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Post Notes

Girls' fast pitch softball registration

All girls, ages nine to 18, interested in playing fast pitch softball in the Lubbock league should contact Jaquita Blevins at 495-2517 for registration forms. All registrations must be submitted by Friday, February 21, along with a copy of birth certificate and registration fees.

Hallelujah Chorus in Post March 2

The famed Lubbock Christian University's Hallelujah Chorus will present a concert at the Post Church of Christ at 6 p.m., Sunday, March 2. The concert is free and open to the public.

"Desperate Ambrose" at Garza Theatre

"Desperate Ambrose" will open at the Garza Theatre February 14 and continue Feb. 15, 21, 22, 28 and March 1, 7, 8 and 9. The play, written by Donald Payton, is directed by Beth McBrayer. Tickets may be obtained by calling the box office, 495-4005.

Relay for Life teams sought

It's time again to get teams together for the Third Annual Garza County Relay for Life. This year's Relay for Life will be held June 13-14. The Relay for Life is a fun way to join others in the fight against cancer and to raise funds for activities of the American Cancer Society. For more information about forming a team or participating as a survivor, call Amy Pennell at 495-3600 or 495-4316 or Jana Bullard at 495-2804 or 495-2037.

Retirement Reception for Dr Bain

A retirement reception will be held Sunday, February 23 at 2 p.m. for Post ISD superintendent Dr Bobby Bain at the Hotel Garza.

Lions Club hosts blood drive

A blood drive, sponsored by the Post Lions Club, will be held in Post today, Feb. 13, to honor servicemen and women.

Traditionally, military personnel are faithful blood donors; however, during the past few months many have not been available to donate for the community blood supply.

During World War II, civilians on the home front were asked to step in for military personnel who were on assignment. Today, all eligible blood donors are encouraged to make an appointment to give blood at the Post community blood drive, which will be held at the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 202 W. 10th. Donors may schedule an appointment by calling Ron Miner at 495-3044.

"By giving just one hour of your time, you can help save the lives of several patients here locally," said Connie Hollinshead, community relations representative of United Blood Services. "And at the same time, you can do your part by honoring our South Plains residents who are supporting the fight for enduring freedom."

To donate blood, an individual must be 17 years or older, be in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds.

The South Plains is currently experiencing shortages of O-positive and O-negative blood types.

Romantic comedy opens Friday

Initial performances of the Garza Theatre's "Desperate Ambrose" will be offered this weekend, Feb. 14 and 15.

Additional performances of the romantic comedy are set for Feb. 21, 22 and 28, as well as March 1, 7, 8 and 9.

Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m., while the Sunday matinee performance will be at 2:30 p.m.

Directed by Beth McBrayer, the production will feature performances by Pat Price, Chris Davis, David Johnson, Joe Bass, Mike Corley, Roy W. Willis, Kathy Kidder, Marissa Olive, Mickie Klafka, Brenda Olive, Kim Klafka, Cordell Green and McBrayer.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

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City council lays out plan to reduce property taxes

by Wes Burnett

The Post City Council took action in a special called meeting Tuesday night, establishing an economic development corporation for the specific purpose of using sales tax revenue to pay the bonds on the Slaton water project.

Council members debated the issue at length, emphasizing the wording of the corporate charter to limit the purpose to paying for the \$5 million bond issue. "We've told voters that we will only use the funds for that purpose," council member Harold Craig insisted, "and we've got to be sure that's all that it will be used for."

All council members and Mayor Archie Gill agreed with Craig's assessment. Four of the five city council members will serve as directors of the Caprock Economic Development Corporation.

The council has put in motion an election on increasing the sales tax rate by one-half of one percent dedicated to decreasing property taxes and one-half of one percent for payment on the water improvement bonds.

If approved by voters in the May election, the increased sales tax will begin in October, with decreased property taxes expected to begin the following fiscal year, based on amount of sales tax rebate generated from the new rate.

The economic development corporation will be dissolved upon payment of the bonds.

County accepts donated land near Lake Alan Henry

Two action items pertaining to Lake Alan Henry were handled during Friday's meeting of the Garza County Commissioners Court.

The court accepted a donation of land in the Lake Alan Henry area from Clyde Cash. Cash offered the land to the county for construction of a law enforcement/fire station complex that could house both a fire truck and an ambulance.

The donated property is four acres in size and is located north of Grubbs.

Additionally, the court passed a resolution supporting a legislative bill authorizing the creation of the Lake Alan Henry Water District.

"Whereas Lake Alan Henry is a water resource located in the southeast corner of Garza County and... such lake, constructed... for future domestic water use, is currently being used solely for recreational purpose and... creation of a water district for the purpose of contracting with the City of Lubbock would be beneficial to development around the involved lake, it is hereby resolved... that the Texas Legislature enact a bill entitled 'an act relating to the creation, administration, powers, duties, operation and financing of the Lake Alan Henry Water District,'" the resolution reads.

The special Friday session was called to handle business originally scheduled for earlier in the week. The Feb. 3 meeting had to be cancelled due to illness within the court.

In other business, commissioners considered a pair of requests for public assistance. One was approved, the other was denied.

Also, the court approved a resolution proclaiming Feb. 4 as Senior Day.

Atmos Energy announces new rate schedule

Effective Jan. 20, Atmos Energy implemented a new service charge schedule for its customers residing within the Post city limits.

According to a letter addressed to the mayor, the increased service charges will be assessed of residential, commercial, small industrial and public authority customers alike.

The letter, written by Atmos Energy's vice president of rates and regulatory, was one of the informational items included in the Feb. 4 packets distributed to Post City Council members.

The charges are as follows:

- To turn on new service with the meter set — \$32 during business hours; \$48 after hours.
- To turn on service (shut in test required) — \$23.50 during business hours; \$36.25 after hours.
- To turn on service (meter read only

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In action at the regular monthly city council meeting February 4, the council approved the purchase of a flat bed trailer for use at the landfill. The trailer will be used to haul scrap metal to a processing site in Lubbock.

New stop signs will be installed in the Post Economic Development Corp.'s housing addition near the old Postex Mill. Signs on streets there have disappeared over the years.

The council took formal action to set an election for May 3. On the ballot will be mayor, alderman for Wards 1 and 2 and a one year term for Ward 3 alderman.

Purchase of a steel wheeled roller was also approved.

GCHCD sets March 6 town hall meeting on hospital plans

The long-awaited public meeting regarding the possible reopening of a hospital facility in Post has been scheduled for 7 p.m. March 6 in the community center.

The public forum, which is being described as an "informative" session, will provide an overview of the many options board members of the Garza County Health Care District have been exploring over the past few months.

Sometime next week, area residents should begin receiving pamphlets detailing the health care district's options. The pamphlets are scheduled to be mailed to all post office boxes and mailing addresses in Post; Southland-area residents, only a portion of whom reside within the health care district, can probably expect to receive their pamphlets via hand- or door-to-door delivery.

Currently, the board is looking at a two-pronged approach at providing health care for local residents. The first, establishment of a health care clinic, would provide a more immediate solution to the Covenant's recent announcement of plans to close its clinic in Post effective April 30.

The second proposal, the opening of a hospital, is a response to a 2001 survey conducted within the health care district. According to district officials, a majority of local residents surveyed expressed a desire to have an emergency room facility in Post.

To operate an emergency room in Texas, the emergency room must be part of an operating hospital facility.

For months, health care district officials have gathered information on options that could be taken, including the renovation of the existing hospital facility and the construction of a new hospital building. Financing for such a project would be funded through the sale of bonds.

After presenting the options to the public and weighing the input, district officials hope to put the issue on the ballot in the May health care district election.

In preparing for the town hall meeting, the health care district board has been meeting frequently in recent weeks to sort through incoming information. On Feb. 6, board members gathered to handle a number of routine business items. After hearing a review from the health care district's attorney on regulations regarding executive sessions, the board went into closed session to consult with the health care district's attorney.

Returning to open session, board members took no action but received a report from the board president on the options available regarding the operation of a health care clinic.

The district recently advertised a request for proposals regarding the proposed operation of a clinic, but as of Tuesday evening no bids had been received, interim administrator Tanya White said.

Bids are scheduled to be opened and considered at the board's next meeting on Feb. 20.

Also present at last week's meeting was Tom Farris of Floydada, a member of the Caprock Hospital District. Farris said his community has experienced health care challenges similar to those of Post. He shared with the board several of the trials and errors that hospital district experienced in its effort to secure local health care.

Farris also was on hand to recommend PNS of Lubbock, which is associated with University Medical Center. PNS already has a presence in Post, with its provision of medical services at the Dalby unit.

The board met again briefly Tuesday evening. All action items were tabled, except for a proposal that the district hire a consultant to help set up provider enrollment. It was decided that the board will wait on bids from management firms that would handle billing, etc.

Post ISD trustees expected to hire new superintendent

Trustees for the Post Independent School District could hire a new superintendent when they meet in special session Friday at noon at the administration building.

According to the agenda for the called meeting, the board is scheduled to discuss the employment of a superintendent in an executive session. Any action deemed necessary as a result of that discussion will be taken in open session.

Last month, the board singled out Marlin Marcum, an educator with the Comfort Independent School District, as the lone finalist for the superintendent post. Marcum is expected to replace Dr. Bobby Bain, who plans to retire at the close of the current school year.



No injuries in accident at United Supermarket

There were no injuries from an accident at United Supermarket last Thursday (2/6/03) when an automobile crashed through two plate glass windows on the east side of the building. The driver of the auto said it was new and she accidentally hit the accelerator as she approached the curb.

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Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hey everyone, I want to start out this week with a special message to a special little boy. Tho I'm sure my great nephew, Ryan Belongia, does not consider himself to be a little boy, he is to me. For those of you who do not know, Ryan underwent some delicate surgery last week.



He had a torn retina and it had to be repaired. Now that might not sound too bad to some of you, but the healing process is long and tedious, especially for a twelve year old. For the next 3 to 4 weeks, he will lay face down, twenty three hours out of the day.

He will miss eight weeks of school. I just wanted to let Ryan know that he is in my thoughts and prayers and I am so impressed with him and how he is handling all of this.

So to all of you "Jabberin'" readers out there, Ryan loves to get cards in the mail. So take five minutes out of your busy day and send this terrific kid a card. It will make your heart feel good. His address is 711 W. 6th. Hang in there Ryan and get well really quick. Love ya!!!

CONGRATULATIONS

I wanted to send special congratulations to Eric Alaniz. Eric has recently graduated from Air Force Military Training. He is stationed at Wichita Falls and is attending technical school. I know his parents, Tino and Linda are so very proud of him. We all need to thank these boys going into the military now. What a proud thing to choose, to serve our country.

SPEAKING OF

Speaking of military folks, I want to send a big, big congratulations to Jonathon and Lindsey Smith on the birth of their son, Jayton Jessie Smith. He weighed six pounds, eight ounces. Jayton was born at Fort Bragg, North Carolina where Lindsey still resides. Jonathon is now overseas, although no one knows exactly where. Another special fellow serving our country. Jayton's grandparents are Sandy and John Smith and Delbert and Tonya Rudd. Congratulations kids!!

THE CLABORNS

I wanted to say a late happy anniversary to Gene and Mary Lee Claborn. I believe their anniversary was the ninth of January which was a bad month for Mary Lee. She lost her mom, so things such as birthdays and an anniversary did not register. So I wanted them to know they were in my thoughts.

MARGIE

I was thrilled to see Margie Carpenter out and about this weekend. Margie is recovering nicely and I'm so happy to know that. You just keep it up Miss Margie.

FROM MY NEPHEW, MARK THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. You spend the first two years of your children's life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and be quiet.

2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.

3. Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.

4. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

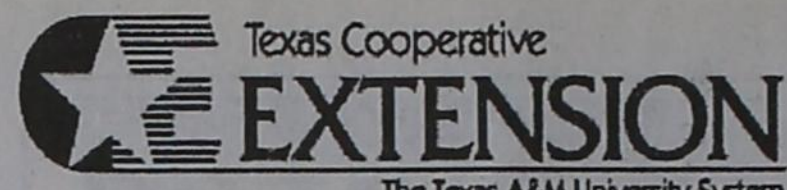
5. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.

6. We child proofed our home, but they are still getting in. Advice for the day: Be nice to your children, they will choose your nursing home.

And finally, If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: "Take two aspirin" and "keep away from children."

TILL NEXT WEEK Guess that will do it for this week. PLEASE call in your news (495-0277). God bless each of you and see ya next week. Judy

Education is hanging around until you've caught on.
—Robert Frost



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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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

Heart-Smart

Many people think high blood pressure (hypertension) is a "stress disease" — the result of overwork, no exercise, too many cocktail lunches, smoking, eating an unhealthy diet and other common but shortsighted behaviors. The truth is, except in a few rare cases, doctors don't know what causes high blood pressure.

They do know that about 50 million Americans have it, and nearly half are women. Only a small portion of people with the disease are adequately treated. Why does it matter? Because high blood pressure can kill or injure. It leads to heart attack, stroke, heart failure, kidney damage, blindness and other medical problems. High blood pressure has no symptoms. But as a woman, you should know when you may be particularly at risk for this disease.

If you're taking the Pill...Medical researchers have found that taking birth control pills is linked with high blood pressure in some women. It's more likely to occur if you're overweight, had high blood pressure during pregnancy, or have a predisposing condition, such as mild kidney disease or a family history of high blood pressure.

The combination of birth control pills and cigarette smoking may be especially dangerous in some women. It's smart to ask your doctor to measure your blood pressure before prescribing the Pill. Then have your blood pressure checked every six months or so.

If you're pregnant...Physicians usually keep a close watch on blood pressure during pregnancy, because hypertension can develop rapidly in the last three months. If untreated, it's dangerous to mother and baby. This kind of hypertension usually disappears after delivery. If it doesn't, it should be controlled with careful, long-term treatment as with all other hypertension.

If you're overweight...Being overweight or gaining a lot of weight increases your chance of developing high blood pressure. This is one reason why it's important to maintain normal weight throughout your life.

If your family has a history of high blood pressure...If your parents and other close blood relatives have had high blood pressure, there's a good chance that you have it or will develop it. And if you have it, it's quite possible that your children also may develop it. Like adults, children should have regular blood pressure checks.

The cure for high blood pressure...There's no cure, at least not yet. But high blood pressure is controllable. To control your blood pressure, you need to participate as part of a healthcare team. Your doctor, nurse and other team members can't do it alone and neither can you. You all must work together.

You may be advised to lose weight, use less salt, get more exercise and limit alcohol intake. You also may have to take medication every day, maybe for the rest of your life. But think about what could happen with untreated high blood pressure. Don't take life-or-death chances with a disease you can control.

"A Special Message for Women" <http://www.americanheart.org/presenter.jhtml?identifier=2123>

Atmos rates...

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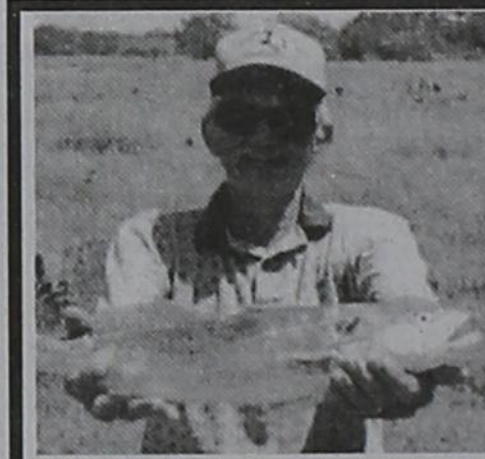
required) — \$15 during business hours; \$22.50 after hours. • Reconnect delinquent service/service temporarily cut off at customer's request — \$37.50 during business hours; \$56.25 after hours. • Miscellaneous service calls — \$11.25 during business hours; \$16.88 after hours.

The letter states that city officials will be notified when Atmos Energy receives state approval on the fees to be charged to its customers outside the city limits.

Do not accustom yourself to use big words for little matters.
—Samuel Johnson



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Obituaries

Maleecy Johnston

Services for Maleecy Johnston, 70, of Post were Monday, February 10, 2003 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Arthur Kelly, Pastor of Pleasant Home Baptist Church officiated and The Rev. Ron Miner, Pastor of the Church of the Nazarene assisted.

Burial followed at the Roaring Springs Cemetery, Roaring Springs, Texas with the Rev. Les Atkins, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Post officiating. Arrangements were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.

Mrs. Johnston died on Thursday February 06, 2003 at the Golden Plains Care Center.

She was born on June 29, 1932 to William Henry and Hattie Maleecy (Hammond) Norwood at Dewey Rose, Georgia. She attended school at in Oglethorpe County, Georgia and Iva, South Carolina. Came to Post in 1955 to work at the Postex Cotton Mill. Married Harold Johnston June 21, 1958 h Post. He preceded her in death Feb. 22, 1993. She was a Baptist and was very active and a lifetime member of the VFW Post 6797 Ladies Auxiliary. She had served in many capacities as an officer and volunteer for the Auxiliary. She had been very active in school activities with her children. Her family was her top priority and she loved crafts, sewing and volunteering at the local care centers. She also was preceded in death by a Daughter.

She is survived by One Son: Jimmy Johnston of Franklin, MA. Three Daughters: Jane Scott of Lolita, Texas, Rebecca Jolly of Post and Darlena Johnston of Lubbock. Two Brothers: Mason Norwood of Iva, S.C. and William Norwood of Anderson, S.C. Two Sisters: Kathryn Egri of Planville, Conn., Esta Burton of Iva, S.C. 10 grandchildren: Beth, Alicia, Cassie, Shane, Melanie, Derek, Andrea, Dustin, Tessa and James. Three great-grandchildren: Rhianna, Kayla and Masey. Special friends are Jane Redman and Nicky Hewitt.

Palbearers will be Craig Buggy, Billy Shumard, Shane Smith, Steve Scott, Derek Burchfield and Steve Ferris.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart or Cancer Associations.

Don Robison

Services for Don Robison, 85, of Justiceburg were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Don Blacklock officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

He died Thursday, Feb. 6, in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Aug. 30, 1917, in Bell County, he married Josephine Wagner Jan. 15, 1941, in Brownfield. He was a rancher in the Justiceburg area for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Josephine, of Justiceburg; one son, Johnny Robison of Post; one daughter, Donna Ethridge of Lubbock; three grandchildren, Kurt Robison, Donna D'Lynn Ethridge and Kelly James Ethridge, all of Lubbock; and three great-grandchildren, Crystal Robison and Patricia Robison of Acuff and Skye Robison of Lockney.

Sebastian Pena Sr.

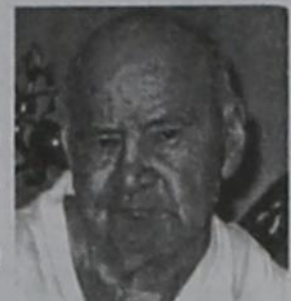
Services for Sebastian Pena Sr., 75, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Timothy E. Judd officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home. Rosary was said at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9, at the funeral home.

He died Saturday, Feb. 8, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Oct. 5, 1927, in Gonzales County, he married Lucia Cazares Dec. 18, 1950, in Tahoka. A member of the Catholic church, he farmed for many years in the Post area.

Survivors include his wife, Lucy, of Post; four sons, Sebastian Pena Jr. of Amarillo, Alfredo Pena of Post, Mario Pena of Lubbock and Steve Pena of Post; five daughters, Helen Flores and Margie Booker of Amarillo and Lucy Gonzales, Isabel Samora and Tina Garcia, all of Lubbock; three brothers, Joe Pena of Gonzales, Adam Pena of Post and Tony Pena of Grassland; six sisters, Cynthia Martinez of Post, Lucia Rodela and Eva Reyna of Gonzales, and Anita DeLeon, Teresa Pena and Angie Garza, all of Post; 29 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Noel Pena, in January 1994.



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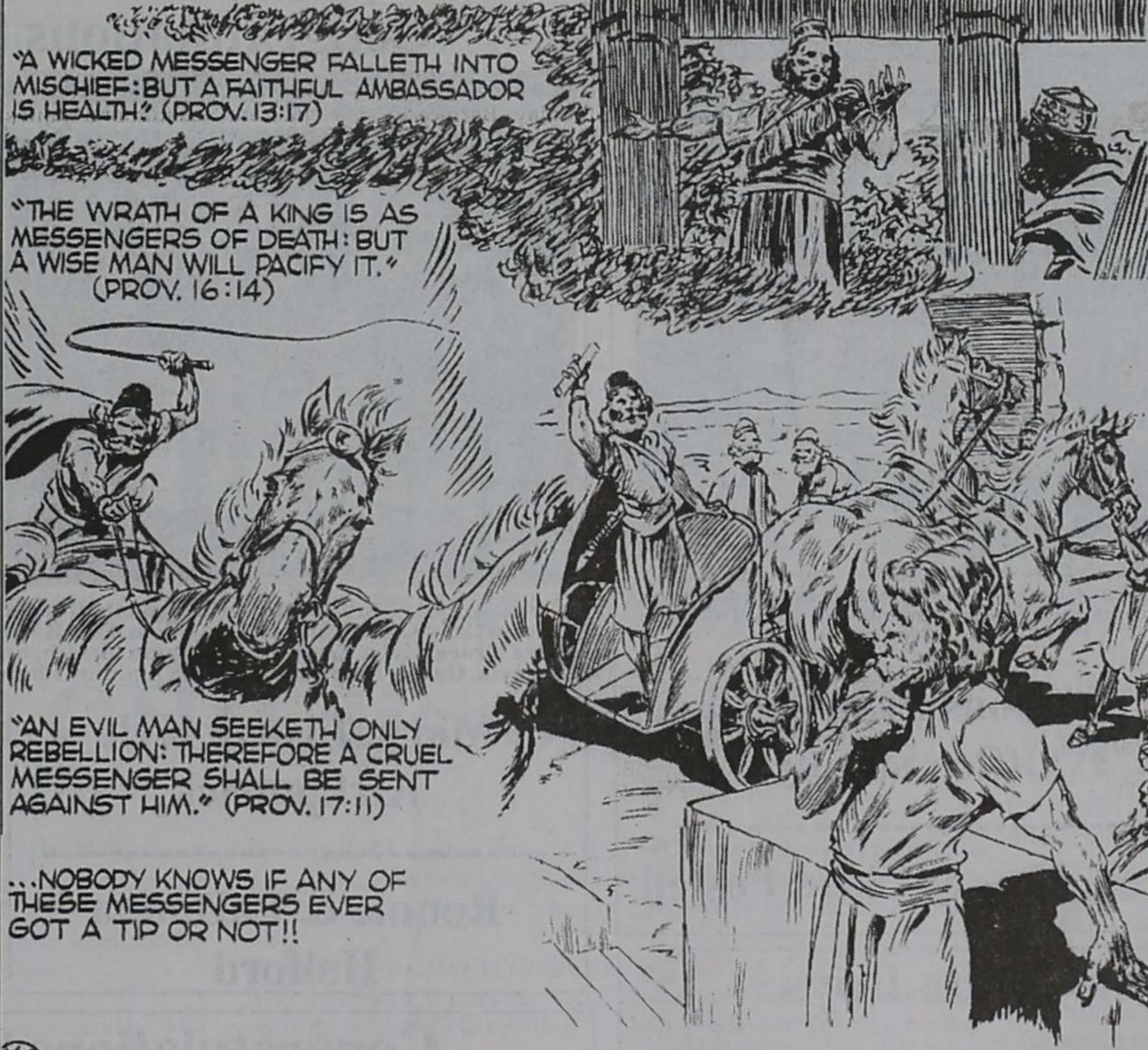
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"AN EVIL MAN SEEKETH ONLY REBELLION; THEREFORE A CRUEL MESSENGER SHALL BE SENT AGAINST HIM." (PROV. 17:11)

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First Baptist Church	402 W. Main, 495-3554	Power House Church of God and Christ	Pine Ave.
First Baptist Church, Wilson	628-6333	Disciples of Christ	
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Pleasant Home Baptist Church	E. 14th & N. Ave F	Methodist	
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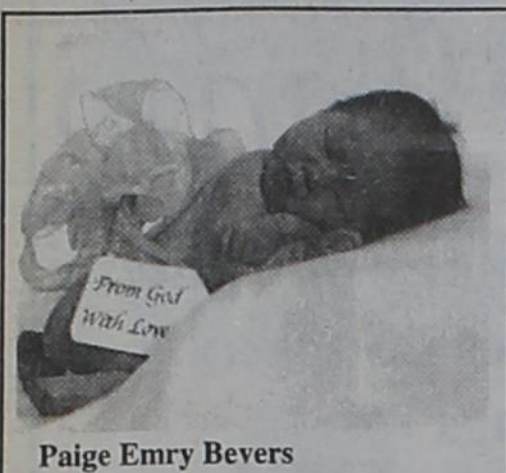
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Births



Paige Emry Bevers

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Melissa McNeese and Travis (Slade) Bevers are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Paige Emry Bevers. She was born January 27, 2003 in Lewisville Memorial Hospital, weighing six pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. She is welcomed home by sister Brittany.

Maternal grandparents are Jane McNeese of Flower Mound and Les and Monti McNeese of Lewisville.

Paternal grandparents are Bill and Barbe Bevers of Post. Paternal great grandparents are Exa Fay Gilmore of Lubbock and the Late Travis Gilmore and the Late Spence and Oreta Bevers.

Golden Plains Care Center News

by Christy Rutherford

Things were heating up around here last week with the talent show.

We were entertained with singing, cheering, skits and the reading of poems. Our judges were Mary Jo McGuire, Faye Ogle and Charlene Bishop, and they had a hard time deciding on our winners. The winners were Dee Dee Kinney, Morgan Lynch, Brooklyn Landa and Lauren Lynch, Derrick Guthrie and Donny Cunningham.

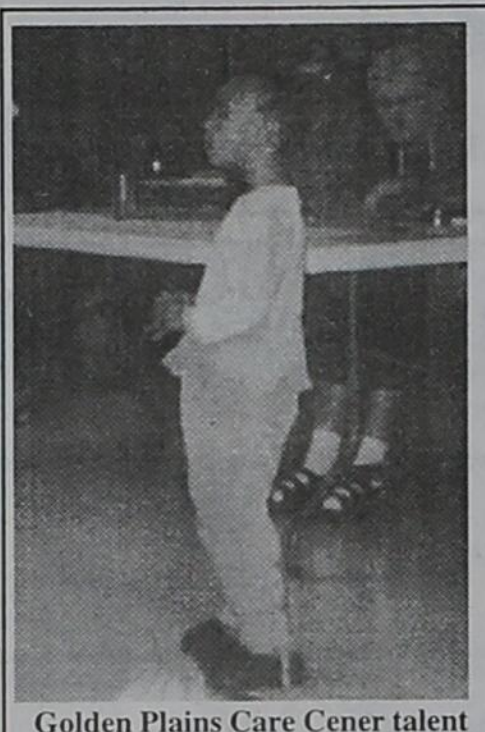
The prizes awarded were provided by Jerry's Bar-B-Que and Teresa Doggett with Boyd Bears.



Golden Plains Care Center talent show winners (left to right) Lauren and Morgan Lynch and Brooklyn Landa.



Golden Plains Care Center talent show winners (left to right) Derreck Guthrie and Donny Cunningham, award presented by Christy Rutherford.



Golden Plains Care Center talent show winner Dee Dee Kinney.

Eric Alaniz completes USAF training

Air Force Airman Eric E. Alaniz, son of Tino and Linda Alaniz and husband of DeLynn Alaniz, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

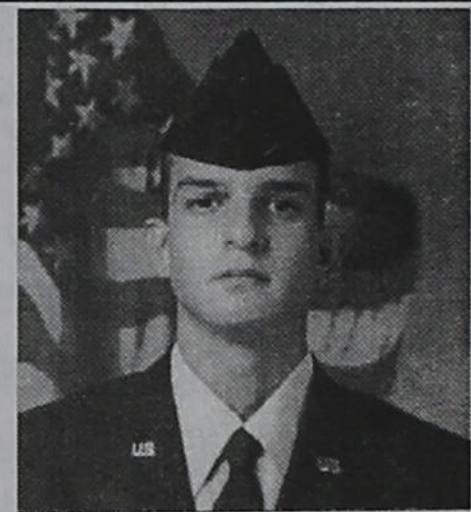
During the six-week training period, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches; and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

Additionally, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Attending his graduation ceremony were the airman's wife and daughter, Hailey; his parents; and David, Melinda, Quincey and Andrew Quintana and Mike, Eva, Danny and Susan Gonzales, all of Post; Amanda Alaniz of Houston; Steve Gonzales and Flora Gomez of Dallas; Juan and Augustina Alaniz from Aguas, Mexico; Steve, Mary Ann, Melissa and Jessica Collazo from Pearsall; Paul and Sally Rodriguez, Frank Gonzales and Roy and Lupe Gonzales, all of San Antonio; and Daniel, Samantha, Brenda and Daniel Isiah Alaniz of Corpus Christi.

Alaniz, his wife and parents extend their thanks to all who attended the ceremony, as well as to family and friends who sent cards and letters during the basic training and graduation.

Alaniz is a 2002 Southland High School graduate.



Airman Eric Alaniz



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Senior 4-H Fashion Show

All youth 14 and over interested in participating in the Senior 4-H Clothing Project and Fashion Show, need to call 495-4400 to sign up by February 14th.

4-H Photography Project

If you are interested in participating in the Photography Project, call 495-4400 or come by the Extension office to sign up. Southland 4-H Club Meeting.....

.....will be Thursday, February 20, 6:30 p.m. at the Southland Cafeteria.

Lost & Found

Several items were left at the show barn after the stock show. We have two boys plaid shirts, one hooded sweatshirt, a hog hat, an extension cord case, a silver key. We also have a set of keys and a pair of prescription sunglasses that were found after the stock show last year. And, we have an assortment of gloves that were found on the street after the Christmas Parade back in December. If you are missing any of these items, come by the Extension office to claim.

CEU Opportunities

Saturday, February 22 There will be 5.75 CEU's available to producers 8:00 a.m. til 2:30 p.m. at the Women's Building at the Hockley County Fairgrounds. Registration at the door will be \$18. For more information call (806) 894-2406.

Wednesday, February 26 Rangeland & Wildlife Habitat Restoration Field Day, Tongue River Ranch, Dumont, Texas. Registration by February 19-\$10; after-\$15. Three (3) CEU's. For more information or a registration form, contact 495-4400 or come by the Extension office.



Skylar Jones (center, top) shows her American Reserve Breed Champ during the recent Fort Worth Stock Show. Skylar is a member of the Golden Clover 4-H Club. (Photo by Jaquita Blevins)

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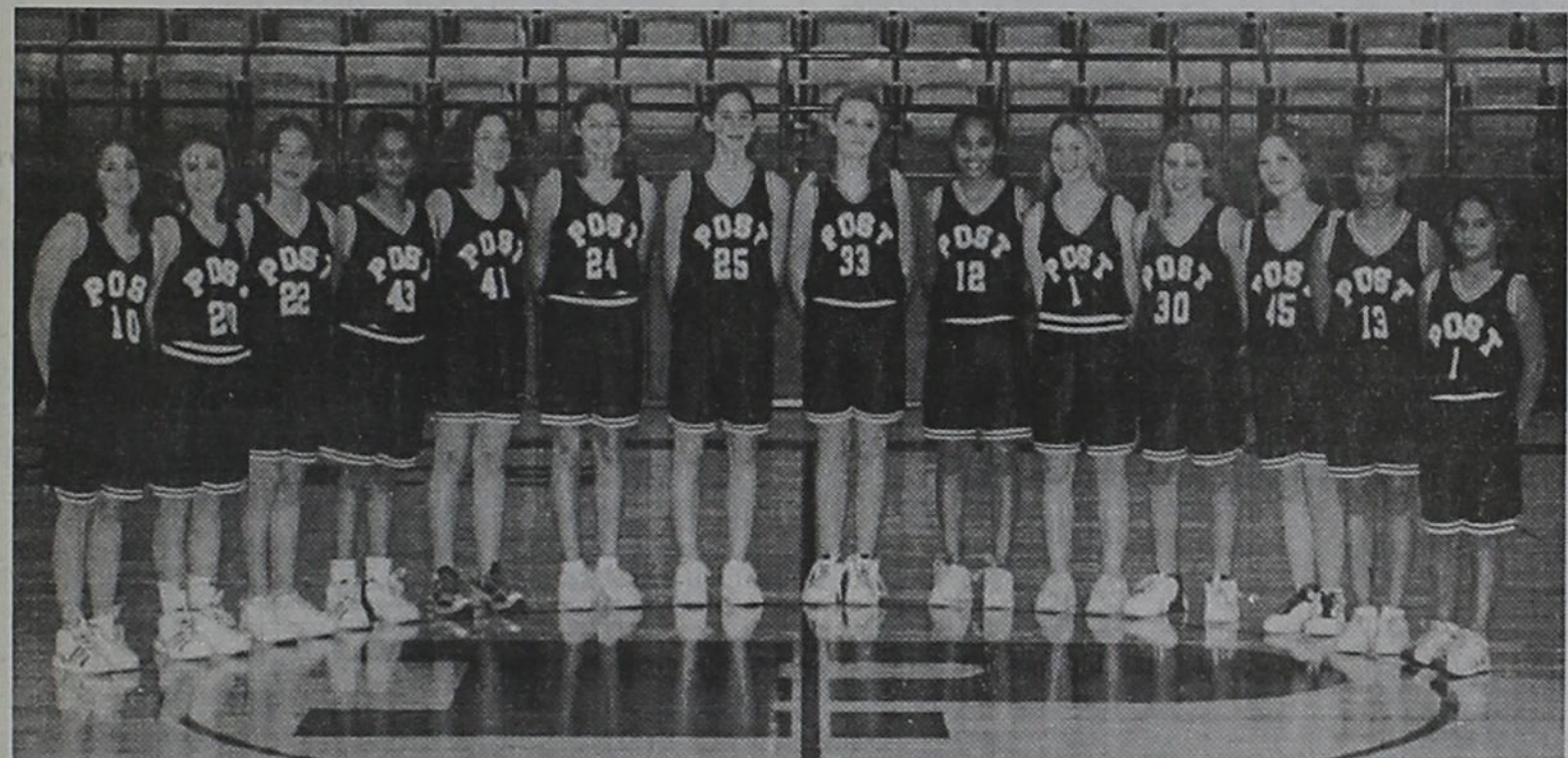
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Post Antelope 7th Grade Girls Basketball team - (left to right) Marlee Plummer, Kelsey Sanderson, Tyler Menchaca, Suhani Bhakta, Ericka Cravy, Lori Jones, Samantha Hoover, Brenna Postell, Lauren Gonzales, Ashleigh Harris, Tamara Raymundo, Madison Mason, Sherika Thurman and Gloria Martinez. (Photo by Pam Gorman)

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Congratulations 7th Grade Boys



Post 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team - (back row, left to right) Kam Shumard, Richard Suit, Call Windham, Jeremy Short, Pat Reiter, Eric Guerrero, coach Nick Dickson, (front row) Ryan Belongia, Dylan Davis, Timothy Wilson, Byron Soto, Randall Jewell and James Griffin. (Photo by Pam Gorman)

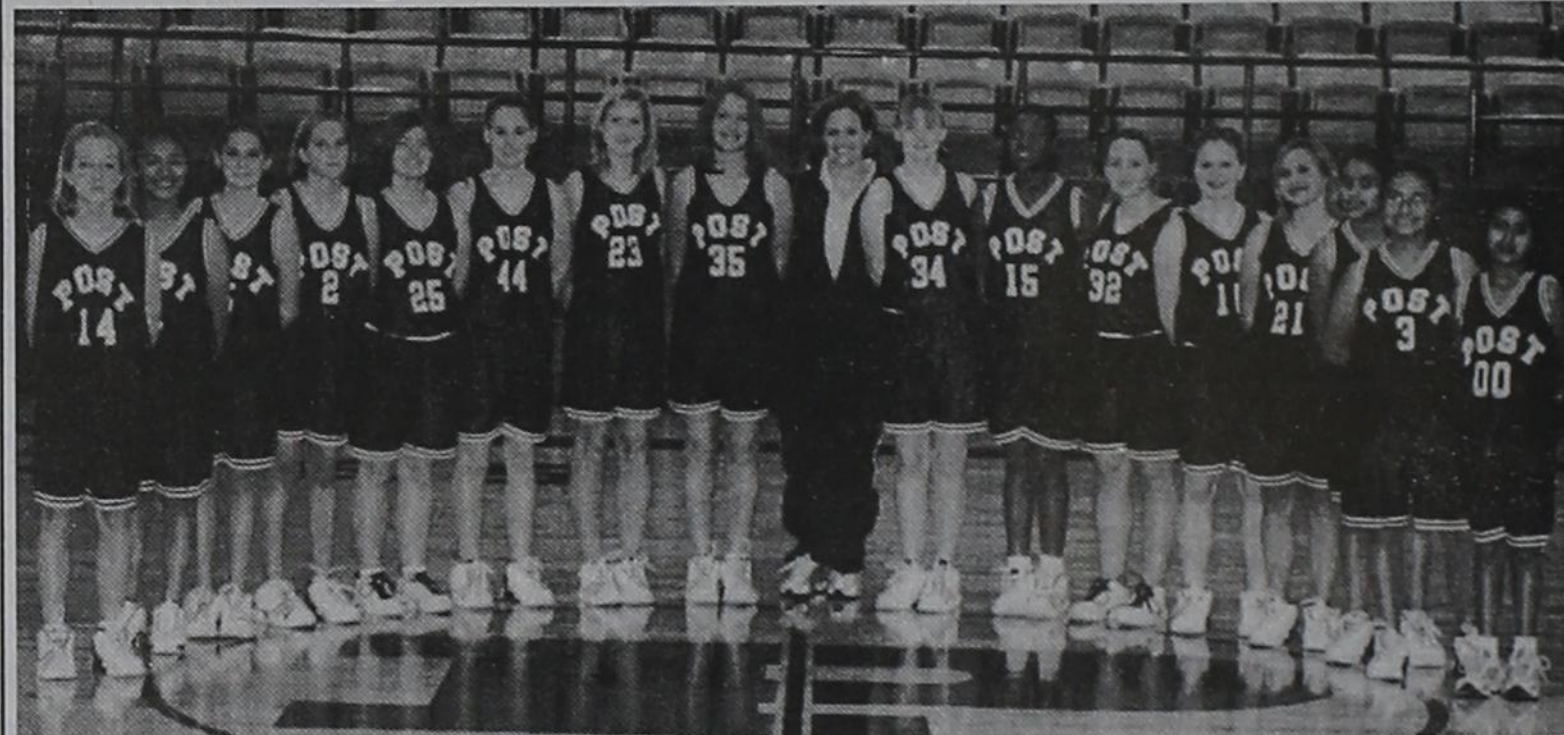
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Congratulations 8th Grade Girls



Post Antelope 8th Grade Girls Basketball team - (left to right) Larissa Halford, Anahi Garcia, Rachel Gray, Cora Crane, Keisha Odom, Sara Kirkpatrick, Claire Kirkpatrick, Jackie Hays, coach Kara Grace, Kylie Easterling, Amanda Martin, Shyan Todd, Steffi Norman, K'Nell Dalby, Maria Segovia, Gabby Paiz and Christina Aguilar (Photo by Pam Gorman)

Mark, Lisa & Kyle Kirkpatrick

Ronnie & LaDonna Halford

Giles & Mindy Dalby



Family Restaurant

Congratulations 8th Grade Boys



Post 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team - (back row, left to right) Zack Perez, Preston Ortiz, Wilson Cash, Blake Nichols, Colter Creech, Heath Fellhauer, coach Nick Dickson, (front row) Dale Spann, Adrian Nava, Asa Rutherford, Justin Loera, D.J. Baiza and Jay Dihenia. (Photo by Pam Gorman)

Rex, Terry & Madison Cash

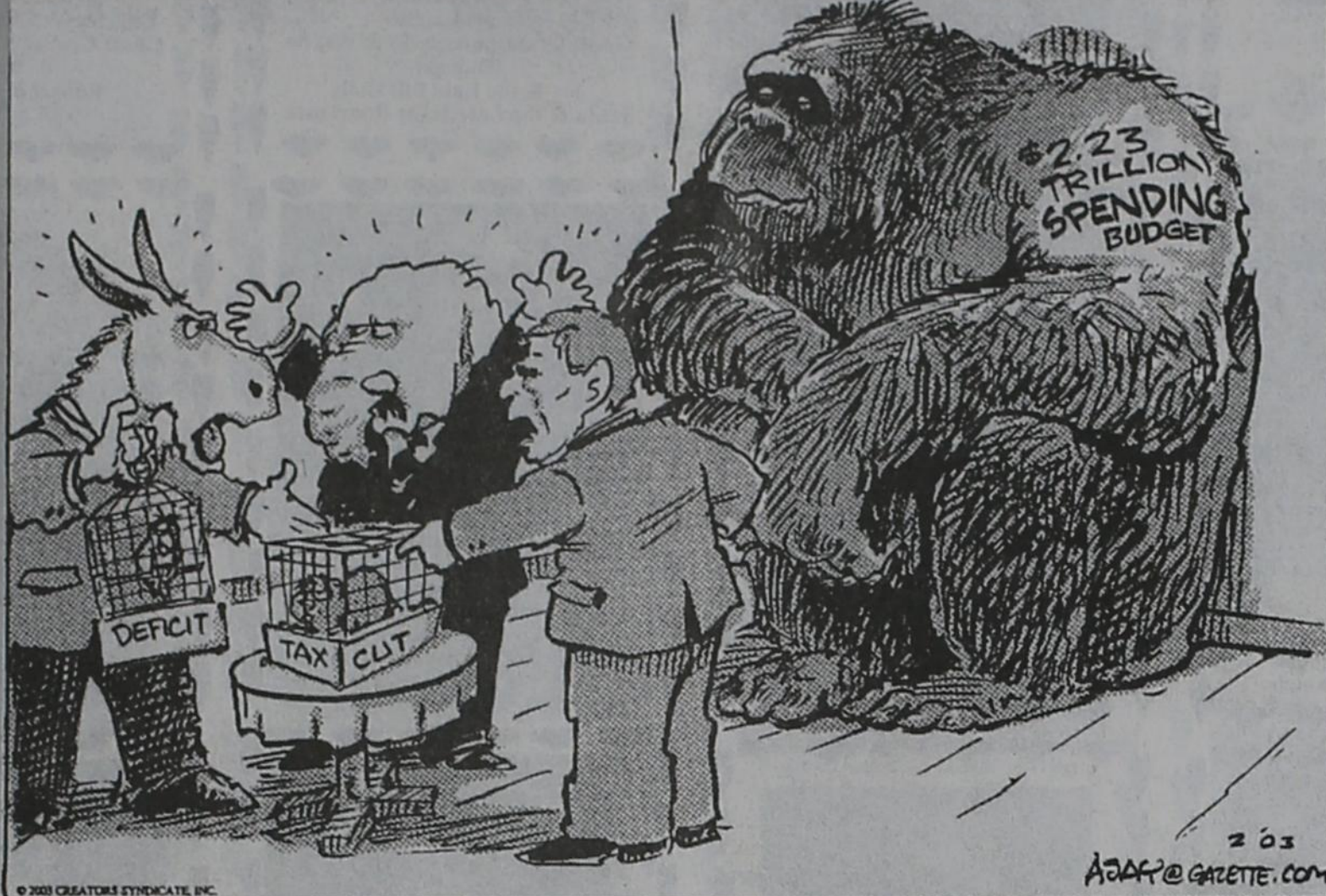


David & Karen Nichols

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Opinions

AS THE DEBATE SWIRLED AROUND THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PROPOSALS, NO ONE SEEMED TO NOTICE THE GORILLA SITTING IN THE CORNER OF THE ROOM:



Affirmative action or racism II

by Walter E. Williams

Last week's column discussed some of the controversy surrounding the University of Michigan's admissions practices, where blacks and Hispanics are given points based solely on race, and where whites are turned away to admit blacks and Hispanics with much lower academic qualifications.

A few weeks before that, my column discussed the deplorable conditions in Washington, D.C.'s high schools. At 12 of its 19 high schools, more than 50 percent of the students test below basic in reading, and at some of those schools the percentages approached 80 percent. At 15 of these schools, over 50 percent tests below basic in math. And in 12 of them, 70 percent to 99 percent do so.

Each year, more than 80 percent — and up to 96 percent — of high school students are fraudulently promoted to the next grade. Washington's predominantly black high schools are not alone in delivering fraudulent education. In Philadelphia's predominantly black high schools, combined SAT scores of its seniors average between 590 to 800 out of a possible 1600.

I suspect that there's little difference between these education outcomes and those in other predominantly black school districts. Indeed, nationally there's over a 200 SAT score gap between blacks and Hispanics on the one hand, and whites and Asians on the other.

For the life of me, setting vested interests aside, I cannot fathom the current outrage among many in the black community over the University of Michigan affirmative action case and the deafening silence about the day-to-day sabotage of black academic excellence by the public schools that most black students attend.

With the deplorable academic outcomes at the high school level, how can anybody reasonably expect for black students to ever be admitted to college on academic merit? The problem is seen in even starker relief looking at what happens when blacks are admitted to college. Only 20 percent complete college in four years, compared to 40 percent for whites and 50 percent for Asians (which is nothing to write home



about).

Calls for racial preferences in law schools, medical schools and graduate education in general highlight something else: namely, that the effects of 12 years of fraudulent education cannot be wiped away by four years or so of college.

According to a report by Abigail Thernstrom, "The Racial Gap in Academic Achievement," black students in 12th grade dealt with scientific problems at the level of whites in the sixth grade; they wrote about as well as whites in the eighth grade. The average black high school senior had math skills on a par with a typical white student in the middle of ninth grade.

The average 17-year-old black student could only read as well as the typical white child who had not yet reached age 13. Is inferior black education preordained? Check out Frederick Douglass Academy, a predominately black school, in Harlem, N.Y. It dispels a couple of myths about public schools: the "not enough money" and the "black kids can't compete" myth.

Ninety-eight percent of Frederick Douglass students graduate with a Regent's diploma, and 95 percent go on to college. Newsweek's magazine survey listed Frederick Douglass Academy as one of the top public schools in the country, based on the number of advanced placement courses it offers and the students' grades on the AP tests.

What's the philosophy that gets that job done?

School principal Gregory Hodge says: "You have to demand more of your students, while providing them with the structure to meet those demands. The more difficult the curriculum, the greater the likelihood your students will be successful."

So what else is new?

Blacks have a long record of excellence precisely in those areas where the competition is the most ruthless and unforgiving: sports and entertainment.

To find out more about Walter Williams, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

What happened to the promise of a vote on GHD dissolution?

by Wes Burnett

Two years ago, while lobbying for passage of HB 2477, Garza County Hospital District board president Mike Travis and state representative David Counts both told a state legislative committee that the "people of Garza County" would have to vote approval for the changes in the district's original enabling statute.

No such vote has yet been arranged.

Furthermore, Mr Travis insisted at the legislative committee and at public meetings here that the changes were necessary so there could be an election to determine whether or not the voters in Garza County wish to dissolve the district.

No such vote has been arranged, nor even discussed.

The district had requested that the legislation include provisions for holding a dissolution election, which is now in HB 2477: Sec. 16B.

(a) The district may be dissolved only if the dissolution is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the district voting in an election called and held for that purpose.

(b) The board of directors may order an election on the question of dissolving the district and disposing of the district's assets and obligations. The board of directors shall order an election if the board receives a petition requesting an election that is signed by a number of residents of the district equal to at least 15 percent of the registered voters in the district.

(c) The election shall be held not later than the 60th day after the date the election is ordered.

Section 41.001(a), Election Code, does not apply to an election ordered under this section. The order calling the election shall state:

- (1) the nature of the election, including the proposition that is to appear on the ballot;
- (2) the date of the election;
- (3) the hours during which the polls will be open; and
- (4) the location of the polling places.

"The board of directors may order an election..." which is what Mr Travis promised when he lobbied so effectively for passage of HB2477. He told the Austin legislative committee that he wanted to settle the question once and for all, and to do that "we need this change in the law."

Garza County taxpayers are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to cast a ballot to settle the question. Perhaps the election could be held on May 3 when other issues are also being decided.

On behalf of the more than 500 Garza County voters who signed the original petition to hold a dissolution election, we call on the Garza County Hospital District board of directors to put the matter to a vote.

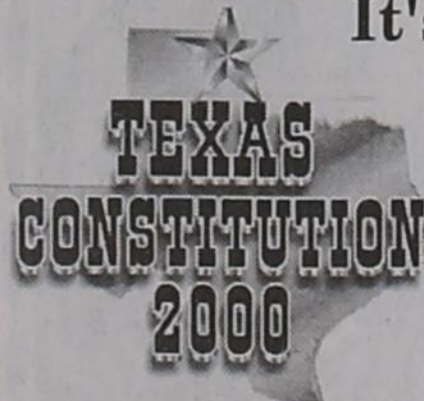
Dissolve or not, let the people decide.

It'd be a shame if the board ignores the promises of its president, requiring taxpayers to circulate another petition to force the matter to a vote.

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**John Adams,
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Runaway train

by Bill O'Reilly



With war on the horizon and massive government spending proposed by both Democrats and Republicans, there is no question that President Bush's new budget is a runaway train. Reading the expenditure list would give anyone a massive headache (for which the government will provide medicine), but suffice it to say that record deficits are in the air, much like a squad of circling turkey buzzards.

Mr. Bush is rightly expanding the war on terror to confront chronic villains overseas, but here at home he is practicing a "Burger King" budgetary policy: "Have It Your Way."

Want subsidized medical care, the government is with you. How about cheaper prescription drugs? Sounds good. Money to fight AIDS in Africa, Mr. Bush has the checkbook out. High-tech military stuff and missile shields, all day long.

The problem is that the war on terror has depressed the economy, and the only way out of the recession is for Americans to spend more money. But most Americans are tapped out. The average American is \$8,000 in debt, not including their mortgage obligation. So the only way most of us can spend money is for somebody to give us some more. That's why the president wants to cut federal income taxes.

But if you cut tax revenue, you can't pay the enormous bills the federal government is running up. So what's the solution?

First of all, and please page California Governor Gray Davis and New York City Mayor Bloomberg so they can hear this, the American working person simply cannot pay any more taxes. Critical mass has been reached. The government is now taxing just about everything, including blood if you happen to need a transfusion. The list of federal, state and local taxes is staggering. The everyday American simply does not have any more to give.

That's because in many places housing costs are horrendous. My father paid about 20 percent of his take-home pay to the bank holding the mortgage. Now, housing costs are double that for many of us. Just to purchase a small home in places like Los Angeles, New York, Boston and San Francisco often costs hundreds of thousands of dollars. And then, of course, there are the property taxes.

Because of the housing situation and the largesse of our leaders, many American workers are living from paycheck to paycheck. Cutting taxes is essential for millions of Americans in order to have a decent life.

Mr. Bush, I believe, sees the government as a force for social good but also as an out-of-control elephant, trampling the ability of Americans to improve themselves economically. This schizophrenia will not work in the long run. If taxes do go down, the government must get its spending under control and, most importantly, actually watch how the money is being used. Cutting waste and fraud in federal programs would save the country billions each year.

Finally, that old giveaway guy Ted Kennedy would have you believe that the rich should bear more of the tax burden. Well, I am one of the rich guys Kennedy is talking about. But unlike him, I wasn't born into money. I worked my butt off for it and took risks he could never understand. Right now my tax "burden" is more than 50 percent. Kennedy and others want that to rise. I say let's hold the line at half. Just like the Kennedy clan, I'd like the O'Reilly family to have some security in the future. I'm not real keen on handing over any more dough to a system that will not even drug test Americans receiving entitlement checks in the mail.

Kennedy sees me as mean and cruel. I see Kennedy as a man who wants quasi-socialism at my expense so he can appear to be compassionate as he sails off the coast of Massachusetts. His trust fund has been in a lockbox for decades. I'd like my descendants to have that advantage, too, Teddy boy.

In this time of war all Americans should sacrifice, and if the government needs more money out of my wallet, I will fork it over and shut up. But this country was founded on the principle that honest achievement would be rewarded, not confiscated. If we want to be Sweden, let's vote on it. If we want to stay America, let's get real about taxes and government spending.

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Thought for the Week

"War is never a handy remedy, which can be taken up and applied by routine rule. No war which can be avoided is just to the people who have to carry it on, to say nothing of the enemy. In the forum of reason and deliberation war never can be anything but a makeshift, to be regretted; it is the task of the statesman to find rational means to the same end."—
William Graham Sumner

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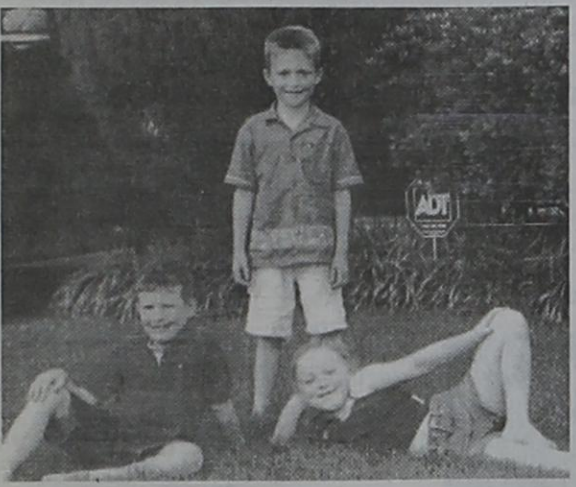
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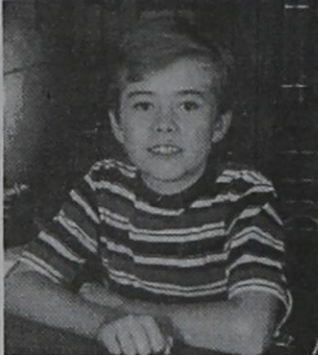
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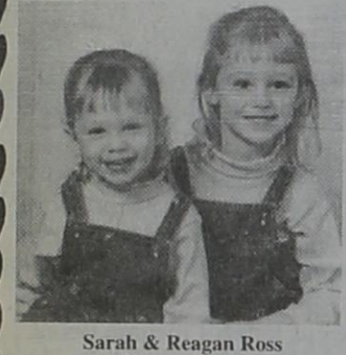
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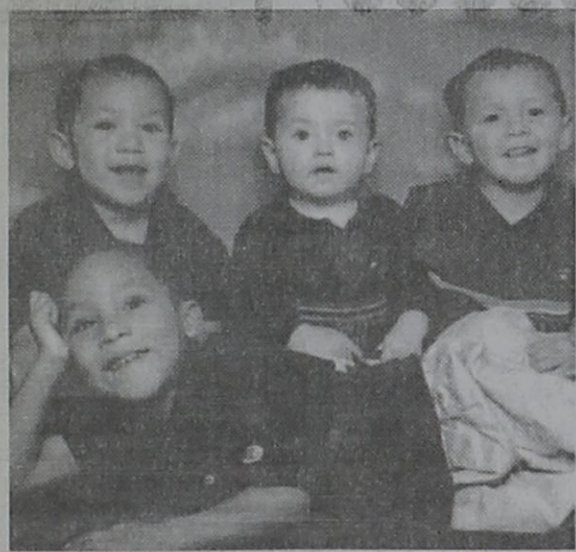
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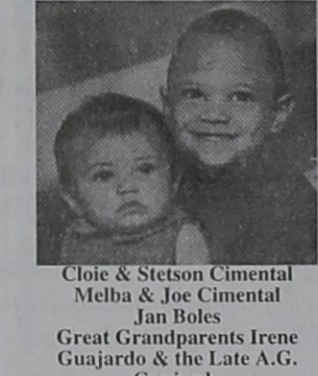
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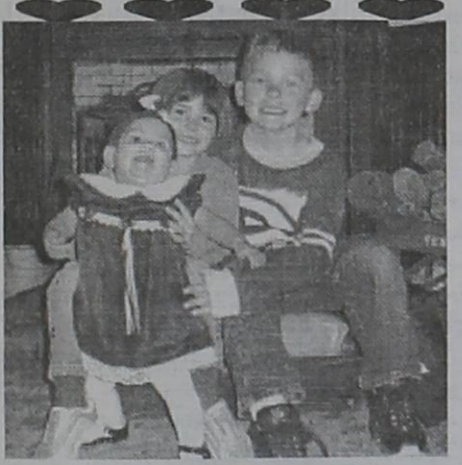
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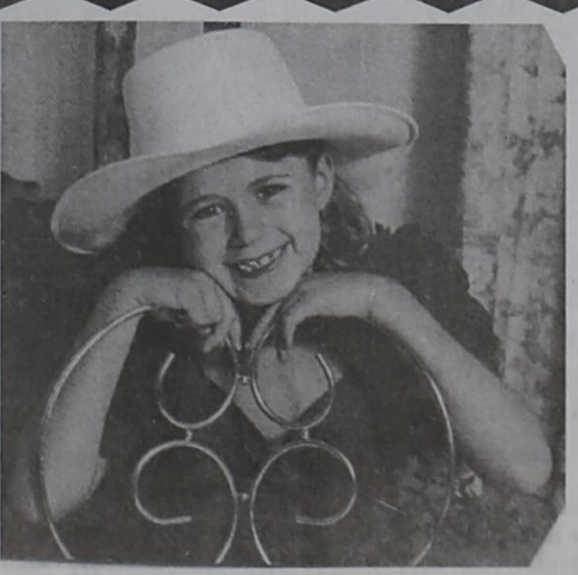
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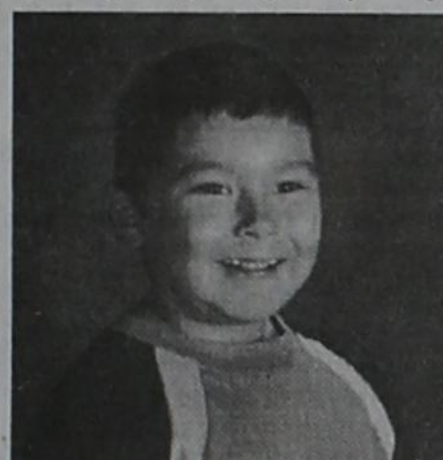
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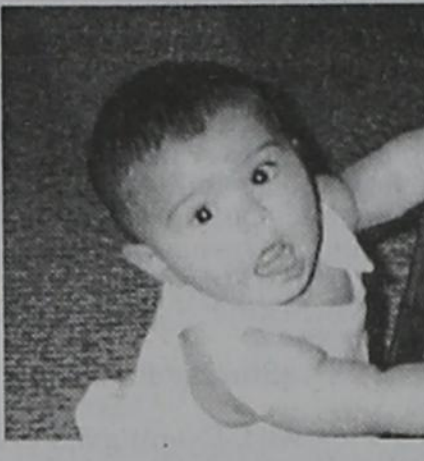
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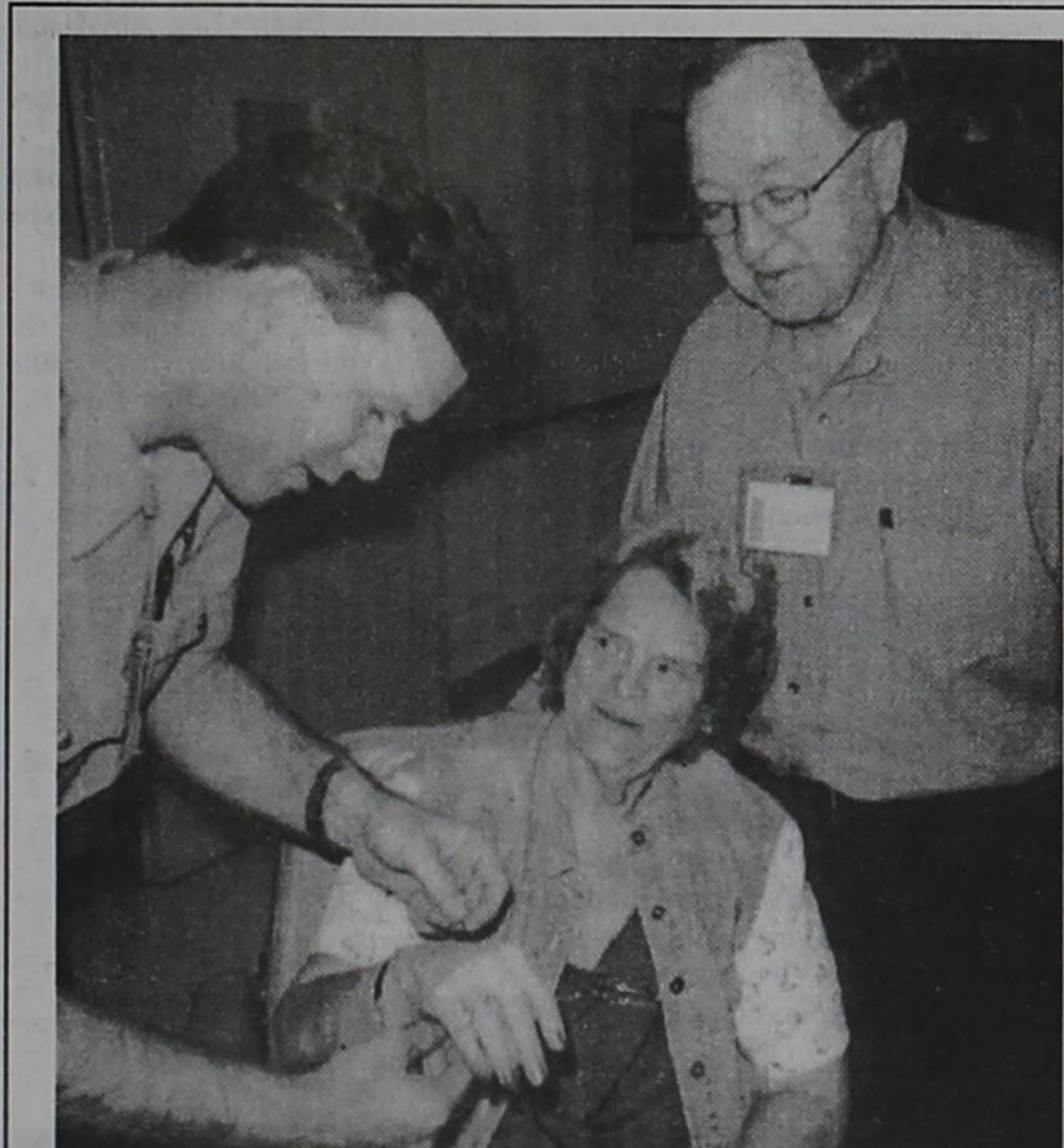
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Grandparents' Valentine Brag Page



Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke (left) presents an "In Safe Hands" bracelets to Golden Plains Care Center resident Mary Jo McGuire, with Golden Plains Care Center administrator Gary Pullen. The "In Safe Hands" project assists with identification of elderly. A recent grant of \$500 was approved through the efforts of Danny Guajardo.

Post Middle School students to compete in regional science fair

Post Middle School recently conducted its annual science fair, naming winners who will be eligible to advance to the regional competition later this month.

First- and second-place projects will advance to the Regional Science Fair to be held at Texas Tech University in Lubbock Feb. 27.

Winners, listed by grade level, were as follows:

- Sixth grade - Travis Rabeary and the team of Stacy Bosco and Ayda Lopez, first place; team of Gabi Vergara and Whitney Williams, second place; team of Anna Crenshaw and Stephanie Fox, third place; and Ashley Stenzel, fourth place.

- Seventh grade - Cass Tatum, Kelsey Hays, Steven Short, Suhani Bhakta, first place; team of Allan Heckaman and Richard Suit, Brenna

Postell, team of Zachery Kocurek and Cherokee Ybarra, and Timothy Wilson, second place; John David Boren and the team of Tamara Raymundo and Samantha Hoover, third place.

- Eighth grade - Heath Fellhauer, the team of Steffi Norman and Gabbi Paiz, the team of Sarah Kirkpatrick and Rachel Gray, first place; Andrew Fumagalli, the team of Zach Witcher and Steven Hair, the team of Kylie Easterling and Chelsey Reed, second place; K'Neil Dalby, the team of Bailey Odom and Shyan Todd and the team of Becca Striblin and Christa Soto, third place; and the two-person teams of Cora Crane and Abby Ayala, David Pequeno and Jose Zubia, Christina Aguilar and Anai Saucedo, and Ricky Vergara and Steven Polanco, fourth place.

Post ISD recognized for safety program success

The Post Independent School District, represented by Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain, was recognized by the West Texas Educational Insurance Association for success in implementing safety programs designed to prevent employee injuries in the workplace.

Awards were presented at the annual appreciation luncheon in Austin.

Designed and administered by Claims Administration Services Inc., the program specializes in safety procedures designed to prevent and reduce workplace injuries. The workers' compensation program has assisted Texas schools in avoiding more than 11,500 employee injuries since 1991, allowing school districts to save more than \$135 million.

The Post ISD, one of more than 400 participating schools, received the Silver Award for savings to the district of \$29,556, with a loss ratio of 65 percent of the funds reserved for possible claims expenses during the 2001-2002 school year.

"Taxpayers will be gratified to know the results of participating in the CAS safety program - reduction of injuries and money saved - have raised the bar for all Texas schools for reduction of work-related injuries," said Wesley Slade, executive vice president of CAS. "At CAS, our No. 1 priority is providing the safest possible workplace for district employees while keeping costs at a minimum."

"Our insurance programs were created to offer the safest working conditions and the lowest cost for Texas school districts, creating savings of tax dollars while providing safer work environments for employees," said CAS CEO/president Barry Jones. "Twelve years of success for this program is proof of the district's and CAS' commitment to providing Texas schools with the safest working environment for school employees and the lowest cost to the district."

Post's superintendent has served on the West Board of the Texas Educational Insurance Association since 1992, representing more than 400 school district members as a founding member and trustee. In the 2002-2003 school year, Bain held the position of West Board president.

Coinciding with his retirement from the Post ISD, Bain is retiring from the board.

"Bobby and his strong leadership on the board will be truly missed," said Jones. "He has represented his own district and the other members well. His sense of responsibility and enthusiasm set him apart. We value and appreciate the excellence with which he carried out his duties. Thank you, Bobby, for your guidance and many years of service."



Post ISD superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain (center) was recently awarded recognition by CAS Chairman of the Board Billy Hibbs Sr (left) and CAS CEO/President Barry Jones (right).

Post art students win at competition

Young artists from Post earned awards in the annual West Texas Regional Scholastic Art competition, hosted by Wayland Baptist University. The exhibit of Gold Key, Silver Key and honorable mention works - totaling around 400 pieces - is currently on display in Wayland's Abraham Art Gallery. It is available for viewing at no charge during regular gallery hours through Feb. 14.

Five students were chosen for American Vision Awards, which advance to the national competition and one of which is guaranteed to be included in the national exhibit. West Texas winners included Amanda Durrett of Lubbock Monterey High School; Zelma Cleveland of Lubbock High School; Chelsea Kirk of Floydada High School; Michael Diaz of Lubbock High School; and Rachel Ward of Lubbock High School.

Gold Key winners from Post High School and their pieces, which advance to the national competition, include Derek Baiza, for a sculpture titled "Leon" and Manuel Saucedo,

for a painting titled "Perro Malo." Silver Keys were presented to Cody Fox, for a drawing titled "Lion," Martin Garcia, for a drawing titled "Moonlighting," Daryl Dissinger, Jr., for a drawing titled "Go Outside," Patrick Raitza, for a drawing titled "Sunshine," and Stephanie Salazar, for a drawing titled "Trinity" and a graphic design titled "Ibis." Post students Derek Baiza, Joey Espinoza, Jessica Ordovez, Chase Miller, Stephanie Saldivar, Luis Zubia, Martin Garcia and Niebes Marin also

earned honorable mention awards for their pieces.

Judges for the competition included John Chinn, instructor of art at Texas Tech University, Marvin Moon, retired professor of art from Taos, N.M., and John Stinespring, associate professor of art at Texas Tech. The gallery is open to the public during the following hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. —30— Scholastic winners - Post.doc

The basis of action is lack of imagination. It is the last recourse of those who know not how to dream.

—Oscar Wilde



It was once believed the leaning tower of Pisa lost its perpendicularity because a giant rested against it.

Sports

New Deal edges 'Lopes 65-64 in OT

by Wes Burnett

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team put on quite a show at New Deal last Friday night, staging a big fourth period come-back, keeping fans on their feet until the final buzzer in overtime.

The New Deal Lions trailed 64-63 into the final seconds of regular play, and at the buzzer drew a foul, setting up a tense moment at the free throw line. The Lion shooter came up short on the first shot, but then sank the second one, setting up the overtime play at 64-64.

Jarrett Vickers out-jumped the Lions to open the overtime, and the 'Lopes went into a stall, letting the clock tick away. With less than a minute on the clock, the Lions got the ball, but were unable to convert.

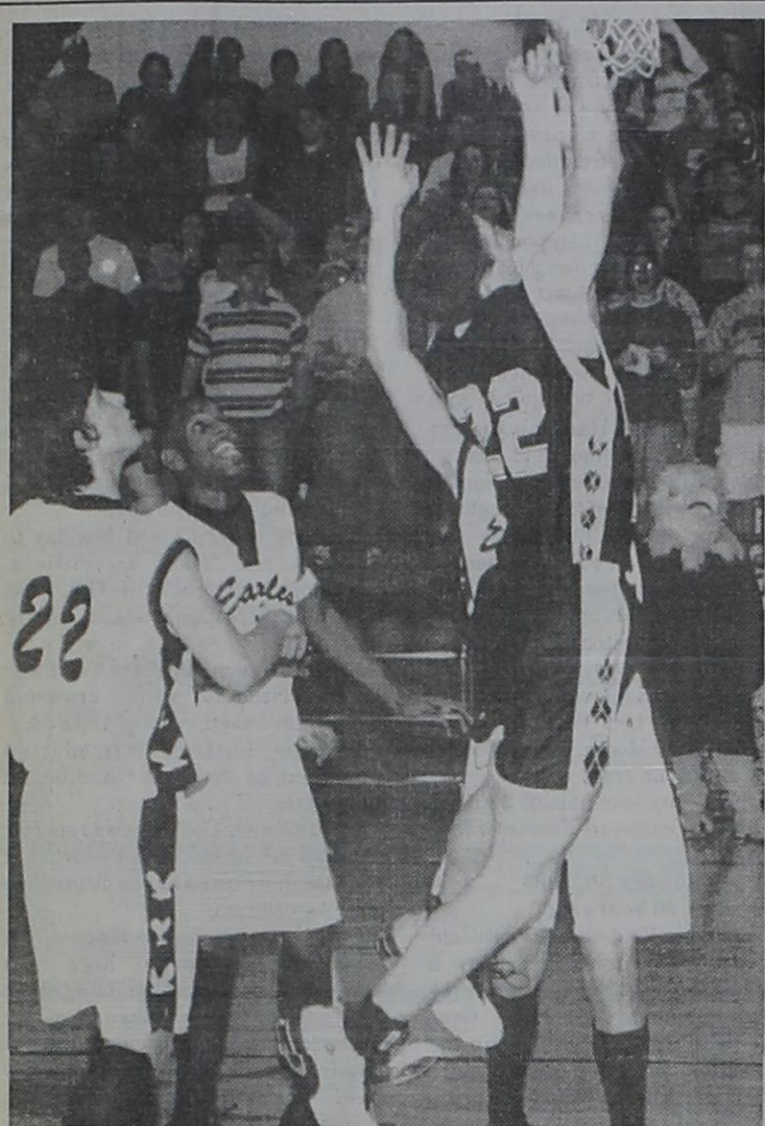
The 'Lopes brought the ball toward their basket, and passed it back and forth, finally giving the ball inside for a last second shot. The ball rolled out of the rim, and during the ensuing rebound attempt, the 'Lopes drew a foul just as the buzzer sounded.

The Lion shooter went to the line, missed the first shot, but then put the second one in the basket, and the Lions took a 65-64 win.

Scoring for Post included Vickers with 23 points, followed by 13 by Sterling Smith and Jerrad Grisham, eight by Jett Lott, six by Kenny Ratke and one by Brice Easterling.

Earlier last week the 'Lopes lost to Roosevelt 70-50. In that contest Vickers scored 20 points, with Lott and Grisham connecting on eight points, Easterling got six, with Smith and Jannsen Eilenberger both getting two points.

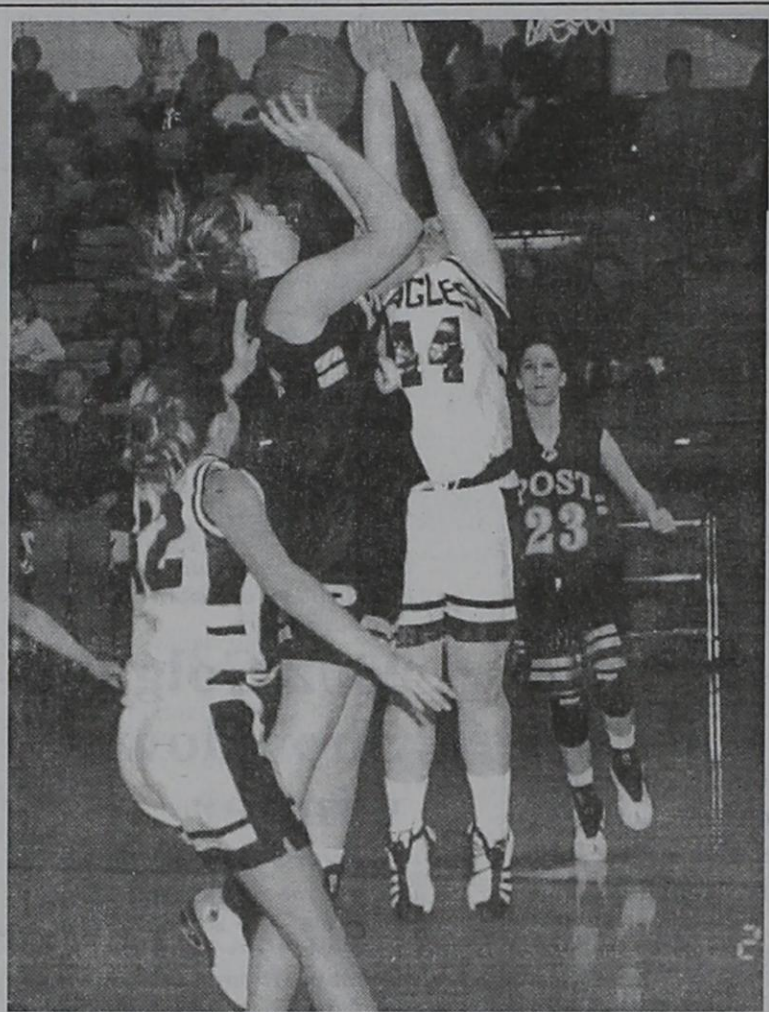
The team closed out its regular season play Tuesday night with a loss to Shallowater.



Brice Easterling (22) jumps up for a two-punter for the Post Antelopes during action at Roosevelt last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



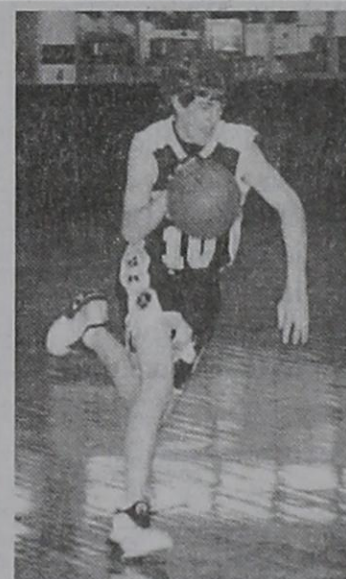
Jarrett Vickers brings the ball in for the Post Antelopes in action last week against Roosevelt. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Nikki Norman (33) takes a shot for the Post Lady Lopes in their contest with Roosevelt last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Logan Gregory (14) takes a shot for the Post Lady Lopes in action at Roosevelt last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Sterling Smith handles the basketball for the Post Antelope varsity during action at Roosevelt last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Post Antelope and Lady Lope Spring Sports on Classic Cable Channel 12 Sat. & Sun. 11 a.m. & 8 p.m.

PHS Varsity Baseball Schedule

Feb. 13	Slaton Scrimmage here	4 p.m.
Feb. 17	@ Lubbock Cooper	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 21	@ Colorado City	4:30
Feb. 22	Sweetwater DH here	1 p.m.
Feb. 25	Muleshoe here	5 p.m.
Feb. 27-Mar. 1	@ Sweetwater Tourney	
Mar. 4	@ Slaton	4:30 p.m.
Mar. 6-8	@ Snyder Tourney	
Mar. 11	@ Lockney	5:30 p.m.
Mar. 21	* Idalou here	5 p.m.
Mar. 25	@ * Tahoka	6:30 p.m.
Mar. 28	* Roosevelt here	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 1	* New Deal here	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 4	* Shallowater here	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 8	@ * Idalou	5 p.m.
Apr. 11	* Tahoka here	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 15	@ * Roosevelt	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 18	@ * New Deal	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 22	@ * Shallowater	5 p.m.

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