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# The Post Dispatch

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## WRMWD: No plans to implement water restrictions for now

White River Municipal Water District executive director Tommy O'Brien has announced that there are no plans at this time to implement the drought plan.

In response to news media inquiries, O'Brien explained that recent publication of notices of the drought plans were published as required by the law.

"The Ordinance was being published because the laws under which the District operates require us to publish any rule or regulation which has a penalty," O'Brien said.

"Because the Ordinance has a penalty, we are required to publish the Ordinance for two consecutive weeks.

"The Ordinance was a document that the four cities (Crosbyton, Post, Ralls and Spur) requested the District to prepare.

"Each city wanted a Drought Contingency Plan which was the same for all the cities. Each city has adopted

the same Drought Contingency Plan. "We had to wait until all the cities adopted the plan before it could be published.

"And, pray for rain!" O'Brien added. He added, "the lake level is currently higher than its historical low level (i.e., there is more water in the lake now than there was a few years ago when the lake was at its lowest historical level).

## Post Stampede Rodeo opens Aug. 9

The 61st Annual Post Stampede Rodeo, billed as the "Best Rodeo in the West," will roll into town Aug. 9-11. Nightly TCRA- and CPRA-approved shows will be at 8 p.m., with grand entries scheduled for 7:45 p.m. at the rodeo arena.

"The District does not have any immediate plans to begin any level of water rationing. And, we must remind ourselves that even if the lake reaches a level that we cannot use it for drinking purposes, we have a well supply that can be used to meet our sanitary needs."

Evaporation continues to be big problem for White River Lake with the extended three digit heat recently experienced in the area.

## Trail Blazers plan Aug. 11 Grand Opening

The Garza County Trail Blazers have announced a grand opening for the newly completed senior citizen center will be held August 11 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The new facility is located at 205 E. 10th Street.

A special Bar-B-Que plate will be offered at \$5 each. The grand opening will also include a "Sweet Tooth Booth" featuring desserts by the piece or slice. The meal includes brisket, potato salad, red beans, bread and trimmings. Dining in guests will also get free tea and coffee.

Take out orders may be called in advance to 495-2998. Advance tickets for the event may be purchased by calling 495-2998 or 495-3140.

## Post Notes

### Hospital district seeks input

The Garza Hospital District has mailed a questionnaire to all mailing addresses and rural delivery areas served by the local post office. The questionnaire is designed to collect public opinion on options that might be used to expand health care in the community. Everyone is encouraged to participate and return the postage-paid response as soon as possible.

### Nazarene Church VBS

The Post Nazarene Church is offering a Vacation Bible School at the Church July 30 through August 3. Each session is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Registration will be held Monday, July 30 at 6 p.m.

### Diabetes help at Golden Plains

Golden Plains Care Center will offer a special program by the American Association of Diabetes on July 31 at 3 p.m. The program covers how to recognize diabetes in yourself and family members. There will be a video tape and testing will also be available.

### Church sets building fund-raiser

The Women's chapter of the Church of God of Prophecy at 602 W. 14th St is offering an enchilada plate Friday, July 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plates are \$5 each, which includes three enchiladas, rice, beans and salad. Call Lydia or Felicia at 495-3644. Live music will also be featured.

### Draw-Redwine reunion Sunday

The Draw-Redwine reunion will be held Sunday, July 29 at the Tahoka Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call Claudia Walker at 806-798-7814.

### Experience Freedom Sunday

The Iglesia Templo Bautista is hosting a revival Sunday with the theme of "Experience Freedom." The church is located at 315 W. Main. The revival will begin Saturday at 7 p.m. and continues Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and at 5 p.m. Special music is provided by "Conjunto Libertad." For more information call 495-2416.

### 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.

### Opinions added to Post City web site

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.

Admission will be \$6 for adults and children ages 6 and under will be admitted free of charge.

T&T Rodeo Co. of Anson will serve as producer.

Events will include bareback bronc, one go-round, \$70; calf roping, one head, \$70; saddle bronc, one go-round, \$70; barrel race, \$70; team roping, open, \$140; bull riding, one go-round, \$70; mutton bustin', \$10; girls breakaway roping, \$70; and junior flag, 12 and under, \$10. Flag entries will be limited to the first 10; the top five each night will advance to the finals.

Books will open Sunday, Aug. 5, from 6-9 p.m. for all events and again on Monday, Aug. 6, from 6-9 p.m., all events. Call Randy McKee, 817-453-2374.

To sign up for the junior flag race and the mutton bustin', call Ray Mason at 495-2776.

The annual rodeo parade will be held Aug. 11 beginning at 3 p.m. A ranch horse competition will be held that Saturday at 9 a.m.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, a slab dance will be held, featuring the Thrift Store Cowboys. Admission to the dance will be \$6 per person.

Sponsors for the event include Caprock Cellular, Cavender's, Lubbock Beverage Co., Cellular One, Town & Country, Monsanto and South Plains Truck & Equipment.

## Garza County Hospital District seeks input on health care survey

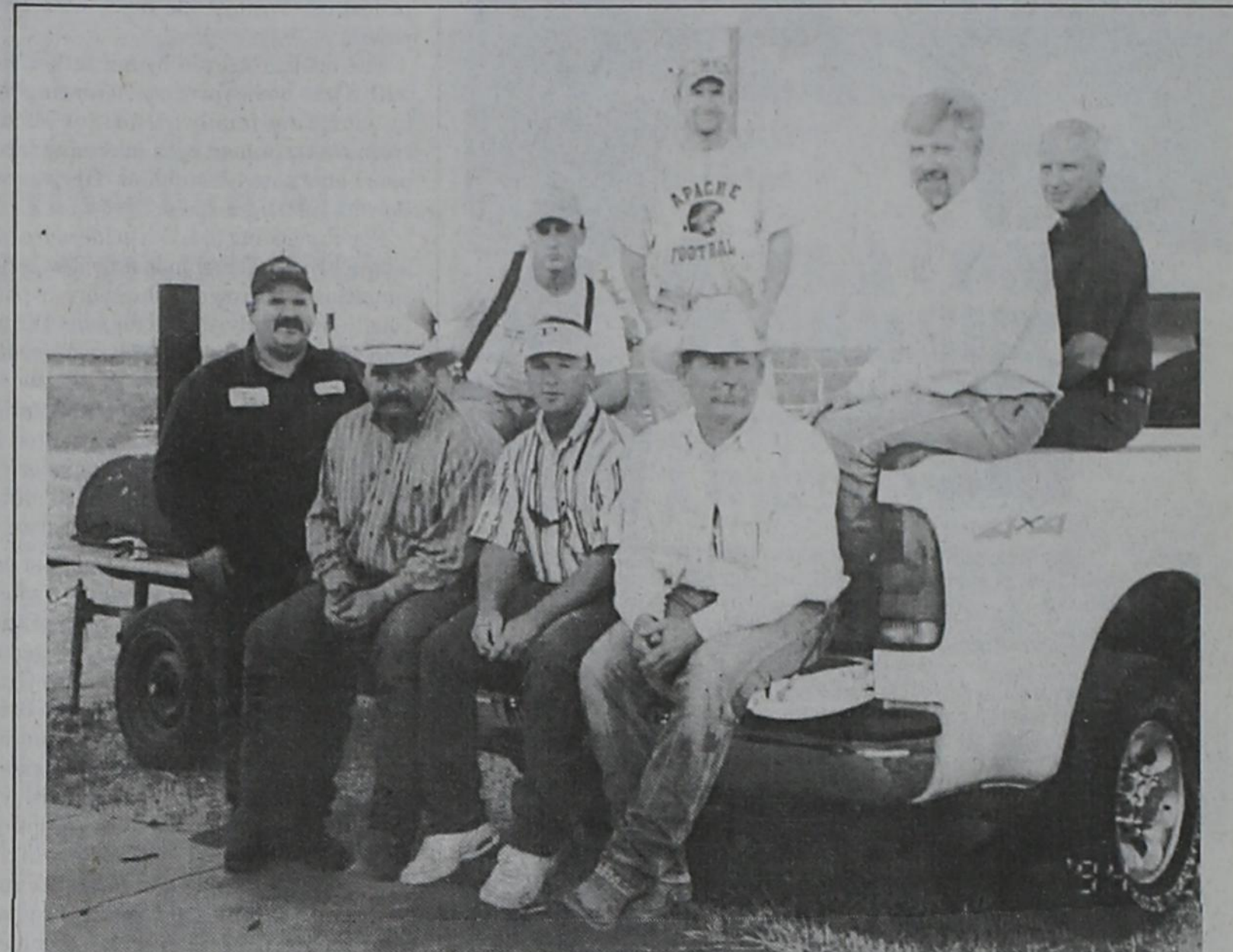
The Garza County Hospital District is conducting a random survey of district residents in the hope of exploring different options available for local health care.

According to the survey, the hospital district's board of directors has appointed a 10-member committee to "examine the various options of expanding health care in our district." Public input is requested to enable the committee to "consider all the possibilities that they might recommend to the board for action," according to a statement made by Leon Miller, chairman of the Health Care Expansion Committee.

The survey includes six "health care expansion options" and asks the survey-taker to answer each with 'yes' or 'no.' The individual being surveyed also is asked to rank the top three options.

Hearth care expansion options include the following (worded as listed on the questionnaire):

- Keep present clinic operation — 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday; two physicians and one nurse practitioner.
- Keep present clinic operation plus a 24-hour urgent care center; no ambulance emergencies accepted).
- Reopen the present clinic building as a hospital with a 24-hour emer-



## It's rodeo time - Aug. 9-10-11

Getting ready for the 61st Annual Post Stampede Rodeo are directors (back row, left to right) Scooter Lynch, Lane Jones, Brady Sanders, Phil Matthews, (front) Casey Zachary, Ken Young, Barry Morris and Danny Robertson. Directors not available for the photo are Kirk Stevens, Ray Mason, Rooster Swartz, Bruce Sanderson, Mike Babb, Rodney Odoen, Robbie Williams and Larry McDougal.

## "Too Poor to Paint, Too Proud to Whitewash" is "Too Good to Miss!"

by Louella Bilberry

"Too Poor to Paint — To Proud to Whitewash" (and too good to miss!). We had a great receptive crowd at the theater Saturday night. Jeff Conner, no stranger to our stage, got the night started with an old Harley Sadler tradition by singing a hymn. Then he played his guitar and sang. He introduced Emily Hataway, one of the cast, and they sang together, only this time she had the guitar and he had a mandolin.

Our play begins in the country home of the Slater family. The time is 1915. Ma Slater (Emily Hataway), Sister

Nan (Kendyl Keeton) and girl friend Flora (Heather Bullard) are discussing John. John is going to the bit city of New York to be a lawyer. Pa Slater (Cordell Green), in his hickory-stripped overalls, comes in to tell Ma he's going to give John all the money he has! We meet John (Ken Young), who is now ready to leave. Pa gives John the money. John is touched by his father's gift of the money — all of \$15! The family says their goodbyes and leave John to say his goodbye to sweet Flora. John's friend Cal (played by Mikey Gonzales) has

told Nan goodbye, as he is leaving for New York too.

Freckled-faced, red-haired Toby catches John kissing sweet Flora goodbye and razzes them.

For the first intermission, we had Amber Peeples, the recent winner of the True Value Showdown Talent Search, sing two songs for us. We then had the traditional candy sale! Many of the audience got prizes, while the rest of us enjoyed candy! When the second act began, three years had come and gone! We see John's plush drawing room. Our boy has done real good — why, he even has a butler! John forgot sweet Flora and has married him a New York society girl. Snippy Adele (Jenny Haning) lets John know that she will not have his country bumpkin family in her house. She would be just too embarrassed for their friends to meet the Slaters. John mentions the Christmas gifts they had sent the family. A silk top hat for Pa, a fur for Ma, a ball gown for Nan and a robe for Toby. John wants to see his family, though.

We discover Adele is not who she claims to be and she has a "gentleman" friend. These two are up to no good!

Our audience had figured Adele out and they began to boo her! Well, lo and behold, the Slater family does come to see John, and they are all dressed in their Christmas gifts!

Our next intermission was more music. "Toby" joined Emily and Jon in an original Hataway song, "Oh, Mother, Don't Make Me Go to Bed and I'll be Good!" Next, Catlin Walker, granddaughter of Gene and Yvonne Kennedy, did a tap dance routine.

In Act Three, we find out the family has been treated badly by snippy Adele! (She made them eat in the kitchen and sometimes didn't feed them at all). John is very upset at this news and tells them all they have to do is ring the bell for the butler and get anything they want! Toby has fun with the bell and the butler (Michael Voraur), but the butler doesn't enjoy it at all.

Friend Cal tells John that he has had enough and that he is going back home.

John discovers snippy Adele is not who he thought she was when the

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gency room for all patients (ambulance emergencies would be accepted).

- Open a new hospital in a new building with the same operation as listed in Option 3.
- Voter approval is required for a tax increase of 3 percent. If any option required that, would you vote yet for it?
- If any option requires bonds be issued to finance it, would you likely

vote YES for a bond issue?

Postage-paid questionnaires are to be returned to the hospital district before Aug. 15; no signature is required upon completion of the document.

Members of the committee are Nelda Dalby, Janie Davis, Joy Dawson, Noah Gutierrez, Giles McCrary, Leon Miller, Lee Norman (ex-officio), Maritta Reed, Carol Short, Fred Stephens, Don Tatum and Mike Travis.

## U.S. Hwy 380 construction work starts this week

Contractors will begin work this week on U.S. 380 in Garza and Lynn counties, according to a report from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The project will include the rehabilitation of 24 miles of the roadway, between U.S. 87 and U.S. 84.

Work is scheduled to be completed in November.

For more information on the pending project, contact Rob Comey, TxDOT Lubbock District area engineer, at 748-4462.

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## 61st Annual Post Stampede Rodeo August 9-10-11

## Christa Hooten, Joseph Gillis exchange wedding vows

The Graham Chapel Church of Christ was the site chosen for the exchange of wedding vows between Christa Alyse Hooten and Joseph Andre Gillis. The double ring ceremony was conducted Monday, July 9, 2001, at 7 p.m.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. David Hooten of Lubbock and Mrs.



Mrs. Joseph Gillis

Rena Gillis of Shallowater. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Myrtle Peel of Post and the late Elva Peel, and Don and Kathleen Hooten of San Angelo. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Ola Gillis of Gary, Texas.

As they entered the church, guests were registered by Jaclyn Byrd and Janet Huntley, cousins of the bride. The registry table was covered with a blue tablecloth and a white topper. A crystal vase held blue and white flowers, and a wedding book and white plume pen finished out the table's decor.

Pastor Mitch Wilson of the First Baptist Church of Shallowater performed the ceremony before a brass candelabra containing 14 white candles. In the center of the candelabras was a floral arrangement of spring flowers and tiger lilies, flanked on either side by two smaller floral arrangements on pedestals. White tulle bows with periwinkle silk blue roses marked the pews.

The bride, escorted by her father, wore a white satin empire waist gown with a lace bodice overlay. Accenting the back of the gown, which was created by a longtime family friend, Sue Maxey of Post, was a white satin bow. The train was trimmed with matching lace. The fingertip veil was attached to a pearl encrusted headband. Her cascade bouquet was composed of spring flowers and tiger lilies.

For something old, the bride wore a pearl necklace belonging to her aunt, Jeanie Byrd; for something new, the bride had her wedding gown; for something borrowed, she wore a pair of drop earrings belonging to her cousin, Keliss Byrd; and for something blue, she wore a garter also made by Sue Maxey. The bride wore pennies in her shoes with the years of her and the groom's births.

As the bride entered, she presented her mother with a red rose. Upon leaving the ceremony, she presented her mother-in-law with a pink rose.

Maid of honor was Valerie Lucero of Lubbock, who wore a floor-length periwinkle blue satin dress with matching lace overlay on the bodice. She carried a nosegay of spring flowers.

Taylor and Ashley Graves of Post were flower girls. They wore matching floral dresses and carried white wicker baskets with white and red silk rose petals. Broody Williams, cousin of the bride, was the candle lighter. Riley Williams, cousin of the bride, served as ring bearer.

Serving as best man was Sidney Graves of Post. Ushers were Clay Hooten and Coby Hooten, brothers of the bride. They wore black pants and black vests with pastel shirts. The groom wore his Army Class A dress uniform.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Huntley, cousins of the bride, served and the music and wedding coordinators. Jaclyn Byrd was videographer of the ceremony.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Wells Fargo Bank community room in Post. A collage of childhood photos of the bride and groom greeted guests as they entered the reception.

The bride's table held a four-tiered white wedding cake decorated with the bride's chosen color of periwinkle blue silk flowers and a Precious Moments bride and groom. A floral arrangement also adorned the table, as did a pair of silver candle holders with white tapered candles. Serving the cake was D'Lynn Williams, cousin of the bride. Punch was served by Keliss Byrd, cousin of the bride. Completing the table were nuts and white wedding bell mints made by Jennie Cowdrey.

The groom's table had a German chocolate cake served by Janet Huntley, cousin of the bride. An Army theme was carried out on the table, which held nuts and a fruit bowl. Coffee was served from a silver service by Jennifer Huntley, cousin of the bride.

Members of the house party were Jeanie Byrd of Post and Rhea James of Plainview, the bride's aunts.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Coronado High School in Lubbock and attended South Plains College and Lubbock Christian University. She was employed by Convergys until her marriage.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of New Life Christian Academy in Lubbock and serves in the U.S. Army.

The couple will make their home in Harker Heights, Texas, while the groom is stationed at Fort Hood.

## Judy's Jabberin'

By Judy B. Bush

Here we go with another week. Do yall realize that school starts in about four weeks! Kids, I sure hope it cools off before then, especially for those two-a-days.

I hope all of you senior citizens out there are being careful of this heat. We fuss at our Moms all of the time (not that it does much good) about being careful. This heat can get you before you know it.

### Get Well

I want to send out a special get well to Luke Cravy. What I started out to be a simple operation (if there is any such thing) of having his tonsils out, turned out to be pretty major. At any rate Luke, I hope you are feeling much better and I hope also that Mom and Dad are over the scare.

Also to Nita Case, I hope you are soon on the mend. I know this has been a long road. I love ya and know you will be up and around soon.

### I'm Jealous

I visited with Nellie Tyler yesterday and she and grandson, Jerrod, have been on another great vacation.

It started out in Alabama (what better place, huh Nellie) where they picked up Nellie's sisters, Dean of Alexander City, Ala. and Elyonnie of Goodwater, Ala. Also along for the trip was Nellie's brother, Ronnie of Alexander City.

They all took a 18 day tour of the New England states. They saw the Statue of Liberty in New York and George Bush's home in Maine.

Next summer I'm going to see if Nellie doesn't need some help with luggage or something.

### Things you never knew

1. What separates "60 Minutes" from every other TV show? No theme song.
2. Half of Americans live within 50 miles of what? Their birth place.
3. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to count until you found the letter A? One thousand.
4. What do bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common? They were all invented by women!
5. What is the only food that doesn't spoil? Honey
6. There are more collect calls on this day than any other day of the year? Fathers day.
7. What trivial fact about Mel Blanc (voice of Bugs Bunny) is the most ironic? He was allergic to carrots.
8. What is the activity performed by 40 % of all people at a party? They snoop in your medicine cabinet.
9. The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV, was Fred and Wilma Flintstone.
10. Coca-Cola was originally green.

### Birthdays:

Tuesday, July 24, Pablo J. Garcia; Friday, July 27, Tyler Bennett, our daughter, Megan Bush Everette, our niece, Cindy Terry Herridge and Carla Foster; Saturday, July 28, Sterling Smith, Ali Daily, and Ricky Putman, anniversaries. Bo and Marita Jackson and Cres and Cynthia Merrell; Sunday, July 29, Sergio Lopez, Chess Postell, Kyla salinas, Jacie Kimmons, Pam Reiter, Debbie Cannon and Joe Poe III, anniversaries, James and Gail Burnett and Dirk and Cathy Bland, Monday, July 30, Keegan Stanley, Randy Littrell and FRED MYERS; Tuesday, July 31, Melinda Morgan, John David Boren, Rod Smith and neighbor Orabeth White; Wednesday, August 1, Candi Reed and Ayra McDonald, anniversary, Dicky and Shellae Odom; Thursday, August 2, Beatrice White, Beth Hodges, Sonya Harp, Tonya Harp, Shawna McClintock, Dawna Hood and Lotoya Reed.

### Till Next Week

May God hold you in the palm on his hand and the angels watch over you. See ya next week.

### Births

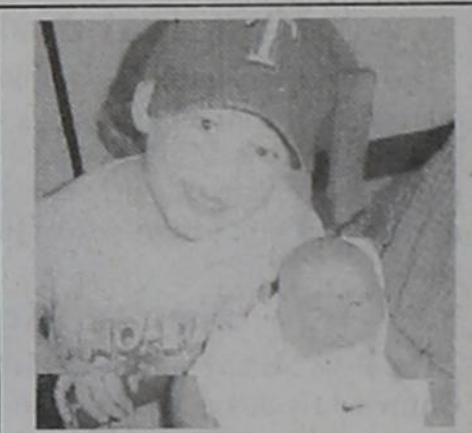
#### Trent Dalton Josey

Torre and Tyler Josey are happy to announce the birth of their brother, Trent Dalton Josey.

He was born July 16, 2001 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Trent weighed six pounds, six ounces and was 17.5 inches long.

Parents are Randy and Patricia Josey of Midland.

Grandparents are Bobby Josey of Post, R.E. Josey of Karnack and Loyd and Peggy Messick of Rotan.



Tyler (left) and Trent Josey



Calvary Baptist Church of Post will host a special presentation of "James" on Sunday, August 5 at 10:45 a.m. The dramatic presentation features Larry Jones, Director of Missions for the Lubbock Baptist Association, includes Biblical costume with props. All five chapters of James, which is a book from the Bible, are presented in a contemporary narrative with dramatic effects. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Lunch Menus

#### Trailblazers

- Monday, July 30  
Vegetable/beef stew, macaroni salad, green onions, cornbread and peach cobbler.
- Tuesday, July 31  
Meatloaf, new potatoes, broccoli, stuffed celery, hot roll and spice cake.
- Wednesday, August 1  
Catfish, baked beans, okra, coleslaw, cornbread and fruit salad.
- Thursday, August 2  
Baked ham, navy beans, carrots and zucchini, sliced tomatoes, cornbread and pineapple cake.
- Friday, August 3  
Chicken and rice, green beans, cream gravy, biscuits, fruit salad and sugar cookies.

## THANK YOU

for your dedication to the Post community, Dr. Rao!

Covenant Family Healthcare Center is saying good-bye to Uma Rao, M.D., board certified internist. Dr. Rao has served the Post community for several years, and we would like to thank her for her dedication. A reception will be held in her honor on Thursday, August 2nd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Covenant Family Healthcare Center located at 608 West 6th Street. We wish Dr. Rao much success in her new endeavors.

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# Congratulations!! Post Baseball Junior and Senior League All-Star Teams



Junior League Baseball All-Stars  
(back row, left to right) Coaches John Valdez and Greg Williams, Justin Williams, Theo Paiz, Randon Blacklock, Braden Bratcher, Stace Norman, Coach Cain Abraham, (front row) Coach Jimmy Valdez, Javen Abraham, Zach Perez, Colton Valdez, Quinton Odom and Andrew Espinoza.



Senior League Baseball All-Stars  
(back row, left to right) Coaches Les Looney and Jeff Lott, Kenny Ratke, Mitch Holly, Brody Robertson, Cody Fox, (front row) Mitchell Mills, Mark Norman, Bryan Looney, David Rivera, Patrick Gonzales, Joseph Espinoza, Jett Lott, Coby Jones and Coach Larry Mills.

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# Opinions



## And thereafter, tethered citizens

by Walter E. Williams

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe said, "No one is as hopelessly enslaved as the person who thinks he's free." That captures the essence of "Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State," written by Sheldon Richman, a senior fellow at the Fairfax, Va., based Future of Freedom Foundation (fff.org).

We just celebrated the 225th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence. We listened to speeches about the liberties bequeathed by our Founders. But according to Sheldon's convincing, compellingly marshaled evidence, we're not as free as we think.

Yes, we can think of ourselves as free, but only relative to the rest of the world. In terms of the Founders' vision of freedom, we're little more than serfs. You say: "What do you mean, Williams? I'm free!"

Richman would ask you: Are you in charge of the amount of money you set aside for retirement and at what age you'll retire? No, the government mandates that you join its retirement program. If you insist on being left alone and don't obey, you'll go to jail or otherwise suffer at the hands of government.

What's more, when government changes Social Security rules, unlike a private retirement plan, you can't sue for breach of contract. Richman asks: Is it you who decides when your child will go to school and for how many weeks and study what?

No, it's government that not only makes these decisions, it also attacks and undermines values taught at home. What if you think your child is capable of having a job at age 12, as I was? No dice. The government determines the age at which one can work, and for how long and at what pay.

Suppose you want to save money. Your money and privacy is subject to a web of regulatory offices, including the U.S. Treasury, the Federal Reserve System and the Securities and Exchange Commission. If you make deposits or withdrawals of \$5,000 or more, your bank must report it to the government.



If you attempt to stop government's prying eyes by making deposits and withdrawals just below the reporting threshold, you face fines and imprisonment for "structuring."

You own land, but you don't control it. You might have purchased land as an investment, only to find that when you retire and are ready to build or sell it, you can't. It might have been designated a wetland (swamp) by environmental authorities or declared a habitat for an endangered bird, rat or insect, whose rights the government deems more important than yours.

Alexis de Tocqueville's "Democracy in America" has a chapter titled, "What Sort of Despotism Democratic Nations Have to Fear." He said citizens of modern democracies faced a despotism of a different character, which "would be more widespread and milder; it would degrade men rather than torment them."

De Tocqueville went on to say, "I do not expect for their leaders to be tyrants, but rather schoolmasters." He adds, "It only tries to keep them in perpetual childhood." It does so by providing security and necessities, assuming responsibility for their concerns, managing their work, and more, "It gladly works for their happiness but wants to be the sole agent and judge of it."

Democracy gives an aura of legitimacy to acts that would otherwise be deemed tyranny. That is precisely why the Framers gave us a Constitution that sought to protect us against the abuses of majorities. That's what our Bill of Rights is all about, those congressional shant-nots.

It's just too bad that Congress, acting on the will of the majority, have abrogated those protections.

"Tethered Citizens" is an excellent, informative and easily read 150-page book that would have been much shorter had Richman chosen to list our remaining liberties.

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

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## I must be paranoid, I still believe in communists

by Vin Suprynowicz

Last month, Clark County finally caved in to union pressure and ended its system of merit raises.

The bosses of Nevada's teachers unions have long wailed and ululated against any similar proposal to differentiate by awarding pay raises based on "merit" among their own number ... after all, this would allow school principals and other administrators to show "favoritism."

It was in this context that I received the galley proofs of the new paperback book, "Communism: A Brief History," by Richard Pipes, Baird Research Professor of History at Harvard University.

I thumbed through this slim volume, stumbling on a telling paragraph about a noted world leader who confronted similar proposals in 1931, when he was trying to get the factories running and his nation out of a serious economic depression.

"In 1931," Professor Pipes writes of this noted economic and political visionary, "he assailed the principle of 'egalitarianism,' which called for workers to be paid identical wages regardless of competence, as an 'ultra-left' notion. It meant, he went on to explain, that the unqualified worker had no incentive to acquire skills, while the skilled worker moved from job to job until he found ones where his talents were properly rewarded; both hurt productivity. Accordingly, the new wage scale drew great distinctions between the least and most skilled workers."

Who was this enemy of worker solidarity, this promoter of dog-eat-dog competition who stood so far to the right of the enlightened leaders of today's Clark County public employee unions?

Joseph Stalin.

Professor Pipes, who reminds us in his preface that "No clear distinction can be drawn between 'socialism' and 'communism' ... in other words, that the collectivist politics of Charles Schumer and Dianne Feinstein and Shelley Berkley will lead inevitably to the same results gained by Stalin and Mao and Pol Pot, no matter how winding or flower-strewn the path ... finds that "Just as the Holocaust expressed the quintessential nature of National Socialism, so did the Khmer Rouge rule in Cambodia (1975-78) represent the purest embodiment of Communism: what it turns into when pushed to its logical conclusion. ...

"The leaders of the Khmer Rouge received their higher education in Paris," the good professor notes, "where they absorbed Rousseau's vision of 'natural man,' as well as the exhortations of Frantz Fanon and Jean-Paul Sartre to violence in the struggle against colonialism."

When Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge threw out the American puppet Lon Nol in 1975 and took over the nation's capital Phnom Penh, "The carnage began," Professor Pipes reports. "Unlike Mao ... Pol Pot did not waste time on 'reeducation' but proceeded directly to extermination, by category, of ... all civilian and military employees of the old regime, former landowners, teachers, merchants, Buddhist monks, and even skilled workers. ... The executions involved entire

families, including small children. ..."

Collectivism breeds such immorality — and can't stand close observation by those who reject euphemisms and stubbornly insist on calling things by their proper names — because it rests on the foundation of armed robbery, no matter how intricately disguised.

Fail to pay your school taxes or your redistributionist "income tax," and eventually armed men will set your belongings on the sidewalk and auction off your house.

What elected official in America today (possibly excepting Ron Paul of Texas) hesitates to gleefully spend the proceeds of the redistributionist income tax? They have thus embraced both the principles and the methods of the Bolesheviks. Yet neither the elected thieves nor the beneficiaries of such redistributionist (that is to say, communist) schemes face any social disapproval for "stealing our stuff." No, they're merely "receiving their entitlements"; it is WE who are loathed as selfish, anti-social deviants if we endeavor to keep some larger share of what we earn to feed and clothe our own families, shouted down for "hate speech" if we call their theft ring by its proper name.

In only 44 months, Pol Pot managed to reduce the population of the country from 7.3 million to 5.8 million, eliminating nearly a fifth of a nation's population. And it was all done in strict adherence to the doctrines they'd been taught by the most respected Leftist intellectuals of the universities of Paris, who to this day are still required reading (in translation, of course, language skills having long since been abandoned as undemocratic, elitist and unnecessary) in the most prestigious American universities.

### The Evil of Taxation

"To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."

—Thomas Jefferson

Perhaps the sentiments contained in the following pages, are not yet sufficiently fashionable to procure them general favor; a long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defence of custom.

But the tumult soon subsides.

THOMAS PAINE, Common Sense, January 1776

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## How a socialist democracy works in Texas

by Wesley W. Burnett

"We'll do what the majority wants," is the motto for the Garza County socialist democrats. The problem of course with that motto is discovering what the majority really wants.

"Oh, let's send out a survey to everyone, and find out what they want," the socialist democrats proclaim. Then, when they count the "majority," they can claim another victory for socialized medical care.

Of course the obvious problem with that proposal is that the "majority" then becomes the majority of those who bother to respond. That's the inherent difficulty for a democracy ... and one of the primary reasons why the founders of the great American republic purposely attempted to create a republic, not a democracy.

In a democracy, especially a socialist democracy, the mob (majority, even if the majority is truly only a majority of a minority) has the power to rob, steal, plunder and confiscate the wealth of others, justifying this injustice by "the will of the people."

Naturally, the "will of the people" is more important than constitutional restraints or the rights of individuals.

Nonetheless, the Garza County Hospital District board of directors is pressing on with its plan for tax funded medical care for everyone in Garza County, even for those who don't want it and aren't interested in paying for it.

Never mind that if it were their own personal money it'd be a different story. Never mind the fact that this whole system is sustained by theft, even though that theft may actually be the "will of the people," it is still theft. Only through force can such a system be maintained.

Such immoral behavior is typical of a socialist democracy, which rules through the perception of the "will of the people," regardless of the consequences and in spite of the violations of property ownership and individual rights.

It is downright shameful.

"It may be noted that there were no demonstrations anywhere in the world against these outrages and the United Nations passed no resolutions condemning them," Professor Pipes notes. "The world took them in stride, presumably because they were committed in what was heralded as a noble cause."

Finally, the bloodstained geriatrics who run Red China, taking time out from beating to death more imprisoned Christians and Tibetan nuns, sponsored a concert last month in Beijing's "Forbidden City," featuring those world-class yawners the "Three Tenors."

The concert was meant to promote Beijing's desire to host the 2008 Olympics, by showing what a civilized place it is. But a protester showed up.

American photographer Stephen Shaver, there on behalf of Agence France-Presse, photographed the protester. So Beijing police knocked Shaver down, dragged him along the ground, and hit him in the head and chest.

The United States filed a protest. From the French, who educated most of Asia's leading Communist revolutionaries? Silence.

Except that three weeks later the International Olympic Committee — the same folks who honored Hitler's little racial purification experiments by awarding him the 1936 games — announced the locale of their 2008 Olympic games.

Yep, Beijing.

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