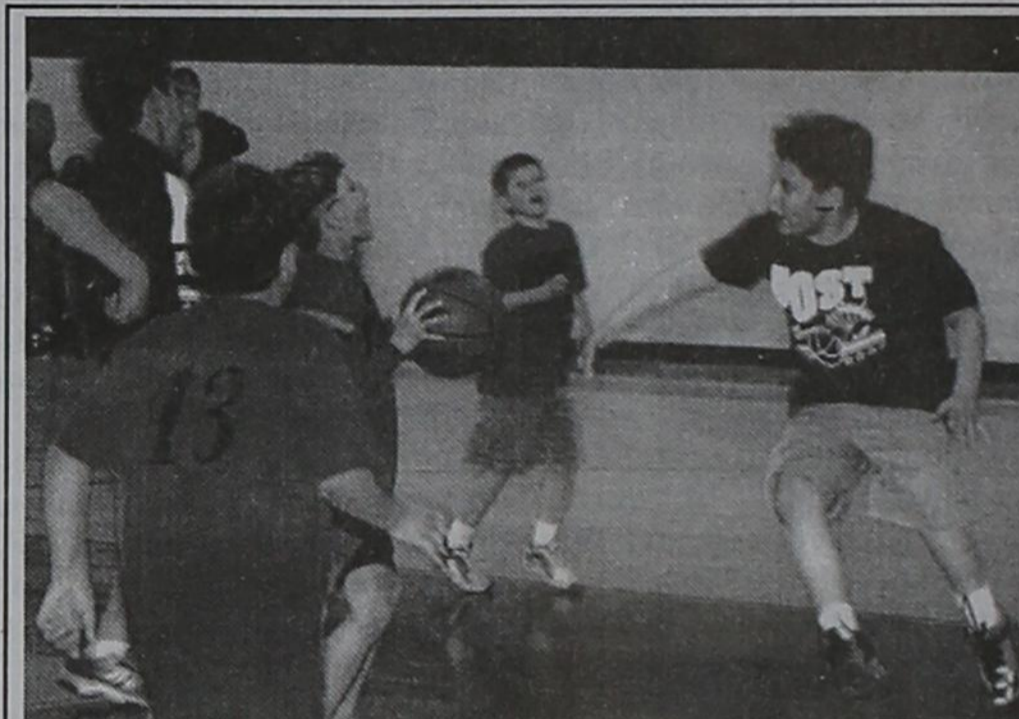
by Christina Jones  
 Members of the 2004 Post Little League organization have been vigorously working around the clock to get things ready for this baseball/softball season.

Elected to serve as this year's president was Drew Kirkpatrick, with Greg Williams being vice-president.

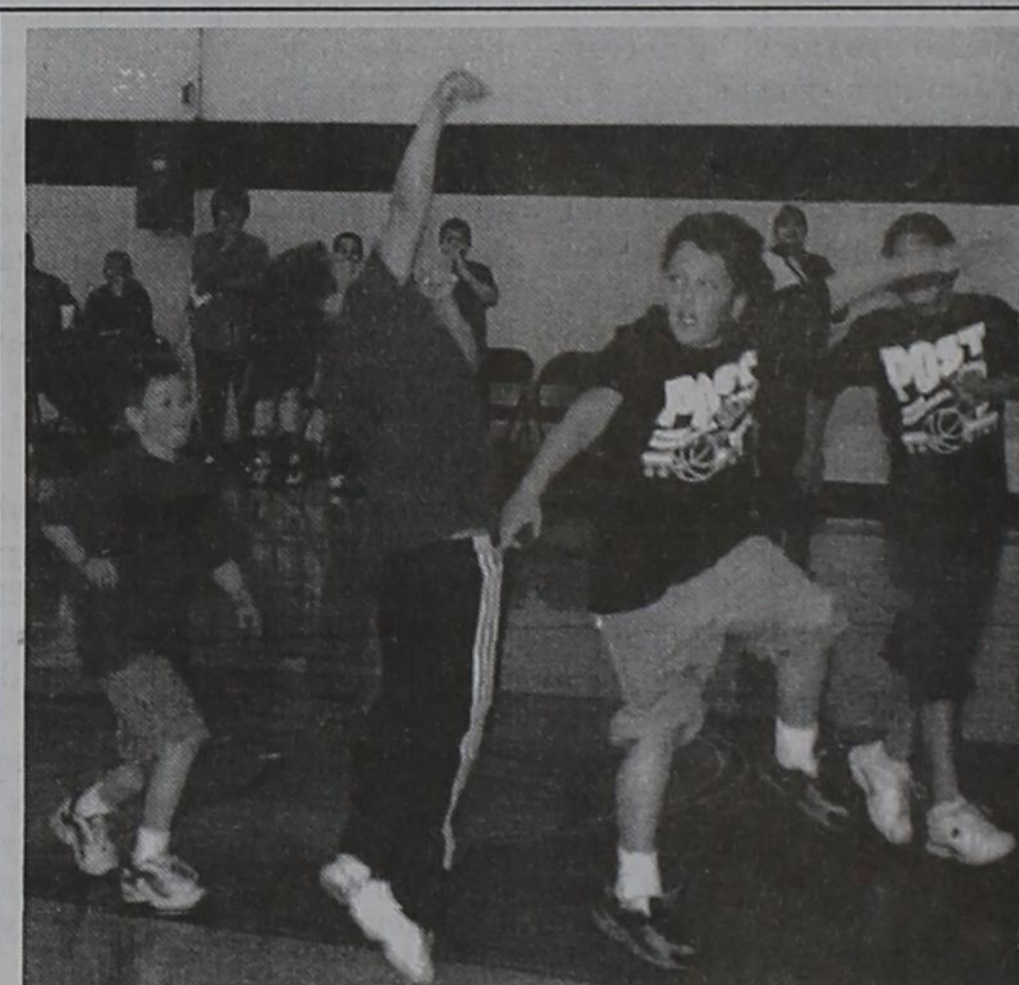
A decision to elect vice-presidents for each division resulted in the following: Donny Windham, Jr. & Sr. League; Mike Macy, Little League; Jeff McAuley, Minor League; and Terry Howard, T-Ball. Heading up this year's welcomed addition of softball, will be Ysabel Overton, vice-president for 11-12 year old girls, and Trudy Basquez for the 7-10 year olds.

Other offices held include: Dawne Stone, secretary; Sonja Fields, treasurer; Marilyn Crenshaw, safety; Greg Williams, player agent; Christina Jones, information reporter; Oscar Garcia, equipment manager; and Joey Stone, head umpire. Other board members are Marcie Oden, Robert Wilson, Carla Garcia, Phil Tyler, Josh Whiteley, Jerry Crenshaw and Danny & Dee Garcia.

Anyone with questions before or during the season, please feel free to contact any of the board members.



During this week's Post Little Dribblers action, the Red team's Austin Fields attempts a basket as Michael Huffman of the Black team hustles for a block attempt. In on the play include (left to right), Jacob Perez, Michael Guerro, Austin Fields, Caden Dean and Michael Huffman. The Red team pulled ahead to win 16-10. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



During this week's Post Little Dribblers action, the Red team, coached by Sonja Fields and Assistant Coach Lisa Dean, powered their way for a 16-10 win over the hard playing Black team coached by Trudy Basquez. Pictured are (left to right), Caden Dean, Michael Guerro, Micheal Huffman and Jacob Perez. Photo by Jerry Taylor.

### Bold Gold Powerlifting Schedule

- March 13 - Men's regionals
- March 19 - Women's state meet
- March 27 - Men's state meet

Coaches: John Wright, Kyle Motheral

### Post High School Tennis Schedule

- March 11 - Lubbock Estacado (dual meet)
- March 26 - Levelland
- April 2-3 - Abilene High
- April 6-7 - District meet (Frenship)

Coach: Nick Dickson

### Bold Gold Baseball Schedule

- March 11-13 - Snyder Tournament, there, TBA
- March 16-19 - Spring break
- March 20 - Slaton-DH, there, 1 p.m. District games
- March 22 - Idalou, there, 4:30 p.m.
- March 23 - Idalou, there, 4 p.m.
- March 26 - Tahoka, here, 7 p.m.
- March 29 - Roosevelt, there, 4:30 p.m.
- March 30 - Roosevelt, there, 7 p.m.
- April 2 - New Deal, there, 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
- April 5 - Shallowater, there, 4:30 p.m.
- April 6 - Shallowater, there, 4:30 p.m.
- April 9 - Open/Good Friday
- April 13 - Idalou, here, 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
- April 16 - Tahoka, there, 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
- April 19 - Roosevelt, here, 4:30 p.m.
- April 20 - Roosevelt, here, 5 p.m.
- April 23 - New Deal, here, 4:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
- April 26 - Shallowater, here, 4:30 p.m.
- April 27 - Shallowater, here, 4:30 p.m.

Coach: Max Kattwinkel

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