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Family celebrates child's return

by Sheri Lewis

A party Saturday afternoon marked the celebrated return of 4-year-old Sammy Soto.

"I'm so glad I'm back," the child told his family with a smile. "I love everybody."

Soto returned home to Post June 27 after having disappeared on Father's Day, June 16. It was during the afternoon of June 16 that authorities say Soto's father, Gregorio "Greg" Matillas Soto Jr., broke into his former mother-in-law's home and snatched the child.

Greg Soto and his son were located early Wednesday morning, June 26, in a Minneapolis, Minn., homeless shelter. According to Chief Deputy Tommy Binford, special agents with the FBI arrested the man without incident at about 6 a.m. CST.

The Garza County Sheriff's

Department was notified of the arrest at about 6:20 a.m.

Lina Rodriguez, Sammy's maternal grandmother, said she had just crawled out of bed and was beginning to get ready for work when the phone rang at about 6:40 a.m.

"I was half asleep," she said. "When they told me (Sammy had been found), I asked them if it was for real... I just wanted to make sure I wasn't dreaming."

The child's mother, Isela Gomez, was staying with her mother and heard the phone ring. When she got up and saw her mother crying, she assumed the news was not good.

"Then I told her, and we were crying and excited and calling everybody," Rodriguez said. "We had a house full of people that morning."

American Airlines provided deep discounts on tickets for Gomez and her mother to travel to Minneapolis to pick up Sammy. The two left flew out of Lubbock for Dallas shortly after 6 p.m. and following a delay and a brief layover in the Metroplex, arrived in Minneapolis at about 1 a.m.

Rodriguez said they raced to the hotel, "dumped their bags," flagged down a taxi and headed for the Hennepin County Child Protective Services facility. There, they picked up a sleepy but happy and healthy Sammy at about 2 a.m.

"He was mostly asleep when we got there," Rodriguez said, "but she (Isela) had talked to him on the phone at the airport. She told him we were on our way, but that he needed to go ahead and go to

sleep."

Rodriguez said Sammy seems to have suffered no emotional trauma from the incident; rather, he appears to be unaware of the circumstances surrounding his recent travels.

In the meantime, Greg Soto remained in the Hennepin County Jail Tuesday evening. He has waived extradition, Binford said, and representatives of the Garza County Sheriff's Department left Tuesday to pick up the man and return him to the local jail.

Upon his return, Greg Soto will be arraigned on charges of aggravated assault and aggravated kidnapping, Binford said.

A federal charge for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution was initially pending, but Rodriguez said she understood that charge

was to be dropped.

Lubbock FBI supervisor Miles Burden, whose office played a major role in the investigation surrounding Sammy's disappearance, was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

According to sheriff's department reports, Greg Soto called his ex-wife, Gomez, and asked to see the couple's children - Matthew, Sammy and 17-month-old Destiney - on Father's Day. He appeared at the home of his former mother-in-law in the 900 block of West 14th where Gomez and the children were staying, demanding to be allowed inside. Gomez had locked the doors and advised her ex-husband to leave. When he refused, Gomez told her oldest child to go to the back of the house and call 9-1-1.

Greg Soto kicked through the locked screen door to gain entrance to the home and, according to reports, began physically assaulting his former wife. He knocked her down and dragged her from the living room area and down the hall to where the 7-year-old was using the telephone.

Greg Soto snatched the phone from his oldest son and used the handheld device as a weapon, Gomez said. He hit Matthew with the phone before turning his attention to his ex-wife. Reports indicate that as Greg Soto was striking Gomez with the cordless telephone, she fell into a nearby bathroom, shutting the door behind her to ward off the attack.

Gomez reported that while she lay in the bathroom floor, she

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Courthouse electrical wiring project gets top priority

by Wes Burnett

A major overhaul of electrical wiring at the Garza County Courthouse will begin in the next few months following commissioner court action at the regular meeting June 24.

The project, which has been discussed for several months, involves completely removing all the old wiring and conduit. Troy Sweeney with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper explained the project, which is expected to cost between \$200,000 to \$215,000.

The court approved the engi-

neering firm to finalize bid specifications for advertising of bids. Funding the project is to be with certificates of obligation. County Attorney Les Acker is preparing documents for the court's approval.

The project will include installation of an electrical transformer on a pad, with underground wiring to the courthouse. Telephone wiring will also be replaced, with overhead outside wiring to be replaced by underground wiring.

Expected to begin in September, the project will be bid for 150

days construction.

In other action, the court approved a \$500 per month subsidy for the Post/Garza County EMS. Commissioner Lee Norman said the subsidy is for a limited period of time and represents one third of the total needed by the EMS to bring its finances into balance. The other two thirds is being funded by the City of Post and Garza County Health Care District.

Judge Giles W. Dalby informed the court that an informal meeting with the City of Lubbock would be held this week to discuss serious problems at Lake Alan Henry. "I think they just did not consider the impact of all that additional traffic," he said.

The court approved food bids for the juvenile detention center, accepting staff recommendation to Watson-Sysco, the current provider.

Commissioners authorized Acker and Norman to negotiate with the owner of the "SPS" building located on West Main Street. Plans include leasing the building with a "first refusal option" to buy. The court discussed various options for the building use, which is designed to alleviate the lack of privacy in the current Victims Assistance program and probation office.

"It's an idea facility for the extension office," Norman said, "and the probation and victim assistance folks could expand into the current extension office building, providing necessary privacy for consulting with clients."

No action was taken by the court on a proposed purchase of city lots by Mitchell Real Estate. The court is seeking input from the City of Post prior to approval of the sale. Post ISD has already agreed to the sale.

Judge Dalby informed the court that the U.S. Bureau of Prisons is imposing some new requirements, including the appointment of a county compliance officer to ensure that contracts are in order. The bureau also seeks

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My Special Place observed a special open house at the new facility last week. At the event were Kristen Webb (standing rear) with Isaiah Soto, Traven Laurance, (seated) Lexy Antilla, Alex Perez and Jeña Sofó. (Photo by Rebecca Sturgeon)

Fourth of July in Post... food, fun, games and music

A community-wide Fourth of July celebration will fill the city park Thursday evening, and fireworks will fill the skies over the lake.

Sponsored by the local MAD DADS program, this year's celebration will kick off at 5 p.m. with food and game booths. Two dozen booths are scheduled to be set up for the event, said Diana Poe, coordinator for the celebration, and the entire park will be swathed in red, white and blue to mark the Independence Day event.

Admission to the park and all related events will be free of charge.

At 6 p.m., local youths are invited to bring their red, white and blue-decorated bikes and trikes for a decorated bike parade in the park. All participants will receive a medallion.

The musical offerings of the Silver Threads will begin at 7 p.m., followed by a white elephant auction beginning at 8 p.m. Poe said "white elephant" donations from local merchants are being rounded up this week.

At 9 p.m., shortly before the beginning of the fireworks display, a drawing for a quilt to be given away will be conducted.

Proceeds from booth rentals, the white elephant auction and

the quilt giveaway will benefit the MAD DADS youth program.

The fireworks display, which will be discharged under the direction of fire department members, will begin at dark. The display should last a minimum of 30 minutes, Poe said.

"Come out and watch the fireworks," she said. "We're going to have all kinds of food and game

booths. It'll be a lot of fun."

Independent Independence Day celebrations should be sparse after the local commissioners court unanimously approved an order "restricting the use" and sale of fireworks in unincorporated areas of Garza County. The action, taken last month, was triggered by ongoing drought conditions faced by county landowners.

Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau hosts free music concerts

A series of free concerts will be conducted under the shade trees at the county courthouse thanks to the Post Commerce and Tourism Bureau. The concerts will also feature homemade ice cream at \$1 per cup.

The first concert, which will feature the talents of the String Technicians trio, will be Tuesday, July 9, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on the south lawn of the courthouse. The Levelland group will playing and singing a variety of music, including cowboy, Celtic, light jazz, pop standards, blues and semi-classical.

The String Technicians were organized in 1998 in Amarillo. British-born guitarist, vocalist and composer Joe Gillis arranges most of the group's music. Western Swing Hall of Fame bassist Chet Calcote brings years of professional experience from a multitude of musical genres. Jean Warren, classically trained performer and teacher, add a refresh violin/fiddle and vocal ability to provide yet another dimension of sound.

Concertgoers are urged to bring lawn chairs.

Post Notes

"Charlotte's Web" final performances

The Garza Theatre's production of "Charlotte's Web" completes its performances Friday and Saturday. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

Trinity Baptist Church VBS

Trinity Baptist Church is offering a Vacation Bible School at the church from July 8-15. Call 885-2249 for more information.

Cook-out, concert help mission trip

The First Baptist Church is hosting a hamburger cookout and concert Friday, July 12 at 6 p.m. to assist Todd Terry in his upcoming six month European mission trip. Entertaining at the event will be "Thousand Hills Band." Todd is the son of Gordon and LuAnne Terry.

Dept of Labor offers help for jobs

People having difficulty finding a job or advanced education are encouraged to consider the WIA program, funded by the Dept of Labor. For more information, call 806-771-3815, extension 284.

Church collects baby clothing

The First United Methodist Church is collecting T-shirts, newborn size and receiving blankets for babies in the nursery at University Medical Center who are entering the adoption program. These items will go with the babies when they leave the hospital. Donations may be taken to the church office or for more information, call 495-2942 or Pixie Grisham at 495-4154.

KPOS Colgate Country Showdown

Tickets are now on sale for the August 24 KPOS Radio sponsored Colgate Country Showdown at the Garza Theatre. The professional talent show features the best talent in West Texas. Winner of the event will advance to the state finals in Abilene. Reserved seating tickets are \$5 each, call the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005.

Reward offered by BNSF

Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) involved in the recent theft of a yellow, 5 ft by 8 ft, single-axle utility trailer containing a diesel powered, Lincoln commercial welder, Victor cutting torch assembly and accessories. The trailer was parked near the BNSF Depot in Post, when the theft occurred. If you have information about this theft, please contact the BNSF Railroad Police (800-832-5452) or the Garza County Sheriff's Dept. at 495-3595.

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Local band performs at Snyder

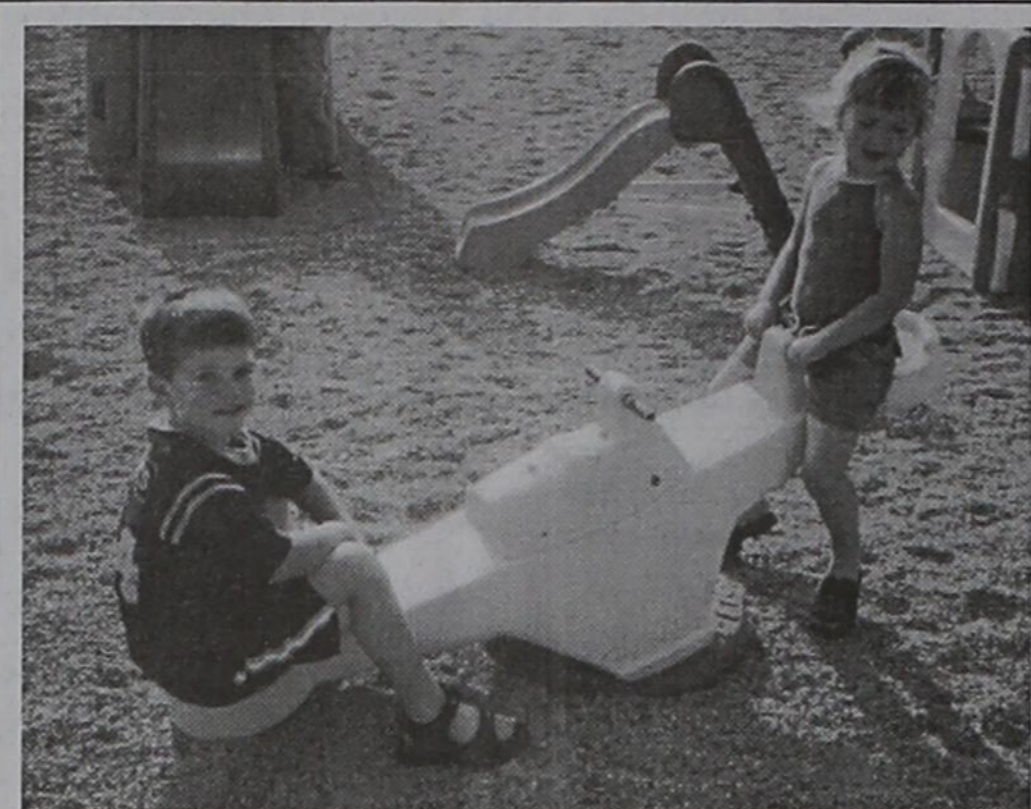
The Thrift Store Cowboys, a six-piece desert rock band from West Texas, will play in Snyder Wednesday, July 3, at 7 p.m. at the Towle Memorial Park, located on South College Avenue.

The musical event will be held in conjunction with the community's Fourth of July celebration.

Several members of the Thrift Store Cowboys hail from nearby communities - Fluvanna, Gail and Lubbock. In the Cowboys' music, the direct influence of many legendary West Texas musicians can be heard, coupled with a progressive flavor suggestion of the Old '97s and Whiskeytown.

The Thrift Store Cowboys' performance will include songs from their debut album, *Nowhere With You*, including "Amanda," as well as other originals from the group's second album.

For more information on the group, visit their Web site at www.thriftstorecowboys.net.



Enjoying the new playground equipment at My Special Place are Lexy Antilla (standing, rear), Blake Boren (left) and Ali Daily. (Photo by Rebecca Sturgeon)

Congressman Stenholm accepts service academy applications

Congressman Charlie Stenholm is accepting applicants from young men and women interested in attending one of the United States Service Academies.

Eligible applicants will be at least 17, but not past their 23rd birthday, by July 1, 2003, and must have graduated from high school by that date. Competitive applicants will be in the top 15 percent of their class and have SAT scores above 550 verbal and 600 math, or ACT scores of 26 English and 27 math.

Involvement in extracurricular activities, including school and community organizations and sports as well as full- or part-time employment, also is in the applicant's favor.

Individuals who wish to attend the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, CO; the Military Academy at West Point, NY; the Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD; or the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY; and who wish to serve as a commissioned officer are strongly encouraged to contact Jayne Schoonmaker in the congressman's Washington, D.C., office.

Anyone who needs additional information should call 202-225-6605 or write 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515.



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John R. Robinson was recently promoted from senior vice president to executive vice president and chief lending officer of CitizensBANK, according to E.W. Williams Jr., bank chairman.

Williams also announced the promotion of Jim Tidwell from vice president to senior vice president and cashier.

Robinson, born and raised in Slaton, joined the bank in October 2001, bringing with him more than 15 years of lending experience. He attended Texas Tech University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics and a Master's in finance.

Prior to joining CitizensBANK, he served as senior vice president and branch manager for First United Bank, Lubbock.

Earlier, Robinson served as senior vice president for PNB Financial, Lubbock, and was an assistant bank examiner for the FDIC.

Tidwell began working for CitizensBANK in June 2001 as a cashier. He received his BBA with honors in accounting from Angelo State University in San Angelo.

A CPA, he has more than 18 years of accounting experience, including four years of bank auditing experience.

Tidwell will continue to oversee the operations and personnel departments.

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—Congressman Charlie & Cindy Stenholm

Kathy Gerner earns degree

Kathy Gerner, daughter of Jerry and Helen Gerner, recently graduated from Texas Tech University's College of Business with an emphasis in finance.

While at Tech, she was a member of the Sigma Phi Lambda sorority.

Gerner plans to return to Tech in the fall to pursue a master's degree in business administration.

She is employed by Spirit Chrysler as their Five-Star coordinator.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Budget

Garza Central Appraisal District

The Garza Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2003 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on July 9, 2002, at 124 East Main, Post,
8:00 a.m. Texas

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ 243,787.21
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ 20,309.86
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	3 <i>(full-time equivalent)</i>
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	3 <i>(full-time equivalent)</i>

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Attending Family Harvest Church youth camp "Faith Factor" at Ruidoso, N.M. were (back row, left to right) Casey Williams, Mitch Holly, Case Nelson, youth leader Robbie Williams, Pastor Joey Hamlin, (middle row) Quinton Odom, Israel Barbosa, Keith Meredith, Stace Norman, (front) Adam Meredith, Robert Apolinar, Jake Fluit, Tony Apolinar, Steffi Norman, Sunne Martinez and Gloria Martinez.

North Ridge grand opening Saturday

The grand opening of North Ridge, the newest residential development on the shores of Lake Alan Henry, is scheduled for Saturday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Ribbon cutting ceremonies will begin at 11 a.m.

Representatives of C&C Kitten Inc. and J. Martin Basinger Co. Inc. announced the grand opening of the development, which is located on the north shoreline of the lake. The entrance to the development is just north of the road leading to the City of Lubbock boat ramp.

Located 60 miles from Lubbock, North Ridge consists of 108 waterfront and 40 non-waterfront

lots, all of which can serve as sites for vacation homes or permanent residences. The development offers paved roads, residential water and electricity service to all lots and rustic home sites on previously untouched ranchland.

Two private gated areas located on the property offer more secluded home sites.

All North Ridge residents will enjoy easy boat access to the lake via a private four-lane boat ramp. Deed restrictions for North Ridge ensure property owners a quality development.

Rated as one of the top five fishing lakes in the state, Lake Alan Henry offers excellent water skiing and other water sports.

Jay Cole joins US Army

Jay B. Cole, a 2002 Post High School graduate, has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program.

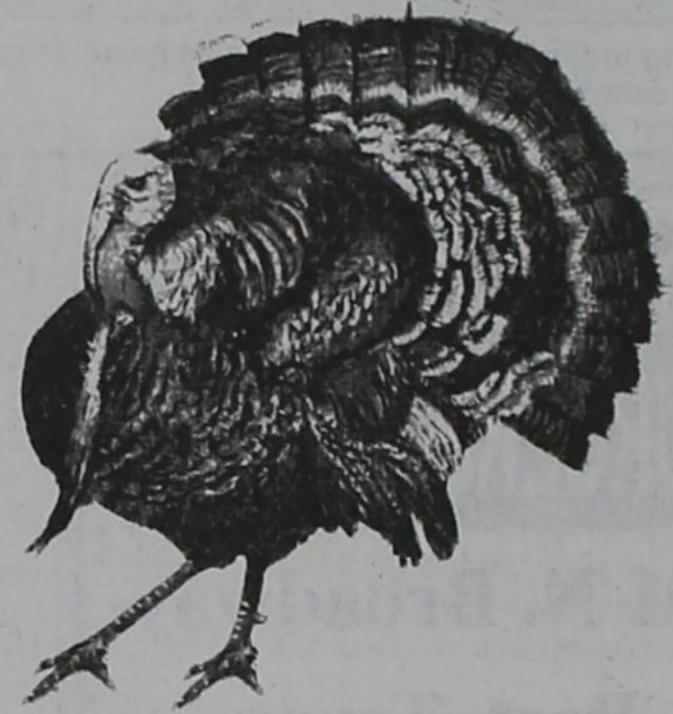
The program provides young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive up to \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty prior to being assigned to their first permanent duty station.

The recruit qualified for a \$16,000 enlistment bonus.

Cole, son of Tommy J. and Rosemary Cole of Post, has reported to Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla., for basic training.

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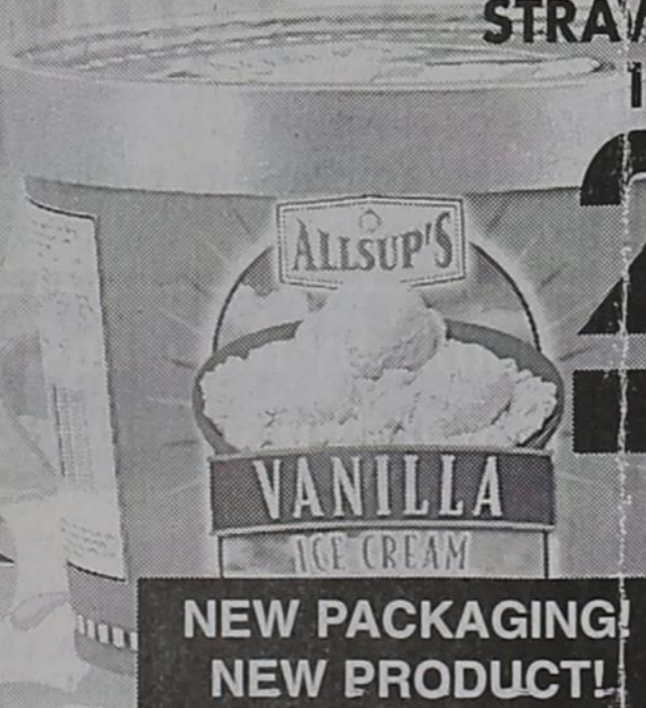


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Obituaries

Guadalupe Torres

Services for Guadalupe Torres, 53, of Post were held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 1, 2002, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Keith Cooper officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Friday, June 28, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Born April 16, 1949, in Caldwell, Texas, she worked in the nursery at the First Baptist Church for many years.

Survivors include one sister, Carolina Gutierrez of Post, and five brothers, Pete Torres and Toby Torres of Post, and Juan Yabarra, Darrio Torres and Tommy Torres, all of San Antonio.



According to the Irish tradition, a cricket heard chirping on Christmas Eve is called the king of all luck.

John J. Sutter

Services for John J. Sutter, 78, of Post were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 2, 2002, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Alton Sutter of Monroe, La., officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

He died Saturday, June 22, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Born in Gatesville, Texas, April 14, 1924, he served in the U.S. Navy in World War II in the Pacific Theater from 1943-1945. He married Fern Wiedeman April 29, 1946, in Lampasas, Texas. A member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Brenham, Texas, he was a supervisor in the weave shop at the Postex Mills until his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Fern, of Post; one son, John L. Sutter of Lubbock; two brothers, Alton Sutter of Monroe, La., and Owen Sutter of St. Cloud, Fla.; eight sisters, Elna Davis of Hanford, Calif.; Leoma Sims of Brownwood, Texas; LaVerne Miller of Marlow, Okla.; Lilly Eddings of Bangs, Texas; Faye Smith of Lewisville, Texas; Nora Morgan of McDade, Texas; Rosa Neil Gray of Temple, Texas; and Jo Ann Elkins of Brownwood; and three granddaughters.

A daughter, Barbara Townsend, preceded him in death on Feb. 27, 1994.

James Warren Mitchell Jr.

Services for James Warren Mitchell Jr. of Lubbock will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 5, 2002, in Post with Dr. Charles McCook officiating, assisted by Don Tatum. Private graveside services will be in the Abernathy Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, July 2, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Born June 3, 1915, in Childress, Texas, he moved to California in 1934 to work for Cadillac and later McGraw & Son Contractor. In 1936, he returned to Childress where he worked for the Texas Highway Department. A World War II veteran, he served in the U.S. Air Force from 1941-1945 and was stationed at Ralldolph Air Force Base in San Antonio.

He married Mary Irene Craig Oct. 22, 1941, in Jayre, Okla. In 1946, he entered the auto parts business in Childress, and in 1958, opened Garza Auto Parts in Post. In 1960, he and his family moved to Post where he owned and operated the store until 1969 when it was sold to his son, James Warren Mitchell III.

A member of the Rotary Club since 1947, he served as president of the Post club from 1967-1968 and treasurer from 1968-1995. He was a recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship Award and a member of the Post Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife; one son, James Warren Mitchell III and wife Cindy of Lubbock; one grandson, James Warren Mitchell IV and wife Stephanie of Austin; and one granddaughter, Alissa of Dallas.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, TX 79408 or the Make-a-Wish Foundation of North Texas, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 410, Dallas, TX 75244.



Berceuse is another term for "cradle song" or lullaby.

Only two things are infinite, the universe and stupidity—and I'm not sure about the former.

—Albert Einstein

Post Devotional Page

Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

THE WOMEN TOOK CARE OF ALL THE MONEY

MONEY IN BIBLICAL TIMES WAS CARRIED IN VARIOUS WAYS. USUALLY PEOPLE CARRIED MONEY OR OBJECTS OF GREAT VALUE WRAPPED IN THE FOLDS OF THE GIRDLER WHICH WAS WORN AROUND THE WAIST LIKE A SASH. AS A COMMON OCCURENCE MEN DID NOT BOTHER WITH THE PAYMENT OF DEBTS AND BILLS -- THIS WAS LEFT TO THE CARE OF THE WIFE OR MOTHER! A MAN ON A LONG TRIP INVARIABLY MADE SURE THAT THE WOMAN HAD COMPLETE CHARGE OF THE MONEY TO PAY FOR EVERY NEED. THIS WAS GOOD INSURANCE HIS MONEY WOULD NOT BE STOLEN DURING THE JOURNEY BECAUSE THIEVES AND BRIGANDS MIGHT SEARCH A MAN FOR MONEY BUT THE WOMAN WAS INVOLATE, POSSIBLY THIS WAS WHY THE WOMEN TOOK CARE OF ALL MONEY. BEFORE COINS CAME INTO USE, PIECES OF SILVER AND GOLD WERE TIED IN A BAG, OR IN A GIRDLER, OR STRUNG ON A CORD TO BE TAKEN OFF WHEN PAYMENT WAS REQUIRED FOR PURCHASES, AND WEIGHTS AND SCALES WERE CARRIED FOR WEIGHING OUT THE DESIRED QUANTITY.



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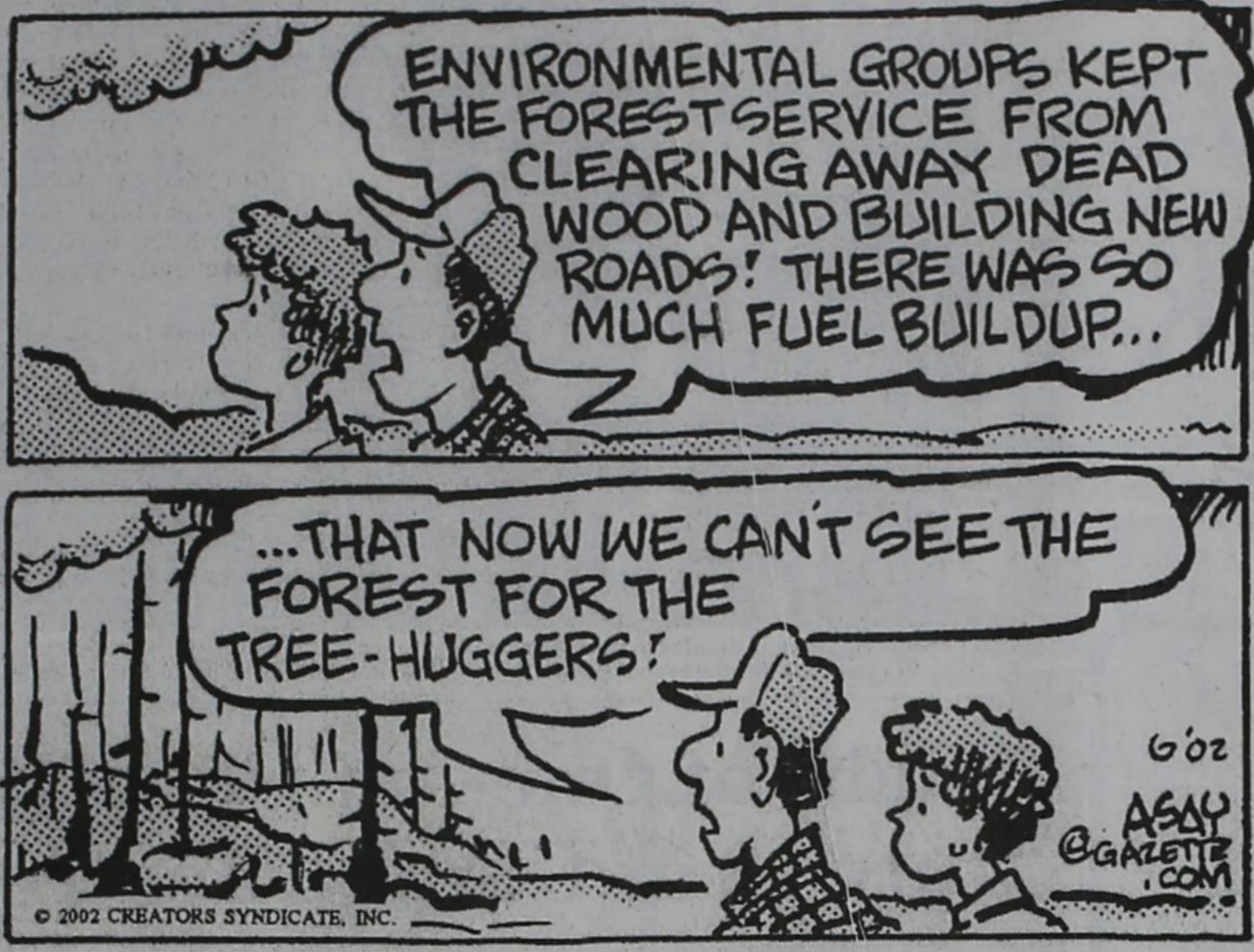
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Opinions



And thereafter, the role of profits

by Walter E. Williams



Profits are misunderstood, seen as unearned and sometimes condemned as evil. Maybe that's why people often reverently pronounce, with an air of moral superiority, "We're a nonprofit organization."

Before people mount their moral high horse, they should remember that nonprofit organizations have caused some of the world's greatest evil, heartache and dissatisfaction. After all, among nonprofit organizations are: oppressive governments, postal services and public education.

Profits are not a large item in national income accounts. In 1999, after-tax profits accounted for about 6 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) compared to wages, which accounted for over 60 percent. Profits — like wages, interest and rent — are a vital component of a smoothly operating economy.

So what are profits? Put simply, profits are a price, just as wages, rents and interest are prices. Profits are the prices paid as residual claims to entrepreneurs in their role as risk-takers, innovators and decision-makers.

Just as workers will not provide their services without wages, entrepreneurs will not provide theirs without profits. Profits, like other prices, steer resources from low-valued uses to higher-valued uses. A successful businessman must take in enough revenue not only to cover wages, rents and interest, but profits as well.

In order to accomplish that feat, he must not only please customers but he must do it in a manner that efficiently utilizes all of his resources. If he fails to cover all of his costs, it means that he's not using his resources efficiently and/or consumers don't value his output relative to some other alternative.

When a firm cannot turn a profit, it goes out of business. That means its resources, workers, building and capital become available to someone else who might put them to a better use. Of course, government can thwart this process with subsidies that enable entrepreneurs to continue to mismanage resources.

You say, "OK, Williams, I'm with you on normal profits, but what

about windfall profits — what some people call obscene profits?"

Windfall profits are indeed profits far beyond what's necessary for an entrepreneur to stay in business, but windfall profits also play a vital role. Windfall profits signal that a human want is not being met. Resources emerge to meet that want.

For example, when Hurricane Andrew devastated parts of South Florida, plywood prices skyrocketed. Florida's attorney general threatened actions against companies for price-gouging. Those windfall profits conveyed messages to the rest of the economy.

Let's say that pre-hurricane plywood prices were \$10 a sheet and afterward they were \$20. That profit potential created a powerful signal. Instead of plywood manufacturers selling their plywood inventory to, say, Pennsylvania wholesalers for \$8 a sheet, they were more than happy to ship them to Floridian wholesalers for higher prices.

Wholesalers in other states were happy to sell their plywood to Floridians for higher prices. Since plywood supplies were moving to Florida, plywood prices elsewhere rose. From a social point of view, this is wonderful.

Say I planned to spend a Saturday afternoon building a house for my dog. I go to my neighborhood lumberyard in Pennsylvania expecting to pay \$10 for a plywood sheet, and get there and find out it's \$18.

I say, "The heck with the dog; let him sleep in the rain!" I have voluntarily made a plywood sheet available for a more valuable use — rebuilding the house of a human.

None of these and other voluntary actions making plywood available to Floridians would happen if price controls were slapped on plywood making the pre- and post-hurricane prices the same.

Freely fluctuating prices, including the potential for windfall profits, encourage people to do voluntarily what's in the social interest. In free and open markets, profits are to be praised — not scorned, as economic and political charlatans would have us do.

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A ridiculous decision...

by Vin Suprynowicz

Possibly the most exasperating result of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision last week to declare the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional in nine Western states was the apparently irresistible temptation it dangled before politicians and other publicity seekers to storm about in public, bugling their righteousness, waving the Bible and wrapping themselves in the flag simultaneously. (Ironically, this even included many from the political left who are refusing to let our current president fill federal court vacancies with judges of more moderate temperament.)

Yes, the issue has symbolic importance. But believe it or not, there were other matters — more likely to have practical long-term consequences to the survival of our liberties — dealt with in court decisions this week (see: school vouchers).

This, meantime, was a dorky decision penned by an out-of-touch jurist, who — apparently surprised at the response, astonishingly enough — the next day put his ruling on indefinite hold until fellow members of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals can decide whether to reconsider.

The lawsuit in question was brought by a California atheist who did not want his second-grade daughter to be forced to listen to the pledge but still wanted to loot his neighbors' pockets via taxation to pay for her schooling, of course.

Judge Alfred T. Goodwin, writing the 2-1 opinion, stunned Americans across the political spectrum when he declared that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in public schools is unconstitutional because the phrase "one nation, under God" — inserted by Congress in 1954 — amounts to a government endorsement of religion.

The ruling will likely be overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, if not reversed beforehand by the 9th — and I doubt they'll wait till Christmas. "I would bet an awful lot on that," comments Harvard University legal scholar Laurence Tribe.

Truth be told, the principle underlying Judge Goodwin's decision is an important and valid one. Non-believers or those of other faiths should indeed be spared having their children exposed, against their wishes, to religious indoctrination of a competing faith within the government-run schools.

Christians would presumably not want their children lobbied and indoctrinated there to become atheists or Zoroastrians, and the reverse is equally true. The problem with this ruling lies not in the underlying principle, therefore, but in the interpretation. The Founding Fathers mentioned "God" and "the Creator" with some frequency — their goal was clearly to prevent any one faith being "established" as the official religion of the state, not to bar expressions of generalized faith in a higher being or power, entirely.

Must we now remove "In God We Trust" from our currency; bar the singing at school rallies of patriotic songs like "God Bless America" or

the third stanza of the national anthem; even banish the phrase "So help me God" when presidents ... and judges ... are sworn into office? Ridiculous.

Mind you, it would be refreshing to see the courts show this same kind of zealous dedication to other constitutional provisions, for a change. Jury trials restored in "all criminal prosecutions" as required by the Sixth Amendment — throwing out all plea bargains along with Sandra Day O'Connor's absurd rationale that "It's OK to cheat the guy of his jury trial so long as the sentence for each count is less than six months?"

A finding that the "other rights retained by the people" under the Ninth Amendment include and have always included the right to traffic freely in cocaine, opium, and Indian hemp (as our great-grandparents were free to do before 1916), without any government interference?

And what about the Second Amendment, where the lower courts have long allowed self-righteous bureaucrats to insist that "reasonable regulation" is fine? Why can't we find that phrase anywhere in our version, which merely says the right to keep and bear arms "shall not be infringed"?

If the courts were as zealous in guarding that right as they are in protecting this purported right to be free from hearing so much as a mention of an "established religion," the correct answer for any 14-year-old girl endeavoring to buy a belt-fed machine gun over the counter for cash at Home Depot would be "No, you're not going to charge me any sales tax, and I don't have to show you any stinking government 'license' or 'permit,' either.

Or would you like me to call the Bill of Rights Enforcement Squad ... right now?" Schooling children at taxpayer expense in one-size-fits-all, mandatory government institutions may indeed risk turning patriotism (or, more properly, "statism") into something approaching a religion.

If the courts are really concerned, let them consider whether statism and "environmentalism" as currently taught in the government schools constitute religions, and whether these doctrines aren't now so deeply ingrained that we have no choice but to sweep clean, establishing the same level of "separation of school and state" as the courts now enforce between "church and state."

Till then, dissidents and non-conformists are free to send their kids to private schools, to tutor them at home — or to instruct them merely to remain seated and hold their peace while others "say the pledge." All these, previously endorsed and protected by the courts, are reasonable alternatives. Judge Goodwin's ban — on anyone saying the words "under God" while on public property — is not.

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Why we oppose democracy

(More on dangers of democracy, continued from last week) by Wes Burnett

Near the end of the socialist experiment in Russia, it was a common saying by workers ... "They pretend to pay us, we pretend to work." A socialist democracy squeezes out the productive, energetic and creative people, creating a massive imbalance of "those who have and those who have not."

When government becomes the sole livelihood for the majority of people, it is the beginning of the end. America is on a fast track to such a collapse, and it is simply a result of rejecting the principles of a republic through the imposition of a democracy.

What can be done to forestall or reverse this trend? In history, the solution has been collapse, followed by either foreign intervention, revolt, followed by tyranny through military dictatorship.

Let's hope that some sanity and morality will offset the more dire possibilities for Texas.

USA Inc. leads in corporate corruption

by Wes Burnett

It is very interesting to read about the U.S. president castigating and verbally reprimanding big corporations for their accounting irregularities, pointing fingers at corporate leaders for financial shenanigans.

My, my, my, this from the political leader of the world's most corrupt corporate government.

It is not just a coincidence that corporate subdivisions of the U.S. corporation known as the United States of America have taken on the attributes and character of the chartering institution which created those "private corporations."

Taking a page from their own creator, big national corporations are simply reflections of the even bigger corruption engulfing their "god father" government which sanctions, regulates and controls them. Has President Bush forgotten about the recent reports of the U.S. government auditors, who discovered billions of dollars of unaccounted funds that simply vanished?

One government audit declared that the Internal Revenue Service was so mismanaged that an audit of its books could not be completed due to inaccurate and sloppy bookkeeping.

Every U.S. government agency has been charged in various degrees with similar problems. The defense department is notorious for its squandering of public funds. The fact is, the biggest corporation in America, the government itself, can not balance its books. Right now the treasurer of the U.S. is requesting approval for an extension of the debt by another one trillion dollars.

Who's debt is this? It's certainly not the personal debt of the president, congress or its corporate subdivisions ... no sir, it's the debt of the uninformed stockholders of those corporations, and in the case of government, its citizens hold the stock, and owe the debt through taxation. They, who have little or no control of the corporation, are the ones who suffer and pay the increasingly staggering debt.

It's just a bit arrogant and almost humorous to see the corporate chairman of the U.S.A. Inc. bullying smaller, more highly regulated corporate subdivisions about corruption and honesty in financial reporting. Shameful is a better way to describe this political game.

There's an old saying that holds great truth in this masquerade: "He who points his finger at others is pointing three fingers back at himself." Or, if you live in a glass house, you'd better be careful about throwing rocks at your neighbor.

Better that the U.S. government collapse of its own corruption, than to continue the charade. Perhaps the people will then insist on abolishing the current corporate form, which has all but exhausted the tremendous potential of its productive people.

We were and are promised by our constitutions a republic form of government. It's time we put that promise to work.

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Mitchell Britton will direct "Spring," Jay Young, "Graceland," and Christy Morris is director of "Herbert." Performances will include Friday and Saturday, July 12 and 13, as well as July 19-20 and 26-27.

Curtain times will be at 8 p.m. The annual Harley Sadler Show, "How the West was Fun," will be staged Aug. 2-4, 9-10 and 15-17.

Directed by Morris, the play will feature Hataway, Micah Robnett, Patrick Ryan Jones, Heather Bullard, Mickie Klafka, Katie McNeil, Stambaugh, Chris Davis, Ginny Andrews, Kathy Kidder, Kristie Thomas and Rocky Wilkins.

Performances of the Harley Sadler Show will be at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The Sunday matinee will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets to both shows will be \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12. The box office is open Monday through Friday from 12:30-5 p.m., except on show weekends when it will be open from noon to curtain time.

These productions were made possible in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Fireworks safety urged

The celebration of our country's Independence Day has long been associated with firework displays, ranging from elaborate shows to families popping firecrackers on the side of country roads.

The fun of the Fourth is unmistakable, but the underlying danger that is always present when dealing with fireworks is something that requires careful attention. According to the most recent figures from the National Safety Council, 10 people were killed in the year 2000 and 11,000 were treated in hospital ER rooms for firework-related injuries. Almost half of these injuries occurred to children 15 and younger, while two-third of the victims were male.

Even sparklers, seemingly harmless, can burn at temperatures of up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit, which can easily cause third-degree burns. The NCS also offers many suggestions to users and bystanders to help minimize the chance of fireworks injuries:

- Always light fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from onlookers, houses and flammable materials;
- Light one device at a time and maintain a safe distance after lighting the devices;
- Do not try to relight fireworks;
- Never allow young children to handle fireworks;
- Do not allow any running or horseplay while fireworks are in use;
- Never ignite devices in a containers, and;
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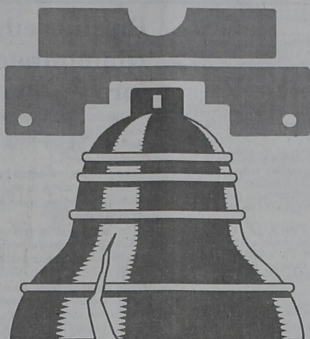
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Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Phillies edge Diamonbacks for trophy

In the final game of the 2002 Junior League Baseball season, the Post Phillies edged the Post Diamonbacks 3-0.

The Phillies, managed by Jimmy Valdez, hung tough in the game, a single contest winner-take-all for the city championship.

The game was a defensive gem with a strong pitching performance from Eric Reyna, who went the seven-inning distance. The D'backs saw a strong pitching game from Andrew Espinoza, who also went the full seven innings, but the team was unable to push across any runs while stranding eight base runners against the Phillies four.

Each team turned one double play. The Phillies' Eric Reyna threw 108 pitches, with four hits, seven walks, no hit batters and three strikeouts. Espinoza threw 124 times, with three runs scored on three hits and six walks, one hit batter and 11 strikeouts.

The Phillies plated two runs in the top of the fourth inning on Reyna's walk, followed by Blake Nichols' RBI triple to the left center fence. Zach Perez followed with a sacrifice fly for the second run of the inning. T.J. Copeland blooped a single between the first base and right field, eventually stealing home for the final score of the game.

Batting for the Phillies were Coco Valdez, one walk; Colter Creech, one walk, one on-base by hit batter; Eric Reyna, one walk; Blake Nichols, one triple, one walk with an RBI; Zach Perez, one walk, one sacrifice fly with one RBI; Shawn Merritt, one single; T.J. Copeland, one single; and David Perez, one walk.

Batting for the Diamonbacks were Miles Grey, one walk, one single, one fielder's choice hit; Wilson Cash, two walks, one single, one fielder's choice hit; Pat Reiter, one single, one fielder's choice hit; Jonathan McGregor, one walk; Andrew Espinoza, one fielder's choice hit, one single; Colt Mason, one walk; Josh Lee, one walk; and Clint Chapman, one walk.

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Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

An introduction to summer



I've been to the Cherokee Rose before. It's a bed and breakfast just outside Rusk. I stayed in the Chicken Room on my first visit there. It's big and roomy and has all kinds of chicken images on cups, posters, towels, bedspreads and dishes.

Pictures of chickens hang on the wall. You can almost hear those chickens clucking. The second time I stayed there was at the beginning of summer. This time I was with my wife and our grandson Jackson, who had just finished fifth grade the day before.

Now the Cherokee Rose is in the country and Jackson is a city boy who lives in Dallas. I promised him we would do all kinds of country stuff on this trip. We did. When we arrived at the Cherokee Rose, owner Suzann McCarty showed us to the Texas suite. Everything in it is Texas.

The bedspread in the big bedroom has red, white and blue shapes of the state quilted into it. The shower curtain in the bathroom is a Texas flag. Antique country paraphernalia hangs on the walls along with various sayings and expressions about cowboys and the west.

When we got all settled in, Suzann and her helper, Ronnie McElroy, took us to the garden. Jackson picked a respectable sized pan of peppers, squash and cucumbers. The big prize was a fresh strawberry which he said was the best he had ever eaten. Next we looked at a bluebird nest with some brand new baby birds in it.

Ronnie had been watching the nest for a few days and the eggs had just hatched. The Cherokee Rose has a pond with catfish, bass and turtles in it. Jackson got to throw catfish feed in the water and see the fish come up and get it. The water swished around as the catfish, some weighing as much as fifteen pounds, came up and sucked up that food like a vacuum cleaner would.

The turtles had better manners, taking just one morsel at a time. The place has a hen house where a rooster named Henry takes care of his flock of hens. Jackson gathered eggs and fed the chickens, letting them eat out of his hands. That evening we went into town for supper, then walked across the longest footbridge in the world, a Rusk landmark.

The footbridge was built over an area that flooded often. It carried foot traffic between Rusk and New Birmingham, now a ghost town. The next morning we rode the steam train from Rusk to Palestine. That's always an adventure. The train passes through some of the most awesome scenery in East Texas.

Back at the Cherokee Rose that night we sat in rocking chairs on the wide porch and in between our conversations listened to frogs, coyotes and owls. Jackson is eleven years old and did things he had never done before. That's a great way to start a summer.

Extension Extras

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

Home Horticulture Tour - July 24

Anyone that has any lawn, tree or ornamental problems please contact the Extension office by July 22 to get on the list for a home visit. The number to call is 806-495-4400.

4-H Record Books

Several 4-H'ers have completed Project Record Books for the 2001-2002 4-H Year and will compete at district judging July 17, 2002, at the KoKo Palace. Congratulations to Breann Heckaman, Dionn Heckaman, Allison Blevins, Allen Heckaman, Jarrett Blevins and Kevin Strube for a job well done in completion of their 4-H projects.

4-H Bears & T-Shirts

The 2002 Centennial 4-H bears and Garza County 4-H T-shirts are available in the Extension office if you would like one. The bears sell for \$10 and the T-shirts sell for \$7.50.

Texas Country Cleanup

If you missed the Texas Country Cleanup in Post, there is one scheduled July 25, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at Max Lee Crop Spraying Service in Slaton. If you have used oil, oil filters, lead acid batteries or empty and triple-rinsed plastic pesticide containers, bring them for recycling.

Life is like a picture script. It is that corny. If I had my life story offered to me to film, I'd turn it down.

—Kirk Douglas

Yesteryears

July 1, 1992 10 Years Ago

Melisa Joyce Tatum and Steven Ray Roberts exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony June 27, 1992 in the Post Church of Christ.

Pam Humble, Teri Riedel and Carol Williams were recognized at Western Texas College's spring 1992 graduation ceremony held last month.

Clayton Kyle Brake, son of Holly and Shelby Brake of Lubbock, was born June 11, 1992 at 2:30 p.m. at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

A "cow patty" bingo at the park July 4th will benefit the Garza Theatre. Squares will sell for \$5 each and prizes of \$500 cash and season tickets to the theatre will be awarded.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason McClellan announce the engagement of their daughter, Patti Ann Wuensche to Steve James Babb, son of Mrs. Virginia Babb.

July 1, 1982 20 Years Ago

Holly Giddens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Giddens, was named Miss Diamond Jubilee during a pageant held Saturday night, in the school auditorium.

A *Bit of History*: Loveta Josey named queen for Jubilee, with Nita Terry crowned as Duchess of Garza County.

White River Water District manager, Al O'Brien stated to The Post Dispatch Monday that the lake is now at full capacity.

D'Linda Tyler and Kurt Chapman exchanged wedding vows Saturday night, June 26, at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church.

Mike Bartlett, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Bartlett, recently returned from a week's stay at North Texas State Golf Academy in Denton, Tx. Mike competed against 50 other boys, ages 12-27, in a tournament at the Denton Country Club on the last day of the camp and won second place and received a trophy for shooting 88 for 18 holes.

June 29, 1972 30 Years Ago

Spermont, reportedly was the "hottest town in the nation" Tuesday with 113 degrees, but Post ranked right up there as one of the top "sizzle centers" too, with a searing 109 degrees.

Gregory Adams is announcing the arrival of his little brother, Roger Edward, born June 23 in St. Marys Hospital in Lubbock. Parent are Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Adams.

Little League baseball awards were handed out Monday night. Mike Waldrip and Evans Heaton received the sportsmanship awards, while Brad David received the best all-around award. The batting championship trophy went to Raymie Holly.

Melvena Stewart and John Bill Hedrick qualified as Garza's only entrants in the state 4-H horse show here yesterday in the District 2 4-H Horse Show held before a large crowd in the Post Stampede arena.

Post High School football and

basketball players may find a "Post Pride" sign in front of their home. Recently the Antelope Booster Club President Ronald Simpson and others put out approximately 30 signs.

Sandy Atkins, an experienced operator who has joined our beauty staff invites all customers, old and new to call 2373 for an appointment at Modern Beauty Shop.

July 5, 1962 40 Years Ago

Trustees of the Post Independent School District unanimously adopted an order abolishing the dual public school system here Tuesday night following their official canvass of Monday's special election in which voters by a 67-vote margin voted to integrate the school system.

Post city councilmen voted unanimously Monday night to turn down a petition from local tavern owners asking that the city ordinance against the sale of beer on Sunday afternoon be repealed.

An eight-legged calf was born Monday afternoon to a cow on the L. P. Kennedy, Jr. ranch south of Justiceburg. Mr. Kennedy, who "took" the calf from the six-year-old Hereford cow, said it as alive while being born, but died soon afterward.

The second half of 1962 opened Sunday with the county jail's population at its highest mark in a long time. Sheriff Fay Claborn, Jr. said 25 prisoners—22 county and 3 city—were in the jail Sunday morning, mostly on drunk and gaming charges.

The Post Art Guild through the Texas Fine Arts Association presents Mrs. Johnnie Rogers as the Artist of the Month.

Julius Stelzer won the third flight of the annual Brownfield Invitational golf tournament at Brownfield Sunday. Stelzer carded a 79 for the final 18.

July 3, 1952 50 Years Ago

Completion of Post's 42-block paving project will be made within two weeks, as work began Monday on the final topping and finishing.

The public is given a cordial invitation to attend open house at the new First Baptist church parsonage, Sunday afternoon from 2:30 until 4:30 o'clock. The modern brick home was completed this week and will be turned over to the church within the near future.

Mrs. Sam Bevers, jr., the former Miss Odella Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Morgan of Justiceburg, was honored with a bridal shower Friday afternoon, in the home of Mrs. V. A. Lobban.

Mrs. Lyda Myrtle Everett and W. O. Holly exchanged wedding vows Friday morning in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Travis.

Dr. Harry A. Tubbs, physician and surgeon, opened office in the Post Clinic Tuesday morning. However, he saw some patients Monday afternoon. His first patient here was Jodi Cash, week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cash.

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Short end of the space

It seems since I have been around the newspaper business from the time I was a little girl (but not actually working for the newspaper) I have noticed that everyone likes to read the letters to the editor.

This is to see if a person may have a beef with anyone or institution, maybe even the higher powers that be. It also could be a simple letter thanking some special group or person, never the less, readers do tune in. This letter is a little of both, some appreciation and some complaints.

This idea keeps parking in my head everyday. I like my small to midsize car just fine. It's great on gas, gets me where I'm going and seems to have room for my daughter and all her friends. My problem is backing out of a parking spot downtown.

It seems to me that the new pick-ups are getting longer and the new cars are getting shorter. It never fails the stretched trucks like to park to my right. Does anyone else have this problem?

I've started to depend on the reflection in our small downtown windows to help me see if a car or army tank is coming. Unfortunately, I don't have that privilege at the mall in Lubbock or anywhere else. I stretch my neck as far as I possible can without having

permanent neck damage, then ask my daughter to jump in the back seat to see if things are clear.

She can't see either, so I slowly, inch by inch start backing out. By the time I have a clear view I'm in the middle of the road and someone is blowing their horn at me like I was blind or something.

Solutions:

1.) Don't park by a long pick-up or van;
2.) Write my congressman and demand that they start making see-through pick-up beds;

3.) All short vehicles park on the north side of downtown and long vehicles on the south;

4.) A back rear view mirror that extends at least two feet behind my car, or maybe I should just buy a longer vehicle.

Can't see my quick solutions happening anytime soon, so I'll just keep on easing back, happily waving at the angry honker and be on my way.
Donna Ammons Jones

Courthouse

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to eliminate the medical expense cap of \$5,000 per prisoner, which could add a heavy burden to Garza County.

"I'm a little queezy about this," Dalby said, "we're talking to them about making adjustments to offset additional expenses."

The court approved an additional two weeks of sick leave for one of the sheriff's department dispatchers, who has been recovering from major surgery. Department employees had already given up the maximum of their own sick leave to assist.

Sammy...

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heard someone pick up her car keys in the kitchen. She opened the bathroom door to see Greg Soto struggling with the lock on the back door to the house. Once the door was open, he jumped in the car and was gone.

It was only after her ex-husband had left that Gomez realized Sammy was missing.

Binford said a tip provided to the FBI prompted Greg Soto's arrest. Apparently the 33-year-old had applied for assistance and, in filling out paperwork, provided a workplace reference that tied him to Lubbock. The agency's routine background check uncovered the warrants for aggravated assault and aggravated kidnapping.

"We appreciate everybody's assistance and concern in this," Binford said, "and we're sure happy this little boy is back home."



If the recipe calls for whipped egg whites, you'll get more volume if the whites are at room temperature.

Former Post resident earns top honors at FHS

Former Post resident Patrick Shane Walker, son of Pat and Carlina Walker of Lubbock, graduated as valedictorian of the 321-member Friendship High School Class of 2002.

Walker set a high standard of academics and community service. During his school career at Frenship, an exemplary school, he was elected to all offices of the student council and was active in speech and debate tournaments. He culminated his career by being elected president of the student council, senior class and the Forensics Club.

A four-year member of Who's Who in American High Schools, he was a member of the National Honor Society and became an outstanding public speaker and debater, earning hundreds of commendations, honors, scholarships, awards of excellence and trophies.

In addition to classroom activities, Walker became involved in many extracurricular activities. He was a participant in the National Hispanic Institute Program and became the highest achiever in NHI history. His accomplishments include being a state champion of mock trial in the Great Debate of the University of Southern Colorado; was voted Most Outstanding Supreme Court Justice in the Texas Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Session in Austin; and was a Hall of Fame and Top Gun award recipient in the California Collegiate World Series.

Presently he is the NHI Youth Council Administrator for the South Plains Youth Leadership Council. Also, he headed the NHI Coat Drive for 2001, increasing the project's collections by 250 percent.

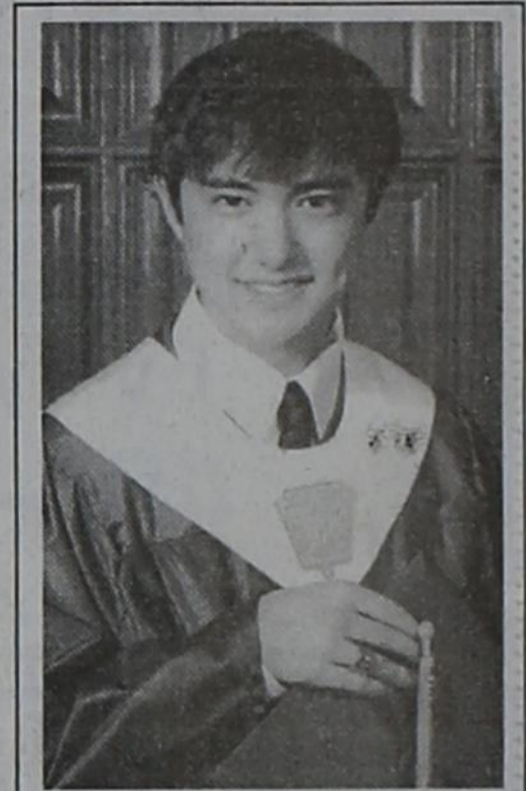
An accomplished poet, Walker has had many writings published. He wrote the 2002 graduation poem, "Forever," which appeared in the FHS commencement program.

Walker's academic honors include Academic Excellence Award by the State Governor of Texas; Superintendent's Academic

Excellence; All-American Scholar; Most Likely to Succeed; Principal's Leadership Award; All American Award by the National Forensic League; National Merit Commended Scholar; UIL regional champion in extemporaneous persuasive speaking; Best Debater award and Top Speaker awards in UIL extemporaneous/debate; as well as a number of other awards.

His scholarships include Stanford University scholarship, Southwestern University President's Scholar, Washington University 2002 Thames Eliot Scholar, West Texas A&M Guy Yates Debate Scholarship and the UT Honor's Program Scholarship.

Walker plans to attend Stanford as university scholar of the class of 2006. He will major in political science.



Shane Walker

Reputation is an idle and most false imposition; oft got without merit, and lost without deserving.

—William Shakespeare, Othello

Seven arrested here last week

Seven individuals were booked into the Garza County Jail during the past week, according to records supplied by the sheriff's department.

On June 25, a 37-year-old male was picked up for commitment.

On June 27, a 19-year-old male was arrested for revocation of community supervision.

Three arrests were made on June 28, including that of a 54-year-old male, DWI/first; a 47-year-old female, Dallas County warrant; and a 24-year-old male, violation of a protective order.

A 22-year-old male was jailed for simple assault/Class C and disorderly conduct by language/Class C on June 29.

A 32-year-old male was arrested for DWI/second on June 30.

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7 p.m. Garza Theatre

Proser

by Wes Burnett
The Garza County service office and the office will be moving few weeks as the new taken Monday morning county commissioners. A four year lease was by the court with the former SPS building Main Street. The building the new home of the service, with the prob victims' assistance pr

Night of opens at

The Garza Theatre One-Act Plays" begin. Plays will include "A Stambaugh, Christina Michelle Tucker, "Gr Culwell, and "I'm Her Bill Woodard.

Mitchell Britton will Christy Morris is direc. Performances will be 20 and 26-27.

Curtain times will be The annual Harley St staged Aug. 2-4, 9-10 a feature Hataway, Mic Bullard, Mickie Klafk Ginny Andrews, Kathy Performances of the 1 days and Saturdays. T Tickets to both shows 6-12.

The box office is open except on show weeken time.

These productions w Texas Commission on

New pr Alzheimer

Garza County off working to kee Alzheimer's patients Hands."

The "In Safe Hands" authorized earlier this the commissioners cou laborative effort bet Texas Department o Services Alzheimer's C gram, the local sherif ment, the county's Vic tance office and the Aging at South Plain tion of Governments. The program is design individuals with Alzhe ease or other dement turn home safely if th away or get lost.

The Garza County Department will issu dividual registered i gram an ID bracelet tion about the reside address, family cont will be kept on file at department. If an in lost and a phone call the sheriff's departu or her behalf, the info the ID bracelet will caregivers or family n be contacted immedi

Caregivers also can sheriff's departmen them in the event a individual is missing.

The primary purpos gram, according to i provided to the com court, is to help the m paired individual re quickly and safely.

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