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# Post Notes

## Home Horticulture Tour July 23

Those having problems with lawn, ornamentals or trees and seeking expert advice should call 495-4400 to sign up for a home visit July 23, beginning at 9 a.m. Dr Harold Kaufman, Extension Plant Pathologist and Greg Jones, Garza County CEA-AG will visit and assist with horticultural problems. Call before 5 p.m., July 22 to reserve a time.

## OS Museum offers new exhibits

"Art Through The Ages," a new exhibit of swords, chess sets, jade, porcelain, state glass, African art, artifacts and more opened July 1 and continues at the OS Museum through September. Admission to the museum is free. The museum, located at 201 East Main Street (upstairs), is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

## Public Library offers "Story Hour"

The Post Public Library's "Story Hour" begins July 8 at 10 a.m. for children ages three through five and at 10:45 a.m. for youth six years old through fifth grade. The event will be held each Tuesday through the end of July.

## Graham All-School reunion

The Graham All-School Reunion will be held July 26 beginning at 11 a.m. at Chapa's Family Restaurant, just north of Post on US Hwy 84. Ordering will be from the menu on a "dutch" basis. Please RSVP to Lucille Bush at 495-3410 or Jason and Bonnie Justice at 806-794-9282.

## Family night canceled at pool

The Post Public Swimming Pool has canceled Family Night due to lack of participation. Regular hours for the pool are Tuesday through Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.

## Church seeks help with roof fund

The Calvary Baptist Church is seeking help for its sanctuary building fund to replace the roof. Those interested in assisting should send donations to the Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 624, Post, Texas 79356. For more information call 495-3342 or 495-2342.

## Post Public Library "Blue Bonnet" books

The "Blue Bonnet" books and tests are available at the Post Public Library. Third grade students must pass seven out of 10 questions and the fourth and fifth graders must pass eight out of 10 questions. There will be one test opportunity only. Parents should encourage children to take their time reading the book before taking the test.

## Calvary Baptist Church VBS set

Calvary Baptist Church, 6th and Avenue H, announces its Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Thursday, August 4-7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Post City Park Pavilion. Bible crafts, study and refreshments will be included. For more information, call 495-2342 or 495-3342.

## County oral history project

The Garza County Oral History Project is seeking volunteers to assist in preserving local history. All necessary supplies and equipment, along with training, are available. Volunteers will be asked to help only a few hours each month. Call 495-4148 for more information and to volunteer.

## Computer class offered by network

Post-Garza County Network will offer an introduction to Microsoft Excel computer class August 12, 14, 19 and 21 to residents of Post and Garza County. Classes are free and will be from 6 to 8 p.m. each night. Call Shellee at 495-3343 to enroll.

## Close City-Garlynn Reunion

The annual Close City-Garlynn Reunion will be held Saturday, August 16 at the Post Community Center. The event will feature a catered meal at \$10 per person. Call Onita Gunn at 495-2009 or write to her at Rt 3 Box 201, Post, Texas 79356 or Charless Morris at Rt 3, Post, Texas 79356 or call 495-3413.

## Silver Threads at Trailblazers July 17

The Silver Threads musical ensemble will entertain at the Trailblazers Senior Citizen Center from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 17. The public is invited to join in the entertainment. Members of the Silver Threads are Noel White, Ted Brannon, Morris Tyler, Jane Mason and Corky Abraham.

# The Post Dispatch

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## Commissioners wrestle with potential tax rate increase

by Wes Burnett

Budgeting for the upcoming fiscal year was put on hold by the Garza County Commissioners' Court during the regular meeting Monday, as Judge Giles W. Dalby pointed out that the county still doesn't have firm answers to the impact from state budget cuts.

"They (the legislature) held to their promise of no new taxes," Dalby emphasized, "while simply shifting the burden to counties." Dalby reminded the court that a number of state funded projects will have to be terminated or trimmed back significantly unless the county picks up the difference.

Sheriff Kenny Ratke, who was called on by Dalby to outline the sheriff department's proposed budget, said that he expects the law enforcement budget to be fairly close to last year. Ratke said that higher insurance premiums and prisoner care could change the budget figures.

A previously scheduled Tuesday evening joint meeting with the Post City Council to discuss jointly funded projects was cancelled when commissioners decided the county didn't have adequate budget information to present.

Dalby also said that the federal Bureau of Prisons is expected to insist that the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility eliminate the housing of county prisoners. That change would create additional prisoner costs with the sheriff being required to transport county prisoners to other jails when the county jail exceeds its capacity.

"In the past," Dalby said, "that

cost ran as high as \$160,000 a year."

Ratke said that he hopes the current arrangement can be continued, saving local taxpayers significantly by housing county prisoners at the Dalby unit.

If the proposal to eliminate county prisoners at the Dalby unit is approved, the number of guards at the prison is expected to be reduced from one for every 45 prisoners to one for every 75 prisoners. By housing only fed-

eral prisoners, the unit would be exempt from state jail standards, which require more guards per prisoners than the federal rules.

The current arrangement provides for up to 10 county prisoners.

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Fire guts historic Justiceburg school building

An early morning fire destroyed the historic Justiceburg school building at the intersection of county roads 340 and 360 Sunday. A passing motorist called 9-1-1 shortly before 6 a.m. to report the blaze. Local firefighters quickly responded, but found the abandoned building fully engulfed. They worked more than three hours to extinguish the fire and made frequent checks of the building Sunday to ensure the flames did not reignite, according to an official with the sheriff's department. The site continued to smolder Monday. The state fire marshal's office has been called in to assist in the investigation into the cause of the fire. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

## New water district board planning for election

A meeting of representatives of the newly organized Lake Alan Henry Water District was conducted July 9 in downtown Post.

After reviewing the minutes of the July 2 joint meeting of the Garza and Kent county commissioners courts, district board members discussed conducting a confirmation election and who would be eligible to vote in such an election.

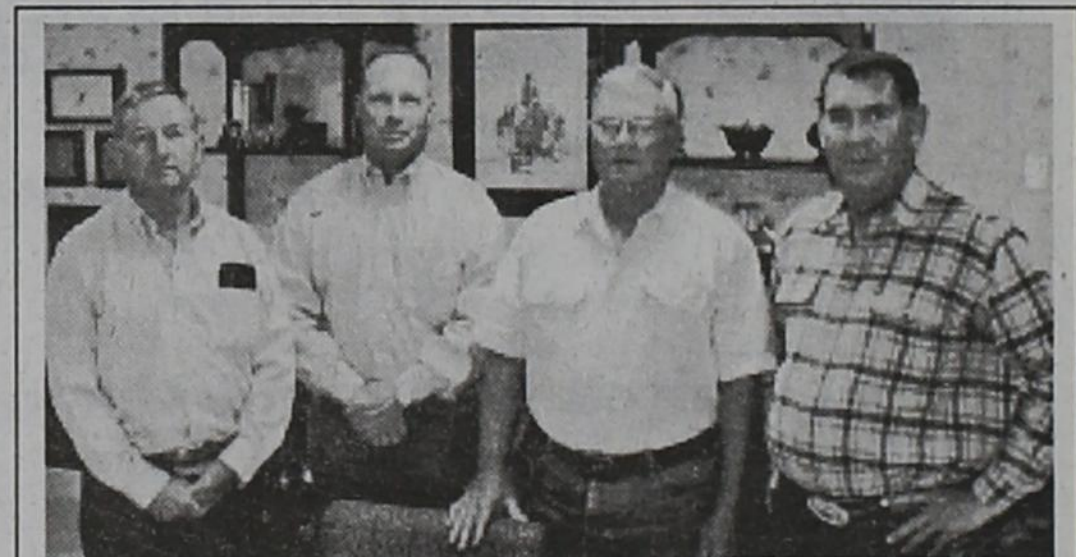
Garza County attorney Leslie Acker advised there are between 30 and 50 eligible voters in Garza County, while Jim White, secretary of the district, said there are approximately 15 eligible voters in Kent County. Eligible voters were defined as individuals who are registered voters and who reside within the boundaries of the Lake Alan Henry Water District.

The district, according to infor-

mation provided by district officials, includes the territory contained within Sections 43-47 and Sections 56-60, Block 5, H&GN Railroad Co. survey, Kent County, and that portion of Garza County, excluding the City of Post. The specific boundaries of the affected portion of Garza

County (excluding the City of Post) include that area "beginning at a point at the southeast corner of Garza County; thence west along the south county line of Garza County to a point in the center of Ranch Road No. 669; thence north along the centerline

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Lake Alan Henry Water District board members (left to right) Kent County's Jim White, Garza County's Mark Kirkpatrick, Odie Hood and Jody Ashley. Board member Joey Hardin was unable to attend the meeting.

## Allstate expected to accept reduced bond payments

by Wes Burnett

Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby, in response to a series of questions by Fred Howell at Monday's commissioners' court meeting, said that Allstate is the single bond holder for the Juvenile Detention Center (JDC) bonds.

Dalby also said that negotia-

tions with the bond holder appear to be nearing completion to provide for lower monthly payments, extending the bond payments and providing for CornerStone Programs to adequately fund those payments.

Dalby agreed with Howell's assessment that the county does in

fact have ultimate liability for the bonds, and that default could result in the bond holder taking ownership of the property.

"They (bond holder) don't want that," Dalby said, "it's in their best interest to accept reduced payments."

Howell had researched the deed of trust and other documents housed at the county clerk's office and said he simply wanted to have a better understanding of the bond issue. "If the county were to purchase those bonds, well then, it would have to come to the taxpayers for a vote," he said.

Dalby replied that it took the commissioners only about three minutes to decide not to buy the bonds. "The offer was made, I had to bring it to the court for a decision, and we decided not to obligate the county," Dalby added.

Howell pointed out that the agreement on record requires the county to pay the Garza County Public Facility Corp. a monthly lease payment, with the corporation paying the bond holder.

Dalby said that in the past the JDC operator paid the bond holder directly.

He also explained that the facility is currently being operated by CornerStone Programs through a temporary agreement, pending successful negotiations with the bond holder. The agreement on record at the clerk's office does not specify the amount of payment to the county by CornerStone Programs.



Trash and left over fireworks littered the ground at the scenic road side park just north of Post on US Hwy 84. Apparently the site is a popular gathering for July 4th fireworks enthusiasts ... although state and local regulations forbid such activities. Texas Department of Transportation crews spent a few hours cleaning up the mess last week. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Post Antelope football coach Tim James (left) is interviewed by Lubbock's KCBD TV News Emily Jones during the special live broadcast at the Garza County Courthouse Tuesday evening. James, in his first year as head coach here, said that the Antelopes are poised for another shot at the playoffs this year in a very tough district. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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## Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hey everyone,



Is the heat about to get ya? It's so hard to think about school starting soon with this heat. Hope for the kids and teachers

sake this warm, warm weather will be gone by then.

### RENE

Please continue to keep Rene Mason in your prayers. The healing process for her eye will probably take a while and all of your prayers will help. Rene, you take it easy and get well quick.

### MORE OF "DID YOU KNOW?"

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

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There are more chickens than people in the world.

Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years.

Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks; otherwise it will digest itself.

### CONGRATS TO DA BRATZ

A group of Post High girls, team name Da Bratz, played softball this summer with the South Plains Girls Fast Pitch Softball League. They won first in the Lubbock High School Division. Seven of the girls were chosen for the All Star team and will travel to Midland this week end to play in the All Star Play Off game. The girls playing are: Lacey White, Kayla Morris, Stefi Norman, Ashley Powell, Traci Nelson, Alona Zubia and Alison Blevens. Congratulations girls and good luck this week end. GRAHAM ALL SCHOOL

### REUNION

Saturday, July 26 will be the date this year for the Graham All School Reunion. It will be held at Chapa's Family Restaurant in the Garden Room at 11:00 AM. Everyone will go "dutch" and order off the menu. If you know of anyone who is a former "classmate" please let them know of this date and time. Please RSVP to Lucille Bush, 495-3410 or Ja-

son and Bonnie Justice, 806-794-9282.

### WHAT A GREAT TRIP

I visited with Nellie Tyler and grandson Jerin, the other day and they told me all about their recent trip. They were gone from the 5th of June until the 23rd, flying to Alabama for the first leg. From there they drove to Florida where they went to Disney World. Now I can only imagine how hot they must have been. Nellie said they paid premium price for a fan connected to a water bottle. (Bet they would have paid any price!) They rode air boats (some call them swamp boats) and though the time of year was wrong to see many alligators, they did see a few. They also took a ride on the big roller coaster, which by the way, was the first time for Nellie. Wish I could have been there to see that. Thanks for sharing with all of us Nellie.

### TILL NEXT WEEK

Guess that's all for this week. Hope all of you stay cool, be sure your pets have plenty of water. May God bless each of you, and I'll see ya next week.

## Madison Benavidez crowned Little Miss Lubbock

Madison Benavidez, daughter of Peter and Kerri Benavidez, took home the Little Miss Lubbock crown June 8 at the Ramada Inn ballroom in Lubbock.

The 3-year-old competed against 200 other little girls, winning first place beauty and first place photo to stay in the running for the Little Miss competition.

In the first round, she sang and was tied with two other girls for first place. In the second round, the three girls competed head-on, and Madison sang "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." Following a 5-minute intermission, the judges declared Madison the winner.

She received two trophies for her beauty and photo titles and another large trophy and a \$50 savings bond in recognition of the Little Miss Lubbock title.

Madison is the granddaughter of Alfonso and Maria Benavidez of Borden County and Casey and Pam Zachary of Post. She is the great-granddaughter of Eva Ruth Williams, also of Post.

Worth repeating ...  
When the people find that they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic.  
— Benjamin Franklin

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### County 4-H Council Meeting

July 17, 2003, at Noon, at the Extension Office. Club Presidents, Council Delegates and Alternate Delegates need to attend. Lunch provided for those who call 495-4400 to RSVP by 5:00 p.m. July 15.

### 4-H Booster Club Meeting....

July 17, 2003, 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Plans for rodeo and Achievement Banquet to be made. All 4-H parents are encouraged to participate.

### Junior 4-H Clothing Project...

.....sign up meeting at the Extension Office. The meeting will be at 2:00 p.m., July 17. A parent needs to attend with 4-H'er.

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### Bob Benson Memorial Golf Tournament...

.....to be held August 12. Registration is \$50 per individual or \$200 per team of four. Registration must be postmarked by August 4. Come by or call the Extension office for more information or to pick up registration forms.



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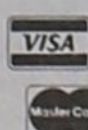
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## Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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### Cranberries Anyone. . .

Cranberries have been used as a folk remedy for treating bacterial urinary tract infections since the turn of the century. Today, research focuses on the health benefits of cranberries in preventing the incidence and recurrence on UTI's (urinary tract infections.) Studies are also examining the possible role of cranberries in preventing heart disease, inhibiting cancer, and maintaining healthy gums and stomach.

Urinary tract infections compromise the second most common type of infection in the United States and have increasingly become resistant to first line antibiotic therapy. UTI's account for more than 9.6 million visits to physicians each year. One in five women will develop an UTI. Nearly 20 percent who do, will develop another, and 30 percent of those will have yet another.

Studies suggest that drinking cranberry juice is effective in preventing UTI's, yet further studies are necessary to validate potential treatment effects. Many reported clinical studies have major limitations because of their small scale and use of different cranberry products (cranberry juice cocktail, concentrate, or encapsulated powders.)

The identity of the specific substance or mechanism responsible for the medicinal effect remains unclear. Cranberries act against infection, but do not acidify urine, killing bacteria, as once was thought. Certain chemical compounds in cranberries appear to prevent bacteria, especially E. coli, from adhering to the lining of the bladder and urethra. Presumably rather than maintaining in the bladder and multiplying, bacteria are flushed out of the body.

The evidence indicates that cranberry juice may indeed help maintain a healthy urinary tract, yet there is no dosage recommendation for UTI prevention or treatment. So what do you have to lose, many will be surprised to find that this century old home remedy is good for you.

Source: Texas WIC News, "Cranberries May Help Prevent Urinary Infections" by: Paula Kanter, R.D., Clinical Nutrition Specialist

## Lindsey Curb wins silver medals at World Special Olympic Summer Games

Former Post resident Lindsey D'Ann Curb participated in the 2003 World Special Olympic Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland.

Curb, 19, entered three events in aquatics, where she won a silver medal in the 24-meter backstroke, a silver in the 4x25 meter relay and a fourth place ribbon the 25-meter freestyle.

Curb was one of 13 athletes representing Hawaii in the Southwest Region of the U.S. The team, along with five coaches, flew to Denver where they met other U.S. teams and traveled aboard specially chartered jumbo jets to Belfast. The 1200-member U.S. Team USA arrived in Belfast June 16 and spent five days acclimating, training and sightseeing after an official welcome from Belfast mayor Martin Morgan. The team left Belfast June 20 in a bus convoy that traveled to Dublin.

Opening ceremonies were conducted in Croke Park June 21. A fast-paced dance routine, "A Dash of Color," was performed by 350 host town representatives at the beginning of the ceremonies, followed by the parade of athletes. It took about an hour and a half for the 7,000 athletes from 160 countries to enter the stadium field. Family, friends and volunteers waved 75,000 rainbow-colored flags to welcome the entering athletes.

As the teams entered, many were led by entertainers or celebrities. Curb was escorted by Dylan McDermott.

Following the parade of athletes, Mary McAleese, president of Ireland, welcomed the athletes, and the Corrs performed. The Special Olympics flag was raised, and an address was given by Denis O'Brien, chairman of the games. Open Arts, a musical group of 180 individuals with learning disabilities, along with 60 flag carriers and 80 professionals, presented "Solstice," a sunrise show inspired by the mid-summer date selected for the opening ceremonies.

The Special Olympics Oath was led by Muhammad Ali, and Ronan Tynan, Rita Connolly, the National Symphony Orchestra, the Black Ravens Pipe Band and a choir of 500 joined the athletes and 65,000 audience members in singing the athletes' song, "May We Never Have to Say Goodbye."

Additional entertainment was provided by Macnas, a dance party, as well as performances by Samantha Mumba and Ronan Keating. The largest Riverdance group ever assembled also performed. Taoiseach Bertie Ahern gave a short address, followed by words from Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder of Special Olympics. The group U2 performed, and former South African president Nelson Mandela declared the 11th Special Olympics World Games opened.

Near the end of the opening ceremonies, the Special Olympics torch was used to light the flame that burned during the nine-day celebration.

The Special Olympics torch, the Flame of Hope, was lit at the foot of the Acropolis in Athen, Greece, on June 4. From there, the torch traveled 15,000 kilometers across Europe, arriving in Bangor, Ireland, June 13. The torch was carried through 30 of the 177 Irish host towns before arriving in Dublin for the opening ceremonies.

Other celebrities participating in the opening ceremonies included Roy Keane, Jon Bon Jovi, Arnold Schwarzenegger, D.J. Carey, Prince Ra'ad Zeid of Jordan, the Grand Duchess Maria-Therese of Luxembourg, Princess Astrid Lorenz of Belgium and the first lady of Poland, Jolanta Kwasniewska. Colin Farrell and Pierce Brosnan also appeared on stage. Others participating were Tico Corres, Richie Sambors, Heather Locklear and Ashley Judd.

The closing ceremony, a huge party for the athletes and volunteers, was held at Croke Park June 29. It was an opportunity for the athletes to dance and celebrate together in a final farewell. Several musical groups performed, and near the end of the party the torch was handed over to the organizing committees for the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games to be held in Nagano, Japan, and the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai, China.

The final act was the lowering of the Special Olympics flag and the extinguishing of the flame.

Curb and her team, along with the other athletes, began making their way home June 30.

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by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

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### West Nile Virus (WNV) and Encephalitis-Threat to Horses in Garza County

A few moments with your local veterinary practitioner in Garza County can help protect horses, mules and donkeys against mosquito-borne diseases, advises Dr. Terry Conger, veterinarian and state epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

Vaccines are available to protect horses against three viral diseases that pose a risk to Texas horses: West Nile Virus (WNV), and Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and (WEE). The three diseases are forms of "sleeping sickness," that can cause infected horses to develop debilitating fever, swelling of the brain, muscle tremors, weakness and extreme fatigue, and in about a third or more of cases, death of the animal.

"As of June 24, 26 cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) have been reported this year by the Texas Department of Health's (TDH) Zoonosis Control Division, which maintains the state's statistical database for reporting laboratory-confirmed WNV cases in humans, mosquitoes, birds, and horses," said Dr. Conger.

"According to the TDH, the 26 cases have been confirmed in one horse each in Angelina, Calhoun and Van Zandt Counties. WNV also has been detected in six birds and four mosquito pools in Harris County; one bird in Orange County; one bird and two mosquito pools in Dallas County; four mosquito pools in Tarrant County, three mosquito pools in Jefferson and two in Nueces Counties."

"In June 2002, Texas had its first case of WNV, and by year's end, 1,699 equine cases had been reported. Garza County had four equine cases. Denton County was hit hardest, with 69 equine cases," explained Dr. Terry Conger, TAHC's state epidemiologist. "More unreported cases undoubtedly occurred across the state, as owners may have been reluctant to ask their veterinarian or the TAHC for assistance."

Only laboratory-confirmed cases are included in the state's database. Most private veterinary practitioners send blood or tissue samples for WNV

testing to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) in College Station or Amarillo."

WNV infection was first detected in the U.S. in New York in 1999, and since then, the virus has swept across the country, spread by infected mosquitoes that have fed on birds carrying the disease. Only four states on the U.S. mainland have not reported cases: Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and Utah. Dr. Conger said it is likely that these states also will eventually have cases of WNV.

"Sporadic outbreaks of WEE and EEE also occur throughout the U.S., and this year we may have cases in Texas, as South Carolina, Florida and Georgia have already confirmed EEE in horses. Because Texas has a large mosquito population and history of infection in past years, it is prudent to have equine animals vaccinated against WEE and EEE every year," said Dr. Conger.

"It is important to note that the vaccines for WNV, WEE and EEE do not provide cross-protection. For example, WNV vaccine protects only against WNV." As of late June, 14 horses in South Carolina have been diagnosed with EEE. In Florida, more than 110 EEE cases in equine animals have been confirmed, and in Georgia, a dog, three birds and 16 horses have tested positive for the disease.

"WNV, EEE and WEE are going to be with us always, as these diseases have become endemic in our country. Even if you try to reduce the mosquito population in your area, vaccinating against these mosquito-borne diseases still needs to be part of routine horse health maintenance," said Dr. Conger.

Dr. Conger explained that the WNV vaccine for horses vaccination requires a series of two shots, administered three to six weeks apart. After the second injection, several more weeks must pass before full immunity is developed. Equine animals vaccinated last year should receive a single WNV booster this year. In areas where mosquitoes are a continual problem year-round, animals should receive a WNV booster every six months. "Owners should take action now to get their equine animals vaccinated, before cases become more widespread," urged Dr. Conger.

"EEE and WEE vaccines are available in a combined product. To develop disease protection, the animal will need two injections, 30 days apart. A booster shot is then needed annually or biannually," said Dr. Conger. "In most cases, horses can be vaccinated for WNV, EEE/WEE at the same time."

He said some veterinarians also employ the EEE/WEE vaccine in an off-label use to protect raites (emus, rheas and ostriches) against the disease. "While no vaccine can guarantee 100 percent protection, it's much better than no protection," commented Dr. Conger. "Last year, Colorado State University followed more than 500 equine animals infected with the WNV in Colorado and Nebraska. The death rate was greater than 36 percent in animals that had not received vaccine. The death loss dropped to around 20 percent for animals that had received at least one dose of WNV vaccine. Of the 13 animals properly vaccinated with two doses of vaccine, a dozen survived."

Dr. Conger said equine animals infected with WNV, EEE or WEE, may exhibit similar signs, including fever, irregular gait, teeth grinding, drowsiness, an inability to swallow. Affected animals may be paralyzed and be unable to rise. He said TAHC and public health officials advise owners to have sick animals tested to diagnose the disease that caused illness or death, because rabies always must be considered when an animal is disoriented or staggers. If an owner has been exposed to rabies while caring for a sick horse, appropriate preventive health measures must be taken immediately, he said.

"WNV, EEE and WEE impact a community's animals, and owners should take advantage of opportunities to protect their stock by reducing mosquito populations and vaccinating," said Dr. Conger. "Although these 'sleeping sicknesses' aren't regulatory diseases, veterinarians are required to report cases, so that disease trends or outbreaks can be followed and all preventive and educational measures can be taken."

Note: West Nile statistics are updated daily and can be checked on the Texas Department of Health's web page at: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/zoonosis/diseases/Arboviral/westNile/default.asp>



Lindsey D'Ann Curb and her mother Jenny Stitt

### Bullard family reunion news

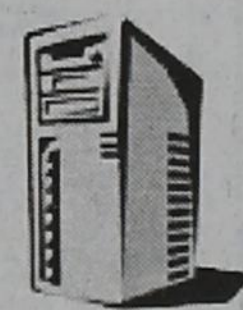
Descendants and friends of Wesley Thomas and Ayra Bullard gathered at the family farm for the Bullard family reunion over the July 4 weekend.

Those attending included Wesley and Iva Lee Bullard of Post; John and Betty Bullard of Crowley; Kenith Bullard of Post; Cecil Bullard of Fort Worth; Alice Mayberry of Mineral Wells; Linda and Herb Atzbach, Brownfield; Patricia Self, Weatherford;

Wilma Banner and son, Jonn, of The Colony; Sandy and John Smith of Lovington, N.M.; Kathryn and Heather Bullard of Post; Keith, Jana, Cody and Paige Bullard of Post; and Susan, Michael, Rachel and Gannon McNulty of Arlington.

Also, Tina and Amanda Corfield of San Angelo; Michael, Tammy, Justin and Sterlin Self and Ethan Baldree of Post; Christina Atzbach of Brownfield; William and Nancy Atzbach of Brownfield; Kevin Atzbach and fiancée Krista Stice of Brownfield and mother, Julie; Alison Smith of Hobbs, N.M.; Aaron Woods, Michelle, Mark, Haley and Cayde of Lovington, N.M.; and Adam Woods of Big Lake.

Also attending were Gifford and Linda Johnston, granddaughters Bailey and Tory Johnston of Dublin; Tina Ashcroft of Benbrook; Jarrett Ferguson of Guthrie; Robbie and G.B. Wilke of Post; Jennifer and Ephraim Gonzales of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Bo Stevens of Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Washburn and children of Post; Oscar Newdigger of Brownfield; Gary and Jason Newdigger of Tahoka; and Kenny of Brownfield.



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# Obituaries

## Nancy Beard

Services for Nancy Beard, 64, of Lubbock were held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 11, 2003, in the Lakeridge United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Burk officiating. Private burial services followed under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, July 9, at her home in Lubbock. Born in Coleman Oct. 13, 1938, she married Don Beard Dec. 4, 1987, in Post. The founder of the Mother-2-Be shop in Lubbock, she attended Texas Tech and was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the Women Entrepreneurs of Lubbock and the Lakeridge United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Don Beard of Lubbock; one son, Michael Macy of Post; one daughter, Sharla Duncan of Lubbock; one stepson, James Brent Beard of Plano; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Macy.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation or Lakeridge United Methodist Church.

## Wade McDougle

Funeral services for Wade McDougle of Port Aransas, Texas will be held July 16, 2003 at 2 p.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church of Post, officiated by Cary Show of Idalou, brother-in-law of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Billie Smith, Trinity Baptist Church pastor. Interment will be at Terrace Cemetery in Post under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

McDougle died July 12, 2003.

He graduated from Post High School and spent most of his life working in the oil fields around Post. He married Deanna Shaw September 1, 1990 and moved to Port Aransas in 1993. He operated motels for the past 10 years, and coached Little League baseball in Port Aransas.

He is survived by his wife, Deanna of Port Aransas, sons Brad McDougle of Hobbs, N.M., Deke Baxter of Slaton and Dusty Baxter of Lubbock; his mother Karen Minter of Pochontas, Ark., father and step-mother Garlon and Evelyn McDougle of Rockport; brothers Rick McDougle of Port Aransas, Tony (Teresa) McDougle of Cassopolis, Mich, Chris (Aggie) McDougle of Belton and Jake McDougle of Lovington, N.M.;

Sisters Dondi Dilbeck of Port Aransas and Shirlin Goodson of Midland; step-siblings Terri (Richard) Stewart of Roscoe, Bobby Brumley of Paris and Junior Brumley of Rising Star.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, Vista Hospice or the American Heart Association.



# Letters to the Editor

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## Dear people of Post,

This is one of the hardest letters I've written. But I feel that I can't up and leave y'all without saying thanks.

Thanks for all the love and support y'all have given me in my time of need. I don't think God could've picked better people to do the job. But after 17 years of living in Post, which every year I enjoyed, it is time for me to move on to somewhere else. Only God knows the reason why, but I know His will is being done in my life. So that's how I ask my friends and family to look at it.

I have become a better person now, but I couldn't have done it without y'all. So I bring this letter to a close by saying thanks for the love and thanks for the memories. I am forever indebted to y'all!

Charles W. Huffman Jr.

## Questions Judge Dalby

Was the response (in an open letter from County Judge Giles Dalby to Charles Propst published last week in the Dispatch), "your brother-in-law, Jerry Hays," really necessary?

Everyone in Garza County knows who the county clerk is. They voted him into office. Or is this just another way to divert the attention away from you, judge, so that you don't have to answer the questions directly?

Jerry Hays has nothing to do with the concerns centered around the discussions of the Garza County Facilities Corp.

Karron Hays

## Look at the evidence...

I'm sure many of you have read my recent letters to our county commissioners and Judge Dalby in this column. And you've also read the replies they have made. I figure I'm not alone in being confused and unhappy with what's going on in our county. If anyone out there can help me understand just how they are doing that they're doing LEGALLY, please come see me.

Our commissioners' court meets up in their little cubbyhole on the third floor of the courthouse where it is very inconvenient for any of the citizenry to listen in on their deeds. No wonder that few people ever make the meetings. It takes the legs and heart of Sir Edmond Hillary to get up there! If you happen to have a disability or are in bad health, you might as well stay home because you won't be able to make it. Why doesn't the commissioners' court utilize the courtroom so that more folks could fit in the room? After all, it usually isn't being used when they meet... and it's only on the second floor!

Seems like I recall a few years ago they were going to make the courthouse accessible to persons with disabilities. They even came up with an expensive plan to put in an elevator that was voted down because of the cost. Why don't

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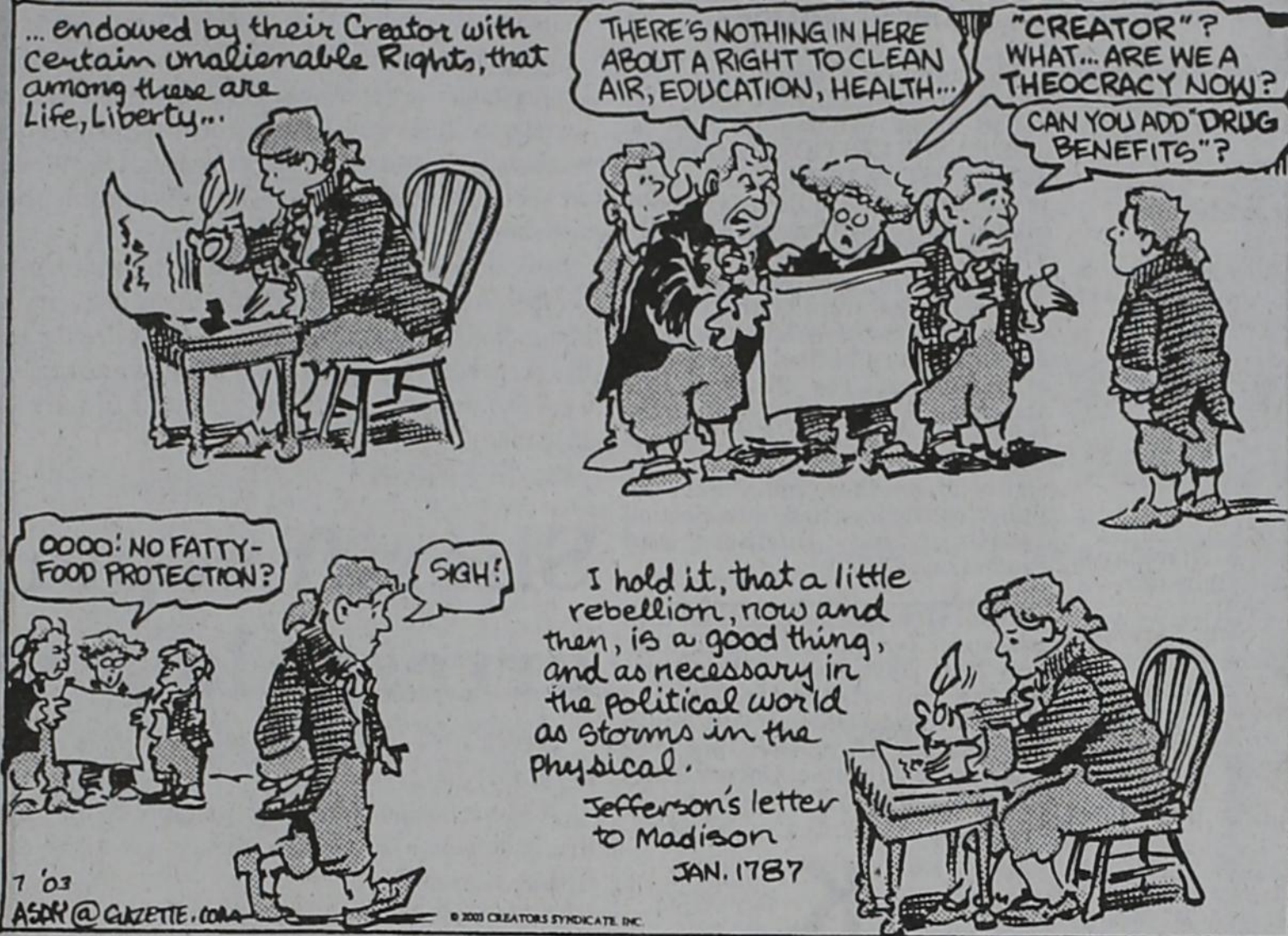
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## God and Country

by Bill O'Reilly  
 ROME — It is almost impossible to know what really goes on behind the scenes at a place as secretive as the Vatican. Running the worldwide Roman Catholic Church with its more than one billion members is obviously an enormous undertaking, and the important decisions are made by a few powerful clerics headed, of course, by Pope John Paul II. But the Pontiff is 83 years old and not in good health. For Americans concerned about the declining image of the Church in this country, the question of the Pope's competency is crucial.



With that in mind, I recently traveled to Vatican City and sat in the third row at John Paul's weekly audience. I watched him closely for 90 minutes and can tell you that although he can no longer walk, he was mentally alert. His eyes were clear, and his voice retained some power. But it was clear that the Pope's endurance is limited.

Few ever get to question the Pope, and I have just one query for him: Why, Your Holiness, have you not acted more aggressively in combating the priest-sexual abuse scandal in America, a country that provides about half of your financing? Although the Pope is beyond my reach, I was able to put that question to a number of Vatican insiders and have come up with what I believe is a cogent answer.

Pope John Paul II was furious when told that the scandals in the Boston Archdiocese had reached a flashpoint. According to someone in the room with him when he received the news that Cardinal Law was to be deposed, he slammed his hand on his desk and yelled to his assistants: "You told me this situation would be taken care of the right way!" The Pope was visibly angry and, shortly afterward, retreated into prayer.

And that is what the Pope mostly does these days: pray. He delegates almost all other duties to a variety of underlings, none of whom have the power or the insight to deal with a scandal as withering as this priest-sex abuse thing. According to four sources who often deal with the Vatican, the bureaucracy at St. Peter's is so thick and entrenched that quick action on anything is impossible. With the person in charge, John Paul, spending most of his time on spiritual reflection, there is simply no one in the Vatican hierarchy in place to help the tottering American Church.

This is tragic, because for two centuries the Catholic Church in the USA has been a powerful moral voice. It champions the poor, promotes respect for life and generally acts as counterweight to the secular philosophy that challenges any judgments about personal behavior. In America today there is an increasing tolerance for all kinds of actions that the country once deemed "immoral."

For example, some people now consider heroin dealing to be a "non-violent crime." Partial-birth abortion is embraced by a variety of groups, including the National Organization for Women. Drug legalizers have hired lobbyists in Washington, as have homosexuals who want gay marriage to become sanctioned by the states.

Nearly anything goes in a secular society, and a quick trip to Europe will prove that. Show up in Amsterdam, Netherlands, and you can see entire neighborhoods devoted to legalized prostitution and drug buying. You can watch drug addicts shoot up and smoke hash in the train station. Great for the kids, right?

The Catholic Church at one time could authoritatively speak out against that kind of degeneracy. The Church believes that your body is to be respected, along with the bodies and souls of your neighbors. Anything that diminishes the human (or fetal) condition is questioned and sometimes condemned.

But that moral authority is now diminished. Thanks to a few corrupt Catholic clergy and a paralyzed leadership in Rome, a reasonable, collective voice that promotes humanistic conduct has been put on the defensive and, in certain quarters, is even dismissed as irrelevant.

I believe Pope John Paul II is a good man — a person of dignity and compassion. But he has lost control of a situation that is causing societal damage far beyond the confines of the Catholic Church. We should all dearly hope that the Pope's prayers are answered. For the American Catholic Church right now, the only solution on the horizon is divine intervention.

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## And thereafter, insider trading

by Walter E. Williams



Some of us know more about some things than others, and we often exploit that advantage. I know more about my driving habits than my auto insurance company. Borrowers know more about their repayment prospects than lenders. The seller of a car knows more about the condition of his car than the buyer. Members of a corporation's board of directors and officers know more about the profitability of the firm than shareholders. These are just a few among thousands of examples of what economists call asymmetric information — one side of a transaction knowing more than the other. Should actions taken, and advantages achieved, on the basis of asymmetric (insider) information be made illegal?

Here's a case in point. Martha Stewart, CEO of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Co., has been charged with obstructing an investigation into insider trading. She hasn't been charged with illegal insider trading, but she did sell 3,928 shares of stock in the biopharmaceutical company ImClone Systems, earning \$228,000, the day before the FDA rejected approval of its anti-cancer drug Erbitux and its stock fell. The Justice Department alleges that she received an unlawful tip from her stockbroker.

U.S. Circuit Judge Richard Posner defines insider trading as: "the practice by which a manager or other insider uses material information not yet disclosed to other shareholders or the outside world to make profits by trading in the firm's stock." One might agree that an officer of a company has a fiduciary duty not to give outsiders confidential company information so they can profit (or avoid losses), but let's look at insider trading as a general phenomenon. What does it do or not do?

The instant the FDA rejected approval of Erbitux, the true asset value of ImClone Systems fell. While the insider might profit from selling on the heels of that knowledge, one thing for certain is that insider trading rapidly gets information to the equity market about ImClone's true value.

You might ask, "Is this fair?" Whether it's fair or not, it's the nature of markets that people benefit from specialized knowledge. I might know that there's oil on your land and you don't, and I buy it from you for a pittance and earn millions. Is that fair?

Take the Enron and WorldCom cases. Long before their collapse, there were insiders who knew about the accounting fraud and other management sharp practices that inflated the worth of the companies. Had just a few of Enron's and WorldCom's many insiders, who knew of these practices, sold their shares or gave out well-placed tips, shareholders would have learned much earlier about the true value of the companies and might have been better able to protect themselves.

What's referred to as "the market" is simply a collection of millions, perhaps billions, of independent decision-makers. No economist believes that markets are perfect, like heaven or a utopia. But the relevant comparisons are to the alternatives that we have on Earth. When there's market allocation, mistakes and shenanigans are detected and ruthlessly punished. After all, it wasn't the Securities and Exchange Commission, whose charter is to protect investors, who discovered Enron's and WorldCom's misdeeds, punished them by making their stock worthless and made heads roll. It was the market.

What happens when Congress cooks the books by concealing expenditures, uses sleight-of-hand with the Social Security account to boast of a balanced budget and tells us federal liabilities are \$6 trillion when in fact they're really closer to \$35 trillion? What happens when Congress exempts itself from any semblance of Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP), which it imposes on the business community? Absolutely nothing happens.

As for me, I'll take the profit-driven motives of market participants any day over the do-good-driven motives of government officials and their underlings.

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## False in one, false in all

by Sheldon Richman

When I was a newspaper reporter covering the criminal courts in Pennsylvania, lawyers always told juries they were entitled to apply this old legal principle to any witness: falsis in unum, falsis in omnibus — false in one thing, false in all things. This means that if jurors determined that a witness was untruthful in one material statement, they were justified in dismissing the witness's entire testimony.

If juries are entitled to do this, so, I submit, are the American people with respect to presidents, even President Bush.

The one difference is that according to the evidence, Bush has not been false in only one thing. Two cases come to mind. (There are undoubtedly others.)

First is his statement in his 2003 State of the Union address that Iraqi president Saddam Hussein had tried to buy significant quantities of uranium from an African nation (Niger). The White House position today is that this was a factually incorrect statement. But we know more than that. We know that long before the State of the Union speech was written Bush's government was warned not to trust the reports because they were based on fraudulent documents. In 2002 former diplomat Joseph C. Wilson had been asked by the CIA to investigate reports of the alleged attempted uranium buy and concluded they were bogus. The impetus for the request was Vice President Dick Cheney's interest in an intelligent report about Iraq's attempt to buy uranium.

As Wilson wrote in the New York Times recently, "Based on my experience with the administration in the months leading up to the war, I have little choice but to conclude that some of the intelligence related to Iraq's nuclear weapons program was twisted to exaggerate the Iraqi threat.... I spent ... eight days [in Niger] drinking sweet mint tea and meeting with dozens of people: current government officials, former government officials, people associated with the country's uranium business. It did not take long to conclude that it was highly doubtful that any such transaction had ever taken place." Wilson writes that U.S. Ambassador to Niger Barbro Owens-Kirkpatrick was not surprised by his findings and believed her own earlier reports had put the rumor to rest.

In March 2002, 10 months before Bush's speech, Wilson relayed his findings to the CIA and the State Department's African Affairs Bureau. "There was nothing secret or earth-shattering in my report, just as there was nothing secret about my trip," he wrote in the Times. Thus he was surprised when he heard British Prime Minister Tony Blair refer to the alleged attempted buy six months later and President Bush do so ten months later. "If ... the information was ignored

because it did not fit certain preconceptions about Iraq, then a legitimate argument can be made that we went to war under false pretenses," Wilson wrote.

Officials say Wilson's findings never reached the White House. How believable is that when it was the vice president's interest in the matter that set the Wilson mission in motion?

This is not the first such incident. On more than one occasion Bush said that the International Atomic Energy Agency had concluded that Saddam Hussein was six months away from having nuclear weapons. But the IAEA denied ever having made such an estimate. That never stopped Bush from repeating the false information. Could he have really been so ignorant? That strains credulity.

Bush's defenders, knowing that the failure to find unconventional weapons in Iraq is at least a major embarrassment, have pleaded that the president should be given more time and granted the benefit of the doubt. Any suggestion of bad faith is condemned as "politics," although defenses of Bush are as political as the attacks.

But why should the administration get any benefit of the doubt? It has been caught in two material misstatements of fact that cannot be explained away innocently, and no nasty weapons or even components have been found. Yet Hussein's supposed nuclear, chemical, and biological arsenal was used to spook the American people into supporting a war that killed at least 3,200 innocent Iraqi civilians.

I think the American jury is entitled to dismiss the president's entire testimony.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation ([www.fff.org](http://www.fff.org)) in Fairfax, Va., author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *Ideas on Liberty* magazine.

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# Yesteryears

10 Years Ago  
July 14, 1993

Lynn A. Simpson returned to Post this week after a six week trip to South Africa. He went to South Africa in an exchange program with the Rotary Club in Big Spring, Texas. Lynn is a 1980 graduate of Post High School. Lynn is the son of R. L. and Jimella Simpson of Post.

The Post Little League All-stars finished second in the All-star tournament recently completed in Slaton. Team members included Adam Guerrero, Rocky Gomez, Marcus Lopez, John Radle, Joshua Bustoz, Colt Miller, Matthew McCallister, Ruben Gomez, Braden Conner, Jason Fields, Luis Leos, Roy Soto, T. J. Gaydos and Colt McCook. Coaches were Gary Blevins and Rodger Jaquess.

Candi Reed recently returned from Dallas where she finished in the top 20 of a pre-teen pageant. Over 200 young ladies from across Texas competed in the pageant. Reed was the only competitor from West Texas finishing in the top 20. She is the 10 year old daughter of Tommy and Jerry Reed of Post.

Lex and Rachel Dunn of Lubbock are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Danielle, born June 30, 1993 at St. Mary's Hospital. Alexis's grandparents include Ruthell and Joe Stanley of Post; Darrell and Fran Dunn of Lubbock; Butch and Freddi Wilson of Oklahoma City and Margie Casteel of San Antonio.

20 Years Ago  
July 13, 1983

A miscellaneous bridal shower honored Sherry Baker, bride-elect of Greg Williams recently in the bank community room. Approximately 60 guests were registered by Toni Ammons. The couple will exchange wedding vows Friday, July 15.

Representing Post in the District 4-H Fashion Show to be held in Lubbock August 5th are Diana Basquez, senior division, evening and speciality wear; Keitha White, juniors, daytime tailored, Cheryl Thompson, active sportswear; Angela Graves, daytime non-tailored and Sandy Allen, evening and speciality wear.

A benefit will be held for Colleen Witt, July 24, at the VFW Hall beginning at 1 p.m. Mrs. Witt has been hospitalized since March 6 and has undergone aneurysm surgery and is still hospitalized and is presently undergoing expensive rehabilitation therapy.

Visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnson the 4th was their son John from Bloomington, Illinois, and also Linda Lamonte from Bloomington.

Book winners at the Post Public Library last week were Clay Garcia, Amber Little, and Brenda Abraham. There are now 49 enrolled in the Reading Rodeo.

30 Years Ago  
July 12, 1973

Kelly Mitchell of Post won the best all-around girls' trophy and Bill Irwin of the Lubbock Swim Club the best all-around boys' trophy in the Fourth of July swim meet at the city swimming pool.

Three Post players have been named to the South Plains All-Star team that will play next week at the state Senior Babe Ruth League Tournament in Olton. Representing Post on the all-star aggregation will be Leroy Holly, Richard Dudley and Tony Conner.

Jan Hall of Post tied with Janice Brown of Gail for best all-around in the 16-19 year age group at the annual Borden County Junior Rodeo at Gail. In the 13-15 division, Joy Jean Basinger of Southland placed third in barrel racing and Mark Bevers of Southland, second, and Jimmy Dorland of Post, third, in steer riding. Freddy Huff of Post finished third in bull riding in the 16-19 division.

Post school officials are going to need to start making plans within a very short time for a possible influx of five-year-olds for the new state-mandated kindergarten for all five-year-olds for the 1973-74 school term.

Post High School cheerleaders won the "Spirit Stick" and received two superior ratings and one excellent rating on their yells at the cheerleaders school at Lubbock Christian College. Members attend are Becki Dalby, head cheerleader, Jan Hall, Melanie King and Cindy Bird.

40 Years Ago  
July 11, 1963

Mayor Harold Lucas today called for voluntary cooperation of all Post citizens to conserve water as Post's water situation suddenly hit the "critical stage, the reservoir has been dropping fast." Lucas urged citizens on a voluntary basis to turn off their lawn sprinklers, at least until the weekend when the mill will be down and the reservoir can be pumped full again. "If people don't cooperate," Lucas said, "the city will be out of water before the weekend."

Two soldiers from Post, Tex., Pfc. Connie R. Martin and Melvin D. Britton, participated in a massive display of missiles, artillery and engineer equipment in honor of President John F. Kennedy's visit in Hanau, Germany, June 25.

Mrs. Carrie Wall was surprised Sunday on her 80th birthday with an all-day family gathering and birthday dinner in her rural home. Mrs. Wall is a pioneer resident of Garza County, coming here to make her home in 1916.

Dusty Dan, owned by Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Jones of Post, was a double-winner recently at Ruidoso, N. M. Dusty Dan, a four-year-old dapple gray, won a six-furlong race on June 15 and again on June 30.

Finnis Corley and Herbert Mitchell were the first place winners in the senior and junior divisions respectively of Wacker's annual model car contest.

50 Years Ago  
July 9, 1953

Three members of Boy Scout Troop 16 were in the South Plains group which left Lubbock last Thursday morning for the third National Boy Scout Jamboree in California. Scouts attending are: Sidney Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boy Hart; Leonard Short, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Short, and V. A. Dodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Dodson.

On short notice last Thursday afternoon, more than thirty Garza County ranchers and farmers gathered at the City Hall for a discussion of mutual problems of the current drought situation and selection of delegates to the five-state governor's conference at Amarillo. It wasn't known at the time that President Eisenhower had decided to attend the Amarillo meeting. John F. Lott, Hinton Fluitt, Giles McCrary, Novis Rodgers and J. E. Birdwell were selected.

Pvts. Gene D. Wyatt and Roy W. Robinson, both of Post are nearing completion of 16-week training cycles at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., with a unit of the 6th Armored Division. Pvt. Wyatt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wyatt of Post and Pvt. Robinson is the son of the A. R. Robinsons of Route 1, Post.

Misses Jan and Judy Thomas, tap dancers, of Grassland won first place on the "Red Carpet Revue" over KDUB-TV in Lubbock Saturday evening. Their prize was a carpet and a chance to enter the semi-finals to try for a trip to Havan, Cuba. They are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thomas.

## Oops...

Last week we published an article about windbreak trees provided by the Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District. That article was to have been published in January 2003 with a deadline of March 2003.

We extend our sincere apology to the district as well as our readers for this oversight.

Wesley W. Burnett Publisher

## City nets \$170,800 from JDC, Dalby Unit

Water, sewer and sanitation revenues received by the City of Post from the operation of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility and the juvenile detention center totaled slightly more than \$170,800 during the past year.

According to a report from city officials, the municipality billed the prison operators for \$162,263.30 in water, sewer and sanitation costs during the 12-month period ending June 25. During that same period, the price tag for water, sewer and sanitation at the juvenile facility was \$8,583.45.

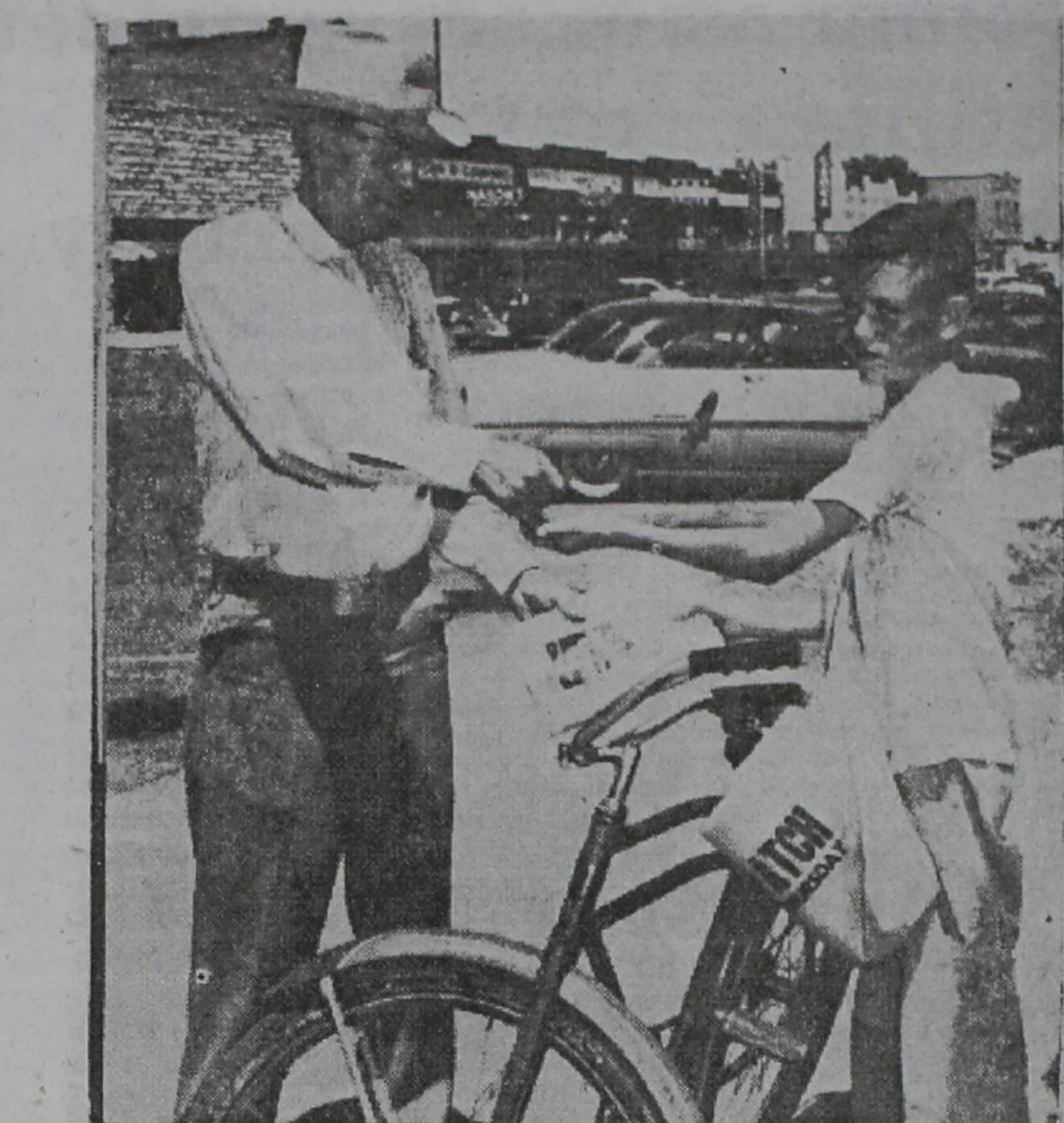
Water costs made up the bulk of the prison bill, costing \$94,815.70 of the \$162,263.30 total. Sewer costs were \$45,948, while sanitation services were billed out at \$21,499.60.

At the juvenile detention center, the sewer charges were the highest. Sewer costs were \$4,032, while water costs were \$2,771.85 and sanitation ran \$1,779.60.

Approximately 1250 individuals, including employees and those housed in the two facilities, inhabit the prison and the juvenile center 24 hours a day, seven days a week, according to city projections. Water, sewer and sanitation billed to the two facilities over the past year breaks down to about 38 cents per day per person.

In comparison, the average cost of water, sewer and sanitation for a single-person household in the city is \$1.47 per day per person. The minimum water, sewer and sanitation costs for two individuals living in an average home in Post is 74 cents per day per person, while the cost for three is 49 cents per day per person, according to the report.

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ONE SALE—NO ARRESTS—Kenith Bullard, Post Dispatch newsboy, hasn't been stopped by City Marshal J. W. Teal for speeding. He's selling the marshal a copy of the Post Dispatch —hot off the press.—(Staff Photo).

## Wells Fargo announces program to help local school funding

Wells Fargo has announced the creation of a community-based program to help provide financial support to schools during a time of unprecedented budget shortfalls.

Through the Team Up for Our Schools program, Wells Fargo will donate up to \$30 to local school districts when new accounts are opened between now and Sept. 13. When customers open any new consumer checking account with direct deposit, including free checking, Wells Fargo will donate \$10 to the school district where the Wells Fargo store is located.

Wells Fargo will donate an additional \$10 to the school district when a consumer Wells Fargo Package is opened and another \$10 when new or existing customers sign up and use Wells Fargo Bill Pay, an online bill-paying service.

Additionally, Wells Fargo plans to conduct activities and volunteer efforts to enhance the program, including school supply drives and literacy awareness programs. Further information on these projects will be announced.

"Just like everyone in the community, we at Wells Fargo are aware of the challenges our public schools face given current budget cuts," said Charles Hardin, Wells Fargo Bank Post community bank president. "The Wells Fargo Team Up for Our Schools program was created to give our community, our customers and our team members a

chance to become part of the solution. Together, it's one more way that we can help make sure students feel less of the budget pinch."

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**ACROSS**

- TXism: "above the rest"
- TX grocer: Pay-N-\_\_\_\_\_
- TXism: "hard as folding \_\_\_\_\_ in a windstorm"
- rank and \_\_\_\_\_
- TX Perot ran as one in '92
- famous TX case: v. Wade
- crosstown rival of Odessa Permian
- position of Ranger "A-Rod" (abbr.)
- Looney Tunes Elmer \_\_\_\_\_
- San Augustine: "The of Texas"
- TXism: "at the drop \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism for "little" Houston racer A.J.
- Campo or Paso location of Houston Texans opponent Patriots
- this Thomas was 1st TX female in U.S. Congress
- traffic tie-up in Houston or Dallas
- romance film by TX Greer Garson
- Elm \_\_\_\_\_, TX
- El \_\_\_\_\_, TX
- "Gone With The Wind" plantation
- TXism: "the Lord and pass the ammunition!"
- fattened rooster
- cattle auction bid
- A&M-Kingsville was formerly Texas \_\_\_\_\_
- old west justice: "\_\_\_\_\_ feathers"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ horse town"
- TX pitching legend: \_\_\_\_\_ Ryan
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ sheared like a spring lamb" (cheated)
- Gov. Wood, 1847 (init.)
- TX Buck's "\_\_\_\_\_ Haw"
- child's game
- Lee Harvey Oswald's wife (init.)

**DOWN**

- TXism: "brave \_\_\_\_\_ teacher"
- old TX royal roads: "\_\_\_\_\_ reales"
- Dale Evans town
- early Indian dwelling
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the pavement" (walk)
- Austin's "Deep \_\_\_\_\_" was TX first swimming pool
- TX-based western: "\_\_\_\_\_ Blessing"
- this Smith was Cowboys LB ('93-'96) (init.)
- prom date
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ soul" (no one)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ dog won't hunt"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ have to get better to die"
- Jackie of TX-based "Smokey and the Bandit II"
- TX "Soap" actress Katherine
- TXism: "he'll be late to his own \_\_\_\_\_"
- TX Coleman film: "\_\_\_\_\_ Golden Pond"
- TX Guadalupe is a spring-\_\_\_\_\_ river
- TX Joan Crawford: Lucille \_\_\_\_\_ Sueur
- Mavs in Western Conference finals in '03 (2 wds.)
- TXns fought against this country in WWII
- TXism: "burn the \_\_\_\_\_ oil"
- \_\_\_\_\_ chute
- TX Toomay's "On \_\_\_\_\_ Given Sunday"
- TX \_\_\_\_\_ Farley's Boys Ranch
- youngster
- TX Buddy Holly's real "Peggy Sue"?

# Commissioners consider refinance of GCPFC bonds on Dalby facility

The Garza County Commissioners Court is studying the possibility of refinancing the bonds relating to the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility. The bonds were issued by the Garza County Public Facility Corp. for construction of the correctional facility.

Commissioners met July 2 with Dave Elgart, president of Sequoia Investments Inc. of Roswell, Georgia. According to minutes of the meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Lee Norman and seconded by Commissioner Mason McClellan to allow the corporation's president to gather information to determine how refinancing "would benefit the county," as well as establishing an estimate on what refinancing "would

cost the county."

"The court will then decide whether to accept his offer," the minutes read. The motion passed unanimously.

According to a July 1 letter from Elgart to County Judge Giles Dalby and members of the Garza County Facilities Corp., Sequoia is offering the following:

- "A tender for the outstanding Series 1998 7.5 percent bonds at a price to be determined."
- Refinancing issued as credit-enhanced municipal bonds (S&P A rated or higher).
- A reduction in the retirement of the existing debt from the year 2019 to 2015 or even sooner while maintaining the current debt service.
- Expenses related to the refinance

effort would be financed from the proceeds of the new issue; however, the initial engagement of Sequoia and its counsel would incur out-of-pocket expenses that have yet to be determined.

According to an undated brochure entitled "Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility Economic Impact on Garza County," the facility employs 243 individuals, a number which, in October of 1999, represented 17 percent of the county's total employment. Since the opening of the facility, personal income in Garza County has "increased noticeably. The county's median income was \$17,181 in 1998 and few to \$19,836 in 2000, an increase of \$2,855."



Jay Waylon Strawn, son of Jay and Susan Strawn, graduated with the June 2003 class from one of the nation's premier technical training schools, WyoTech, located in Laramie, Wyo and Blairsville, Pa. Waylon graduated with a degree in Automotive and Diesel. Attending Waylon's graduation were Bo and Marita Jackson, Kenda Looney, Jason Hair, Jay, Susan and Lyndee Strawn, Amanda Hair, Christina Zellmer and Donae Dalby.

# Food and restaurant establishments face tough new grease law

Local food establishments and restaurants face some new tough rules regarding grease disposal following the recent enactment of a new state law.

City officials recently received an overview of the new law relating to the prevention of the discharge of untreated wastewater into Texas waterways.

Approved during the last legislative session and effective Sept. 1, the law pertains to grease deposited in sewer lines. The legislative action holds that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (formerly the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission, or TNRCC) will establish standards to prevent the discharge of untreated wastewater as a result of a grease blockage. Those standards will include:

- Grease should be "completely re-

moved from grease traps on a regular basis."

- A grease trap cleaning schedule be followed; cleanings should be conducted by grease trap operators who can provide cleanings "sufficient to prevent blockages in the collection system resulting from grease."

- New commercial and industrial facilities properly install and utilize grease traps.

- Grease traps should be "properly used" at commercial and industrial facilities where grease traps have previously been installed.

- "Alternative treatment methods" be supported by scientific data determined effective by the TCEQ (that is, the method will prevent grease blockages in the collection system and will not affect the performance of the system's treatment plant).

The law also charges the TCEQ with establishing a schedule of penalties to be levied against those found to be in violation of the new legislation.

The addition to the Texas Water

Code maintains that the state "shall establish criteria for evaluating whether to initiate an enforcement action related to sanitary sewer overflows that occur as the result of a blockage due to grease. The criteria shall include consideration of whether the discharge could reasonably have been prevented; was minimized; and was reported..." and required notice was given.

According to the new law, "the adoption and enforcement by a separate sanitary sewer system of model standards for grease management... shall be considered by the (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) to be evidence tending to show that reasonable measures have been taken to prevent or minimize sanitary sewer overflows that occur as a result of blockage due to grease."

The House passed the bill on April 25 by a non-record vote. The Senate approved the legislation on May 28 by a 31-0 vote. The House concurred with Senate amendments to the bill on May 30.



Post and Garza County were featured by KCBD TV news channel 11 Tuesday evening with the station broadcasting live from the courthouse lawn at 6 and 10 p.m. The news cast included special features about area attractions, Post history and local businesses. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

## Budget crunch

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ers to be held at the Dalby unit.

In other matters Monday, the court approved an indigent application for a one-time assistance of \$280 for rent and utilities to a mother of two children whose injury has left her unable to work. Workers' compensation benefits have also expired for the applicant.

A request by county clerk Jerry Hays to consolidate voting precincts for the September 13 state constitution amendment election was approved. Hays said that less than 200 voters participated in the last constitutional election. The September 13 election voting boxes will be in Southland, the First Presbyterian Church in Post and at Justiceburg.

The design for an emergency services building near Lake Alan Henry will be scaled back to about half of the size proposed earlier. Terry Bartlett explained that rules for the USDA grant that would have funded the project have been modified, so that only six percent of funding would be a grant, leaving 96 percent through a low-interest loan. He requested guidance from the court for planning.

Commissioners opted for a much smaller building with less "extras" and requested Bartlett to work up cost figures based on the revised plan. Dalby explained that although City of Lubbock officials offered to share cost of an emergency building facility, there were no cost estimates. "We need to take action on this issue," Dalby said, "growth out there is fast and we can't afford to wait another five years to provide needed services."

Referring to recent letters to the editor in The Post Dispatch, Dalby said that the county is responsible for fire and safety protection at Lake Alan Henry.

The next regular meeting of the court will be at 9 a.m., June 28 in the third floor meeting room at the courthouse.

## LAH Water District election...

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of Ranch Road 669 to a point in the south city limits boundary line of the City of Post; thence east along the city limits boundary line... as such line curves to the north, to a point in the center of State Hwy. 380; thence east along the centerline of State Hwy. 380 to a point in the east county line of Garza County; thence south along the east county line... to the place of beginning."

The group discussed the possibility of conducting a public meeting prior to the confirmation election to determine who the eligible voters will be. Acker advised he is working to secure a record of all eligible voters.

Board members discussed possible dates for the election, and White made a motion to set the date for Nov. 4. The motion was seconded by the district's vice-chairman, Jody Ashley, and all

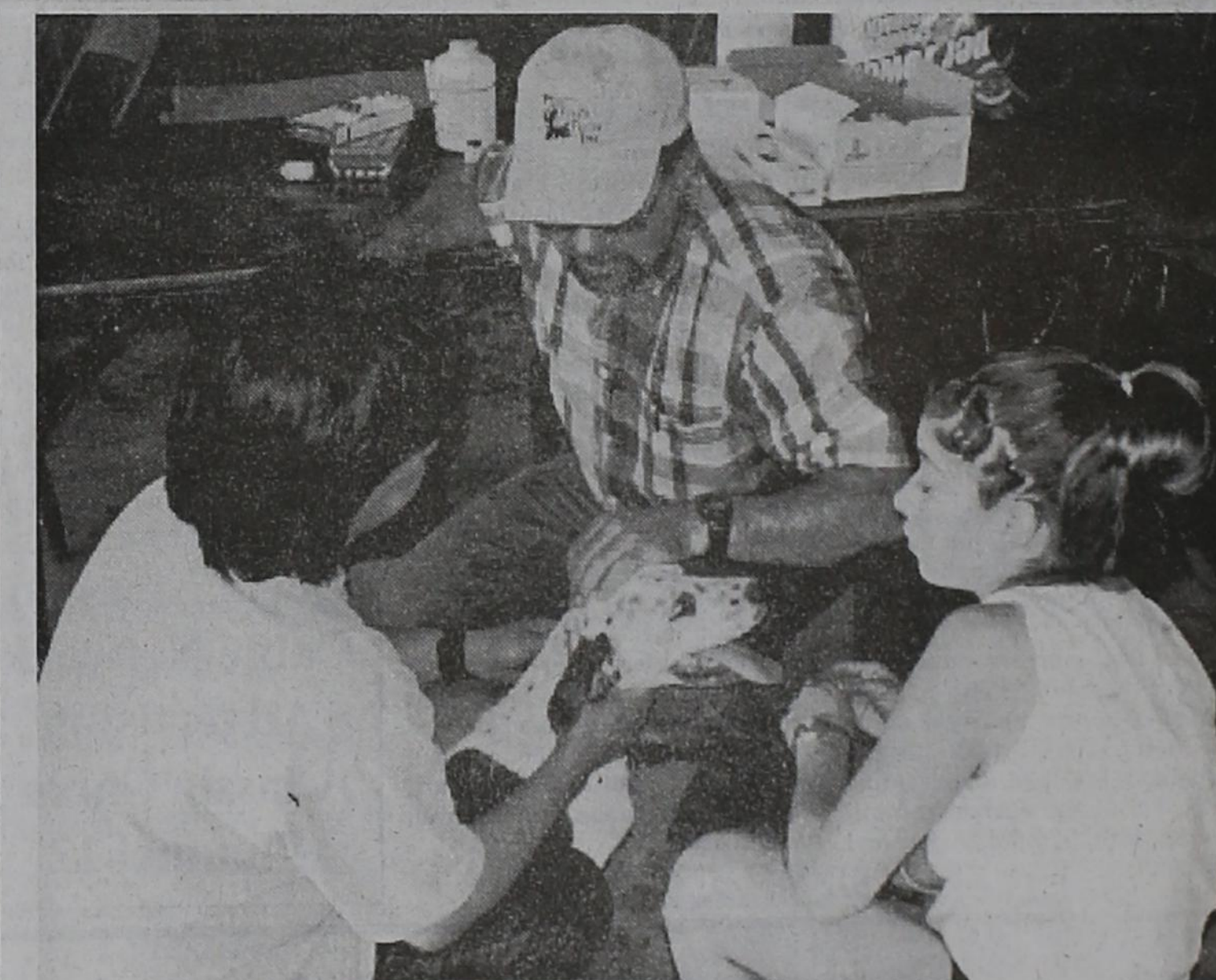
directors present agreed.

District chairman Odie Hood said he would secure estimates pertaining to election costs, and the directors discussed making requests to the Garza and Kent county commissioners courts to secure funding for the election.

It was agreed that in the event that the board is confirmed in the confirmation election, it may then request start-up funds from the two commissioners courts.

In other business, board members discussed the cost of water and agreed to arrange a meeting with City of Lubbock officials.

The next scheduled meeting of the water district's board of directors, which includes Hood, Ashley, White, Mark Kirkpatrick and Joe Hardin, is set for 5 p.m. July 30 in the Kent County courthouse. The meeting will be conducted in the commissioners' courtroom.



Post veterinarian Dr. Larry Mills (center) helped local pet owners last Saturday with vaccinations at the Post Rotary Club sponsored "Dog Dip" held at the Post Volunteer Fire Department building.



A fire last weekend at Justiceburg completely gutted the historic Justiceburg school house. Investigators are working to determine the cause of the blaze. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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