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Sheriff gets heat on proposed budget

by Wesley W. Burnett

For several years the Post City Council and the Garza County Commissioners' Court have shared eight different community service projects without much controversy. There is, however, growing indications that the arrangement may be challenged.

Questions about the rapidly increasing cost of law enforcement were expressed at the July 9 joint meeting, as Sheriff Kenny Ratke found himself in the "hot seat" about his proposed \$698,852 budget for fiscal year 2001-2002.

Ratke explained that big portions of the increase are out of his control, such as health care insurance premiums, vehicle, fuel and communication needs. City council members raised questions about the increases, with Mayor Archie Gill pointing out that the 1999 budget was \$554,000. "That's a big jump in just two years," he said.

There have been suggestions from city leaders that they may insist on a cap for law enforcement sharing by the city.

Gill also emphasized that the extra workload at Lake Alan Henry is not a responsibility of the City of Post. "Lubbock should be paying those costs," he said. Judge Giles Dalby pointed out that the county does get reimbursed by Lubbock for much of the cost of main-

taining law enforcement at the lake.

Council members asked about the sheriff's \$82,021 capital outlay plan, which includes \$45,086 for vehicle leasing, \$24,000 for radar equipment, and a series of other equipment and repairs. Ratke said plumbing at the jail is one item that needs immediate attention, as well as communications.

Dispatcher Wendy Matthews informed the council that the radio console isn't functioning, and repairs cannot be made due to the age of the equipment. "We're operating off a portable radio right now," she said.

Deputy Chris Miller explained plans for replacing the radio equipment, saying that Motorola has proposed a \$400,000 project to install and equip the department with fully digital radio service.

Another project questioned by city leaders is the "K-9 Handler," which is budgeted at \$9,380 not counting the salary of deputy Terry Moore.

No formal vote was taken, but county and city leaders agreed to discuss the law enforcement issue as budget planning continues. Other jointly funded programs expected to continue include:

EMS service - with the city paying for ambulance (purchasing)

expenses, and billing the county for one half.

Airport - both the city and county provide liability insurance and give the airport board operating funds as agreed by each entity. Rent from hanger spaces is also used by the board for operating expenses.

Community Center - County agrees to pay operating expenses while the city continues to pay for capital improvements as needed.

Library - Operated by the city, expenses for library expenses funded 75 percent by the city and 25 percent by the county.

Parks - Operated by the county with expenses shared 50/50 on maintenance at South Park. The pool is operated by the city with expenses shared 50/50. Baseball parks operated and funded by the city.

Landfill - Operated by the city with expenses funded 75 percent by the city and 25 percent by the county.

Fire Department - Operated by the city, with the county paying \$225 per call outside the city limits. An additional \$125 per call has been placed into a fund for equipment needed by the department.

No charges filed on youth passing counterfeit \$100 bills

Local authorities are still trying to determine how to handle four local youths accused of trying to pass a pair of counterfeit \$100 bills last week.

Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke said the incidents, which occurred at a pair of local businesses July 10, potentially carry felony charges; however, the complainants have agreed to accept restitution, and no formal charges have been filed against any of the suspects.

"But this will be handled through the courts," Ratke said.

According to reports, the counterfeit bills were created using computer hardware found in many homes — a flatbed scanner. The sheriff said the counterfeit bill he saw looked surprisingly authentic.

When the youths attempted to pass the bills as currency, the counterfeits were recognized, and authorities were notified.

"All four have been in (to the sheriff's department) and talked to," Ratke said. "Basically it looks like this was a childhood prank that backfired."

Harley Sadler tribute opens July 20

"Too Poor to Paint, Too Proud to Whitewash" is the name of the Harley Sadler tribute performance set to take the stage this weekend at the Garza Theatre.

Directed by Christy Morris, "Too Poor..." represents the theatre's annual tribute to Harley Sadler.

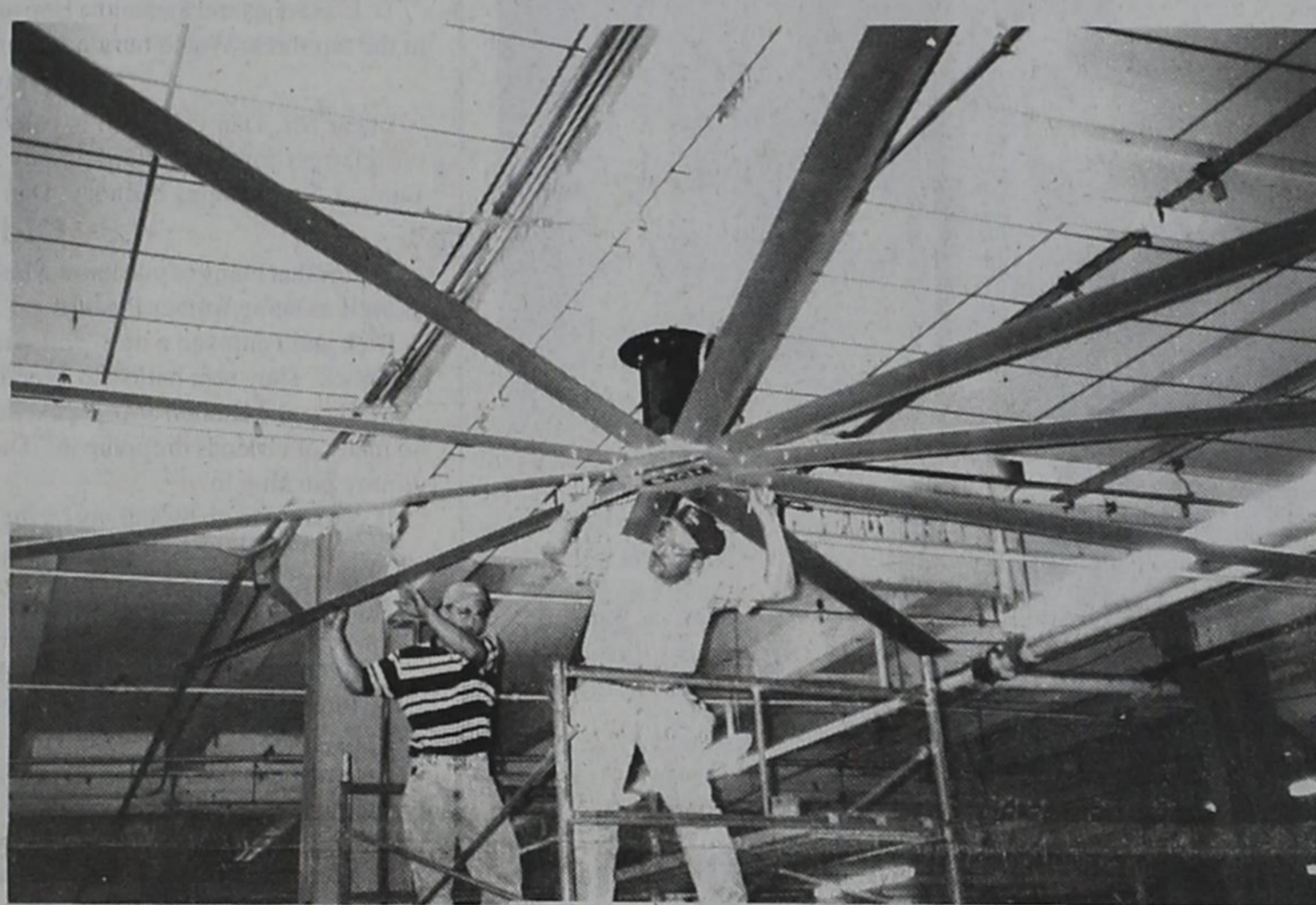
The play will star Cordell Green, Emily Hataway, Jay Young, Matthew Ladd, Ginny Haning, Kindyl Keeton, Mikey Gonzales, Terry Sackett, Heather Bullard and Jeff Conner.

Performances are set for Friday and Saturday, as well as July 27-28 and Aug. 3-5.

Curtain times are 7:45 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinee.

Tickets cost \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12.

For more information, call the box office at 495-4005.



Cooling off time at Trade Days

The "world's biggest ceiling fan" has been installed at Old Mill Trade Days in the east end of the Weaving Room. Jerry Vance (right) and his assistant David Norman got the giant, 20 feet rotors up and ready last week.

PNS makes pitch for clinic service to GHD

by Wes Burnett

Physicians Network System (PNS) of Lubbock has expressed interest in operating a tax supported clinic in Post. The presentation of potential services was made to the Garza County Hospital District (GCHD) board at its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, July 11.

Paul Ackerman, representing the management team at PNS, told the board that PNS would operate and manage health care services tailored to the specific needs of the board and the community.

Ackerman cited Floydada, Slaton, Idalou and Shallowater as examples of the services provided by PNS. He said that at Floydada the hospital district was losing \$20,000 to \$25,000 per month, and after two years the clinic was self supporting. The contract with Floydada provides for the hospital district to share profits from the clinic.

PNS operates and manages 11 clinics with 50 doctors on contract.

GCHD board members recommended that PNS submit a formal proposal, which would be considered along with other interested health providers. Ackerman said that PNS would need to know more specifically what level of service was expected, in order to prepare an appropriate proposal.

GCHD board president Mike Travis said that the board is considering at least four scenarios: (1) reopen the hospital, (2) provide a 24 hour, seven days a week clinic with emergency services, (3) provide a weekday clinic with physician on call for emergencies or (4) continue with current services of weekday clinic only.

The board devoted considerable attention to an advertising project with the Caprock Cultural Association, deciding to allow the Post Hospital Foundation to fund the project if the foundation directors agree. The cost is \$150 per year for a page on the CCA's web site. Travis said that the district's attorney informed him that the district could not fund the advertising project from tax sources.

Board member Leon Miller made a report on the citizen advisory committee's work, announcing that a health care survey had been completed and would be ready to mail to county citizens in the near future. The board approved the project, which is designed to solicit input from every household in Garza County. The project will cost \$1,159, according to Miller.

"It's real important for people to respond, we need a big response so we can judge which way to go," he said. Miller reported that three percent return is average for these kind of surveys. The committee meets again July 19 for a brainstorming session on how to get local people to respond to the survey.

The informal referendum will be a deciding factor in how the board decides to proceed with its future plans.

Covenant Health Systems reported that in June there were 583 doctor visits at the clinic, with 100 other visits. There will be a reception for Dr. Raul on August 2 at the clinic from 2 to 4 p.m. She will be moving with her husband as a result of his reassignment.

Dr Bergfeld will see Dr Raul's patients until a replacement is found.

The hospital district is currently serving 19 indigents, spending \$2,307.03 in direct expenses during June with a \$68,864 tab for the current fiscal year.

During the public forum, several Garza County citizens quizzed the board about its future plans and asked Ackerman additional questions about PNS capabilities. Ackerman emphasized that PNS is not able to absorb losses to operate a clinic, and that health care needs to be tailored the real needs of the community.

Mike Mayo, owner of Golden Plains Care Center, emphasized that a lot of promises had been made over the years, but none delivered. "WE have got resolve the issue of public confidence in health care service here," he added.

Travis responded by saying that the board would do what the majority of people want, referring to the survey being prepared by the citizen advisory committee.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, August 14 at CitizensBank community room, beginning at 6 p.m.



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Post Notes

Church offers "Beach Trek"

The Holy Cross Catholic is offering "Beach Trek: Vacation Bible Experience" from July 23 to July 27 at the church between 5-8:30 p.m. The five-session vacation Bible experience features a "fun-filled beach setting." Participants will meet new friends, sing, play games, do crafts, enjoy snacks and hear some great stories about Jesus. Youth ages three through 13 are invited. Enroll by calling Julie at 495-2791 or Naomi at 495-2142.

VFW sets Saturday dance

The Post VFW will host a dance Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with music by DJ Cowboy.

July 20 garage sale to help church

Members of the Holy Cross Catholic Church are holding a breakfast burrito and garage sale on Friday, July 20 at the church. Breakfast serving begins at 6:30 a.m., with a fish fry and garage sale set for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Head Start recruitment

Recruitment for the upcoming year of South Plains Early Head Start will be held July 20-27. Applications will be taken at the local Early Head Start center Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pregnant moms are also invited to participate. Call 495-3446 for more information.

Post Dispatch offers on-line service

The Post Dispatch is now offering Post news on line. The new internet service is available on the web site: www.postcityradio.net and at this time offers page one, obituaries and opinion page. Users will need to install Adobe Acrobat Reader to utilize the new service.

Redistricting public hearing July 27

The Garza County Commissioners' Court will hold a special session and public hearing on Friday, July 27 at 7 p.m. in the Post Community Center to receive public comments on redistricting of county elections.

County team roping August 4

The Garza County Team Roping will be held August 4 at 7 p.m. at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena. Roper may pre-register by August 1 by calling Kellie Macy at 495-2861 or Danny Vernon at 495-2415.

Close City-Garlynn reunion August 18

The Post Community Center will be the site for this year's Close City-Garlynn Reunion. A \$9 per plate catered meal will be featured. Call Charles Morris at 495-3413 or Laverne Aten at (806) 327-5678 so they will know how many meals to order.

Antelope Booster Club meets July 24

The Post Antelope Booster Club meets Tuesday, July 24 at the high school commons beginning at 7 p.m. The main topic will be plans for the annual "Meet The Antelopes Night."

Get Ready... the Post Stampede Rodeo is just around the corner!

Amy Mason, Shawn Pennell announce Sept. 15 wedding

Dennis and Debbie Mason of Post are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy D'Lynne Mason, to Shawn Roy Pennell, son of Joe and Karen Pennell of Post.

The bride-elect, a 1997 graduate of the Borden County Independent School District, attended Lubbock Christian University and is employed by Dr. Charles McCook, DDS.

Her fiancé is a 1994 Post High School graduate who attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville. He is employed by the George R. Brown Partnership.

A Saturday, Sept. 15, 2001, wedding ceremony at the Hotel Garza is planned.

Baby shower honors Payne

A baby shower honoring Mabry Payne, infant daughter of Tray and Heidi Payne was held July 10, 2001, from 7-8 p.m. in the home of Delores Redman. Guests were served assorted cookies, brownies, mints and sherbet punch from a table decorated with fresh flowers and nursery rhyme items.

Special guests include the infant's parents; her paternal grandmother, Carol Payne; and her aunt, Traci Payne, all of Lubbock.

Hostesses included Mrs. Redman, LuAnne Terry, Jane George, Jane Mason, Eydie Capps, Ora Beth White, Marilyn Williams, LeeAnn Hodges, Alexa Collier, Linda Lewis, Carol Williams, Theresa Harp and Marianne Hart. They presented an electronic swing to the baby.

District Governor addresses Post Rotarians

Jerry N. Worthy, Rotary District #5730 governor from Big Spring, and his wife visited Post last Tuesday.

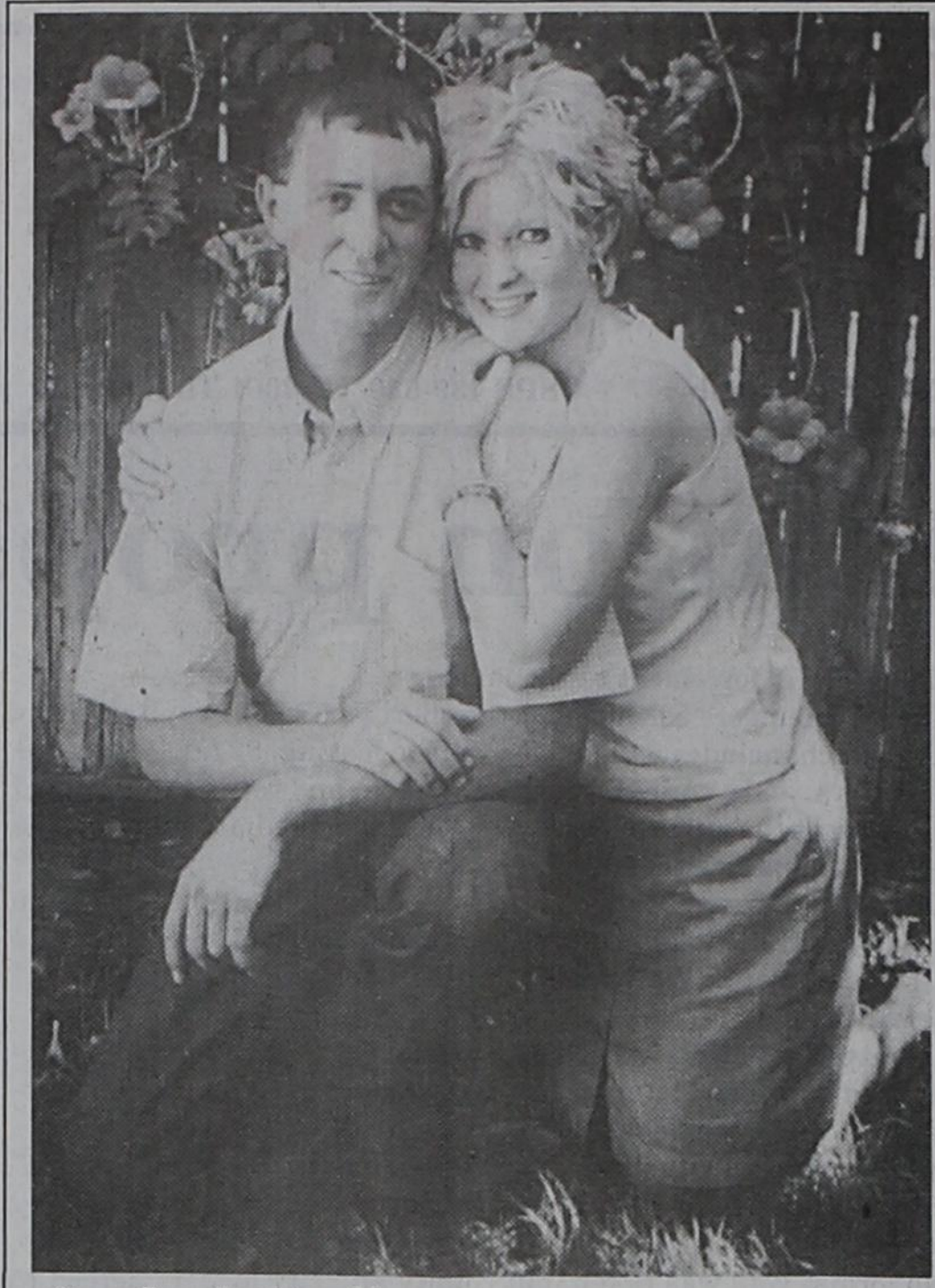
The Worthys were special guests of Giles McCrary as they toured the OS Museum.

Worthy attended the noon meeting of the Post Rotary Club, where he installed officers for the coming year.

New officers include Leon Miller, president; Jana Bullard, president-elect; Charles Hardin, secretary; Victor Ashley, treasurer; Ray Bagby, sergeant-at-arms; and directors Leslie Acker, Paige Huckaby, Syd Conner and Dr. James Bell.

The governor challenged members to follow Rotary International's theme for 2001 — "Mankind is our Business" — in all club activities during the coming year.

Worthy and his wife left Post to participate in activities at Camp Ryla, a Rotary-sponsored camp designed to promote youth leadership near Ruidoso, N.M.



Shawn Pennell and Amy Mason



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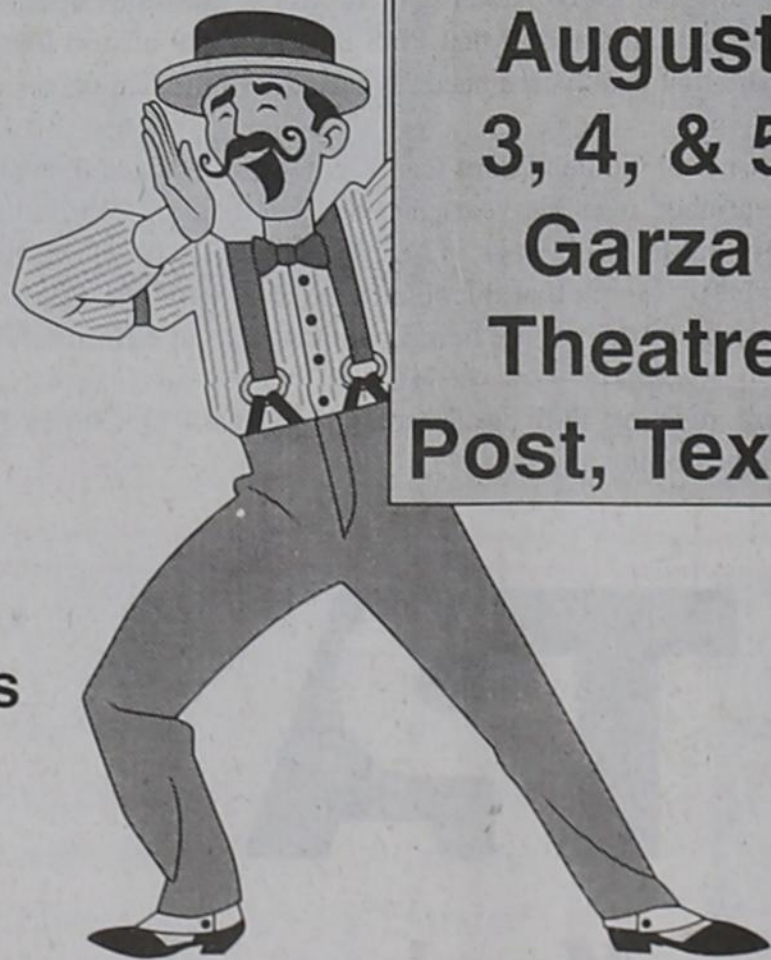
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Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Well folks, look like we're gonna have another hot week! I don't know about you, but it's enough just feeling the heat without the weathermen (and ladies) telling us about all the records we are breaking.

Rick and I made a revealing discovery this past week end. We're old!!

Our weekend started Friday evening, when with the help of our dear son-in-laws, we moved nearly everything out of the house into the garage, in preparation of painting Saturday and having new carpet put down Monday.

We were up bright and early Saturday, raring to go. Thank goodness for Jason at Higginbotham-Bartlett for renting out a paint sprayer. Great invention.

Finally, after getting all the adjustments made, we got started. It didn't take us long to realize that there should be alot of preparation (that we didn't do) before using a sprayer. None the less, six rooms and 10 hours later we were through... spraying.

We hobbled to the car, off to Mom's to shower (you could not EVEN get in our bath). Had to make a quick trip to Lubbock, then back home where we drag in (with eyes closed) and fell into bed.

Upon arising Sunday morning, we had to open our eyes and look at the clean up ahead. But, just a few nine hours later we were finished (except for moving all the furniture back in!)

Monday morning, muscles that we did not even know we had, were screaming, but the house looked great! Oh, to be 20 again.

My Sympathies

To the Foster family. Cecil had been on "Post Main" for a long time and had helped lots of folks. I know he will be missed.

Class Of 65... OOPS

Last week I repeated an e-mail about Fuddy. Seems I was all wrong. Well actually, he was put on the transplant list, but changed dramatically when a procedure was done.

Fuddy, if you are reading this, please know you are in my prayers and I wanted you in everyone else's too.

Congratulations!!!

To Lori Jones and Samantha Hoover for finishing the Monterey Basketball Camp in the top three. Watch out Lady Lopes!!

Happy Birthday

I hear Mr. Dan Cockrum is celebrating his 90th birthday. They are having a birthday get-together Saturday, July 28th at the Community Room at Wells Fargo Bank, 2-5 pm. Happy birthday, Dan.

Old Friends

I know that many of you know Markey and Damon Stotts of "Chicken Fry" fame, as well as being former Postites.

Rick and I enjoyed a meal with them Saturday evening at their new business in Lubbock. They sent hello's to everyone.

Markey and Damon both are excited to be closer to Post and have really enjoyed so many old friends dropping in. "Damon's" is really a family affair with Sally and Jimmy pitching in.

If you want to go by and say hi, they are in the former Furr's Pie Kitchen on 50th.

Do You Remember?

1. Candy Cigarettes
2. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles.
3. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard toppers.
4. Party lines on phones.
5. Roller skates with keys
6. Blue flash bulbs
7. Metal ice cube trays, with levers.
8. 45 RPM records.
9. Green stamps.
10. Wash tub ringers.

Birthdays:

Friday, July 20; Debbie Worthington and Ryan Belongia, anniversary, Donnie and Paulett Lawrence; Saturday, July 21; my grandson, Colby Crispin, Lisa White and Daryl Foster; Sunday, July 22, Wayne Edwards, Reva Rodriguez, Darrell Jones, Jamie Williams and my oldest grandson, James Striblin. Monday, July 23, Joy Dawson and Melba "Jane" Cimental; Tuesday, July 24, Joel Morris and Steve Pena; Wednesday, July 25, Jett Lott, Albert Riojas, Ted Brannon and Kirk Stevens; Thursday, July 26; Jackie Gonzales and John David Fields.

Till Next Week

Have a great weekend and rest, I'm going to. Please pray for rain. May God hold you in the palm on his hand and the angels watch over you. See ya next week.

Births

Armando Ayala, Jr.

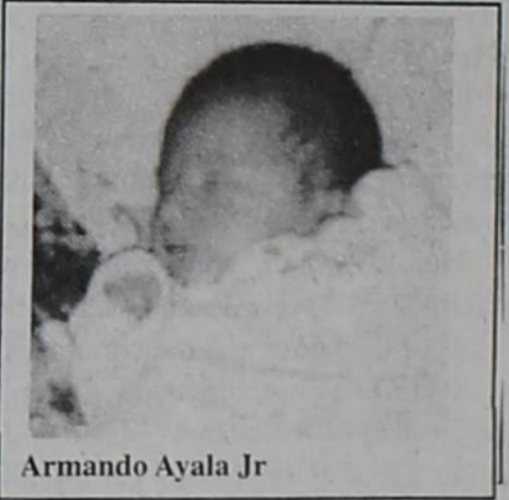
Armando Ayala and Belinda Garcia are the proud parents of their baby boy, Armando Ayala, Jr.

He was welcomed home by his sister, four year old Belicia, who is very proud and overprotective of her brother.

Armando Jr., was born May 25, 2001 in Covenant Hospital. He weighed seven pounds, 5.2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Alberto and Pura Garcia from Cotton Center and Pat and Anita Ayala of Post.

Great grandmothers are Rosita Cantu from Reynosa, Mexico and Francisca Ayala from Post.



Armando Ayala Jr

Graycen Emily Guthrie

Rodney and Jill Guthrie are proud to announce the arrival of Addison's baby sister, Graycen Emily Guthrie, who was born June 13, 2001 at 11:29 a.m. She weighed seven pounds and was 19 inches long at birth.

Proud cousins are Tyler Bennett and Kelton and Kendrick Boland.

Grandparents are Herman and Diann Guthrie, Greatgrandmother Geneva Foster of Post and great grandfather Paul Foster of Lubbock.



Addison and Graycen Guthrie



Before King George IV of England ordered a set of boots made to fit each of his feet, shoes were designed to be worn on either foot.

The saxophone is named for Antoine Sax. He also created the lesser-known instruments the saxhorn and saxotromba.



Journey of Hope cyclists took a break in Post last week on their cross country Push America campaign. Arriving here Wednesday afternoon, the bikers were hosted locally by the Post Lions Club, whose members prepared meals and the Post Church of Christ provided lodging the church's fellowship hall. The bikers are members of Pi Kappa Phi, which raises funds for awareness on behalf of people with disabilities. Before leaving for Aspermont and eastward, the crew stepping out into the hot sun for a photograph included (back row, left to right) Rich Dickinson, Clarion, Iowa; Kenny Ubbie, New Roads, Louisiana; Sean McGivein, Topeka, Kansas; Trey Riddle, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Chris Chrisman, Longmont, Colorado; Matt Saggitt, Snohomish, Washington; Chris Oldham, Midland, Texas; David Wang, Saratoga, California; David Peterson, Reading, Maine; (kneeling) Julio Jones, Tulsa, Oklahoma and Michael Krieves, Bend, Oregon.



Congratulating Larry and Ann Petersen (fourth and third from right) with their employees Sue Bond (fourth and fifth from left) and Anna Mason, at Uncle Larry's Snack Shack earlier this week were Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau directors (left to right) Charles Hardin, Jana Bullard, Marie Neff, Wanda Mitchell (second from right) and JoAnn Stelzer.

Nothing that was worthy in the past departs; no truth or goodness realized by man ever dies, or can die.
—Thomas Carlyle

Record temps keep SPS busy

Record temperatures broiling Southwestern Public Service Company's service territory — a 52,000-square-mile area in eastern New Mexico, the South Plains and the Texas Panhandle, the Oklahoma Panhandle and southwestern Kansas — spiked demand for electric service this past week, creating three consecutive all-time company peak loads.

SPS hit its newest all-time peak — 4,169 megawatts — Thursday, July 12. The peak was 83 megawatts higher than the pre-2001 all-time peak of 4,086 megawatts, which was reached in August of last year.

One megawatt serves the electric service needs of about 1,000 homes. SPS serves more than 415,000

meters — industrial, commercial, wholesale and home accounts. About one million people live in the service area.

The consecutive all-time peak uses of energy began July 10 when total SPS load was 4,088 megawatts. Use of energy to power air conditioning and for crop-irrigation pumping spurred the high demand.

A second new peak, 4,150 megawatts, was set on July 11, which the SPS Daily Report of Operations described simply as "hot, hot, hot."

Last Thursday it was hotter still. A number of SPS-served communities, including the two largest — Lubbock and Amarillo — were dry-baked at 104 degrees Fahrenheit — a day-record high for many communities.

Post All-Star Seniors capture district championship

Post 9, Southwest 7

In Senior League action July 10, Post withstood a furious rally by the Southwest team to move within one game of clinching the championship for District 2.

Jett Lott got the game winning hit, scoring Coby Jones and Brody Robertson, who were on base via a fielder's choice single and a walk, respectively. Lott's hit was scored a double, but he was thrown out trying to advance to third base and put Post ahead in the top of the sixth inning.

Post's rally came after Southwest scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to forge a 7-7 tie.

Mitchell Mills took the ball to start the game and pitched five innings with 89 pitches. Mills' strike and ball ratio was a respectable 41-32. He spun a five-inning, five-hitter with three walks and one hit batter. Seven runs came in for Southwest and six Southwest batters struck out due to Mills' fastball and curve.

Cody Fox relieved in the sixth inning and with the help of Post's tight defense, preserved the win. Robertson ran down and caught a screamer from Southwest's leadoff batter for out number one. After a walk to the next batter, Bryan Looney took a hot grounder at second for a 4-3 putout at first. Southwest's Jason King went down swinging to end the upset bid.

Batting for Post were Kenny Ratke, one single, two walks, scored twice; Mills, one double, one single, one RBI, scored once; Fox, one single, two walks, scored once; Looney, one single; David Rivera, one single with one RBI; Jones, one fielder's choice hit, one RBI; Robertson, one single, one walk, scored twice; Lott, one single, one double, one inside-the-park homerun, scored once, four RBIs; Patrick Gonzales, one walk, scored once; and Mitch Holly, one single, one RBI.

Post met the same Southwest club in Thursday night's championship game. Southwest earned the right to face Post after beating a strong Dixie club 13-9.

Post 9, Southwest 3

Post defeated the Southwest All-Stars to win the District 2 championship Thursday, July 12.

Post won two straight games over Southwest and went 4-0 in tournament play to capture an average winning margin of 9 to 3.5.

Post now advances to the Shallowater tourney Thursday, July 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in a game against Canadian.

After a scoreless first inning, Post held Southwest to only three runs in the fourth inning while Post scored in all remaining innings to ruin Southwest's upset bid.

Fox's pitching totals for the seven-inning complete game showed 85 pitches, with 46 strikes and 23 balls and approximately 20 pickoff attempts and foul balls not on the pitch total. Fox had three non-error base hits, one walk and 11 strikeouts with one hit Southwest batter.

Batting for Post were Ratke, one double, one walk, scored once and two RBIs; Mills, one double, one single, scored twice; Fox, one triple, one walk, one single, scored twice with one RBI; Looney, one on base by hit batter, one single with one RBI; Jones, one single, one sacrifice fly, scored once; Mark Norman, one single, scored once; Robertson, one single; Lott, one double; Gonzales, two walks, one on-base by hit batter, scored once; Rivera, one sacrifice fly, one on-base by hit batter, scored once.

Post Junior League All Stars win first round

The Post Junior League All Stars won their first round of competition in Post by defeating Lubbock Midwest Saturday, July 7; the Lubbock Southwest team on Sunday, July 8; Roosevelt on Tuesday, July 10; and Lubbock Dixie on Friday, July 13.

The team's only tournament loss was to Lubbock Dixie 13-3 on Thursday, July 12.

Members of the Junior League team include Colton Valdez, Quinton Odom, Randon Blacklock, Theodore Paiz, Justin Williams, Stace Norman, Eric Reyna, Miles Gray, Javen Abraham, Andrew Espinoza, Jonathan McGregor and Zack Perez.

The team will advance to Odessa this week for the next round of competition. They are scheduled to play Midland Northern at 8 p.m. tonight, July 19.

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If you are planning a campground family get together this year, the following tips can help make your reunion an event to remember:

- **Plan Ahead.** It's a good idea to call a campground in advance to be sure they can accommodate your group. In addition, campground hosts often have experience planning reunions and can sometimes offer good advice.

- **Plan A Family Feast.** Decide if you want a "pot luck" style reunion or a catered event. Check to see if the campground where the gathering will be held can help with menu suggestions or even provide catering.

MAKING LIFE MORE FUN

(NAPS)—A growing number of people are using family reunions as an excuse to get back to nature. That's because many of today's campgrounds offer inexpensive and comfortable conveniences that can make a reunited family feel more at home.

For example, Kampgrounds of America (KOA) has pools, stores, meeting rooms, pavilions and playgrounds—all of which can

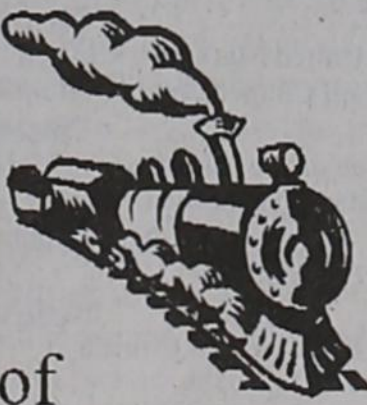
help the most finicky family members feel more comfortable.

In addition—for those who prefer to do their sleeping inside—many of the campgrounds have cozy Kamping Kabin's, which can comfortably sleep four people.

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As I wipe a tear from my eye,
I remember those good times with a sigh.
I know God only takes the best,
And leaves us to stand the test,
I've tried not to be so sad
and think of this as something sad,
For if I stay true and fast
We will some day be together in eternity at last.
We will meet at heaven's door
And live with God forever more.
The Old Man

\$1.5 million available for new conservation program

Through a provision of the Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has received approximately \$1.5 million in cost-share funds for a new conservation program called Soil and Water Conservation Assistance (SWCA).

The Texas State Technical Committee has recommended that this program be targeted to controlling erosion on private agricultural lands. Cost-share and/or incentive payments will be provided to agricultural producers to install erosion control practices on their farm or ranch. Examples of erosion control practices include grade stabilization structures, terraces, grass waterways, field windbreaks, minimum tillage, critical area treatments and other applicable practices.

Although similar to the Environmental Quality Incentive Program, funds for this program can only be used for conservation projects outside of 2001 EQIP priority areas and the National Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) Longleaf Pine Conservation Priority Area.

"This gives landowners an opportunity to install conservation

measures on both grazing land and cropland in non-priority areas," said John Burt, NRCS state conservationist.

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Sheriff responsible for county wide law enforcement

by Wesley W. Burnett

City of Post (incorporated) leaders are rightfully questioning the tradition of sharing of one-half of the Garza County Sheriff's Department annual budget.

The State of Texas constitution specifies the Sheriff as the highest law officer in the county, and it is his duty to enforce the laws of Texas and U.S. throughout the county.

Law enforcement is not the responsibility of incorporated municipal governments. Law enforcement in the county, including the city, is the duty of the county sheriff, for the entire county... not just those portions of the county which are unincorporated.

It is the duty of the city (municipal corporation) to enforce its codes and ordinances. That enforcement is not the duty, nor the responsibility of the Sheriff.

City council members concerned about the high cost of law enforcement should abandon the idea that they are somehow responsible for law enforcement. They are not responsible for enforcing the law, they are only responsible for operating and managing the City of Post corporate matters.

Look at this way, city council members are elected to a board of directors of a corporation known as the "City of Post." That corporation has certain specified functions, including enforcement of the corporation's codes and ordinances.

Enforcing those codes and ordinances is not the responsibility of the sheriff... he is responsible only for enforcing the law. Codes and ordinances are not law.

City and county government will be much improved when this issue is settled, not on emotion or pointing fingers, but by following the law. There is no provision in the law requiring the sheriff to enforce city codes. He does, however, have the full responsibility for enforcing state law in the county... all of the county.

County tax payers, which includes a sizeable number of folks who live in the City of Post, will be better served when their elected officials separate funding according to ownership and responsibility. Doesn't it make sense for the owner of the property to be responsible for its operation and maintenance?

This "traditional" sharing of tax funds not only "muddies" the water, but it dilutes efficient management of resources.

Liberty's greatest advocate

by Walter E. Williams

June 30 marked the 200th anniversary of the birth of Frederic Bastiat. If one were to list the top 10 advocates of liberty, French philosopher-economist Bastiat would rank high on that list. He'd easily outrank any one of the founders of our nation.

I'm honored to have been invited by the New York-based Foundation for Economic Education (fee.org) to give the keynote address at a conference celebrating Bastiat's birthday, which was held in Carcassonne, France, near where Bastiat spent most of his short life (1801-1850).

You say: "Williams, who's this guy, Bastiat? We've never heard of him."

Frederic Bastiat wrote several important works, among them "Economic Sophisms" and "The Law." In all of his writings, he attacked tyranny, economic ignorance and self-serving myths.

His observations about human nature and government are just as true today as during his time. Bastiat warned: "Now since man is naturally inclined to avoid pain — and since labor is pain in itself — it follows that man will resort to plunder whenever plunder is easier than work."

History shows this quite clearly. And under these conditions, neither religion nor morality can stop it. "What does Bastiat mean by plunder? Plunder is when people forcibly take the property of another."

It's legalized plunder when people use government, such as our Congress, to do the same thing. Or, as Bastiat put it, "The state is the great fiction by which everybody tries to live at the expense of everyone else."

Since people covet and try to take what belongs to others, Bastiat said, it is evident, then, that the proper law (government) is to use the power of its collective force to stop this fatal tendency to plunder instead of to work. All the measures of the law should protect property and punish plunder."

Do our elected representatives protect property and punish plunder, or do they punish property and protect plunder? It's a mixed story. Two-thirds to three-quarters of next year's \$2 trillion federal budget represents



legalized plunder, where Congress makes it possible for one American to live at the expense of another.

Most expenditures made by Washington's behemoth agencies such as the Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Education, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Social Security Administration represent earnings forcibly taken from one American and given to another American.

This legalized plunder isn't limited to money handouts. There's plunder in the form of special privileges such as import tariffs and quotas, licenses and franchises, where government rigs the market in favor of certain sellers, particularly those making large campaign contributions.

Often legalized plunder is done in the name of the poor. Bastiat had a prediction about that: "When under the pretext of fraternity the legal code imposes mutual sacrifices on citizens, human nature is not thereby abrogated. Everyone will then direct his efforts toward contributing little to, and taking much from, the common fund of sacrifices."

Now, is it the most unfortunate who gains from this struggle? Certainly not, but rather the most influential and calculating. "We Americans, at least the moral among us, are increasingly confronted with Bastiat's dilemma: "When law and morality contradict one another, the citizen has the cruel alternative of either losing his sense of morality or losing his respect for the law."

Frederic Bastiat admired our country, saying — and noting the exceptions of slavery and tariffs — "Look at the United States. There is no country in the world where the law is kept more within its proper domain: the protection of every person's liberty and property."

If Bastiat were alive today, I doubt whether he'd have that same level of admiration.

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Flag desecration amendment does not improve with age

by Vin Suprynowicz

The U.S. House of Representatives now readies to propose for the fifth time a constitutional amendment banning the "desecration" of the American flag.

Why can't the Congress simply pass a law by majority vote — why would a constitutional amendment be required?

Because such a law would violate the existing First Amendment to the Constitution, of course — the one that touches on freedom of speech, while barring the Congress from any legislation concerning "an establishment of religion."

This recycled patriotic tub-thumper dates back to two Supreme Court decisions in 1989 and 1990, in which a narrow 5-4 majority struck down a Texas flag desecration statute after a member of the "Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade" was convicted of burning an American flag.

What ever happened to the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade? No one seems to know, and even fewer care. Assuming the group ever had enough members to fill a phone booth, it's better than even odds most are now Little League coaches with 401(k) plans.

Equally significant is that one also has to go back nearly that far to find anyone committing political flag burning — the heyday of this particular form of protest having passed with the fall of Saigon.

So why does this bad old penny keep turning up?

Many who support such an amendment — including veterans who lost buddies fighting under the Stars and Stripes — are motivated by sincere patriotic feeling. But this is one case where skeptics like Sen. Tom Daschle, D-South Dakota, have it right. "It's our view that defending the Constitution is far more important," Mr. Daschle said the last time the proposal reached the Senate.

"There's no one who wants to protect constitutional freedoms as much as I do," declared Rep. Jim Gibbons, R-Nevada, last week. But "burning an American flag is the same as a hate crime. It is contemplating the overthrow of this government, of the symbol this government stands for."

It's saddening to have to point out that this statement from the usually sensible Rep. Gibbons is buffoonery of the first order, on several counts:

First, to perform the symbolic act of flag-burning is now the same as advocating the overthrow of the government — quite to the contrary, it can be sensibly argued one of the reasons no one has ever seriously tried to overthrow this government (even old Jeff Davis would have been content to let the North continue to misgovern itself as it pleased) is that we allow the self-corrective safety valve of free political criticism.

Second, even if flag-burning could be incontrovertibly demonstrated to mean "I believe the U.S. government should be overthrown" ... so what? In America, it's perfectly legal to say even that ... a crime occurs only if the desperate or deluded soul then gathers with others to set a conspiracy in motion through overt acts, such as blowing up

buildings or planning assassinations.

Third, legislation which asks juries to read the mind of an offender, awarding extra penalties if their crystal balls instruct them the culprit's motive was "hate," are themselves constitutionally dubious on their face.

And last, sadly, it turns out there are many who "want to protect constitutional freedoms" more than Mr. Gibbons does — starting with all those who oppose this frivolous amendment.

Because the contention that flag burning ("desecration," as the sponsors would have it) is not an act of political speech just won't hold water.

The root of the word "desecration" is the word "sacred" — "consecrated to or belonging to the divinity or a deity; holy." But there is no organized religion which actually worships the American flag or believes it was handed down to man directly by the Creator, like the tablets of Sinai. And if there were, Congress would in turn be specifically banned by the First Amendment from "establishing" such a religion — that is to say, from requiring adherence to its beliefs or edicts under penalty of law.

Suppose this onanistic amendment is enacted, whereupon an elderly school custodian takes down his tattered and faded example of Old Glory, carries it to the basement, and soberly destroys the worn old banner in the school furnace.

Would he be charged with a crime? Of course not. That's the proper and recommended way to dispose of an old flag.

So it's not the physical act of burning a flag that would be banned, but only the political content of flag burning, as an act of protest.

That is to say: only the part protected by the First Amendment. Right Mr. Gibbons?

Yes, flag burning is an act designed to express — and generate — outrage. Is it really so unthinkable that our federal police might do something under the red-white-and-blue to which an appropriate response might be an expression of outrage? And once we've gone this far, what other "outrages" shall we next ban by popular acclamation? Some of our more "dangerous" churches? Newspapers? Internet sites?

On the bright side, so unlikely is this measure to gain two-thirds support this time around, that it appears the Senate won't even bother to schedule a vote.

Good.

"When all government, in little as in great things, shall be drawn to Washington as the Center of all Power, it will render powerless the checks provided of one government on another and will become as venal and oppressive as the government from which we separated."

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"When great changes occur in history, when great principles are involved, as a rule the majority are wrong. The minority are right." — Eugene V. Debs (1855-1926)

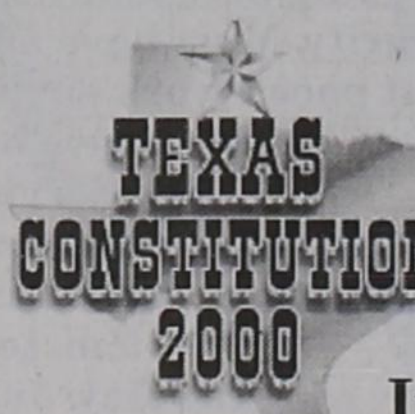
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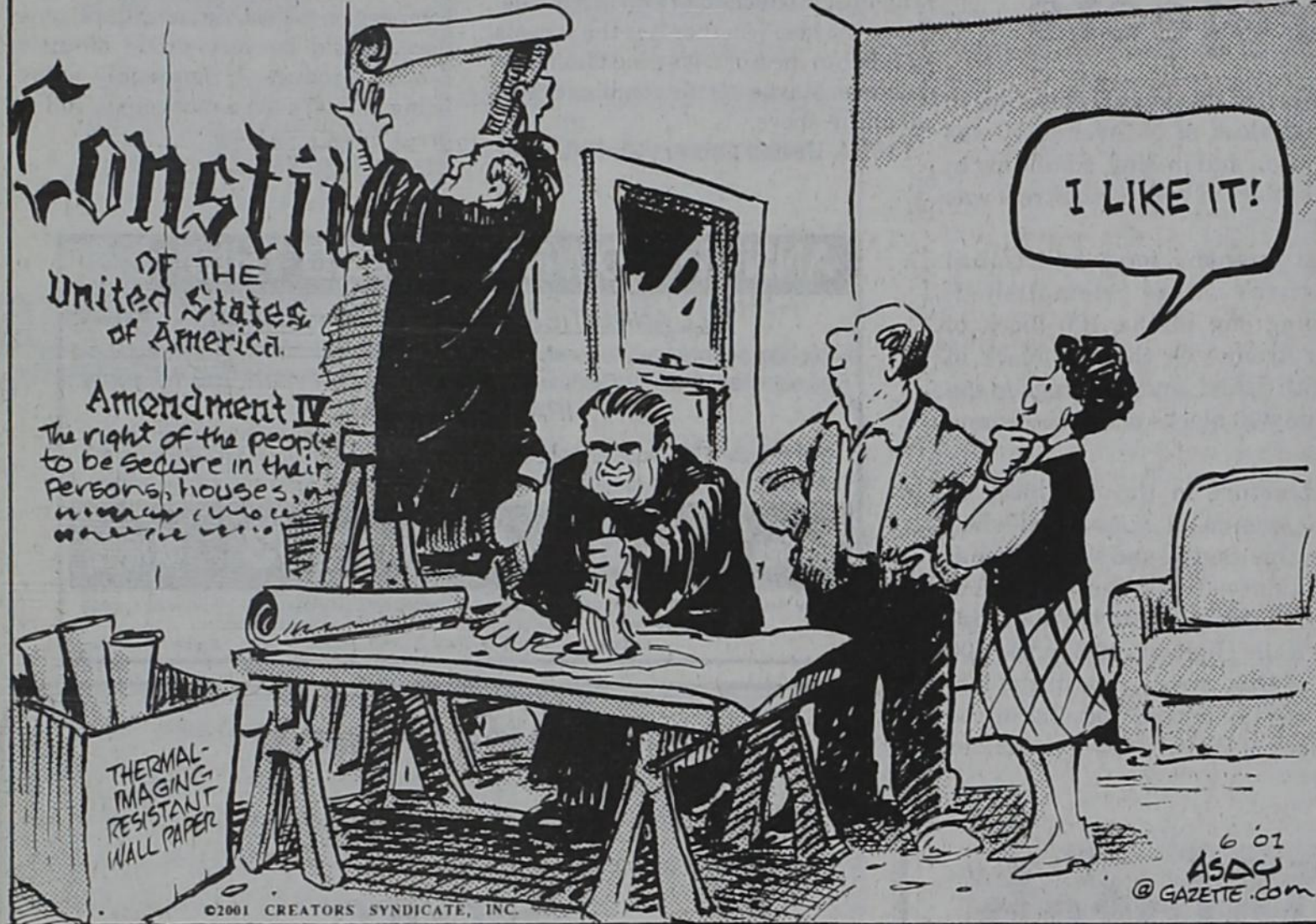
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Tax activist takes a page from Ghandi

by Julie Foster
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Today (7/10/01) marks day 10 of tax-activist Bob Schulz's hunger strike - a last-ditch effort to gain an audience with government officials asked to address arguments that income taxes have no legal basis. "I'm not hungry anymore," said Schulz, founder and chairman of the We the People Foundation for Constitutional Education. He did say, however, he experienced "some discomfort as I went through withdrawal, but that's past now."

Though he is beginning to feel "some weakness" due to lack of food, Schulz said he is "surprised to feel as good as I do, but I've never done this before."

Thankful for his high spirits, the protester's days have been full since arriving in Washington, D.C. last week from his home state of New York. Yesterday, Schulz submitted a formal remonstrance and five-page cover letter to President Bush at the White House, where he had an appointment to meet with White House staff. Similar materials were given to Sen. Tom Daschle and House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

Begun on July 1, the hunger strike now also includes Oklahoma businessman and sympathizer Roland Croteau, who began fasting a day after Schulz. The men are touring the Washington area together, urging senators, congressmen, the president and IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti to hear them out.

Schulz plans to continue his fast "until he dies or until the federal government agrees to send experts to a public forum to refute evidence of researchers from the Tax Honesty Movement as to the unconstitutionality of the federal income tax and its illegal enforcement," says We the People's website.

Commonly called "tax protesters" or "non-filers" by the IRS - even though many, including Schulz, do pay their taxes - members of the self-described "tax-honesty movement" or "patriot movement" believe income taxes are a hoax. The 16th Amendment, which authorized collection of an income tax, was fraudulently ratified in 1913, they say. And even if the amendment were properly enacted, Congress has never enacted a law effecting the collection of such taxes, they believe. To take it even a step further, many tax protesters argue that should such laws exist, the government has created a constitutional problem by requiring filers to waive their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. These arguments and others are explored in-depth in the April issue of WorldNetDaily's monthly print magazine WorldNet.

In addition to leadership figures, Schulz and Croteau also took their formal, written complaint to their own senators. That includes Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York for Schulz and Sen. James Inhofe in Oklahoma for Croteau. The men need support from their representatives, said Schulz.

"to get the government experts to the September conference." Today, the protesters plan to deliver materials to members of the House of Representatives.

WorldNetDaily made repeated calls to the IRS for comment about the hunger strike. Yesterday, when asked directly if the IRS was going to make any comment about Schulz's plight, a spokesman answered, "Probably not." The same spokesman then wrote in an e-mail that the "IRS doesn't comment on individual taxpayer matters" and referred WND to several IRS press releases and fact sheets. Though much of the material related to illegal money-making scams - a category We the People does not belong in - some sections did address tax-protester arguments.

Regarding the claim that no law exists making most Americans liable to pay income taxes, the IRS states, "The tax law is found in Title 26 of the United States Code. Section 6012 of the Code makes clear that only people whose income falls below a certain minimum level do not have to file returns. Sections 861 through 865 determine whether income is from a U.S. or foreign source - they do not in any way exclude income from taxation for a U.S. citizen or resident. Section 6201 of the Code states that the Secretary of the Treasury is required to make assessments of all taxes imposed by this title [Title 26]."

The notice continues: "Regardless of the arguments used, they have two things in common: The arguments are consistently rejected by the courts, and the participants may face IRS enforcement action. The IRS has one of the highest conviction rates in federal law enforcement. In addition to serving substantial prison sentences imposed by the courts, those convicted must also pay fines, taxes, civil penalties, and, frequently, court costs."

And regarding the 16th Amendment, the agency states, "The courts have held that none of the points presented undermine the fact that the 16th Amendment was indeed ratified in 1913."

But Schulz claims the question of the 16th Amendment's proper ratification has never been directly addressed by the judicial system - the issue has only been bounced back and forth between the courts and Congress, each saying it is the other's jurisdiction.

Regardless of the IRS's notices, Schulz said he will not discontinue his

hunger strike until government officials agree to meet in a public forum tentatively set for September to discuss tax-protester arguments.

"They need to meet in a public forum and go eye to eye," he said, adding that the date of the meeting is not as important as its occurrence. Once such a meeting has taken place, with both sides given the opportunity to present their cases and ask questions, then Schulz said his work in the tax-honesty movement is done, even if We the People's arguments are shot down by the government.

"If the government has acted responsibly and has answered the questions to the satisfaction of the public who's watching and listening, then it doesn't matter what the tax researchers of the tax-honesty movement believe at that point, because if they've been shown the error of their ways, and they've been embarrassed, the issue will have been put to bed. It would be very difficult for many of the people who are in the tax-honesty movement to get anybody to listen to them at that point," he said.

In the meantime, "It's been wall-to-wall interviews with talk radio," said Schulz, who was interviewed by a producer for ABC's "20/20" yesterday. He says he and Croteau are "doing what we can do to make people aware that the government does not want to respond to a petition for redress of grievances."

We the People has proffered several invitations to Rossotti and other federal officials, asking them to sit down with inquirers and explain the government's interpretation of the Internal Revenue Code. But the invitations and requests for explanations have continually gone unanswered.

"If they've got these answers, then there should be no problem with them discussing this. They should just be able to blow them (tax protesters) away," Schulz said, noting that government's silence regarding his hunger strike serves to give the tax-honesty movement credibility in the public eye.

He also criticized the court system and the IRS for penalizing proponents of tax-protester arguments with fines.

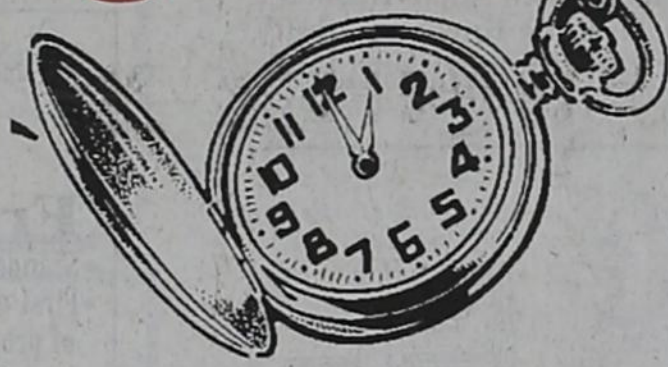
"You can't just keep kicking them in the head and expect them to fall in line. That's not what we're made of," he remarked.

But until a meeting is scheduled, the government is going to "allow someone to waste away on the sidewalk outside its front door rather than answer some questions," Schulz remarked. "What are they afraid of?"

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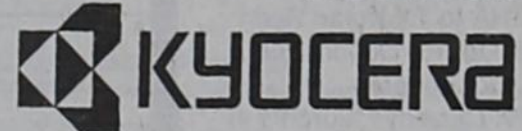


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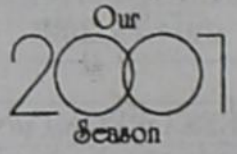
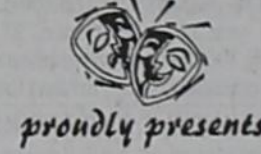
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