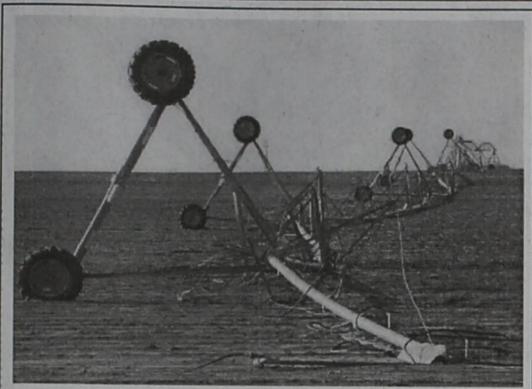
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Irrigation lines are seen toppled near Highway 380 near the Lynn County line, following major thunder storms that hit Garza County and the surrounding area last week. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Local blood drive seeks to help surgical patients

Summer activities often distract would-be donors, and blood donations frequently drop off during the warmer months of the year. But the need for blood doesn't decline - it takes about 155 blood donations each day to meet the needs of South Plains hospital patients.

Local residents will be afforded the opportunity to donate blood in Post Friday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the United Blood Services mobile unit at

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Post Notes

Dalby unit to host Friday blood drive

The Dalby Correctional Facility will play host to a United Blood Services blood drive from 1-4:30 p.m. Friday in the UBS mobile unit. Presently, all blood types are needed, but there is a critical need for O-positive and O-negative donors. Anyone interested in donating should contact Ruby Williams at 495-2175 to make an appointment. Donors must be 17 years of age or older, at least 110 pounds and in good health. Potential donors should bring an ID and list of medications. All donors will receive a T-shirt and a coupon for a half-gallon of United ice cream.

Post merchants' group to meet

An organizational meeting of the Post merchants group will be Monday, June 13, 6:30 p.m. at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main St. The group will be a division of the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau and has adopted this mission statement: "To focus on retail development and the improvement of business in Post." For more information, contact Curtis Hudman, 495-2615 or Rosa Latimer Bell, 495-

Ladies Auxillary meeting set

The Miller/Luman Post 6797 ladies will meet Monday, June 13, at the Post VFW Hall, 1006 E. Main St. at 6 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Post 6797 men will meet Monday The Miller/Luman Post 6797 men will meet Monday, June 13 at the Post VFW Hall, 1006 E. Main St. at 7 p.m. The retirement ceremony for Flag Day on the 14th will be discussed and if you have a flag that needs to be retired please bring it to the meeting.

Flag retirement ceremony set Miller/Luman Post 6797 will hold a flag retirement ceremony at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14 at the VFW Hall, 1006 E. Main street. The Radio Shack at 122 W. Main street will be the collection point or call Chuck Ratliff at 495-2026 for

flag pick up. The public is invited to attend.

Pre-K and Kindergarten enrollment Post Elementary is enrolling for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday-Friday. You will need to bring the student's birth certificate, social security and a shot record.

Relay For Life silent auction

A silent auction during the Relay For Life will be held Friday, June 10. To donate items or services for the auction, please call Lana Conner at 495-3925. Post Elementary ESL Summer School Program

Post Elementary will offer an ESL Summer School Program that will provide instruction for Limited English Proficient students coming into Kindergarten and First Grade. Classes will be from 8-11 a.m. at the elementary building and will concentrate on English Language Development. There must be minimum of 10 students registered for this eight week program. For more information please contact the Post Elementary office.

Post Elementary ESL Program de Verano

La escuela de Post Elementary esta ofreciendo el Programa de ESL este ano para el Verano. Este programa es para ayudar los ninos con el Ingles. El programa es para los ninos entrando al kinder y el ano primero. Los classes son de las 8-11 a, en la escuela de Post Elementary. Necesitamos 10 ninos al lo menos, para tener este programa que se lleva 8 semenas. Para mas información, por favor hable a la oficina de Post Elementary a 495-3414.

2005 Relay For Life

Get involved in the 2005 Relay For Life. This is a community-wide event to help raise money for the American Cancer Society. There will be live entertainment, games, food and fellowship. It will be held at the Post ISD track on Friday, June 10 beginning at 5 p.m. and concluding at 6:30 a.m. June 11. Call Peggy Graves 495-2718, Tonya Kirkpatrick 629-4054, Carol Williams 495-2156, or Marge Tannehill 495-2178 for information. Luminarias may be purchased to honor your loved ones. We are needing empty vegatable cans to be used in the luminarias. They may be dropped off at United Supermarket in Post.

Cancer survivors needed

We are looking for cancer survivors that would like to participate in the 2005 Relay For Life. Opening ceremonies for the event will be at 6 p.m. beginning with a Survivor Lap to honor those who have battled or are still battling cancer. A complimentary meal will be provided for the survivors at 6:30. If you, or someone you know might be interested in participating call Peggy Graves at 495-2718. Theatre features all children cast

Performances of the Garza Theatre's latest productions, "The Somewhat True Tales of Robin Hood" begins June 3. Additional performances are scheduled for June 4, 5, 10, 11, 17, and 18. The play is directed by Laura Bryan and features a wonderful all children cast, ranging in ages from 7-16 years. Call 495-4005 for reservations.

Basketball camp in Southland

Southland Basketball Camp 2005, open to boys and girls in kindergarten through ninth grade (incoming), will be June 20-23, from 9 a.m. to noon. The camp will be conducted by Coach Heinrich and Southland players and is designed to help young players develope and improve their basketball skills. Each participant will receive a camp T-shirt. Cost will be \$30 with registration prior to June 20; after that date, the fee will be \$35. For more information contact the coach at the school.

Summer recreation continues thru June 29 Garza County Summer Recreation program is scheduled from 8 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday, ending June 29.

Fund established to benefit Clanton

A fund has been established at Citizens Bank to assist with medical bills for Lisa Clanton's surgery. Those interested in helping the family should call Citizens Bank at 495-3545.

County, MTC, others face civil lawsuit in defamation charges

by Sheri Lewis

A dozen local residents and the corporation charged with managing the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility are named in a lawsuit filed May 13 in the 106th Judicial District Court.

Jon Smith of Post filed the petition, alleging defamation of character through slander.

According to the court document, the defendants "conspired, on numerous occasions, to defame" Smith's character by alleging he was involved in the "distribution of illegal drugs in Garza County and in the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility." The motives of the defendants, the document states, were to "destroy" Smith's credibility following his allegations of "illegal and/ or improper contract bidding" by Management Training Corp., the firm contracted by Garza County to operate the Dalby Unit.

Named as defendants in the petition are MTC; Joe Rasberry, warden of the Dalby Unit; Dalby Unit employees Charla Miller, Jeffrey Steward, Jeff Smith, Susan Payne, Eric Mathis and Kathy Wright; Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby; Dana Tanner, a constable's office dispatcher; Garza County Sheriff Cliff Laws; Marinett Tyler, a dispatcher in the sheriff's department; and Angela Massey, an employee of the county judge's office.

The document alleges the defendants made defamatory statements about Jon Smith on several occasions and at various locations, including:

• On or about June 14 - Rasberry, Steward, Payne and Jeff Smith "were overheard in the main lobby of (the Dalby Unit) discussing or talking about... Jon Smith hauling drugs to the facility;"

• On or about June 23 - Tyler and Massey "were overheard in the... grocery store saying that... Jon Smith was bringing illegal drugs into

• On or about Oct. 4 - Laws, Tyler and Tanner "were heard in the constable's office foyer saying that... Jon Smith was distributing drugs in

• On or about Oct. 25 - Dalby and Laws "were heard in the Garza County Courthouse stating that plaintiff Jon Smith and (former sheriff) Kenny Ratke were hauling drugs together;"

• On or about Oct. 27 - Mathis and Wright, in a conversation that allegedly took place at the Dalby Unit, "were heard saying that plaintiff Jon Smith was a drug dealer;'

• And on or about Jan. 11 - Tanner, Tyler and Massey "were heard saying that plaintiff Jon Smith and... Ratke were together hauling drugs into Post..." in a conversation that allegedly occurred outside the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Ratke is not a party in Jon Smith's lawsuit.

According to the Web site www.legal-explanations.com, defamation is "the act of damaging a person's reputation by making untrue statements. The remarks are considered ... slander if made orally." Slander is defined as "oral defamation where someone tells one or more people something untrue about another which harms the reputation of the defamed person.'

Jon Smith's claim of defamation of character/slander alleges the defendants "knowingly and intentionally defamed (the) plaintiff's character by slander;" that the "defendants knew, or should have known, that their statements would defame the character of the plaintiff;" and the "defendants acted with actual, willful and wonton "toward him.

As a result of the alleged defamation, Jon Smith maintains he has suffered a "loss of credibility," as well as "humiliation and emotional distress," according to the petition.

Additionally, the document states that Nothin' Butt Smokes, which is managed by Jon Smith, has sustained a drop in sales totaling \$1,500 to \$2,000 per business day since the alleged defamation began.

In his lawsuit, Jon Smith asks the court to award him "actual damages" plus interest, punitive damages "in an amount sufficient to deter future acts of this kind" plus interest, and court costs. The petition requests a trial by jury. Handling the petition for Jon Smith is Bill Ballard, an attorney from

Jon Smith, who waged an unsuccessful campaign for sheriff in last year's Democratic primary, began voicing concerns more than a year ago about the process used by Garza County officials in awarding its Dalby Unit management contract. He eventually rerouted his complaints to investigatory agencies at the state and federal levels, writing letters to the Texas attorney general's office, the Department of Justice and the FBI.

County officials were served with a federal subpoena in March 2005 requesting copies of all documents pertaining to the bidding process on the management contract dating back to Jan. 1, 1999; however, it has not been confirmed by The Post Dispatch that this action was taken as a result of Jon Smith's letter-writing campaign. The subpoenaed documents were required for consideration by a federal grand jury, according to reports.

As of press time, it was not known whether any grand jury action has been taken in connection with the subpoenaed documents.

Search continues for missing Brownfield man The search for the body of a Brownfield man who disappeared April 23

following a two-boat collision at Lake Alan Henry is ongoing, according to Constable Daniel Yarbro. Aaron Smith, 45, and a friend were boating when their craft and another

collided, according to reports. Smith's friend, Tommy Hines of Brownfield, and a passenger in the other boat, James Bradley Snyder of Dumas, were injured in the incident, but Smith could not be accounted for following the





Sitting tall in one of the many tractors on display during the Post Celebration Days festivities were (left to right), Callie and Jody Nevill. They are the children of Joe and Carissa Nevill from Tahoka. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett0

Autopsy: Levelland woman died of self-inflicted wounds

Authorities have ruled that the woman whose body was pulled from Lake Alan Henry on May 7 died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

On June 1, Justice of the Peace Dee Justice determined that the death of 48-year-old Sharla Lowery of Littlefield was a suicide, according to a report from Constable Daniel Yarbro. The JP's ruling was based on information obtained through an autopsy report and an ongoing investigation by the constable's office and the Lubbock Police Department.

Lowery's body was pulled from the lake about a mile from the public boat ramp in an area of water approximately 15 feet deep following an extensive

Lowery had been reported by her family as missing on May 2 in Littlefield. The search for the missing woman shifted to the Lake Alan Henry area after a Garza County deputy constable discovered the woman's vehicle at the lake with an expired permit.

According to reports, Lowery was last seen the evening of April 30 when she and family members met for a meal at a Lubbock restaurant.

Early in their investigation, authorities stated they did not believe foul play was a factor in the woman's disappearance.

Stranded boaters rescued at LAH

A pair of stranded boaters prompted an overnight search of Lake Alan Henry late Thursday and early Friday morning.

Two Lubbock residents were boating on the lake when their craft broke down at about 9 p.m., according to a report by Constable Daniel Yarbro. The boaters used a cell phone to contact the sheriff's department, and representatives of the constable's office were dispatched to the scene to provide assistance. However, the boaters were unfamiliar with the lake and had a difficult time describing their location on the lake, particularly after sunset, Yarbro said.

The stranded boaters remained in contact with law enforcement officials, but early Friday morning the battery in their cell phone began to fail. Yarbo and deputy constable Mitch Day searched until after 3 a.m. before

locating the boat and its occupants. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident, Yarbro said.

Lake Alan Henry boater collapses, airlifted to Lubbock

A 45-year-old woman was airlifted to Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center June 1 after she collapsed while boating at Lake Alan Henry,

The woman, whose name was not released, was boating with her husband and two sons when she collapsed and lost consciousness, according to Constable Daniel Yarbro.

The woman's family members called 9-1-1 and met EMS, sheriff's department and fire department personnel at the boat ramp. There, EMS personnel treated the woman until the medical emergency helicopter landed. Details pertaining to the woman's condition were not available as of press time.

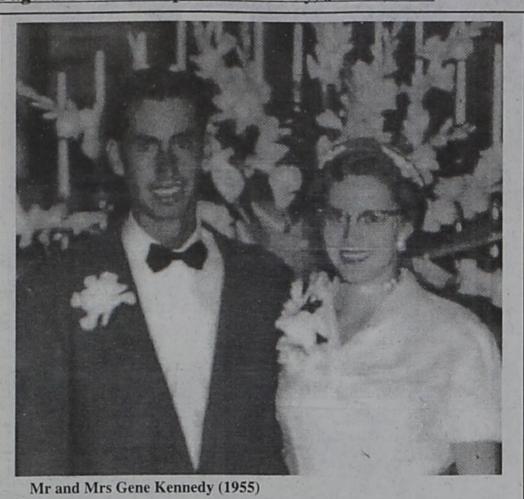


"Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood"

With an all children cast, Mary Lynn Dobson's "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood" entertained packed houses during last weekend's Post

Celebration Days in the Garza Theatre. Under the direction of Laura Bryan, the play will continues June 10, 11, 17 and 18. Call the box office at 495-4005

for reservations. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett0





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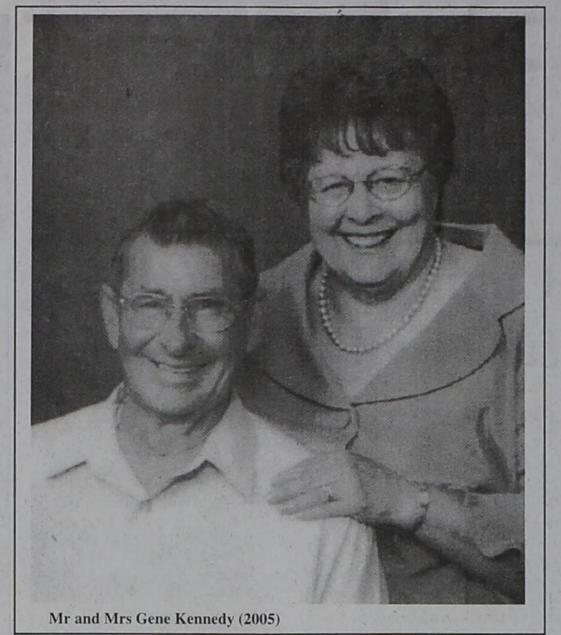
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The couple's children and spouses, along with their grandchildren, were hosts for the weekend events.

On Friday, June 3, the couple enjoyed a family meal of fajitas and was presented with a scrapbook and video documenting their 50 years together. On Saturday, June 4, the couple was honored with a comeand-go reception at the Hotel Garza, with friends and family members in attendance.

Gene Kennedy married the former Wyvonne Morris on June 3, 1955, at the First Baptist Church in Post.

The Kennedys have been lifelong residents of Post.

Gene retired from the Texas Department of Highways and Public Transportation in 1985. Wyvonne retired as city secretary of the City of Post in January 2005.

The couple's children are Phyliss and Donney Walker of Midland; Jay and Connie Kennedy of Big Spring; Genetta Gillett of Cedar Park; Karla and Gary Richardson of Panhandle; Luann Kennedy of Arlington; and Terry and Angela Kennedy of

The Kennedys have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

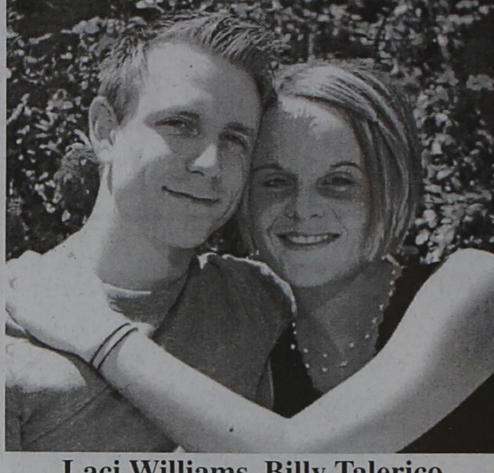
Ricky Alvarez earns Dean's List at LCU

Ricky Alvarez of Post was named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 2005.

In order to be considered a part of the Dean's List, a student must take a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average for the semester.

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Laci Williams, Billy Talerico **Announce Engagement**

Jeff and Jami Williams of Post are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Laci Dawn Williams, to Billy Talerico, son of William Talerico I and his wife, Tammie, of Lubbock.

The bride-elect, a 2001 graduate of Post High School, is the granddaughter of Royce and Frances Josey of Post, Nolan Williams of Post and Jim and Billie Gilbert of Lubbock. She holds a bachelor's degree in English and education from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1995 graduate of Roosevelt High School and is working on a bachelor's degree in theology at Life Christian University.

He is employed as the youth pastor of Family Harvest Church in Seminole. The couple plans to wed at 6 p.m. July 30, 2005, in the First Baptist Church

Births

Kaelyn Mackenzie Haney

G-Mom and Pops Haney are proud to announce the birth of a granddaughter, Katelyn Mackenzie, at 6:28 p.m. May 10, 2005, in

The infant weighed 6 pounds, 14 3/4 ounces, at birth and was 20 inches in length.

She was welcomed home by her parents, Tye and Kelly Haney of Amarillo; Aunt Shelly of Midland; and grandparents James and Connie' Latham and uncles James and Michael, all of Amarillo.



Katelyn Mackenzie Haney



David Morrow (left) visits Post during last weekend's Celebration Days festivities. Randall Dodson (right) accompanied on the piano as Morrow sang various Broadway hits in the Algerita Arts Center. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Blood drive seeks help for patients ...

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the Dalby Correctional Facility. Although a need for all types of blood exists, area hospitals are particularly in need of O-positive and O-negative blood, according to Connie Hollinshead, UBS donor recruitment representative.

"It's no secret," she said. "People simply are much busier than they are at other times of the year. Although donors might have other things to do, patients continue to need blood. Eligible blood donors are encouraged to give blood at least three times a year - once in the summer - to keep hospital shelves stocked with lifesaving blood." Donors should be in good health and must be at least 17 years of age and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. An ID and a list of medications should be brought to the

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To make an appointment for donation, contact Ruby Williams, the Dalby unit's blood drive coordinator, at 495-2175.

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Judging the Juried Art Show in the Algerita Arts Center during last weekend's Post Celebration Days is (second from left), Jean Badger from Lubbock. She is assisted by Ann Bratcher (left), Glenda Morrow (second from right), and Sandra Williamson (right). Badger teaches art in the Continuing Education Department at Texas Tech University, as well as teaches art for children at the Texas Tech Museum. Her work is on display in various galleries throughout Texas and New Mexico, including the Country Store Gallery in Austin. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Aaron Odom recognized by AJ

Paramedic Aaron Odom was recognized in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal as June's Unsung Hero for the month. He is formerly of Post and a PHS graduate.

Odom has been employed with Lubbock EMS since July after working for the Slaton EMS for many years. Prior to working in Slaton, Odom was a dispatcher for the Lubbock County Sheriff's Department and received the Telecommunicator of the Year for the state in 1996.

Odom was selected as a University Medical Center All-Star in March for his role in assisting a teenaged boy during a January house fire. The child suffered minor physical injuries, but suffered exposure to cold, harsh weather conditions because he had no socks or shoes. After Odom controlled the situation, he traveled to the nearest shoe store where he purchased shoes and socks for the child.

"Most people would not respond the way Aaron did in this situation," shift chief Alan Harrison said in the A-J advertisement recognizing Odom. "Aaron is always very professional, compassionate and would do anything he can to help his fellow man. Aaron is a great asset to Lubbock EMS."

Odom and his wife, Tish, live in Slaton with their children, Tanner, 12, and Callie,



"Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood"

by Dr. James Bell

The "Somewhat True Tale of Robin cal challenge brilliantly. Hood" opened at the Garza Theatre this scenes. This is what its all about - lively, fun entertainment by children and youth

part of the fast-moving action. Timing was

I am not clear on the "true" tale ofpast weekend and each performance was Robin Hood, but the "somewhat" true tale exciting family entertainment produced, is delightful! The plot goes somewhat like by 23 children between the ages of 7 and this: Robin Hood - brave, valiant and he-15. Director Laura Bryan, with the help roic - lives in "Sure Would" forest with of Prop Master, Brooke Mansker and his Merry Men (and some girls) along some parents (for crowd control), did a with Friar Tuck and Little John. Their aim remarkable job of maneuvering the and mission is to relieve the rich of their youngsters through the two acts and many riches and bestow them upon the poor. And, there are a lot of poor, of course, because of the wicket Prince John and the who are our future and the future of Garza evil Sheriff of Nottingham. Lady Marian, the fair damsel who has stolen Robin's The set was created, constructed, heart, is taken to Prince John's castle to painted and assembled by the children and be wed to the Sheriff. Enter, by way of a youth (with some help from adults). It is tree and a window (with some hilarious fantastic! You will have to see it to be- difficulty), the brave hero Robin Hood to lieve it! Lighting and sound was a vital rescue the grief stricken Marian. Robin, however, ends up in the Dungeon of Deeverything and Brittany Blackburn and mise. The Merry Men (and some girls) Michal Blackburn managed this techni-rush to his rescue with spoons drawn

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tales, mind you.)

Robin Hood manages a miraculous escape from the Dungeon of Demise only to be tricked into a bowling duel with the Sheriff of Nottingham (Who bowls very well.) Somehow Robin pulls off a somewhat upset at bowling and somehow they finally have an archery duel that Robin come out for an evening of delightful en-Hood wins "lickedy-split." The Prince and tertainment - right here on Main Street in the Sheriff are overthrown and thrown out. Post City, Texas.

ready for battle (These are somewhat true Robin Hood, Marian and all the Merry Men (and some girls) of "Sure Would" forest live merrily every after - ta da!

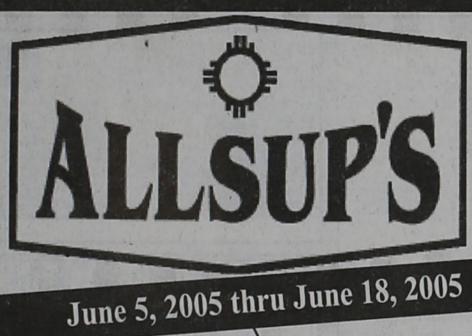
Only four great performances left - 8 p.m. on June 10, 11, 17 & 18. Call the box office, 495-4005, for reservations. Don't miss this one! Round up the kids. moms & dads, grannies and grandpas and

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Obituaries

Lucile McBride

Funeral Services for Lucile McBride, 92 were held Monday June 6, 2005 10:00 AM at First Baptist Church. Emmett Barnard, Hospice Chaplin and Son-in-Law officiated. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Lucile died Saturday June 4, 2005 at the Home Hospice Hospice House at Odessa.

She was born on August 31, 1912 to Alexander and Nona(Gunn) Kittrell at Eddy, McLennan County, Texas. Raised at Troy, Maran, Lampkin and Petersburg, she attended school at Lampkin, Ellen, Aiken and Petersburg. After graduation she attended Texas Tech and played basket ball. In 1941 she came to Garza County and

taught at Graham Chapel School and later in Post.

She married Thomas Albert McBride on July 25, 1942 at the First Baptist Church in Lubbock. He preceded her in death June 9, 1953 at the age of 38. Mrs. McBride continued to teach and also managed their farm until retirement. Over the year of teaching she has taught children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of her first





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students.

She was active in the P.T.A., T.S.T.A., Post Garden Club, Home Demostration Club and the 4-H. She taught Sunday School, attended Estacado Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Post. She also was preceded in death by her parents, one sister: Frotilla Gunnels and by two great-grandchildren: Tyler and Christopher McBride.

She is survived by a Son, James and his wife Glen Ann McBride of West. Daughter, Annette and her husband Emmett Barnard of Odessa. Brother, Wilson Kittrell of Bastrop and one Sister, Mary Lee Wristen of Post. Five Grandchildren, Tony McBride, Denise Wilder, Jamie Smith, Rutilo Barnard and Jerry Barnard. Four Great-grandchildren, Mikeal Wilder, Mike Wilder, Brendon Rhodes and Dalton Smith. Two Sister in laws, Vearl McBride and Alma Williams both of Post.

Pallbearers were Ted Tatum, Bobby Cowdrey, Mason McClellan, Lewis Mason, Lee Norman and Todd Terry. Honorary Pallbearers were be all former students and colleagues.

Allen "A.C." Cash

Allen Clyde "A. C." Cash, 87, of Post, TX, died Wednesday at a Lubbock hospital. Memorial Services will be 5 Pm Sunday, June 5, 2005 at the First Presbyterian Church of Post.

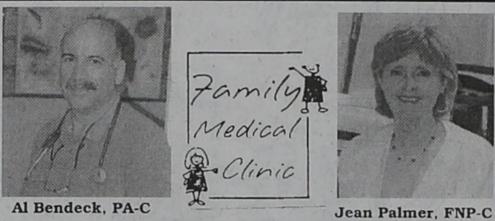
A.C. was born May 19, 1918 in Post, TX to William Allen and Maude Marie (Wood) Cash. He was a lifelong resident of Post. A. C. served in the US Army Air Corp as a mechanic during World War II, in the South Pacific. He became a farmer/rancher in Post. Later, he became owner of the John Deere Dealership in Post. He married Jo Meek on December 27, 1949 in Clovis, NM.

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A. C. was a lifelong civic leader in the Post community, twice named Citizen of The Year. A. C. enjoyed hunting and visiting with friends. He was a member and Elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Post and a member of the VFW. A. C. was preceded in death by his parents and a step-brother, W. J. Tipton.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Cash of Post, children: Jodi Cash of Tulsa OK, Jill Collier and husband Don of Lubbock and Rex Cash and wife Terri of Post, grandchildren: Wilson Cash, Maggie Mae Rodgers, Timmy Hartsuck and Madison Cash. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Post, TX or the American Heart Association.

Letters to the Editor

Letters must be signed by the writer. Editor reserves right to edit for brevity, grammar, libel and accuracy. Letters are published at the sole discretion of the editor.

What a great celebration!

Last Saturday, Post threw a party. Lots of people came, and everyone had a great time.

The Post City Celebration Days event was a great success for our town. The locals had fun, and we had visitors from other cities in our region, from other parts of the state and from other states. We even had a representative from the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Yes! Program with a cameraman documenting the event.

Many volunteers helped to make the event successful; however, without the

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Doll maker, Misty Waddell of Amarillo, poses with one of her favorite dolls on sale at Texas Treasures on Main Street in Post. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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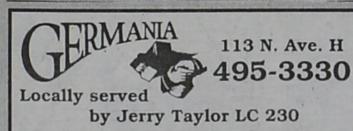
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On God's Word

Jesus Christ prays to his Father...John 17:1-14

After teaching his disciples many things during their walk, Jesus looked up and began to pray to his Father in heaven. The record of his prayer is found in John chapter 17. Not unlike his other recorded prayers, this one is a perfect example for praying to our heavenly Father. Notice the close and personal relationship he had with his Father as reflected in the way he communicated with Him.

He started by saying, "Father, the hour is come; glorify Your son, that Your son also may glorify you. As you have given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as You have given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work that You gave me to do. And now, O Father, glorify me with Your own self with the glory which I had with You before the world was" (John 17:1-5). Jesus knew God's will, and claimed it in prayer. He knew that his Father would back His word. This is why he prayed with such confidence. Notice he did not beg his Father, but instead came to Him with a bold and humble heart ready to receive the promise. According to verse four, he basically told his Father that he did his part, and he trusts Him to do his part.

"I have manifested Your name unto the men that You gave me out of the world. Your s they were, and You gave them to me, and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that whatever You have given me are from You. For I have given unto them the words that You gave me, and they have received them, and

have known surely that I came out from You, and they have believed that You did send me" (verses 6-8). Once again he boldly tells his Father what he did for Him.

Continuing with verse 9, "I pray for them. I pray not for the world, but for them which You have given me, for they are Yours. And all mine are Yours, and Yours are mine. And I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your own name those whom You have given me, that they may be one, as we are." (verses 9-11). Jesus knew that he would soon go to his Father, and his disciples would still be in the world. He reminded his Father that they were His, and boldly asked Him to guard and protect them so that they might be one just as he and his Father were one. This means to be one in purpose or will. Jesus and his Father were one in that Jesus always did his Father's will.

"While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those that You gave me I have kept, and none of them are lost, but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (verses 12-14). He prayed is if what was going to happen already happened. Again he reminded his Father that he guarded all that were his. He prayed that they would have the same joy that was in him. In the name of Jesus Christ it is still available today to have perfect joy in our lives!

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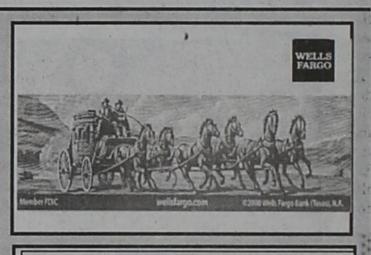
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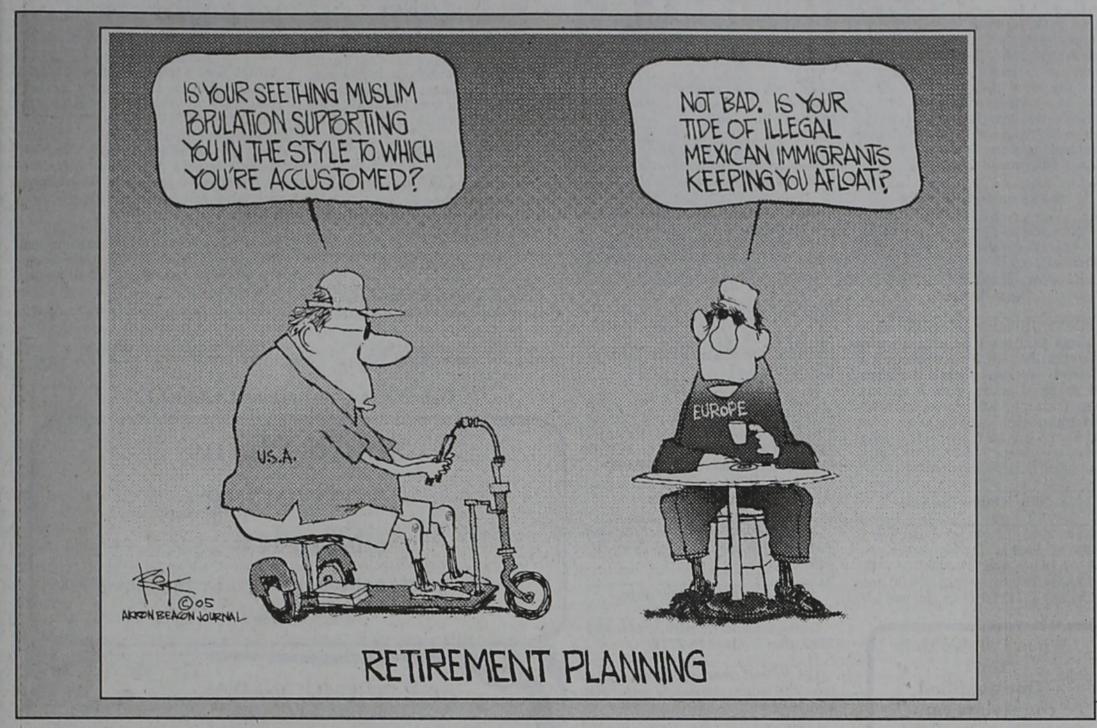
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Victimhood: rhetoric or reality?

by Walter E. Williams

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If you listened to the rhetoric of black politicians and civil rights leaders, What about the decline of the black family? In 1960, only 28 percent of dating back to the Reagan years, you would have been convinced that surely black females between the ages of 15 and 44 were never married. Today, it's by now black Americans would be back on the plantation. According to them, 56 percent. In 1940, the illegitimacy rate among blacks was 19 percent, in President Reagan, and later Presidents Bush I and II, would turn back the 1960, 22 percent, and today, it's 70 percent. Some argue that the state of the clock on civil rights. They'd appoint "new racists" dressed in three-piece black family is the result of the legacy of slavery, discrimination and poverty. suits to act through the courts and administrative agencies to reverse black. That has to be nonsense. A study of 1880 family structure in Philadelphia civil rights and economic gains. We can now recognize this rhetoric as the shows that three-quarters of black families were nuclear families, compolitical equivalent of the "rope-a-dope."

As my colleague Tom Sowell pointed out in a recent column, "Liberals, Race kin-related black households had two parents. In fact, according to Herbert and History," if the Democratic party's share of the black vote ever fell to Gutman in "The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom: 1750-1925," "Five even 70 percent, it's not likely that the Democrats would ever win the White in six children under the age of 6 lived with both parents." Therefore, if one House or Congress again. The strategy liberal Democrats have chosen, to argues that what we see today is a result of a legacy of slavery, discriminaprevent loss of the black vote, is to keep blacks paranoid and in a constant tion and poverty, what's the explanation for stronger black families at a time state of fear. But is it fear of racists, or being driven back to the plantation, much closer to slavery - a time of much greater discrimination and of much that should be a top priority for blacks? Let's look at it.

Only 30 to 40 percent of black males graduate from high school. Many of welfare and Great Society programs. those who do graduate emerge with reading and math skills of a white Since black politicians and the civil rights establishment preach victimhood seventh- or eighth-grader. This is true in cities where a black is mayor, a to blacks, I'd prefer that they be more explicit when they appear in public black is superintendent of schools and the majority of principals and fora. Were they to be so, saying racists are responsible for black illegitimacy, teachers are black. It's also true in cities where the per pupil education blacks preying on other blacks and black family breakdown, their victimhood expenditures are among the highest in the nation.

Across the U.S., black males represent up to 70 percent of prison popula- fetched as one might think. In a campaign speech before a predominantly tions. Are they in prison for crimes against whites? To the contrary, their black audience, in reference to so many blacks in prison, presidential victims are primarily other blacks. Department of Justice statistics for 2001 candidate John Kerry said, "That's unacceptable, but it's not their fault." show that in nearly 80 percent of violent crimes against blacks, both the Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University. victim and the perpetrator were the same race. In other words, it's not To find out more about Walter E. Williams and read features by other Reaganites, Bush supporters, right-wing ideologues or the Klan causing Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web blacks to live in fear of their lives and property and making their neighbor- page at www.creators.com. hoods economic wastelands.

prised of two parents and children. In New York City in 1925, 85 percent of greater poverty? I think that a good part of the answer is there were no

message would be revealed as idiotic. But being so explicit is not as far-

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Parents are right to protect their children from military

by Jacob G. Hornberger

A recent front-page story in the New York Times reported growing them. opposition among parents to the U.S. military's efforts to contact and recruit their children to join the U.S. armed forces. In the process, parents have to explain to God why they signed up knowing that they were going are also discovering some uncomfortable things about the federal govern- to have to kill innocent people as part of a military force that wrongfully

districts have less to do with federal concern that children aren't learning friendly to the U.S. government than Saddam Hussein's regime was. in public (i.e., government) schools and more to do with opportunities to extend federal control over American families. Do you remember the wrongful invasion and occupation of Iraq, not only in the hope of protectmuch-vaunted No Child Left Behind Act? That Act requires school districts to give the military access to the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of high-school students as a condition of receiving federal are not put in the horrible moral dilemma of either killing innocent people www.billoreilly.com. funds. So, if a school district says "No, we won't give the military the or being killed. information it seeks to recruit our students," it loses its federal welfare even if all those children are supposedly "left behind" as a consequence.

Obviously, the biggest reason for parents, opposition to the military's recruitment efforts would be to protect their children from losing their lives and limbs for no valid purpose. After all, ask yourself: What parents would place a higher value on the installation of an Islamic Shiite regime in Iraq, even a democratically elected one, than they would on the life or limbs of their own child? (U.S. officials, of course, do claim that the deaths and maiming of U.S. personnel, as well at the deaths and maiming of tens of thousands of Iraqis, have been worth it.)

But another important factor should be going into the thinking of every parent and, for that matter, every person who is contemplating going into the military: There is no way to reconcile killing an Iraqi citizen, including one who is defending his nation against an unlawful invader and occupier, with God's sacred commandment against killing, given that the U.S. government is wrongfully in Iraq because Iraq never attacked the United States or even threatened to attack our country.

That makes the U.S. the aggressor nation in this conflict and the unlawful and immoral occupier of a sovereign and independent country. That means that the Iraqis who have been killed and who have yet to be killed as part of the U.S. invasion and occupation are just as innocent as the victims on 9/11 in the sense that none of the Iraqi victims had anything to do with the 9/11 attacks and none of them lived under a government that attacked or even threatened to attack the United States.

Thus, U.S. soldiers who kill or maim Iraqis as part of what is called a "war of aggression," a type of war barred by the UN Charter and punished at the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal, will ultimately have to struggle morally and religiously with what they have done.

Some soldiers will undoubtedly say, "I didn't know I was going to have to invade an innocent country when I signed up and, anyway, I'm killing for my country," as if orders by their government to wage a war of aggression excuse them from exercising the conscience that God gave

But that excuse is not even available to new recruits: They're going to invaded a country and persisted in occupying it with no more purpose One thing parents are learning is that federal funds to local school than to establish a political regime that it was hoped would be more

Parents are wise to protect their children from the U.S. military and its ing the lives and limbs of their children from being wasted in a wrongful and destructive cause but also in the hope of ensuring that their children

Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org).

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Hurting your country

by Bill O'Reilly

So how did the USA go from being a beacon of freedom to a champion of the gulag? How exactly did that happen? Well, pull up a chair, here's what

After President Bush won reelection last November, there was much consternation among some powerful anti-Bush Americans. They were stunned that John Kerry lost and feared that if Bush succeeds in his second term, the Democrats would lose again in 2008.

Then came the successful election in Iraq, and the fear on the Left multiplied. If Iraq turned out to be a success, Mr. Bush would become a hero: So the need to undermine the Bush administration became more intense than ever. But how to do it? Social Security wasn't emotional enough, particularly for young voters. What could be done to hurt Bush?

Then came the revelation: Let's torture the president.

The New York Times had already primed the pump, running more than 50 front-page stories on the abuses at Abu Gharib. Then came reports from the International Red Cross that more abuse was happening at Guantanamo. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) was already challenging detentions there, and so a strategy was sealed: The Bush administration was full of torturers and human rights violators. It was ruining America's reputation throughout the world. Bush was a villain.

It was easy to get that thesis out. The left-wing websites fed anti-Bush columnists like Bob Herbert and Richard Cohen information, and the drumbeat intensified. There was torture and abuse and murder all sanctioned by the evil Bush administration. Article after article appeared, and soon, some TV people followed along. It didn't take long before the torture

seed was fully sown. The Newsweek debacle slowed things down a little, but the anti-Bush press quickly banded together and pronounced Newsweek's mistake would never have happened if Bush weren't torturing everybody. I'm sure you read those opinion pieces as they appeared in liberal newspapers all over the country. The theme and wording were so similar that one person could have written all of those articles. And that was no accident.

All the while this was happening, the president and his crew were doing what they usually do when the press pounds them: nothing. They did not engage the abuse propaganda until it was obvious Newsweek had screwed up. But even that effort was derided by many in The White House press corps, who chided the administration for scolding Newsweek.

Now the torture theme has new momentum. Aliberal federal judge in New York City has ruled the Defense Department must release more photos and videos of Abu Ghraib to the ACLU. Of course, that will incite even more hatred against the USA and put our soldiers in more danger, but, hey, politics comes before protecting the troops. The anti-Bush people want those pictures almost as badly as Al Jazeera wants them. Another nail in the president's coffin is more important than bodies in real coffins.

If you think I am exaggerating, I assure you I am not. This torture campaign is being run brilliantly, and if Mr. Bush doesn't wise up soon, he will be bloodied just as Lyndon Johnson was in the Vietnam debacle.

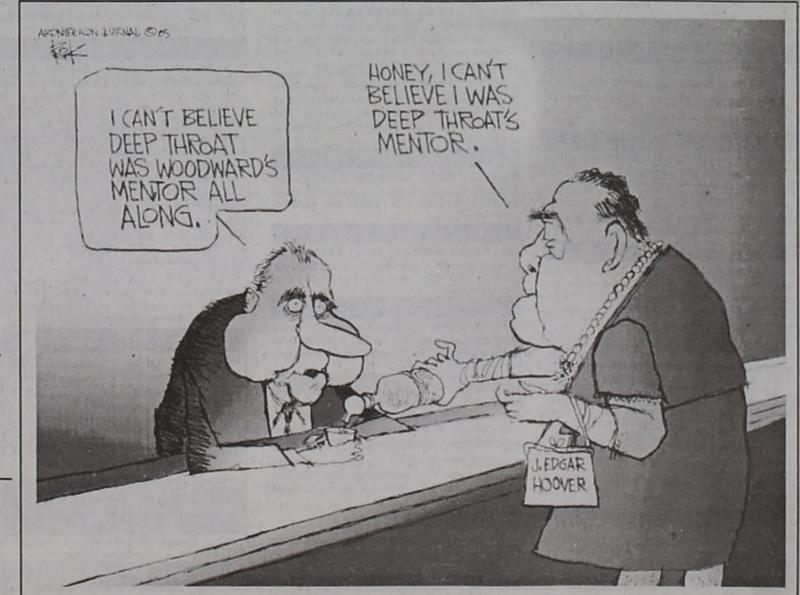
The truth is that abuse has occurred but on a relatively small scale. According to General Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the United States has detained about 68,000 people since 9/11 (most have been released), and there have been 325 investigations into alleged abuse. At this writing, about 100 cases of wrongdoing have been substantiated.

That's not a big number, but it doesn't matter to the anti-Bush cabal, which understands that perception is reality in a nation where "reality programming" is the rage of the day. If you can sell the nation that America is now a war criminal, President Hillary Clinton is a real possibility.

So there you have it. For the anti-Bush folks it is simple: no pain, no gain. Torture is selling, and the media is buying. For those of you who are appalled by this analysis, I can only say one thing: Sometimes the truth, like torture,

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10 Years Ago June 7, 1995

Garza County Extension Office's secretary Dianne Graves and ag agent John Senter welcome Kelly Ahrens to their county office. Kelly will serve as agent for family and consumer sciences.

announced the opening of the popular summer offering, "The Harley Sadler Show."

Post residents graduating from Texas Tech University during 1995 spring commencement exercises include Mendy Dalby, John Gregory Haire, Tyra Hart, Melanie Morris and Sharla Wells.

Johnny Davenport of Post, teamed up with Bob Gilmore of Lubbock to take home the first place trophy in Class "A" going undefeated in winning their first Texas State Doubles Championship Horseshoe Tourna-

Post High School baseball players named to the All-District team are Manuel Zubia, David Perez and Justin Terry.

20 Years Ago June 12, 1985

Post Cares facility got a grand opening recently as Mayor Giles McCrary lead the ceremony. The building is located at 222 East 8th Street.

Reta Darlene Gunn and Gary Ray Speck the Chicago White Sox. exchanged wedding vows June 8 in the First United Methodist Church of San Angelo. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gunn of Post.

Margie Gill received her diploma from Gary Whittington, instructor for Allsup's Assistant Manager training course.

1985-86 varsity cheerleaders are Laura Crenshaw, Golden Capps, Bunny Miller, Heidi Ehret, Kerrie Hart and Tyra Alexander. Junior varsity cheerleaders are LaDonna Scott, Amber Crenshaw, Keitha White and Margaret Wynn.

Wedding vows were exchanged Friday evening, June 7 between Mendy Dale Tatum and Giles Wilson Dalby Jr. at the Church of Christ of Post.

> 30 Years Ago June 12, 1975

Mrs. Liberty Anthony recently was honored on completion of 30 years of employment at Burlington Industries' Postex Plant.

Bill Holly has an unusual "twosome." He has a Rambouillet Ram (sheep) that has taken under it's care a blind calf. The ram herds it to pasture, to drink and to the feeding trough when penned.

New officers for the coming year were elected by the American Legion Post No. 270. Officers elected include: Archie Gill, commander; A. J. Baumann, first vice commander; Bob Graves, second vice commander; George Hester, third vice commander; George Sneed, sergeant at arms, Linford Warren, service officer; Dean Robinson, Chaplain and Rusty Dean, mess officer.

Ben Owen, local cabinet shop owner, and "part time gardener," has what you might call a rarity in his garden. He has potatoes growning, bearing on top of the handling the outfield. ground.

> 40 Years Ago June 10, 1965

for 14 years and a teacher in the Post year. schools for the last decade, was hired by

Post school trustees as the new junior high

Robert H. (Bob) Collier Jr. of Post has been elected president of the Texas Pharmaceuticl Association.

Entries are coming in daily for Post's annual Appaloosa Horse Show according the Managing director Jane Prince Jones has rodeo arena chairmen, Oscar Gray and Floy Richardson.

White River water flowed through wafeaturing Jon Steele as Zambra in "Sput- ter mains here for the first time yesterday afternoon when the final valve was opened. Post literally "ran out of water" when the 200,000 gallon fire reserve in the new White River storage tank west of Post was committed to tide the community through the final hours of its White River water

Agnes Parnell was installed as worlthy matron of the Order of Eastern Star at the Masonic Lodge Hall

50 Years Ago June 9, 1955

Miss Juanita Tyra became the bride of Bobby Lawrence Terry in a double ring ceremony, in the First Baptist Church parlor in Lamesa. Miss Jane Ballentine served as maid of honor and Mack Terry attedend his brother as best man.

Norman Cash of Post, outfielder and leading hitter on this season's Sul Ross College baseball team, has been signed by

James Brewer, Post High School student, shot a 73 to top medalist honors in the Caprock Golf Course's second annual tour-

In a double ring service read Friday evening in the First Baptist Church, Miss Wyvonne Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Morris and Gene Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy, exchanged wedding vows.

Jimmy Moore of Post won both the saddle bronc and bull riding events at Slaton's Frontier Days rodeo.

> 60 Years Ago June 7, 1945

Lt. Col. James E. Minor., husband of the former Marian Lee Mason, who has been overseas more than two years has received recognition for outstaning performance of duty and for demonstrating outstanding ability. He has received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star with clusters, the Purple Heart with two clusters, the Bronze Star and the Presidential Citation. Minor is entitled to wear numerous battle

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Ferguson of the Graham community are announcing the arrival of a son on May 26th. The young man weighed 10 1-2 pounds and will be known

The first softball menu will be served up for the Post sports fans Sunday afternoon. Whities Cafe team will be host to a strong Blue Bonnet Laundry team from Lubbock. Whities cafe line-up will be Gibson pitching, with Hall behind the bat. Taking care of the infield will be Simms, D. Altman, Ed Altman and Holland, with Duren, Bartlett, Barnes and Kuykendall

Eddie Warren, Chief Petty Officer of the U. S. Navy in the Aerial Photo Division, will arrive in Post today. Warren has been Jim Pollard, a high school math teacher stationed in the New Hebrides for the past



Participating in the West Texas All-Star football game last Saturday at Lowery Field in Lubbock are Jerrad Grisham (6) and Jett Lott (30). (Photo by Gena Lott)

Living on the Edge of the Caprock by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Garden Checklist for June 2005

1. Take a critical look at your landscape at the height of summer development. Make notes of any plants that need replacement, overgrown plants that need to be removed, better arrangements for your landscape, and possible activity areas that can be enjoyed by family members. These are good projects for next winter.

2. Check for insects and diseases. Spider mites can be especially troublesome at this time. Insecticidal soaps or labeled miticides can be helpful in their control. 3. The best way to conserve garden moisture is mulching. A good mulch not only retains valuable moisture needed for plant growth, but also improves overall gardening success.

4. Hand pull or hoe weeds before they mature and produce seed.

5. Mulches are usually applied 2- to 6-inches deep, depending on the material used. In general, the coarser the material, the deeper the mulch. For example, a 2-inch layer of cotton seed hulls will have about the same mulching effect as 6 inches of oat straw or 4 inches of coastal bermuda hay.

6. Removing faded flowers from the plant before it sets seed will keep plants growing and producing more flowers. A light application of fertilizer every four to six weeks will also be helpful.

7. Houseplants can be moved outside this month. Sink the pots in a cool, shaded garden bed to prevent them from drying out too quickly. Water pots, container plants and hanging baskets often. Monthly feeding with a household fertilizer encourages continued growth.

8. Now is the time to plan for next spring. Consider digging and dividing any crowded spring bulbs. Once bulbs have matured and the foliage has turned brown, it is time to spade them up and thin out the stand. Crowded bulbs produce fewer and smaller blooms. They usually need thinning every three to four years. Replant immediately in prepared soils.

9. June is the month to select day lily varieties as they reach their peak

10. Fertilize rose beds every four to six weeks. Apply small amounts of fertilizer high in nitrogen immediately after a flush of bloom or every four to six

11. There is still time to plant some of the heat-tolerant summer annuals. You can direct-seed zinnias and portulaca, and purchase periwinkle, salvia, marigold and purslane plants for transplanting. Be sure to water transplants adequately until roots become established.

12. Pinch back chrysanthemums, Mexican marigold mint, autumn asters and other late summer and fall blooming annuals to prevent the necessity for staking.

13. Re-blooming salvias such as Salvia greggii and S. farinacea should be pruned back periodically during the summer. To make the job easier use hedging shears and remove only the spent flowers and a few inches of stem below. Fall blooming perennials such as Mexican marigold mint (Tagetes lucida), chrysanthemums, physostegia, and Salvia leucantha (Mexican bush sage) should be pruned in the same manner during the summer to keep them compact, reducing the need for staking. This type of pruning should be completed prior to September 1st, since flower buds begin forming about that time.

Menus

TRAILBLAZERS

June 13 - Lasagna, Italian veggies, salad, garlic bread, bananna pudding. June 14 - Baked ham, oven

potatoes, spinach, macaroni salad, hot roll, frosted cake. June 15 - Hamburger steak w/

brown gravy, rice, squash, wheat roll, fello salad. June 16 - Baked chicken w/ mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes,

broccoli, salad, lemon cake. June 17 - Brisket, augratin potatoes, fried okra, wheat roll, apricot cobbler.

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the living space. Stairs leading up to the doorways may interfere with your

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open wide enough to accommodate a wheelchair, if that ever becomes necessary.

Also, check the width and slopes of the sidewalks around your home to ensure

A single-story home allows for better maneuverability in the event you are ever physically impaired. Stairs pose a great risk for falling for persons of any

age, especially older adults. Be sure that stairs are covered with a non-slip

surface and that they are well-lighted. If you have a multi-story home, consider

whether or not you have everything you need on the ground floor, such as a

The kitchen is the new "family room" of today's home so you should make sure

your kitchen is accessible. Make pathways through the kitchen wide enough

to accommodate a wheelchair or walker. Also, make sure that if you are ever

confined to a wheelchair that you will have access to your cabinets and drawers.

Equip your sink with push/pull lever faucet handles rather than the standard

knobs in case something like arthritis or stroke impairs your ability to grip

on them, try to avoid small knobs and grips. For door handles, choose "lever"

type door handles that may be pushed down or lifted up to open. This will allow

access even if you are impaired by arthritis or stroke. Choose handles rather

than knobs for your kitchen cabinets and other cabinets in your home. Many

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cabinets that allow easy access to your utensils without having to stoop down

in and out of your bathroom if you are in a wheelchair or using a walker? Will

you be able to reach your sink? Make sure that the doorway to your bathroom

is wide and that there is plenty of floor space to move around inside of it.

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existing home, think about the following principles of Universal Design.

that they, too, will provide easy wheelchair access.

and dig through your cabinets.

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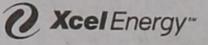
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Musicians from around the South Plains perform with Country Singer, Cathy Whitten (front center), in the Rotary room of the Post Community Center last Saturday evening during Post Celebration Days. The band, "Talk of the Town" included (left to right), Corky Abraham and Noel White (Post), Buster Jones (Lubbock), Brian Ashburn (Abernathey), Ronnie Rayburn (Brownfield), Clint Chapman (Lubbock) and Morris Tyler (Lubbock). (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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Large One Bedroom (Double Occupancy)



\$350 Damage Deposit is required, refundable upon satisfactory condition of the room upon move out.

Private Pay Only is accepted (We will provide information necessary for residents who have commercial insurance coverage to file a claim.)

Prices include all of the following amenities:

 Conveniently located adjacent to Lynn County Hospital District health care facilities

appropriate times for self-administration)

- Spacious living accommodations to be furnished with resident's own furniture and choice of decor
- Utilities included in room prices

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- ◆ Three nutritious meals served daily in our large dining room
- Regularly scheduled social activities
- ◆ Personal laundry facilities and housekeeping services provided ◆ RESIDENT'S OBLIGATIONS: Telephone and Assistance with medication (we will not administer medications, but will give medications to residents at the
- ♦ Staff help in coordinating trips to see physicians, shopping, etc. ♦ Resident parking available
- Library, beauty shop, and other amenities
- Independent living with safety and security Caring and friendly staff
- Homelike, dignified living for your loved ones
- Cable TV service, if desired, may be made through individual billing arrangements with

those companies, paid directly by residents. 1801 Country Club Road

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Tahoka, Texas

Susie Sosa, Lynnwood Administrator

Owned and Operated by Lynn County Hospital District

"Our goal is to provide our residents with a safe, homelike environment, yet have the privacy, independence and dignity to live a long and healthy life. Each resident will be afforded the highest level of genuine care."

Fac. ID #100713



Justin and Linda Marquez of Snyder performs Mountain Music on the Hammered Dulcimer and guitar in front of the Algerita Arts Center during last weekends Post Celebration Days on Main Street. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Friends enjoying the wine from the Llano Estacado Vineyard booth at Old Mill Trades during Post Celebration Days last Saturday are (left to right), Beth Taylor (Dallas), Lesley McCrary (Lubbock), Catherine Webb (Fort Worth) and David Iglesias (Tyler). (Photo by Tim Burnett)

In Loving Memory of Cruz V. Agueros 1903-1980



Wife Mrs Inez Flores Agueros

As early as 1926, property for a Catholic Church was purchased east of town. This property proved to be too far away from the populace, however, and was sold. Years elapsed with no church in town.

The Catholics of the area had to travel up the Cap Rock to Slaton for Mass. In 1955 the Catholics in Post asked the Bishop of Amarillo for a Chapel; and a very active building committee soon launched a program under the leadership of Father James Erickson.

The story is told that when Father Erickson was looking for a church name, he inquired among the members of the parish which of them had been in the town the longest. He found that it was a man named Cruz Agueros, so he decided to call the church Santa Cruz or Holy Cross, the Name under which it is known to this day.

On behalf of the Cruz and Inez Agueros Family, we would like to send out a special thanks to all of those that made the dedication mass and dinner possible on April 30th. We would especially like to thank:

- Isabel Salas for all the cooking
- Frank Flores for cooking all the meat
- Ramon Flores for the music Cuala Tijerina and Sylvia Williams for the flowers in the
- church Belinda Trevino for making the pamphlets and providing the plaque that will be placed in the hall
- To the Father for saying the mass All that helped serve the dinner and to all those that helped set up the hall

Extension Extras

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or na-Record Book Workday Correction

Record book work days will be held

June 15 and 16, and June 28, from 9-12 and 1-5. Additional work time will need to be scheduled by appointment only at District 2 4-H Horse Show

4-H members will be exhibiting horses at the District Two Horse Show at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center in Lubbock June 14, 2005. Sydney Shipp and Kadie Vernon will represent Garza County 4-H in the annual event.

State Steer Validation - June 20, 2005 The state steer validation will be held Monday, June 20, at Syd Conner's pen in Post. Validation and steer weigh-in for the Rate-of-Gain contest will begin at 5:00 p.m. All 4-H and FFA members in Garza County with steer projects need to make plans to attend. Cost of validation is \$10 per head. For more information, call the Extension office at 495-4400.

Lake Alan Henry 2005 Tournament Schedule

Sunday, June 27 - American Bass Anglers: 75 anglers expected, 50 boats; open; start time at safe light; weigh-in at 3 p.m.; contact Joe Parker, 806-252-1119. Sunday, July 31 - American Bass An-

glers; 75 anglers expected, 50 boats; open; start time at safe light; weigh-in at 3 p.m.; contact Joe Parker, 806-252-1119. (Tournaments in July and August are paper tournaments/night tournaments or hourly weight-in tournaments only.)

Sunday, Aug. 28 — American Bass Anglers; 75 anglers expected, 50 boats; open; start time at safe light; weigh-in at 3 p.m.; contact Joe Parker, 806-252-1119. (Tournaments in July and August are paper tournaments/night tournaments or hourly weight-in tournaments only.)

(Source: Lake Alan Henry Web site. an official Web site of the City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation Department, http://www.lakealanhenry.org)

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