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## Post Notes

### Grassland Church of the Nazarene

Grassland Church of the Nazarene will present the christian group Crystal River on Sunday, July 11. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Enchilada Plates

The Church of God of Prophecy will be selling enchilada plates with all the fixings on Thursday, July 8 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Call in orders are welcome at 495-3644 or pick up orders at 602 W. 14th street.

### Church Youth Car Wash

The youth from the Bethel Assembly of God Church will hold a car wash Saturday, July 10 on the parking lot north of United Supermarket from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

### "Whose Your Daddy" 2nd Annual Tournament

The 2nd annual father/daughter tournament has been scheduled for July. Anyone interested in participating should call Ysabel Overton at 543-3603. Entry fee will be \$20 a father/daughter couple.

### Annual Rotary Club Dog Dip

The annual dog dip sponsored by the Rotary Club will be held on Saturday, July 17 at the Fire Station from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Dip - \$5.00, Rabies - \$7.00. Other vaccinations will be available.

### Summer Reading Program

We invite you to join us for our summer reading program at the Post Public Library beginning July 6-27. We will have programs for two age groups, 3-5 year olds will meet at 10-10:30 a.m. each Tuesday morning and 1st-5th grades will meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m. We are planning a fun time of art, good books, and other activities. Also, Bluebonnet books will be available for check out in June. Come join in the fun and read this summer!

### New Exhibit at OS Museum

A new exhibition at the OS Museum, "Portraits of Civilization", opened last week. The exhibit features artifacts and photography of the Asmat area of Irian Jaya, New Guinea, as well as providing a "glimpse into the artistic culture of other world countries." Viewing hours are from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Mondays thru Saturdays. The museum is located in the upstairs area of 201 E. Main St. in downtown Post. An elevator is provided for the convenience of museum-goers. For more information call 495-3570.

### Cactus Theater

The fabulous music of the legendary Eagles is presented by overwhelming demand in an encore series, produced by Don Caldwell. This rare opportunity will feature Donnie Allison, Jason Fellers, Marcellus Roberts, Brian McRae, Mark Paden, Lesley Sawyer, Billie McClaran, Abbi Hutcherson, Kurt Kiser, and the incomparable instrumental and backing vocals of the Lubbock Texas Rhythem Machine. This tribute to the music of the Eagles will be Friday and Saturday, July 9-10, 23-24, and 30-31. Each performance will begin at 8 p.m. Reserved seats are \$25.00/\$20.00. For more information and reservations call (806) 762-3233.

### Class of 1994 Reunion

The Post High School Class of 1994 will be holding their 10-year Class Reunion on Friday, July 30 and Saturday, July 31. Friday, July 30 at 7 p.m. will be Family Night at the home of David and Karen Nichols. There is no charge to attend this event. Saturday, July 31 will be a Barbecue Dinner with drinks at the Post Community Center. The charge for this event is \$20 per person.

An RSVP is needed for both events, please. RSVP or call for more details to: Sara Hodges Allred (214) 726-9770 or Mikki Wilks Swaffar (806) 786-1861.

### Country Bluegrass and Gospel Music

Post Opry will feature country bluegrass and gospel music on the first Saturday of every month at the Senior Citizens Hall at Avenue I and 10th Street. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted.

### Ladies' Auxiliary VFW meet Monday

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary Post 6797 VFW will meet Monday, July 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the post. All members are urged to attend as plans for the state-wide training session in Brownfield on July 17th will be discussed.

### VFW men meet Monday

Members of the VFW Post 6797 will meet at 7 p.m. at the post on Monday, July 12. All members are urged to attend.

## Post ISD trustees consider \$9.5 million school budget

The numbers have not been finalized, but Post Independent School District trustees voted unanimously last week to consider a tax increase to fund a budget of almost \$9.5 million for the 2004-2005 school year.

During its meeting June 30, the board moved ahead with plans to consider a \$1.41 per \$100 valuation tax rate to fund a total budget of \$9,432,212.74, Superintendent Marlin Marcum said.

The \$1.41 tax rate, if adopted, would represent the first tax hike realized by Post ISD taxpayers in several years. The present tax rate is \$1.39 per \$100 valuation.

The proposed budget reflects a decrease of 4 percent from the 2003-2004 school year for a difference of more than \$380,400. Marcum said trustees are attempting to avoid cutting into the district's fund balance as they move into a building program.

One architect has already been interviewed and additional interviews are scheduled as the board continues work on its master facilities plan.

Advertising for bids for a construction firm to handle work on a new school cafeteria - and possibly even a new high school facility - could be conducted within the next 60 days, the superintendent said.

The proposed tax rate and budget will be reconsidered and finalized by trustees at their July 22 meeting. Prior to those decisions, a second public hearing will be conducted on the budget. That meeting is set for 6 p.m. in the administration building.

Last week's hearing drew no public input, Marcum said.

In other business last week, trustees hired five new staff members - James Davenport, alternative program teacher; Melissa Howard, high school English teacher; Julie Young, head softball coach; Mark Young, middle school coach/teacher; and Angela Walden, elementary school teacher.

The board also voted to approve an agreement for the electronic deposit of funds in the school district's depository, Citizens Bank.

## 'A Toby Show' opens popular Harley Sadler tribute at Garza Theatre

Performances of the Garza Theatre's annual Harley Sadler Revue, "A Toby Show," continue this weekend.

Performances are set for July 16, 17, 18, 23 and 24.

Directed by Christy Morris, this family comedy is a "recreation of the entertainment popular in the early years of the 20th Century," according to the poster advertising the show. "Toby is the country boy, funny and helpful, who always outsmarts the city-slickers and brings about a happy ending."

Cast members for the show include Chris Davis, Joe Bass, Kathy Kidder, Michelle Tucker, Mickie Klafka, Matthew Gallagher and Jessica Wilson.

The show will include the traditional candy sale, prize giveaway and vaudeville acts similar to those that sidelined original tent shows.

Curtain times will be 8 p.m. for Friday and Saturday shows and 2:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinee.

Tickets cost \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12. For more information, call 495-4005.

The production is made possible in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

"A Toby Show," by Aurand Harris, is billed as a "celebration of America's folk character, Toby - star of yesterday's tent repertoire theatres."

According to information published in 1978 by Anchorage Press in New Orleans, the character of "Toby" had no finite beginning.

"It is impossible to document Toby's birth anymore than Paul Bunyan's, Uncle Remus', Harlequin's or any other folk hero's. Some authorities try to link him to Greek or Shakespearean comedies; others to the New England rube or the 'silly kid' roles in early commercial plays," reads "Toby, a Native American Folk Character" by entertainment writer George Eells.

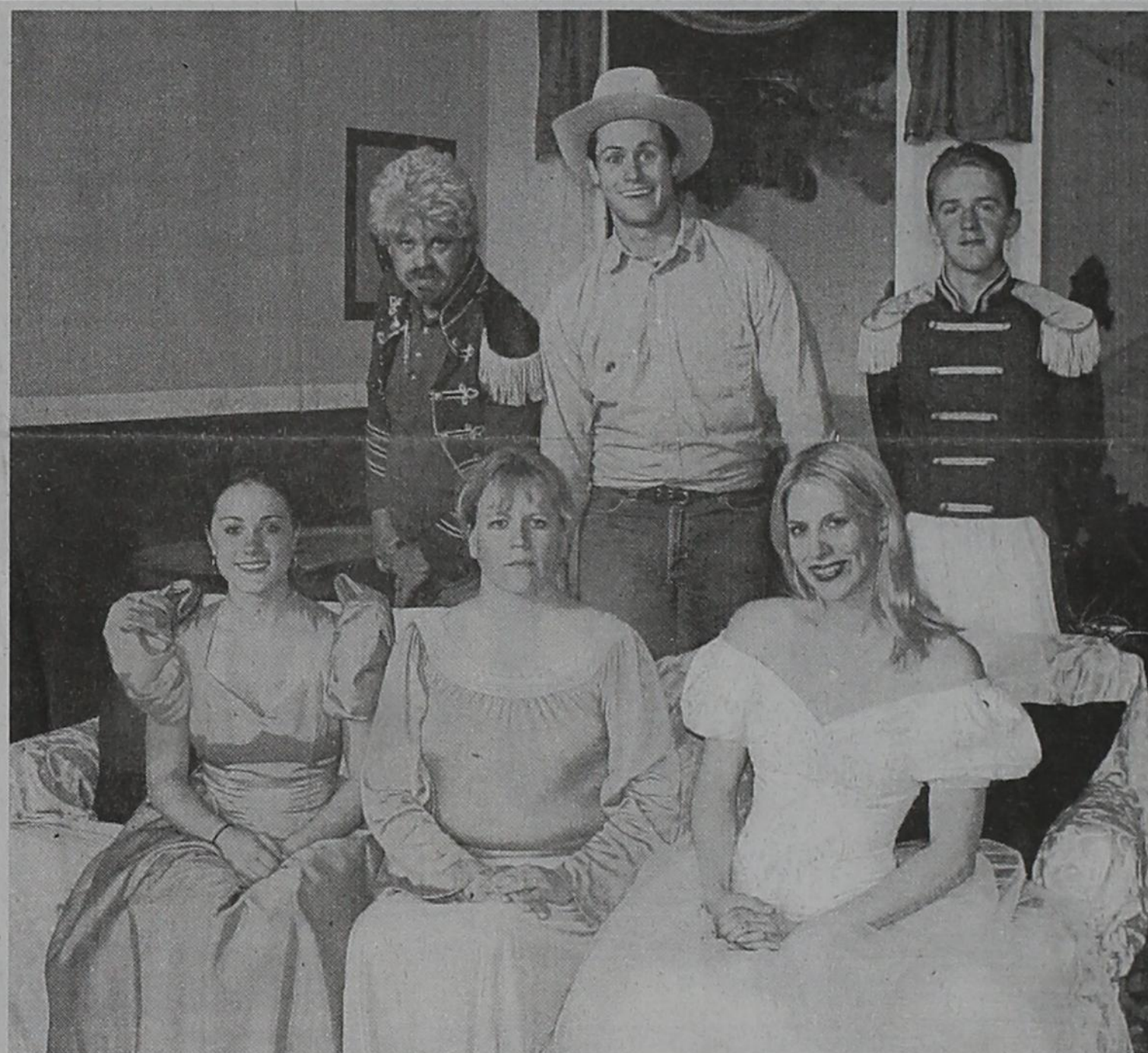
"But Toby finally emerged from the mists of mythology and moved into the theatrical spotlight somewhere in Louisiana sometime in 1911 when Fred Wilson, the red-haired, freckled leading comic on Murphy's

Comedians, appeared one night as Toby Haxton in 'Clouds and Sunshine,' and the next as Toby Thompkins in 'Out of the Fold.' On the third evening, he was called another name, but the audience

dubbed him Toby. The name stuck and the Toby show was on its way to being born.

"For many years, Toby Shows were only an arm of the repertoire theatre.

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"A Toby Show" opens Friday at the Garza Theatre

The cast for 'A Toby Show' are (back row left to right), Joe Bass, Chris Davis and Matthew Gallagher (front row), Michelle Tucker, Mickie Klafka and Kathy Kidder. Not pictured is Jessica Wilson. Directed by Christy Morris, the play opens Friday at the Garza Theatre. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

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Colgate Country Showdown winners

The winners of the Colgate Country Showdown are (left to right), Megan Cheek (1st place), Raelin Ogle (1st runner-up), and The Country Boys with Billy Cork, O.L. "Ferg" Ferguson and David Tobin (2nd runner-up). Cheek will advance to the Texas state finals in Abilene on September 18 in search of the national finals and a chance at winning \$100,000. The Guthries entertained at the event, which was held Saturday at the Garza Theatre. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett).



Another successful 4th of July Celebration in Post!

Working the MAD DADS booth are (left to right) Anita Morris, Diana Poe and Barbara Palmer. The event featured food booths, much and of course, the always popular fireworks at the City Park. (Staff photo by

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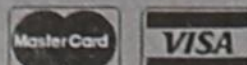
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David Watson and Deana Gunn are set to wed August 6, 2004. The couple will be married at the First United Methodist Church of Post. David is employed by INCODE Inc. in Lubbock and Deana is employed by the City of Post. The couple will reside in Post.

## Cynthia Williams completes clerk certification program

Cynthia Williams, assistant city secretary for the City of Post, recently attended a two-day seminar in Abilene sponsored by the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program at the University of North Texas in Denton.

Topics of the workshop included municipal finance, capital improvement programs, methods of marketing debt securities, bond

elections, bond ratings and arbitrage rebates.

Monty Nicholas, director of First Southwest Co. of Austin, was consultant for the workshop. Additional instructors from the company who shared information from their areas of expertise included Garry Kimball, Vince Vialle, Jennifer Douglas, Beth Bankhead, Mendy Shugart and Greg Warner. Attorneys Rick Witte and Jerry Kyle of Andrews Kurth, LLP, presented a session on the role of the bond attorney during the process of municipal debt creation and administration.

Williams is enrolled in TMCCP's educational and professional development program, which requires approximately 200 hours of home study, written work, four examinations and attendance at eight TMCCP seminars. She is a member of the Texas Municipal Clerks Association Inc., a statewide professional organization of 850 city secretaries and municipal clerks.

## Kelly Clack, Casey Hart exchange vows June 5

Keely Dawn Clack and Casey Wayne Hart were wed June 5, 2004, at the Kearney Ranch, formerly the Burnett Triangle Ranch, in Iowa Park. Dr. Jack L. Clack, the bride's uncle, officiated the ceremony.

The bride and her attendants arrived at the hillside ceremony site in a horse-drawn carriage.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a strapless mock two-piece Italian satin gown embellished with crystal and beaded embroidery at the straight neckline and V-shaped dropped waist. The gown featured a chapel-length train. The bride carried a bouquet of yellow and orange roses and lilies.

Attendants wore dresses of yellow chiffon and carried smaller versions of the bridal bouquet.

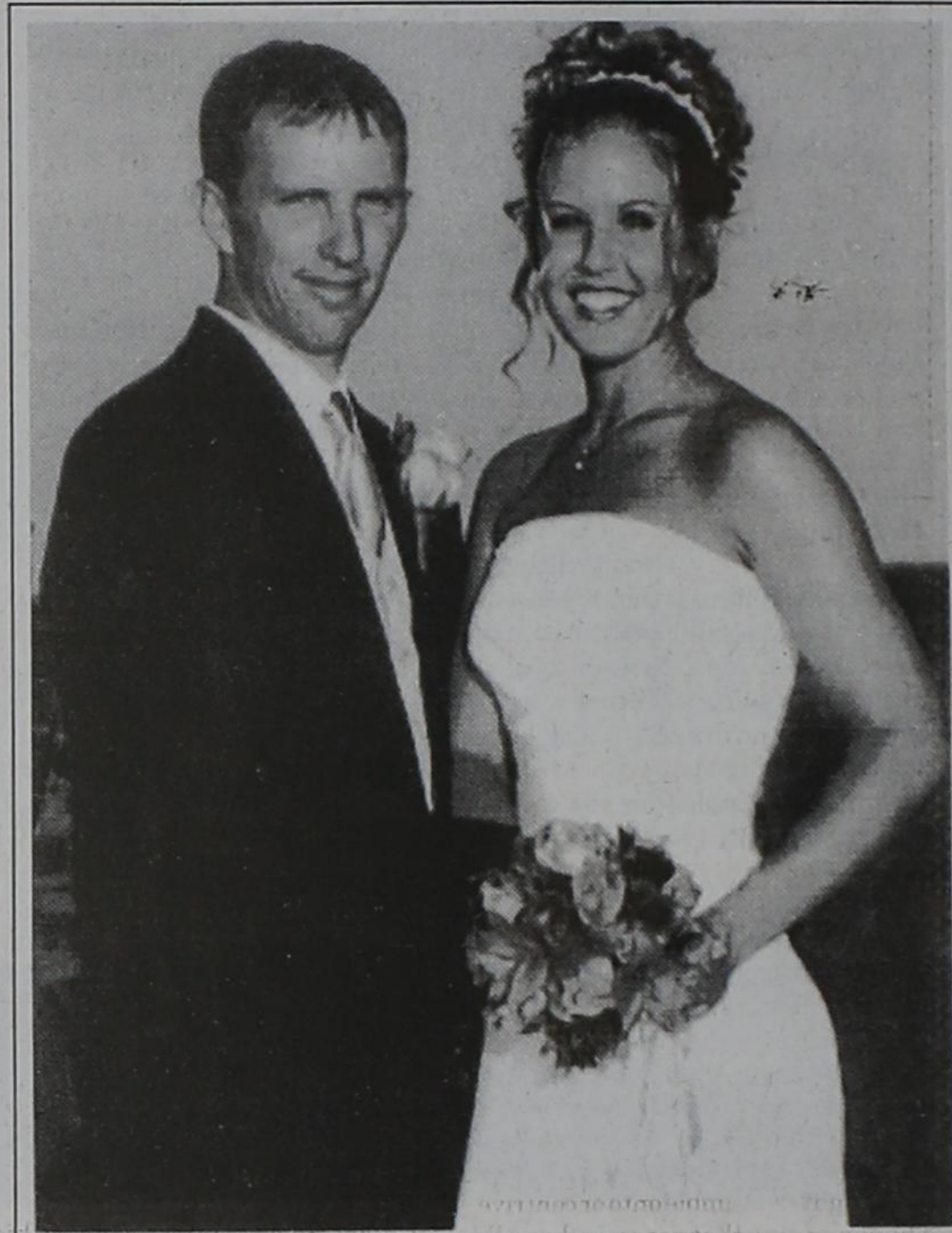
Ashley Willmann served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Lennete Nieuwland and Kimberly Peirce and Karianna Clack, both sisters of the bride.

Ryan Hart served as his brother's best man. Groomsmen were Russ Byrd and Benjamin Hart.

Ushers were Quade Willmann and Alex Smith. Ring bearer was Jessica Eastridge. Flower girls were Katelin Eastridge, Lauren Eastridge and Emily Peirce.

Following the ceremony, the reception was held at the Tom Burnett Library in Iowa Park.

After a wedding trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, the couple will reside in Midland. The bride is employed as a sixth grade teacher in the Midland Independent School District. The groom is an independent oil producer.



Mr. and Mrs. Casey Hart

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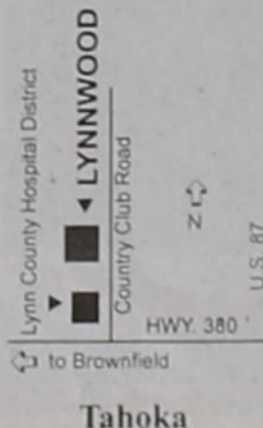
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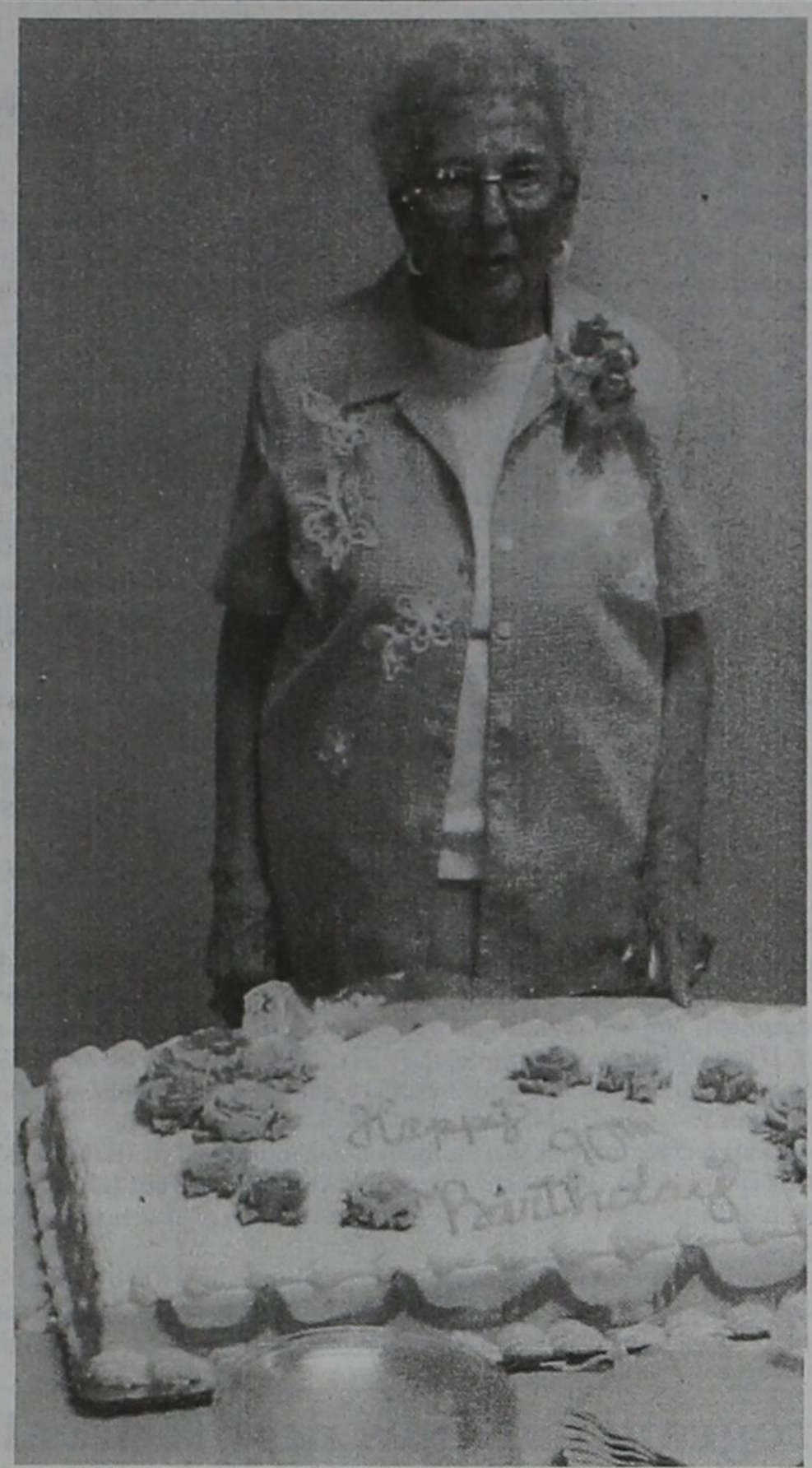
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Sue Maxey

### Sue Maxey honored at 90th birthday celebration

A 90th birthday celebration honoring Sue Maxey was conducted Sunday afternoon, July 4, 2004, at the Graham Chapel Church of Christ. Approximately 120 guests visited during the hour-long event. Registering guests was a granddaughter, Jackie White of Throckmorton. The registration table held a fresh flower arrangement provided by a nephew and his wife, Franklin and Naomi Maxey of Corpus Christi.

The honoree was surprised when her husband, Quanah, was dismissed from the hospital and joined the celebration.

Hosting the occasion and greeting guests were the honoree's three daughters, Orabeth White, Jane Mason and Diane Graves.

Birthday cake, fruit, peanuts, mints and punch were served by great-granddaughters Cheyenne and Schelli White, Kenzie and Kambry Mason, assisted by granddaughters Michelle and Haley Mason.

The serving table was covered with a pink cloth topped with a white lace runner. It featured a fresh arrangement of pinks and orchids, a gift from the honoree's church family. A large photo of the honoree at the sewing machine also was featured. Milk glass appointments completed the table décor.

Other tables used were covered with orchid cloths and topped with white lace squares centered with white organza topiaries tied with pink and orchid ribbons. These tables also featured photos of the honoree made by Jennie Cowdrey.

A large basket of birthday cards were gifted to Mrs. Maxey.

Out-of-town guests attended from Carlsbad, N.M., and Santa Fe, N.M., Abilene, Midland, Seminole, Throckmorton and Lubbock.



Joey and Cathy Hamlin of Family Harvest Church, enjoyed the July 4th festivities at the Post City Park. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett).



### Attending VFW Convention

Chuck and Janet Ratliff attended the VFW Convention in Dallas where Chuck was installed as District 7 Commander, and Janet was installed as District 7 President for the upcoming year of 2005. Chuck was honored for being Honor Roll District Commander for 2003-2004, and Janet was outstanding District President for her division in 2003-2004. Both are members of Post 6797.

## "A Toby Show" opens Friday at Garza Theatre ...

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The 400-odd companies that barnstormed the country playing tents, theatres and opera houses also presented other types of plays. Toby, however, penetrated deeply into the unconscious aspirations of small-town audiences at a time when America was changing from a predominantly agrarian to an urban society.

"Eventually, plays starring him filled the production schedule. Toby, the bumble with his immense good will, his naiveté and his shrewdness, managed (depending on the playwright) to stumble onto or contrive a happy ending that reassured small-town patrons. He became the best drawing card these manufacturers of entertainment could offer.

"Neil Schaffner, Toby actor-playwright, and his wife, Caroline, estimated that in 1916 (the period of Harris' 'A Toby Show') there were 200 comedians calling themselves Toby — each a star in his territory....

"In 'A Toby Show,' Harris evokes the spirit of this vanishing branch of the entertainment business and, in so doing, preserves and renews a chunk of Americana. Fittingly, he has chosen to retell the Cinderella story, one of the rep playwright's favorite plots, skillfully injecting Toby into the

familiar story as a variation of the fairy godmother just as the 'country playwrights' once did."

According to Harris, Toby, complete with red wig and freckles, is a "native American folk character" that debuted in the early 1900s.

"With his country jokes and lovable personality, Toby became the most popular character in tent repertoire theatres playing in the small towns of the South and the Midwest. He is a country boy, funny and helpful, who always outsmarts the city-slickers and who always brings about a happy ending."

"A Toby Show," Harris said, "is his recreation of the 'type of entertainment popular in a colorful era in American drama that began in the early years of the 20th century and began a precipitous decline after the Great Depression. Before the development of radio, talking pictures and television, traveling actors brought live entertainment into rural areas of the country... supplemented by vaudeville between acts as well as orchestra or band. From this branch of the entertainment business — there were 400 traveling companies at one time — emerged a truly American folk character named Toby."

"A Toby Show" is set in 1915, a time

when "tent repertoire, melodrama, farce and Toby's forthright honesty, naiveté and homespun humor were early accepted by audiences."

In Act One the familiar device of mistaken identity is employed to generate comic conflict. In Act Two, Toby discovers an injustice and sets about to right the wrong. In Act Three, as is his custom, he foils the villain and provides the happy ending.

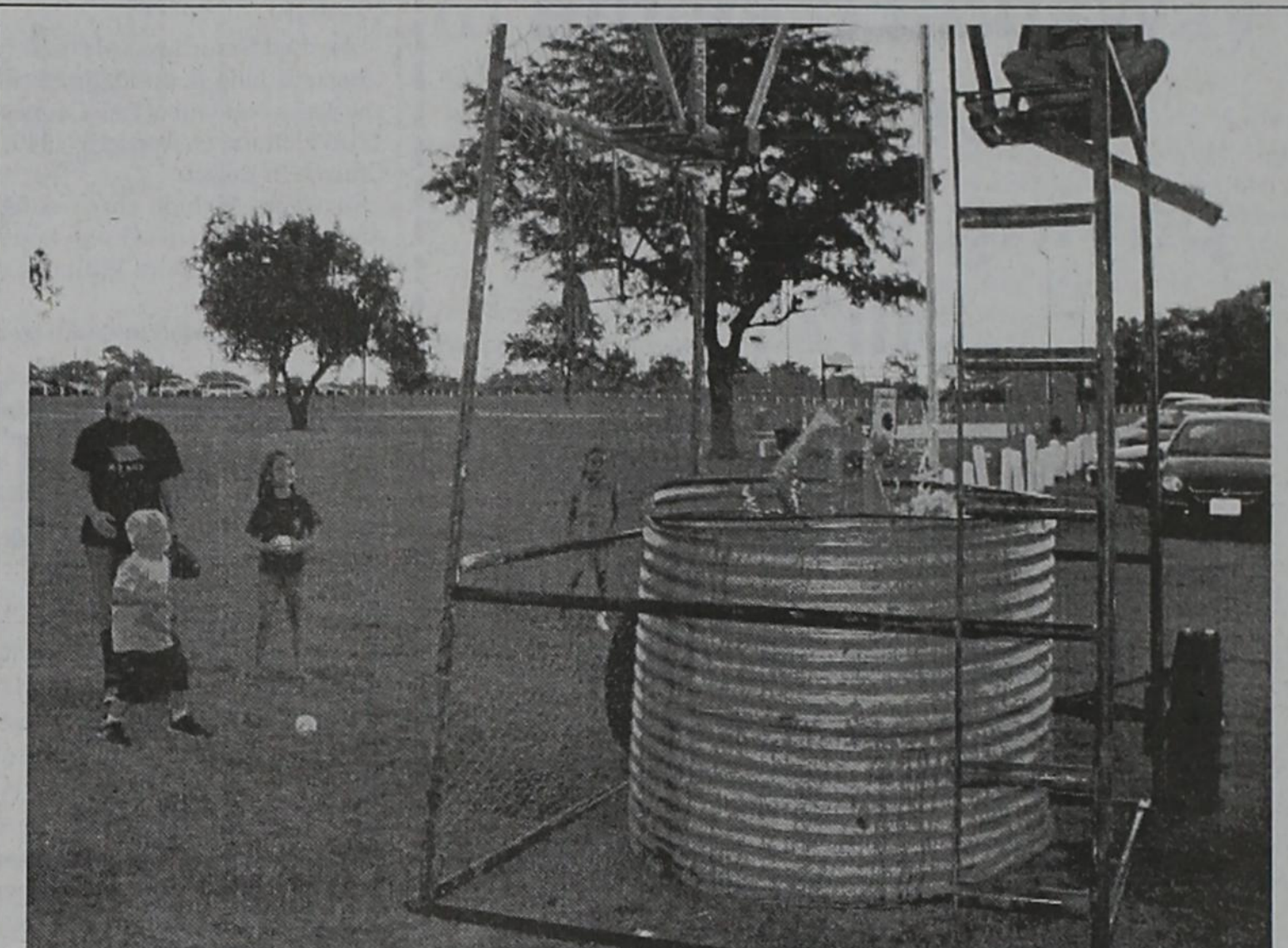
An important part of the family-oriented show are the short vaudeville numbers sandwiched between the acts.

"The play is a celebration of Toby," writes Harris. "A show starring Toby, who, with his crown of red hair, was once king of the tent repertoire theatre."

### Kelci Brock earns ACU degree

Kelci Brock of Post graduated from Abilene Christian University in Abilene with a Bachelor of Business Administration in accounting during May 2004 commencement exercises.

The university awarded more than 600 degrees in its May 8 ceremony.



Pacey Blevins threw the ball that plunged Steven Hair into the tank of cool water during last Sunday's July 4th festivities at the Post City Park. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett).



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# Obituaries

## Amando Chapa Jr.

Mass for Amando Chapa Jr., 57, of Post was at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 3, 2004, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Paul Karieakatt officiating. Rosary was said at 6 p.m. Friday, July 2, at the church. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.



He died June 30 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Dec. 9, 1946, in Mexico, he married Leonor Marin on June 18, 1969, in Reynosa, Mexico. A resident of Post for several years, he was owner and operator of Chapa's Family Restaurant.

Survivors include his wife, Leonor of Post; two sons, Amando Chapa III of Post and Victor Chapa of Lubbock; one daughter, San Juanita Blackstone of Mobile, Ala.; his mother, Anita Chapa of McAllen; two sisters, Aminta Chapa and Rosabel Vasquez, both of McAllen; three brothers, Francisco Javier Chapa of McAllen, Sergio Chapa of Levelland and Hector Chapa of Post; and four grandchildren, Amando Chapa IV and Cristian Chapa, both of Post, Lucy Lilliana Chapa of Lubbock and Marcos Alexander Blackstone of Mobile.

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## J.P. (Johnny) Ray

Services for J.P. (Johnny) Ray, 91, of Post were held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 5, 2004, in the Post Church of Christ. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.



He died Saturday, July 3, at his home. Born Jan. 16, 1913, in Vernon, he moved to Garza County in 1916. He married Opal Greer Oct. 12, 1933, in Tahoka. He farmed and ranched in Garza County for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Opal, of Post; two daughters, Maudie Faye Rose of Henrietta, Okla., and Janet Dean of Post; one son, Jerry Ray of Slaton; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister, Wade Ray in 1994; Henry Foster Ray in 2004; Evalyn Mason in 2003; J.B. Ray Sr. in 1936; and R.W. Ray in 1915.

His grandsons served as pallbearers.

## Bobby Gene Gollehon

Graveside services for Bobby Gene Gollehon, 79, formerly of Post, were conducted last week in Whittier, Calif. Military honors were observed.

Born to Louis and Eula Gollehon, he attended school at Close City and Post and graduated from Post High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. A resident of the Los Angeles area, he cared for his parents until their deaths. He retired from Firestone Tire and resided in Las Vegas for some time prior to moving to the Whittier area.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Loys "Shorty" Gollehon; and two sisters, Oleta Godwin and Eureka Reed.

## Mrs. Laura Snow

Services for Mrs. Laura Snow, 70, of Temple, formerly of Belton, were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2004, in the Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton with the Rev. John Roark officiating. Burial followed in the Val Verde Cemetery.

She died Saturday, July 3, at her daughter's home in Temple. Born to John R. and Mary E. Flick Howard in La Grange on Dec. 8, 1933, she was a resident of Bell County for most of her life. She married N.S. Snow Jr. in Holland on April 17, 1949. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Belton.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Tony (Nancy) Carlton, Mrs. Anthony (Charlene) Quinn and Mrs. Larry (Brenda) Wooley, all of Temple; one sister, Mrs. Dora Williams of Belton; 12 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1984.

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## Billie George Taylor

Services for Billie George "Bill" Taylor, 70, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 6, 2004, in Resthaven's Abbey Chapel. The Resthaven Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Saturday, July 3, in Lubbock.

Born June 4, 1934, in Snyder, he graduated from Post High School in 1952 and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in 1956. He completed his education at New Mexico State University earning a master's degree in animal husbandry in 1960. He worked as an animal nutritionist. He married Gerry Graves Hill on Dec. 16, 1963, in Clovis, N.M. The couple lived in Hereford for 36 years prior to recently moving to Lubbock.

Survivors include his wife, Gerry Taylor of Lubbock; one daughter, Brooke Taylor of Steamboat Springs, Colo.; and one son, Mike Hill of Tulsa, Okla. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

The family has suggested memorials be made to Hospice of Lubbock or to the donor's favorite charity.

## Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

### Home Horticulture Tour

Are you having problems in your yard with a tree, shrub, ground cover or your grass? Can't seem to get that shrub to grow like it should or just can't figure out what is wrong with your favorite shade tree?

A Home Horticulture Tour is scheduled for Thursday, July 15, in Post. If you have a problem in your yard just call and make an appointment by Wednesday, July 14, with the Extension Office at 495-4400.

Dr. Harold Kaufman, Plant Pathologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and I will try to determine a solution to your plants' predicament. We will make home visits from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the 15th. If you will not be at home during this time please make arrangements to leave your phone number and you will be notified of a possible solution to your problem.

If you prefer, you may drop a sample of your plants off at the Extension Office prior to Noon, July 15th. If you live several miles out that it would make it difficult for us to get to your home on that day, please bring those in as well.

Remember to set up your appointment by calling 495-4400 by July 14th. Programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

### Program outlines new federal prescription drug system

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## On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

### Spiritual Matters...1Corinthians 14:36-40

Last week we looked at 1Corinthians 14:34-35. Based on the context of what chapter 14 is talking about, as well as the rest of God's word, it can be seen that the above verses are not meant to restrict women from serving God in the church. We learned from chapter 12 that both men and women are part of the body of Christ. And that all members are filled with the fullness of holy spirit. It is available for all members to serve God in the various ministries, and to benefit from the manifestation of holy spirit in all nine ways as recorded in chapter 12, verses 7-11.

We now conclude our series on 1Corinthians chapters 12-14 with verses 36-40 of chapter 14. "What? Came the word of God out from you? Or came it unto you only? If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant. Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order." Due to a lack of understanding, verse 36 will be allowed to sit as it is without further explanation. The next three verses reveal very significant information. The things that Paul wrote were the commandments of the Lord. With this in context, verse 39 commands God's people to earnestly desire to prophesy for edification of the church, and to not forbid to speak in tongues in their personal prayer lives. It sits like a gem in a treasure box. We have no reason to conclude that it is not God's will for His all of His people to speak in tongues. We know God's will by His word.

Verse 39 reveals that the "brethren" are being addressed. These are they who have been born-again not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God which lives and abides forever (1Peter 1:23). Chapter 14 of 1Corinthians simply exhorts the brethren to continue to speak in tongues in their personal prayer

lives. And to do it often.

Our readers will be astounded to learn that to this day, it is still available to be filled with holy spirit and get born-again just as the original 12 apostles did, as recorded in Acts 2:4. One of the keys to rightly dividing God's word is dividing between the Administrations. During the Gospels period of time God's people were still under the Law Administration. Their Messiah, the Lord Jesus was living on earth. He was crucified and died. His dead body laid in the grave for three days and three nights before God raised him from the dead and gave him a new and glorious body. He then ascended into heaven where he sat at God's right hand of all authority. Then the day of Pentecost came, and holy spirit was poured out in the Temple where the disciples were (Acts 2:1-4). This began a completely new Administration referred to in Ephesians 3:2-6 as the administration of the grace of God.

At the time of this writing, Christ has not yet returned for the body of Christ. This means that God's word in the Acts and Epistles are still relevant today. 1Corinthians chapters 12-14 are just as applicable today as they were when first written. As it is written, "Wherefore brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues" (1Corinthians 14:39). And again in 1Corinthians 14:37, "...let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord."

God then reemphasizes a central issue related to spiritual matters and life in general. "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1Corinthians 14:40). God did not leave us ignorant concerning spiritual matters. It is right there in His recorded word. It is written in 1Peter 1:3, "According as His divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that has called us to glory and virtue."

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## Put the "Independence" Back in Independence Day

by Michael Berliner

America's cities and towns will soon fill with parades, fireworks, and barbecues. They will be celebrating the Fourth of July, the 228th birthday of America. But one hopes that—on this third post-September 11 Independence Day—the speeches will contain fewer bromides and more attention to exactly what is being celebrated.

The Fourth of July is Independence Day, but America's leaders and intellectuals have been trying to move us further and further away from the meaning of Independence Day, away from the philosophy that created this country.

What we hear from politicians, intellectuals, and the media is that independence is passé, that we've reached a new age of "interdependence." We hear demands for mandatory "volunteering" to serve others, for sacrifice to the nation. We hear demands from trust-busters that successful companies be punished for being "greedy" and not serving society.

But this is not the message of America. It is the direct opposite of why America became a beacon of hope for the truly oppressed throughout the world. They have come here to escape poverty and dictatorship; they have come here to live their own lives, where they aren't owned by the state, the community, or the tribe.

"Independence Day" is a critically important title. It signifies the fundamental meaning of this nation, not just of the holiday. The American Revolution remains unique in human history: a revolution—and a nation—founded on a moral principle, the principle of individual rights. Jefferson at Philadelphia and Washington at Valley Forge pledged their "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor."

For what? Not for mere separation from England, not—like most rebels—for the "freedom" to set up their own tyranny. In fact, Britain's tyranny over the colonists was mild compared to what most current governments do to their citizens.

Jefferson and Washington fought a war for the principle of independence, meaning the moral right of an individual to live his own life as he sees fit. Independence was proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence as the rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." What are these rights?

The right to life means that every individual has a right to his own independent life, that one's life belongs to oneself, not to others to use as they see fit. The right to liberty means the right to freedom of action, to act on one's own judgment, the right not to have a gun pointed at one's head and be forced to do what someone else commands.

And the right to the pursuit of happiness means that an individual may properly pursue his own happiness, e.g., his own career, friends, hobbies, and not exist as a mere tool to serve the goals of others. The Founding Fathers did not proclaim a right to the attainment of happiness, knowing full well that such a policy would carry with it the obligation of others to make one happy and result in the enslavement of all to all.

The Declaration of Independence was a declaration against servitude, not just servitude to the Crown but servitude to anyone. (That some signers still owned slaves does not negate the fact that they established the philosophy that doomed slavery.)

Political independence is not a primary. It rests on a more fundamental type of independence: the independence of the human mind. It is the ability of a human being to think for himself and guide his own life that makes political independence possible and necessary.

The government as envisaged by the Founding Fathers existed to protect the freedom to think and to act on one's thinking. If human beings were unable to reason, to think for themselves, there would be no autonomy or independence for a government to protect. It is this independence that defines the American Revolution and the American spirit.

To the Founding Fathers, there was no authority higher than the individual mind, not King George, not God, not society. Reason, wrote Ethan Allen, is "the only oracle of man," and Thomas Jefferson advised us to "fix reason firmly in her seat and call to her tribunal every fact, every opinion. Question with boldness even the existence of a God." That is the meaning of independence: trust in your own judgment, in reason, do not sacrifice your mind to the state, the church, the race, the nation, or your neighbors.

Independence is the foundation of America. Independence is what should be celebrated on Independence Day. That is the legacy our Founding Fathers left us. It is a legacy we should keep, not because it is a legacy, but because it is right and just. It has made America the freest and most prosperous country in history.

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## Ron Paul's Texas Straight Talk

A Weekly Column

Congress spent one evening last week debating a token measure to reduce government spending by implementing very slight caps on some future entitlements. Not surprisingly, even this exceedingly modest bill failed overwhelmingly. The process behind the vote, however, reveals just how deeply ingrained the spending problem really is.

House leaders knew the spending control bill had little chance of passing. In fact, that's why they allowed the vote to happen. The real goal was to appease fiscal conservatives in Congress, some of whom have become increasingly uncomfortable with the unrestrained spending contained in the proposed 2004 budget. Some of these conservatives supported an alternative budget that merely spent about 1% less than the proposed budget, and even that nominal act of rebellion earned them the ire of House leadership. The spending control measure considered last week was merely a symbolic gesture designed to quash their complaints and ensure cooperation when the final budget vote is cast later this year. After all, those members now can tell their constituents they voted to keep a lid on spending, even as they please their party bosses later.

The pressure to go along with the herd in Congress is intense, regardless of which party is in control. Every member knows that thwarting his party's leadership, particularly on budget matters, is risky. Any opposition to spending bills can result in veiled or even outright threats to cut funding for the member's district, to limit the member's committee assignments, and to bury the member's legislation. Some members who buck the system find themselves facing primary opponents in the next election as a result. The desire to win reelection is paramount, and those who go along get plenty of help from their party's fundraising machines.

Predictably, almost all members of the House Appropriations committee—the committee initially responsible for every nickel of federal spending—voted against the bill. This simply highlights the

## Why can't Congress stop spending?

institutional problem that plagues Congress and government in general: no politician ever voluntarily relinquishes power. In Congress, control of the nation's purse strings represents the ultimate power. Appropriators can reward some lawmakers and punish others with the stroke of a pen, by adding or eliminating federal projects in any congressional district. No amount of talk about spending can change the reality that government power naturally grows.

Everybody complains about pork, but members of Congress keep spending because voters do not throw them out of office for doing so. The rotten system in Congress will change only when the American people change their beliefs about the proper role of government in our society. Too many members of Congress believe they can solve all economic problems, cure all social ills, and bring about worldwide peace and prosperity simply by creating new federal programs. We must reject unlimited government and reassert the constitutional rule of law if we hope to halt the spending orgy.

The words of H.R. Gross, the great libertarian-conservative congressman from Iowa, ring as true today as they did during a budget debate in 1974:

"No amount of legislation will instill in a majority of the members of the House the ingredient, the element that has been missing. That is fiscal responsibility. Every Member knows that he or she cannot for long spend \$75,000 a year on a salary of \$42,000 and remain solvent. Every member knows this government cannot forever spend billions beyond tax revenue and endure. Congress already has the tools to halt the headlong flight into bankruptcy. It holds the purse strings. No President can impound funds or spend unwisely unless an improvident, reckless Congress makes available the money. I repeat, neither this nor any other legislation will provide morality and responsibility on the part of members of Congress."

# Government by Euphemism, is this the American way?

by Sheldon Richman

People live by political euphemisms. Sometimes they die by them, as when civilians are bombed in the name of liberating them. There are less lethal euphemisms, but since all of them embody dishonesty (the word "euphemism" itself is a euphemism), they all have bad consequences. Those that do not kill may "merely" make us poorer and less free.

Most politicians speak in almost nothing but euphemisms. Their success depends on our not translating those phrases into more honest terms. For example, when a candidate for office advocates "helping the middle class," he usually means he plans to use the mighty force of government to take money from wealthier, super-productive people in order to give it to others. No candidate has ever made a campaign promise that he intended to fulfill from his own bank account. I await the day that a candidate says, "If elected I promise to command the armed personnel of the federal government to compel those who make over a million dollars a year to surrender a higher portion of their money than they already surrender. After skimming off an appropriate amount, I will have the remainder distributed to the people whom I am counting on to vote for me."

Wouldn't that be refreshing?

Another popular euphemism is "the right to medical care." This is particularly seductive because, since everyone will need medical care at some point, people like to believe there is such a right. But there can be no such right. Medical care consists of other people's labor, not only of doctors and nurses, but of all those who produce medical instruments and equipment, drugs, buildings called offices and hospitals, and so on. Strictly speaking, the right to medical care has to mean the right to demand other people's labor. Stripped of euphemism, that's called slavery. Moreover, since the supply of medical care falls short of demand and therefore must be managed, in practice the alleged right to it must mean the power of government to distribute it. What started as a benign individual right ends up as a life-and-death power of bureaucrats. That's what euphemism can accomplish if you're not careful.

Political euphemisms don't issue just from politicians and candidates. Other advocates of greater government power have been a rich source as well. An example was published recently by the Washington Post. In an op-ed, Robert E. Wittes, physician in chief at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, decries the high cost of new anti-cancer drugs. Wittes writes that Avastin and Erbitux (the latter being the drug made by the company whose stock Martha Stewart got in trouble for selling) "have been marketed at such extraordinarily high prices that many people will simply not be able to afford them." I have no doubt that's true—for now. Drugs are expensive to develop and, once developed, patent laws prohibit competition from generics for a while. Drug companies naturally try to recapture their costs and earn a profit from their sales. If they didn't anticipate doing so, they wouldn't invest in drug production in the first place. Rather, they'd invest in lines of production that were likely to pay a better return. Prices are not arbitrary numbers. They are generated by supply and demand. An arbitrarily high price invites competition.

So drugs often come on the market at high prices. Government aggravates this through unnecessary Food and Drug Administration requirements and other regulations. One way to cheapen drugs would be to eliminate the bureaucrat management. We also should remember that many products that were introduced at high prices became much cheaper in a short time. That's the way of the market when it's allowed to work.

Wittes sees none of this. He concludes that the drug companies "are effectively daring the government to impose price controls. This the government must do if the drug industry fails to come to its senses quickly."

There's the euphemism: price controls. Government can't control prices. It can only control people in the use of their own rightful property.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Phone: 512-416-2540 Dist/Div Office(s) Lubbock District District Engineer 135 Slaton Lubbock, Texas 79408-0771

Phone: 806-745-4411

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

## Bullard family enjoys weekend

The Bullard family reunion was held Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Bullard Farm.

Those attending from Post included Corky and Ivy Bullard, Kathryn and Heather Bullard, Kenith Bullard, Keith, Jana, Cody and Paige Bullard, Michael, Tammy, Sterling, Ethan and Justin Self and Robby and G.B. Wilkie.

Also in attendance were Lillie and Jerry Wright of Lovington, N.M.; Jennifer, Alexis and Efron Gonzales of Plainview; Patricia Self of Weatherford; Joann and Jimmy Crow of Houston; Susan, Michael, Gannon and Rachel McNulty of Arlington; John and Betty Bullard of Crowley; Gifford, Linda, Tory and Bailey Johnson of Desdemona; Tina Ashlock of Granbury; and Wilma and John Banner of The Colony.

Attending from Brownfield were Linda and Herb Atzbach, Nancy, William, Travis, Mande and Sandee Atzbach, Kevin and Christa Atzbach and Shawn Paschael.

Rounding out those on hand for the occasion were Pete Perez of Lubbock; Christina Atzbach of Lubbock; Sandy, John and Allison Smith of Lovington, N.M.; Cecil Bullard of Fort Worth; Kay, John and Taysa Agnew of Levelland; and Jeff Agnew of Levelland.

## SPC continues orientation

South Plains College has four remaining orientation sessions this summer to prepare incoming freshmen for the fall semester.

Orientation includes information on college and registration for fall classes. Orientation sessions are set July 13-14, July 27-29 (Camp SPC), Aug. 3-4, all majors, and Aug. 24-25, students who live more than 200 miles away and late applicants (all majors).

Camp SPC, an extended orientation for students who want a headstart on college success, is scheduled July 27-29. Application deadline is July 12. Students can download the application online at <http://www.southplainscollege.edu/counseling/camp.htm>.

"We plan to have more students attending each session and a wider range of majors, making it a good experience for the students," said Claudine Oliver, director of guidance and counseling.

Students are strongly encouraged to pre-register for orientation. Students can register online for orientation at [www.southplainscollege.edu/counseling](http://www.southplainscollege.edu/counseling).

A highlight of orientation will be The Ultimate Road Trip: Campus 2 Career, an interactive presentation on college success sponsored by Monster Making It Count, part of the educational division of Monster, a job and career website.

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# Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones from the files of The Post Dispatch

## 10 Years Ago July 6, 1994

A Little History: The Garza Theatre first opened in Post in 1916 under the name of "The Palace Theatre". When the "Palace" Garza Theatre opened there were no movies or recorded music. The entertainment was provided by on stage actors and live music boomed from the orchestra pit. Air-conditioning was yet to be invented and the only cooling came from the windows on the East side of the building.

Post's Volunteer Fire Department has been working to full capacity. With the record breaking heat of the last two weeks an excessive amount of fires have been scorching the countryside.

Winners of the FFA Talent Team competition held May 3 at Howard College were Jeff Redman, Tonya Harp and Shad Blair. The trio will perform on a state level in Fort Worth on July 14.

The Post Lions club elected new officers, they are President, Glenn Brown, Vice President, Lanny Fluitt, and Secretary of Treasury, Paul Jones. Other awards at the meeting were given to Lanny Fluitt, Lion of the Year, and Sara Hodges was awarded the Lions scholarship.

## 20 Years Ago July 3, 1984

Dunigan Tool & Supply Company has opened its newest store serving the oil and gas industry, at 309 East Main St. in Post. Kelly Malone, a Post resident, has been named store manager for the new facility. Barry Morris, also a Post resident is the field salesman. Another Post resident, Daniel Yarbro, will be pump shop foreman.

The Texas 1986 Sesquicentennial Commission has awarded the official sesquicentennial flag to the City of Post and designated Post a sesquicentennial city.

Robby Wedeking, 22, has been employed by the Garza County Sheriff's office as a new deputy. Wedeking is a certified police and corrections officer.

Rex Cash of Post has been awarded a bachelor's degree at West Texas State University. Cash earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural business and economics.

Championship flight winners at the second annual Caprock Ladies Golf Association are Gean Hassell, Linda Tubbs Barbara Hardin, Diane Ratliff, Susan Bishop and Sandy Duboise.

Mabel Manual, 628 Pine Street. The event is sponsored by the Womens Division of the Chamber of Commerce.

## 30 Years Ago July 4, 1974

Potluck: Fortunately for Post, many of the town's good citizens are too busy working on the annual

Fourth of July Celebration at the park. Our two chief chicken cooks, Rusty Dean and Gene Gandy are laying plans for the big day and their chicken cutter-uppers, Tim Pettyjohn, Joe Neal Clary, Kurt Chapman and Gregg Pollard are hoping to break last year's record of cutting up 1,130 chickens in one hour and 15 minutes. Jack Hair and Billy Joe McKamie are cooking the beans and lucky Ann Greer is cutting up 150 pounds of onions.

The announcements on the Tower Theatre marquee this week go from one extreme to the other. On the west side is the lettering "Crusade for Christ", advertising the evangelistic services to be held at the theatre nightly. On the east side is the lettering "The Legend of Hell House", showing at the theatre and rated PG.

Judy Norman is the new temporary youth director for the city-county youth center here. Miss Norman, who will be a senior at Texas Tech University this fall, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Norman. She has been the first assistant to Joe Giddens in the summer youth program here for the last two years.

Miss Lillie Pauline Wilke and Jerry Dean Wright pledged wedding vows June 28 in the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Edwin Perkins, uncle of the bride officiated the ceremony.

## 40 Years Ago July 9, 1964

Post had gained a second dentist this week with the announcement by Dr. Fred B. Willard of his association with Dr. B. E. Young in the practice of general dentistry at 225 West Main St.

Miss Argan Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Robinson of Post, was one of 21 finalists in the Miss West Texas contest held in Odessa.

The First National Bank sponsored Dodgers are 1964 Little League champions. They are: Kim Owen, David Hart, Tommy Greenwood, Dan Rose, John Shook, David Pierce, Dennis Dodson, Joe Shook, Kyle Josey, Terry Cross, Neff Walker, Larry Mills, David Stelzer, Leonard Holder and Jim Poer.

An added feature of Post's third annual Sidewalk Sale here Saturday, July 25, will be a free morning movie for the kids. The movie, which will be a western, is scheduled for 10 a.m. at the Tower Theatre. Prizes also will be given to the most uniquely dressed male and female employees for the sale. Employers and employees are urged to select any costume of their choosing.

## 50 Years Ago July 8, 1954

Temporarily delayed last spring because of non-arrival of materials, brick work is now proceeding at a rapid pace on the new junior high school building. The classroom walls

also have been started. Work is expected to be completed by September 1.

Jimmy Moore of Post and Riley Miller of Justiceburg finished among the top five saddle bronc riders in the first go-round of the Texas Cowboy Reunion at Stamford over the weekend.

City officials discovered this week that no fireworks ordinance exists here. Discovery that there is no fireworks ordinance followed a hectic July Fourth weekend for City Marshal F. M. Reep, who had been instructed by Mayor T. L. Jones to put a halt to setting off of fireworks within the city limits. The marshal reported that he was kept busy for the better part of three days and nights in making every effort to carry out the mayor's instructions. The fireworks issue is expected to be No. 1 on the agenda at the City Commission's next meeting.

The golden wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Weaver of Southland was attended by 230 relatives and friends, July 3.

A daughter, Mary Carolyn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Boren in Garza Memorial Hospital.

## 60 Years Ago July 6, 1944

R. B. Dodson has moved his watch and radio repair shop into the front of the Joe Moss building. His business now occupies the three front rooms of the building. The radio repair shop is in the room formerly occupied by the Post National Farm Loan Association.

In an impressive ceremony at Foster Field, near Victoria, Texas Aviation Cadets swapped their title of "Mister" for "Sir" and pinned on silver pilot's wings and bars of a second lieutenant or flight officer. In this group was Troy L. "Cotton" Dean, son of Mrs. Bettie Justice.

Pfc. Keith Adams, who is stationed in Hawaii writes that he is getting the Dispatch regularly and that it is like getting a short furlough home. Pfc. Adams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Jones are announcing the arrival of a baby girl, Reta Fern, on June 8.

The Melvin Hill home in the Graham community was burned Monday. No one was injured, but the house and contents were destroyed.

Cpl. Stanley Mathis is in the jungles of Burma where he is cooking for the U. S. Engineers. There was a report recently that he is missing in action. His wife, Mrs. Pauline Mathis, has received no notice to that effect and asserts that so far as she knows he is safe and all right.

# South Plains cotton crop thriving

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South Plains cotton crops thriving despite extreme weather conditions. The 3.6-million-acre South Plains cotton crop has survived a gamut of harsh weather since producers broke out their planters in May. Rain, hail, wind, blowing sand and a lack of rainfall in some areas have taken an estimated 100,000 acres of the crop.

Even so, a Texas Cooperative Extension agronomist says the bigger picture is pretty bright.

"We have seen cooler, wetter conditions with higher humidity during the past two weeks, but the crop is still above normal in heat unit accumulation," said Randy Boman, Extension cotton agronomist in Lubbock. "The rainfall from recent storms has put the crop north of Lubbock in very good to excellent condition."

"We do have some ragged-up cotton out there, but by and large most fields are doing very well. In my eight seasons at Lubbock, I haven't seen overall stands and crop conditions as impressive as they are now. Many fields that were planted in a timely manner in May are now squaring."

Texas farmers planted approximately 6 million acres of cotton this year from the Rio Grande Valley north to Brownsville to the Texas-New Mexico border in the west and as far north as some counties near Amarillo.

The 20-county area surrounding Lubbock is often known as the "world's largest cotton patch" because farmers in the area typically plant more than 3 million acres of upland cotton each year. About 10 percent of that acreage never makes it to harvest due to weather, insects, disease or other causes.

Wind, driving rain and hailstones in June took about 85,000 acres of cotton in Randall, Castro, Briscoe, Swisher, Floyd, Hockley and Lamb counties. In contrast, many dryland acres in counties south of Lubbock may be lost or teetering on the edge of survival due to a lack of rainfall.

"We believe that up to 200,000 acres of dryland cotton south of Lubbock was dry planted and likely did not receive any significant rainfall," Boman said.

"Some dryland fields have received little rainfall and may not have emerged to a good stand."

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### ACROSS

1 song: "Texas When \_\_\_\_\_"

5 TXism: "only a \_\_\_\_\_ would pick a fight with a skunk"

6 state where TX Buddy Holly died

7 last minute study for a test

8 TX V.T. Hamlin created "Alley \_\_\_\_\_"

9 nat'l org. for TX "legal eagles"

12 4-run Astro homers: "grand \_\_\_\_\_"

17 TXism: "he'd be \_\_\_\_\_ in a battle of wits"

19 Amarillo is \_\_\_\_\_ capital of the world

21 Stephens of both Dallas Cowboy cheerleader films

22 this De Carlo was in "McLintock with TX Chill Wills"

23 this Hilton started hotel chain in TX

28 Corpus Christi TV near Burnet: "\_\_\_\_\_ Lake State Park"

30 TX carnival rides: "ferris \_\_\_\_\_"

31 TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a killing hog"

35 TX Joe Don film: "Walking \_\_\_\_\_"

36 this ended TX Nolan Ryan's career (2 wds.)

42 describing Aikman or Staubach \_\_\_\_\_

44 bomber "\_\_\_\_\_ Gay"

### DOWN

1 poem by TX Vassar Miller: "\_\_\_\_\_"

2 TXism: "useless as \_\_\_\_\_ submarine"

3 in Wichita Co. on hwy. 370

4 this Jack was in "Once Upon a Texas Train"

9 surrounded by Whitman (init.)

10 TXism: "hell \_\_\_\_\_ (determined)"

11 citrus drink

12 TXism: "a little \_\_\_\_\_ in the hat size"

13 1st denims (2 wds.)

14 '90 Cowboy RB \_\_\_\_\_ zo Highsmith

15 stole mammal

16 TXism: "working between \_\_\_\_\_ (night work)"

18 "Norma \_\_\_\_\_"

20 TX Kristofferson's "Why \_\_\_\_\_ Lord"

23 UT tower sniper Whitman (init.)

24 TX Roy Orbison's "\_\_\_\_\_ Pretty Woman"

25 Gulf shrimp catchers

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46 "\_\_\_\_\_ Snow" in 1895 dumped 15-inches on Galveston

48 TX Cynthia Ann Parker's Indian name

49 TX Pride's "You're Feelin' Me"

50 ex-Cowboy RB Tommie

51 TX pecan (2 wds.)

52 TXism: "if a hog \_\_\_\_\_ wings he'd be an eagle"

53 TX Tanya Tucker's "Can \_\_\_\_\_ You Tonight"

36 TX George W.'s time (abbr.)

37 Lamb Co. named for \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb

38 TCU great Sammy not proper

40 stage or paper

41 "and the" south of the border

43 TX Meredith Mac \_\_\_\_\_ Nazi leader (init.)

47 honky tonk boast: "I \_\_\_\_\_ line"

48 ACU was \_\_\_\_\_ football champ in '77

55 final or mid-term

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Board of Trustees of the Post Independent School Dist. will hold a public meeting at the Central Administrative Office at 501 S. Ave. K in Post, Texas on July 22nd, 2004, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.39	\$ 0	\$ 1.39	\$ 4679	\$ 2102
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.4871	\$ 0	\$ 1.4871	\$ 4788	\$ 1993
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.41	\$ 0	\$ 1.41	\$ 4935	\$ 1949

\*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 28,253	\$ 28,277
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 16,379	\$ 16,612
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.39	\$ 1.41
Taxes Due on Average Residence.	\$ 227.67	\$ 234.23
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 6.56

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**Notice of Rollback Rate:** The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.7495. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.7495.

Fund Balances		
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 7,535,694
	Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

Prepared by: Louise A. Nelson *Louise A. Nelson*  
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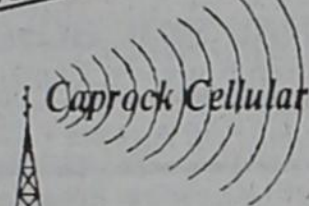
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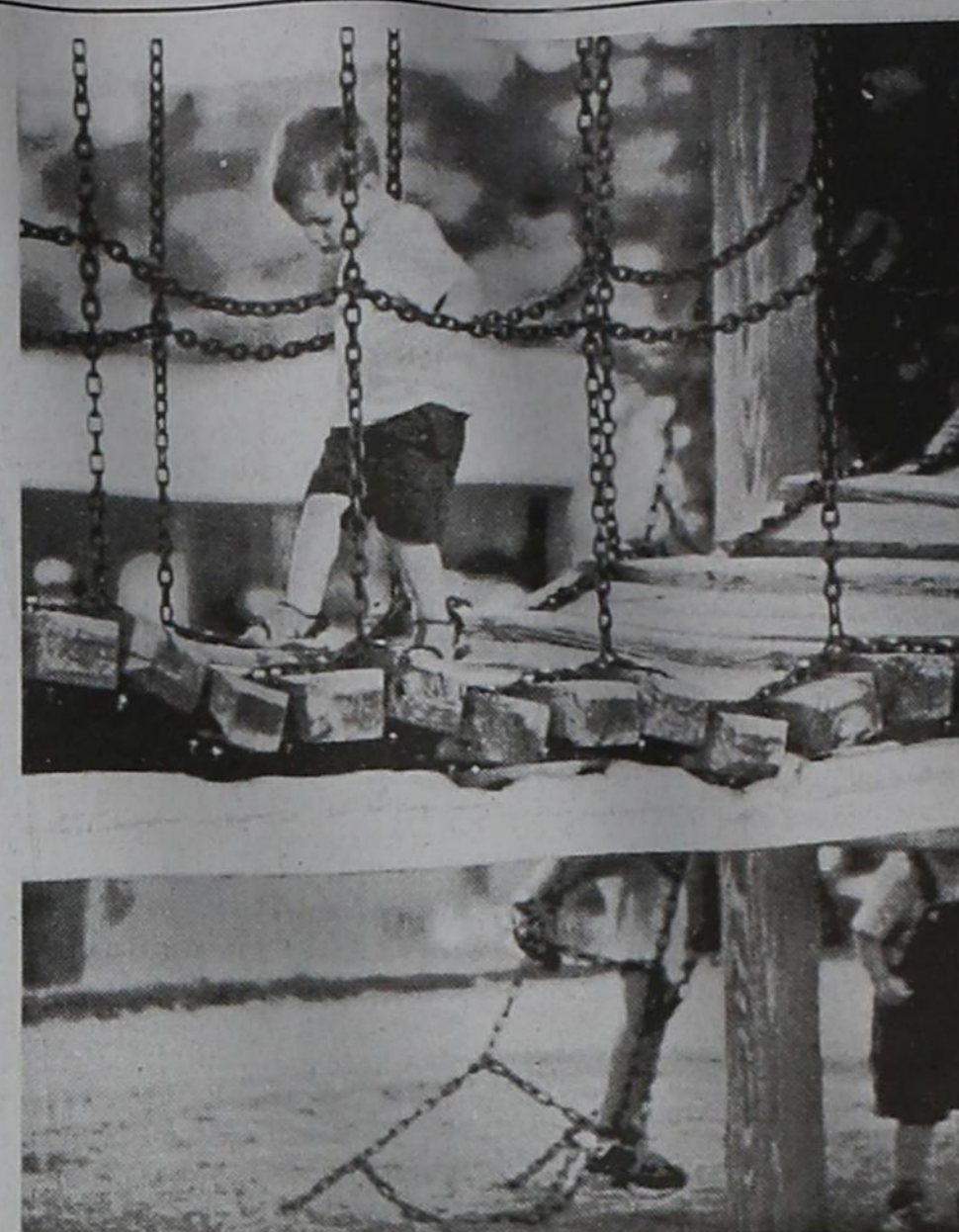
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### Noted historian issued warning to Americans...

A warning from Scots Historian Professor Alexander Tyler, circa 1787, Re: The Fall of the Athenian Republic.

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse (generous gifts) from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, (which is) always followed by a dictatorship."

"The average age of the world's greatest civilization has been two hundred years. These nations have progressed through this sequence. From bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependence, from dependence back into bondage."



Last Sunday's July 4 festivities were ornamented by the presence of many children who enjoyed the playground at the Post City Park. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett).

## Congratulations for your academic excellence!

### Post High School Sixth Six-Weeks

- 'A' Honor Roll
- Wilson Cash
- Colter Creech
- K'Neil Dalby
- Kylie Easterling
- Sarah Kirkpatrick
- Chelsey Reed
- Elena Alaniz
- Jose Guerra
- Jonathan McGregor
- Keith Meredith
- Vincent Robles
- Ashley Wilson
- Avnee Bhakta
- Christin Collier
- Donae Dalby
- Kayla Dunn
- Jerrad Grisham
- Brant Guthrie
- Meagan Hoover
- Xane Mason
- Brittney Courtney
- Crystal Crawford
- Breann Heckaman
- Mark McCallister
- Russell Merritt
- Jennifer Reiter
- Federico Reyna
- Lisa Soto
- William Jarrett Todd
- Colt Vernon
- 'A/B' Honor Roll
- Christina Aguilar
- Derek James Baiza
- Allison Blevins
- Jay Dihenia
- James Heath Fellhauer
- Shantana Foy
- Andrew Fumagalli
- Rachel Gray
- Jackie Hays
- Mary Elizabeth Huffman
- Claire Kirkpatrick
- Ana Gabriela Macias
- Adrian Nava
- David Blake Nichols

- Bailey Odom
- Keisha Odom
- Preston Roy Ortiz
- Maria Segovia
- Rebecca Striblin
- Ricky Vergara
- Josie Whisenhunt
- Zachary Michael Witcher
- Sunnie Barbosa
- Courtney Copeland
- Luana Deleon
- Aaron Benjamin Fox
- Kelli Dionn Heckaman
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- Jenee Lott
- Hayley Massey
- Shannon Rasbeary
- Jerad James Smith
- Sterling Smith
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- Adrian Bustamente
- Alexandra Chapa
- Karla Contreras
- Cole Easterling
- Laura Ervin
- Joey Espinoza
- Robert Brice Feagin
- Dalie Foy
- Martin Angel Garcia
- Stephanie Gearhart
- Patricia Hester
- Michael Lambert
- Jett Lott
- Trent McDonald
- Kelli Melton
- Caleb Milton
- Quinton Kyle Odom
- Edgar Saucedo
- Lyndee Strawn
- Jimmy Valdez
- Christan Nicole Wells
- Lacey White
- Dannielle Wright
- Christina Zellmer

- Rosalinda Alaniz
- Barbara Ayala
- James Arthur Davis
- Terika Flores
- Mitchell Lewis Holly
- Coby William Jones
- Jose Ladinos
- Zane Marts
- Anthony Erich Merrell
- Mitchell Mills
- Frankie Orona
- Tana Starkey
- Taylor Starkey
- Post High School  
Second Semester
- 'A' Honor Roll
- Allison Blevins
- Wilson Cash
- Colter Creech
- K'Neil Dalby
- Kylie Easterling
- Jackie Hays
- Claire Kirkpatrick
- Sarah Kirkpatrick
- Ana Gabriela Macias
- Adrian Michael Neva
- Chelsey Reed
- Elena Alaniz
- Jose Maria Guerra
- Roby Lynn Lester
- Jonathan McGregor
- Keith Meredith
- Vincent David Robles
- Ashley Wilson
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- Jerrad Grisham
- Brant Guthrie
- Meagan Hoover
- Jimmy Valdez
- Christina Zellmer
- Brittney Courtney
- Crystal Crawford
- Breann Heckaman
- Coby Jones
- Russell Merritt
- Mitchell Mills
- Federico Reyna
- Lisa Marie Soto
- 'A/B' Honor Roll
- Christina Aguilar
- Marcos Ayala
- Derek James Baiza
- Jay Dihenia
- James Heath Fellhauer
- Shantana Foy
- Andrew Fumagalli
- Rachel Gray
- Larissa Halford
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- Sunnie Barbosa
- Israel Beggs
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- Aaron Benjamin Fox
- Kenneth Garay

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- Brandon Courtney Hernandez
- Jenee Lott
- Maria Mares
- Hayley Massey
- Kayla Morris
- Jared James Smith
- Sterling Smith
- Laurel Tatum
- Jarin Bruce Tyler
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- Stephanie Gearhart
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- Logan Gregory
- Patricia Hester
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- Xane Mason
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- Jordan Tatum
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- Kristine Morris
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- Sixth Six-Weeks
- BETA
- Ashley James
- John Wilson

- Jodye Rutherford
- Jake Rayna
- Taylor Peterson
- Christina Soto
- Borden County  
Junior High School
- Sixth Six-Weeks
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