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## Judge Dalby responds to RFP process challenge

by Sheri Lewis

A trio of sworn affidavits were delivered to The Post Dispatch Monday in response to last week's article about complaints filed recently with federal and state officials over the handling of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility operations contract.

County Judge Giles Dalby, his wife and Ron Russell, MTC's senior vice president for corrections, supplied affidavits to The Dispatch, declaring that all actions pertaining to the handling of the proposals were legal and honorable.

Two weeks ago, local resident Jon Smith sent letters to the Department of Justice, the FBI and the Texas Attorney General's Office to alert the agencies of the "appearance of foul play" in the county's handling of the bids. Smith accused the county judge of "opening bids prior to the opening date" and "contacting one of the bidders and advising them that their bid needed to be adjusted or fixed...."

In Dalby's affidavit, he said he was recovering from a torn rotator cuff when the three RFPs were delivered to his home by his secretary, Rhonda Valdez, on March 18. Upon examining the MTC proposal, he discovered that "everything was answered... with the exception of any price quotations to Garza County for the county's portion of the revenue they would offer." He notified Warden Joe Rasbeary at the Dalby unit, who advised the judge that he had no knowledge of the RFP or its contents since the document had been handled out of MTC's Utah office. Rasbeary offered to contact Russell.

Dalby's statement indicates that approximately 30 minutes after his conversation with Rasbeary, Russell contacted the judge. Dalby explained the problem and said the situation could be corrected if MTC provided the missing information prior to 2

p.m., the published deadline. Dalby said he received a fax from MTC with the revenue proposal and indicated he believed the document was received prior to 2 p.m.

"At no time during my conversation with Mr. Russell did I give him any information that would give MTC an advantage in the bidding process," the judge said in his affidavit. "It is my understanding that an employee in Utah did not insert the revenue portion in the RFP when it was sent from Utah."

Nelda Dalby's affidavit states that while her husband was reviewing the MTC proposal, he showed her a page where the revenue figures had been left blank.

"I heard the telephone conversations he had with Warden Joe Rasbeary and Ron Russell where he reported the fact that this information was missing and MTC would need to fax it to our home before 2 p.m.," her statement reads. "He did not give Warden Rasbeary or Mr. Russell any information that would help MTC in the bidding process during these conversations."

In Russell's statement, he said he learned of the problem with the MTC proposal when Rasbeary contacted him on the morning of March 18. He called Dalby, and the judge advised that MTC had not submitted "certain financial information" in its proposal.

"I asked and the judge approved me faxing him the financial information by 2 p.m. on that day," Russell said. "I then drafted a letter to the judge, which included the missing information, and faxed this letter to the judge by 2 p.m. on March 18, 2004."

"My entire conversation with Judge Dalby related to identifying the missing information and how to respond. At no time did Judge Dalby divulge any information which would have helped MTC in the bid process."

Last week, MTC sent out a press release announcing the county's intention to renew the contract with Management & Training Corporation for the continued operation of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

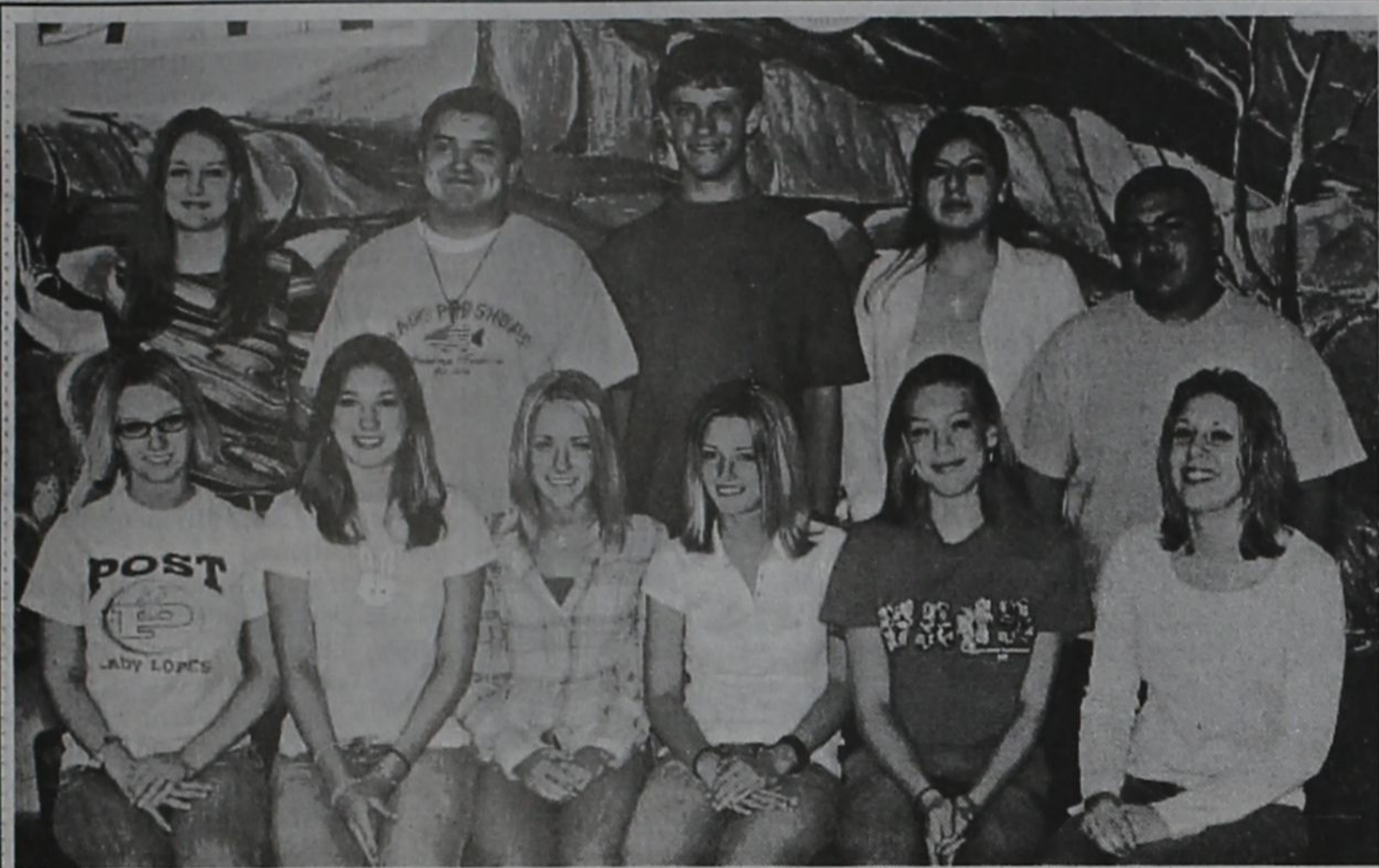
The current contract expires July 31, according to the release, and the new agreement will be for three years, in addition to two one-year option periods. The new contract will run through mid-2007, with option years possibly extending the agreement to mid-2009.

Under terms of the new contract, the Federal Bureau of Prisons will pay Garza County about \$21 million annually to house and care for slightly more than 1,000 inmates. Garza County taxpayers will see about \$1 million funneled into the county budget each year, with the remainder of the funds to be used to pay salaries for 231 employees, provide inmate care and service to the county's site construction debt, according to the press release.

"I am very pleased the commissioners and Judge Dalby have been satisfied with the management provided by MTC at their facility," Rasbeary said. "Our staff is proud of the service it provides to this community and looks forward to continuing this role."

Dalby said MTC earned the contract renewal through efficient operation. "MTC has managed the correctional facility since before construction was even completed," the judge said. "Given their strong track record in security and inmate educational programming, I am pleased they will continue operating the facility."

Capacity at the Dalby unit is 1,094, but 54 of those beds are in the segregation unit and unavailable for ongoing inmate housing. Of the 1,040 regular beds, the average inmate population over the past six months has been 1,038.



### Academic U.I.L. Regional Qualifiers

Earning a trip to the Regional U.I.L. competition in Abilene are PHS students (back row, left to right) Ashley Wilson, Vincent Robles, Jonathan McGregor, Elena Alaniz, Tony Apollinar, (front row) Logan Gregory, Christina Zellmer, Christin Collier, Kayla Dunn, Laurel Tatum and Emily Marcum. (See Page 3 for more details).

## Mike Travis withdraws from GHD candidacy, still on ballot

by Sheri Lewis

Mike Travis, one of the two candidates in the only contested race in the May 15 Garza County

Hospital District Board of Directors election has withdrawn his candidacy.

Travis, and incumbent on the

board, filed a notarized document April 2 declaring the withdrawal of his candidacy for the at-large position on the district's board of directors.

The document, dated April 1, offered no reason for Travis' decision to withdraw from the election.

Travis' withdrawal came too late for the district to avoid the election, according to district administrator Tanya Boucher. Travis' name will appear on the ballot, along with that of challenger Fred Howell, who also filed to run for the at-large board position.

According to Section 145.094 of the Texas Election Code, a candidate's name can be omitted from the ballot only if the candidate withdraws prior to the deadline for withdrawal.

A candidate who does not file the withdrawal prior to deadline essentially has an "ineffective" withdrawal, Section 145.001 of the code states. "The candidate's name will remain on the ballot, and any votes cast for that candidate must be counted in the regular manner. If the candidate wins, he or she may take office, if still in compliance with eligibility requirements."

Travis did not return a telephone call made to his home Tuesday morning.

Board president Ray Bagby declined to comment on the matter.

A total of three positions are slated to be filled in the May 15 health care district election. Incumbents Bagby and Edna Owens, representing Precincts 2 and 1 respectively, are running unopposed. Deadline to register to vote in the election is today, April 15.

Early voting in the election will run April 28 through May 11.



Randy, Lynn and Brittney Courtney. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Post EMS crew helping stabilize an injured traveler last week on U.S. Hwy 84 south of Post are (left to right) Rodney Tidwell, Reshae Tidwell, Kelly Baker and Betty Posey. The accident victim was transported to a Lubbock hospital for treatment. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

## Brittney Courtney signs with Weatherford College

Post High School senior Lady Lope Brittney Courtney will play basketball at Weatherford College in Weatherford next year after signing a national letter of intent Tuesday.

Courtney, daughter of Randy and Lynn Courtney, signed to play with the Weatherford College Lady Coyotes and Coach Bob McKinley. After visiting five other colleges, she selected Weatherford and was awarded a full scholarship to a program that boasts this year's conference championship, a regional championship and a trip to the national tournament.

Courtney's achievements include First Team All-District, First Team All-Region, First Team All-South Plains, TGCA First Team All-State, TABC Second Team All-State, TABC Academic All-State, TGCA All-Star Game and TABC All-Star Game. She averaged 16.6 points and four rebounds per game and was 45 percent from the three-point line.

## Slower speed limit set for 380...

by Wes Burnett

A slower speed limit on U.S. Hwy 380 west of the Post Middle School will be imposed following action last week by the Post City Council. Mayor Archie Gill explained to council members that the current 40 mph is a danger to children walking to and from school along a stretch of U.S. Hwy 380.

The new speed limit will be posted as 30 mph from Avenue R to the posted school zone. The change will take affect after the council follows normal procedures for revising its city ordinance.

The council also authorized city manager Fred Stephens to prepare a plan to expand the landfill operation. This will involve surveying and purchasing additional property.

An agreement was reached with property owner Gene Posey regarding cleaning up accumulated materials at his residence. Posey agreed to complete the cleanup by September 1.

The council approved the termination of a lease with Ivan Line on city-owned land near the landfill. The land will be returned to natural vegetation and allowed to develop natural cover.

Council members expressed support for the city manager to continue administrative efforts to seek additional water supplies in anticipation of continuing decline in the water supply at White River Lake. Currently Post receives 66 percent of its water from White River and 33 percent from Slaton.

A resolution expressing opposition to Governor Rick Perry's latest school financing proposal was approved by the council. Council agreed with Mayor Gill's observation that the proposal would hinder the ability of the city to raise appropriate tax to support its basic needs.

The May 15 election was formally cancelled, following notification that all candidates for the election were unopposed.

## Post Notes

### Post Antelope Baseball Live Play-by-Play

KPOS Radio will begin its live play-by-play broadcasts of Post Antelope baseball beginning with April 23 matchup here against New Deal. The game begins at 7 p.m., with on-the-air coverage with Steve Mason to start at 6:45 p.m. KPOS Radio is broadcast locally on Cebridge Connections Channel 12 and on the Internet @ www.kposradio.com. Businesses interested in supporting these live broadcasts are encouraged to contact Kerri Dean at 495-2816. Post City Television will also record the games and replay on Cebridge Connections Channel 12.

### Free Christian Concert

The Post Church of the Nazarene Youth welcomes Zuigia. The Christian group will perform a free concert on Sunday, April 18, beginning at 6 p.m. at 202 W. 10th street.

### Family Harvest Church

Family Harvest Church invites you to join them for a special service with Pastor Robb Thompson on Sunday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. at 111 North Avenue I, Post, Tx. For more information call 495-1400.

### Antelope Booster Club Meeting

Post Antelope Booster Club will meet Monday night, April 19 at 7 p.m. at the high school commons to discuss plans for the All-Sports Banquet, as well as other business.

### Little League Kicks Off 2004 Season

Thursday, April 15 will mark the beginning of this year's Little League baseball season. Games are scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and support all the teams.

### Gospel Singing

The Sounds of the Heart singers from the Cactus Drive Church of Christ in Levelland will be at the 6 p.m. services of the Post Church of Christ, 108 N. Ave. M on April 18. After the worship service they will present a program of gospel singing. The public is invited. For information call the minister, Travis Sweet at 495-2326.

### Women's Emmaus Reunion

Women's Emmaus Reunion meeting to be held each Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church. For more information call Glenna Reiter at 495-2774.

### Free Computer Training

Post-Garza Community Network is wanting to offer free computer training for residents of Post and Garza County. Anyone interested should call Shellee Odom at 495-3343 or email sdomod@post.k12.tx.us and let us know what programs or areas of training you are interested in. After determining an interest, we will schedule and announce classes, dates and times.

### Worship and Fellowship

Caprock Springs Fellowship invites you to join us in worship Sunday Evening at 6 p.m. at the Post Community Center. Come as you are for worship and fellowship.

### Account for Romana Gonzales

A special account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank to help with funeral and burial expenses for Romana Gonzales. For more information contact Carol Short at 495-2804.

### Colgate Country Showdown talent

Contestant applications are now available for the 4th Annual KPOS Radio sponsored Colgate Country Showdown. The deadline for contestant application submission is May 31, 2004. Application information is available on the KPOS Radio web site @ www.kposradio.com. The Colgate Country Showdown will be held at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 3 at the historic Garza Theatre in Post. The Guthries will return by popular demand to support the eight selected contestants, with Cathy Whitten returning at Mistress of Ceremonies. Reserved seat tickets for the event are \$6 per person, available by calling the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005.

# Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush



Hey everyone, I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday. It just didn't seem like Easter with the cool weather. Our family postponed our gathering until next Sunday. Just too many little ones to hunt eggs in the house!

**A LITTLE LATE GET WELL**  
For the last three weeks I have finished "Jabberin'" only to remember that I forgot to send a message to

Marcella Hair. Now Marcella is one of my favorite folks and has been for a long time. I love to watch and listen to her play the piano. Anyway, Marcella had knee replacement surgery several weeks ago and had some complications. She has not been home too long and I have thought of her often. Marcella, I hope you are feeling much better and that you are back at the piano soon. I know everyone in the church misses you. Hope you are enjoying those new knees!

Another.... Also to Randy Baker. Randy is in the hospital in Lubbock and having a tough time of it. I wanted Randy to know he is in our prayers and, hope that he is feeling better soon.

### SURGERY THIS WEEK

Judge Dalby is to undergo surgery on his shoulder this week. Hope all goes well for him and that the problems are gone after the surgery. I hear daughter Becky was with them Sunday in church so I know that cheered him up some!!

### WHAT A TRIP

I visited with Wilma Williams yesterday and was jealous after our conversation! She and Billy returned Saturday from a 10 day trip that took them to six different countries. They visited Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland, France and England. Some of the cities they visited were Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, Effile Tower, the Swiss Alps where they were having a snow storm. Wilma said Paris and London were wonderful. She said the worst part of the trip was the long wait at the airport!!

### GOLDEN YEARS...

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, living in Florida, are all excited about their decision to get married. The go for a stroll to discuss the wedding and on the way they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in. Jacob addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the owner?"

The pharmacist answers "Yes."  
Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"  
Pharmacist: "Of course we do."  
Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."  
Jacob: "How about Viagra?"  
Pharmacist: "Of course."  
Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism, scoliosis?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."  
Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, Jaundice?"  
Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"  
Pharmacist: "Absolutely."  
Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."  
Jacob says to the pharmacist: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

**VISITORS IN THE MILLS HOME**  
Macee Mills of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Megan Mills of Lubbock were here for the Easter weekend visiting their parents and grandparents. Meagan also celebrated her 20th birthday on Sunday I'm told. Happy Birthday Megan!

**EASTER DINNER GUESTS**  
Sharing Easter dinner with Wes and Pat Burnett were Pat's nephew Don Voyles and his wife Veda of New Deal.

**TILL NEXT WEEK**  
Guess that is all for this week. May God bless each of you and keep you safe. See you next time.  
Judy (Call me with your family and community news @ 495-0277)

# Spring Art Show winners...

Dyan Dennison Newton of Abernathy won Best of Show and Nancy Long of Lubbock took the People's Choice award in the annual Post Art Guild Art Show held March 24-27 at the Algerita Art Center. PAC members deemed the show

the "very best exhibit in recent years." Ginnie Seifert of Clovis, N.M., saw her work, "The Look Out," selected by raffle winner Starlet Freeman of Dickens.  
Winners included:  
• Watercolor floral - Dyan Dennison

Newton, first and second places; Gloria Lee, third; Marie Neff (two), Nancy Long and Ginnie Seifert, honorable mentions.  
• Animal (all media) - Vicki Diggs, first and second places; Ed Bynum, third.

• Human interest (all media) - Ed Bynum, first and second places; Conny Martin, third place; Ginnie Seifert, honorable mention.

• Landscape (watercolor/mixed media) - Peggy Bingham, first; Jim Bertram, second; Gloria Lee, third; Dyan Dennison Newton (two), Glenda Morrow, Lois Lawrence, Jim Bertram, Suzy Pal, Marieta Jackson and Marie Neff, honorable mentions.

• Three-dimension - Earl Chapman, first and second places; Dan Rankin, third place.

• Still life (watercolor) - Vicki Diggs, first; Tammy Odom, second; Nancy Long, third; Ginnie Seifert, Jean Green (two) and Billy Joe Jay, honorable mentions.

• Abstract - Glenda Morrow, first; David Dennis, second; Nancy Long, third; Lois Lawrence and Nancy Seifert, honorable mentions.

• Oil still life - Don Reed, first; Jean Green, second; Don Reed, third; Jean Green, Glenda Simmons and Lela Spencer, honorable mentions.

• Portraits (all media) - Pam Davis, first; Dyan Dennison Newton, second place; Carlos Jordan, third; Carol Peterson, Lois Lawrence and Ann Bratcher, honorable mentions.

• Animal/fowl (all media) - Pam Davis, first; Ginnie Seifert, second; Glenda Morrow, third.

• Photography - Rosa Latimer, first place; Tim Burnett, second; Rosa Latimer, third; Rosa Latimer, honorable mention.

• Miniatures - Conny Martin, first place; Ginnie Seifert, second and third places; Ginnie Seifert (three) and Ann Bratcher, honorable mentions.

• Oil landscape and with structures - Lois Lawrence, first; Jackie Henderlitter, second; Don Reed, third; Jean Green, Ginnie Seifert, Lois Lawrence and Jackie Henderlitter (two), honorable mentions.

• Other media - Sara Ault, first; Iris Truelock, second; Dr. James Bell, third; Geraldine Butler, honorable mention.

• Black and white with a touch of red - Rosa Latimer, first place; Glenda Morrow, second; Ginnie Seifert, third place; Jackie Henderlitter, Glenda Morrow and Ginnie Seifert, honorable mentions.

The following is a list of local donors and purchase award patrons: Giles and Nelda Dalby, Giles McCrary, Earl Chapman, Patsy Craig, John Boren, Joe and Peggy Smith, Linda Puckett, Zoe Kirkpatrick, Old Mill Trade Days, Charles Hardin, Archie and Claudette Gill and Sammie and Karen Palmer.

## Summer Saunders, Michael Ballentine set wedding date

Shelby and Kay Saunders of Shallowater have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Summer Saunders, to Michael Ballentine, son of Mark and Tammy Ballentine, also of Shallowater. A June 5, 2004, wedding in the Baker Building in Lubbock is planned.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Shallowater High School and is attending Covenant School of Nursing. Her fiancé, also a Shallowater High School graduate, is employed by Shelby Medlock Construction.

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Glenda Morros (right) congratulates Ginnie Seifert during the awards ceremony at the Post Art Guild's Spring Art Show.

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## Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,  
Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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

### Caregiving: Identifying Need

Caregivers come from all walks of life. Whether you are a paid professional, trained volunteer or a valued friend or family member, you may be charged with the care of another individual. Caring for another person is not an easy task and may be doubly harder when caregiving is a part of other responsibilities.

Caregiving involves meeting one or more of the four major needs one might have in his life: physical, emotional, social and financial. The role a caregiver may play in someone's life may be dramatically different depending on which need or needs must be addressed.

Physical needs may involve things such as nutrition, bathing, shopping and the ability to move around the home or other living space. Emotional needs may include a sense of self-worth or being loved. A care recipient with a debilitating illness may be grieving over losing independence.

An effective caregiver will address the grief issues and find ways to enhance independence. Social interaction is very important for individual well-being. The caregiver may be the only regular contact that a care recipient has.

Financial needs impact many other areas including health, housing and feelings of security. The caregiver's primary responsibility is to make sure that all bases are covered \* that the care recipient is not a danger to himself or others.

Ideally, a person needing assistance with personal care would ask for help. However, this is not always the case. The question then becomes how to tell if someone needs help or even how do I know if I need help.

One of the main concerns should be overall functioning and wellbeing. Ask yourself if this person functions well enough to continue to live unassisted. If you are unsure, think about other things that may affect function and independence such as taking medications on a regular basis.

Functional impairment is judged based on ability to perform Activities of Daily Living (ADLs), such as bathing and toileting, and, to an extent, (IADLs), such as grocery shopping or cleaning house. Caregivers often find that there are many things to be considered when evaluating the capabilities of another person.

Another indicator may be appearance and hygiene \* some things to consider:  
• Have teeth been brushed?  
• Does the person appear clean?  
• Are clothes clean?  
• Is clothing appropriate?

Answers to these questions give clues not only about personal care abilities but also interest in self-care. Lack of interest in self-care may be an indicator of depression, which can affect decision-making and could lead to a health crisis.

Finance issues are very much a part of evaluating need for additional care. You must consider whether or not an individual has the ability to make sound financial decisions as well as whether or not he is able to pay bills when they are due. You and your care recipient must also decide if he can afford to live on his current income as well as meet future needs. This will help determine whether the level of care needed to remain at home may be afforded.

For more information on identifying needs for caregiver support or general caregiving issues, please contact your County Extension Agent.  
Source: Andrew B. Crocker \* Gerontology Health Specialist

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PHS students helping win the District U.I.L. meet held here recently are (back row, left to right) Kayla Dunn, Christin Collier, Ashley Wilson, Donae Dalby, Meagan Hoover, Becca Striblin, Bailey Odum, Laurel Tatum, Shannon Rasbeary, Elena Alaniz, Emily Marcum, (front row) Cecilia Contreras, Stephanie Gearhart, Laura Ervin, Logan Gregory, Claire Kirkpatrick, Gentry Creech and Breann Heckaman. Not available for photo were Christina Zellmer and Avnee Bhakta.



PHS students helping win the District U.I.L. meet held here recently are (back row, left to right) Alfred Segovia, James Soto, Jerin Tyler, Josh Lee, Vincent Robles, Jonathan McGregor, Brant Guthrie, Keith Meredith, Heath Fellhauer, Travis Mathews, Jordan Tatum, Tony Apolinar and Kenneth Garay.

# PHS students earn first place at district U.I.L. competition

A dozen Post High School students will advance to the regional UIL academic events competition following the district meet conducted here March 30 and April 1. Regional qualifiers include Elena Alaniz, feature writing, third place in district; Tony Apolinar, computer science, fourth place (first alternate); Christin Collier, news writing, second place; Kayla Dunn, editorial writing, first place, and feature writing, second place; Logan Gregory, computer applications, first place; Emily Marcum, LD Debate, first place, and informative speaking, first; and Jonathan McGregor, persuasive speaking, first place, mathematics, second, and ready writing, third place. Also, Steffi Norman, editorial writing, fourth place (first alternate); Vincent Robles, ready writing, first place; Laurel Tatum, poetry, third place; Ashley Wilson, mathematics, third place; and Christina Zellmer, social studies, second place, and ready writing, fourth place (first alternate). Post had almost 50 students participate in the competition, earning a total of 315 points for a third-place team finish in the district meet standings. Idalou led with 500 points, followed by Shallowater with 457; Post, Roosevelt, 94; Tahoka, 65; and New Deal, 22. Other PHS students who added to the overall point totals included Elena Alaniz, news writing, sixth place; Colter Creech, current events, sixth place; Kayla Dunn, cross ex-

# Commissioners declare Soil & Water Conservation Stewardship Week

The week of April 25 through May 2 will be observed as Soil & Water Stewardship Week in Garza County following a proclamation made by county officials Monday. During their regular session, Garza County Commissioners proclaimed the observance, which was signed by County Judge Giles Dalby. The document reads as follows: "The well being of our people depends on the production of ample supplies of food, fiber and other products of soil. The quality and quantity of these products depend upon the conservation, wise use and proper management of soil and water resources. It is the concern and responsibility of every person to see that soil resources be conserved and managed properly and water quality and quantity be maintained to assure the welfare of all citizens. "Soil and water conservation districts provide a practical and democratic organization through which landowners are taking the initiative to properly use and protect these resources. Soil and water conservation districts are sponsoring Soil & Water Stewardship Week as a commitment to protecting our renewable resources. "Therefore, I, Giles W. Dalby, county judge of Garza County, in full appreciation of the value of our soil, water and wildlife resources and desiring to honor those who protect those resources, do hereby proclaim April 25 through May 2, 2004, as Soil & Water Stewardship Week in Garza County, Texas."

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## Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 15th.

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

### Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you could be hit with a 10 to 60% penalty.

### Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2003. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2004.

### What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2004 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The district appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

### Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at: Garza Central Appraisal District, P.O. Drawer 7, 124 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356 (806) 495-3518

For more information, stop by your appraisal district and pick up "Texas Property Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities" or contact: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Property Tax Division, P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528 or call: 1-800-252-9121 or on the Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html

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## A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering the taxable value to \$100,000. If you own a home valued at \$500,000 you receive a \$400,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$100,000.

### Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1 and used it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$100,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes this year—and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Courtship, lease and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

### Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the over-65 or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a "pensioner, retiree or teacher" on the school property taxes on your home. (Starting this year, the county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling for 2004 taxes at the highest amount for over-65 or disabled homeowners. The pensioner or disabled homeowner's school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse. If the spouse is 65 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home, these homeowners for their surviving spouse 55 years of age or older also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax ceiling, to a new home.)

### Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2003, you won't need to reapply for 2004 unless your chief appraiser notifies you. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your home or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2004. If you are 65 the year you file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you become disabled, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

### When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more forms, contact us at: Garza Central Appraisal District, P.O. Drawer 7, 124 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356

For more information, stop in or call for a free copy of "Texas Property Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities" or contact: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Property Tax Division, P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528 or call: 1-800-252-9121 or on the Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html

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## "Productivity appraisal" may lower the property taxes on your farm, ranch or timber land!

Texas law allows farmers, ranchers and timber growers to pay property taxes based upon the "production value" of their land rather than on market value. This "productivity appraisal" means qualified land is taxed based on its ability to produce crops, livestock or timber—not on its value on the real estate market. And it can mean substantial property tax savings.

### When is the application deadline?

If your land has never had a productivity appraisal or you are a new owner, you must apply to your local appraisal district by April 30 to take advantage of this benefit on your 2004 property taxes. You may get up to 60 extra days if you have a good reason and ask for it by April 30. If you miss this deadline, you may still be able to apply, but you will pay a penalty. Check with your appraisal district office.

### Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

For more information, call or come by: Garza Central Appraisal District, P.O. Drawer 7, 124 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356 (806) 495-3518

We'll be happy to answer your questions and provide you a free copy of "Texas Property Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities" or contact: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Property Tax Division, P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528 or call: 1-800-252-9121 or on the Web at: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html

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## Varias exenciones de residencia pueden rebajar sus impuestos de propiedad!

Una exención de residencia reduce sus impuestos de propiedad. Por ejemplo, si su residencia tiene un valor de \$350,000 Ud. recibe una exención de \$15,000. Sus impuestos se calcularán como si el valor de su residencia fuera de \$35,000.

### ¿Quién califica para una exención?

Cualquier dueño de una residencia principal al día 1 de enero tiene derecho a una exención de residencia de \$15,000 esta año para rebajar sus impuestos escolares. Y no importa si la residencia es casa, condominio o casa móvil. (Las condados, municipios y distritos especiales de impuestos también pueden ofrecer exenciones de residencia.)

### ¿Hay otras exenciones?

Si Ud. es incapacitado—o tiene 65 años o más—tiene derecho a una exención adicional de \$10,000 en sus impuestos escolares de propiedad. Y el Ud. califica para la exención para las que se cumplen 65 años o más o incapacitado, también tiene derecho a un "pago" permanente en sus impuestos escolares de residencia. (Comenzando este año, el condado de la ciudad o la independencia de los días puede adoptar un tipo de impuestos en los impuestos del 2004 como la cantidad más grande para los dueños de hogar de 65 años o más o incapacitados.) La exención para los que se cumplen 65 años o más o incapacitados y el tipo máximo no pueden transferirse al esposo o esposa sobreviviente si el o ella tiene 55 o más años de edad y es dueña/duo de la casa en donde vive. También el dueño de una casa nueva que tiene más de 65 años puede transferir un porcentaje de su tipo máximo de los impuestos escolares que le fueron en su domicilio anterior.

### ¿Debo solicitar cada año?

No. Si Ud. recibió una exención de residencia en 2003, no hay necesidad de volverla de nuevo en el 2004—siempre que se le pida su jefe de valoración. Sin embargo, si no ha recibido una exención en su residencia actual—o si ha cambiado de domicilio tendrá que solicitar una exención para el 2004. Si Ud. cumple los 65 años durante este año, tiene hasta un año de su fecha para solicitar una nueva exención. Y si cumple los 65 años o resulta incapacitado, tendrá que solicitar la exención adicional.

### ¿Dónde y cuando debo solicitar mis exenciones?

Debe presentar su aplicación en la oficina local del distrito de valoración antes del día 30 de abril. Si necesita más tiempo, favor de ponerse en contacto con nosotros antes: Garza Central Appraisal District (806) 495-3518 P.O. Drawer 7, 124 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356

Si desea más información, visite o llámenos una copia gratis de "Propiedades Sobre la Propiedad en Texas: Derechos, Recursos y Responsabilidades del Contribuyente de Impuestos" o escriba a: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Property Tax Division, P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528 o llámenos: 1-800-252-9121 o en la Web: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html

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## ¡"La valoración productiva" puede reducir los impuestos de su terreno agrícola, ganadero o maderero!

La ley de Texas permite a los granjeros, rancheros y madereros pagar sus impuestos de propiedad basándose en "la valoración productiva" del terreno cultivado—o sea en su habilidad de producir cosechas, ganado o maderera—en su valor en el mercado actual. Y esto le puede ahorrar en sus impuestos de propiedad.

### ¿Cuál es la fecha límite?

Si su terreno nunca ha tenido una valoración productiva, o si Ud. es nuevo dueño, debe solicitarla a su distrito de valoración antes del día 30 de abril, para recibir el beneficio en sus impuestos de propiedad del 2004. Puede recibir hasta 60 días más si tiene una buena razón y si solicita el tiempo adicional antes del 30 de abril. Si se paga de esta fecha, es posible que todavía le pueda ahorrar, pero pague una multa. Pregunte en la oficina de su distrito de valoración.

### ¿Debo solicitarla cada año?

Por lo general, si su propiedad ya recibe una valoración productiva agrícola o maderera, no hay necesidad de pedir una nueva cada año—siempre que se le pida su jefe de valoración. Si una solicitud requiere, el distrito de valoración le mandará un aviso por correo.

Para más información, llame o visite: Garza Central Appraisal District, P.O. Drawer 7, 124 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356 (806) 495-3518

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## ¡Cuidese de las multas! "Presente" su propiedad antes del 15 de abril.

Una "declaración de propiedad" es un reporte por el distrito de valoración de su propiedad. Debe llenar esta declaración antes del día 15 de mayo de este año.

### ¿Quién debe hacer una declaración de propiedad?

Debe hacer una declaración de propiedad si Ud. es dueño y gana ingresos de una propiedad principal—por ejemplo, el inventario y equipo utilizado en un negocio. Si usted es dueño a tiempo, o si presenta una declaración homestead o lista, usted puede recibir una multa de un 10 hasta un 50 por ciento.

### ¿Que ventajas me da?

Las ventajas de hacer una declaración de propiedad son:

- Ud. registra su opinión sobre la valoración de su propiedad. El distrito debe avisarle por escrito y explicarle como protestar si su valor y el cambio entre lo justo lo merece.
- Registra su dirección correcta para que le puedan mandar un trámite de impuestos. Según la ley, Ud. es responsable por pagar sus impuestos de dinero y de pagar cualquier multa que resulte por haberlos pagado tarde—siempre que Ud. haya mandado a su distrito de valoración.
- También puede solicitar un "reporte de valoración disminuida" para avisar al distrito de cualquier reducción significativa en la valoración de su propiedad en el 2003. El distrito recalculará su propiedad según el valor en el 2004.

### ¿Cuál es la fecha límite?

El 15 de abril es el último día para mandar su declaración para el 2004. Puede obtener una extensión automática hasta el 15 de mayo si la pide por escrito en o antes del 15 de abril. El jefe de valoración/calificación puede extender su plazo entre 15 días después del 15 de mayo si usted puede mostrar una razón justificada para su extensión.

### ¿Dónde hago mi declaración?

Rápidamente en su oficina local de valoración en: Garza Central Appraisal District, P.O. Drawer 7, 124 E. Main, Post, Texas 79356 (806) 495-3518

Para más información, visite su distrito de valoración o llámenos una copia gratis de "Propiedades Sobre la Propiedad en Texas: Derechos, Recursos y Responsabilidades del Contribuyente de Impuestos" o escriba a: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Property Tax Division, P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528 o llámenos: 1-800-252-9121 o en la Web: www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html

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# Obituaries

## Jess Dutton

Graveside Services for Jesse James Dutton, 83, of Post were held at 2:00 PM, Monday, April 12, 2004 at Lorenzo Cemetery with the Rev. Ken Bevel officiating. Arrangements were under direction of Adams Funeral Home of Lorenzo.

He died Friday, April 9, 2004 at his home near Southland. He was born June 1, 1920 in Grady County, Oklahoma to Dennis and Sallie Ivey Dutton. He worked as a farmer and a rancher and had lived in Post for three years. He was a former resident of Lubbock and Lindsey, Oklahoma. Survivors include five sons; Curtis Dutton of Post, Lewis "Sonny" Dutton of Lubbock, Gary Dutton and David Dutton both of Vandervort, Arkansas, Doyle Dutton, a daughter; Deanna Dutton of Vandervort, Arkansas, 15 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Online condolences can be made on our website at <http://www.adamsfuneral.com>

## Romana Gonzales

Services for Romana Gonzales of Post were held Saturday, April 10, 2004 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Mike Holly officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She was born June 4, 1930 in Bastrop and married Mauricio Gonzales on August 19, 1986 in Post. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include daughter Gloria Soto of Post; son Michael Gonzales of Midland; brother John Perez of Post; sisters Mary Perez and Angelita Rosas both of Post and 10 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Felipe Flores, Ramon Perez, Roy Perez, Leonard Rodela, Pete Torres and Michael Briseno.

## Janene Graves Mori

Services for Janene Graves Mori were held Monday, April 12, 2004 at the Terrace Cemetery with Travis Sweet and Dr. Charles McCook officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She was born March 22, 1960 in Gardena, Calif. She married Ruben Mori in Austin, Texas. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband Ruben Mori of Austin; father Bob Graves of Post and brother James R. Graves of Gardena, Calif.

## Letters to the Editor

*Letters to the Editor Policy: We require all letters to be signed. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of The Post Dispatch nor its staff.*

## Volunteers praised...

The Points of Light Foundation has set the week of April 18-24 as National Volunteer Week. Would you please recognize those individuals who volunteer within Garza County in all activities?

One such program of volunteers is the South Plains Senior Companion Program. The program has volunteers (seniors over 60 years of age who perform in-home services for homebound adults) who work within Garza County for 20 hours per week. The Companions worked 6,492 hours during 2003. To hire someone to do what the Companions did would have cost the clients or their families over \$106,144.

The Companions who are presently active in Garza County are Alyne Clanton, Richard Collins, Bobby Harper, Angela Raymundo, Margarita Romero, Delia Rosas and Lupe Ybarra.

The South Plains Senior Companion Program is funded through the Corporation for National Service as part of the National Senior Service Corps. Local sponsorship is through South Plains Community Action Association Inc. Some funding for Senior Companion services are received through South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG), the Area Agency on Aging and the Texas Department on Aging.

The program does not charge the clients for the services offered by the volunteers. Several fund raisers are done each year to supplement the federal and state funds received. The program has Companions also active in Bailey, Cochran, Hockley, Lamb, Lynn, Terry and Yoakum counties.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this recognition.  
Patricia Hartin SCP Director

## PHS student seek help with prom

The Post High School prom will be Saturday, May 8, at the Post Community Center. The prom is for the juniors and seniors of Post High School and their dates.

In order to make this night a fun and exciting time for all of the students attending, the PHS prom will be a lock-in and will feature a casino night as well as a dance.

At the end of the night, students will have the opportunity to "cash in" their chips and bid on prizes during an auction. In past years, some of the prizes have included dorm refrigerators, microwaves, boom boxes, jewelry, key chains, candles, lotions, etc. In order to provide these auction prizes and other door prizes throughout the evening, the junior class is asking businesses to donate prizes and/or money to purchase prizes.

The students would appreciate any donation, large or small. If your business would like to help, please send your donation to: Post High School Junior Class, 200 W. 6th St., Post, TX 79356, Attn.: Tonya Dunn, Sponsor. If you would like someone to come and pick up your donation, please call 806-495-2770 and leave a message for Tonya Dunn.

Thank you in advance for your support of this activity.  
Donae Dalby Colton Valdez Tonya Dunn Post Junior Class Officers & Sponsors

## Fire Safety Program seeks assistance

The Post Volunteer Fire Department has again put into effect their "Fire Safety Program" for the children and parents of our community. As before, we need your help.

Every firefighter in the department is confident that fires and fire losses can be prevented if children and their parents can be properly educated in fire safety. That is our objective. Won't you please join us?

In cooperation with our department, you would be providing fire safety education material for all school children, kindergarten through fifth grade. These materials have been designed exclusively by the National Fire Safety Council Inc., a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization. This vital program will assist us in teaching children fire safety and burn prevention. We strongly believe that by making children aware we can prevent tragic fire loss or death.

In order to help cover the cost of these materials, our department is turning to concerned businesses, industrial and professional leaders. We are asking you to help us provide fire safety materials and services for 30 to 200 children at \$1.70 per child: 30 children, \$51; 75; 40 children, \$68; 50 children, \$85; 75 children, \$127.50; 100 children, \$170; 200 children, \$340.

Checks should be made payable to the National Fire Safety Council Inc. and may be mailed to the Post Volunteer Fire Department, 105 E. Main, Post, TX 79356-3229 by June 7.

As an acknowledgment to those who support this program, we will be listing them on the prestige page of all activity manuals under the heading "Provided as a Public Service by People Who Care." Past contributors have included the BJB Co., Budget Inn, Dalby Cattle Co., Garza County Health Care District Employees, Justice-Mason Funeral Home, Macy Ranch, Post Auto Parts, United Supermarkets and Wells Fargo Bank Texas.

Thank you in advance for your concerned support. Your help is greatly appreciated and will surely reflect itself through the children of our community.

Yours in safety, service and protection,  
Darrel Reece, Fire Chief  
Mark Short, Fire Marshal

## What We Believe

### We Are Premillennial

We believe that Jesus Christ is coming back before the Millennial Kingdom is established. Under the government of man, the world is growing worse and worse morally. This is a fulfillment of the Scripture which says, "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." (II Timothy 3:13).

When Christ shall come in the air, "the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain (the living Christians) shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thessalonians 4:16-17). Then all the Anti-Christ will be manifested here upon the earth and the seven years of tribulation shall begin. At the end of the seven years of tribulation, the Lord will return with His saints and utterly defeat the armies of the Anti-Christ. Satan will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit, and then the Lord will establish his kingdom here on earth and reign for a thousand years. (See Revelation 19-21).

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### On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

#### Spiritual Matters...1Corinthians 12:3

The spiritual matters found in 1 Corinthians 12-14 cover a number of subjects that are unbelievable to many Christians. Even Biblical scholars do not agree on the basic spiritual wisdom found in these chapters. Yet here they sit, like a treasure box filled with gems that can transform even the most down-trodden people into victorious children of God. Raise your hand if you want to learn how to walk and talk as children of God. Don't know about you, but this author's hand is flying up real fast! If we intend to learn the walk and the talk, we must trust God's word where it says, "Now concerning spiritual [matters], brethren, I would not have you ignorant" (1 Corinthians 12:1). God does not want His people to be in want of knowledge concerning spiritual matters. We begin with 1 Corinthians 12:3 where it says, "Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the spirit of God calls Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the holy ghost." What does it mean to "speak by the spirit of God" and to say something by the holy ghost? This is a reasonable question which can be answered by simply allowing God's word to interpret itself.

1 Corinthians 12:3 does not completely define what it means to "speak by the spirit of God." In order to rightly divide this scripture we must find how it is interpreted in the context of where it is used again. Chapters 12 and 13 only use this phrase in verse 3 of chapter 12. The first place that uses similar language is found in 1 Corinthians 14:15, "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." This verse distinguishes between praying with the spirit and praying with the understanding. We have a pretty good idea what it means to pray with our understanding. But what does it mean to pray with the spirit? An examination of chapter 14 will show that it distinguishes between speaking in tongues and the interpretation of tongues.

We start with verse 2, "For he that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not unto men, but unto God: for no man understands; howbeit in the spirit he speaks mysteries." And again in verse 4, "He that speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself; but he that prophesies edifies the church." Verses 6-13 contrasts between speaking in tongues and the interpretation of tongues in the context of who is edified. Then we come to verses 14-15 where it says, "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful...I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding..." When we reverently allow God's word to interpret itself, we see that to pray with the understanding can only refer to speaking with our own language, and the phrase "pray with the spirit" can only refer to speaking in tongues.

Now we can go back to 1 Corinthians 12:3 with a better understanding of what it is talking about. No man speaking by the spirit of God, which is speaking in tongues, curses our Lord Jesus Christ. And furthermore, nobody can truly say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the holy ghost. Do we use the name of our Lord Jesus in prayer often? Yes we do. But it is also available to freely and truly declare our "Lord Jesus" by the spirit of God.

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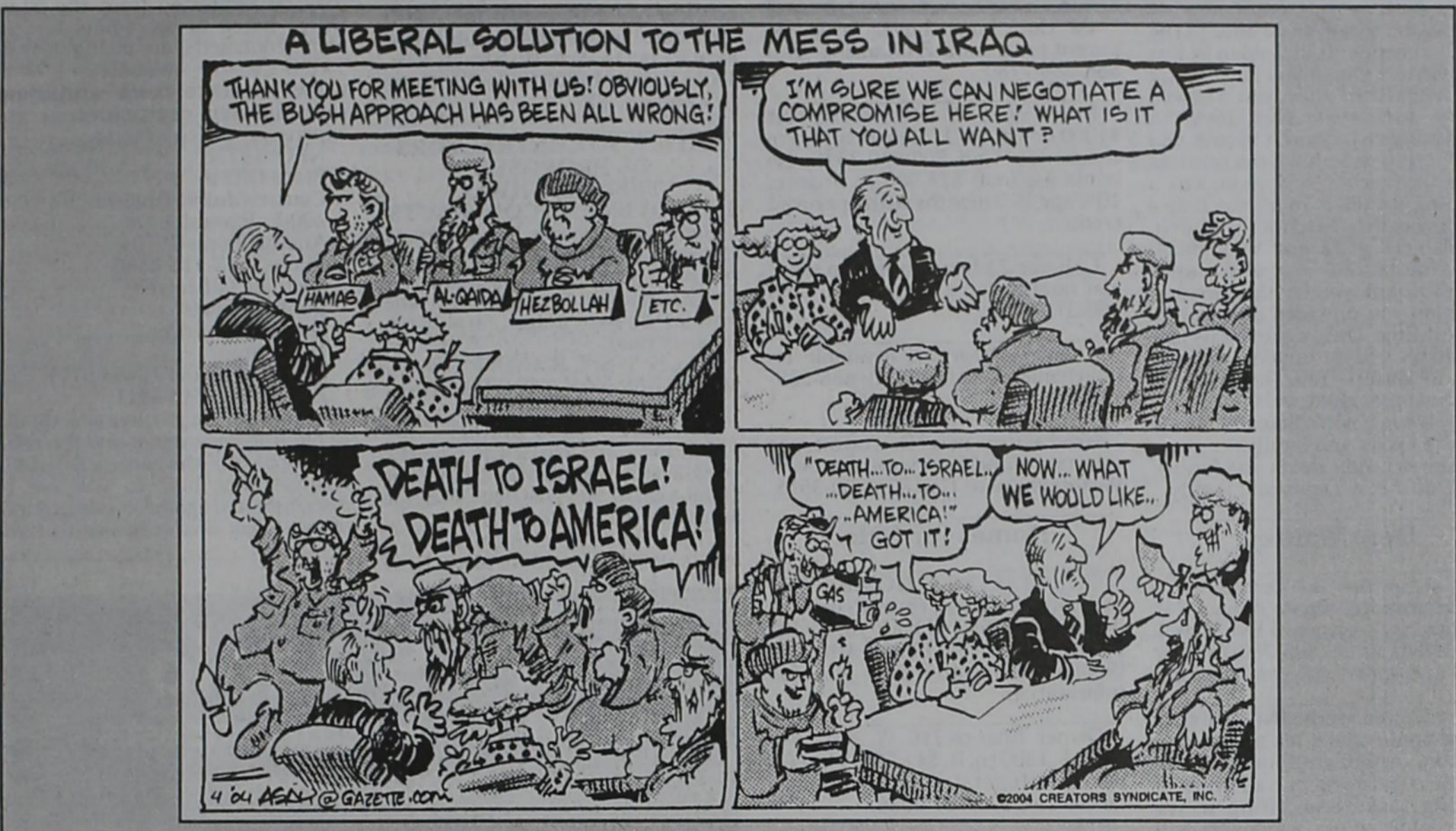
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# Opinions



## Democrat magicians

by Walter E. Williams



Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines magician as "one who performs tricks of illusion and sleight of hand" and "one skilled in magic," a "sorcerer." That's an apt description for the parade of Democrats, leftists and peaceniks attacking President Bush on his efforts managing the war on terrorism. Millions of Americans have bought into the illusions created by Bush's critics in their attempt to unseat him in the fall election. Let's look at it.

During the 9/11 Commission hearings, former Secretary of State and magician extraordinaire Madeleine Albright told the panel that the Clinton administration did all it could think of to defeat al Qaeda and fight terrorism. OK. You tell me what it did about the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. How about the 1996 bombing of a U.S. Air Force housing complex at the King Abdul Aziz Air Force Base near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia? What about the bombing of the USS Cole and the 1998 bombing of the U.S. embassies in Africa? Not only did the Clinton administration do nothing decisive about these attacks that cost hundreds of U.S. casualties; it even refused Sudanese President Bashir's offer to arrest and hand Osama bin Laden over to the United States.

That's the magician's gift; he creates the illusion that events which happened really didn't happen and those which didn't happen happened. Being mesmerized by an illusion is the only way one can accept Madeleine Albright's claim that the Clinton administration did everything it could think of to fight terrorism and defeat al Qaeda.

Then, there's magician Richard Clarke, former White House terrorism adviser, whose book "Against All Enemies: Inside America's War on Terror" was released just in time for the 9/11 Commission hearings. During the hearings, Clarke testified that the Clinton administration had "no higher priority" than destroying terrorism and that, for Bush, it was "an important issue but not an urgent one." And to CBS correspondent Leslie Stahl, Clarke said, "I find it outrageous that the president is running for re-election on the grounds that he's done such great things about terrorism. He ignored it."

Only sorcery can get you to buy into Clarke's statements. In 2002, Richard Clarke told Fox News correspondent Jim Angle that the Bush administration decided to increase CIA resources fivefold to go after al Qaeda and that its plans called for the rapid elimination of al Qaeda instead of simply a rollback. Was Clarke lying then or is he lying now about President's Bush's war on terrorism?

Another part of the Democrats' magic work is to convince the American people that Bush places a higher priority on the ouster of Saddam Hussein than going after al Qaeda. That's believable if you can be made to believe that our armed forces attacked Iraq before they attacked Afghanistan. But suppose Bush had "done something" like taking military action against al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan prior to Sept. 11. I'm betting there would have been the same howls of protest from the United Nations, France and Germany and the Democrats that there were prior to the Iraq invasion.

Fighting terrorism as well as rogue dictators requires a policy of pre-emption. During the 1930s, there should have been a pre-emptive strike on Nazi Germany. Had Britain and France had the guts to do that, 60 million lives lost in World War II might have been spared. After World War II, when we held a monopoly on nuclear weapons, we should have told the U.S.S.R. that if it started making nuclear weapons we'd bomb its facilities. We would have avoided Soviet adventurism and trillions of dollars fighting a cold war. Today, we should give axis-of-evil member North Korea notice to destroy its nuclear weapons or we'll do it for them.

You might ask, "Williams, are you a warmonger?" No, I'm not, but here's the way I look at it. If you hate my guts and have designs to hurt me, and I see you building a cannon aimed at my house, I am not going to wait for you to finish construction.

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## Oklahoma City- What Really Destroyed the Building, Part 1

By Devvy Kidd January 11, 2004 [Newswithviews.com](http://Newswithviews.com)

This manuscript, now a published book, is titled *The Final Jihad*. In this book, Keating lays out a story of terrorists based in OKC who decide to bomb a federal building. Guess what the name of the one of the key "terrorists" in the book is? Tom McVey. And for the kicker of this fictional work: The terrorists in *The Final Jihad* are stopped by an Oklahoma highway patrolman for a broken tail light.

How extraordinary! We have a book in manuscript form written four years before the OKC bombing whose story line involves terrorists in Oklahoma City. This part of this fictional work comes true. We have a main character in the book by the name of Tom McVey. In real life, the bomber four years later in OKC is named Tim McVeigh.

We have the terrorists in this fictional work stopped by Oklahoma state troopers for a broken tail light. In real life, our bomber, Tim McVeigh, is pulled over by an Oklahoma state trooper because of a missing license plate.

How's that for fiction being stranger than reality? In this book, written in 1991, Martin Keating also predicts the TWA Downing and the World Trade Center bombing. Was this just a premonition that Mr. Keating had? The bottom line is why hasn't Martin Keating been put under the microscope regarding his own statements that he has videos that could unlock the truth?

That aside, now we are starting to touch on the real issue in the OKC bombing: What really destroyed the building? It is the key to the crime and this two part series, I hope, will encourage the American people demand a real investigation by experts, who have no ties whatsoever to the Federal government, into all the facts and evidence about OKC.

McVeigh's Second Trial

Millions and millions of words have been written about Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols. Most of it focuses on the "anti-government" hate mongers, Tim McVeigh, Nichols and the Ryder truck filled with drums of ammonia nitrate, which once cooked and detonated, turned into "weapons of mass destruction" that brought down the Murrah Building - or it is alleged.

Several weeks before McVeigh's execution, this writer authored a 228-page document titled *McVeigh's Second Trial*. This meticulous statement of facts was not compiled to defend Timothy McVeigh, although every defendant is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty. That was impossible in the *United States v. Timothy McVeigh* trial.

The greatest majority of the American people have never been told the truth about the facts surrounding that heinous act. Both the

Clinton and Bush administrations, through their minions, Janet Reno and John Ashcroft, have gone to extraordinary lengths to conceal the truth and have participated in a colossal cover up pertaining to the slaughter of 168 innocent men, women, children and babies.

I am compelled to cite some of the factual details contained in *McVeigh's Second Trial* because it is one of my life goals to see those who perpetrated this screaming act of murder suffer the full consequences of the law at the state level; the feds have no jurisdiction to try McVeigh or Nichols for murder; see the U.S. Constitution.

These are just a tiny fraction of issues covered in *McVeigh's Second Trial*:

Question: With no suspects and absolutely no leads, how is it the feds zeroed in on McVeigh within 48 hours?

Fact: Because, quite conveniently, his social security number was put out to all law enforcement as a suspect within two days of the bombing. This is how patsy's are made.

Question: Was Trooper Charlie Hanger alone when he pulled McVeigh over near Perry, Oklahoma?

According to the official trial transcripts, apparently not: Trooper Hanger under cross by the completely incompetent McVeigh defense team:

Q: Did you drive even with the driver's side of Mr. McVeigh's vehicle?

Response by Trooper Hanger: "I actually overshot him. We passed him."

"We" passed him? Was this just a slip by Hanger because he usually rides with a partner or was there another trooper in his official car that day when the real Timothy McVeigh was pulled over? If so, why was he/she never mentioned or put on the stand?

On May 20, 1995, just a few days before the evidence (the Murrah Building) was destroyed, I drove the stretch between the crime scene (the Murrah Building) and the location where McVeigh was pulled over. It would have been impossible for him to drive this distance in the time available for the government's time line to work without exceeding a consistent speed of 80+ mph.

No one has ever stepped forward to say they observed this 1977 crummy old Mercury Marquis speeding away from OKC at high speed, all the way up the interstate to the Perry turn off. Not to mention how foolish it would have been for McVeigh to draw such attention to himself. McVeigh's car had very distinct rust markings, yet no one remembers seeing this vehicle speeding away from OKC to the Perry exit. How extraordinary.

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## Running against himself

by Bill O'Reilly



At this point, President Bush is actually running against himself. With the situation in Iraq tenuous, Mr. Bush finds himself in a race against time to straighten things out in the land of Saddam. Even though the U.S. economy is improving, chaos on an overseas battlefield is emerging as the endgame issue in the upcoming election.

Wisely, John Kerry has said little about the Iraq fighting. You don't criticize the commander-in-chief in the middle of a firefight. That could be construed as putting U.S. forces in jeopardy and undermining morale. Kerry would be smart to keep it zipped.

Also, the senator can read the polls. President Bush is sinking into the morass that Iraq is threatening to become. If things are this messed up over there next October, Kerry won't have to say a word. He can wave at the voters, and they'll wave him right in.

So George W. Bush has to stabilize things in Iraq over the next few months, or he goes the way of Lyndon Johnson. Thus, Bush is really running against himself. Can the commander get things under control in a land rife with fanatics and terrorists?

Bush should expect no help from the elite media. It has been grossly unfair to him on the economic front and will spin negative on Iraq as well. There is no question that Bush has made policy mistakes, but economic growth in this country is jumping and job creation is rising. However, whenever the economic picture is discussed by the elites, there's always the "but factor." But Harvey in Ohio lost his job to Ramal in Calcutta. What about that?

I think Bush has done a good job on the economy, especially since we are smack in the middle of World War III. The terrorist attack on 9/11 set back any dramatic economic recovery for years. Let's be honest about that.

By November, most Americans will have a Republican-driven picture of the economy. The Bush people have nearly \$200 million to buy ads trumpeting their economic achievements. Talk about an uptick in spending!

But Iraq is quite something else. Americans are not going to go for another Vietnam. A war of attrition is not going to cut it, especially since the removal of Saddam was sold as a quick, surgical action with overjoyed Iraqis at the end of the rainbow. That obviously has not happened.

So the race is on to stabilize Iraq and fast. The terrorists know Mr. Bush is up for reelection and, interestingly, it seems like they want W out. An increase in terrorist activity would signify that, wouldn't it?

The president does have a fighting chance, however. Osama bin Laden could be caught, and the Iraqi fanatics could be beaten to their knees. If those things happen, Bush wins. But if the terrorists remain the aggressors, say hello to First Lady Teresa Heinz Kerry.

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# Yesteryears

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## 10 Years Ago April 13, 1994

Brandi Puckett and Charity Williams will carry the district girls doubles title to Abilene where they will compete in regional action. The duo won the district title at Sundown defeating the duo of Ralls.

Amanda Richardson, daughter of Danny and Linda Richardson and Randy McKee, son of Kenneth and Deb Kimball were married March 12 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Carpenter.

Post Girl Scouts earned Best All-Around honors at the Campcrafters Weekend held in Wayside, Texas. The Post girls earned the title by having more points than the other troops who participated in the special weekend at Hidden Falls Ranch. The participating scouts included Catrena Odom, Channa Cruse, Amy Line, Ana Sanchez, Kayla Huff, Staci Nelson, Latrishia Martin and Tabatha Blevins.

The Post High School choir earned a First Division at the UIL contest held at Texas Tech. Members are Robert Sanchez, Bitt Sims, Kenneth Schronk, Kelly Line, Radley Nichols, Anthony Martin, Ami Raben, Lorena Voss, Amber Little, Mikki Wilks, Shelly Haney, Gwen Loper, Lisa Benavidez, Pricilla Torres, Wayne Line, Marci Hill, Wade Bell, Sara Hodges and Cynthia Haynes. The group is directed by Jennifer Berg.

## 20 Years Ago April 11, 1984

The mobile home of Henry Etta Cruse was destroyed by fire April 5 with the trailer and contents described as a total loss. No one was at home at the time of the fire. Cause of the blaze was determined to have started as a short in the wiring of a hanging light fixture in the living room.

Janie Ammons is the first scholarship recipient to complete her studies and return to Garza Memorial Hospital to work after getting her RN license from Lubbock Methodist Hospital Nursing Program. She began working at Garza Memorial Hospital while in Post High

School as a nurses aide in the HECE program.

Misty West and Kim Carlisle and Rhonda Storie advance to the Regional Tennis Tourney by winning first in singles and doubles respectively.

For What It's Worth: Well, the election came and went... and some old timers tell me that this one was a surprise. Congratulations to new city council members, Weaver McKamie and Jack Ault. McKamie showed 293 votes as a write-in candidate.

LaDonna Scott was named best actress, Mark Stark was selected to the All Star cast and Pam Ehret received honorable mention in the Area One-Act Play competition. The Post High School One-Act cast was named alternate to the state competition.

## 30 Years Ago April 11, 1974

The Post Antelopes won their first district track and field championship in at least 20 years last Thursday by out-scoring seven other teams in Denver City.

There will be a going-away party and potluck supper for Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hedrick and John. The Hedrick family are moving to Uvalde.

Johnny Robison, owner of D. C. Hill Butane Co., is recertifying at this home from multiple fractures of his right leg received in a motorcycle accident March 29 at his place of business on the Clairmont Highway.

Dr. William C. Wilson and W. G. (Bill) Pool Jr. were elected to the city council for the first time Saturday and Jim Wells and Frey Myers won re-election to their council seats.

Mrs. Evelyn Neff was presented a special award of a lifetime membership in the Post Art Guild by her daughter-in-law, Marie Neff at this weekend's Easter Art Show.

## 40 Years Ago April 17, 1964

The 1964 Science Fair of the Post schools opened today in the spacious high school gym for a three day public showing following

judging last night. The winner will receive a free trip to the Big Bend National Park.

Don't forget if all you sight seers that want a glimpse at the blue-blue lake and the high earthen dam that the White River district charges 50 cents per car.

The Rev. Joe Vernon has accepted a call as pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Army Pvt. Arlon D. Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Ford of Post, and other members of the 25th Infantry Division are participating in Exercise "High Top IV" an Army-Navy-Air Force field training maneuver on the Island of Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eckols are the parents of a daughter, Tammy Marie, born April 12 in Slaton Mercy Hospital.

## 50 Years Ago April 15, 1954

Victor E. (Sonny) Hudman, Post seventh grade student, won third place Saturday in the second annual Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Spelling Bee. Sonny went out after he began spelling "chromium" with letters "c-h-r-o-n" and then quickly corrected them. Under the rules, a contestant may not start over on a word.

A son, Roberto, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Torres in Garza Memorial Hospital on April 9.

The first rain here since October measured from three to five inches throughout Garza County. Already, this month has brought more rainfall than any April since 1942 when 3.84 inches was measured.

It was "too wet to plow" Tuesday, forcing postponement of the second annual Garza County FFA Tractor Operator's Contest to Tuesday afternoon. Following a written classroom test, Noel White, Bowen Stephens, Keith Gerner and Don Long were named by E. F. Schmedt, FFA chapter advisor, as the four competitors. The contest will be held at the Earl Rogers farm.

The first Ince Oil Co. service station outside of Lubbock, will hold its formal opening here Friday and Saturday at the corner of East 14th and North Broadway. Lawrence Grey of Post will operate the new station and will be assisted by Herman Maddox.

## 60 Years Ago April 13, 1944

John Wallace was re-elected president of the Garza Cooperative Association. Outstanding among the problems discussed and decided upon by the directors was the announcement that a new modern smokehouse will be erected in the near future. The smokehouse will be built inside the present building and will be constructed of 16 gauge sheet iron. This announcement will be received with approval by farmers and ranchers who follow the smoking method for curing meats.

According to an announcement received from Marine Corps Headquarters, 17-year-old men, now enrolled in their final semester of high school, can enlist in the U. S. Marine Corps with definite assurance that sufficient time will be given to complete their final year.

A talented young pianist was heard Sunday afternoon when Miss Hazel Louise Cash was presented in senior recital by her teacher, Mrs. Ashley Lawson, in the First Methodist Church.

F. C. McAnally has purchased the stock and leased the Gulf Service Station, formerly operated by Ira Greenfield. He will stock a complete line of Gulf products. The station is equipped to give the best in washing and greasing.

E. Z. Parr is announcing his candidacy for Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 this week. Mr. Parr has lived in Post eighteen years.

# Former county law officer injured in I-20 accident

A former Garza County lawman was injured last week in an accident that occurred following a bridge collapse on I-20 near Pecos.

Robert Walters was driving a truck belonging to T.K. Thompson at about 4:40 a.m. April 5 when a bridge collapse on the interstate forced the re-routing of traffic to U.S. Hwy. 285. A pickup and two tractor-trailers were northbound when one of the trucks, attempting to pass another, collided head-on with the southbound truck driven by Walters about 20 miles south of Pecos.

Walters was transported to the Pecos hospital for stabilization, then transferred to an Odessa hospital where he underwent surgery. He sustained a dislocated knee, a compound fracture to the left elbow, a broken ankle and a sprained ankle, according to reports, and suffered several lacerations to the face and head.

The second tractor-trailer involved in the accident was carrying seven

passengers. Four were killed in the accident, while the other three sustained minor injuries, according to reports.

The driver of the pickup truck also was killed.

The occupants from the third rig involved in the accident were uninjured.

Walters and his wife, Penny, have

two children and are expecting their third child.

A fund to help offset Walters' medical bills and to provide assistance to his family has been established at Citizens Bank in Post. Contributions also may be made by contacting T.K. or Denise Thompson at 495-4624 or 549-1586. Donations may be dropped off at 124 N. Avenue O.

## Sheriff reports 12 arrests

A dozen arrests have been recorded in the Garza County Jail log during April, according to information released Monday by the sheriff's department.

Four arrests were made April 1. Individuals were picked up for driving while intoxicated; public intoxication; a warrant; and failure to identify and a pair of Taylor County warrants.

Three arrests were made April 2, including a 25-year-old picked up for public intoxication, assault, criminal mischief and obstruction/retaliation; a 20-year-old jailed for family assault; and a 47-year-old arrested on a warrant.

A 24-year-old was picked up April 3 on charges of assault, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief, attempted escape and public intoxication.

On April 9, a 37-year-old was picked up for DWI/second.

The next entry in the jail log is undated and does not include the individual's age. Charges listed include assault/family violence and resisting arrest.

On April 10, a 20-year-old was picked up on Dallas County warrants. Another individual was arrested on a warrant on April 11.

## Menus

### Post ISD

April 19- Breakfast-Sausage on stick, fruit, milk

Lunch-Fritopie, ranch style beans, broccoli, corn bread, peaches, milk

April 20- Breakfast-Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch-Burrito, salad, pears, snicker, milk

April 21- Breakfast-Bacon, eggs, toast, fruit, milk

Lunch-Turkey & dressing, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk

April 22- Breakfast-Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk

Lunch-Sausage on stick, salad, pork-n-beans, reece's cup, milk

April 23- Breakfast-Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch-Sandwich, chips, salad, pickles, orange, milk

### Garza Trailblazer

April 19- Baked ham, rice, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, ginger bread

April 20- Spaghetti w/sauce, green peas, cauliflower, garlic bread, peach cobbler

April 21- Roast, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, biscuit, brownies

April 22- Chicken & dumplings, pea salad, corn, cornbread, cake

April 23- Turkey & dressing, carrot salad, green bean casserole, hot roll, pineapple dessert

### Southland ISD

April 19- Breakfast-Pancake on a stick, juice, milk

Lunch-Chili dogs, chips, carrots & celery sticks, strawberry shorcake, milk

April 20- Breakfast-Cinnamon rolls, fruit cup, juice, milk

Lunch-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, roll, fruit salad, milk

April 21- Breakfast-Scramble eggs, toast, sausage, juice, milk

Lunch-Meat & bean chalupas, grated cheese, spanish rice, tossed salad, milk

April 22- Breakfast-Cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk

Lunch-Pizza, corn, apple, cake, milk

April 23- Breakfast-Biscuits w/ gravy, sausage, juice, milk

Lunch-Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, bananas, milk

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- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ gallon hat warm your gullet" (pleasing)
- TX Johnny Nash sang "I Can See Clearly \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ wit"
- TXism: "got a heart \_\_\_\_\_ as Texas"
- TXism: "he's \_\_\_\_\_ in his own mind"
- TXism: "call \_\_\_\_\_" (quit)
- TX Martha Hyer's character in film "Desire in the Dust"
- many TXNs have one for chili
- TXism: "the \_\_\_\_\_ a bill of goods"
- TXism: "he'd be \_\_\_\_\_ to his own funeral"
- \_\_\_\_\_ out a living"
- TXism: "took every- thing but \_\_\_\_\_ in my lungs"
- it's blue on the TX state flower
- TX Collin Raye's \_\_\_\_\_ Can Be"
- TXism for the coin, "quarter" (2 wds.)
- said of Gov. Ann: "A woman's \_\_\_\_\_ the dome"
- Waxahachie's county
- TXism: "costs \_\_\_\_\_ leg" (expensive)
- popular Dallas Morning News columnist John
- night Cowboys appear on ABC (abbr.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ gallon hat
- hound's clue?
- Lone Star Park is a class \_\_\_\_\_ track
- TXism: "gave \_\_\_\_\_ dose of her own medicine"
- TXism: "many \_\_\_\_\_" (often)
- TXism: "in a coon's \_\_\_\_\_"
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### The Original

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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- 12 Abilene's Dyess \_\_\_\_\_ Force Base
- 13 this separates TX from Mex. (2 wds.)
- 14 TXism: "put it on the \_\_\_\_\_ burner"
- 15 song: "Texas When \_\_\_\_\_"
- 16 mountain passes
- 18 Scala of "Ride a Crooked Trail" with TX Audie
- 20 Boerne's historic \_\_\_\_\_ Kendall Inn"
- 27 in Milam Co. on 79
- 32 this TX Ernie was Cub MVP (init.)
- 33 TXism: "up \_\_\_\_\_ snuff"
- 34 tree chopper
- 36 \_\_\_\_\_ Hogg County
- 37 San Antonio insurance giant
- 38 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ rattler" (wicked)
- 39 black TX golfer Lee
- 40 TX Buddy Holly's wife Maria \_\_\_\_\_
- 41 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ cheap"
- 43 "let \_\_\_\_\_ rip!"
- 45 A-Rod's old position with Rangers (abbr.)
- 47 TXism: "he's wound tighter than \_\_\_\_\_ day clock" (tense)
- 48 tennis great Arthur
- 55 be introduced to

# 'Lopes undisputed district leaders

by Ernest Fox  
Andrew Espinoza's two at-bat relief pitching stint slammed the door on Shallowater's comeback bid and the Post Antelopes moved into sole possession of first place in District 4-2A last week with a 6-4 victory. Junior Randon Blacklock led the offensive stats for Post, going 2-for-2, with one walk, one error hit and three scores.

Post (12-2 overall, 5-0 district) overcame a 4-3 deficit with a three-run, seventh-inning rally as seven Lopes came to bat.

Post starting pitcher Joseph Espinoza, before hitting a brick wall win the sixth inning, was cruising with a three-hitter with five strikeouts. Post quickly jumped ahead as leadoff batter Blacklock scored before Shallowater starter Matt Hennig stopped Post by sandwiching two strikeouts around a Cody Jones' single and a 1-3 putout at first.

After senior Joseph Espinoza retired the Mustangs in order in the bottom of the first, Eric Vonberg crunched a two-out homerun to knot the score one-all in the second inning. Post padded its lead to 3-1 in the third. Joseph Espinoza led off against Mustang starter Hennig, hitting into a 4-3 putout at first. Blacklock and Mitchell Mills drew walks, with both Lopes scoring when the Mustangs' shortstop threw Jones' fielder's choice hit into centerfield.

Hennig avoided further damage by sandwiching a strikeout and a 1-3 putout at first around a Coco Valdez walk to end the Antelope uprising. Hennig finished his three-inning stint with four strikeouts, but also three walks and three runs. His pitching totals were 26 strikes and 27 balls.

No runs scored in the fourth inning as Shallowater reliever Garen Bynum retired the Antelope side on seven pitches. After plunking leadoff batter Randy Jones, Joseph Espinoza shut down the Mustang side with nine pitches.

The fifth inning opened with lead-off hitter Blacklock singling, as did the next hitter, Mills. Mustang reliever Bynum avoided further damage by retiring the next three Antelopes on nine pitches. Shallowater scored one run to close to 3-2.

Post opened the sixth inning by going down in order for three quick outs, the 'Lopes' third consecutive inning without scoring. Shallowater slipped in front 4-3 in the bottom of the sixth when freshman DH Quinn Holder blasted a two-run homerun to centerfield off Joseph Espinoza with two outs.

Shallowater squandered another

opportunity to pad its lead after Holder's homerun. With two outs and runners on first and second, Bynum blasted a single to left field off of reliever Blacklock, following a walk, to load the bases. The next batter, Hennig, hit a come backer for the force out at home to stop the Mustangs' sixth-inning rally.

Post regained the lead by clawing out three runs in the final inning as a Miles Gray single was followed by a Blacklock double. Mills, the all-state catcher candidate, followed with a fielder's choice hit with Gray safe at home on the play. Jones followed with a RBI 6-3 groundout to first. After a Paiz pop out to the catcher, Valdez laced a one-strike RBI single to right centerfield, scoring Mills. Left fielder Jett Lott took a third strike for the third out to set up Shallowater's final attempt for victory.

Shallowater, a Class 2A offensive juggernaut, had 14 base runners over the final two innings, but managed only two runs.

Randy Jones opened the Shallowater seventh on a 2-3 putout to first. Landry Odom and Vonberg followed with singles, then Tyler Dipprey followed with a nine-pitch bases on balls by Blacklock. Post coach Max Kattwinkel, with bases loaded, brought in junior Andrew Espinoza to quell the Mustang rally. DH Holder, in his second at-bat, struck out for the second out. Number nine hole batter Santiago Iglesias hit into a putout at first for the final out.

Andrew Espinoza's pitching count showed two batters faced with three strikes, two balls and six pitches.

In his second season at Post, Kattwinkel has the Lopes off to a 12-2 start that includes a 5-0 record in District 4-2A.

## Lady Lopes win at Eagle Relays

The Lady Lopes brought home 12 medals from the Eagle Relays in Roosevelt Saturday. The team captured gold in the 300 meter hurdles and the 1600 meter relay, silver and bronze and several other events.

Scoring points for the Lady Lopes were Meagan Hoover, 17; Lyndee Strawn, 16; Tayler Starkey, 16; Sarah Kirkpatrick, 15; Jenee Lott, 14; Rachael Gray, 11; Christin Collier, 11; Laurel Tatum, 8; Larissa Halford, 6; Claire Kirkpatrick, 6; Courtney Short, 5; and Christina Zellmer, 4.

Many of the athletes improved their times, according to a report from the coach.

Individual contest results were as follows:

- 3200 meter run - Strawn, second place
- 400 relay - Starkey, Gray, Lott and Halford, fourth place
- 100 hurdles - Tatum, second

- place; Sarah Kirkpatrick, third
- 800 run - Collier, third place
- 100 dash - Hoover, fourth place
- 400 dash - Hoover, second place
- 300 hurdles - Starkey, first place
- 1600 run - Strawn, second place
- 1600 relay - Short, Collier, Gray and Hoover, first place
- 800 relay - Starkey, Gray, Lott and Halford, second place
- Triple jump - Lott, second place; Sarah Kirkpatrick, sixth place
- Long jump - Zellmer, fourth place
- High jump - Sarah Kirkpatrick, second place; Claire Kirkpatrick, third.

### 2004 Softball Schedule 10 - 12

Tuesday April 20 5:30  
Friday April 23 5:30

### 2004 Little League Schedule

(home team, visiting team)

April 16 - Cubs v Yankees; A's v Astro's

April 20 - Yankees v A's; Astro's v Cubs

April 23 - Astro's v Yankees; A's v Cubs

### 2004 Minor League Schedule

(home team, visiting team)

First Game @ 5:30 p.m., Second Game @ 7:45 p.m.

April 15 - Rangers vs Indians, Mets vs Diamondbacks

April 19 - Indians vs Mets, Diamondbacks vs Rangers

April 22 - Mets vs Rangers, Indians vs Diamondbacks



Haley D'Lynn Lester

## Haley Lester earns national award

Haley D'Lynn Lester, a Post Middle School student, has been named a United States National Award winner in physical education by the U.S. Achievement Academy.

Lester's name will appear in the academy's official yearbook, which is published nationally.

The academy selects winners upon the recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Criteria for selection includes the student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

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Lester, daughter of Gregg Lester and granddaughter of Doris Lester, was nominated for the award by her coach, Cara Swindell.



Children were scrambling for the eggs during last Friday's Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn at Golden Plains Care Center. (Photo courtesy Golden Plains Care Center)



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