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Post Notes

Reception to Honor Post ISD Staff

Friends, family, community and the Staff of Post ISD are cordially invited to a reception to honor: Susan Radle, Natha Jo Arnold, Lupe Perez, and Ed Davis. The reception will be held at the Post Elementary Teachers' Lounge on Thursday, May 20, from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Gordito Plates

The Church of God of Prophecy will be selling gordito plates with all the fixings on Thursday, May 20 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 602 W. 14th street or call in your orders to 495-3644.

Dance Recital

The public is invited to attend a dance recital in the Elementary Auditorium. The "Joy of Dance" will perform at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 23. No admission.

Freshmen Orientation

There will be an orientation for the freshmen class of 2004-2005 this Thursday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Auditorium. After a brief information sharing session in the auditorium, students and parents will be released to take a self-guided tour of Post High School. All current 8th graders and parents are encouraged and welcome to attend.

Little League Coke Orders

Remember to pick up your coke orders at 5 p.m. on Friday, May 21 at the Post school track. If you are unable to come on that day, you can pick up your orders on Wednesday, May 26 from 6-8 p.m. at the old scale station on 214 S. Ave. H by the fire station.

Middle School Students Honored May 27

Post Middle School will honor students on Thursday, May 27 at the Elementary Auditorium. Please join us at 11 a.m. for the Awards Assembly and at 1:30 P.M. for our 8th Grade Graduation Program.

Post Elementary Offers Summer Program

Post Elementary will offer a(n) BE/ESL program for LEP (Limited English Proficient) students during the summer of 2004. An eight week summer program will be offered for students who will be eligible for admission to kindergarten or first grade at the beginning of the next school year. The hours will be from 8-11 a.m. (a minimum of 3 hours). Transportation will not be provided.

Poppy Drive May 28

The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their annual Buddy Poppy Drive on Friday, May 28 at Wells Fargo and Citizens Bank from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, all donations will be accepted. The money raised goes into their relief fund which helps different needy people and organizations. On Saturday they will be at United from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Veterans Remembered

Saturday, May 29 the VFW along with the scouts will be placing flags at the cemetery on the graves of veterans. In the past these were placed on Memorial Day, but this year they will be placed earlier and will not be removed until Monday evening. If you need a flag or they have missed someone call Commander Chuck Ratliff at 495-2026 and he will be able to get you one.

Memorial Day Ceremonies

Monday morning May 31, starting at 7 a.m. the VFW men along with the auxiliary will be serving breakfast to all veterans and their family at the Post on the Clairemont Highway. There will be a flag raising service at the cemetery at 10 a.m. followed by a program there. Everyone is invited to the program.

Flag Display Program

The Post Lions Club is accepting orders for flags for residential or businesses for the five national holidays in the year. The price is \$25.00. Call 495-5383 for more information.

Out of School TAAS Testing

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who have not previously met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test, but have met all other graduation requirements, may take the necessary section(s) may wish to register to take the exit level TAAS test which is given in July. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Austin, Texas, no later than 5 p.m., June 4, 2004.

Colgate Country Showdown talent

Contestant applications are now available for the 4th Annual KPOS Radio sponsored Colgate Country Showdown. The deadline for contestant application submission is May 31, 2004. Application information is available on the KPOS Radio web site @ www.kposradio.com. The Colgate Country Showdown will be held at 7 p.m., Saturday, July 3 at the historic Garza Theatre in Post. The Guthries will return by popular demand to support the eight selected contestants, with Cathy Whitten returning at Mistress of Ceremonies. Reserved seat tickets for the event are \$6 per person, available by calling the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005.

Algerita Art Center Garage Sale

The Algerita Art Center will have a garage sale on Saturday, May 29. Spaces available at \$10.00 - outside and \$15.00 - inside. Pre-paid reservations by May 24 at 9:00 p.m. Sale items for Art Guild booth accepted. Call 495-3493 or 629-4286.

American Cancer Society Relay For Life

Post-Garza County will again be hosting an American Cancer Society Relay For Life event. This will be a 24 hour event beginning at 9 a.m., June 4 and ending at 9 a.m., June 5. There are several ways to participate. If you are interested in having a team, please contact Rudy Cuevas at 495-1732 or 495-3217.

Benefit Set For June 5

A benefit for Twana McCrary, in "loving memory of Jimmy Moore," has been set for June 5 at Rosa's Cantina. There will be an auction for a barbecue pit and a .243 Winchester will be raffled off. Tickets are \$5.00 each, and the drawing will be at 7 p.m. Events include a barbecue meal, cake walk, auction and dance. Plates will be available for take out. You may make donations at Citizens Bank at 495-3545. For more information call JoAnne Stelzer at 495-3019. After noon, call 495-3393, or call Ruth Walls at 495-4185.

Revival Set At Rodeo Grounds

Harvest for Christ Revivals will be in Post June 4-10 at the Post Stampede Rodeo parking grounds. Evangelist C. W. Carpenter will minister nightly on "These Last Days". Carpenter believes America has become a mission field and has dedicated himself to full-time tent evangelism. Spirit-filled Christian singers and musicians are urged to come out on June 2 or 3 at 7 p.m. to help with the music program which will begin at 7 p.m. each night, with Carpenter's message to be delivered at 7:30 p.m.

West Texas Beachfest Set July 3

West Texas Beachfest, which will feature live music, beach volleyball, horseshoe pitching, ping pong, a sand castle competition, games and food, will be held July 3 at the Two Bit Ranch on FM 651 north of Post. Advance tickets to the event are \$2, tickets at the gate will be \$4. For more information on the event, contact Rex Cash at 495-3355 or 620-4012.

Senior Citizens Fund Raiser

The Garza Co. Trailblazers will sponsor a fund raiser on Saturday, May 22. BBQ plates with all the trimmings will sell for \$5.00 a plate at JD's Bar & Grill. Dine in or carry out. The Senior Citizens need you help! Call 495-2998 for more information.

RFP complaint sent to FBI

by Sheri Lewis

A complaint concerning the county's handling of proposals for the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility operations contract has cleared a State Commission on Judicial Conduct review but soon may come under federal scrutiny.

On May 10, local resident Jon Smith contacted the FBI office in Dallas after receiving a correspondence from the state commission dismissing his original complaint.

"We appreciate the concerns raised in your letter," the commission's May 5 letter to Smith reads. "However, after thoroughly reviewing your information, it was determined that... you stated no allegations of judicial misconduct covered by the Code of Judicial Conduct.... Since your complaint is regarding a criminal matter, we are referring you to the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

The state commission's involvement was a result of complaints filed by Smith last month with the Department of Justice, the Texas Attorney General and the Lubbock FBI. Those complaints focused on County Judge Giles Dalby's handling of the contract proposals prior to the March 22 commissioners court meeting.

The DOJ forwarded the complaint to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, Smith said.

In his original complaint, Smith charged Dalby with "opening bids prior to the opening date" and "contacting one of the bidders and advising them that their bid needed to be adjusted or fixed."

During the March 22 commissioners court meeting, Dalby said that when he opened the prison contract proposals on March 18, he found the MTC proposal contained no specific financial information. He immediately phoned the warden at the Dalby unit, which is presently operated by MTC, and advised him the MTC bid was incomplete.

Dalby said he was contacted by another MTC representative who told him a clerk in the firm's Utah office had inadvertently submitted the document without including their proposal's dollar amounts. Dalby said he advised MTC to "get me something by 2 o'clock," the advertised deadline for proposals. MTC met that deadline.

On March 29, the Garza County Commissioners awarded MTC the Dalby unit management contract; however, in a May 3 letter to The Post Dispatch, Dalby indicated an error made in the county's request for proposal (RFP) public notice would negate the contract and require the county to repeat the entire process.

The rewritten public notice, seeking RFPs from firms interested in operating the Dalby unit in accordance with Texas Local Government Code 351.102, was published in last week's Dispatch. Deadline for the new RFPs is set for June 14.

So with Garza County officials scrapping the initial contract and readdressing the contract process, why is Smith moving forward with his complaint?

"It all boils down to opening the bids prior to the deadline... and the judge calling (MTC) and telling them to fix it or adjust it," Smith said Monday morning.

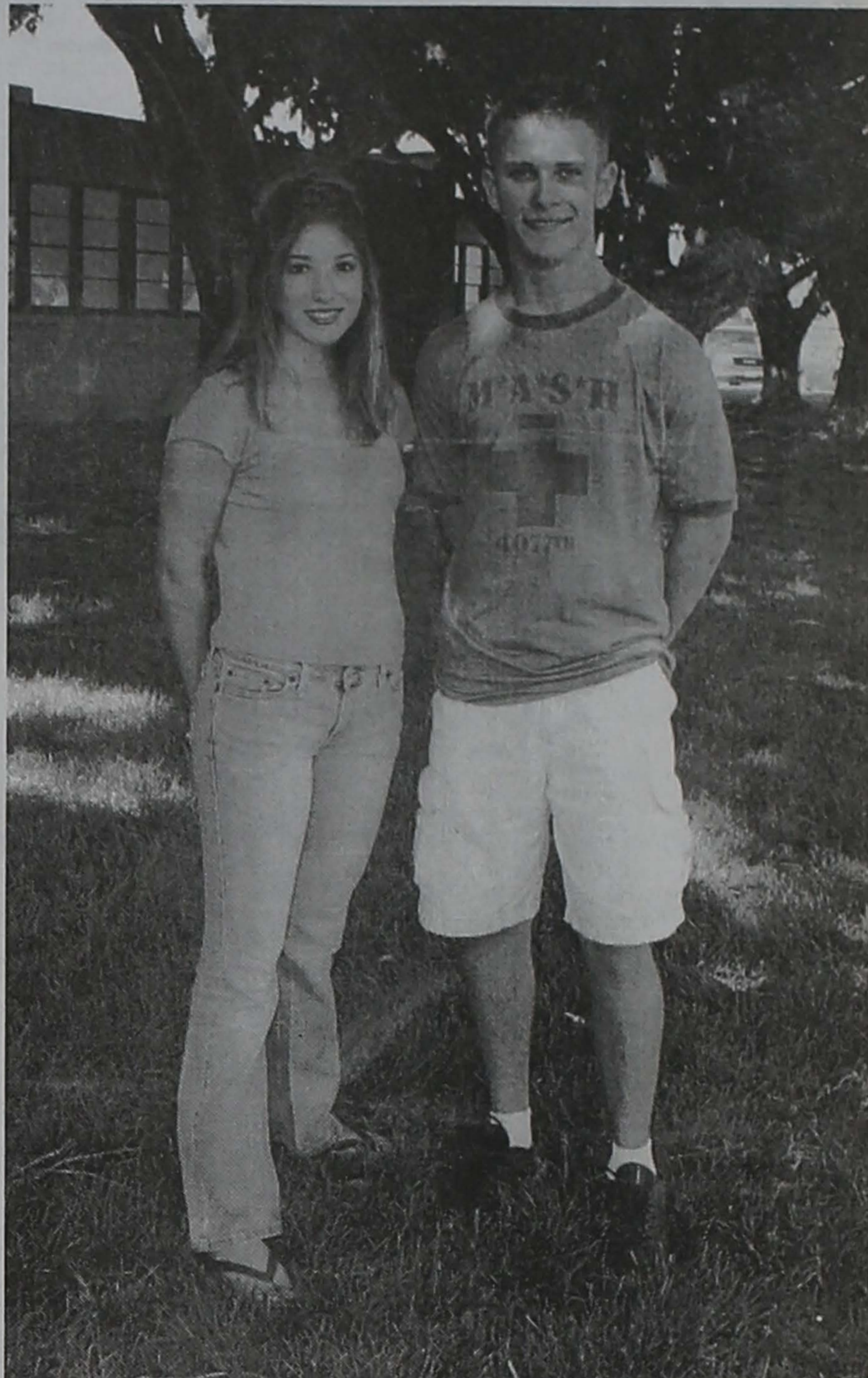
Smith's original complaint specified actions he claims Dalby should not have taken in handling the RFPs; however, his new complaint mailed to the FBI office in Dallas lodges protests against not only the county judge, but also each of the county commissioners and the sheriff.

The judge and three of the four commissioners reviewed the RFPs prior to the March 22 commissioners court meeting at which the documents were to have been considered, Smith said. Additionally, a conflict of interest appears to exist between Garza County and MTC—the spouses of one of the commissioners and the sheriff are employed by the prison management firm.

"I'm primarily upset with the process involved and not so much with the individuals," Smith said. "I don't want it isolated that I'm just going after the judge. I'm not here to crucify anybody..."

When contacted by The Dispatch Monday, Dalby declined comment on the matter.

MTC's current contract with Garza County expires July 31.



Placing sixth in UIL All-State Academic competition are Christina Zellmer and Jonathan McGregor. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

Fred Howell, Ray Bagby, Edna Owen get GHD voter approval

Fred Howell collected 128 votes in Saturday's Garza County Hospital District election in the at-large position. Incumbents Ray Bagby and Edna Owen were unopposed, with Bagby getting 34 votes and Owen 37. A total of 159 ballots were counted in the unofficial results.

Howell replaces out-going board member Mike Travis, whose name was on the ballot and drew 28 votes,

although Travis had attempted to remove his name from the ballot earlier. His request for taking his name off he ballot was submitted beyond the required deadline.

The election results and adminis-

tering of oaths of office are included in the agenda for the board's May 25 meeting at 6 p.m. in the Citizens Bank community room.

Other board members are Zoe Kirkpatrick and Kenda Bartlett.

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 collects \$16,821.50 during April

by Tim Burnett

Garza County Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 collected \$16,821.50 during the month of April for highway travel fines issued here, according to official reports. The report for JP 2 was not available at press time.

The fund raising program, operated by Garza County in coordination with the State of Texas, took advantage of holiday travelers who violated State Transportation Codes.

State and county code enforcement officers are "just doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, but what was sold to the public in the 1920s for "safe" roads, is now a huge money making scheme for corporate governments.

The State of Texas gradually shifted

the scope of the Code so that all travelers appear required to register their automobiles with the State of Texas. A study into the underlying scope of the Texas Transportation Code has revealed exactly who is required to register their automobiles with the State.

The exact jurisdictional limit (scope) of the Texas Transportation Code was discovered by allowing it to narrowly interpret itself according to its strict construction. The scope of the Transportation Code is "Transportation."

The term "Transportation" was not defined in the Texas Code. According to the United States Transportation Code and Black's Law Dictionary,

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City, Post ISD plan joint meeting

The Post City Council and the board of trustees of the Post Independent School District will meet in joint session at 6:30 p.m. today, May 20, in the school district administrative offices board room.

Items listed for consideration include an interlocal agreement, Nichols Park improvements and the city and school district contributions to each project.



Not too worried about fuel prices ...

New Mexicans peddle into Post Monday, May 17, Paul Matthews (left) and Kay Dwyer finished their daily trek in Post to spend the night at Hotel Garza B&B. The couple from Albuquerque are on a more than 500 mile cycling trip around the Lubbock area on an Australian made Greenspeed tandem tri-cycle. They started in Lubbock on May 15, then on to Lamesa, Big Spring, Post, Spur, Roaring Springs, Turkey, Plainview and end back in Lubbock. Matthews and Dwyer are hoping to bring a group of cyclists through this area next year. (Photo courtesy Hotel Garza)

Post ISD trustees study facilities plan

Following a joint meeting with the Post City Council, trustees for the Post Independent School District will observe their regular monthly meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. today, May 20, in the district's administrative offices.

Items of new business to be addressed include facilities planning, personnel recommendations, surplus property, an air conditioner for the locker room, a remodel of the high school commons and budget development. Also listed on the agenda is a reorganization of the board of trustees, setting a date for the board self-evaluation and superintendent's appraisal document workshop, textbook adoption, student transfers, a technology plan and consideration of an increase in cost for driver's education.

The board also is slated to receive a technology report and reports from the athletic director and each of the campus principals.



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It's happened to me, it's happened to you
The years fly by, how quick they go
There's 40 of them, before you know
so now the time has come for Donna
And even if she don't "wanna"
Go on girl and have some fun
Cause to all of us you're #1*

Post students graduate at South Plains College

Students from Post were among a record 539 students participating in South Plains College's 46th commencement exercises Friday (May 14) in Texan Dome.

A record 901 students applied for graduation.

"This is an exciting time in the lives of our graduates," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "They have reached an educational milestone, and both they and their families should be very proud. SPC extends its best wishes to all our graduates."

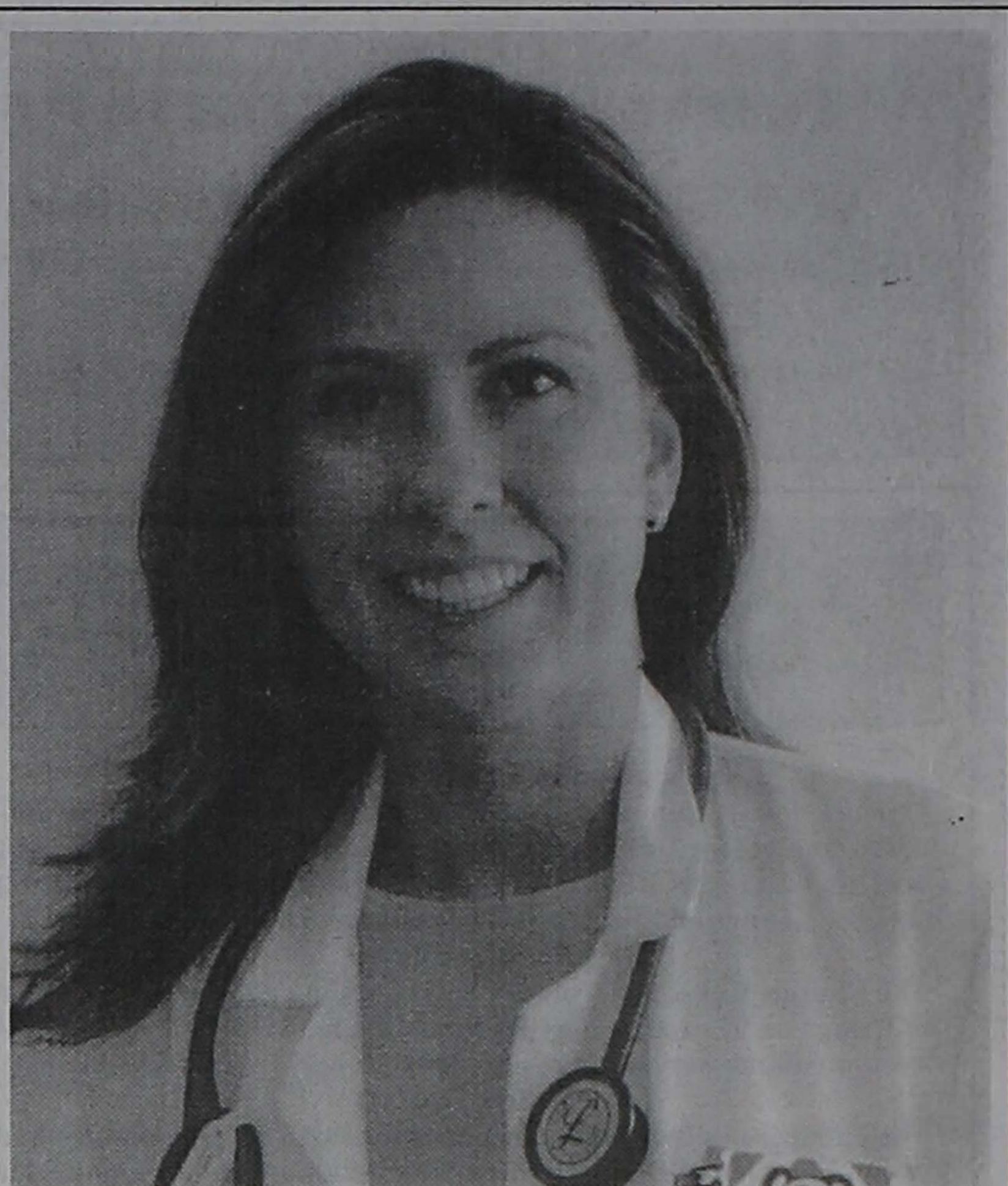
Post graduates are Cruzbeth

Hernandez, Associate of Arts Degree; Shanna Pennell, Associate of Applied Science Degree, Respiratory Care; Armando Rodriguez, Certificate of Proficiency, Heating and Air Conditioning Technician, and Tabatha Cowley, Certificate of Proficiency, Vocational Nursing.

Susan Davis earns LCU honors

Susan Davis of Post has been named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 2004.

To be considered for the President's List, a student must take a minimum of 12 hours and achieve a 4.0 grade point average or better for the semester.



Charla Wartes

Sharla Gayle Wartes dons her cap and gown this weekend as the graduates of 2004 receive their titles from TTUHSC. Daughter of Greg Wartes (Southland) and Sabrina Heard (Wolfforth), Sharla Gayle hails from Lubbock. After graduation, she will work in General Surgery in Alabama. Her family wishes her a bright future and many congrats. Join us as we send Sharla Gayle and her classmates into the world of medicine. Commencement will begin at 10am Saturday, May 24 at the USA.

Births

Briley Eastland Winkle

Billy Winkle and Misty Clay are proud to announce the birth of a son, Briley Eastland Winkle, on April 20, 2004.

The infant weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 19 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Dale and Liddie Clary. Paternal grandparents are Velvet Winkle of Clarendon and the late Johnny Bill Winkle. Great-grandparents are Faye Mize of Post and the late Bill Mize, Jadene Clary of Post and the late Leon Clary and Ofelia Hunt of Paris, Texas, and the late Elmer Brumley.



Briley Winkle

Traffic code collections

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the term "Transportation" was defined as transportation by a carrier for hire.

Use of the roads and highways for the purpose of "transportation for hire by carriers" was what fell under the scope of the Code. Even to this day, the Code protects the traveling public by regulating vehicles using the roads for the purpose of "Transportation."

It was further discovered that the State and County enforces the Code upon all travelers who use vehicles that are registered with the State. The registration stickers and license plates were found to be the identifiers by which enforcers could determine whether or not vehicles fell under their jurisdictional limits of enforcement.

On-going research continues on the simple question of whether the State and County have the authority to enforce the Transportation Code upon those who do not fall within its scope, and have not voluntarily registered their automobiles with the State.

Theft - the act of stealing; the felonious taking and removing of personal property with the intent to deprive the rightful owner of it. (Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary)

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We extend our congratulations to Post High School 2004 Valedictorian Coby Jones (left) and Salutatorian Mitchell Mills

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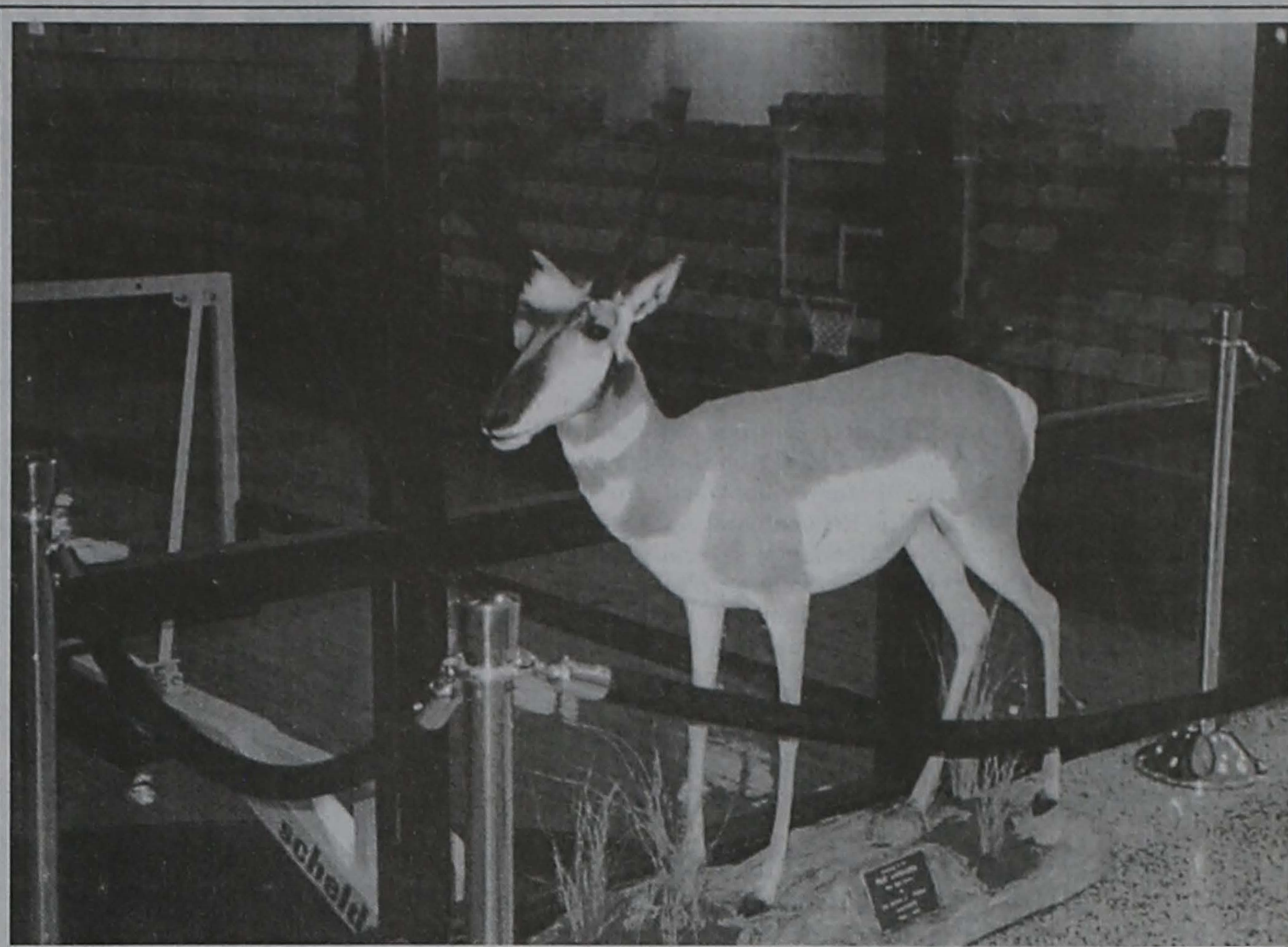
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Post High School Concert Band Clarinet section are (left to right), Ashley Brown, Cecilia Contreras, Abby Ayala, Ricky Reyna, Christina Aguilar, Ashley Wilson and Millie Dissinger. The Band earned an excellent rating for prepared material and a superior rating for sightreading during UIL competition on April 20, 2004.



New Antelope on display at Antelope Arena

Thanks to the generosity of E.W. Williams, Jr. a new Antelope is on display at Antelope Arena. The trophy was presented to Post High School by Williams, who is chairman of CitizensBank.

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The messages are titled "These Last Days" and will be covering issues that are affecting our nation today: same sex marriage and other legalized abominations that will always be detestable sins in the eyes of the God of the Bible who never changes.

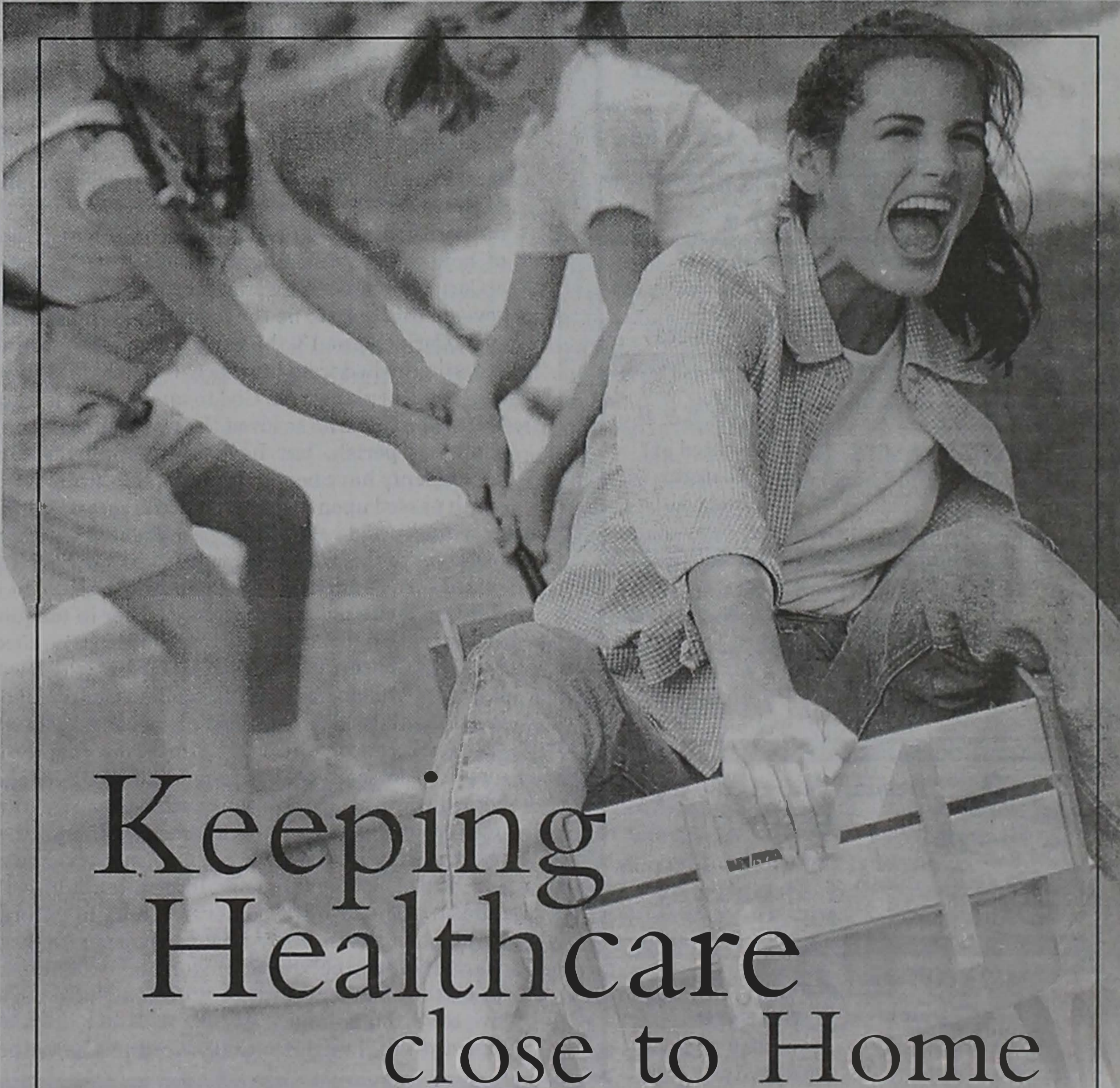
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Obituaries

Gary W. Nelson

Services for Gary W. Nelson, 49, of San Angelo were held May 12, 2004, in the Blair-Stubbs Funeral Home in Mexia under the direction of his uncle, Van Pendergrass.

He died May 10 at his home. Born in Littlefield Sept. 7, 1954, he has been a resident of San Angelo for the past 15 years and was employed as a water control engineer with the City of San Angelo. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his parents, John Walter and Dorisey Lee Reed of Fresno, Calif.; his father, George Clayton Nelson; one sister and brother-in-law, Kathy Rochelle and Mike Clements of Mexia; one brother and sister-in-law, Guy Herman and Janie Nelson of Marysville, Wash.; three nieces and their spouses, Jennifer and Jack Price, Rebekah and Jeff Craig and Andee and Trent Barker; a nephew, Aaron Clements; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and his grandmother, Lora Pendergrass of Fresno.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the American Heart Association, the Lupus Foundation of the Diabetes Foundation.

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Janice Curtis (left) waited for her opportunity to present a gift to Director Karen Nichols following the Post Elementary 3rd grade performance of the musical "Three of a Kind," last Tuesday. With the Assistance of Juanetta Bocko (back left), Mrs. Nichols directed the children through the delightful and humorous musical. Also pictured are (left to right), Paul Martinez, Fancisco Gonzalez, Dalton Holly, Vance Blair and Julie Boren.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor Policy: We require all letters to be signed. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of The Post Dispatch nor its staff.

Seeking family connections

I am Benjamin Sessions, a retired teacher living in Huffman (near Houston), Texas. I am researching my paternal ancestors named JOHNSON. My wife and I spent five wonderful days in POST last week. We appreciate so much the hospitable, friendly, and helpful attitudes of all concerned. This included folks at The Old Mill Trade Days; The Deluxe Inn; McDonalds; George's Restaurant; Jerry's Restaurant; The Alamo Restaurant; The POST Library, City Hall, and Community Center; Justice-Mason Funeral Home; Terrace Cemetery; The Post Dispatch, and the Garza County Courthouse. In the early 1900's my JOHNSON and SESSIONS ancestors went from Mississippi to the Texas Panhandle area to follow their line of

work, homebuilding. They went in a covered wagon to what is now POST, Texas to help build the town.

On our recent visit, my wife and I were successful in finding several gravesites in POST and SOUTHLAND. Buried in POST are my Great Grandparents, WILLIAM H. JOHNSON and MARY ANN CURTIS JOHNSON and some of their offspring, BENJAMIN H., HADLEY, HOWARD, and WILLIE (Bill) SEXTON JOHNSON.

Buried in SOUTHLAND is my Great Uncle, CLIFF (Clifford) JOHNSON. Other offspring of William H. JOHNSON and Mary Ann CURTIS JOHNSON were Joan (Mrs. Wyatt FELDER), MOLLIE KATE (Mrs. Francis Marion SESSIONS), RUTH (married a FRALEY of Wolfthor), a Mrs. SMITH (of POST) and ESTELLE.

If any of your readers are related to (or have pictures or any information about) my JOHNSON ancestors, please contact me to exchange research, etc. My e-mail address is bensessions@yahoo.com and my phone number is 281-324-1836.

I am proud that my ancestors were a part of the building of such a fine community and my wife and I will fondly remember our pleasant five days in POST. We will also look forward to a return visit.

Blessings and Peace,
Benjamin and Elfriede Sessions

Post Devotional Page

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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

The Love of God...1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1 Corinthians chapter 12 covered a great deal of spiritual information concerning the various gifts for the body of Christ, as well as what is available for all who are filled with holy spirit. This one chapter is packed with fantastic spiritual knowledge from God. When we allow God's word to interpret itself there is no more confusion. All who are filled with holy spirit have the complete package with nine different ways to profit from its manifestation. Next God put great emphasis upon the sort of relationship between the members of the body. All the members were baptized by the same spirit from God, and not one member has any authority from God to show more or less respect and honor toward other members because of their level of honor. Those members who seem to be less useful in the body, are to be considered necessary (1 Corinthians 12:22). Yet according to verse 31 there is a more excellent way. The context of chapter 13 reveals that way to be the love that is from God.

In 1 Corinthians 13, the word "charity" is more accurately translated the love that is from God. This love is distinguished from brotherly love which is the earlier known Greek word "philadelphia." Agape love is on a vertical plane from God to mankind. It is impossible for this love to be directed from mankind to God. For it was God who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes on him shall not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16). Since Adam's initial disobedience, all his descendants have been in a perishable state. According to Romans 5:12, because of Adam's disobedience, death passed upon all men. Then the second Adam, who is our Lord Jesus Christ, demonstrated God's love by willfully and voluntarily giving his own life as the final blood sacrifice for all of mankind. Mankind did not deserve this wonderful love from God. Yet He gave it to all who would believe with the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 10:9-10). The epistle of 1 John covers this subject beautifully, "My little children let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth (1 John 3:18)." To love in deed and in truth figuratively means to love in true deeds, or in deed truly. This word "deed" is also used in Luke 24:19, "...Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people." The Gospels of Jesus Christ and the book of Acts are packed with examples of how to show God's love. It will be seen that God's love can only be shown by those who walk by the spirit that is from God.

Now we can dive in to 1 Corinthians chapter 13 with a better understanding of God's love toward mankind. We can speak in tongues until we are blue in the face, but it will be meaningless if we are holding back the love of God. We can excel in prophecy, understand all mysteries and knowledge, and believe even unto removing a mountain if God gives the word, and yet even all this is nothing when God's love is being restrained in our lives. We can burn ourselves out feeding the poor, but without God's love it is of no profit. The love of God suffers long. It is with kindness, and without envy. It is not with self-boasting and self-inflating. The love of God never results in failure.

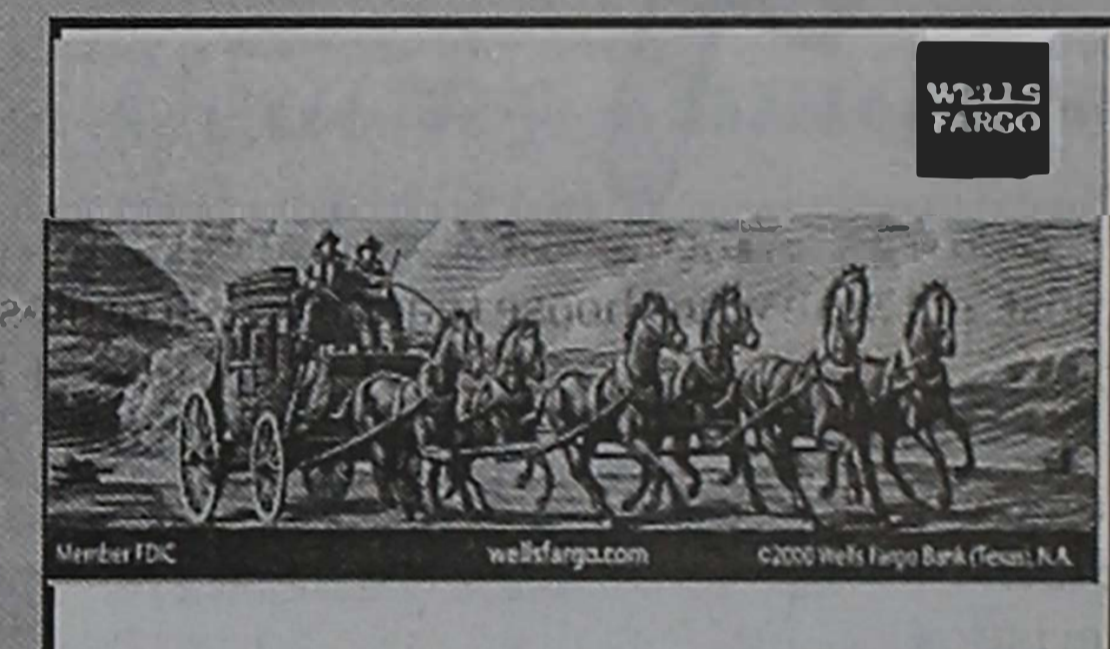
We come to verse 13, "And now abides faith, hope, and charity, these three. But the greatest of these is charity." We can believe God's word for dynamic results in our lives. We have the hope of the return of Christ for all the members of his body. And we have the love of God. The greatest and strongest of these is God's love toward mankind.

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Educational ineptitude II

by Walter E. Williams



Several weeks ago, my column "Teacher Ineptitude" was about the sorry state of teacher quality and concluded that while teacher ineptitude is neither flattering nor comfortable to confront, confront it we must if we're to do anything about our sorry state of education.

The situation is not pretty. Philadelphia schools are typical of poor-quality big-city schools. Susan Snyder, Philadelphia Inquirer staff writer, in her article "District to Help Teachers Pass Test" (March 24, 2004) reported "that half of the district's 690 middle school teachers who took exams in math, English, social studies and science in September and November failed." Other test results haven't been released; Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell said he understands "concerns that releasing the data could subject teachers to humiliation."

The unflattering fact that we must own up to is that many, perhaps most, of those who choose teaching as a profession represent the very bottom of the academic barrel. Let's look at it.

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) compiles loads of statistics on education. The NCES "Digest of Education Statistics" Table 136 shows average SAT scores by student characteristics for 2001. Students who select education as their major have the lowest SAT scores of any major (964). Math majors have the highest (1174).

It's the same story when education majors finish college and take tests for admission to graduate schools. In the case of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), education majors have an average score that's the lowest (467) of all majors except for sociology majors (434). Putting this in perspective, math majors score the highest (720), followed closely by economics in third place (625).

It's roughly the same story for students taking the LSAT for admission to law schools where the possible scores range between 120 and 180. Out of 29 majors, education majors ranked 26th, averaging a score of 148. Physics/math majors came in first with a 158 score and economics majors third with 155. Readers can readily

obtain this information by a Google search using the words "GRE major" and "LSAT major."

Though my column criticized teachers, I was pleasantly surprised and encouraged by the responses. Many teachers sent letters saying their experiences mirrored exactly what I reported. Quite a few wrote of horror stories of dealing with incompetent colleagues and administrators. There were also some fairly angry letters accusing me of "bashing teachers" and demanding an apology for doing so. The fact of the matter is that there are many excellent, competent and dedicated teachers often working in systems that reward incompetence and slovenliness and penalize excellence and dedication.

Our nation has a serious education problem that easily threatens our future well-being. Corrective action requires that we acknowledge and correct deficiencies no matter how painful and embarrassing they might be. A good start in that direction is to examine successful teacher-training programs and see if we have the guts to imitate them.

Hillsdale College in Michigan manages Hillsdale Academy, a K-12 primary and secondary school. At Hillsdale, no students major in education. Students major and minor in the subjects they will be teaching — specifically, art, biology, chemistry, English, French, German, history, Latin, mathematics, music, physical education, physics, science and Spanish. To be admitted to Hillsdale's Teacher Education Program, a student must have and maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Needless to say, teacher incompetency isn't the only explanation for our education malaise. Parents who don't give a damn and students with minds and attitudes alien and hostile to the education process figure in as well. There's not much politicians and the education establishment can do about these factors; however, it's entirely within their power to take measures such as those practiced at Hillsdale to ensure teacher competency.

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Interventionist policies

by Sheldon Richman

From Richard Clarke to Condoleezza Rice, the security establishment agrees on one thing: the attacks of September 11, 2001, could not have been prevented by counterterrorist measures.

Maybe, maybe not. But if that is correct, it doesn't get the Bush administration and its predecessors off the hook. The very inability to prevent terrorism is a powerful argument against the interventionist policies they followed for decades.

If there is no way to stop a decentralized network of suicidal killers from murdering innocent civilians using low-tech means, that is all the more reason to stay out of foreign hornets' nests. The Founders of this country were right. Intervention leads to trouble.

Is that the lesson being learned from the work of the 9/11 commission? Of course not. Nothing can be permitted to impede America's mission to reform the Muslim world and even the religion of Islam itself.

Americans will not learn the anti-interventionist lesson from their "leaders." So they'll have to learn it themselves. Their lives may depend on it.

For many decades American presidents have thought that they could bring order to the world, particularly the Middle East. This would have been a problem even if U.S. administrations had tried to be neutral. But they were never neutral. They always had agendas. Whether it was the Israel-Palestinian conflict or other frictions in the region, U.S. administrations sought outcomes that satisfied their own politically motivated projects. Justice had nothing to do with the matter. As a result, the United States has a record of helping to overthrow elected leaders in favor of despots, of arming ruthless autocrats, and of bolstering the occupation of property taken from Palestinians. The Middle East is a region rife with injustice — and U.S. policy has been allied with much of it.

Who would not expect such a record to incite hatred against those responsible for it? And it was always to be expected — though not condoned — that fanatical elements among the aggrieved would take their wrath out on innocent Americans.

What makes the terrorist threat so frustrating is that it was entirely foreseeable. Anti-interventionists warned about it for many years. But the overseers of the imperial agenda smugly believed they could pursue their objectives with impunity. When the big attack

finally came, they made the best of it: they used it to augment their power and to intervene even more aggressively. The very consequences of their program became grounds for redoubling their ill-advised efforts.

Part of their propaganda campaign is the claim that the Islamists hate us because "we love freedom." If they did, they would say so. Instead, whenever they explain their hatred, they specify U.S. intervention in their societies. There is no reason to believe they would be attacking a free and noninterventionist America.

The question now is, when will the American people understand? The crimes of 9/11 should have focused attention on the policies that made Arabs willing to commit such heinous acts here. But the Bush administration — and the "bipartisan" political establishment as a whole — made sure that Americans would draw only lessons that did not threaten the interventionist program. Anyone who attempted to point the finger at those policies was stigmatized as an appeaser or terrorist sympathizer. By and large, the news media fell into line.

Let's take the administration at its word. The horrors at the World Trade Center could not have been prevented by actions taken between January 20 and September 11, 2001. The real issue is whether they could have been prevented had U.S. administrations followed the noninterventionist advice of the Founding Fathers. The answer is obvious.

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FFF THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"No one can read our Constitution without concluding that the people who wrote it wanted their government severely limited; the words "no" and "not" employed in restraint of governmental power occur 24 times in the first seven articles of the Constitution and 22 more times in the Bill of Rights." — Edmund A. Opitz

"A very good case can be made, on moral as well as economic grounds, for a system in which the individual is required to stand on his own feet, not to lean on the state for handouts. Character, resourcefulness, capacity are formed and developed in struggle with obstacles, not in waiting passively for benefits from outside." — William Henry Chamberlain

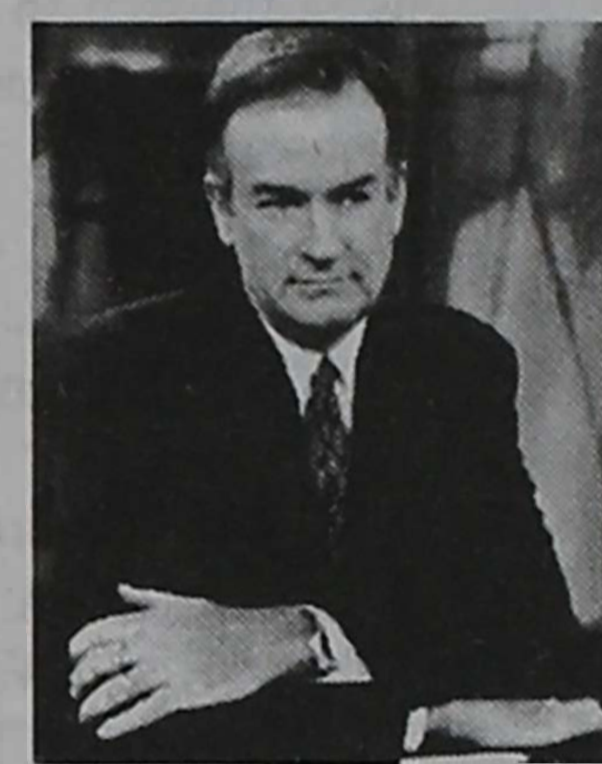
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Let's hear it for the good guys

by Bill O'Reilly



For once, let's hear it for the good guys. If every country in the world fought terrorism as aggressively as the USA and Great Britain, the truly bad guys would be beaten down, perhaps forever.

But hoping that the nations of the world will respond cohesively to the savagery and potential mass destruction of modern terror is a lost cause. We live in a world of denial and self-interest. You have as much chance of finding the Wizard of Oz as you do persuading some timid and misguided countries to join the fight against the Islama-fascists.

Even countries like Canada are no longer dependable allies. According to a Maclean's poll, 38 percent of Canadians say their attitude toward the USA has worsened since 9-11. Almost half of our friends to the north see America as arrogant, bullying or dangerous.

To be sure, the Bush administration's non-compromising stance in Iraq and insistence that terror-enabling states be confronted (Axis of Evil) have put off many foreigners who embrace a far more passive approach toward terrorism. But the Canadian situation exemplifies what is truly going on in this world.

Over the past two decades, Canada has become committed to secularism and government entitlements. Subsidized medical care, decriminalization of marijuana, gay marriage, extensive welfare for newly arrived immigrants and an aggressively liberal Canadian Broadcasting Company have all become part of the culture. The eastern Canadian press is especially anti-American and delights in hammering their more traditional American neighbors.

Thus it should not have come as a surprise when some high school hockey players from Massachusetts were booed at a match in Montreal. Many Americans were annoyed but quickly forgot the incident. Now, however, our Canadian ally has a far more serious situation on its hands.

Last January, Army Private Jeremy Hinzman deserted from 82nd Airborne Division and fled to Canada. In March, he was followed by another 82nd Airborne private, Brandon Hughey. Both had voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. military and split only after their unit was ordered to Iraq. They have been granted temporary residence in Canada, and hearings will be held on their cases this summer.

But here's the salt in the wound: The Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) and the Toronto Globe and Mail have reported on the deserters and put them in a sympathetic light. The CBC reporter, Gillian Findlay, said Hughey wanted no part of "George Bush's war." Her words, not Hughey's. And the Globe and Mail columnist Heather Mallick says the two guys are "fine American men."

Canada has an extradition treaty with the USA, and its law says that political asylum can only be granted to those who could be executed or persecuted if returned to their home countries. Since Iraq is not a declared war, Hinzman and Hughey cannot be executed and, if returned to the U.S., they would most likely face five years in prison — hardly a persecution for a crime as serious as desertion.

Most Canadian observers believe the two will be extradited to the USA, but if they are not, a serious situation will erupt. A country harboring deserters would undermine the U.S. war on terror and demonstrate outright hostility toward America.

These deserters should have been detained and their cases quickly heard. Instead they have Web sites, media sympathy and a forum in which to bash their country. This circus is insulting to America, and especially to those American soldiers who have lost their lives fighting terrorists and supporters of the brutal dictators Mullah Omar and Saddam Hussein.

On my television program I have advised the Canadian government that if the deserters are not returned post-haste, I will no longer buy Canadian products or visit the country. I believe many Americans will take the same stance.

A true friend does not hurt you even if he or she disagrees with something you do. Canada may reject the Iraq strategy, and we respect its dissent. But actively undermining the U.S. military is quite something else. Ottawa should best remember that cold fronts can originate from the south as well.

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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

Keep A Watchful Eye
Plague has been detected in two areas of Texas. One outbreak is affecting woodrats in eastern Midland/western Glasscock Counties. The other is in Dallam County.

Based on the lack of activity, or decreased activity in prairie dog towns the Dallam County outbreak could be as large as 40 miles east to west by 6 miles north to south. It may extend beyond that range, but towns outside of that range have not been identified and surveyed. Most of the surveillance has been on public lands.

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Cattle Tuberculosis (TB) Testing Lags, Could Impact Reinstatement of Texas' TB-Free Status

Dairy and purebred beef cattle owners must complete the task that we agreed to accomplish by stepping forward to have herds tested for cattle tuberculosis (TB), if Texas is to regain Class "Free" status for TB eradication, warns Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian. As of early May, 349 Texas dairies and 115 purebred beef herds have been tested for the bacterial disease since November 2003. While the dairy industry is making significant progress, it still falls far short of testing necessary to assure the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other states that Texas has conducted adequate disease surveillance to find any remaining infected herds. Texas' TB plan, developed in 2002 by a joint industry and regulatory working group, calls for testing the state's 850+ dairies and at least 2,500 of its beef seed stock herds by the end of August 2004. The plan was submitted to the USDA, along with a commitment to comply with the program.

Since 1983, cattle TB has been detected in 15 Texas dairies and six purebred beef herds. In 2000,

Texas attained the TB-free status under the National Tuberculosis Eradication Program, but lost it in 2002, after two infected herds were detected. Dairy and purebred beef cattle are no more susceptible to TB than commercial cattle, but they usually are maintained in a herd much longer, due to their value for milking or breeding. Once exposed to cattle TB bacteria, it may be several years before dairy or purebred cattle are tested, or are culled and sent to slaughter, where carcasses are examined. (Milk is safe to drink, because required, routine pasteurization kills TB bacteria.)

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) could deny a bid for Texas to regain TB-free status, citing lack of disease surveillance, if we don't meet our testing objectives," explained Dr. Hillman, who heads the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "The TAHC, through a cooperative agreement with the USDA, is funding 'fee-basis' payments to private, certified veterinarians who conduct herd tests, eliminating out-of-pocket expense for the cattle owner. Unless we are granted an extension, this federal money will not be available after the end of August, so it's crucial that producers take action to schedule a test now."

"The herd test must include all cattle 24 months of age or older (including dry cows in dairies). Testing of purchased replacement animals is optional, but the cost is covered by the program and should be considered," said Dr. Hillman. "To conduct a test, the certified or regulatory veterinarian will inject cattle with a small amount of tuberculin in the skin of the caudal fold, an area on the underside of the tail. Seventy-two hours later, the veterinarian will visually and manually examine the injection site for a reaction, such as a thickening of the skin. A response is an indication the animal may have been exposed to TB bacteria."

"Animals also positive on Gamma test will be purchased by the USDA for slaughter and necropsy. Inter-

nal organs will be examined for lesions compatible with TB, and tissue samples will be submitted for confirmation to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa," said Dr. Hillman. He noted that the USDA's indemnity is based on the fair market value of the animal. For adult dairy animal, agricultural economists have determined the standard appraisal to be \$1,425. Beef animals are appraised individually by a certified appraiser. Producers, however, may negotiate for a higher payment by providing registration papers for registered cattle and/or production records for dairy cattle. The USDA also will pay for hauling and disposal or burial of the carcass.

If infection in the herd is confirmed, the owner has two options. The herd can be quarantined and undergo a series of retests, until all infected animals have been removed, and subsequent repeated testing assures that infection has been eliminated. Or, the USDA will negotiate a purchase price for the herd and depopulate the animals, allowing the owner to return to normal business practices more quickly.

"Clearly, cattle TB must be addressed in Texas and in other states where infected herds also have been detected. This currently includes California, New Mexico, Arizona, Kansas and Michigan. In Texas, we need the support of dairy and purebred beef producers to find infection, if additional infected herds are present; prevent further spread of disease; and regain our ability to move breeding cattle across state lines without a TB test," Dr. Hillman noted. "Allowing cattle TB to gain a 'hoofhold' would be extremely costly, in terms of credibility with consumers, and in our ability to trade freely with our interstate and international trading partners."

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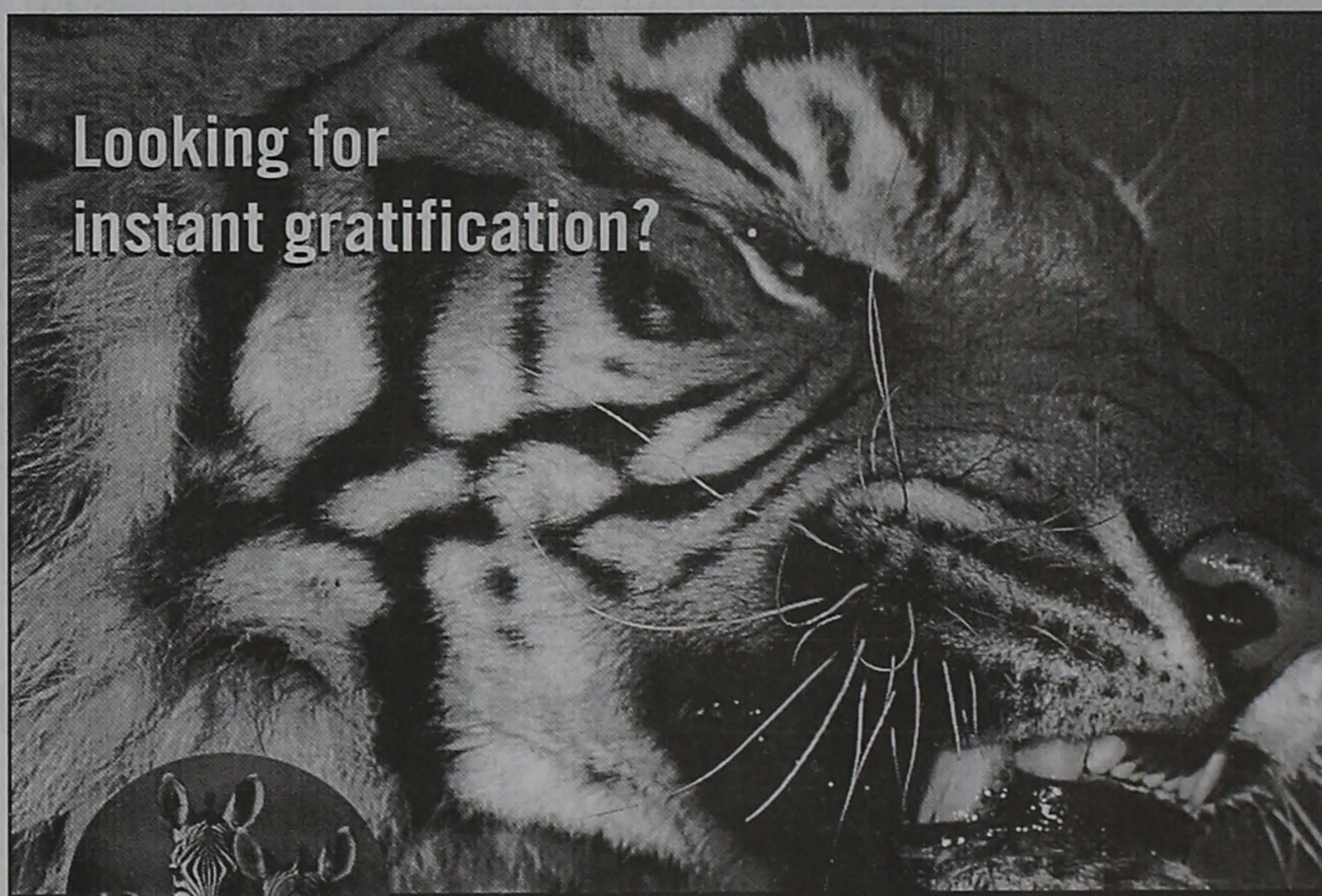
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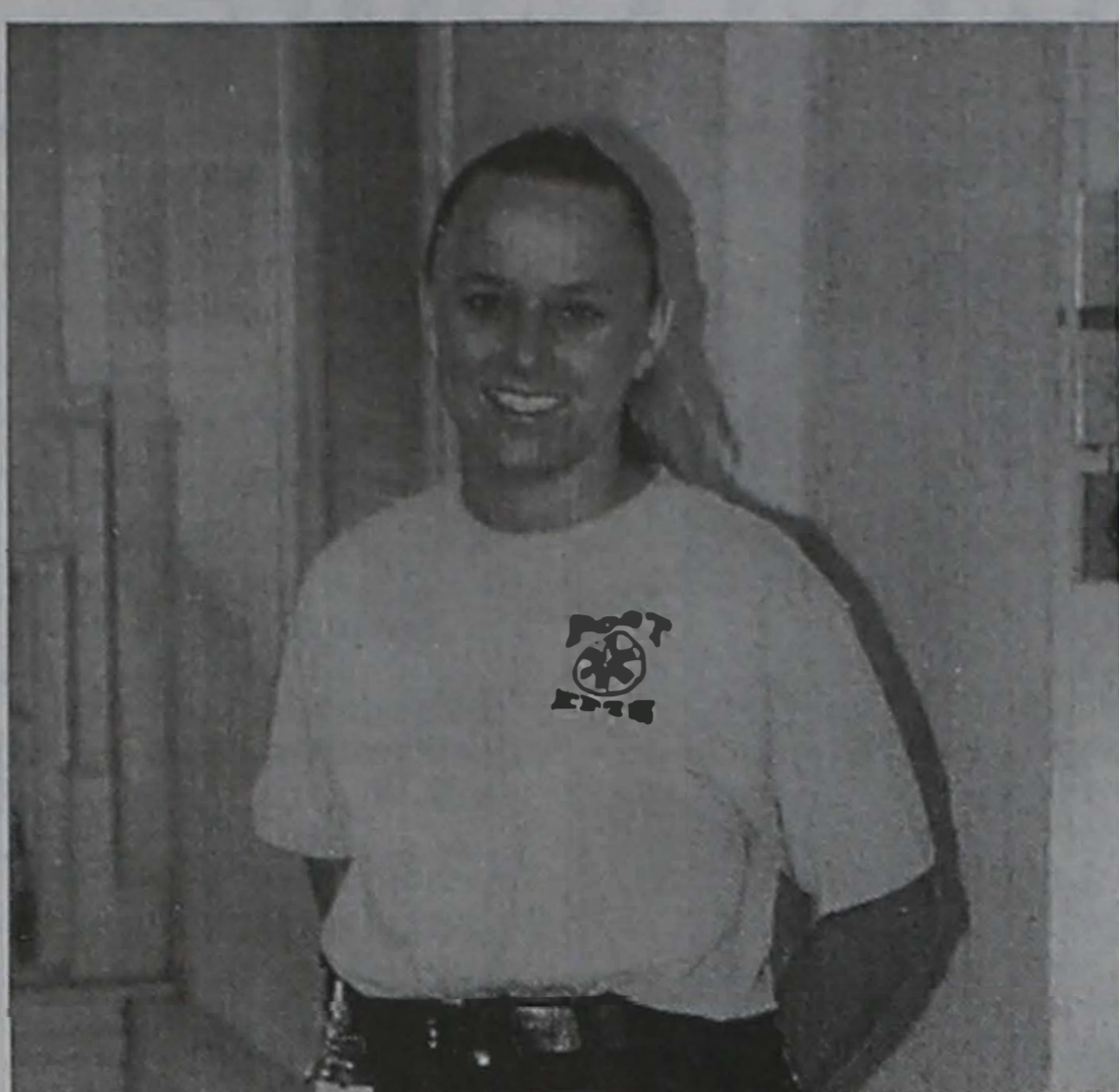


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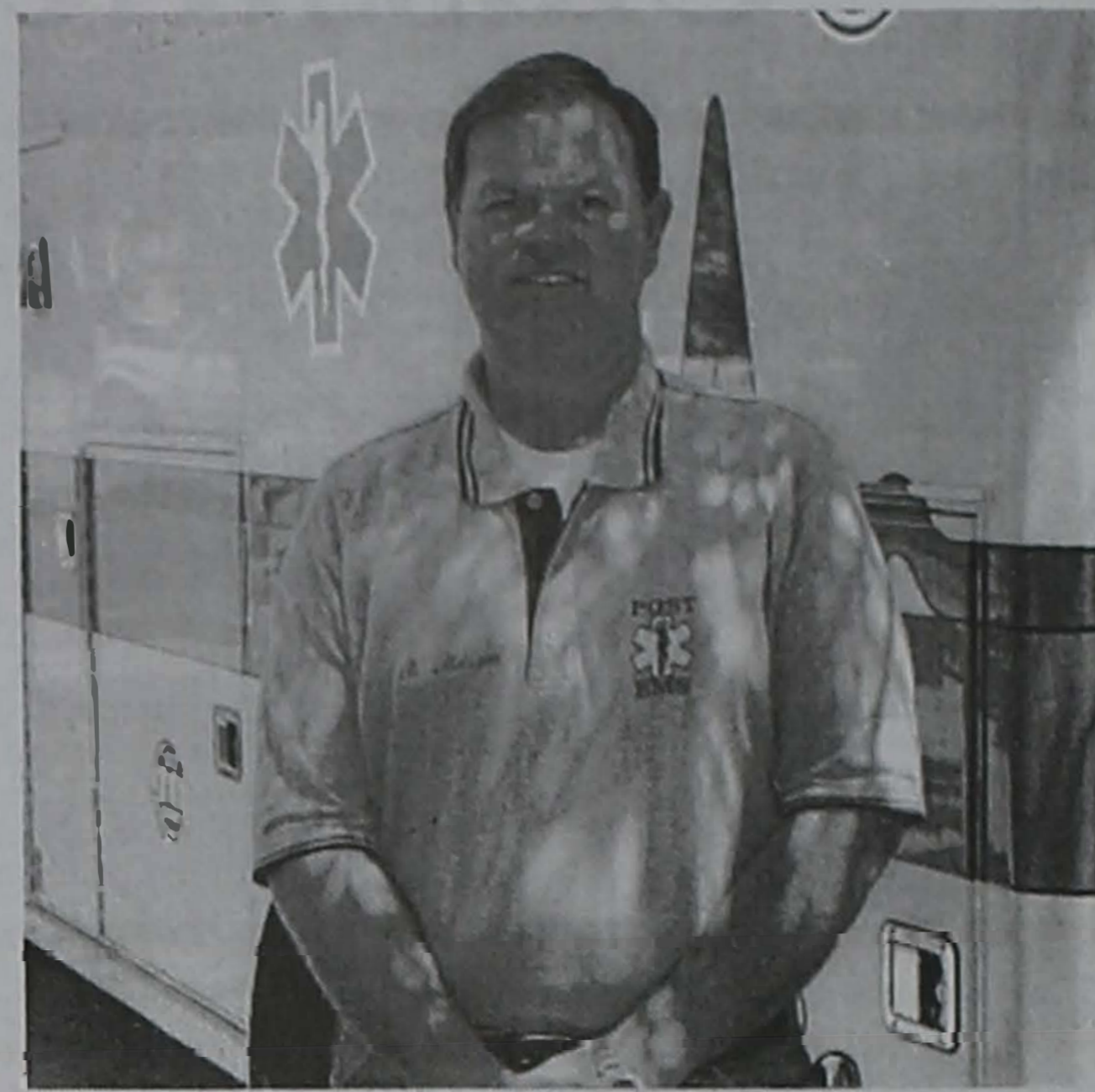
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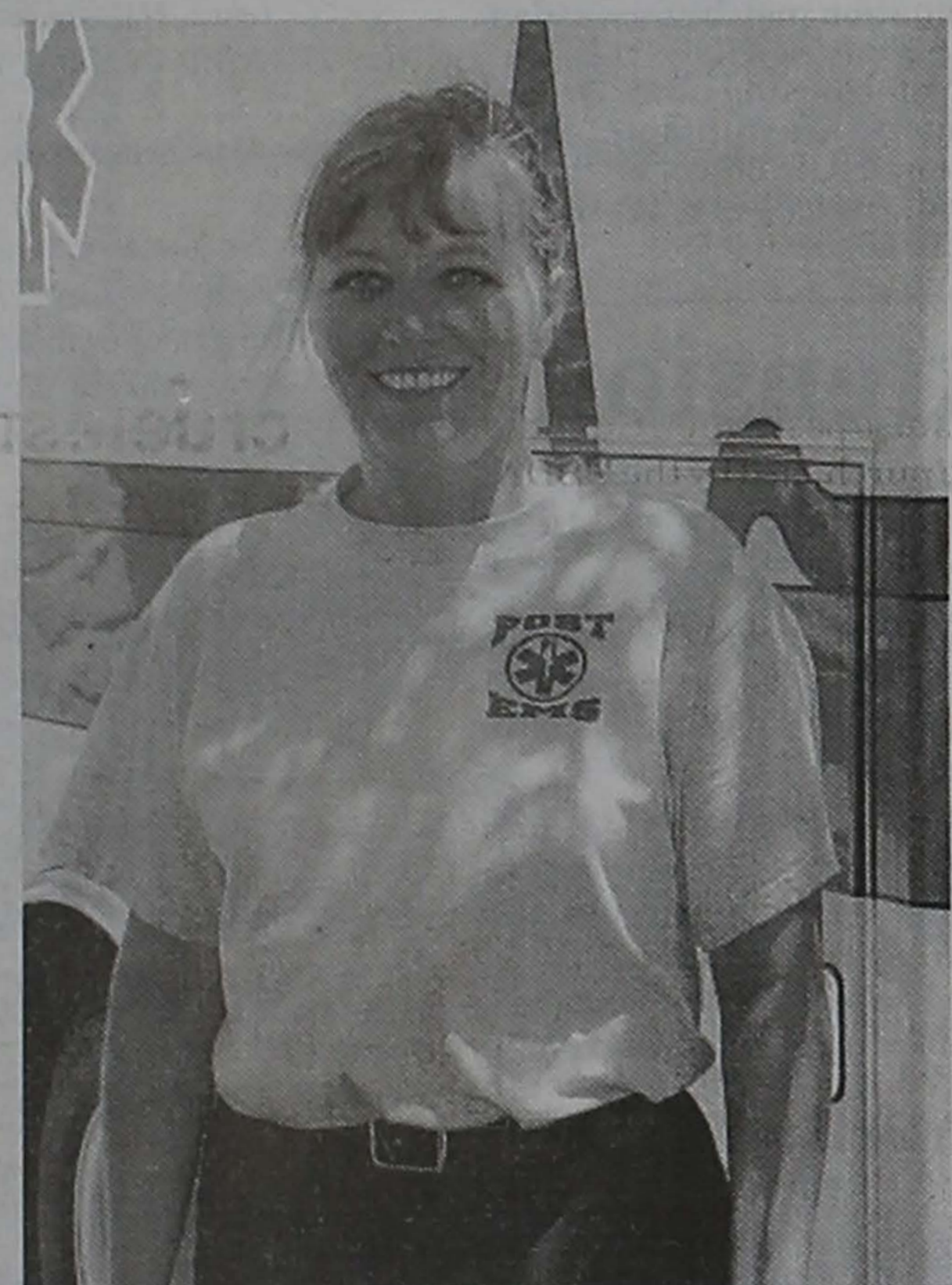
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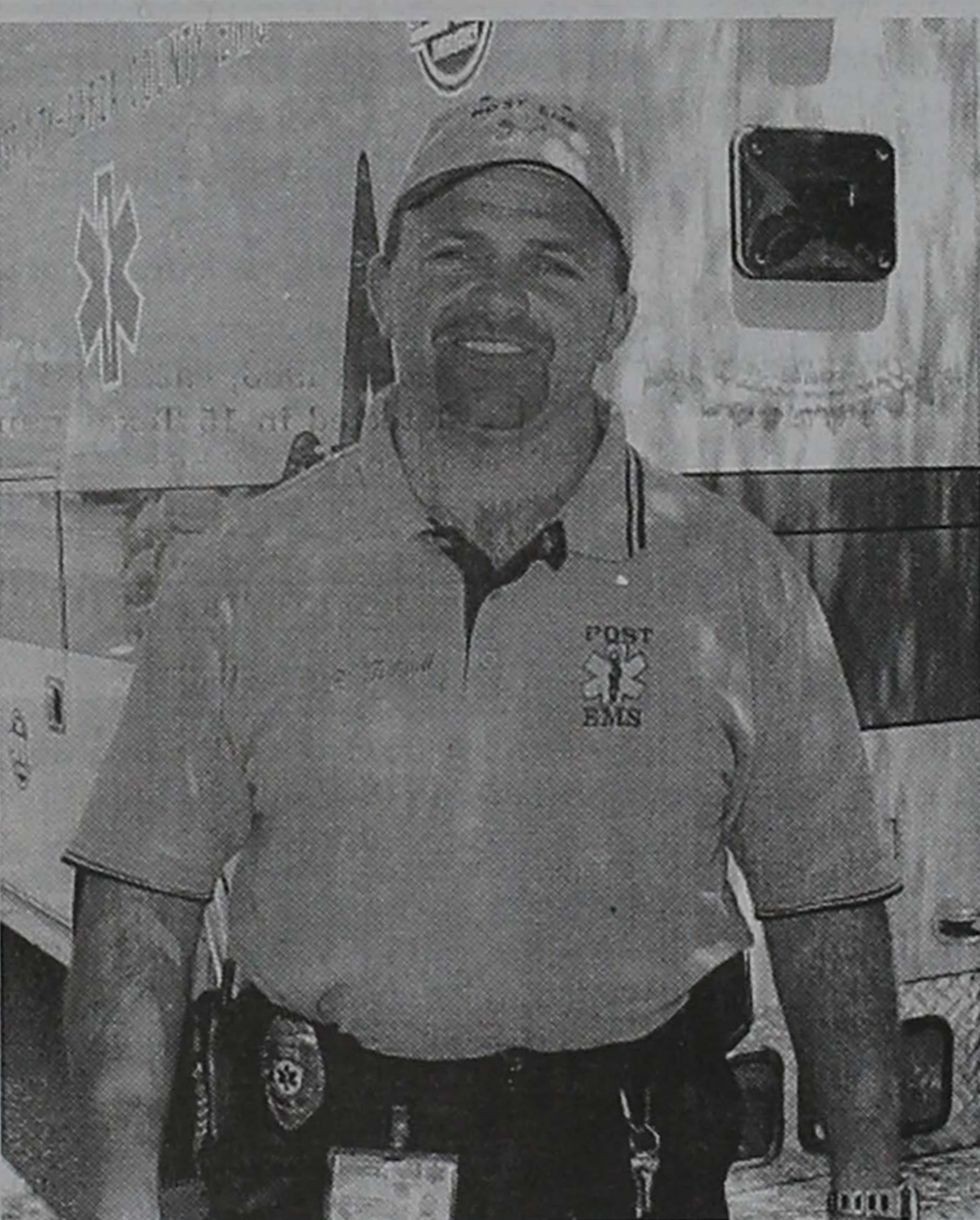
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The Lubbock Hospice Classic supports non-funded and under-funded patients, programs and services offered by Hospice of Lubbock. Because of the community's support, Hospice of Lubbock has never turned anyone away in need of hospice care regardless of their ability to pay or insurance coverage.

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Applying animal manure to the ground near wells doubles the likelihood that nitrate levels in the well will be unhealthy. Source: A Survey of the Quality of Water Drawn from Domestic Wells in Nine Midwest States, National Center for Environmental Health (September, 1998)

Waste lagoons on factory farms emit toxic chemicals into the air which can cause many health problems in humans. Source: Steve Wing and Susanne Wolf, "Intensive Livestock Operations, Health, and Quality of Life Among Eastern North Carolina Residents," Environmental Health Perspectives, Vol. 108, No. 3 (March 2000), p. 233

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Post Middle School Eighth grade 'A' Honor Roll are (back row left to right), Blaise Lester, Carson Windham, Timothy Wilson and Steven Short (front row), Meagen Howard-Griffis and Bertha Gonzales. Photo by Greg Henry



Post Middle School Eighth grade 'AB' Honor Roll are (back row left to right), Cass Tatum, Allen Heckaman, Brenna Postell, Lori Jones, Lydia Mendoza and Crystal Price (front row), Kelsey Hays. Photo by Greg Henry



Post Middle School Eighth grade Perfect Attendance are (back row left to right), Allen Heckaman, Lori Jones, Cass Tatum and Crystal Price (front row), Kelsey Hays. Photo by Greg Henry

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Post Middle School Seventh grade 'AB' Honor Roll are (left to right), Kenzie Mason, Mercedes Enriquez, Haley Lester and Stacy Bocko. Photo by Greg Henry



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Post Middle School Sixth grade 'AB' Honor Roll are (left to right), Haley Lester, Stacy Bocko, Jarrett Blevins and Brandon Crawford. Photo by Greg Henry



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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones from the files of The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago May 18, 1994

Post ISD will honor Louella Bilberry with a Silver Anniversary retirement reception May 20 in the Post Elementary staff lounge. Bilberry began her career as an elementary aide in 1969 when she was hired by then principal Jack Alexander. In 1981 she moved into the elementary office as the secretary to principal Dan Rankin.

Post junior Brad Lawson ran the fastest 400m dash of his career last Saturday in Austin. Lawson's time of 48.4 was not only his personal best and a new school record, it also earned him a trip to the medal stand where he picked up a little bronze hardware for his third place finish in the 400m.

Angela Tobias was recently awarded the Earl of Douglas Mitchell Fellowship in Slavic Studies at Rice University. A biochemistry and Russian double major at Rice, Tobias is fluent in Russian and speaks some Polish.

Post High School's record 70 points in the State UIL Academic competition included the second place, silver medal finishes by Sara Hodges (spelling) and Alissa Mitchell, (news writing).

Martin and Hope Nava are proud to announce the birth of their son, Matthew McKenzie, born May 8, 1994. He was born at Methodist Hospital in Levelland. He weighed seven pounds, three ounces and was nineteen inches long.

20 Years Ago May 16, 1984

The Post FFA Chapter was represented well at the Area II convention with five students earning awards and advancing in competition on the state level. Members of the team are Mike Johnson, Keith Osborn, Derick Dunn, Curt Greer and Robbie Williams. The students are instructed by Ray Conner.

Several Post residents were in Fort Worth recently to help an aunt celebrate her 100th birthday. Attending the celebration were Bessie Lee, Dolores Harper, Patricia Cruse and Alvin Harper. Lena Zumo, their aunt, celebrated her 100 birthday on April 5.

Regional qualifiers of the Post Bold Gold track team participated in the regional meet in Odessa recently. Milton Williams finished sixth in the 100 meter dash and seventh in the 200 meter dash. L. D. Harper qualified for the finals in the shot put and threw for 50'3" and finished seventh.

For What It's Worth... Tom Pass has returned from his trip to Switzerland, and he reported that he had a "terrible" time having to eat all that marvelous food and visit all those beautiful places. But it seems as though they got his name wrong and

instead of Pass, he was referred to as Tom Post.

30 Years Ago May 16, 1974

Post's new dentist, Dr. Charles, McCook, "doesn't like the big city" so after two years of dental practice in Garland, he has moved his family here to open "the small town West Texas practice" he's always wanted. McCook is Ballinger native who was raised in Abilene so comes by his West Texas likings naturally.

Pvt. Thomas D. Zachary, 20, son of Mrs. Wanda Zachary was graduated from a 21-week teletypewriter equipment repairs course at the army Southeastern Signal School, Ft. Gordon, Ga.

Kurt Williams was honored on his sixth birthday with a party in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Williams. "Speedy, the Race Car Driver," was the theme for the party. Refreshments were served to Marcie Sneed, Junior Davis, Dustin Ammons, Robbie and Robin Dean, Keith Craig and Delton Osborne.

A student from Post, Nick Pantoja, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pantoja, will receive an associate of applied science degree in civil engineering technology from the James Connally Campus of Texas State Technical Institute in Waco.

Orabeth White, outgoing president of Gamma Mu chapter, was selected as "Girl of the Year" at the group's founder's day banquet.

40 Years Ago May 21, 1964

O. V. McMahon, assistant postmaster here, who is retiring as treasurer of the Abilene District of the Church of the Nazarene after 25 years service, was honored at the annual assembly. In recognition for his service, he and Mrs. McMahon were presented with plane tickets to Portland, Ore., where they will attend the International Nazarene General Assembly.

Postings: When we asked City Superintendent Eddie Warren yesterday if the new White River lake had caught any water from Friday night's storm, he said no. He reported the only thing the lake has caught recently is 100,000 baby bass which is received a week before.

Edith Johnson and Yvonne Moreland are the May "Girls of the Month" in the Future Homemakers of America Chapter at Post High School.

The Woman's Culture Club elected new officers for the coming year. Officers installed were: Mrs. C. R. Thaxton, president; Mrs. James Minor, first vice-president and Mrs. Louie Burkes, second vice present. Other officers were Mrs. J. F. Storie, Mrs. Ira Lee Duckworth, Mrs. Bryan Morgan, Mrs. A. Lee Ward, Mrs. Bruce Evans, and Mrs. Homer Irons.

50 Years Ago May 20, 1954

O. B. Kelley, one of Garza County's "rip-snorting" early day sheriffs - the first one, in fact - is here on an extended visit with the Tom Sims family at Barnum Springs and the George Duckworth family at Justiceburg. Kelley, who now lives at Ontario, Calif., was elected as the county's first sheriff on July 8, 1907 - the same day that Post City was declared the county seat.

The City of Post's new playground equipment - seven pieces in all - has been installed at the park and dozens of children made use of it Sunday. The barbecue pit and four picnic tables also are being put to frequent use.

Special recognition and awards went to a number of Post High School graduates at school-closing exercises. The first annual Citizenship Award in high school went to Bobby Cowdrey and Tommie Williams. Valetorian and salutarian trophies were awarded Junelle Ticer and Stanley Nixon, respectively.

Miss Joy Scott, bride-elect of Bill Pool, was complimented when 12 hostesses entertained Monday afternoon, in the home of Mrs. Alvie Robinson. The couple will exchange vows Saturday evening in the First Baptist Church here.

60 Years Ago May 18, 1944

Marshall Mason, Jr., Mary Margaret Duckworth and Jeff Justice, Jr. are graduating Friday night from the same school from which their fathers and mothers graduated respectively. Marshall Mason, sr., Ira Lee Duckworth and Mrs. Jeff Justice, the former Doyle Bridges, all graduated with the class of 1913.

Of the 50 graduates in this year's class thirteen have never attended any school except in Post. They are: Buddy Malouf, W. L. Crider, Betty Williams, Betty Jane Travis, Jeanette Gilmore, Joyce Stephens, De Alva Darden, Billy Jo Baker, Victor Sweeten, Bobby Gene Tillman, Mary Margaret Duckworth, Jeff Justice and Marshall Mason, jr.

Troy L. Dean, 24, son of Mrs. Bettie Justice, is among those receiving training in precision flying, aerial gunnery theory, night cross country flying and other phases of advanced piloting with the new class at Foster Field, Texas.

Miss Gretta Bilberry and Pvt. Calvin L. Cooper were married Friday, May 12 at the First Baptist church with Rev. R. C. Tension officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Joyce Stevens and Allen Julian attended the groom as best man.

Sheriff reports four arrests last week

Four arrests were recorded in the Garza County Jail log during the past week, according to sheriff's department records.

A 42-year-old male was picked up on a parole violation May 13.

On May 14, a male, age unlisted, was arrested for public intoxication and a 31-year-old male was jailed for driving while intoxicated/first offense.

A 50-year-old male was arrested for DWI/first offense on May 15.

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Those who are interested in assisting Randon with the expense of joining the Rangers should call Vickie Blacklock at 495-4667 or 797-9777, ext. 251.

Menus

- Post ISD**
May 24- Breakfast-Waffles, butter & syrup, sausage, fruit, milk
Lunch-Popcorn chicken, french fries, salad, pears, milk
May 25- Breakfast-Cinnamon toast, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch-Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, banana pudding, milk
May 26- Breakfast-Malt-o-meal, sausage, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch-Pizza, salad, corn, peaches, milk
May 27- Breakfast-Cereal, toast, juice, fruit, milk
Lunch-Sandwich, chips, salad, pickles, orange, milk

Southland ISD

The menus for breakfast and lunch for the rest of the year will be "Manager's Choice" 5-10 thru 5-21. Thank You!

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'Lopes hammer Eldorado 16-3

by Ernest Fox

The Post Antelopes methodically continue to march through the Class 2A playoffs with decisive victories in a best two-out-of-three series win against the Eldorado Eagles last Friday and Saturday, winning Friday 6-3 and Saturday by a whopping 16-3 in five innings.

Taking home the Area Championship trophy, the 'Lopes wins featured timely hitting, sharp base running, above-average defense (three total errors) and competent pitching from brothers Joseph and Andrew Espinoza.

Game One

Joseph Espinoza, the lone senior pitching starter for the Post baseball team, wanted to show his young teammates how it is done. Espinoza struck out three and limited Eldorado to three runs over seven innings Friday as Post won 6-3 in the first game of the area championship series in Midland.

In Friday's game, the 'Lopes started early, fast-scoring four runs in the first inning after a 1-2-3 Eldorado top of the first. However, Post cooled considerably, allowing Eldorado to score three runs over three innings before slamming the door on the Eagles' hopes by plating two solo runs in the fifth and sixth innings respectively.

Mitchell Mills singled, following a Randon Blacklock strikeout to open the Antelope first inning. Coby Jones followed with a single. Jett Lott broke the scoring drought with a 2-RBI double. Coco Valdez lined an RBI single, as did David Rivera to allow Post to grab a quick 4-0 lead after the first inning.

Eldorado had three opening singles to plate on run in the second inning with Post had a 1-2-3 inning.

Eldorado plated another lone run on an Alan Dykstra RBI single following a Frankie Ariste triple. Post went down again 1-2-3 to close out the third inning.

Eldorado scored another lone run in the fourth while Post was shut out for the third consecutive inning.

Post, holding a slim 4-3 lead, allowed Eldorado one base runner in the next inning while Mills had an RBI single to score Blacklock and jump to a 5-3 lead after five full innings.

The Bold Gold baseball team closed out scoring in the bottom of the sixth on Rivera's RBI hit scoring Valdez, who had led off with a double to left field. Eldorado went down quickly, leading off the top of the sixth as Joseph Espinoza, shaking off the effects of a rough start early on, had two of his three strikeouts to end the Eldorado rally.

Eldorado sent four batters to the plate, but were shut down by the Antelope defense to close out the seventh. Defensively, the 'Lopes held Eldorado to 11 at-bats over the last three innings, with no runs scored. The Antelope defense came up huge behind Joseph Espinoza, holding Eldorado to 30 at-bats total - nine over the minimum. Eldorado finished with seven hits, but just two in the final three innings.

Game Two

One day after they scored just six runs in the opener of a Class 2A area-round playoff series, the Antelopes erupted for 16 runs on 16 hits to clinch the second

game at Christensen Stadium on Saturday.

Like Friday, when Post scored four in the first inning, the Antelopes were first to plate a run. Blacklock, on base via a walk, trotted across home on an errant pickoff play at third by the Eldorado pitcher. Lott later lined an RBI single, scoring Mills. Things started rough for Post starting pitcher Andrew Espinoza, who had trouble finding the plate early as he walked two batters and allowed two hits. Eldorado took advantage of the free base runners, using an Ariste double and a Joey Hernandez single to forge a 2-2 first-inning tie.

For Eldorado (17-7), it was a case of missed opportunities early in the game. The Eagles, after scoring two runs in the first to forge a tie with Post, had only five base runners in the following four innings, excluding a solo home run by Frank Edmisten. Winning pitcher Andrew Espinoza (7-1) settled down after a shaky first inning, retiring 12 of the last 17 batters he faced.

Eldorado appeared to be making a move in the second when Edmisten cranked a long single off the outfield wall leading off the Eagle half-inning. Caleb Nixon followed with a double play hit, with Trey Chavez striking out to end the second after a 1-2-3 top of the second for Post.

Post finally gave Andrew Espinoza some breathing room in the fourth, scoring six runs with two outs. The big blow came from Valdez's bases-loaded

three-run double. Eldorado had one last gasp as Edmisten had a solo home run in the bottom of the fourth. The Antelopes didn't let up, though, as they roughed up the entire Eldorado pitching staff for six runs in the top of the fifth inning to invoke the 10-run mercy rule. Miles Gray smacked a two-out, bases-loaded 2-RBI double in the fifth and final innings.

Offensively Post's top five batters went 9-for-15 with four walks and scored 12 times. The 'Lopes got spectacular pitching outings from Joseph Espinoza

and Andrew Espinoza while pounding out 24 hits in both games to make short work of the Eagles. Post's defense also sharpened - the 'Lopes did not commit an error in the second game of the series.

Hitting for Post were Blacklock, three singles, one walk, scored four times; Mills, one single, two walks, scored once (pinch runner Cash scored twice); Jones, one single, one fielder's choice hit; Lott, two singles, one walk, scored twice; Valdez, one single, one double, scored once; Gray, one double; Rivera, three

singles, scored twice; Theo Paiz, one single; Kyle Gunn, one single, one walk, scored twice.

The Antelopes will roll on to the regional quarterfinals Friday against Coahoma with a 7 p.m. game Friday at Christensen Stadium in Midland, followed by a 2 p.m. game Saturday and if necessary, game three will start 30 minutes after game two. KPOS Radio (Cebridge Connections Channel 12 and www.kposradio.com) will broadcast the Saturday games live beginning at 2 p.m.



Post Antelope baseball area champs are (left to right), Coach Max Kattwinkel, Javen Abraham, Brice Feagin, Coby Jones, David Rivera, Calvin Seago (Batboy), Andrew Espinoza, Mitchell Mills, Theo Paiz, Randon Blacklock, Coco Valdez, Kyle Gunn, Jett Lott, Jay Cooper, Aaron Fox, Blake Nichols, D.J. Baiza, Wilson Cash, Colt Mason, Joseph Espinoza and Coach Seago. The Antelopes defeated Eldorado 6-3 and 16-3 during Area playoffs last Friday and Saturday in Midland. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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