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Pittman selected to head Post Dispatch

Del Rio man joins paper's newstaff as reporter

A mixture of old and new are among the changes taking place at the *Post Dispatch*. The old involves current bookkeeper Deirdre "Dee" Pittman who has been promoted to general manager of the weekly publication. The new is reporter Bill Galusha who is joining the company as a writer and design person.

The moves are part of the staff reorganization taking place at the *Post Dispatch* following the resignation of current managing editor John Cordsen who is leaving the paper for the *Fort Stockton Pioneer* where he will assume the publisher duties.

Pittman, who has been with the paper for three years, will be responsible for all business aspects of the *Post Dispatch*. As general manager, she assumes many of the duties Cordsen handled throughout the community. "Dee was a logical choice for the job," said Cordsen. "She already has a

handle on what's going on in town as far as the paper as a business is concerned. With her taking over these additional duties there should be little if any interruption in the way things are handled."

New to the community will be Galusha who comes to Post from Del Rio. A journalism major and honor student at Southwest Texas, Galusha's schooling ended last May.

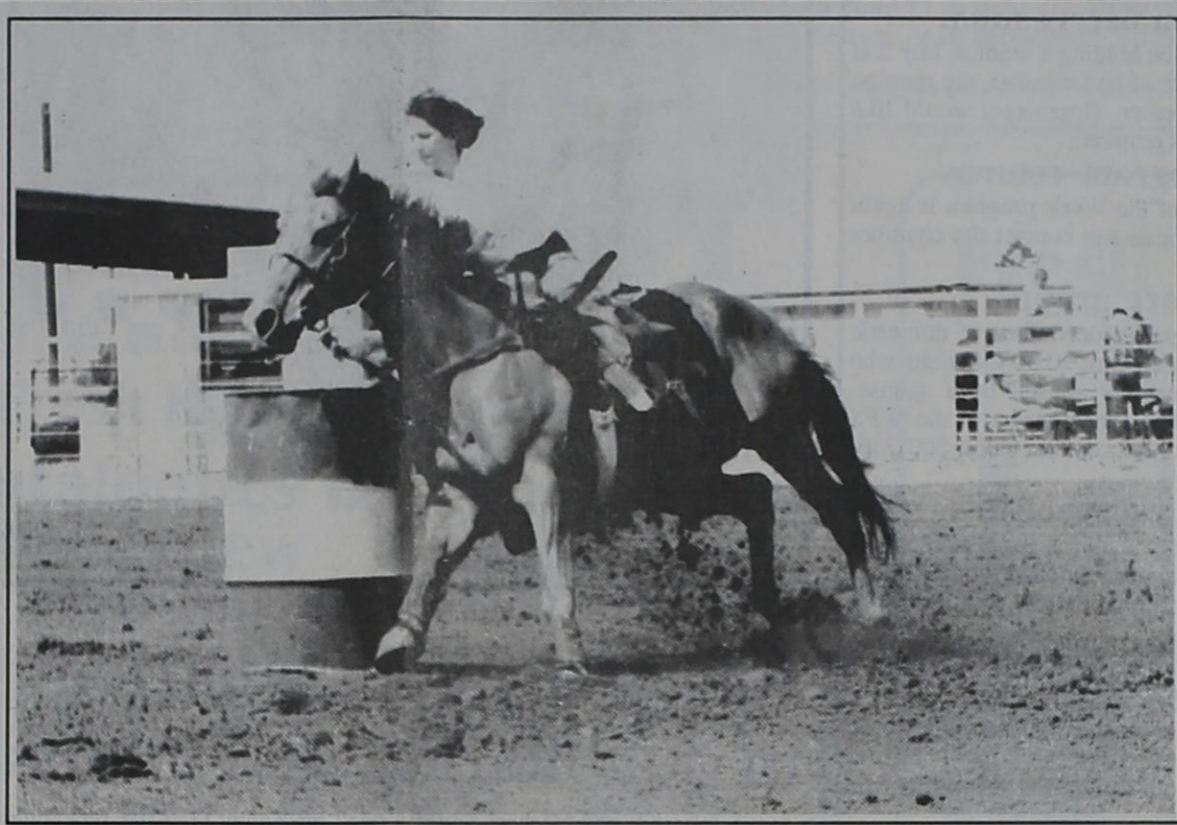
A career in journalism is a new start for Galusha. His first career with the Merchant Marine began in 1976 and ended during the Persian Gulf War and Desert Storm following an accident.

"With my injury I couldn't go back to sea so I went to my second love which is writing," said Galusha.

At Southwest Texas Galusha was an honor student and a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the press club. He also wrote for the school newspaper, the *South West Texan* and served as the paper's business manager. Galusha says he especially enjoys writing features.

Before taking the *Post Dispatch* job, Galusha was doing some writing for western magazines and was working on a novel. He and his wife Kristina have three children including sons Martin, 17, Michael, 14 and daughter Bonnie, 10.

Advertising sales and ad composition for the *Post Dispatch* remain in the capable hands of Lillie Hart.



EMILY SMITH cuts around a barrel during the FFA sponsored rodeo June 17 and 18 in Post.

Talina Bird wins barrels in Post Rodeo

Cowboys and cowgirls from across West Texas and Eastern New Mexico converged on Post last Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18, for the annual FFA sponsored High Plains Junior Rodeo Association event at the Post Stampede Rodeo grounds. The rodeo included 21 competitors from Post and the surrounding area.

Local talent Talina Bird was in top form. Competing in the 13-15 age group, Bird won barrels, breakaway roping and ribbons. Bird finished third in goat tying.

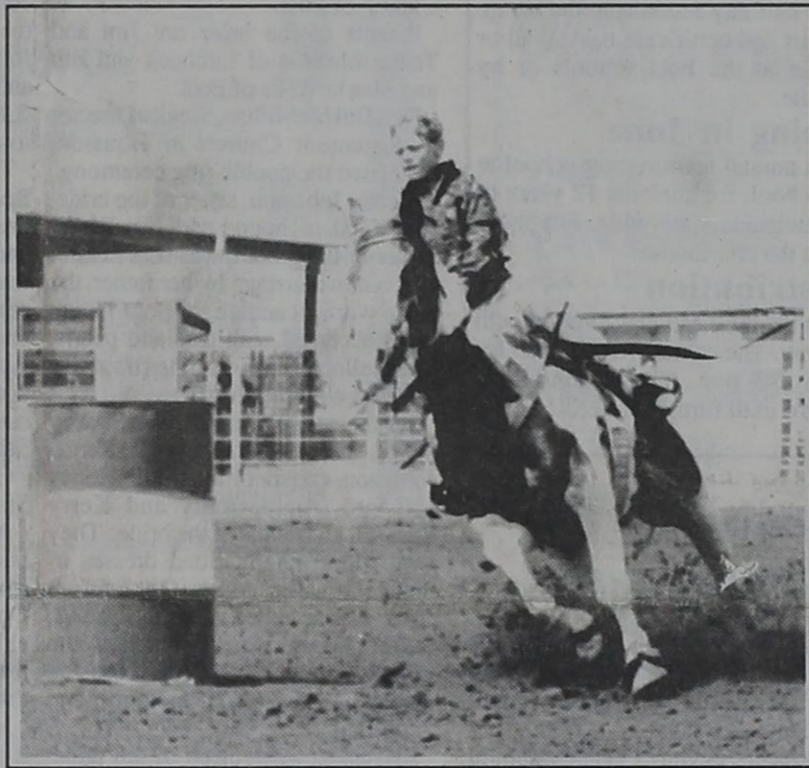
Sky Moore was the only other winner from the area. Moore, who hails from Wilson, captured the breakaway event and added a fourth place finish in the tie down, second in ribbons and third in team roping. He competed in the 13-15 age division.

Cassie Short was a multiple placer, finishing ninth in the 13-15 barrels. She added a fifth place in the poles, a fourth in breakaway and an eighth in goat tying to her two day effort.

Ryan and Casey Hart placed twice, in the same event. The two place fifth and ninth in the 16-19 team roping competition.

Others from the area placing included: Russ Bird, fifth in the 16-19 tie down; Lori Hudman, tenth in the 16-19 barrels and Emily Smith, seventh in the 9-12 goat tying.

Along with competing for money



HOBBS, New Mexico's Taylor Smith makes a wide turn in the FFA sponsored rodeo held last weekend in Post.

and buckles, the contestants earned points for a season-long competition. High point winners from throughout the season in each age group will receive saddles and other top prizes at the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association finals held in Lovington, New Mexico held July 27-30.

Buckle sponsors at the Post rodeo were Citizens Bank, Redman Red-Mix, Garza Exxon, H&M Contractors, Higginbotham Bartlett Co. Hudman Furniture, Handy Oilfield Supplies, First National Bank of Post and Ben Murphy-CPA.

Area contestants included: Russ Bird, Camie Payne, Erica Schooler, Monica Schooler, Talina Bird, Heather Dickson, Sterling Smith, Emily Smith, Lori Hudman, Cassie Short, Casey Short, Trent McDonald Cody Cox, Clint Johnson, Clay Johnson, Katie Kemp, Carey Cox, Wacey Moore, Sky Moore, Ryan Hart, Casey Hart.

Garza County joins state immunization efforts

At the national and state level, failure to immunize preschool children from childhood diseases such as diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella and Haemophilus influenza type b, has been identified as a problem with long term health and failure also carries cost of care implications.

Immunization rates for preschool children are low, sometimes as low as 10 percent. The Clinton Administration's goal is to fully immunize 90 percent of all two-year old children by 1996. Governor Ann Richards has adopted this goal for Texas. Garza County health officials feel confident the county can reach this goal with the efforts that are being planned.

A collaboration of local individuals from several organizations and agencies has been formed to make up the "Shots Across Texas" coalition. The name of the ambitious project has been specified for all Texas immunization efforts. The Texas Department of Health (TDH) is providing the

childhood vaccines at no cost. Donations will cover additional medical supplies.

"Many volunteers are working with us to publicize the event and make it a reality," said a TDH spokesperson.

Primary goals for this effort are not only to raise immunization rates, but to educate members of the community about the importance of those immunizations and to create a greater awareness of the importance of health.

Local health officials are asking Post and Garza County residents to encourage their friends and neighbors to have their children immunized. In addition, organizers of the effort may call upon members of the community to participate by contributing supplies, donating funds, or serving as volunteers. Organizers would appreciate any help offered locally.

The local "Shots Across Texas" coalition is chaired by Deborah Guinn. Feel free to contact her at 495-3586 for additional information about this important community effort.

Houston Livestock Show 4-H Scholarship award to local teen

During special ceremonies at the Texas 4-H Roundup in College Station on June 7, 1994, Labeth Jones was awarded a \$10,000, four-year Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo 4-H scholarship. She was one of 50 scholarship recipients honored.

Jones, daughter of Darrell and Ruby Jones of Post, is a 1994 graduate of Post High School and was a member of 4-H for ten years. She raised and exhibited lambs and earned grand champion honors in the show ring in 1993. She also received the 4-H Gold Star and Danforth "I Dare You" awards.

Jones has shown her leadership skills as regional officer and chapter president in Future Homemakers of America. She was inducted to National Honor Society during her sophomore year and served as secretary and sweetheart. Youth Exchanging with Seniors sparked a new light in her and she is so thankful of the opportunities given to her. She competed in U.I.L. keyboarding for 2 years. Nonetheless, she is a Christian and realizes that without God she could not have accomplished what she did and without a very loving and supportive family.

Members of the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service chose the 4-H scholarship recipients. The selected students all demonstrated academic excellence and strong leadership skills throughout their high school careers. All 4-H scholarship recipients must pursue a degree in agriculture or life sciences at a Texas college or university. Jones plans to major in agriculture communications at Texas Tech University.

The Texas 4-H produces excellent individuals, outstanding citizens and contributing members of society—the same type of people that make up the membership of our organization," said Don Jordan, president of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. "And we both strongly believe we can benefit youth and support education across the state." Jordan also noted that since its scholarship program began in 1957, the Show has provided scholarships to more than 950 4-H members, representing a commitment exceeding \$7.2 million.

These 50 scholarships were funded through net proceeds from the annual Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and are only a part of the Show's annual educational commitment. The 4-H scholarships, combined with

another 168 \$10,000 awards, 30 \$5,000 awards, 30 \$2,500 awards and 100 \$1,650 awards, as well as various other contributions to Texas colleges and universities, bring the Show's 1994-95 educational commitment to more than \$3.5 million.

In 18 years Garza County has only had eight 4-H members receive the same kind of scholarship. The last ones were Janell Jones, Houston, \$8,000 and Angela Graves, Floyd Lynch Endowment, \$1,000 in 1989; Keitha (White) Wright, C.J. Davidson, \$4,000 in 1988; Derick Dunn, San Antonio Livestock Exposition \$10,000 and Ron Graves, Houston, \$8,000 both in 1987; Jana Middleton, San Antonio Livestock Exposition, \$6,000 in 1985; Steve White, Houston, \$6,000 in 1976.

Jones has become part of an exceptional group and tradition. On the other hand, one does not win an award like this overnight, it takes many years of hard work, determination, caring and education. Garza County is fortunate to have youth who are achievers and doers. Jones has had the aid of her County Extension Agents. 4-H is an organization that has multiple opportunities for youth and focuses on the entire family involvement.



Labeth Jones

Cast for Garza production announced

The Garza Theatre announces the cast for "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine", which will be presented during the Harley Sadler Show at the theatre. Jane Prince-Jones will be directing Michael Endy, Cheri Brooks, Bill Woodard, Alison Hoefler, Steve Sever, Emily Hataway and Tim McIntire in the drama

which is set to open June 30. Production dates are June 30-July 3, July 7-1, 14-17, 21-24 and 28-31, 1994. Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights will see curtain at 7:45 p.m. while Sunday matinees start at 2:30 p.m.

In addition to the play will be vaudeville acts and candy sales in

the Harley Sadler tradition. The play dates back to the 1920's and is family style entertainment.

For more information or reservations, call 1-800-846-3766. Box office hours are 12 noon through 5 p.m. and 12 noon until curtain on show weekends.

In announcing other productions

for 1994, managing director Prince-Jones says some changes have been made. "The Tender Trap" originally scheduled to open in September will not be performed. Instead, Cassie Coker, veteran actress, will star in and direct "The Fourposter" by Jan

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Three injured in rollover accident south of Post

Three people were injured, one seriously, in a single car accident Friday afternoon south of Post. The three occupants of the vehicle were all from Lubbock.

One accident victim was airlifted to Lubbock and Methodist Hospital via Aerocare helicopter. The other two subjects were transported to Garza Memorial Hospital by local emergency crews. They were later transferred to Lubbock. All three required hospitalization for their injuries.

According to a DPS spokesman, the Friday, June 17 accident 18 miles south of Post on U.S. Highway 84 occurred when the driver of the vehicle dropped his tires into the center median, overcorrected and caused the vehicle to roll. The DPS spokesman said no alcohol was involved in the accident. The injuries could have been worse, but DPS reports that all three occupants of the vehicle were wearing seatbelts.

Agencies assisting at the accident scene included the Garza County Sheriff's Department, the Post Volunteer Fire department and SPS wire crews. They all assisted in traffic control and erected barricades and signs.

Kids 'N' Art exhibit comes to a close, winners named in annual contest

The 1994 annual Kids 'N' Art contest and exhibition closed Sunday, June 12 with awards presentations to the artists. Fifty-eight artists competed with 196 entries from Post, Tahoka, Lubbock, Shallowater, Junction, Georgetown, Girard, Jayton, Plainview and Justiceburg.

Jay Neisemier of Junction took the top award, winning Best of Show rosette for his pencil drawing, "Proud". The 15 year old also won a \$25 cash award.

Post's Clay Ashley was chosen as the People's Choice Award rosette winner. He also received a \$15 cash award. Ashley received an additional \$15 award for KNA - High Point.

Other award winners and entrants included:

Best entry rosette
Age 4-5, Steffi Norman; Age 6, Jerrad Grisham; Age 7-10, Russell Eaton; Age 11-13, Jennifer Nuding; Age 14-18, Jay Neisemier.

Ribbon winners
(Number and place)
Clay Ashley, 2 firsts, 2 seconds; Dustin Birchfield, 2 HM; Derek Birchfield, 1 second, 1 HM; Rocky Benades, 1 HM; Annie Berrentez, 1 first; Kyndel Byrd, 2 HM; Clayton Chancy, 2 second, 1 HM; Matt Chancy, 3 HM; Shayla Daughtery, 2 third; Annie Dunlap, 1 third; Cole Easterling, 1 third.

Lee Elder, 1 second; Ronnie Eaton, 1 first, 2 HM; Russell Eaton, 2 HM; Chris Engle, 1 third, 2 HM; Britni Engle, 1 first, 1 HM; Justin Feemster, 1 first; Cliff Foster, 1 third; Terry Foster, 1 second; Daniel Fluit, 1 first, 3 HM; Patrick Gonzales, 1 HM; Mitch Gann, 1 HM; Alberto Guerrero, 1 HM; Edmundo Hernandez, 1 HM; Kales Hammond, 1 first, 1 HM; Meagon Hoover, 1 first, 2 second, 1 HM; Paul Johnson, 1 HM; Joery Kennedy, 1 first, 2 second, 1 HM; Jared Kennedy, 1 third, 2 HM; Thomas Lee, 1 third; Doyle Lee, 1 HM; Celinda Leverett, 1 first, 2 HM; Joshua Lara, 1 HM; Joshua Lee, 1 second, 2 HM; Michelle Martin, 1 third, 1 HM; Marisa Martin, 1 HM; Carl Miller, 1 third.

Brandon Massey, 1 second; Hayley Massey, 1 third; Trent McDonald, 1 second, 2 HM; Allen McMillan, 1 first; Amanda McMillan, 1 HM; Leigh McCafee, 1 second, 1 third; Amy McCafee, 1 second, 2 third; Heath May, 2 first, 2 second, 1 third, 2 HM; Jennifer Nuding, 1 second; Briana Nuding, 1 first, 1 HM.

Jay Neisemier, 3 first; Stace Norman, 1 first; Haleigh Ross, 1 second, 1 third; Joseph Saldivar, 2 second; J.C. Stelzer, 1 first; Chris Troxtell, 1 HM; Mike Walton, 1 HM; Georgia Williams, 1 first, 1 second, 1 HM; Matt Zimmer, 1 first.

Post Notes

Basketball camp July 18 in Post

The Hot Shots Basketball camp runs July 18-22 at the Post Middle School gym. The camp is open to girls who will be in the fifth through the seventh grades. Instructors are coaches James Easterling and Kim Bridges. For more information on registering and on the camp fees, contact coach Easterling at 495-3840 or pick up an application at the Post High School office.

TDH changes telephone numbers

The Texas Department of Health has recently changed telephone numbers in its Post location. The new numbers are 495-3586 and 495-3587. The change is effective immediately. The staff of the local TDH office regrets any inconvenience these changes may cause.

Class of '69 plans summer reunion

The Post High School class of 1969 will be holding a reunion July 2 at the Post City Park from 2 to 3 p.m. In case of bad weather, the reunion will be moved to the Post Community center. Organizers would like former classmates and teachers to attend this reunion.

Yard of the week program returns

The Post Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Week program is again underway. Persons wishing to nominate yards can contact the chamber office at 495-3461.

WPS offers support group

Women's Protective Services support group for victims of domestic violence is held every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 for adults who have been emotionally, physically or sexually abused by a spouse, relationship partner or family member. The group meets at the WPS office located at the Postex, Mill. For more information call 1-800-736-6491.

Service Officer in courthouse

The Garza County Service officer will be available at the Garza County Courthouse 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. For an appointment or information call Ann Stelzer at 495-3645 after 6 p.m.

Xi Delta Rho establishes scholarship fund

The Xi Delta Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi has established a memorial fund to be used for scholarships for local graduating high school seniors. To make a donation to the scholarship fund call Karen Palmer at 495-2023 or Jaynie Dickson 495-3422. Both can be reached during the evening hours.

Boys summer sports camp June 27

The Post boys summer sports camp will begin June 27 and conclude July 1. Youth can register for either full or half day sessions at the camp. Registration cost includes the camp, a t-shirt and certificate basketball or football. Registration forms are available at the Post schools or by contacting Mitchell Rasberry or Darrell Radle.

Open 4-H team roping in June

June 23-26, 1994 is the date for the 5th annual team roping school at South Plains College in Levelland. This school, for students 12 years of age and older, will be limited to 30 participants state-wide. For more information stop by the Extension office in the courthouse.

Commodities distribution

The commodities distribution are held on the third Monday every month at the Service Center on the Snyder Highway. The center will be open for the distribution from 9 - 12 and from 1-3 p.m. The commodities distribution will continue at the Service Barn until further notice.

Data indicates possibility for heavy boll weevil infestations

by Roger K. Haldenby

Current data indicates that the potential for a heavy boll weevil year in 1994 is high. Boll weevil infestations during the 1994 season could be equal to, or greater than, the infestations of 1993.

Although this past winter was somewhat colder than the winter of 1992-93, extended periods of cold weather needed to cause high boll weevil mortality did not occur. This makes the fourth winter in a row that was quite mild from the overwintering boll weevil standpoint.

The mild winter seems to have overridden the benefits of last year's early fall. CRP acreage is probably making a contribution to the problem and providing more overwintering sites, especially during these mild winters. Ideal growing conditions over the past few weeks are bringing on the 1994 crop very quickly. Our current forecasts indicate that around 13% of the total emerging population will fall into the effective emergence category.

Overwintered boll weevil emergence is expected to continue

past mid-July. Much of this crop is now squaring. Weevils emerging now are able to survive and reproduce in this crop.

Producers in Garza County should be especially aware of the need to monitor their fields for boll weevils. Earlier planted fields will soon be producing squares at, or approaching, pencil eraser size. This is the minimum size square required for a weevil grub to complete its development.

If you are running traps and are averaging more than four weevils in a trap the week prior to the appearance of match head sized squares, you will probably need to spray for weevils when squares are pencil eraser in size. Trap catch numbers between 2-4 would indicate the probable presence of significant weevil infestation potential, even though numbers may not be sufficient later on to cause economic losses.

It may still be advisable to treat these early weevils to prevent the buildup of large overwintering numbers by this fall.



Mrs. Michael Wells

Johnston, Wells married in double ring ceremony

Jamie Johnston and Michael Wells were united in marriage Saturday, May 21, 1994 at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Post.

Parents of the bride are Jim and Tenia Johnston of Lubbock and Jim and Sharla Wells of Post.

Rev. Bill McMillian, Singles Director at Sagemont Church in Houston, officiated the double ring ceremony.

Wendy Johnston, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and Jim Wells, father of the groom, was best man.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a candlelight floor length dress accented with lace and pearls. The scalloped, lace-trimmed train was covered with satin ruffles.

Serving as bridesmaids were Shelley Wells, sister of the groom; Kendra Johnston, cousin of the bride; Honey Haggard, Amie Henry and Kerry Stewart, all friends of the bride. They wore floor length, fitted dresses of mauve polished cotton. The portrait collar was accented with fabric bows.

Groomsmen were friends of the groom Randy Lewis, Daryl Foster, Bobby Lewis, Kevin Christopher and Scott Laun.

Kristen Lewis, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. The church was decorated with greenery enhanced with lights and candelabras covered with ivy and accented with large tulle bows.

The mothers were seated by Tyge Payne and Lance Johnston as "Surely the Presence of the Lord" was played by Alice Smith of Lubbock.

Attendants entered from the back of the church in pairs to the song "Forever

Love" by Kenny G. After repeating the vows and as "The Wedding Song" recorded by Kenny G. played, the couple presented roses to their mothers, the brides grandmothers, Mrs. Audie Johnston and Mrs. Maezelle Kainer, and the grooms grandmother, Mrs. C.K. Pierce. Following the gift of roses, they lit a unity candle.

The reception was held at Hotel Garza Bed and Breakfast. The chandeliers were decorated with Wisteria, greenery and mauve ribbon. The serving table featured a three tiered wedding cake, punch, and a variety of fruit, cheese and muffins amid fresh flowers, tapered candles, tulle, and cherub accents. Silver appointments were used. Cake and punch were served by Stephanie Blair and Tawn Grimes.

Guests were registered by Holly Smith.

A rehearsal dinner, hosted by Jim and Sharla Wells, was held Friday, May 20 at the Hotel Garza Bed and Breakfast. Fifty guests attended and enjoyed a buffet meal and shared memories of their experiences with the bride and groom.

Mildred Wilson, Terri Haley, Cheri Luttrell and Karla Wilson hosted a bridesmaid's luncheon Saturday, May 21 at Lakeridge Country Club in Lubbock.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Texas Tech. Following a trip to Cozumel, Mexico they will live in Midland where Michael is employed as a civil engineer by Parkhill, Smith and Cooper.

Volunteer families needed to host exchange students

Every year, thousands of American families participate in a culturally-enlightening program called the American Intercultural Student Exchange. This non-profit program offers a terrific opportunity for Americans to learn about another culture in a fun-filled, family setting.

AISE is seeking volunteer families to host high school aged exchange students for the upcoming school year. AISE provides families with complete background information about each student, and allows the families to choose the student whom they would like to host. Students have their own health insurance and spending money, and host families provide students with room and board, the most importantly, insight into typical American life.

The 1994-95 school year promises to be AISE's best year yet! With more than 3,000 students from over 30 countries arriving in August, AISE is actively seeking families who are willing to host an exchange student for the upcoming school year. If you can help, please call AISE at 1-800-SIBLING.

Trail Blazers

Thursday, June 23

Chicken strips, baked potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad, wheat roll, brownies, choice of beverage.

Friday, June 24

Roasted ham, navy beans, carrots & zucchini, cornbread choice of beverage.

Monday, June 27

Roasted chicken, scallop potatoes, spinach, wheat roll, tossed salad, frosted cake,

choice of beverage

Tuesday, June 28

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli w/cheese sauce, wheat roll, dry jello salad, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, June 29

Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, three bean salad, orange sections, cherry or plum cobbler, choice of beverage.

Birth Announcements

Linda Louella Bilberry

Larry and Ann Bilberry of Garden City, Kansas announce the birth of Linda Louella, born June 14, 1994. "Lindy Lou" weighed in at seven pounds, seven ounces and was 18 inches tall.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Linda Clark of Clarksville. Paternal grandparents are Louella Bilberry and the late Luke Bilberry of Post.

Lauren Haley Redman

Uncle Dan and Uncle Chris announce the birth of Lauren Haley Redman, born June 12, 1994. She weighed eight pounds, three ounces and was 20 1/2 inches at birth.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A.E. Redman of Post. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Graves of Perryton.

Parents are Bobby and Lisa Redman of Lubbock.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Renfro of Lubbock. Great

Dakota James Duncan

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Duncan are proud to announce the arrival of Dakota James, born on May 25, 1994 at 11:07 a.m. at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was 21 inches long.

Dakota is welcomed home by big brother Dillon Lee. Grandparents are Lin and Sue Warren of Post and the late Hubert and Sylvia Duncan.

Musical scheduled for June 25

The Slaton Monthly Opry Musical will be June 25, 1994 at the Texas Avenue Opry House, located at 161 Texas Avenue, in Slaton. This will be our 1st year anniversary for the Opry Musicals. We are really excited about this show. The show will begin at 4 p.m. and run until 10 p.m. Admission is free, although donations to further the renovation and pay the rent at the Texas Avenue Opry House will be appreciated. There will also be a full concession stand featuring grilled hamburgers.

Acts for the June 25 show include: Don Caldwell Band, Stinson Behlen, Denim & Diamonds, Blayne Bell, Charlie Henzler Band, Linzie Lewis, Emily Gosset, Toby Caldwell, Rex Thomas Band, Kenney Maines., LaTronda Maines, Welsey Kitten and Jeremy Boreing.

Thank you in advance for helping

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de Hartog. The comedy also stars area director/actor George Green. The full length play starred Hume Croyn and Jessica Tandy on Broadway. It's a moving chronicle of a husband and wife from their wedding night in 1890 until they pack and move 35 years later. "The Fourposter" will run September 2-4, 9-11 and 16-18.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring will be in the Garza Theatre's offering for Founders' Day in October. Veteran actor and director David Weaver, Jr. will be directing the comedy. It will open October 14 and run through October 30.

"Sorry! Wrong Chimney!" will close out the Garza Theatre 1994 season in December. Prince-Jones will direct this comedy. Production dates are December 2-4, 9-11 and 16-18.

Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

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It's important to have the employer directly transfer the lump sum from the pension plan into an IRA so that taxes will not be withheld, making it more difficult to roll over the full amount. A money-market mutual fund is a good parking place for the money while you decide how to invest it. Some should go into stocks or growth-oriented mutual funds to keep up with inflation; some might go into T-bills or bonds for income. Annuities are another choice for a portion of the lump sum.

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Letters to the Editor



Grace Coffey graduates from Odessa College of Nursing

Grace Coffey recently graduated from the Odessa College of Nursing with an associates degree in nursing. She is the daughter of Roy and Linda Tijerina of Odessa and the granddaughter of A.G. and Irene Guajardo of Post. She is also the niece of Joe and Melba Cimental of Post. Graduation ceremonies were held May 13, 1994.

Dear Editor,

First of all, I would like to thank my students for their great attitudes and work habits. Thank you also, to everyone, friends and faculty included for your support in my decision. You will be missed.

I strongly feel it is necessary to express my concerns about the Choir program. First of all, I am very disappointed in the district's handling of the program. I understand money is a factor, however, I feel like the student's best interest was not considered. The cutting of the successful Choir program to begin with demonstrates the lack of priority for the music program. When the program was cut I felt that I should have been notified in advance of the possibility for a cut. This would have been more ethical and professional in my opinion. A job is dispensable but a student's esteem is not. I cannot help but wonder how one person is going to be able to do what three people were doing. The elimination of the Kindergarten through Third grade instructor and the elimination of a full time accompanist will create a gap between students, the teacher,

and members of the faculty.

It is very difficult to keep up with everything that happens on three campuses and when you lose communication with your fellow faculty and administration you begin to lose the effectiveness of good teaching and learning on the student's behalf. A student's desire and ability to excel in any subject area must be carefully balanced to meet their needs in the most appropriate way. If this does not happen their interest in all areas becomes mediocre and the opportunity to help that student grow is squandered. I am not at all pleased to be informed the classroom at the High School will not be available for the choir's use next year. This stresses the relationship with the campuses because you have High school students using elementary rooms. I am not so sure they will be excited to use the same classroom that a First or Fourth does. Perhaps we should consult our students for opinions and consider their input along with the administrations. They are after all the reason we all have a job in education. I was also informed that if my position and the primary

teacher's position would have remained the same a pay cut would have been issued as a "money saving effort" in my salary. Once again, is it so difficult to communicate this in advance instead of on a day when contracts were issued? This communication gap is really unnecessary and does not encourage an atmosphere of support and trust needed to do a job well. Employees will reflect an employers habits in job performance. I feel it is very easy to create an atmosphere of openness and that in itself will create a positive work place and stimulate a better work ethic. I can only hope the next person entering the Choral Directors position will be allowed to carry on a strong tradition established by the choir students at Post High School. And most important of all, I hope the students involved with the choir program now and those to come will continue to maintain high standards and always strive to be better than the best.

Sincerely,
Jennifer M. Berg

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I would like to begin by clarifying something that I read in the newspaper about the Summer Recreation Program. Susan Radle is the Director and she has several people working in the program with her on a daily basis. So far the only thing I have done is talk with Susan and offer my services. She is quite capable and has done this for the past few years from what I understand. All the credit goes to Susan and her staff for accepting this big challenge. Thank you all!

Radishes, Roots & Rosebuds

by Deanna Lee
Garza County Extension Agent
Home Economics



The Junior and Senior 4-H Council met last week and elected Braden Conner and Matthew Ledbetter as junior delegates, with Kelli Collier as an alternate. We are planning a leadership camp the first part of July. These leadership camps are great learning experiences and I hope that all 4-H'ers in town will be able to come. Newly elected officers for the Garza County 4-H council are Shayla Wallace, Seth Pennell, Braden Conner, Bobbie Jo Davis and Carly Rudd.

For those who are watching fat grams, let me give you a word of warning. While ground turkey makes a great low fat substitute for ground beef you don't always know what nutritional values are in the package. The best choice is to purchase white meat turkey breast, ask the butcher to remove the skin and grind it for you. By taking this extra time you can be saving 23.20 fat grams per pound. A pound of fresh ground white turkey meat, without the skin, is a mere 4.8 fat grams, while a pound of commercially ground turkey contains 28 fat grams. The pre-packaged ground turkey may be cheaper, but may also contain white meat, dark meat, skin and fat. In other words, the harmless looking package of ground turkey could end up being higher in fat content than the package of lean ground beef sitting right next to it in the store.

We were busy last week at the recycling trailer. My thanks to Jose Diaz who has worked with me the last two Wednesdays in the heat and not complained! We are now using a cotton trailer for the #1 and #2 plastics. The trailer is parked alongside the barn so please don't put your plastics in the dumpster, use the trailer. Jose will be there today and he will help direct. It would really help if you could sort your recyclables before you bring them to us. Sometimes we get very busy, turn a bag upside down into the dumpsters to remove the objects... believe me, it is hot inside those dumpsters! (by the way, thanks Ruth for the water and the help.)

I read this health alert in the February Better Homes and Gardens and think it is worth passing along. I am an ex-smoker myself and thought this just might influence some of you older smokers also. "It's never too late to quit. Research on a group of senior citizens shows that lung function improves even when a smoker waits until age 60 to quit. Ex-smokers who had quit before age 40 had no loss of lung function. People who had quit after age 60 showed lung function of folks 5.5 to 15 years older. By comparison, current smokers over age 50 had the lung function of people 10 to 20 years older."

If you are shocked at the amount you have charged on your credit cards each month and want to keep better track of your purchases, you might try the following method. When you make a purchase with a credit card register just as you would a check. Subtract the amount of the charge from the balance in your check register. When your balance approaches zero, leave your card home until you make a deposit. With most rates on credit cards at 17 percent and higher, recording each credit card purchase like a check is a great way to save hundreds of dollars a year in interest. (Let me know if it works.)

When you read this, we will be on our way home from County Camp at the 4-H Center in Brownwood. I have mixed emotions about camp, I've seen too many movies. I'll let you know next week why our list of "things to bring" includes water balloons and non-menthol shaving cream!

Applications still being accepted for summer camps

Applications for two summer camps planned for the first part of July at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford are still being accepted.

The Colorguard and Rifle Camp is planned for July 5-8, while the 39th annual Band Camp will be held July 10-15 on the Weatherford campus. Applications or additional information is available by calling the SWOSU Music Camp office at (405) 774-3296 or Camp Director Dr. Terry Segress at 774-3175.

The 2nd annual Colorguard and Rifle Camp faculty will include David Veda of the Denver, Colorado, Blue Knights; Mike Turner of the Santa Clara, California, Vanguard; Jeff Schulz, formerly with the Madison Scouts; and Jackie Gilley from Midwest City Monroney Junior High School who is a Winter Guard International adjudicator.

The other camp is designed for students who have completed grades

six through 12. More than 80 outstanding band directors from Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas will be assisting with the band camp.

Students will audition for placement in one of six concert bands when they arrive at camp. The camp will conclude with a concert presented by the student bands beginning at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 15 in the SWOSU Fine Arts Center. The public is invited to the free concert.

Conductors for the student bands will be Miles Johnson, St. Olaf College, Honor Band; Dean Coale, Sapulpa High School, Symphonic Band; Bronson Warren, Ada High School, Concert Band; Mary Runyan, Altus Juniors High School, Varsity Band; Jeremy Haas, Cordell High School, Cadet Band; and Aaron Rathbun, Post High School, Prep Band.

Appraisal Review Board for the Garza County, Texas Appraisal District

Notice of Public Meeting of the Appraisal Review Board:

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Appraisal Review Board of the Garza County Appraisal District will convene at 9 a.m. on June 29, 1994, at the Garza County Appraisal District office at 124 East Main, Post, Texas, and will continue in session at that time and place on the appraisal of property values for the Garza County Appraisal District.

AGENDA

- The board will hear and determine taxpayer and taxing unit appeals on all matters permitted by TEXAS PROPERTY TAX CODE.
 - Real & Personal Property
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 - Minerals & Utilities
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Certification of 1994 Appraisal Roll
- Certification of Supplemental Records for 1993

This notice is given pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code

Barry Owen completes RN program at Methodist

Barry Scott Owen, a 1991 Post High School graduate has completed a two year RN program at Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Lubbock.

While preparing for his RN diploma, Owen was elected the 1993-1994 Western Regional Director of the Texas Nursing Student Association (TNSA). He represented a total of 15 nursing schools in west Texas, extending from El Paso to Amarillo and Abilene. For the 1994-1995 term, he has been elected vice president for TNSA.

At present, he will continue his employment at Methodist Hospital in the Cardiac Telemetry Unit. In the fall, Owen will continue his education at Texas Tech University to complete his Bachelor of Science in Nursing. He is the son of Pam Owen of Post.

Community Calendar

- June 23: Post Lions Club meet 6:30 a.m. Chaparral Restaurant
- June 27: Commissioners Court, 9 a.m. Courthouse, third floor
- June 28: Rotary, 12 noon, Community Center
- June 30: Post Lions Club meet 6:30 a.m. Chaparral Restaurant
- June 30-July 3: Old Mill Trade Days
- July 5: Post City Council meeting, 7 p.m. council chambers in city hall.
- June 5: Rotary, 12 noon, Community Center
- June 7: Post Lions Club meet 6:30 a.m. Chaparral Restaurant
- July 11: Commissioners Court, 9 a.m. Courthouse, third floor
- July 12: School board meeting, 7:30 p.m. school administration office.
- July 25: Commissioners Court, 9 a.m. Courthouse, third floor

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Bank serves up "old fashioned fun"

THE First National Bank of Post served up a bit of "old fashioned fun" last Friday during its 85th anniversary celebration. According to bank employees, more than 360 hamburgers were served to bank patrons and guests who were on hand to enjoy the celebration. Pictured is FNB president Charles Hardin and Tommy Young.

Americans are 'nodding off'

From the classroom to the boardroom, Americans are 'nodding off' due to one of the most prevalent sleep problems—insufficient sleep.

"People try to do too many things in 24 hours. When push comes to shove, sleep gets shoved," said Dr. Max Hirshkowitz, a sleep researcher for Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

"Whether it is studying, work deadlines or partying, it is common to hear talk of 'pulling an all-nighter,'" he said.

This sleep loss accumulates from one night to the next. "At some point the sleep debt has to be paid," said Hirshkowitz, who directs the sleep center at the Houston Veterans Affairs Medical Center. "Eventually, the brain will demand sleep."

It may be only a couple of seconds at a time, here or there, he says, but "depending on what you are doing, that might be too much." And, when sleep hits a sleep-deprived person, there is no warning. "Three seconds of sleep behind the wheel of a car going 60 mph could be disastrous."

Problems attributed to sleepiness can range from reduced productivity and diminished mental and physical health to increased accidents and risk of death. The National Commission on Sleep Disorders Research estimates the cost of sleep-related accidents to be \$46 billion annually.

Hirshkowitz says that it is possible to catch up on sleep, but it should be done slowly. "If you go a few nights with only five hours of sleep and then sleep for 12 hours on a weekend night, you wake up feeling lousy," he said. That lousy feeling is called sleep inertia or sleep drunkenness.

To live happily with other people one should only ask of them what they can give.
—Tristan Bernard

To avoid sleep deprivation in the first place, Hirshkowitz recommends that adults get a minimum of seven hours sleep.

Additional ways to promote good sleep include:

- A comfortable mattress that is not too old.
- Going to bed when sleepy instead of fighting sleep.
- Maintaining a regular sleep schedule.
- Exercise, but not right before bed.
- A light snack before bed if you awake hungry in the night.

"A regular bedtime ritual, like having decaffeinated tea each night, gives a person a chance to unwind and think about things before going to bed," Hirshkowitz added.

Heat, noise, alcohol and stimulants like caffeine, chocolate and nicotine destroy sleep as will chronic sleeping pill use.

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Nutritional contents to become more apparent on food labels

Consumers will see more new "Nutritional Facts" on processed foods, along with safe handling labels on meat and poultry in June.

"Products manufactured after May 7 must have a label, which provides detailed information regarding the nutritional contents of the product such as total fat, calories, vitamins and minerals per serving," said Dr. Dick Edwards, a food marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Such products will not begin appearing in retail stores until early June due to the time required to pass through the distribution system."

"Shoppers in the meat department also will notice new labels on ground meat and poultry," he said. "The U.S. Department of Agriculture mandated that on May 27 labels with information regarding safe handling and cooking instructions be affixed to retail packages."

The parade of fresh fruits and vegetables that began during May will continue with increased quantities, he said. Consumers will find additional products at lower prices.

"Peaches will be featured most often in June," Edwards said. "Harvest of the early varieties will be arriving in sufficient volume to initiate price discounting between 59 and 69 cents per pound. Nectarines will follow the same pricing pattern."

Other soft tree fruits such as apricots and plums will be discounted as volume rises, he said. Plums will be at their lowest price in the 90 cent per pound range. Apricot sale prices will range from \$1.29 to \$1.49 per pound.

According to Edwards, the heavy surge of fruit and vegetable production will increase demand for canning and freezing supplies and

sales on jars, lids and freezer bags will provide savings of 20 percent to 30 percent off regular retail prices.

"Breakfast cereals will not be on sale during the month, but prices will be much lower," he said. "General Mills, who along with Kellogg control the majority of this food sector, recently announced price reductions by an average of 11 percent on most popular brands."

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Pauline Warren

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Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday night of the month, which is an open meeting. We have supper at 7 p.m. and the speaking starts at 8 p.m. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-3667 or 629-4393.

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Obituaries

Lyda M. Travis Everett

Graveside services for Lyda M. Travis Everett, 87, of Stephenville were held Thursday, June 16, 1994 at the Terrace Cemetery with Paul D. Jones, minister of the Post Church of Christ officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Everett died Tuesday, June 14, 1994 at Community Nursing Home in Stephenville. She was born September 11, 1906 in Haskell County to Reason Duke and Alvesia (Matheny) Travis. She came to Post in 1918 and graduated from Post High School in 1923. She married Rex Everett and they made their home in Post before moving to Levelland to operate Davis-Mason Furniture and Funeral Home. They returned to Post in 1937. Mr.

Everett died February 21, 1951. She moved to Austin in 1959 and later moved to Stephenville. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ. She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Oliphant in January 1969.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Travis Rex and Peggy Everett of Stephenville and James "Bud" and Jean Everett of Ballinger; one brother, R.D. Travis, Jr. of Ballinger; two sisters, Betty Jane Travis of Ballinger and Mary Smith of Jacksonville; eight grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Foster Home for Children, Stephenville, Texas 76401.

Mike Flores

Rosary for Mike Flores, 77, of Southland was held Wednesday, June 15, 1994 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Jim McCartney, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church, officiating.

Burial was in Englewood Cemetery under the direction of Englund's Funeral Service of Slaton.

Flores died Monday, June 13, 1994 in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

He was born September 29, 1916 in Mexico. He married Epifania Gonzales in 1952 in Slaton. He was

a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Mike Jr. of Amarillo; one daughter, Mary Ellen Garza of Slaton; three brothers, Manuel and Felix, both of Slaton, and Rafael of Lubbock; three sisters, Mercedes Garza and Camila Jaramillo, both of Slaton, and Consuelo Ontiveros of Lubbock; and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Larry Mojica, Tony Mojica Jr., Paul Garza Jr., Billy Gonzales, Patrick Gonzales and Danny Trevino.

Ruby Eastman Lobban Ellison

Services for Ruby Eastman Lobban Ellison, 82, of Brownwood were held Tuesday, June 21, 1994 at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel in Abilene. Minister Wayne Horton officiated.

Burial was in Cedar Hill Cemetery in Abilene.

Ellison died Sunday, June 19, 1994 in the Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

She was born September 7, 1911 in Snyder. She taught in the Post

Schools for many years and taught Sunday school in Post and Justiceburg. She was a 17 year resident of Brownwood and a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband Vernon Lobban and son V.A. Lobban.

Survivors include husband, Aubra; daughter, Janyce Lobban Morgan; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Rev. Abe G. Hester

Services for Rev. Abe G. Hester, 78, of Hermleigh were held Sunday, June 19, 1994 at Second Baptist Church in Lamesa. Rev. Morris Pruitt of the First Baptist Church in New Home officiated.

Burial was in the Hermleigh Cemetery under the direction of Branon Funeral Home, Inc. of Lamesa.

Hester died June 16, 1994 in Lubbock following a lengthy illness.

He was born December 2, 1915 in Oenaville. He married Jean Turner December 16, 1937 in Plainview. He attended Wayland Baptist University and graduated from Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Theological Seminary. Hester was a Baptist preacher for 58 years, serving the First Baptist Church in Adamsville; College Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock;

First Baptist Church in Hobart, Oklahoma; Wilmont Place Baptist Church in Oklahoma City; Alamo Heights Baptist Church in Midland; Faith Baptist Church in Wichita Falls; Second Baptist Church in Midland; Faith Baptist Church in Wichita Falls; Second Baptist Church in Lamesa; First Baptist Church in Texhoma and the First Baptist Church in Justiceburg. He was a member of the Rotary Club and a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rite.

Survivors include his wife Jean of Hermleigh; one son, John Hester of Wichita Falls; two daughters, Carol Anne Pruitt of New Home and Gay Vogler of Lamesa; two sisters, Sylvia Box of Ventura, California and Elsie Goodwin of Stamford; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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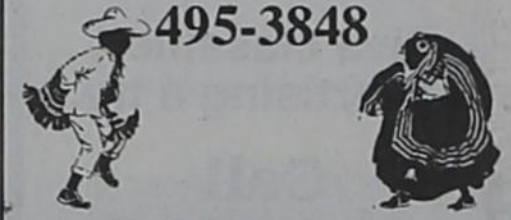
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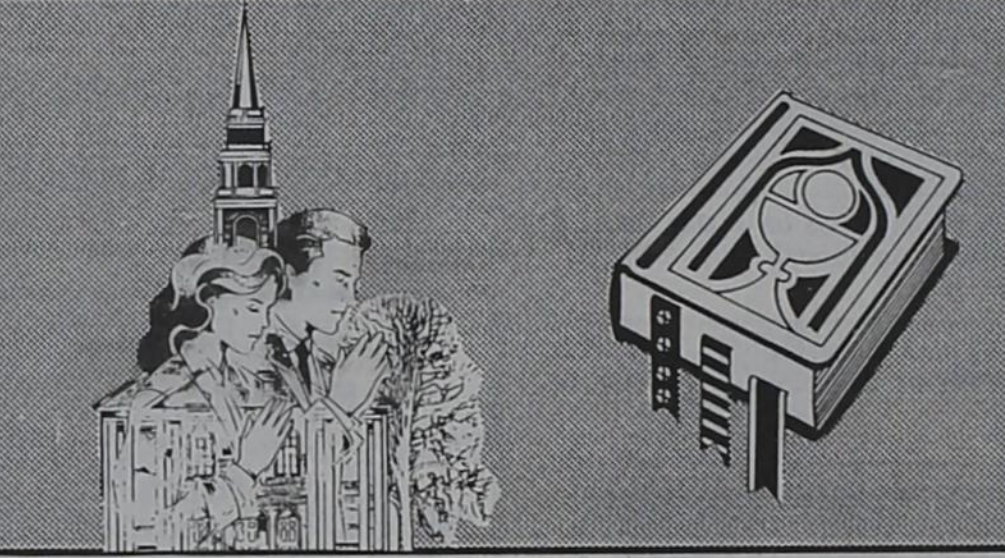
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From the Pulpit
On God's love for us

Occasionally the Gospel writers will convey an incident which Jesus did or said which we accept and willingly believe intellectually, but have a little, or maybe if we are honest a lot of, trouble with down deep in the bowels of our soul. Luke's accounting of the penitent thief is one of those times for me. The one thief is making fun of Jesus on the cross and the second defends Jesus and apparently by some prior knowledge declaring Him innocent and asks Jesus to remember him when He comes into His kingdom. Jesus says "Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Now before you brand me a heretic please hear me. I believe it, I believe Jesus gives salvation on the profession of faith, that quick and that he can see the sincerity of the heart where I cannot and that's exactly the way I want it to be. But in my business I sometimes want to see evidences of ones conversion before I really believe he has converted.

A recently discovered theologian, Max Lucado, whom I have come to revere highly and read faithfully also struggles with this event in his book *No Wonder They Call Him Saviour*, loaned to me by a friend.

This convicted criminal and ex-con who deserved hell got heaven. This man who probably had never even said grace let alone done anything to deserve it would be walking around on golden streets and sitting at the banquet table with Jesus. Why would Jesus do that? Because He loves everyone equally regardless of who they are or what they have done. It's not their stature, or position in life, their righteousness or sin, it's not what one has, how they look, or what they do that impresses Him. Rather it's what one believes, where their heart is, the confession they make. These are what matters to Jesus. Not all that other stuff that impresses us so much. Jesus did that because of His love and because of what the man said, but also I believe He did it to teach me and you something.

His love for us does not depend upon what we do, even if it is for Him. His love for us exists simply



Bob Green

because we exist. We are His creation. In His eyes we have value simply because we are. We don't have to look nice, perform well, nor have lots of money, or even be revered highly by other folks.

That's the tragedy of evolution theory of creation. If we are an accident or an incident of the natural, or unnatural, series of events over millions of years and are only at a "present stage" of the evolution process then we have no destiny or purpose. We are no different than a tree, horse, monkey or a spotted owl which also is simply at a certain stage in the cycle of life or an obscure mudball that just happened to exist.

If humanity has no destiny, there is no duty, no obligation, responsibility and there are no need for guidelines or goals, then there is no right or wrong. If the humanists are right and we are all equal with the rest of creation and man does not have dominion, then who's to say a man or woman can't leave his/her spouse or kids, or abort a fetus. What's wrong with co-habitation, with no commitment or responsibility? Who's to say I can't take advantage of you to get to the top? The only value that matters is mine.

If God does not exist and has not created humankind and loves us enough to give Himself for us then humankind is useless and truly everything could be permitted and there is truly hopelessness in the world.

But God does exist and He does love us, each of us, enough to die for us and the handicapped, retarded, uneducated, ugly, aged or even the undeserving criminal is just as important to Him as anyone else. Each of us is being prepared to make a commitment to Jesus, to live with Him as His bride and reign with Him, and our worth is built in.

If anyone was ever found worthless the criminal on the cross was, yet Jesus chose him to show us what He thinks of the human race. WOW! Maybe now I can see a whole new view of Jesus' second word from the cross"...Today you will be with me in Paradise."

Yours in Christ,
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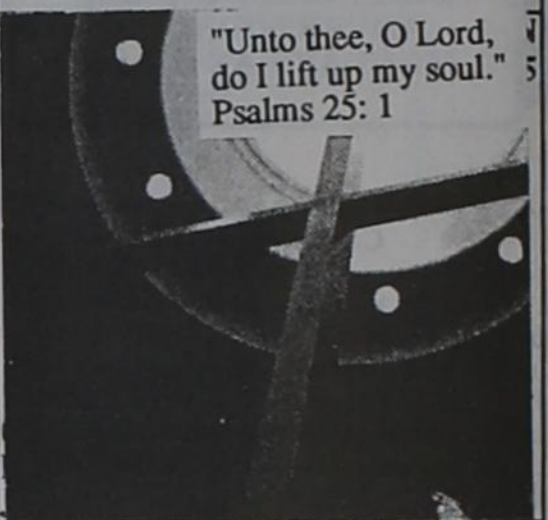
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