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PHS Seniors share memories, make plans for the future upon graduation

Friday's graduation ceremony at the Post Antelope Arena included the awarding of scholarships for future education endeavors.

plomas Friday night during commencement exercises at Antelope

(Photo by Merika Strivens)

Following the processional, PHS Principal John Berry gave an introduction and Timothy Wilson provided the invocation. Kristen Moses led the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag, while Kelsey Sanderson led the pledge to the Texas flag. Jessica Quisenberry led the audience in the singing of the National Anthem.

Samantha Hoover gave the salutatory address. Meagen Howard-Griffis provided the class history, followed by Suhani Bhakta's valedictory address.

Berry and Mike Holly, school board president, presented class members. Graduates included Marisa Rene Basquez, Ryan Mitchell Belongia, Suhani M. Bhakta, Rebecca Paige Bullard, Steven Contreras, Ericka Lauren Cravy, Kristopher Alonzo Crenshaw, Bradley Dewayne Curtis, Dylan Royce Davis, Kathryn Christine Deel, Jose Marin Esparza, Stephanie Joann Garcia, Shelly Marie Gearhart, Lauren Kaitlin Gonzales, Ricardo Robledo Gonzales and James Robert Griffin.

Also, Tisha Nicole Hair, Ashleigh Danielle Harris, Robert Allen Heckaman, Samantha Keeley Hoover, Meagen Machelle Howard-Griffis, Lori Deann Jones, Jay Miles Josey, Natannael P. Jurado,

Dry conditions prompt county to ban fireworks

Ongoing drought conditions throughout Garza County prompted county officials to vote last week to ban some fireworks.

In an order signed May 28, Garza County Commissioners are prohibiting the "sale or use of restricted fireworks in the unincorporated areas" of the county.

Restricted items include fireworks described as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins," according to the order. The restriction does not prohibit the sale or use of "common fireworks" classified as Class C explosives or "large fireworks devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration or detonation and classified as Class B explosive by the U.S. Department of Transportation."

Any individual who knowingly or intentionally violates this order may be charged with a Class C misdemeanor, the order states.

Commissioners have determined that the possibility of fires in the county is "greatly enhanced by the extremely dry" weather conditions of recent months, according to the order.



Members of the Post High School Class of 2008 received their di- Zachery Ryan Kocurek, Marshall Blaise Lester, Mary Madison Mason, Cathrina Tyler Menchaca, Lydia Ann Mendoza, Maria Anjelica Mendoza and Elaena Kay Morrison.

Rounding out the list of graduates were Kristen Nichole Moses, Tyler Zaine Odom, Brenna Elizabeth Postell, Crystal Nicole Price, Alexis Megan Saiz, Kelsey Brooke Sanderson, Jennifer Schultz, Jeremy Edward Short, Steven Foster Short, Gregory Kamron Shumard, Byron Augustine Soto, Ashley Nicole Stenzel, Sandrijn VanDen Noortgate, Johnathan Edward Vasquez, Timothy Andrew Wilson, Carson Call Windman, Cherakee Dawn Ybarra and Mariela Zubia.

Madison Mason led the graduates and the audience in the school song. Steven Short provided the benediction, followed by

Post Independent School District trustees and administrators on hand for the event included Holly; Alexa Collier, vice president; Diann Windham, secretary/treasurer; Milton Williams; Billy Max Gordon; Randy Connors; Delbert Osborn; Marlin Marcum, superintendent; Berry; and Zachary Gibson, assistant principal. Also attending were class sponsors Leslie Tatum, David Quisenberry, Melissa Howard, Melvena Moore, John Wright and Tracy McCarty.

Ushers for the event included Jackie Slaugh, Chad Miller, Tim Gonzales, Jovani Garay and Gaby Gomez.



Garza Theatre cast members Aryel Peña (left) as the Mad Hatter and Tye Basquez (right) as Alice prepare for the opening Friday of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." The play will continue for three weekends, call 495-4005 for reservations.

County unable to reimburse funds paid by city on joint airport project

During their May 28 meeting, Garza County Commissioners failed to approve the reimbursement of funds to the City of Post for a joint project authorized by the county two years ago.

According to a draft of the meeting's minutes, a motion was made and seconded to approve payment of the county's share of the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division Project No. AP Post 7, but that motion was withdrawn and no further action was taken.

Prior to the vote, County Judge Lee Norman pointed out that the item was not included in the current year's budget, and the county treasurer advised that the funds are not available elsewhere in the budget. The judge advised commissioners they could amend the budget and take funds from reserves. The county's participation in the runway-resurfacing project at

the Post City-Garza County Airport was approved in 2006, but the county has not reimbursed the City of Post the \$10,751 the municipality paid to cover the county's portion of the total cost.

Total cost to local taxpayers for the project was \$21,501.99. In other business, commissioners:

 Approved Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Isbell's request for \$5,000 to help cover costs associated with the creation of an incident command vehicle being construction out of an old ambulance donated by the Post Fire Department. The court approved the donation from funds taken from the judge's "Special Projects" line item.

Isbell advised he has received \$8,500 toward the project. He also informed commissioners that his county-issued pickup has 150,000 miles on it and is experiencing numerous problems.

· Approved the purchase of five sets of bunker gear at a cost of \$6,000 from funds from the Post Volunteer Fire Department budget. Fire Chief Brandt Taylor requested the purchase of 10 sets of bunker gear at a cost of \$12,000. Taylor told commissioners that the City of Post has purchased a new pumper fire truck due to arrive in about a month. Also, he reported he is working on 5-, 7and 10-year plans for the fire department, and that fire calls for the current year are up about 20 percent over those made by this time of year in 2007.

 Approved survey work planned by McDougal Realtors Right of Way Division. Reed Loflin of the division explained that he represents the City of Lubbock and its plan to construct a water pipeline from Lubbock to Lake Alan Henry. He showed the court a map of the proposed route of the 48-inch pipeline.

· Approved an order prohibiting certain fireworks in unincorporated areas of Garza County (see related story in this issue of

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Post Notes

VFW Post 6797 Men and Ladies Auxiliary

A meeting has been planned for Monday, June 9 for the VFW Post 6797 Men and Ladies Auxiliary. The ladies' meeting will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the men at 7 p.m., at the post on the Clairemont Highway. All members are urged to attend.

Garza Summer Recreation Program

Summer Recreation began Wednesday, June 4 and will continue through Wednesday, July 2 from 8 a.m.-12 noon at the old Middle School gym. You may sign up any day of the month. Ages are K-12th grades. Breakfast and lunch provided by the cafeteria. Come and have fun with us! If you have any questions call Lorie Rivera at 495-3253.

PCM Plans "Street Party" June 7th

Post City Merchants will have their 4th annual "Street Party" Saturday June 7th. Vendors are invited to come and sell their "wares". For more information, call Donna Degan @ 495-0888 or pick up a form at Plum Crazy 220 E. Main.

Flag retirement ceremony postponed

The flag retirement ceremony normally held on June 14 at the VFW Post 6797 on the Clairemont Highway will not be held due to the burn ban. The event will take place at a later date.

20-year reunion for Class of 1998

The Post High School Class of 1998 will be hosting a 20-year class reunion the weekend of July 4. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Jayta (Ticer) Cravy at 629-4070 or Trevah (Bush) Yarbro.

"Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"

Garza Theatre, 226 E. Main proudly present "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland", directed by Heather Rushing. Seven performances only: June 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 at 8 p.m. and June 22 at 2:30 p.m. Admission - \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, students, military (with ID), and \$8 children 12 and under. Call 806-495-4005 for tickets and reservations.

Mr and Miss Firecracker pageant planned

Mini Mr and Miss Firecracker and Little Mr and Miss Firecracker Pageant is scheduled for July 4th at the City Park at 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$15. Ages: Mini Division - 2-4 years old; Little - 5-6 years old. Your child must be 3 years of age by August 1, 2008. For more information and to pick up a questionnaire, contact Bunny Lynch at 620-0051 or Diane Poe at 495-1207. Deadline is June 23.

2008 summer food service program

Post I.S.D. announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program to be held Monday-Friday, began June 4, and will continue through July 2. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the school cafeteria, 211 S. Avenue K. Breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. with lunch being served from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. Children 18 years of age and younger are eligible to participate in the program.

1981 & 1982 Class Reunion planned

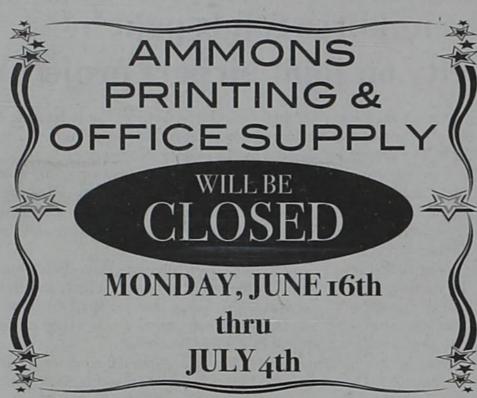
The Post High School graduating class of 1981 and 1982 have scheduled a class reunion on Saturday, August 9 beginning at 12 p.m. at the VFW. RSVP by July 20. For more information contact Barry Morris at 495-2454, Chita (Mason) Hataway at 549-0732 or Laurie (Beliongia) Odom at 549-5323.

Swimming pool open for summer

The public swimming pool opened on Tuesday, June 3. Hours are 1-5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. If you would like to make reservations, please contact Trudy at 544-1862.

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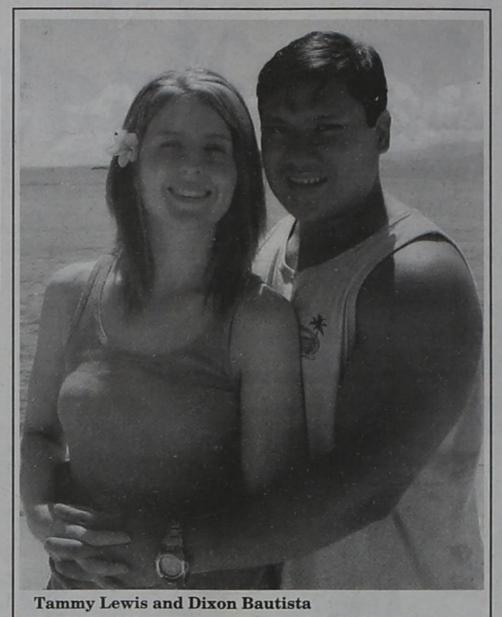
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Spring temps soar past century mark

for two more weeks, but area res- Post and Garza County during the idents wouldn't know that by the

Blackberry Pearl

Summer doesn't officially begin temperatures that have ravaged

As of Tuesday, Post had posted some of the South Plains' highest temperatures in almost two years. According to National Weather Service data found online, the city experienced a high temperature of 107 degree Sunday evening. Saturday's high was 104, while the high Monday evening was 105 degrees.

Outdoor conditions weren't much better just to the south at Lake Alan Henry. There, the high climbed to 103 degrees on Saturday and Sunday, with Monday's high reaching 101.

High temperatures for Tuesday were not immediately available.

The area's temperature first hit the century mark this year May 20 when Post and LAH both recorded highs of 101. Two days later, Post hit 101 degrees again, while lakearea residents realized a high of 100 degrees.

The summer of 2007 was a more moderate one by West Texas standards. Most weather statistics indicate that the 100-degree mark was never reached last summer.

The hot weather, combined with low humidity, strong winds and dry conditions, placed Garza County and much of the South Plains in a Red Flag Warning and a Fire Weather Watch. According to the NWS, such conditions present a "very high fire danger."

Tammy Lewis, Dixon Bautista plan Hawaiian ceremony

Tammy Scharmel Lewis and Dixon Nicolas Bautista have announced their engagement and approaching marriage.

The bride-elect, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lewis of Gail, formerly of Post, graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She also holds a cosmetology license from Toni & Guy Academy and is employed at Fantastic Sam's in Honolulu.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Anita Bautista and the late Severino Bautista. He is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and is employed with Finance Factors of Honolulu as a computer systems analyst.

The couple plans to exchange vows July 26, 2008, at Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor in Waipahu, Hawaii.



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Tandi Humble

Doctor of Pharmacy awarded to Tandi Humble

Tandi Lea Humble, daughter of Pam Humble of Post and Fred Humble of Kalgary, was hooded and received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree during ceremonies conducted May 16 and 17 in

The hooding ceremony took place May 16 in the Lubbock Civic Center Theatre. At that time, Humble also received honor medallions for Rho Chi and Phi Delta Chi.

Prior to the hooding ceremony, she and other School of Pharmacy graduates were honored at a luncheon conducted at the civic center's banquet hall.

On May 17, Humble was among the 928 Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center students who received degrees from various campuses, including the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the schools of Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health Sciences and Pharmacy. HSC president Dr. John C. Baldwin presided over the ceremony, which took place at the United Spirit Arena.

"These graduates have received an exceptional education and will move on to provide quality health care for many individuals here and across the country," Baldwin said. "Each as endless possibilities of contributing to patient care, research and education. They will enrich their communities."

Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader, the Honorable Dr. William H. Frist, was keynote speaker for the commencement exercises. A 2002 graduate of Post High School, Humble will be employed with Walgreen's in Lubbock.

Airport funds ...

(Continued from Page 1)

· Discussed but took no action on implementation of a cellular telephone policy. The county judge informed the court that the IRS is auditing all counties, cities and district's fringe benefits policies, but said the county's auditor believe the current cell phone plan is within compliance. However, the auditor did suggest the county establish a written policy concerning the use of county-issued cellular phones.

 Approved forms for the Retainer Contract Work Order Building Permit-Inspection Process and the Certificate for Occupancy.

 Heard a discussion of the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program, which recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agricultural production by the same family for at least 100 years. Applications are available in the county judge's office.

 Received a report that once again, the county has been recognized with a safety award.

 Received a report that Garza County, because it adjoins Kent County that recently received a disaster declaration from the governor's office because of drought conditions, gives the county the opportunity to apply for low-interest emergency loans through the Department of Agriculture.

 Approved three line-item transfers, including one for \$320 from the Constable No. 2's office; one for \$50 from the county agents' office; and one for \$1,000 from the county clerk's office.

 Precinct and countywide accounts payable for that period from May 13 to May 28 were approved as presented. It was noted that repairs at the county museum have been completed, and additional work approved May 12 cost \$3,313, bumping the final cost of the project to \$18,555.

· Reports on the Garza County Certificates of Obligation Bond Fund and the Garza County Public Facilities Board Bond Fund were approved as presented.

Minutes from the May 12 regular meeting were approved as

Garza's 'Outsiders' auditions scheduled

Auditions for S.E. Hinton's "The Outsiders," which will be staged in August at the Garza Theatre, begin Saturday.

The first audition will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock. The second audition will run from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Garza Theatre, and the final audition will be conducted from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. June 14 at the Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock.

Speaking and non-speaking parts are available for 18 or more males, ages 11 and older, as well as for five females, ages 14 and

Also needed for this production are an assistant director, lighting and sound technicians, a stage manager and a set construction crew, according to information provided by the theatre. For more information, contact Lori Holt at 787-4477.

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South PlainsCollege Lady Texan basketball players receiving awards at the recent champions barbeque included (left to right) Chasity Workman, Ashley Frazier, Brittany Blackmon and Rachel Gray of Post.

Elberta Martin

by Shawnette Hinkle

located at 301 E. Main St.

Business of the Week -- PACC

Gold Member Hudman Furniture,

· "Alice in Wonderland" at The

Garza Theatre -- Opens this weekend.

There will no longer be a Chamber

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Chamber Night. Any time you want

to go see a production at the Garza

Theatre, just show your Chamber

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your party pay the discounted price

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you would like posted in the

chamber's weekly newsletter, please

e-mail it to chamberofcommerce@

postcitytexas.com or call Shawnette

Nursing home volunteer

training begins June 21

South Plains Association of

The event will take place at 1323

Extensive training will be offered

Training emphasis will focus on

defending nursing facility residents'

rights, and advocates will learn the

importance of quality care and life

through a program called Ombudsman.

insurance coverage, and mileage

reimbursement is available for

anyone traveling from out of town for

several nursing facilities in Lubbock,

Volunteers are especially needed at

All volunteers will receive liability

training may be scheduled locally.

Governments' Area Agency on Aging

will conduct an orientation from 1 p.m.

to 4 p.m. June 21 for nursing home

at 495-3461.

volunteer advocates.

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Evelyn Elberta James Martin will celebrate her 90th birthday Saturday, June 7, surrounded by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters, nieces, nephews and friends.

Martin was born June 11, 1918, in Garza County to Eva and Roy James. She attended school at Cross Roads and Post High School. She retired from the Postex Cotton Mill.

On Jan. 16, 1936, she married Eugene Martin in a ceremony performed by M.C. Bishop at the First Baptist Church parsonage. Numerous stories have been told about the Martin boys. Evidently the James girls liked the Martin boys a lot - the honoree's sisters, Katie Mae James and Ruth James each married a Martin boy; the late Katie Mae James married Hugh Martin and Ruth James, now a Georgetown resident, married Barney Martin. The marriages created a lot of confusion, as well as a number of sets of doublecousins, in Post.

The birthday celebration will take place at the Trailblazers Building.



State 4-H Roundup

Good luck to Jackie Milton, who is competing in the Texas 4-H Roundup June 10-13. She will be participating in Companion Animal and Fashion Design

District 2 4-H Horse Show

Garza County has three 4-'ers who are registered to compete in the District 2 Horse Show to be held in Wolfforth on June 16-17. Best of luck to Lana Kitten, Cheyenne Morris and Dakota McDonald.

District Entomology & Horse Tours On June 19, District 2 will hold an Entomology & Horse Tour in Lubbock. Anyone who wants to participate in this fun, one-day event, please let the Extension office know by June 17.

2008 4-H Electric Camp Electric Camp is scheduled for June 23-27. The new location for this camp is

Boiling Springs State Park. District 2 Trap and Skeet Shoot The District Trap portion of the Shoot will be hosted by Garza County 4-H at Palmer's Gun Club June 27. The District Skeet & 5-Stand will be held in Gaines County. Come out and support District 2.

Veterinary Science Workshop June 29-July 3 If you are a high school student 58th St. in Lubbock.

and interested in vet science, call the Extension office for more information. in Lubbock and, upon request, some We have the registration forms that must be postmarked by June 6.

Prime Time '08 I & II The Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood is the place for Prime Time '08. Sessions I & II will be held in July. Registration

continues on 4-H Connect until July 7. State Steer Validation Monday, June 23, 2008 we will hold State Steer Validation at Syd Conner's. It begins at 9 a.m. and validation cost is \$10 per head. If you will not be able to attend,

please call the Extension office prior to

Shotgun Project

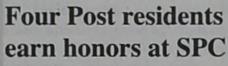
Shotgun practice will be held Mondays at 6 p.m. at Palmer Gun Club.

Gray among

annual All-Sports Banquet.

from the college.

Other team awards included the MVP award, which went to Brittany Blackmon; the Team Player award, Ashley Frazier; and the Most Improved award, Chasity Workman.



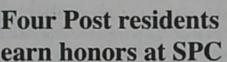
College.

Amanda Berry, Rachel Gray, Steffi Norman and Jerin Tyler each was named to the Dean's Honor List after having achieved at least a 3.25 grade-point average while carrying

honorees at SPC **All-Sports Banquet**

Former Post High School athletic standout Rachel Gray was one of a handful of student-athletes honored recently at the South Plains College

Gray, a member of the women's basketball team, received the Hustle Award, according to a press release



Four residents of Post were among students recently recognized for academic achievement during the spring semester at South Plains

at least 12 credit hours.

"Obtaining such a high grade-point average is a great accomplishment," said Darrell Grimes, SPC's vice president of academic affairs, "and it is very exciting and rewarding to see so many students accomplish this



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CITY OF POST WATER CONSERVATION ALERT

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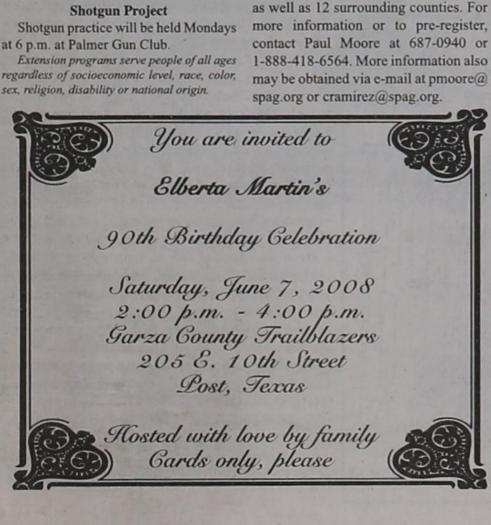
EFFECTIVE SINCE WEDNESDAY August 2, 2006, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

The Mild Condition Measures set forth herein have been implemented by the City Manager under direction of the City Council with the occurrences of trigger conditions set forth in the City's Drought Contingency Plan. In addition, occurrences of trigger conditions established by any of the City's wholesale water suppliers will result in implementation of corresponding conservation measures by the City of Post.

Stage One: Mild Condition Measures

The listed actions are voluntary on users and are intended to conserve all water use.

- 1. Publicize a voluntary restriction of non-essential water use as set forth herein. Non-essential water uses shall include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
 - a. Washing of windows, siding, eves and roof with a hose, without the use of a bucket.
 - b. Washing of vehicles without cutoff valve and bucket.
 - c. Unattended sprinkling of grass, gardens and landscape shrubs.
 - d. Allowing water to runoff vegetated areas onto streets, sidewalks, parking lots, etc.
 - e. Draining and filling swimming pools.
 - f. Flushing of water systems, except to remove contaminated water.
- 2. Publicize a schedule for voluntary outdoor use of water for lawn, garden and landscape irrigation as follows:
 - a. Customers with addresses ending in an even number (2,4,6,8,0) may water on even numbered days of the month.
 - b. Customers with addresses ending in an odd number (1,3,5,7,9) may use water on odd numbered days of the month.
 - c. Individual with parcels of property with either no address or with two addresses shall notify the City, in writing, whether the property will be watered on odd or even numbered days.
 - 3. The City of Post will notify commercial/industrial users and major water users of the situation. The necessity for initiation of strict restriction methods will be explained.



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McClellan: Spilling the beans

by Bill O'Reilly

This just in: Former White House spokesman Scott McClellan has written a new book that hammers President Bush! Among other things, McClellan says Mr. Bush did not handle Hurricane Katrina correctly, botched the Iraq war, which never should have been fought in the first place, and partied hard as a young guy.

That sounds like it's worth \$30, does it not?

But the far-left media is swooning. Yeah, baby, a former Bush guy coming clean. Can't get enough of that!

Some inside baseball: Last November, "Factor" producers contacted McClellan's "people" about the book and were assured the author would be anxious to appear on my program since it routinely sells a ton of books. Great.

But now old Scott has had second thoughts, and has booked himself on every far left venue around, avoiding your humble correspondent. Interesting. Maybe that's because McClellan knows that in April of 2007, he appeared on Bill Maher's program still supporting the Iraq action. On that show, former Sen. Bill Bradley actually got annoyed with McClellan for his hawkish stance. But that was then.

McClellan's former boss, Ari Fleischer, says that Scott confessed to him that the publisher, Public Affairs, made him "revise" some of the book, putting in more negative stuff about Bush. If that's true, it makes sense. Few people these days are in the mood to read anything good about the president.

Now, I predict McClellan's book will disappear in a few weeks, but the media angle here is fascinating. Today in America there is a "vast left wing media conspiracy," no question. Overwhelmingly, the press has made a sharp left hand turn even as there is little traffic in the right hand lane.

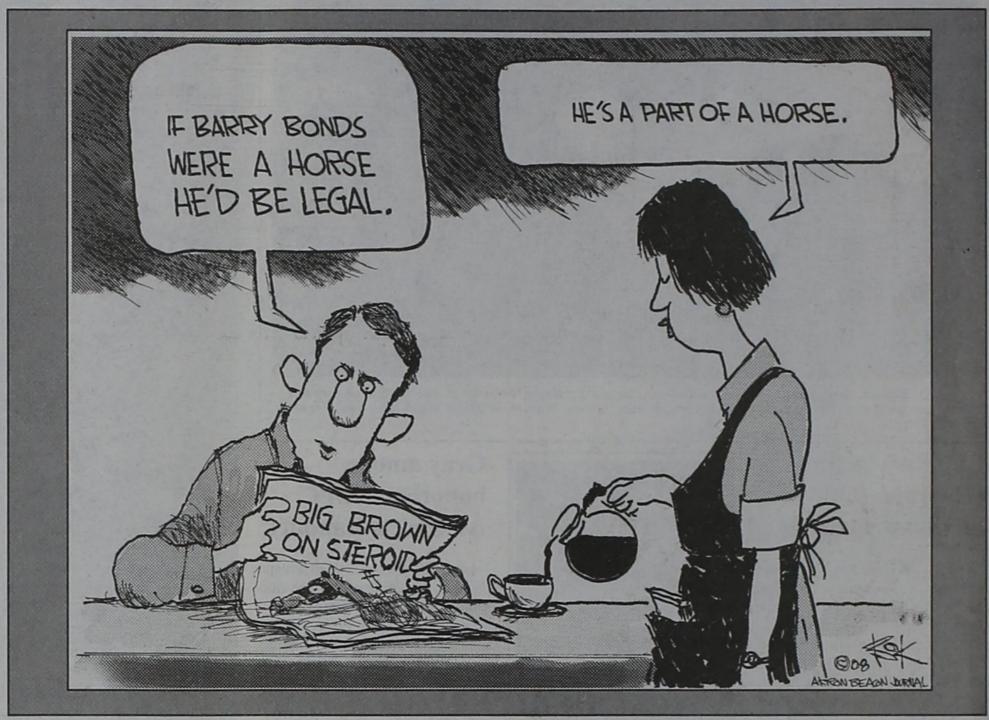
That's because many in the conservative media do not like John McCain, so there's no drive to support him as there was with George W. Bush. The right may not like Barack Obama, but, without a champion, their zeal for the election is muted.

But the left media simply loves Sen. Obama. It is all affection all the time, a constant drumbeat of good vibrations. Bush and McCain bad, Barack good. And, as the election draws closer, the Obama media chorus will grow louder. So, how will this affect the actual vote? No way of telling at this point, but it can't hurt Obama. Independents will decide the election, and they will be subjected to quite an avalanche of glad Obama tidings. Once Hillary gets out of the way, the summer of Obama love will commence.

There is something rather unsettling about the situation. With Gore versus Bush and Kerry versus Bush, the media was divided but equally passionate. Talk radio leading the way for Bush, the networks and big city papers heralding the Democrats. But this time, the deck is stacked for Obama.

Good break for him, bad deal for McCain. That's all there's left to say. Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Culture Warrior." To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com. COPYRIGHT 2007 BillOReilly.com.

Opinions



Dumb or ill-informed

by Walter E. Williams

What assumptions do congressmen make about the American people? Do they assume that we're dumb or ill-informed about the energy problems we are experiencing? Every time there has been a huge spike in gasoline prices, Congress hauls oil company executives before their committees to accuse them of greed, obscene profits and price-fixing. One federal investigation after another of supposed oil company misconduct turns up nothing to substantiate congressional allegations.

Unfortunately, the congressional hearings make front page news and lead the evening television news, but the results of federal investigations that follow are only casually mentioned deep in the body of newspapers and get little or no time on the evening television news. If news media people had an ounce of integrity, they would highlight the federal investigation findings that undermine congressional charges of oil company misconduct and they would question the congressmen who made those charges.

Americans might prefer heroes-and-villains explanations to problems to reality-based explanations. A politically satisfying explanation for today's \$4 a gallon price, when it was less than \$2 a gallon a couple of years ago, is because oil company executives have all of a sudden become greedy in their pursuit of "obscene" profits. As such, congressmen, as our heroes, should call these greedy men on the carpet and take sanctions against them in the forms of windfall profits tax, price controls and other measures to take away their ill-gotten gains - never mind the effects of the 1980 windfall profits tax. According to the Congressional Research Service, the 1980 windfall profits tax had the effect of decreasing domestic production by 3 percent to 6 percent, thereby increasing American dependence on foreign oil sources by 8 percent to 16 percent.

Controlling the price of anything is very difficult and it can only be accomplished through the force of government, mostly by restricting supply. The U.S. Congress is a major player in oil supply restriction, and OPEC nations must be laughing all the way to the bank. Congress has banned energy exploration in 85 percent of our coastal waters. Ironically, China, in conjunction

with Cuba, is drilling for oil nearer to our coastline than U.S. oil companies are

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According to "We don't have to take \$4 gas prices - we can drill," written by Sterling Burnett in the Houston Chronicle (5/21/08), "It is estimated that beneath America's coast lies enough oil to fuel 60 million cars in the United States for 60 years and enough natural gas to heat 60 million homes for 160 years. ... If allowed access to American oil reserves in Alaska and off our coastline, American oil companies could increase our country's reserves an estimated fivefold, taking the United States from 11th place to fourth among the countries with proven oil reserves."

You say, "What about the environmental impact?" Contrary to the hysterical claims made by environmental extremists, caribou and other wildlife have expanded and flourished in and around Alaska's Prudhoe Bay, unaffected by the oil and gas development. What's more, Burnett points out that the "two leading environmental groups, the Audubon Society and the Nature Conservancy, have allowed oil and gas production on several of their most important and unique nature preserves."

Environmentalists come to their senses when non-drilling philosophy costs them something. It's two-faced hypocrisy. At times I've suggested that the best way to get oil exploration in the Alaska National Wildlife Reserve is to give the land to environmentalists. You can bet they wouldn't sit on billions of dollars

The true villain in our having to cough up \$60, \$70 or \$80 to fill our gas tanks is the U.S. Congress caught in the grip of environmental extremists. But if reality is too difficult to swallow, we can continue to blame and support the congressional attack on oil executives, turn food into oil and think of other crackpot "solutions."

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Obama and McCain are both wrong

by Sheldon Richman

Barack Obama's call for talks with "our enemies" is shaping up as a major bone of contention between him and John McCain in the presidential campaign. As usual, both the Democrat and the Republican get it wrong.

Obama says he would sit down with so-called adversaries such as Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, Cuban President Raul Castro, and Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez to talk out their differences. Although somewhat vague, he emphasizes that such talks should be held with few conditions.

As his website puts it, "Obama is willing to meet with the leaders of all nations, friend and foe. He will do the careful preparation necessary, but will signal that America is ready to come to the table, and that he is willing to lead."

McCain has slammed Obama, arguing that his position shows his "inexperience and reckless judgment."

How can both be wrong?

McCain and Obama are wrong because they operate from the imperial premise that virtually anything that goes on in the world is the business of the U.S.

McCain, whose hero is the belligerent nationalist Theodore Roosevelt, embraces a policy of confrontation with "our enemies" - i.e., foreign governments that have never threatened to attack the United States. He enthusiastically supported the invasion of Iraq, and his attitude toward Iran was made clear when he sang, "Bomb, bomb, bomb, bomb, bomb Iran."

No doubt he would apply the same "what we say goes" policy to Cuba, Venezuela, North Korea, China, Russia, and any other country that did not pay sufficient deference to America's "leadership."

That, of course, is a recipe for perpetual conflict, cold and hot, which for obvious reasons is contrary to the interests of most Americans, whose wellbeing depends on peace and free trade.

Does that mean Obama's policy of negotiation is the right one? No. Ironically, McCain asks the right question, "What should we talk about?" What indeed?

What would be the agenda of a meeting between President Obama and President Ahmadinejad? Perhaps Obama wants to talk about the allegations that Iran trains Iraqi insurgents and supplies explosives that kill American troops. (We'll accept those charges for the sake of argument.)

What's to talk about? The surest way to prevent Iran from aiding attacks on American forces is to withdraw those forces. No talks are needed.

This brings up a larger issue, Iran's relationship with Iraq. Why is that any business of the United States? An American president should no more be meddling in that relationship than an Iranian president should meddle in the relationship between the United States and Mexico.

It's Iran's neighborhood, not the United States'. How would McCain or Obama react if Ahmadinejad issued a suitably revised Monroe Doctrine? The American ambition to manage Iran's dealings with Iraq is ludicrous,

considering how much it has messed up in the past. After Iraq attacked Iran in 1980, the Reagan administration sided with Saddam Hussein. Later, in the Iran-Contra affair, it sold arms to the Islamic Republic.

Then, in 2003, the U.S. government removed the barrier to Iranian dominance in the region by toppling Saddam's regime and helping to install a government with close ties to Iran. When will U.S. presidents learn to leave well enough alone?

What about Iran's supposed ambitions to become a nuclear power? There is no reason to see that as a threat to the American people. The value to Iran of nuclear weapons in the Middle East would be to deter attacks from the United States and Israel, which right now is the nuclear monopolist in the region.

The lesson of Iraq is not lost on them. Would the United States have attacked if Saddam had had a nuke?

The best course for the American people is to withdraw from the Middle East

and let the parties find their own way to accommodation. Contrary to McCain, the alternative to talking is not confrontation. It's nonintervention, free trade,

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Sowing More Big Government with the Farm Bill

by Congressman Ron Paul

Recently Congress sent the latest Farm Bill to the president. The bill features brand new federal programs, expansion of existing subsidies, more food stamps and more foreign food aid. This bill hits the taxpayer hard, while at the same time ensuring food prices will remain elevated.

The president vetoed the bill, citing concerns over its costs and subsidies for the wealthy in a time of high food prices and record farm income. Nevertheless, this over-reaching, government-expanding Farm Bill will soon be law.

The truth is most farmers simply want honest pay for honest work. However, if the government is providing competing farms with advantages, and one wants to remain a farmer, one must seek a proportional advantage from government. It is a difficult position for the farmer.

the fact that more than 60% of the subsidies go to just 10% of recipients, edging out the small family farm. This entire system is unfair and demoralizing. It disproportionately benefits big agribusiness at the expense of struggling family

Third world countries also lose with these continued government manipulations. Agricultural subsidies lead to overproduction, which leads to foreign food aid as a form of dumping. By "dumping" government-created agricultural surpluses, agrarian economies are artificially kept in a constant state of economic depression.

The would-be third world farmer cannot compete with "free" grain, thus he and his countrymen remain perpetual beggars rather than competitive producers. Also, by keeping food prices high, we keep more of our own citizens dependent on government food stamps, instead of paying fair market prices for food.

Free trade helps farmers and consumers much more than this convoluted system

of subsidies, surpluses and central planning. Newly opened markets would create increased demand for what we produce. There is absolutely no reason we trade with China, yet not with Cuba.

With energy and transportation prices as high as they are, opening up trade with a country as close as Cuba just makes sense. The recent power shift from Fidel Castro to his brother Raul, and the somewhat positive steps he has taken, provides an opportunity to lift the embargo. Removing unreasonable, confiscatory tax policies

would also make good farm policy. We need to permanently repeal the estate tax, which would again take a devastating 55% cut of family farms upon death of an owner. This tax will force the sale of many family farms, and further huge corporate agriculture.

Those who believe federal farm programs benefit independent farmers, should take note that after 70 years of this type of government intervention, small farms continue to struggle while large corporate farms control an ever-increasing share of the agricultural

Subsidies for agribusiness should be stopped and the free market should be allowed to work. With commodity and food prices on the rise, Congress had an opportunity to scale down government controls and taxpayer funding of agriculture.

Instead, despite the warning sent by an 18% approval rating, Congress stubbornly opted for more of the same.





Post Antelope baseball senior Tyler Odom (third from left) is congratulated by teammates (left to right) Call Windham, former coach Jamie Seago and Clint Windham (far right). Odom represented Post High School at last Saturdays 2008 Greater West Baseball Coach's Association All-Star Championship in Lubbock. (Photo by Mark Odom)

Women's Division chooses 2008 scholarship recipient

The Post Women's Division met on May 21 at Naomi Matsler's

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Degan. Other officers present were First Vice President Marie Neff; Second Vice President Jan Acker; and Secretary JoAnn Mock. Absent was Treasurer Betty Posey

The Yard of the Week Committee for June is Pat Cruse, Jo Ann Stelzer and Jimeila Simpson. Naomi Matsler, Linda Puckett and Marie Neff were selected as the July Yard

The PWD will conduct a Stuff/ Garage Sale on June 7 at the PCM Street Party from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Our scholarship recipient was selected: Lori Jones was the winner. She will receive a \$300 scholarship from the Post Women's Division at the graduation ceremony. Marie Neff will be presenting the award.

Members present were Jimella Simpson, JoAnn Mock, Jo Ann Stelzer, Jan Acker, Pat Cruse, Marie

and Inez Seaborn.

group should contact any member or The group's next meeting will be call Donna Degan at 495-0888.

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Odom represents 'Lopes on W-Texas South team

from Post High School where he was a member of the Antelope baseball squad, was selected to play on the 2008 Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association 1A/2A South

The South team, coached by Roosevelt's Shane Stewart and

'Lopes baseball team lands five on All-District squads

Five members of the Post High School baseball team were tapped for 4-AA All-District honors, according to information provided this week by school's athletic director, Chris Jones.

First Team honorees include Jesse Vera, a junior, pitcher; Clint Windham, a sophomore, outfielder.

Listed on the Second Team were senior Call Windham, pitcher; senior Blaise Lester, a middle infielder; and senior Tyler Odom, outfielder.

score of 9-7 in nine innings of play.

Odom was 1-1 at the plate.

Tyler Odom, who just graduated Ranger's Jerry Pyles, won the In addition to Post's Odom, other match-up against the North by a team members represented San Saba, Sonora, Junction, Gorman, Slaton, Alpine, Hamlin, Albany, The South team was comprised of Crane, Whiteface, Plains and players from the West Texas region. Lubbock Roosevelt.

IN APPRECIATION

A 911 call Memorial Day brought immediate help for a kitchen stove emergency. The quick responses from EMS, neighbors, Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and others prevented damage outside the stove.

To each of you, please accept my sincere appreciation and thanks.

Mary Lee Wristen

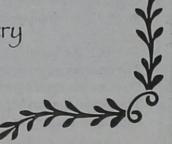
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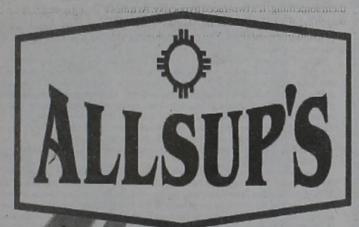
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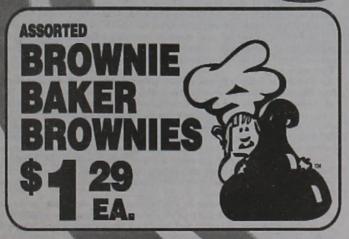




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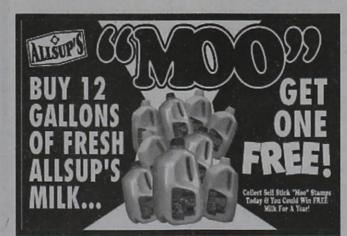




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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Weather -- what is there to say? It is very hot, dry and windy. Please keep rain in your daily prayers. This kind of weather for the crops is just not cuttin' it. Even so, the farmers are hard at it. We haven't had many coffee drinkers in this week. I guess they are getting to work early while it is still cool.

Steffi Norman celebrated her 19th birthday with a gathering at Logan's in Lubbock. Helping her to celebrate where her parents, Kim and Rhonda Norman; Ronald and Shirley Storie; Greg and Jordan Storie; and several buddies from college. Speaking of the Normans, Stace and Kalyn Norman were honored with a shower on June 1 in the home of Bonnie Tyler. About 30 guests were registered in addition to the hostesses.

Billie Jean Cross' granddaughter, Daniel Cross, graduated from Trinity Christian Academy in Dallas. Daniel is the daughter of Terry and Ruth Cross. Billie Jean attended the graduation.

Susan's brother, Tim Troxtel, and his son, Christopher, stopped for a visit last weekend. They spent the night with Danny and Susan before heading home to Oklahoma.

Robbie and I had a really great weekend with our family all together. Our daughters, Sarah and Sammi Jo, came to surprise their dad and be here for Ryan's graduation. They live in Wills Point. Sarah will graduate Saturday and Sammi Jo will be a senior this fall.

Visitors -- Gene and Lorrye Lou Moore of Slaton stopped in to say hello while on their way to Rising Star to attend the high school graduation. Travis Lancaster came by for a Coke on Tuesday; Russ and Jake Morris came in for an ice cream bar. We love visitors out here so be sure to stop by to see us if you are out

Get wells -- Jerry and Judy Bush went to Bridgeport to visit with Joe Reno. For those of you who don't know, Joe had a motorcycle accident a while back. He is now out of the hospital, at home and getting better every day. Joe is the son of Harold and Jeniece (Fluitt) Reno. Birthdays

June 6 – Trent Laurence

June 8 – Amanda Bush Quisenberry

• June 12 - Stace Norman

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or anyone that may be sick. You can call me at the gin or e-mail me at close.city.coop@pcca.com.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER **AMENDMENT**

PERMIT NO. WQ0013048001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. City of Post, 105 East Main Street, Post, Texas 79356, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to Permit No. WQ0013048001, to authorize an increase in the daily average flow from 700,000 gallons per day to 990,000 gallons per day. The proposed amendment also requests to change the method of disposal from effluent discharge to a receiving water to land application of effluent via irrigation of 209.24 acres. The draft permit authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 790,000 gallons per day via irrigation of 209.24 acres. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into waters in the State. TCEQ received this application on November 15, 2007.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located 0.75 mile southeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 and U.S. Highway 380 in Garza County, Texas. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Double Mountain Fork Brazos River in Segment No. 1241 of the Brazos River Basin.

The TCEO Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the City of Post City Hall, 105 East Main Street, Post, Texas.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone; applicant's name and permit number; the location and

distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.TCEQ.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Post at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Rich Oller, P.E., at 806-748-5700.

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Watch out for Lubbock Cheaters

On the morning of May 18, I was at the Savers store located at 50th Street and Avenue U in Lubbock. I left the store and arrived at my home in Post without of Post W

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Approximately three to seven days later I was contacted by someone at the Municipal Court in Lubbock. They asked if I was aware of that charges that had been filed against me concerning the accident. I replied, "What accident?" I was not aware of any accident. She proceeded to tell me that I had hit a parked vehicle in the Savers parking lot, that I had left the scene of the accident without leaving my information and that there was a witness. (I have not been given a name of the

The police officer who was handling the accident that I had been accused of called me and asked several questions and was extremely rude. The police filed a report and charged me with failure to report an accident, leaving the scene of an accident

and failure to leave information.

To make matters even more stressful, the person whose van I was supposed to have hit was able to obtain my insurance information and file a claim on it. The insurance adjuster came to my house and inspected my car, and one of his first comments was that there was no way that my small car did the damage to the van. There was no damage to my car, but extensive damage to the van. The adjuster also told my agent that there was no way my car did the damage I was accused of. After telling me there was no way I had done the damage to the other vehicle, the

adjuster paid for the damages to the van. His remarks were the bumpers were the same height and my insurance company (Progressive) was protecting me. This gives me an at-fault accident on my records; also, this just makes the charges against me a little stronger for the police. So I fail to see how this protects me.

Another interesting thing to this is that the other party who owned the van is also insured with Progressive.

I have had to pay over \$600 in fines and now have an at-fault accident on my record. This is all due to a witness saying that I ran into a parked vehicle. I never

The police officer to this date has never even looked at my car. He just took the word of a witness and went by what my insurance company did (which was to pay the claim and use the excuse that they were just protecting me). I have pictures of both vehicles, and it is very obvious that it would have been extremely difficult or impossible for my vehicle to have caused the damages to the other vehicle. I do not even have a scratch on mine.

I do not have the money to hire a competent attorney to fight this, so I am at the mercy of the system as well as the insurance company, which, it seems, took the easiest and most economically favorable way to settle this for themselves with total disregard to the evidence of the accident and the effects that it will have on me, their insured.

Joann Blacklock

Seems unfair to me

In the recent months, the city has been doing a lot of remodeling work, such as the City Hall, then the library. All of these establishments are taxpayer-funded or owned. The curiosity seems to arise as to why the city doesn't use local taxpaying carpenters and remodelers to do some of this work.

There are several different crews here in town that can do professional-grade remodeling, work that would look as good or better than what has been completed so far. I see nothing extraordinary about the quality of work in City Hall. It looks to me like our tax money should be invested in our local people instead of

using people from out of town. I wouldn't want to use the words "conflict of interest," but doesn't it seem a bit strange that very few (local contractors), if any, ever get to do any work for the city?

In my opinion, it seems to me like tax money should be reinvested in our local people whenever possible. When prices are in reason, materials and local contractors should be used, at least that would be my opinion. I hear lots of people every day wondering the same thing I am. Maybe there is no

need to wonder. I think we all probably know why...

As I see it and my opinion only. Everyone have a good day.

past and news of more recent happenings.

O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

City Park trash injures duck

I am writing this because I found a duck that has a 6-pack holder on it and I just want it off. Can anyone get it off? I have tried to get it off, but I cannot get it off. If anyone can get it off, I would be so happy. Please, try to get it off. Please help me! Shailey Miller

PHS Class of 57 memories As the first anniversary of the Centennial nears, the wonderful time I had at the

I was and am part of the Class of 1957. Spending time with some of my classmates was both invigorating and relaxing. Although time - in some cases, many years and distance have separated us, whenever we are together again, time seems to have stood still. It is always a great and lasting joy to exchange anecdotes from the

I moved to Post when it was only 40 years old - I was eight - so we have grown older together. It was a good setting in which to grow up. Four of my siblings graduated from Post High School: Shirley, 1949; Jack, 1951;

John, 1953; and Susie Joe, 1964, and renewing acquaintances from these and many other classes brought back happy memories as I moved about the streets of Post during the Centennial. Some of you may recall that I was made what I termed a "recognition run" from

the county line in Southland to the courthouse and beyond. It was intended to honor and draw attention to all of my former classmates, no matter when or where their public school education ended. As I trained and my legs cried out, "Stop! Stop!" remembering the purpose of my run kept me going. Thank you for the warm reception that everyone afforded me, and a special thanks to you, Constable Daniel Yarbro, for your inspiring words of encouragement and for escorting me safely during the last few miles of the run to the courthouse.

Some of the memories that I have of the time I spent in Post are the following (in stream-of-consciousness style):

• The death of Ruben Jimenez due to a ruptured appendix. The illness and death due to cancer of Mickey Sue Morrow. The illness, death and funeral of Tommy Malouf. My brother John's breaking his leg while we were riding horses a few blocks from home and his suffering for months in the hospital and later at home, and then seeing Percy Parsons take him to the high school football stadium in an ambulance to see Edgar Bergen perform with Charlie McCarthy. Being a batboy when Monk Gibson was managing a softball team. Running a concession stand at the Millers' home baseball games and chasing fence-clearing foul balls with Jerry and Petey Hays and others. Finding a homerun ball stuck in a mesquite tree when all of the older searchers had overlooked it.

 John's being kicked in the head by a cow while scuffling with Jack at Mattie Bell and Hinton's ranch. Lindell Davis and Donald Howell's being hit and killed by a train near the Algerita Hotel. Observing a 60-yard quick kick by Ronnie Bouchier at Jones Stadium en route to a narrow bi-district win under Coach Bing Bingham over Lockney in the first high school game every played there. Witnessing a 100-yard kickoff return by Jack Kirkpatrick at Texas Tech. The sudden, unplanned dismounting of Charles Kilpatrick and me from Barbara Norris' paint horse on the way to a rodeo after we had done the favor of washing and grooming it.

• The celebration of Post's first 50 years of existence in which unbeareded men were placed in the hoosegow. Having snowball fights after school. Learning of the accidental shooting of James Williams at the home of Wilma, Bernie, Gary and Larry Welch and their parents, Ralph and Helen. My brother Jack's getting four front teeth knocked out during a home football game (and continuing to play). Running with some of my classmates to a picnic at Second Bridge instead of waiting

· Sandstorms that turned day into night. The senior trip to San Antonio and Corpus Christi. Ray Gary's qualifying as a sophomore to run the half-mile at the state meet in Austin. Coach Burl McCoy's reluctant demonstration of how to run the hurdles preceding a track meet at Jayton (He was second in the nation in the 400-yard hurdles at ACC.). Being outpointed by James Williams in two boxing matches. A late-night physical confrontation between Dickey Beggs and Jim Brewer at the football field. Playing in the ditches at night when the junior high school was being built. Hitchhiking with Charles Kilpatrick, Mickie Robinson and Ray Gary to Spur to see basketball games, arriving too late and trying to hitchhike back home. My parents' activities as class sponsors throughout the years and my mother's falling while ice skating in Colorado Springs, suffering a concussion and losing her senses of smell and taste. Youth activities at the Methodist Church across the street

 Working at Collier's Drugstore with attractive females. Working at Mattie Bell and Hinton Fluitt's with unattractive cattle. Untying calves with James Williams at the Post Stampede and Junior Rodeos. Seeing Jack land on his head and suffer a concussion due to a broken bareback rigging during the national filming of the Post Junior Rodeo. Carolina Cotton's performance at the Garza Theatre. Meeting Wild Bill Elliott in Post. The death of my uncle, Buddy McGinnis, when his welding truck overturned at the fork in the road at South Lake and later, the fatal bayoneting of his Marine son, Tommy, in a mock battle with the Army. Hitch-hiking with ng brothers, Gary and Larry, before Bennie Weich to Oregon to see his smoke-jump continuing to New York and, eventually, hitch-hiking from France to Rome to see

. Sliding down the fire escape on wax paper at the old elementary school and the sudden stop on the concrete just past the bottom. Climbing the fence and unofficially inaugurating the new pool at the park by skinny-dipping with several others. Seeing a high school principal being challenged to a fight by a student who felt he had been wrongly punished. Observing how an interim English teacher was physically removed by students and deposited on the lawn, never to return to the classroom. Riding to school with Bryan Williams in his ancient Ford.

 Teasing Norm Cash excessively in our home before a football game and having him hit me so hard on the shoulder that I had to hide under the bed so no one would see me crying. Attending reunions of the Class of 1957 throughout the years and missing others due to my travels. Spending an occasional weekend with Jimmy Davis (1957) on Star Route. Working in the oilfield with Tech Davis, his father, T.F., and Bernie Welch. Trying to pick as much cotton as Gary Welch and Keith Bird. Hoeing cotton with James Williams. Seeing a man who had been electrocuted at Miller Baseball Park. My sister Shirley's playing on a state championship basketball team under Coach Jiggs King, and, later, hearing her sing in the Texas Tech choir.

• Witnessing Johnny Hopkins present a \$400 check to my brother John on Wahoo Night at the new movie theatre. Learning to swim at Camp Post while a scout in Chief Runkles' troop. Waiting for turkeys to be raffled on Main Street at Christmas. -Our ducks chasing my sister Susie Jo. Participating with teammates on athletic teams for several years. Being hit in the back of the head with a baseball bat by Gary Welch when Jerry Hays mistakenly pitched the ball while I was trying to take my rightful place as batter.

Shall I continue boring you? I think not. Thank you for the experience of the years that I spent in Post. I look forward to

visiting again at the next opportunity. Andy Schmidt, Class of 1957, Denver, Colo.

Shirley Mullis Moore

Services for Shirley Mullis Moore, 72 of Post were conducted at 10:30 a.m. May 30, 2008, in the Post Church of Christ with Charles McCook officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

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She died May 28, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born to Joe Marshall and Allene Wiser Mullis Oct. 17, 1935, at Swenson, she attended school at Aspermont and graduated in 1954. She married Jimmy Avery Moore on June 5, 1954, and the couple made their first home in Post before later moving to their ranch. She

was active in the ranch and farm, as well as taking care of family and helping friends. In June 2000 she moved into town. She was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Joe and his wife Kyran Moore of Garza County and Jack and his wife Ralonna Moore of Post; her mother, Allene W. Riddel of Aspermont; one sister, Peggy Jo and her husband Wayland Gray of Aspermont; eight grandchildren, Keith, Kirt, Erica and Tamara Moore of Post, Sheakell Morales of Anton, Rachel Moore of Lubbock and Raven Jasso and Cody Moore, both of San Angelo; six great-grandchildren; three nephews, Terry Pike of DeLand, Fla., Larry Pike of West Columbia, Texas, and

Tommy Pike of Waco; one niece, Tammy Grabber of Asperment; and special friends Shorty Hester, Billie and Donald Windham and Royce and Frances Josey, all of Post.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joe Marshall Mullis, on April 28, 1980, and by a nephew, Jerry Pike, on July 28, 1995. Pallbearers were Wade Smith, Billy Winkle, C.J. Bilberry, Terry Odom, Shorty Martin and Ken Bell.

Bobby Blacklock

Services for Bobby Blacklock, 73, of Temple were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, June 2, 2008, in the Harper-Talasek Funeral Home with the Rev. Eddie Humphrey and the Rev. Billy Koinm officiating. Burial followed in the Bellwood Memorial Park. He died May 30 in a Temple hospital.

Born June 4, 1934, to Bernard Blacklock and Gladys (Oney) Blacklock in Hubbard, he married Lora Johnston on Aug. 4, 1921, in Lovington, N.M. He moved to the Temple area in 1968. He was an insurance agent who enjoyed working in the yard, assisting elderly neighbors, and feeding and watching birds. A Baptist, he was baptized at Calvary Baptist Church in Post.

Survivors include his wife of Temple; one son, Lanny Blacklock of Temple; one daughter, Belinda Bolsins of Temple; one brother, R.J. Blacklock of Temple; eight grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one

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"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering,

gentleness, goodness..." (Galatians 5:22).

God showed toward the world through His son Jesus Christ. "That in the ages to come

A study of gentleness and goodness will reveal that they are directly related to what

He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:7). The word "kindness" was translated from the same

Based on the earlier meaning of Krestotes, Ephesians 2:7 refers to God showing His moral goodness and integrity. God's kindness and integrity appeared to mankind through His beloved son Jesus Christ who walked perfectly by His spirit (see Titus

3:4). Based on Galatians 5:22 God's saints can now show His kindness and integrity

longsuffering. Not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" The

word repentance is used throughout the Epistles in the context of repentance toward

being filled with Holy Spirit. In other words it is about changing from not believing, to believing with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead (see also Romans

When unbelievers see God's matchless kindness and integrity in the lives of His

beloved saints, they are lead to believing the Gospel of Jesus Christ unto being filled

with holy spirit. It is important to understand that it is not critical analysis of their

lives or condemnation that leads people to repentance. Instead, it is clearly God's

The word goodness in Galatians 5:22 was translated from the earlier Greek word

Agathosune and referred to uprightness of heart and life, goodness and kindness.

According to Mathew 11:30 Jesus said, "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is

light." The word "easy" was translated from Agathosune. Jesus' yoke or spiritual

With the spirit of God in us, we can walk with that same uprightness of heart in the

God's goodness and kindness involves loving enemies and giving to others without

expecting anything in return. Jesus expressed this as recorded in Luke 6:35, "But love

your enemies and do good and lend, hoping nothing again. And your reward shall be

great, and you shall be the children of the Highest. For He is kind unto the unthankful

and to the evil." Please note that showing God's kindness does not directly result in

Just as God teaches His people to love, lend to and do good toward enemies, He also teaches to not associate closely with them who do evil. This is found in 1Corinthians

15:33, "Be not deceived, evil communications corrupt good manners." The word

"communications" was translated from a word that meant associations. Showing God's kindness and goodness toward enemies and others who live contrary to God's

As others see the fruit of God's goodness and integrity, their hearts can partake of

that sweet fruit and be lead to repentance unto being filled with holy spirit. They will have a wonderful opportunity to "taste that the Lord [God] is gracious" through His

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kindness and integrity that helps people to change their minds.

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Romans 2:4 reveals a significant aspect of God's kindness and integrity through

His spirit, "Or will you despise the riches of his goodness and forbearance and

in the name of Jesus Christ who is alive and in heaven.

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earlier Greek word as "gentleness" in Galatians, which was the word Krestotes.

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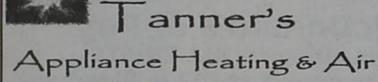
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Chuck and Janet Ratliff and their family

Words cannot begin to express our gratitude of the love shown and expressed to us during the loss of our beloved, Johnny Collazo Jr. EMS, thank you for your quick response. Jason and all of the EMS crew that came to help. Also for the many many times you responded to this call. EMS, your crew always showed such caring love and concern, thank you.

We want to thank Paula Valdez for cooking and tending to us that evening and making sure we ate. Mary Ann Hart, thank you for helping out with this as well. We thank everyone who brought such wonderful meals, groceries, and other things that we needed. You folks went above and beyond to see about us. We greatly appreciate your kindness. Your prayers, calls, cards, visits, memorials and generosity are truly appreciated. We know that if you were unable to be with us in body, your thoughts and prayers were with us.

To the First Baptist Church for the use of their facilities, thank you very much. Also Nancy Gordon and Karen Nichols for the beautiful music you provided. Thank you Pastor Travis Sweet, Brother Charles McCook, and Brother Vicente Villalon for their kind words and beautiful service.

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Christ for the wonderful meal they provided for us, you are so special. Also to anyone who brought food to the church. To Mr Marcum, Mr. Self, and Mrs Marts, thank you so much for your continued support and understanding. To all of the Post ISD employees, thank you for all you've done for our family as well. We want to thank all the churches for having Johnny on their prayer list, not for a while, but for years, as Johnny dealt with this disease.

To all our family, friends, our wonderful community, and others who touched our lives during this time of sorrow, Thank you. Dee and Janet Justice thank you for all you did to comfort us and for all your help. The out pour of love and kindness in this community has been overwhelming and very humbling.

A heartfelt thank you, may God Bless each and every one of you. Linda, Michael, Jamie, and Regina Collazo

Mike Sanchez and Angelita Banda

The family of Catalina Gonzales would like to express their appreciation during their time of grief. Your kindness will be remembered. Special thank you to Father Paul, The Ladies prayer group and Women's Ministries of Holy Cross Catholic Church, The Church of God of Prophecy Women's Ministries, and the whole community of Post for the flowers, prayers, and cards. May God bless you and keep you,

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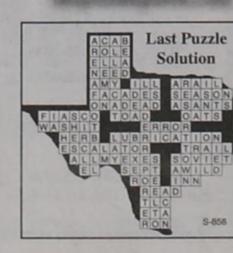
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Crary was recognized as the School were Stacy Rush, Cynthia Achievement Rewards for Col- Wheeler, Katrina Chaffin, Gena lege Scientists (ARCS) 1998 Man of the Year at a special dinner at The Lubbock Club in Lubbock. The award annually goes to individuals who have made significant contributions to the community.

Lucie Rodriguez of Post, graduated from Wayland Baptist University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Multidisciplinary Studies. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Rodriguez.

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Tyler Bennett from Post I.S.D. was named a United States National Award Winner in Science. The Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

20 Years Ago June 5, 1988

Nine Post Middle School and High School students, along with a sponsor, left June 2, 1988 for a tour of Washington, D. C., Wil- of the wedding of their daughter, Dedra Adams, and students Laura Morton. Norman, Heather Diskson, Trudy Jon Olson and Cathi Cash.

Steve Payton of Post was II FFA spring convention. among the more than 2,000 4-H members, adult leaders, friends of 4-H, and county Extension agents who gathered on the campus of at the city council's June session Texas A&M University for the annual Texas 4-H Roundup.

Post Chamber of Commerce president Darrell Hackney welcomed new Chamber of Commerce manager Kathy Floyd at a reception held at the First National Bank.

Post High School 1988-89 Varsity Cheerleaders were Megan Bush, Melanie Reece, Shal Sneed, Amber Crenshaw, Kim Wulfjen and Rosa Gonzalez.

30 Years Ago June 8, 1978

After 22 years of teaching experience in the music department, and accumulative years of 40 as a music teacher, the Post school choir director, Georgie Willson announced his retirement.

Garza voters promoted Voda Beth Voss, assistant county treasurer, to head that office for four years beginning in January 1979.

She defeated Paul H. Jones 601 to 505 for the Democratic nomina-The Post Masonic Lodge #1058 tion for county treasurer, with no

The Riley Millers were host for ners were 1st place: Jay Pollard a supper honoring three graduatand Wendell Johnson with a 37; ing seniors of Post High School. 2nd place, Richard Dudley, Brad The honorees were Kelly Mitch-Mason and Bill Freeman with a ell, Bobby Macy and Tommy

Elected as high school cheer-Post civic leader Giles C. Mc- leaders for Southland High Farquhar and Elain Buxkemper.

40 Years Ago June 6, 1968

Highest winds in over a decade raked Garza County from the north this week in 1968, wrecking two hangers and a private plane at the city-county airport, and spawning what was believed to have been a small tornado that caused over \$10,000 in property damage at Giles Dalby's Cross H

Ranch. Historical markers honoring Mrs. Marjorie Merriweather Post of Washington, D. C., and the memory of her father, C. W. Post, would be dedicated on June 8 on the Garza County courthouse lawn. Mrs. Merriweather Post would arrive for the fourth time in 11 years back to the town her father founded.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Deamos Altman was the scene lamsburg, Jamestown and An- Cynthia Ann, to Jerry Taylor, son napolis. Visiting was sponsor of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Taylor of

Jancie Gordon and Rocky Grib-Woods, Jay Mitchell, Shane Bev- ble brought top honors home by ers, Kristin Titsworth, Ty Hill, winning the sweetheart and talent contest, respectively, at the Area

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that all the councilmen are agreed that the question of whether or not Post should establish a police department should be placed before the voters. The \$20,000 police department cost estimate for the first year of operation was based upon a three-man police force with two police cars and a

Miss Linda Louise Lott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lott of Post, graduated from the Hockaday Preparatory School in Dallas. Also taking part in the graduation activities was Miss Mary Louise McCrary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giles C. McCrary of Post.

Miss Frances Dietrich was selected "Girl of the Year" by the Woman's Culture Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Baker announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Charlene, to Wayne Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bishop of Plainview.

60 Years Ago June 3, 1948

Guys and Gals: Bud Everett, Bill West and Neal Clary went to Abilene and attended the A.C.C. commencement program; Jimmy Ruth Rains was honored at a tea shower as she soon would become Mrs. Charles Hoskins; Sonny McCrary arrived home from Kansas where he had been attending school; Molly Dodson and Louis Mills were both planning to be married soon. Robert Cash would sing for the weddings; Juanita Gregg graduated from Bethany College in Oklahoma; Giles Dalby was driving a new Chevrolet, a gift from his

Past Masters honored at a called meeting were R. D. Travis, Homer Patty, Walter Duckworth, John Simmons, L. W. Dalby, C. B. Everett, John Cearley, J. A. Stalling, Bailey Matsler, Rex Everett, Allen Cash, Dr. A. C. Surman, E. E. Pierce, Phil Bouchier, Bob Warren, Cecil Thaxton, O. L. Weakley, Dr. D. C. Williams, Dean Robinson and Oscar Gra-

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The Post Dispatch Friday, June 6, 2008 Page 9 Tips to curb indoor, outdoor water use

just one drop per second can waste more than 2,000 gallons of water per year? That a leaking toilet can waste 100 gallons a day? Or that an average shower uses 11 gallons of water?

Americans use an average of over 350 million gallons of water each day; much of that water is wasted due to carelessness.

The International Arid Lands Consortium (IALC) offers these simple water -saving tips to conserve our most valuable and vital natural resource:

· Turn faucets off when you are not using them; for example, do not leave the

water running when washing dishes by hand or brushing your teeth. · Make sure to repair any leaking

faucets, pipes and toilets. Defrost frozen food in the refrigerator or microwave instead of running hot

· Dispose of toxic chemicals properly; do not pour them down the drain. • Install water saving fixtures such as

ultra low consumption toilets, efficient faucets and showerheads. · Do not throw trash into the toilet as it will result in unnecessary and wasteful

toilet flushing; instead, dispose of trash in the proper containers. Take a quick shower rather than a

bath and save an average of 20 gallons · Clean vegetables in a sink or pan

partially filled with water rather than running water from the tap. • Re-use the water that vegetables are

washed in for watering houseplants or · Insulate water pipes; it'll make your water hotter faster and avoid the waste

that comes when heating water. Instead of waiting for tap water to get cold enough for drinking, keep a bottle of water in the refrigerator.

· Whenever possible, compost food scraps or dispose of them in the garbage rather than using the garbage disposal, which requires a high level of water for

· Only run your dishwasher when it is full to make the best use of water, energy

· Cut down on the amount of rinsing you do before loading the dishwasher. Most modern dishwashers do an excellent job of cleaning dishes, pots and pans.

· Wait until you have a full load of laundry before running the machine to save both water and energy. If you can't wait for a full load, use the right water level to match the size of the load.

· When washing clothes by hand, the water should not be left running. Fill a laundry tub with water, and re-use wash

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Likewise with the dishes.

Outdoors · Water your lawn early in the morning or at night to avoid excess evaporation.

Similarly, do not water your lawn on windy days as it can also help to avoid excess evaporation. · Don't follow a fixed watering

schedule. Water when the grass or plants show signs of needing it. Over watering is bad for plants and lawns. It promotes shallow root growth, making your lawn less hardy. To determine if your lawn needs to be watered, simply walk across the grass. If you leave footprints, it's time to water.

· Cover swimming pools to minimize the loss of water due to evaporation. Also install a more efficient water saving

· Use a broom rather than a hose to

clean sidewalks or driveways. Install efficient irrigation devices that can be adjusted according to seasonal irrigation needs. Install moisture sensors in each irrigation zone (sunny, shady, etc.) to better determine irrigation needs.

· Do not leave sprinklers or hoses on unattended; it can result in leaks and over watering.

· Maintain a lawn height of 2 1/2 to 3

Did you know that a faucet that leaks and rinse water as much as possible. inches to help protect the roots from heat stress and reduce the loss of moisture to evaporation. Allowing the grass to grow slightly taller reduces water loss in the soil

by providing more ground shade for the roots and by promoting water retention · Watering in several short sessions rather than one long one allows the lawn

to better absorb water and helps reduce the risk of over watering. Check sprinkler system valves

periodically for leaks and keep the heads

· Make sure your sprinkler is placed so it only waters the lawn, not the

· Avoid sprinklers that spray a fine

mist, which increases evaporation. · Wash your car with a bucket of soapy water and use a nozzle to stop the flow of

water from the hose between rinsing. · Consider washing your car on the

lawn, if possible, to reduce runoff. Consider xeriscape landscaping which takes into consideration how the yard will be used and how it can provide the greatest benefit with the least amount of maintenance. This includes growing plants that are indigenous to the area and appropriate maintenance to reduce water use.

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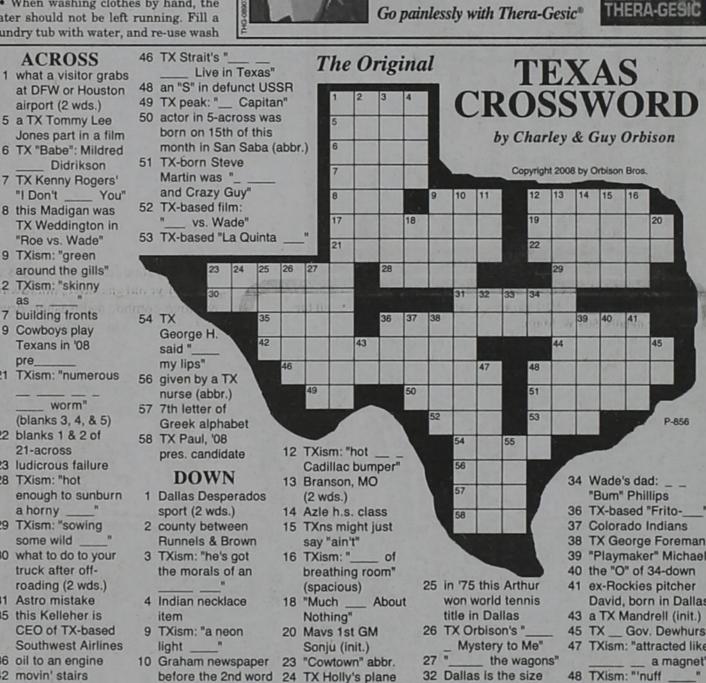
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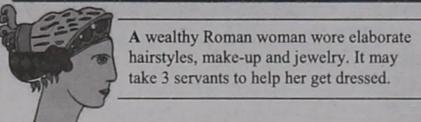
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Post Yard of the Week

Rowena Pierce's home at 407 Osage is this weeks "Yard of the Week" recognized by the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. The yard of the week project is a special program to encourage beautification in Post. (Photo by Wes Burnett)

Mary Raphelt Hall of Honor dedicated at Ragtown Theater

Ragtown Gospel Theater hosted more than 150 special guests from around the area Saturday, many of whom were returning to their hometown for a special celebration in honor of longtime Post educator, Mary Raphelt.

The occasion was the dedication of the Mary Raphelt Hall of Honor, a gallery set aside to acknowledge contributors to the music and drama ministry presented at Ragtown Gospel Theater. Raphelt was the first donor and serves on the theater's Board of Directors, which oversees theater productions.

"Mary was my fourth grade teacher," Glenn Polk told the gathering. "She gave me my first role in a play." He then added, "And my first paddling in school."

Recently the relationship between teacher and student, spanning more than 50 years, was documented in a Lubbock Independent School District television production entitled "Acting Under the Influence." The documentary included interviews with Raphelt and Polk and footage of the ongoing construction and interior design of the 400-seat Christian

Raphelt's positive influence has extended to include Polk's partner and brother, Chip Polk.

"Mary has been such an integral part of this from the beginning," Chip Polk said in his comments to the collection of past students and present friends of the teacher. "We wanted to do something to assure that she is a permanent part of it."

He then unveiled a recently completed portrait of Raphelt, which will be exhibited at the entrance of the Mary Raphelt Hall of Honor.

Following the dedication and reception, the audience was treated to an hour-long Ragtown Gospel Music Show, featuring Chip Polk, followed by the current dramatic production, "Mary, Mother of the Lord," directed by Glenn Polk, who appears as Clopas Alphaeus, brother of Joseph. This is the third play in a series of seven dramas depicting the friends and family of Jesus and their relationships with the Savior.

"Mary, Mother of the Lord" will conclude its 13-week run on June 21.

The Post Dispatch First Amendment complaint forwarded to Texas Attorney General's office

A complaint that the First Amendment rights of The Post Dispatch were violated last fall is in the hands of the Texas Attorney General's Office, according to a letter received by the newspaper's publisher last

The letter included a copy of 106th District Attorney Ricky B. Smith's request that the AG's office investigate the complaint filed by Wesley Burnett and Tim Burnett of The Post Dispatch. In his letter to the Criminal Prosecution Division of the AG's Office, Smith asked for an investigation into the complaint originally was filed with Garza County Sheriff Cliff Laws' office.

"It is my understanding that Sheriff Laws specifically requested an investigation of the Burnetts' complaint by your office," Smith wrote. "Sheriff Laws informed me that you needed a letter from me asking that you conduct his requested investigation. In light of the sheriff's request, I ask that you investigate the Burnetts' complaint."

The Burnetts filed their complaint in January with the Garza County Sheriff's Department, contending that several media representatives, including Dispatch photographer Tim Burnett, were denied "their Texas Constitutional and U.S. Constitutional First Amendment rights of free speech and press" when they were prevented by law enforcement officials from entering the courthouse with cameras during the final hours of the Nov. 8 Pablo Soto murder trial in 106th District Court.

"We are encouraged that apparently the Texas Attorney General's office may investigate constitutional violations at the Garza County Courthouse," Wesley Burnett, publisher of the Dispatch, said. "Although it has been almost five months since we filed our official complaint, perhaps justice will be served. Previous contacts with the Attorney General's office were met with no confirmation that they had even been contacted by local officials.

"We believe it is critically important that all government agents, elected or appointed, be held accountable to the law. No official, no matter how popular or powerful, should be allowed to trample on our constitution with impunity. The liberty and freedom of all citizens is at stake. If the rule of law is to prevail in Garza County and in Texas, it must start with government officials being held accountable to the law."

Additionally, complaints against 106th District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht and Garza County Judge Lee Norman also have been filed with the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. The Burnetts filed separate complaints against the judges, charging that both were involved in acts of "official oppression" on Nov. 8 when their orders prevented media representatives from entering the local courthouse with their cameras

No update on those complaints has been made available.



Ragtown Gospel Theater's Chip Polk (right) presents a painted portrait to Mrs. Mary Raphelt (left) at last Friday's Hall of Honor event honoring Mrs. Raphelt.

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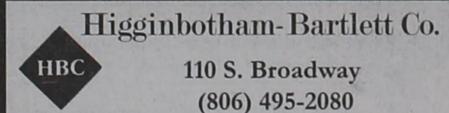


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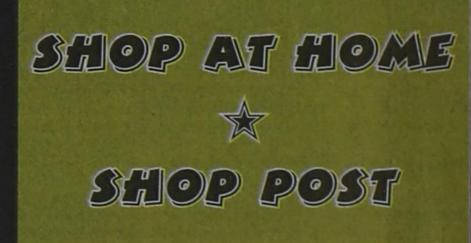
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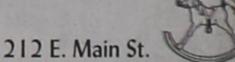








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