Local residents chosen for Post City Idol Contest

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and also at the Garza Theatre

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receive awards.

ticipating in the Post City Idol event. The top contestant in each Contest at Old Mill Trade Days, eight are Post residents. Other participants will come from New Mexico, Lubbock and eleven other area towns.

Hannah Jackson, Adrianna Barboza, Jessica Quisenberry, Laura Morley, Kelsey Leah Isbell and Samantha Morley, all of Post, will participate in the first round of competition beginning at 10:00 am Friday, July 7. If any of these is chosen for the semi-finals, their next performance will be at 2:00 pm the same day.

Juanetta Bocko and Stacy Wright will perform in the first round for contestants 16 years and older at 10:00 am Saturday, July 8. The semi-finals for this age group will be at 2:00 pm Saturday.

Winners in each of the semifinal rounds will participate in the finals at 10:00 am on August

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Cola, the Post Dispatch and Old Mill Trade Days. "Although we are not affiliated with American Idol, we are following their guidelines for our competition," explained Rosa Latimer, General Manager of Old Mill Trade Days.

Of the 56 contestants par- 5 during the Old Mill Trade Days with celebrity judges for the finals including Bryan Hughes, meteorologist for FOX 34 in Lubbock, Kenny Maines and Cathy Whitten."

> The Post City Idol competition in Post. Second and third place is part of the scheduled Old Mill Trade Days event, July 7 - 9. Admission on Friday is \$1/Senior Adults over 65 are admitted free. On Saturday admission is \$2. There is no charge for children under ten and parking is free. There is no additional charge for the Post City Idol performances. Trade Days is expecting more than 120 vendors including over a dozen food vendors for the July event. For more information call 806-495-3529.



United Supermarkets of Post employees participating in a going away party for store manager Chris Edwards are (back row left to right) Chris Edwards, LaGayluah McReynolds, Sidney Travenia and Shawna Jaquess, (front row) San Juana Orejon, Andrea Rodriguez, Lydia Perez, Jennifer Taylor, Andrew Pool and Ashley Crane, Edwards move to the United store on 4th street in Lubbock.

Springtime Becomes Electric: Protect Appliances During Storms

from Nancy McDonald, County Extension Agent

"We'll have judges for each round

Family & Consumer Sciences Remember those April showers that bring May flowers? Some of that springtime moisture comes in raging storms complete with thunder, lightning and hail, said a Texas Cooperative Extension expert.

These storms can be hazardous for people, places and things, especially when those 'things' are electronic or electric. That's why precautions should be

taken with computers, television sets, air conditioners, refrigerators and other electrical or electronic appliances.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International lists lightening, power outages and electrical haz-

ards as the causes of many summertime deaths and injuries. Following these steps from the foundation could help reduce these tragedies:

 Before storm season, install a lightning rod system. If lightning strikes the building, these devices can protect the structure by directing the current into the ground.

· During a storm, stay indoors and away from windows and doors.

· Use only cordless phones during a thunderstorm; use corded phones only for emergencies.

· Unplug electronic equipment including computers and televisions before the storm, and don't touch electrical equipment, appliances or cords during the

· Stay away from sinks, tubs and faucets.

· Bring pets indoors.

National Weather Service June 26, 2006

Average high - 94.2 Average low - 67.9 Monthly average temp - 81.1 Normal temp - 78.1 Monthly total precip - 0.50" Normal precip - 2.83 Heat units since May 1 - 1009 High temp/month - 101 (June

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Year-to-date precip - 10.78" Source: National Weather Service, Lubbock

Severe storms can bring down power lines, but just because the lines are down doesn't mean the power is out.

In fact, "downed power lines ... can carry an electric current strong enough to cause serious injury or possibly death," according to the

That's why the foundation offered the following precautions:

· Stay away from downed power lines and anything that touches them. If you are near a downed line, minimize the potential for shock by

using small steps to shuffle away. Keep your feet together and on the ground at all

· Call 911 immediately if you see someone who is in direct or

indirect contact with a downed line, but do not touch the person.

· Do not try to move a downed line. Even wood or other non-conductive materials that might be used to move the line can conduct electricity • Do not put your feet in water

near a downed line. • Do not drive over a downed line.

If your car is in contact with the line, stay inside the vehicle and honk the horn for help. • If you must leave the car, jump

out with both feet together. Don't touch the car and the ground at the same time in order to avoid being the electric link between the car and the ground. Then shuffle away. Extension programs serve

people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. Source: Linda Anderson & Janie

Harris, Extension Housing and Environment Specialist.

Schronk set to begin residency

Kenneth D. Schronk Jr., a 1995 Post High School graduate and a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University, was granted the title of Doctor of Medicine on May 20 at graduation ceremonies conducted by the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio.

While a student at UTHSCSA, Schronk participated in several curricular and extracurricular activities, including Clinical Rotation Leader, Teaching Associate for Gross Anatomy, the General Internal Medicine Statewide Preceptorship Program, Habitat for Humanity and the Metro Health Clinic Relief for victims of Hurricane Katrina. He also found time to become an active member in several professional associations, including the American Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association, the Bexar County Medical Society and the American Society of

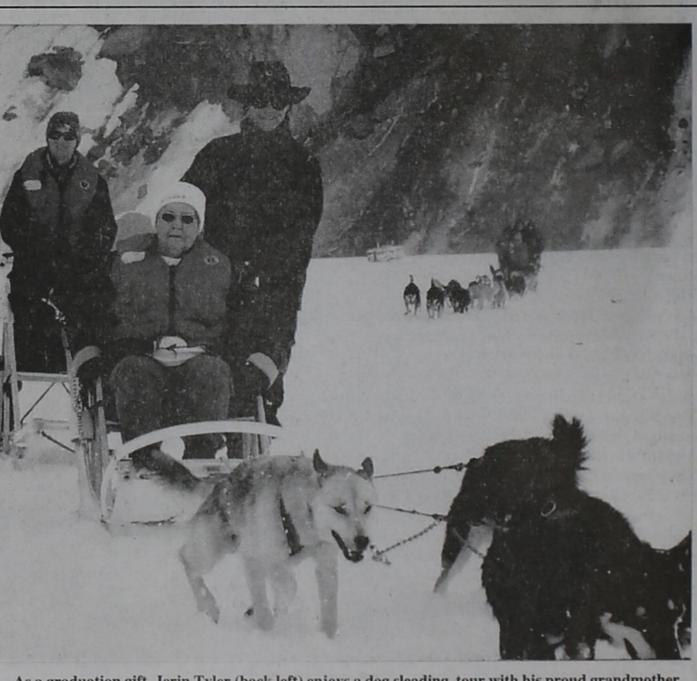
Anesthesiologists. During his final year at UTHSCSA, he was one of 18 students in his class of 190 selected to the Marvin P. Forland M.D. Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society, which recognizes senior medical students,



residents, role-model physician teachers and other exemplars for "demonstrated excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to

Schronk and his wife, Cassy, have moved to Lubbock where he will begin his residency with the Department of Anesthesiology at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center on Saturday. They are anticipating the arrival of their first child in August.

Schronk is the son of Freda Harper and the grandson of Dora Halford of Post and the late James Halford.



As a graduation gift, Jerin Tyler (back left) enjoys a dog sleading tour with his proud grandmother Nell Tyler (front sitting) at Dinver Glacier near Stagway, Alaska. The vacation trip lasted June 2-9 and included stops at Juno, Stagway, Icy Point and Victoria, British Columbia. (Photo courtesy of Nell Tyler)

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2006 Post Little League Cubs are (back row left to right) Coaches Gregg Jones, Lanny Fluitt and Manager Phil Tyler, (middle row) Nathaniel Gill, Blace Stevens, Grant James, Austin Tyler and Quenton Benham, (front row) Campbell Kirkpatrick, Carson Kirkpatrick, Paden Babb, Nolan Prather and



2006 Post Little League Yankees are (back row left to right) Coach Gilbert Perez, McLayne Hall, Arron Perez, Dale Diaz, Shawn Perez, Fermin Rivera, Manager Paul Perez, (front row) Willy Barbosa, Michael McClain, Jordan Barbosa, Dylan Pearson, Dalton Holly, Jonah Garza and Jose Rodriguez.

Bricks now available in Memorial Plaza project

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> According to a flier advertising the engraved pavers, a memorial plaza will be constructed on the front lawn of the Garza

> County courthouse. the original brick "from the streets of the City of Post."

The project will be constructed in three sections:

· The north side, which will contain bricks bearing the names of citizens from the community's past and present - those "who have made Post and Garza County a success."

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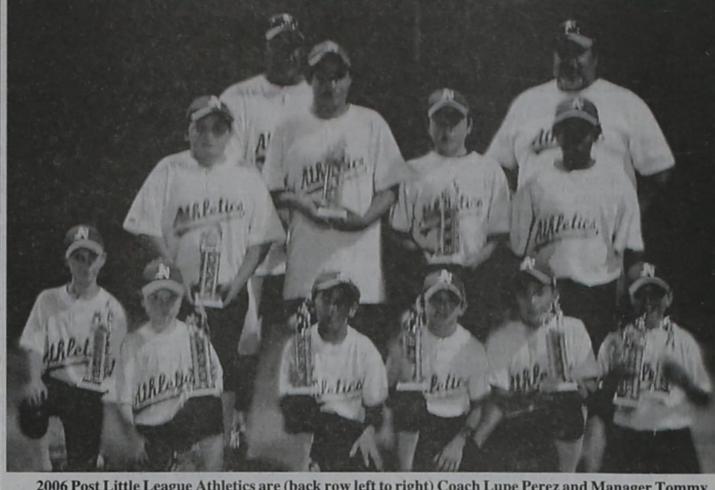
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The plaza will be built from be limited to 13 total spaces/ the Post Commerce & Tourism letters.

Order forms for commemorative bricks are available at

www.postcitytexas.com. Overseeing the project are members of the Plaza Project Committee: Bo Jackson, Lee Norman, Rex Cash, Thressa Harp and Wyvonne Kennedy. Those lauded for their early

• The south side, which will contributions to the project the Post City Council; County · The seating area, which Judge Giles W. Dalby and the will recognize elected officials Garza County Commissioners who have served Garza County Court; Linda Puckett and the Garza County Historical Mu-Cost is \$55 per brick. Each seum; Veterans of Foreign Wars paver can have up to three Post #6797; American Legion, engraved lines; each line will James C. Cole, Post #270; and



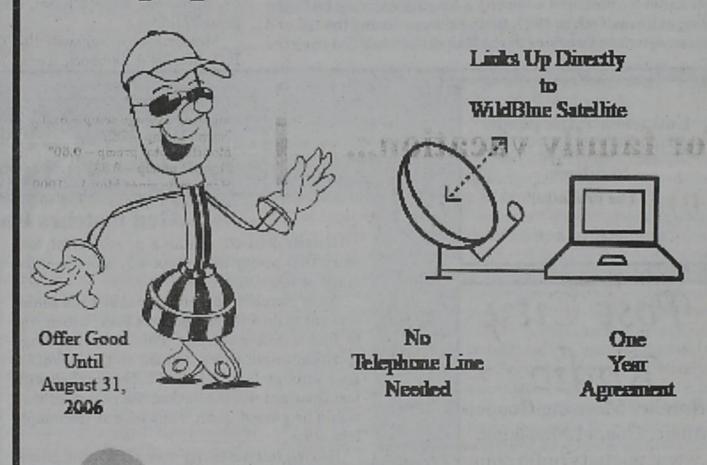
2006 Post Little League Athletics are (back row left to right) Coach Lupe Perez and Manager Tommy Basquez, (middle row) Michael Guerra, Jacob Perez, T.J. Basquez and Jordan Curtis, (front row) Ethan Self, Wyatt Benham, Chris Perez, Zach Bush, Nathan Guerra and Josiel Delgadillo.

Post Little League team photos courtesy of Kelly Macy

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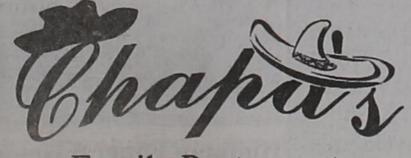
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Obituaries

Modesta Macias

Mass for Modesta Macias, 38, of Fluvanna was at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2006, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Paul Karieakatt officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died June 19 at her home.

Born July 26, 1967, in Slaton, she was a Catholic.

Survivors include two sons, Isidro Villa Jr. of Post and Daniel Macias of Fluvanna; one daughter, Marselia Munoz of Post; her mother, Angelita Rosas of Post; her husband of Fluvanna; three sisters, Cecelia Vega, Amelia Rosas and Mickie Trinidad, all of Post; and three brothers, Felix Rosas Jr., Phil Rosas and Margarito Rosas, all of Post.

Pete Walls

Services for Pete Walls 94, of Post were 11:00 am Saturday at the Calvary Baptist Church in Post with Charles McCook officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Walls passed away Wednesday, June 21, 2006 in Lubbock. He was born December 20, 1911 in Peacock, Texas to Tom Leslie and Pallie (Beavers) Walls. He married Fleta Goss January 6, 1930 in Lovington, New Mexico. They moved to Post in 1946. He has been a farmer, had worked at the Postex Cotton Mill and also worked in road construction. He was preceded in death by his wife on March 10, 1999 and by a grandson, Dale Walls on January 9, 2005. He enjoyed rodeos, listening to old time western music and people watching in downtown Post

He is survived by a son, Herbert Walls and his wife Lois of Post, and by a daughter Geneva Belongia also of Post. Grandchildren: Derek and Cheryl Walls, Irene Fry, Martha Jo and Doug Roberts, Chris and Chita Belongia and Laurie Odom. 18 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Derek Walls, Chris Belongia, Jayson Fry, Lucas Walls, Doug Roberts, Brad Roberts, Jeff Roberts and Justin Carlton. Honorary pallbeares were great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to The American Diabetes Association or to Hospice of Lubbock.

William F. "Bill" Robinson

Services for William F. "Bill" Robinson, 88, of Lockhart were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2006, in the First Lockhart Baptist Church with the Rev. Gary Rodgers and the Rev. Jason Jones officiating. A second service is set for 3 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at the Hudman Funeral Home in Post. Burial, with military honors, will follow in the Terrace Cemetery in Post. Arrangements were handled by the McCurdy Funeral Home of Lockhart.

He died Sunday, June 18, at the Golden Age Nursing Home in

Born Dec. 13, 1917, in Post, the only child of Frederick and Lelia (Carpenter) Robinson, he moved with his parents to a house near the old Garza County Fairgrounds when he was eight years old. In his sophomore year of high school, he slipped and injured his leg, resulting in a number of surgeries to repair the damage. His mother cared for him, and following a lengthy recovery he began studying at Texas Tech in 1937, taking classes during the fall and spring semesters and working at the Postex Cotton Mill during the

summer months. In 1938 he began training to become a fireman responsible for regulating the steam and oil to the locomotive train engine on the Santa Fe Railroad

Before going to work in the railroad industry, he volunteered to join the U.S. Army Air Force in October 1942. He was stationed in Lubbock and worked as an air traffic controller during World War II. After learning he would not be sent overseas, he married Erma Juaniece Serratt on Dec. 3, 1943.

In the early 1950s he began working in the oilfields owned by the Brown Brothers in Post. In 1968 he went to work as a safety inspector and fire and explosion investigator for the State of Texas Railroad Commission. He moved his family to Lockhart and continued to work for the Railroad Commission until his retirement in 1972. Following his retirement, he pursued ranching, real estate and other interests. He was a deacon for the First Lockhart Baptist Church.

His family played an integral role in Post's heritage and he had many stories to tell of his family's history in Post and other parts of the American west.

Survivors include his son, Stacy Robinson and wife, Peggy, of Lockhart; his daughters, Argan Fulcher and husband, Richard, of Richardson, Arleta Cornelius of Burnet and Nancy Meece and husband, Don, of New Mexico; his grandchildren, Vanessa Fulcher, Lisa Green, Angie Sheets, Laura Cook, Jenna Robinson and Breck Robinson; and his great-grandchildren, Gabrielle Bailey, Mercy Sheets, Zaden Sheets and Austin Cook.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by one grandson, Jeffrey Orlein.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorials be made to the First Lockhart Baptist Church, 315 W. Prairie Lea, Lockhart, TX 78644 or to The Well, P.O. Box 18764, Austin, TX 78760.

Bernice Nelson Martin Lee

A celebration of a life lived by good and old traditional values were held at graveside for Bernice Nelson Martin Lee, 84 of Modesto, California were 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 23, 2006. The Rev. Kevin Blackburn of the Calvary Baptist Church, officiated. Arrangements were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Lee went to be with her Lord and Savior Sunday, June 18, 2006.

She was born to Helmer and Alice Nelson April 23, 1922. She attended school here and married Wayne Martin, December 11, 1941. He preceded her in death September 10, 1972. Shorty after their marriage here in Post they moved to Richmond, California and finally settled at Union City, California. She married Alton O. Lee in 1976 and he preceded her in death February 7, 1999. After their marriage she moved to Modesto, California. She retired from Glass Containers Corporation in Hayward, California. She was a member of the AFLCIO and believed strongly in the union. After learning that she could not have children, she adopted two children. She was an advocate for children's homes that would take in special needs children. Having adopted a special need child herself. She truly had a special place in her heart for them. She also was instrumental in helping her own son to achieve 12 years of sobriety.

She was also preceded in death by siblings: Ellwood Nelson of Post, Evelyn LeMond of Andrews and Callie Strofer of Post.

Survivors include: one son: Noah D. Martin; one daughter: Marie Martin, both of Modesto, Ca. and one brother: Troy and his wife Joyce Nelson of Post. One granddaughter: Heather Martin of Vancouver, Washington. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins in Post and the surrounding areas. And by, numerous step-children, step-grandchildren and step-greatgrandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to The Children's Home of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2824, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

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.

"We pledge our lives, our fortunes, our sacred honor"

When the founding fathers of our nation gathered in Philadelphia, Penn., in July 1776, they knew that by writing, agreeing to and signing the Declaration of Independence that it was a total commitment. There would be no going back once the deed was done. That is why they agreed to "pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" to the battle for independence.

For almost all of the men who signed the document it did, in fact, mean the loss of most or all of these things. Some lost their homes, families and property. Others even lost their lives, but they held on to their honor. Why? I would suggest because that honor was built upon something much greater than the personal desire to be free from the tyranny of King George III.

Their commitment was based upon faith in God and His divine help and direction. In the Declaration of Independence these men declared their faith in the Creator by writing, "With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

Eleven years later in 1787, when many of the same men met to write the Constitution of the United States, they included the words of King David with in. "Except the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it" (Psalms 127:1). Benjamin Franklin told the delegates to the convention to pray to God for His guidance and blessing. He also said, "God governs the affairs of men and nations."

There are many today that claim our country was established by unbelievers to be a purely secular nation. If you take time to read the documents they wrote no such conclusion is possible. The often-repeated phrase by secularists today is that the Constitution guarantees "separation of church and state." That statement appears nowhere in the document and to say that it is there is a figment of imagination.

George Washington said, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible. True religion affords government it surest support."

On his tomb at Mount Vernon is inscribed, "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth on Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

As our nation celebrates its 230th birthday, let us pledge "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" to renew its greatness under Divine guidance. Travis Sweet

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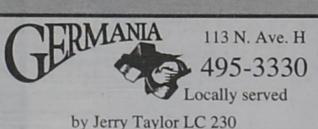
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On God's Word

By Timothy W. Burnett

God matches Isaac with Rebekah Genesis 24:1-67 contains a wonderful love (Genesis 24:15).

story that pretty much tops any story seen on stage or television.

After Sarah died Abraham called his senior servant to do a very important task, which was to find a wife for Isaac. This story has huge spiritual implications related to the promised seed through Isaac. He had to be matched with just the right woman so that the promised seed would be passed down. Let's look at the simple love story.

Having full authority over all that Abraham owned, the servant took ten camels and left to Mesopotamia toward the city of Nahor, where he made his camels to kneel down by a well of water at the time that women would go out to draw the water (Genesis 24:10-11). Next we see why Abraham chose this servant.

He immediately went to God in prayer saying, "O Lord God of my master Abraham, I pray you, send me good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water. And let it come to pass that the young woman to whom I shall say, 'Let down your pitcher, I pray, that I may drink.' And she shall say, 'Drink and I will give your camels drink also.' Let the same be she that you have appointed for your servant Isaac. And thereby shall I know that you have showed kindness unto my master" (Genesis 24:12-14). He went straight to God with trust that He would help him find the perfect woman for Isaac.

While he prayed, Rebekah came out with a pitcher of water. Wow! God's timing is so perfect.

When the servant saw Rebekah, he immediately ran to her and did like he had prayed, and asked for a little water. She gave him the water and went so far as to give water to all of his camels. While the servant watched her run back and forth between the well and the camels with water, he held his peace and wondered if this was the woman.

After she finished, he gave her the traditional gifts for marital propositions, asked about her father and if there was a place where he could stay the night. She answered his questions and offered to let him stay with her family. Next he bowed down and thanked God in her

Verses 30-54 describe the servant's interaction with Rebekah's family. He rehashed the events leading to his meeting with Rebekah and then asked if he came to the right place. Bethuel knew that this was from God and let her leave to be Isaac's wife. The next morning they left the city. As they approached Abraham's home, Rebekah lifted up her eyes and slid off the camel when she saw Isaac who was meditating in the field. Isaac also noticed her from a distance. She asked the servant about the man she saw in the field and he explained that he was Isaac

Isaac and Rebekah became husband and wife. With God as matchmaker, it truly was love at first sight. And Isaac loved her from that time on (Genesis 24:67 & 26:8). For the archives of On God's Word visit www.

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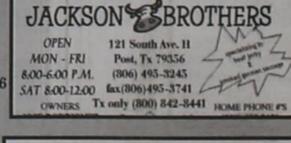
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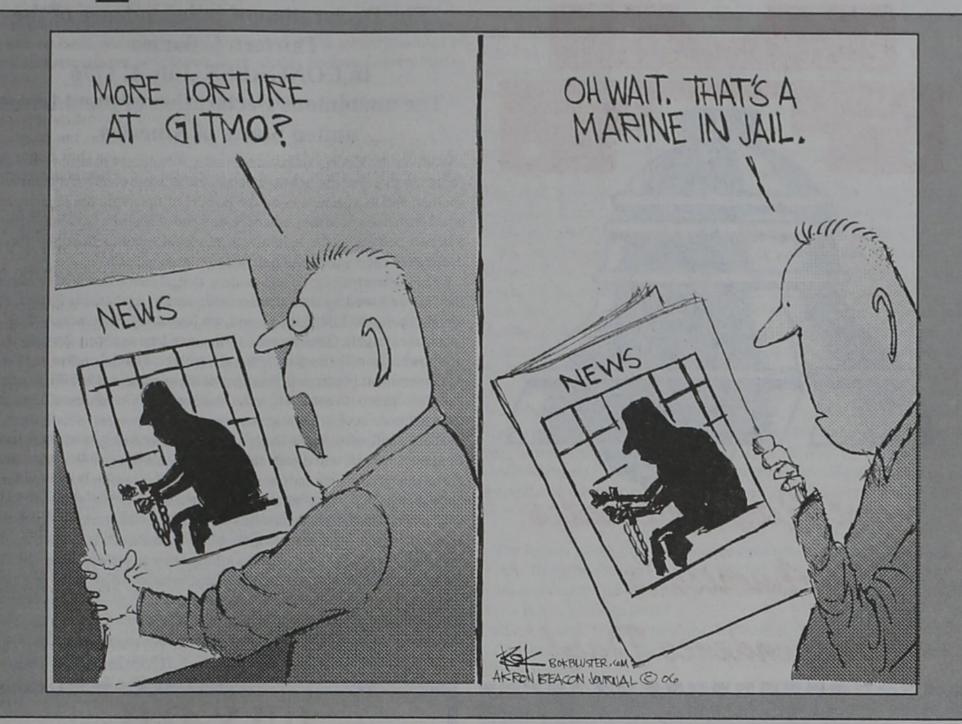
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Foreign aid to Africa

A Minority View

by Walter E. Williams

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, along with other G-8 leaders, have called for the doubling of foreign aid to African nations by 2010. The idea that foreign aid is a route out of poverty and political instability is not only bankrupted but a cruel and evil hoax as well.

Nearly every sub-Saharan African nation is poorer now than when they became independent during the '60s and '70s. Since that time, food production has fallen by roughly 20 percent. Since 1975, per capita GDP has fallen at a rate of half of one percent annually. Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo estimated, "Corrupt African leaders have stolen at least \$140 billion from their people in the [four] decades since independence.

"The call for more aid by George Bush, Tony Blair and other G-8 leaders will produce nothing but more of the same. Zimbabwe provides an excellent example of why foreign aid, as a way out of poverty, is a fool's errand. Salem University, Winston-Salem, N.C., professor Craig Richardson explores this further in "Learning from Failure: Property Rights, Land Reforms, and the Hidden Architecture of Capitalism," a paper written for the American Enterprise

Institute's Development Policy Outlook Series (2006). Not that long ago, Zimbabwe was one of the more prosperous African countries. Professor Richardson writes, "Few countries have failed as spectacularly, or as tragically, as Zimbabwe has over the past half decade. Zimbabwe has transformed from one of Africa's rare success stories into one

of its worst economic and humanitarian disasters.

"It has the world's highest rate of inflation, currently over 1,000 percent. To put this into perspective, in 1995, one U.S. dollar exchanged for eight Zimbabwe dollars; today, one U.S. dollar exchanges for 100,000 Zimbabwe dollars. Unemployment hovers around 80 percent. Its financial institutions are collapsing. The specter of mass starvation hangs over a country that once exported food. What's the cause? President Robert Mugabe blames domestic and foreign enemies, particularly England and the United States for trying to bring about his downfall. Of course, according to Mugabe, and some of the world's academic elite, there's that old standby excuse, the legacy of colonialism and multi-national

firms exploiting the Third World. The drought is used to "explain" the precipitous drop in agricultural output.

Then there's AIDS.

Let's look at drought and AIDS. Zimbabwe's next-door neighbor is Botswana. Botswana has the world's second-highest rate of AIDS infection, and if there's drought in Zimbabwe, there's likely a drought in Botswana, whose major geographic feature is the Kalahari Desert, which covers 70 percent of its land mass. However, Botswana has one of the world's highest per capita GDP growth rates. Moody's and Standard & Poor gives Botswana an "A" credit rating, the best credit risk on the continent, a risk competitive with countries in central Europe and East Asia.

Botswana compared to her other African neighbors prospers not because of foreign aid. There's rule of law, sanctity of contracts, and in 2004, Transparency International ranked Botswana as Africa's least corrupt country, ahead of many European and Asian countries.

The World Forum rates Botswana as one of Africa's two most economically competitive nations and one of the best investment opportunities in the developing world.

Botswana shares a heritage with Zimbabwe, for it, too, was a British colony. What it doesn't share with Zimbabwe explains its success: the rule of law, minimal corruption and, most of all, respect for private property rights. No amount of western foreign aid can bring about the political and socioeconomic climate necessary for economic growth. Instead, foreign aid allows vicious dictators to remain in power. It enables them to buy the allegiance of cronies and the military equipment to oppress their own people, not to mention being able to set up "retirement" accounts in Swiss banks. The best thing westerners can do for Africa is to keep their money and their economic development "experts."

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Highway traffic collections enrich county, state governments

by Tim Burnett

Garza County Justice of the Peace Courts collected \$62,119.68 during the months of February through May largely from highway travel and traffic fines issued, according to official reports. The fund raising program, operated by Garza County in coordination with the State of Texas, took advantage of travelers who were accused of violating State Transportation Codes.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 collected \$33,552 involving 216 misdemeanor cases, while JP Court Precinct 2 reported \$28,567 involving 160 misdemeanor cases.

The State and County benefit from a high volume of traffic stops because traveling victims are largely unaware of the law that regulates the enforcement officers and local courts and are often willing to show up to the court and pay without a challenge.

There are some common practices within the local courts and the law enforcement community, which may help to increase revenue collections. After a citation is issued, the enforcement official files the citation with a local court, who then sends out a "courtesy letter" informing the travelers that a "complaint" has been filed charging them of the violation of laws. The courtesy letters do not typically cite the actual statute people are accused of violating.

The letter also gives the travelers a date to show up at the court and plea on the charges. The travelers are told that if they do not show up at court a warrant would be issue for their arrest. When they show up, the court forces them to make a plea of either "guilty," "not guilty," or "nolo contender" (no contest). The travelers also have the option of sending in their plea with the payment of the fine if they plea guilty.

Serious problems prevail with the above judicial procedures.

The citation is not the charging instrument. A study of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CCP) reveals a clear distinction between a citation and a complaint. The word "citation" is not defined in the code, but the word "complaint" is defined as a sworn allegation charging the accused with the commission of an offense (CCP Article 45.019).

Article 45 also contains a section that refers to the citation. The "citation" refers to something completely different from the "complaint." The complaint is the undeniable instrument used to charge anybody with the violation of laws. Yet, the local courts traditionally have sent courtesy letters informing people that a "complaint" was filed against them. If it is possible, the courts in essence commit perjury by falsely informing the travelers that a "complaint" has been filed, when no statutory complaint was actually filed.

Local courts require people to make a plea on a citation without a statutory complaint being filed. This process is a clear denial of Due Process of Law. If no complaint is filed in the court, then there are no charges. Without any charges, there is nothing to plea on. Yet, the courts force people to make a plea on no charges. If people challenge on the issue of no complaint and simply state that there are no charges to plea on, the courts simply treat them as if they refused to plea and enter a plea of not guilty for them.

If a statutory complaint is filed charging somebody with an offense against the laws, the complaint typically is void of a citation of the offended statute. In this situation, the court denies the accused Due Process of Law by forcing

them to make a plea without being informed of the offended statute. To be charged with the violation of a law means that the State law becomes the offended

This is confirmed in CCP Article 45.019 Requisites of Complaint. One of the requisites of a statutory complaint is that it "must show that the accused has committed an offense against the law of this state." The laws of Texas are annotated in the codes, and the offended codes must be cited on the complaint. It is impossible for any person to make an informed plea without being informed of the offended statute.

State and local governments financially benefit because most people do not challenge the denial of Due Process of Law. The time that it takes to follow the law related to the issuance of a statutory complaint would cut into the collections.

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The fight of our lives

by Bill O'Reilly

Once again the terrorists have given President Bush an opportunity to defea them, but this could be the last time that happens for quite some time. The bruta torture-murders of Privates Kristian Menchaca and Thomas Tucker in Iraq have angered Americans and put the country in a vengeful mood. On the heels of the demise of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi comes a call by many for the U.S. military to take the fight to the enemy.

But what does that mean?

There can be no victory in Iraq without security. Coalition forces are fighting a counter-insurgency campaign that requires a strict discipline to succeed. First the chaos must be stopped, and the only way to do that is by imposing martia law, where authorities have the right to intern anyone and impose shoot-on-sigh curfews. The new Iraqi government should do this immediately in cities like Ramadi that harbor terrorists. Now, critics of tough anti-insurgency methods will say that if they are implemented, then we are no different than Saddan

And those critics have a small point. For almost 25 years, Hussein managed to control insurgencies against him by using brutal totalitarian methods. So we know those work in Iraq. The difference is that Hussein used murder and torture while the coalition would not. Martial law is a legitimate tool of social contro in any dangerous situation; it is a short-term strategy to allow the new government to curtail violence.

Truthfully, there is no other solution in Iraq. The terrorists understand that if they are defeated in that country, the cause of Islamo-fascism will be greatly damaged. So they are going to continue to commit atrocities in the hope of breaking our will. Either the Bush administration OKs tough methods to roo those people out, or we should get out of Iraq altogether.

No American wants another Vietnam, where the military is exposed to death but cannot use its full force to protect itself. I mean how ridiculous was it to allow the North Vietnamese sanctuaries in Laos and Cambodia? How many Americans died because Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon would not confron the enemy using the full power of the U.S. military?

The Sunni triangle in Iraq and certain parts of Baghdad are havens for terrorists These places should be totally inundated with Iraqi and Coalition forces conducting house-to-house searches and imposing dusk-to-dawn curfews. No insurgency can exist without the cooperation of the civilian population. Al Iraqis should get the message that cooperating with terrorists will no longer be tolerated. Presently, there are more than 400,000 Iraqi and Coalition troops in Iraq. Most provinces are pacified. Everybody knows which areas are dangerous

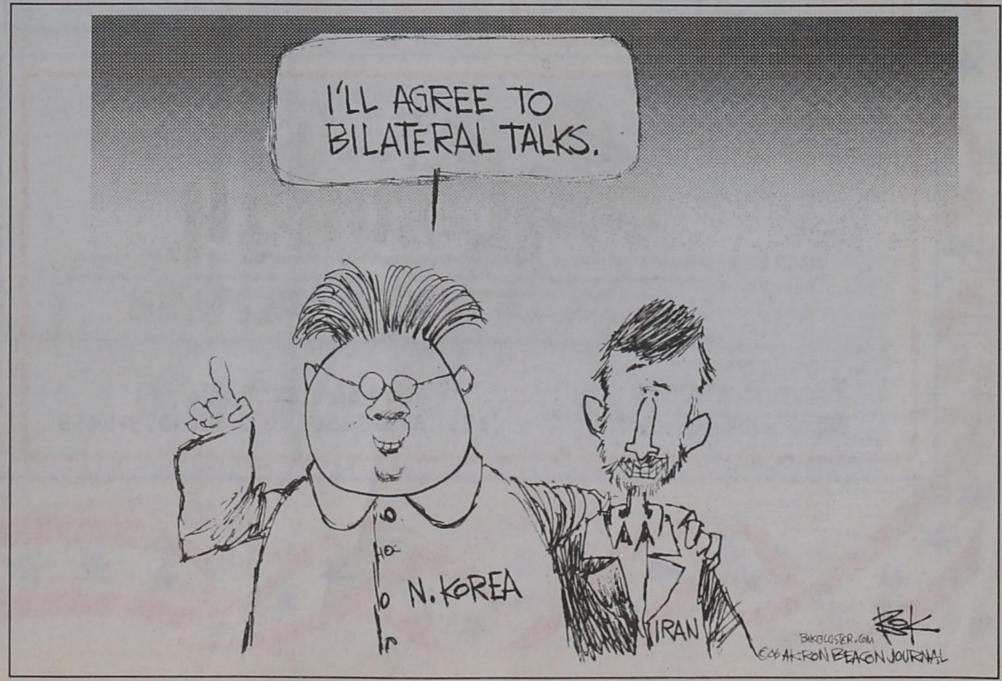
This is not a jungle-covered country where the enemy is supported by Russia and China. These insurgents can be defeated, but only a fierce determination wil do that. I believe the Bush administration has been intimidated somewhat by the anti-war media and the lack of support from our allies abroad. Public opinior for the war has been falling steadily throughout the past two years. But now Americans are in a payback mood; now the public wants to see these savage terrorists in Iraq killed.

That feeling will not last long unless more victories like Zarqawi are forthcoming Most Americans will walk away from a stalemate and simply will not tolerate an administration that allows its soldiers to be brutalized one by one.

So if we are truly in it to win, this is the time to strike hard against an enemy that hacks up our soldiers with knives and blows up women and children. If no now, it could be never.

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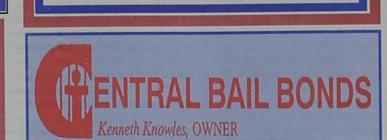


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He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of

Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the consent of our legislatures.

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He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

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For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their

friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

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We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

The signers of the Declaration represented the new states as follows: New Hampshire: Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, Matthew Thornton Massachusetts: John Hancock, Samual Adams, John Adams, Robert

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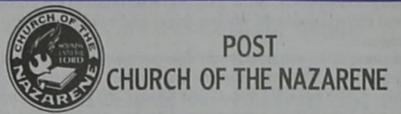
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Church performers invited to participate in Lions event

As members of the Post Lions Club gear up for this year's Stars of Gospel Music event, set for 7 p.m. on July 15 in the Post Elementary School auditorium, program coordinators are encouraging local church quartets, choirs, duets and soloists to sign up to participate.

The invitation to participate in the performance is open to anyone interested. The only requirement is that Christian music be performed. For more information or to sign up as a performer, contact Don Yelvington, program chairman, at 495-4799 any weekday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

This year's southern gospel music event will feature the Jubil-

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Heirs of Seagoville, Randy Mullino of Edmond, Okla., and other guest performers to be announced.

According to information provided by the Lions Club, all groups booked for the program will be featured in the first half of the show. Performance times will be determined by the number of performers slated to sing as part of the program.

The second half of the program will include everyone on stage singing hymns, with the featured groups doing solos. The audience will be invited to sing along.

"We call this the Bill Gaither style of concert because this is the way he does it in his Home Coming Concerts," the press release reads. "It will definitely be a night to remember."

Tickets for the event cost \$6 in advance or \$7 at the door. Children ages 11 and under will be admitted free of charge. For advance tickets, call 495-4799 or contact any local Lions Club member.

Business/professional people in the community will be contacted and asked to sponsor a book of tickets for the show. With the purchase of tickets, purchasers will receive an ad in the event's souvenir program book. The souvenir books will be free and distributed one per family attending the show.

Proceeds from the concert will be used to help support the Lions Club's many projects, such as eyeglasses for less fortunate children; Kerrville Crippled Children's Camp; scholarships; and other local

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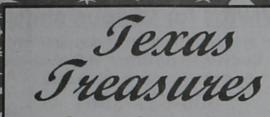
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"We have a little bit of everything," said Sue Trammell, who owns the business along with her husband, Jack. "We carry a broad variety of things from affordable to the more expensive. Something for all budgets.

"The shop offers a stunning assortment of sterling silver and turquoise jewelry, much of it crafted by Native Americans." We go to market in Dallas and buy native items from Native Americans in New Mexico or in the Four Corners area," Trammell said.

"We have added a lot of new gifts to our store. We now have western things, such as belts, both dress and conchos for men and the nice crystal belts for ladies; cell phone cases with a cross-concho and colored ones with crystals for ladies; western coasters; and many more gifts. We have also added T-shirts and caps with Post, Texas, on them. We carry several brands of cologne and, as always, we carry our nice line of sterling silver jewelry."

Other popular Texas Treasures offerings include beautiful Lee Middleton baby dolls; precious Reborn Babies, which are like weighted newborns, both "lovable or collector items," by Misty Waddell of Amarillo; and Horsehair Pottery by Maria Zuni Plum.

The shop also carries Linen Tree cards, Rada knives, Candle Delights candles and some Fiesta Ware. Texas Treasures has operated in its downtown location for several years, but the Trammells have been in the business for much longer. The couple started out doing road shows almost every weekend for about 10 years, covering a radius of 200 to 250 miles, before opening a booth at Old Mill Trade Days when it began.

The Trammells still maintain a presence at Trade Days. For more information on Texas Treasures or the treasures available there, call 495-3938.



Serving customers at McDonald's are (back row, left to right) Sheakell Moore, Pamela Murphy, Brad Naron, (front row) Will Tanner, Manichanh Khamvongsa, Kendra Whitehead and manager Brett Mistrot.

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It was in August of 2000 when McDonald's first opened its doors locally, and since that time owner Bill Cohen has played a major role in the community. In addition to serving up some of the best food in town, McDonald's provides jobs for 30 local residents; is a member of the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau and the Post City Merchants; and serves as a staunch supporter for the education of local youth.

Thanks to Cohen's generosity, dozens of local children get free food at McDonald's after posting exemplary grades and/or attendance records. Cohen awards free fries to students who attain perfect attendance, while those who earn straight A's receive certificates for free hamburgers.

A'dditionally, McDonald's also awards a scholarship - the Ray Kroc Award named for the restaurant's founder - to a graduating Post High School senior each year. "Being involved in the community you live in is very important," Cohen said.

"We support anybody that wants something. We do a lot of things. Basically we don't say no to anyone with a worthy cause." Cohen, a retired Air Force pilot and a former airline pilot, knows about small-town living. He built and opened the McDonald's in Levelland almost 12 years ago and splits his time between the McDonald's in Post and the one in Levelland.

Following the success of restaurants, Cohen said he'd like to open as many as five more McDonald's locations over the next two or three years, depending on the availability of franchises. But in the meantime, he'll continue to work to make sure the local McDonald's offers the same quality food and service Post area residents count on. Part of that quality service is free wireless Internet service now available to McDonald's customers.

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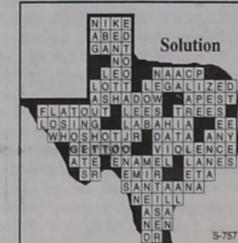
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10 Years Ago June 27, 1996

Wendy Gramm, wife of U. S. Senator Phil Gramm, was the special guest of Giles and Louise McCrary at a reception held at the OS Museum.

Competing in post-season play on the Post Softball all-star team are LaRinda Ledbetter, Naomi Gonzales, Emily Smith, Camille Blevins, Regina Collazo, Kelly Moore, Meagan Mills, Rachel Hubble, Paige Lott, Martha Ward and Kyzandra Harper. The team is coached by Kim Lott and managed by Jay Lott.

Dry weather conditions, shortage of funds, and a general lack of interest has lead to the cancellation of this year's July 4th celebration at the city/county park.

Russell Hart received a PHD in Communications from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He has accepted a teaching position at St. Edwards University in Austin, TX. Attending the ceremony were his parents Elroy and Vickie Wisian of Lubbock and grandmother, Ida Mae Wilks of Post.

The popular Camp Wood Gunfighters will return to Old Mill Trade Days for several "shoot-outs" on the grounds.

20 Years Ago June 25, 1986 June 18

Manager John Valdez's Dodgers are the 1986 Post Little League Champions. Members of the team are Cecil Martinez, John David Fields, Jay Mitchell, Marlin Valdez, Albert Castro, Jeremy Mason, Ramon Garza, Rene Armendariz, Cara Cash, Ricky Jefferson and Martin Edwards. The team is coached by Larry Haynes and Randy Mason:

Those honored at a special appreciation luncheon for the Commissioners' Court were Judge Giles Dalby, Commissioners Ted Aten, Tommy Young, Herb Walls and Buck Craft. The event was sponsored by the 4-H Council.

One of many activities celebrating the 4th of July this year include an "ice melt" contest. The 100 pound block of ice will be placed at the corner of East Main Street and Ave. I at 9 a.m. The person guessing what time the ice completely melts will be named the winner.

30 Years Ago July 1, 1976

The patriotic portion of Post's Bicentennial Fourth of July celebration at the park will be when the Post Community Chorus, sponsored by the Post Music Club, presents "I Love America" under the direction of Dan Zeigler.

Jack Alexander was recognized as Rotary service man of the year at the Post Rotary luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Blacklock were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner. Blacklock and the former Nancy Doyel Shedd were married June 26, 1926 and moved to Post in 1933.

Sexton Huntley, Garza Memorial Hospital board director for the past 12 years and the board's current chairman, resigned.

"Celebrities" signed up to be dunked at the "celebrity dunking" booth at the park for the 4th include Ed Bruton, Preston Poole, Coach Jackie Browned, Charles McCook, Jack Kirkpatrick, Jim Jackson, Coach John Alexander and Ronald Simpson.

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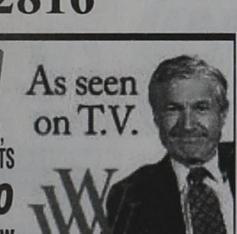
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40 Years Ago June 30, 1966

Garza Memorial Hospital has been approved for the federal government's new Medicare program for the aged which goes into

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ing contest at the state press association convention in El Paso. Post Implement Company's Harvesters, managed by Ronald Joe Babb, have won the 1966 Minor League Championship with a 7-1

James A. Williams, a 1956 graduate of Post High School accepted a coaching job at Ballinger. Williams' wife, the former Barbara Shytles of Post, will teach speech.

Preston Poole was installed as the president of the Post Lions Club. He succeeds outgoing president Jim Jackson.

Jimmy Bartlett, Rodney Hopkins and Barbara Bartlett won the titles in their respective divisions in the junior golf tournament held at the Caprock Golf Course and sponsored by the Post Junior Chamber of Commerce.

50 Years Ago June 28, 1956

Heavy voter turn-out is forecast in a five-school consolidation election. The schools districts include Southland, Close City, Garnolia, Graham and Grassland. It will be necessary for the issue to carry in all five districts before consolidation can be effected. The news district would be known as the Dean A. Robinson Consolidated Independent School District.

Post city pool will be the scene of a swimming contest and an aquatic show. Teams entered in the contest are Post, Tahoka and Slaton. A girls' team of Post swimmers under the direction of Frances Craig will give an exhibition. Members of the team are Barbara Wheatley, Linda Lott, Leslie Nichols and Freda Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Dalby of Tulsa, Okla. announce the arrival of Rebecca Lynn, born June 21, in Hillcrest Memorial Hospital. Jimmy Bird of Post hit 22.9 seconds to win top honors in calf roping at Seymour's 60th anniversary rodeo.

60 Years Ago

June 27, 1946 Billy June Kennedy, who was "Miss Post" during the recent Post Stampede and Rodeo, will represent the city again at the annual Texas Cowboy Reunion at Stamford. Billie June will be accompanied to the event by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Kennedy, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beavers and family of Plains were weekend visitors of his brother, Sam Beavers and family. Leon King and Dickie Martin are managers of the girls softball

team which was recently organized.

The wedding of June Gossett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. (Buck) Gossett of this city and Melvin Ramage was performed

Jude Manly and his bunch are demonstrating the very newest post-war electronic produt for the automotive service industry, a new wheel balancer at Connell Chevrolet Co.

Extension Extras

District 4-H Trap/Skeet Shoot

4-H'ers from across the District Two twenty county area competed in the 4-H Trap and Skeet Shoot at the South Plains Gun Club June 23 and 24 in Lubbock. 4-H'ers entered in the competition were: Wes Mason, Kaleb Crutcher, Tyler Furlow, Allen Heckaman, Ben Mason, Dakota McDonald, Blace Stevens, and Reed Williams. Placing in their respective classes were:

Junior Trap: "B" - Blace Stevens, 3rd; Intermediate Trap: "A" -Ben Mason, 6th: "B" - Dakota McDonald, 1st; "C" - Reed Williams, 6th; Senior I Trap: "C" Allen Heckaman, 2nd; Tyler Furlow, 4th; Senior II Trap: "A" - Wes Mason, 96 out of 100 targets; Kaleb Krutcher, 95 out of 100 targets; Intermediate Skeet: Reed Williams; Senior II Skeet - Kaleb Krutcher.

Mark Kirkpatrick and Ray Mason are the shooting sports coaches for Garza County. Congratulations to all shooters and coaches representing Garza County 4-H.

District Horse Show

Pat Reiter and Trent McDonald represented Garza County 4-H in the District Two 4-H Horse Show held at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center June 13, 2006. Pat placed 2nd. In the 3-year old stock horse and Trent was 3rd. In Break-away roping, 2nd. In Tie-down Calf Roping, and 1st in Team Roping. Trent was also named Reserve Champion Roper for the show. Congratulations to these young men. 4-H Record Books...

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MRS. BICENTENNIAL ENTRIES - Mrs. Winnie fuffing, seated and Mrs. Myrtle Ashley, are shown in the costumes they will be wearing in the Mrs. Bicentennial contest to be held July 3 in the park. The two ladies are pioneers of Garza County. -(Staff Photo)

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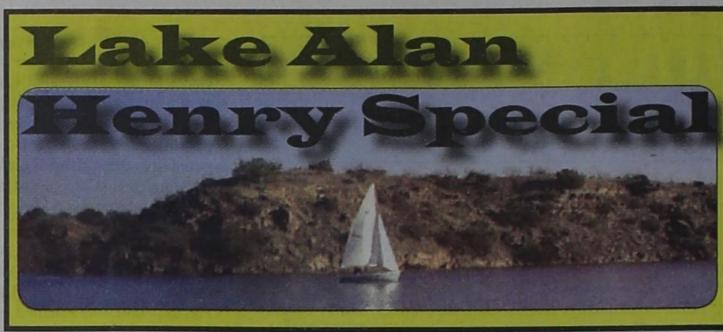
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County awards contract for lake fire/EMS building

In a special Friday meeting, Garza County Commissioners agreed to spend almost \$170,000 to finalize the construction of the fire/emergency services building near the entrance to the Sam Wahl Recreation Area at Lake Alan Henry.

The court granted the contract to Beasley Construction, one of two bidders on the project.

Beasley's bid on the project was \$167,525 and represented the sole complete bid presented to the court.

According to the contractual agreement between the construction firm and the county, Beasley will erect the pre-engineered metal building at a cost of \$75,000; finish out the structure for \$41,500; handle all necessary concrete work for \$40,400; install stairs and a storage area above the building's office area at a cost of \$6,075; and complete all electrical and lighting work for \$4,550.

The existing concrete pad, poured last year by another contractor, has been deemed unsafe and inadequate and will need to be removed, according to reports. County officials agreed Precinct 4 employees could handle that portion of the project.

Beasley representatives indicated they could begin the project by Aug. 1.

According to the contractual agreement, Beasley has 120 calendar days, excluding holidays and weekends, to complete the structure.

In October, commissioners cancelled their original contract for the building's construction. That contract, with Miller Construction, was finalized in November 2004 and stipulated a timeline for the structure's completion, according to Dispatch records.

Man injured in dive at Lake Alan Henry

A 19-year-old man remained in stable condition Tuesday at a Lubbock hospital following a Saturday afternoon accident that occurred at Lake Alan Henry.

The young man, whose name and city of residence were unavailable at press time, was injured when he and several other young people were diving into the lake from the shoreline near Campsite #20, located just south of the public boat ramp

The man dove into the water "on top of his head," according to Deputy Constable Mitch Day, and broke his neck.

The injured man was airlifted to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.



Wildflowers at Lake Henry worth the trip. (Photo by Mike Burek

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