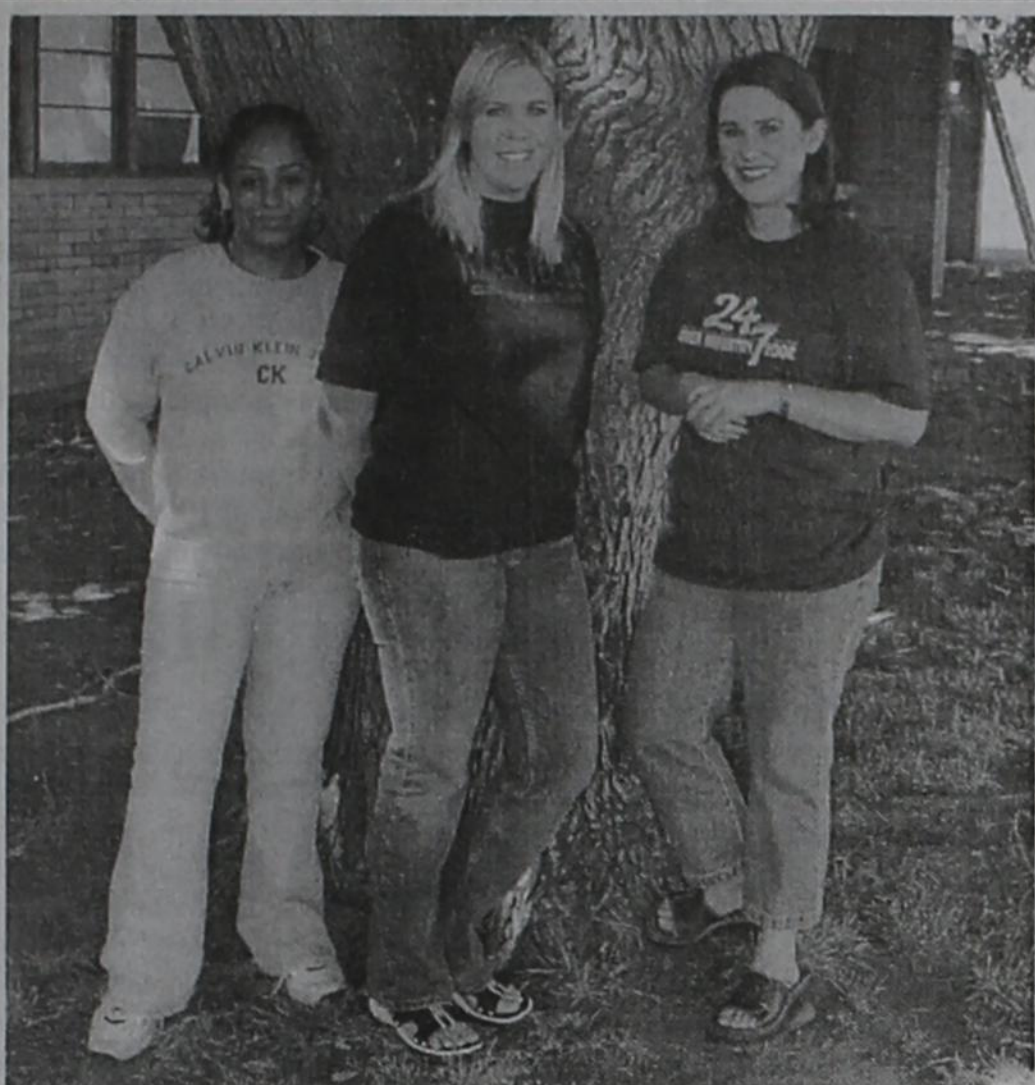


Post City Television

Cebridge Connections Channel 12 will broadcast the DVD recording of Friday's Post High School Graduation Ceremonies at 1, 5 & 10 p.m. Saturday & Sunday



Placing First in State 4-H Photography Competition recently are (left to right), Avnee Bhakta, Breann Heckaman and Diann Heckaman. Breann earned for each of three photographs, while Bhakta and Diann Heckaman earned first place for single photographs each. They are members of the Garza County 4-H Photography Club, coached by Jaquita Blevins. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

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Salt production expected to create jobs, improve water

by Sheri Lewis

Garza County Commissioners took the first step Monday morning toward an effort that could introduce new employment opportunities in the Post area.

The court approved the creation of the Salt Fork Water Quality Corp., an entity designed to represent Garza, Kent and Stonewall counties. With the approval of the commissioners courts of all three counties, the corporation will work to establish a project that not only will generate economic benefits, but environmental pluses as well.

Garza County Judge Giles Dalby said the charge of the SFWQ Corp. is to use federal grant monies to extract saline from Brazos River water that filters into Possum Kingdom Lake and Lake Whitney.

The plan calls for several wells to be dug in Kent and Stonewall counties; there, the saline water will be pumped from the ground and piped to a location the corporation hopes to obtain

near the old mill.

There, the water will be flooded into large settling ponds. The water will evaporate, leaving "nothing but pure salt - salt in its purist form," the judge said. The salt will be loaded onto railroad cars and shipped to a large salt company in the Houston area where it will be sold commercially.

Negotiations for a 1,000-acre tract near the mill are under way with Post-Montgomery, Dalby said.

Once the project is fully operational, as many as 60 jobs could be created, the judge said. The bulk of those jobs would be in Garza County.

The participating counties will receive no revenues from the project.

In addition to the economic boost, the project also would promote environmental interests, Dalby said not only will the removal of the salt from the Brazos River water enhance the quality of the two lakes involved, but it also would greatly reduce the cost

of water treatment down the line.

The Department of Commerce and the Environmental Protection Agency are "highly in favor" of the project, he said.

Dalby and the county judges from Kent and Stonewall counties will make up the corporation's three-member board of directors. The board will work with a Houston engineering firm to get the process started. There is no timeline attached to the

project, which was initiated about three years ago when Asperment Judge Bobby McGoogle began working on the project, Dalby said.

The initial meeting of the SFWQ Corp. board had not been set as of Tuesday evening, but the judge said a meeting will likely be held soon.

"We're started moving now," he said.

In other matters Monday, the court

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Brent Jones suffers from fire injuries

A 33-year-old Post man remained in the burn unit at University Medical Center in Lubbock following a Monday night explosion at a liquefied petroleum gas processing plant near Big Spring.

Brent Jones, a Post High School graduate, was seriously injured when a fire started in the engine room of the East Vealmoor Gas Plant in Vealmoor, about 20 miles north of Big Spring.

His condition as of Tuesday evening was unavailable.

Officials reported that problems with the fire hydrants at the plant hampered efforts to extinguish the blaze.

Post ISD moves forward on new building plans

by Sheri Lewis

The Post Independent School District will hire an architectural firm to assist in the completion of its Facilities Master Plan, which includes proposals for a new high school and an upgraded cafeteria facility.

During the May 20 board of trustees meeting, district officials authorized the publication of a request for proposals next month. Superintendent Marlin Marcum said that once

the firm is in place, he has been directed to begin working with the architects on the cafeteria project, which will see the erection of a new cafeteria adjacent to the elementary school.

Plans call for the new facility to serve all campuses. A food prep area will be constructed at the center of the building, flanked by elementary school and secondary school wings.

The dual wings should enable the district to compress its lunch period, allowing more students to be served at one, Marcum said.

Following completion of the cafeteria, district officials will begin planning the new high school facility, the superintendent said.

Although there is no timeline linked to the building of a new high school, Marcum said the board is "determined to pursue it aggressively," however, district finances and legislative action "will drive that timeline."

In relation to the proposed construction projects, trustees also heard from a representative of SAMCO, a financial planning group that specializes in working with public schools. The representative provided an overview of the many options available to the district, including bond issues.

Marcum said the board is interested in exploring the types of financing available to the school district, particularly because interest

rates are presently quite low. However, district officials are leaning toward financing most if not all of the project through the Post ISD fund balance, which the superintendent described as "hefty." At the end of the current fiscal year, the fund balance could stand in excess of \$7 million, but Marcum said trustees want to take care not to "completely deplete" the account.

In other business, trustees reviewed the preliminary budget for the 2004-2005 school year, which according to Marcum includes some "pretty significant reductions." The preliminary budget stands at \$8.5 million, down from the \$9.4 million budget approved for the current fiscal year. Some \$7.9 million of the \$8.5 million budget will be made up of state and local revenues.

The largest cuts made to the proposed budget involved payroll and capital outlay, the superintendent said.

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Post Notes

Digital Photo Computer Workshop

The Post-Garza Community Network will be offering a Digital Photo computer workshop May 31, June 1-2 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. each night. Classes will be held at the High School Media Center. Interested persons should call Shellee at 495-3343 to sign up. Classes are provided free of charge to Post and Garza County residents.

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. A student can register for the TAAS test online by accessing the following web site at: <http://K12testing.tx.ncspearson.com/oots> or by completing a registration form.

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.

South Plains Regional Housing Authority

Beginning June 1, 2004, applications will be taken for the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program. Applications can be picked up at the following location: South Plains Regional Housing Authority, 411 Austin in Levelland and South Plains Community Action Center on S Highway 84 in Post.

Blacklock Chosen For Summer Baseball

Randon Blacklock has been chosen to play on a traveling baseball team with the San Angelo Rangers for eight weeks. He will be playing at junior colleges all over Texas. Randon is seeking help financially with sponsors, he is trying for a \$1500 scholarship. Games will be June 5 thru July 22. Contact Vickie Blacklock at 495-4667 or 797-9777, ext. 251.

Lu Allen Golf Tournament

Join us for the 1st Annual Coach Lu Allen Golf Tournament benefiting the Lu Allen Memorial Scholarship Fund awarded to female athletes. A four person best ball scramble will be held Monday, July 12 at 8:30 at the Graham Country Club, Graham, Texas. For additional information please contact: Graham Country Club Pro Shop at 940/549-7721, Christie Allen-Johnson at 512/925-3036 or Sandy Allen at 512/797-8757.

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.

Retirement Reception

The Lynn County Federal Credit Union invites everyone to attend a retirement reception honoring Dean Bartley. The reception will be held on Sunday, June 6, from 2-3:30 p.m. at The Life Enrichment Center in Tahoka. No gifts please.

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.

City, school agree on baseball park

by Sheri Lewis

Trustees for the Post Independent School District pitched a proposal to the City Council last week that, if approved, could provide more than \$175,000 worth of improvements at the city ballparks.

During a joint meeting May 20 between the school district trustees and Post City Council members, district officials requested permission to move ahead with a trio of improvement projects at Nichols Park.

upgrades at the existing T-ball field and safety enhancements to the grounds in exchange for permission to do the work.

Superintendent Marlin Marcum outlined the proposals, dubbed Phase I of projected ballpark upgrades, as follows:

- Replacement of existing seating at the baseball field to include 667 aluminum seats; construction of an

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Graduation Time!

Seniors from across the South Plains, including members of the Class of 2004 representing Post, Borden County and Southland high schools, will don caps and gowns this week for commencement ceremonies.

The following is an overview of each school's ceremony and a list of honor graduates:

Post High School

A total of 52 seniors will say goodbye to Post High School Friday night in commencement exercises set for 8 p.m. at Antelope Stadium.

Valedictorian of the 2004 senior class is Coby Jones, son of Greg and Shana Jones. Salutatorian is Mitchell Mills, son of Larry and Kim Mills.

PHS honor graduates include Jones, Mills, Lisa Soto, Tana Starkey, Breann Heckaman, Mark McCallister, Brittney Courtney, Ricky Reyna, Eboni Gonzalez, Kris Hernandez, Anthony Merrell, Kyle Gunn, Lydia Quintana and Zane Marts.

Borden County High School

Nine seniors are slated to receive diplomas as Friday's commencement exercises in the Borden County High School Auditorium.

Kyle Pinkerton, son of Jess and Sharlot Stone and Russ and Beverly Pinkerton, is class valedictorian. Menda James, daughter of Kevin and Stephanie James, is salutatorian.

Honor graduates include Beta Club graduates Pinkerton, James, Jami Gass and Clay John Anderson.

Speaker for the Borden County ceremony will be Harvey Alston.

Southland High School

Information unavailable as of press time.



PHS Class of 2004 Honor Graduates

Earning top honors at Post High School are (back row, left to right) Mark McCallister, Valedictorian Coby Jones, Salutatorian Mitchell Mills, Zane Marts, Krist Hernandez, Kyle Gunn, Ricky Reyna, Anthony Merrell, (front row) Brittney Courtney, Tana Starkey, Breann Heckaman, Lisa Soto, Eboni Gonzales and Lydia Quintana. (See Pages 6, 7 and 8 for Post, Borden County and Southland Class of 2004 photos)



Celebrating 75th Anniversary

Boy Scout Troop #316 was honored with a luncheon to celebrate the 75th year as a chartered troop sponsored by Post Rotary Club. Present at the luncheon were (back row left to right), Jerry Hays (Post Rotary Club President), Leon Miller (Scout Council Executive), Colter Creech, Allen Heckaman, J.M. Olson (Scout Leader), Mary Jane Olson, Lubbock County Sheriff David Gutierrez (Scout Council Executive) and Eric Howell (Council Executive). (Staff photo by Tim Burnett).



Diana and Les 25 years ago ...



Les and Diana Looney celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this week. They were married May 24, 1979. Their children Stephanie, Kenda and Bryan and grandchildren celebrated with the couple.

Lake Alan Henry Water District plans to sell water

Residents of the Justiceburg area and owners of property surrounding Lake Alan Henry someday may be able to purchase water from the lake thanks to action taken Monday morning by the Lubbock City Council.

Council members agreed to sell more than 97 million gallons of water per year to Justiceburg residents and landowners of property around the Lubbock-owned lake, according to reports.

The proposed contract, which is still subject to approval by the Lake Alan Henry Water District, would generate about \$180,000 each year for the City of Lubbock.

The sale of water at Lake Alan Henry was made possible by a legislative bill passed last year.

City, school agreement

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8'x 18' press box; and reconstruction of the dugouts and backstop.

- Conversion of the T-ball field to a regulation softball field by relocating the outfield fence, including the installation of new fencing; creation of a grassless infield; reworking the pitcher's mound area to attain regulation status; relocation of original baseball park seating to softball area, thereby doubling the existing seating at the park; restructuring of seating facilities to enhance usability and safety.

- Balding off the area adjacent to the park's driveway where the cedar trees are located, as well as the grounds toward South Lake, to a slope of no more than 5 percent to improve safety; coverage of the area with a "suitable surface material" Marcum said he hopes could be obtained from city/county surplus surface materials.

Council members took no action on the matter, but agreed to review the proposal with their attorney. The item could be included for consideration on the next council agenda.

Marcum said there is no timeline on the project, but district officials hope the upgrades can be implemented after the summer baseball season and prior to the start of high school baseball play if city officials approve the effort.

Post High School plans to field its first softball team during the 2004-2005 school year.

Following the completion of Phase I, Marcum said trustees hope to tackle similar projects in coming years. The primary thrust of Phase II would address security measures at the park in the hopes of limiting vandalism.

Post ISD building plans

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In another financial move, trustees declared several district-owned lots surplus property and authorized a public sale. Several locations will be sold through the bidding process, including Lots 9 and 10 at 10th and Avenue M; Lot 34 of the Alexander Addition; a portion of Lot 14 and Lot 15 of the Bingham Addition on North Avenue F; Lot 24, Block 1, of the Bingham Addition; and a 1.5-acre tract on a circle drive on Pine Street near the Post Housing Authority apartment complex.

The district cannot utilize these properties, Marcum said, and trustees are interested in returning the properties to the tax rolls. The effort to sell the properties will begin immediately, and all must be sold at market value.

For a map of available properties or more information, contact the administrative offices of the Post ISD.

In other business, trustees:

- Reorganized the board of trustees. Barbara Hardin will remain board president, Mark Kirkpatrick will return to the office of vice-president, and Alexa Collier will stay on as the board secretary.

- Adopted textbooks for the next school year; however, Marcum said that thanks to a state cutback in textbook funding, all of the books may not be available to students with the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year.

- Authorized the remodel of the high school commons area. The area will be reworked to contain three small classrooms to be filled by "floater" teachers; that is, teachers who because of overcrowded conditions have no classroom of their own. In the past, these teachers have "floated" into empty classrooms to teach during off periods. District workers will handle the job in-house, Marcum said. Estimated cost of the project, which is expected to be completed this summer, is \$1,748.

- Approved the district's technology plan.
- Approved an increase in the cost of the driver's education course from \$100 to \$150.

- Approved the EPEC Shared Services Agreement for special education cooperative services.

- Revised district policy to eliminate payment for unused sick leave for retiring staff members as per the suggestion of the district's attorney.

- Hired three new staff members - Robert Ryan, elementary school Spanish; Kerry Pettjohn, curriculum and testing coordinator; and Meg Kattwinkel, middle school social studies.

- Discussed the need for air conditioning in the locker rooms.

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Summer Camps

Interested in attending a summer 4-H camp. Refer to your April 2004 4-H newsletter for registration due dates and fees.

District 2 4-H Horse Show
June 15 will be the District Two 4-H Horse Show at the Texas Tech Equestrian Center in Wolforth. All 4-H'ers interested in entering the show must turn entries in at the Extension office by Thursday,

June 3, 2004. For more information come by or call the Extension office at 495-4400.

Record Books

Please let the Extension office know if you are planning on completing a Record Book as soon as possible. June 8, 9, 10, and 23 have been set aside for 4-H'ers to get help with Record Books at the Extension office from 8:30 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00 each of these days.

Williams earns degree, honors

Charity Christel Williams of Post participated in Adams State College's commencement ceremony May 8.

Williams graduated magna cum laude, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in interdisciplinary studies.

Adams State College is located in Alamosa, Colo.

Salt Project

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took into consideration the acceptance of right of way to a roadway in Precinct 3 following an explanation by property owner Donald Windham. Commissioner John Valdez is to discuss the matter with property owners in the area and report his recommendations at a future meeting.

The court also amended its policy regarding retiree medical insurance by requiring those who qualify must apply for Medicare, with the county paying for supplemental insurance.

A public assistance application was rejected based on the ineligibility of the applicant.

Post students

earn WTC honors

Michael Ulm, Post native, was named to the President's List for the spring 2004 semester at Western Texas College. The president's list is the highest scholastic ranking achievable at WTC. To be honored, students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average while taking at least 12 academic credit hours.

Mario Ruiz from Post was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2004 semester at Western Texas College. To qualify for Dean's List, students must have a 3.5 grade point average and carry at least 12 hours of course work.

Two Post natives, were named to the Merit List for the spring 2004 semester at Western Texas College. To qualify for Merit List, students must have a 3.5 grade point average and enroll for more than 8 but less than 12 hours of course work. Honorees were Krishna Bush and Mandy Villanueva.

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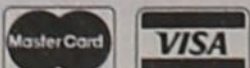
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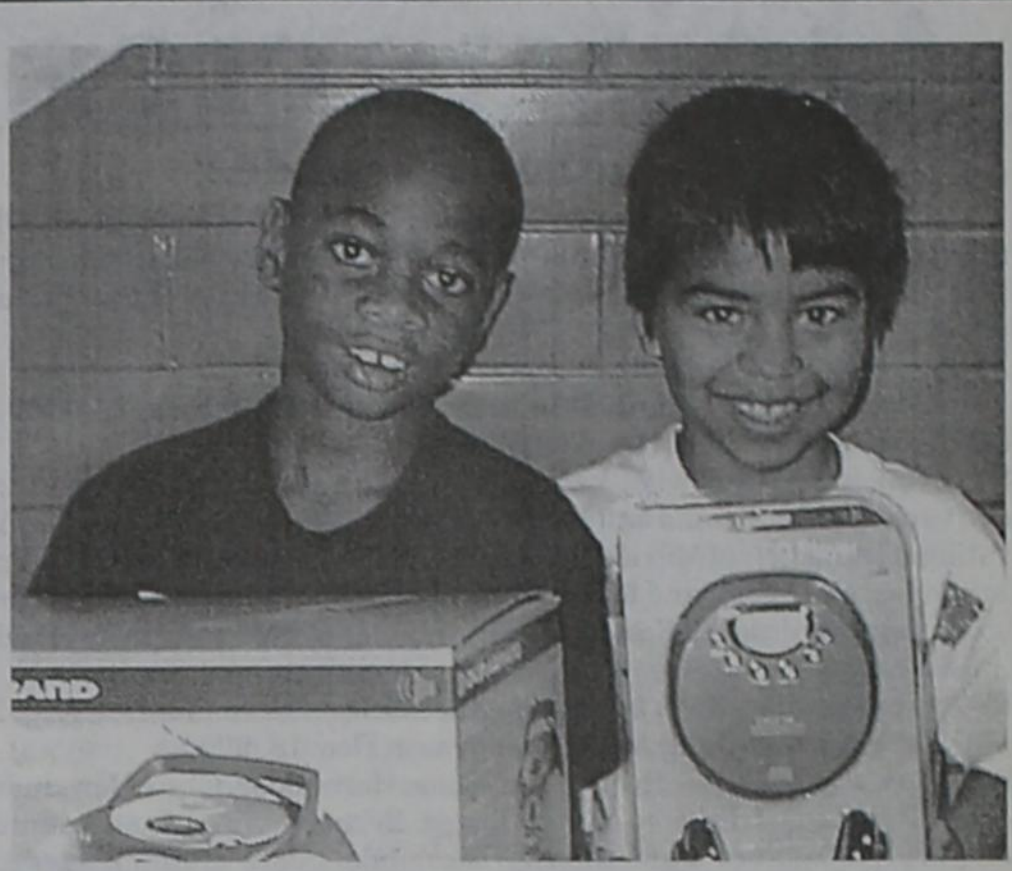
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Garza County 4-H'er Garrett McCarty recently exhibited his calf in the Metroplex Texas Longhorn Association Tarleton Fun Show. The calf placed Second Junior Bull in the Youth Show and placed Second and Reserve Champion Junior Bull in the Open Show.



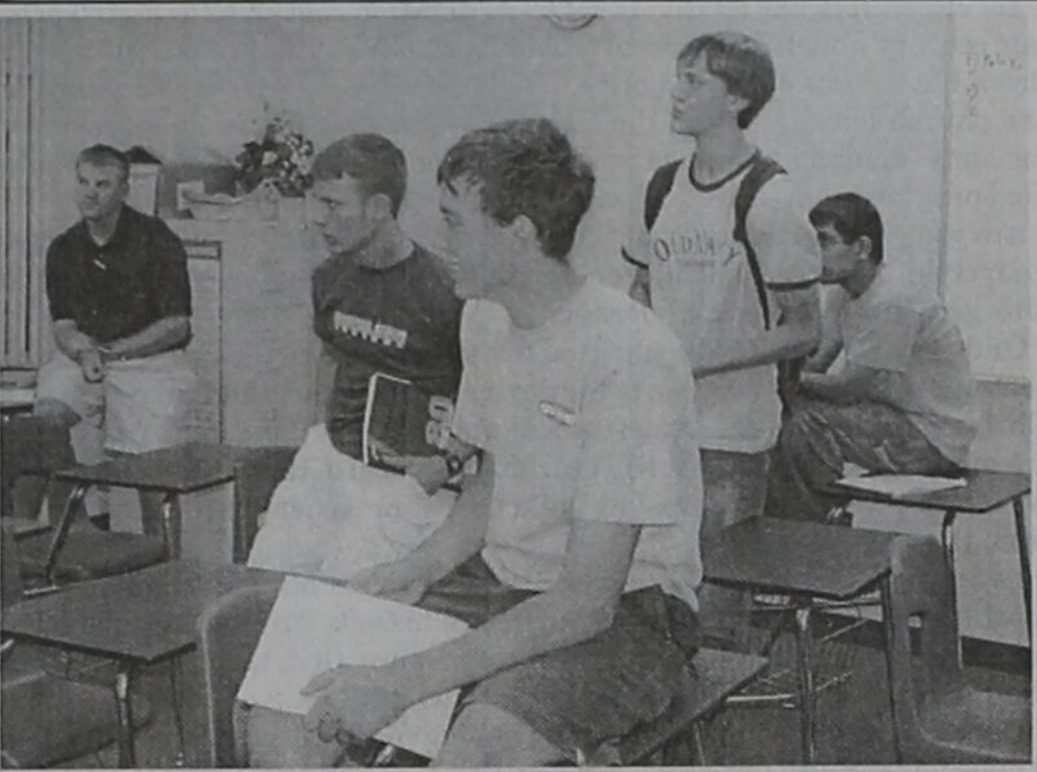
Post Elementary School 5th graders Tiffanie Pearson, Jayta Whitehead, and Anna Gibson received CEI Reading Lab Awards at Post Elementary's end of the year assembly. Tiffanie and Anna tied for the Most Perfect Copy Writes, while Jayta had the Most Perfect Lessons. (photo by Peggy Graves)



Post Elementary School Second graders Travis Greathouse and Collin Menchaca received CEI Reading Lab Awards at the end of the year assembly at Post Elementary. Travis had the Most Perfect Copy Writes, while Collin had the Most Perfect Lessons. (photo by Peggy Graves)



Danielle McCarty pictured with her First Place Junior Heifer at the Metroplex Texas Longhorn Association Tarleton Fun Show April 24 and 25th. Danielle, a member of Garza County 4-H, also won third in Showmanship; First Place Junior Heifer in the Youth Division; won third in Showmanship and Second in the Open Show; Second Place Junior Heifer in the Youth Show and Third Place in the Open Show.



Among participants in Saturday's debate clinic workshop at Post High School were CX clinician Jonathan Mock and students Jonathan McGregor, Cole Easterling, Jordan Tatum and James Soto.

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The Post Independent School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program to be held Monday through Friday beginning June 1, 2004 and continuing through June 27, 2004. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the school cafeteria, 309 West 8th Street (behind the elementary school). Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. with lunch being served from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. Children 18 years of age and younger are eligible to participate in the program and must not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political belief. Anyone who believes that they have been discriminated against should write immediately to: Director, Civil Rights Division, MC W-106, Texas Department of Human Services, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, Texas 78714-9030 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Note: Discrimination complaints based on religion or political beliefs must be referred only to the Director, Civil Right Division, Texas Department of Human Services.

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Crow's Feet

by Cindy Baker

The "key" to problem solving is location-location-location

Before I left my sister's home in Madison, Mississippi, I made sure I had my car keys . . . and my I.D. . . . and my sunglasses . . . and the peanut butter sandwich Kathy had insisted I take for the one-hour flight (!) . . . and the steamy romance novel I had picked up at the airport.

As I sat on the shuttle bus to the daycare (Or, is that daycare?) center upon my arrival into DFW, I fumbled in my purse for my car keys, and I fumbled in my purse for my car keys. "AAUUGGHH!" They were gone!

Okay, okay, any responsible person would have a key hidden underneath the car, right? Well, I'm not responsible, I guess, because my extra set of keys was at my house 80 miles away. The helpful (?) driver told me I could wait in their break room. Yawn. There's nothing more invigorating than sitting with a three-day's suitcase of dirty laundry, a microwave, a candy machine, and a bulletin board featuring the shuttle company's injury-on-duty record.

In hopes of getting a key made for my car, I called the number the car siter recommended. I thought I had a plain vanilla car, but the guy on the phone said he didn't have the equipment to make a key for a 2000 Ford Taurus SE. Gee, I might as well have had a Triple-Reverse Pretso Bolo Sedan with a gitchy-gitchy valve. He gave me another number to call. Sigh.

"Ma'am, I can come out and make you a key, but it's Easter Sunday, and my fee is \$250."

"Two hun . . . two hun . . . two hundred and . . . f-f-f?" Click.

I hated to call Lanny Joe, but I had run out of options. "Lanny, this is Cindy."

"Hi! How was your trip?"

Uh, not good. I mean, the trip was good, but I'm a bit distraught right now. I lost my car keys, and . . . <Sniff> it's going . . . <Sniff> to cost . . . \$250 . . . <Sniff> to have another . . . <Sniff-sniff> key made! <Sniff> But I'll be fine. <Sniff-sniff> Don't worry about me. <Sniff> really . . . no really. I mean it . . . really. <Sniff>

Lanny insisted that he bring me my key. "Oh, thank you, thank you, thank you, Lanny Joe. And . . . make it snappy!"

I sat in the break room for an hour and a half with that I've-lost-my-keys look on my face. I heard about the Easter egg hunts that the young fathers were missing, the bursitis that was plaguing the older guys, and which raging-hormonal, 3-martini-lunch wannabe Donald Trump was certain to choose.

When help was finally on the way, I enjoyed listening to the drivers swap tales of other bright, but otherwise unlucky victims of I-could-have-

sworn-it-was-in-my-pocket syndrome.

One passenger had left his car keys in Zurich, Switzerland. When he arrived at DFW, he rented a car and drove to his home north of Ardmore, Oklahoma to get his other set. He turned around and drove straight back. After an overnight flight from Zurich and a roundtrip roadtrip to Ardmore, the poor guy fell asleep on the shuttle and made 13 trips through every terminal before waking up!

Then there was the lady who locked her keys in the car, with it running, before going on a two-week vacation. It took about a day and a half for the car to run out of gas; and when she returned, she accused the drivers of siphoning gas out of her tank!

I thanked my lucky stars for Lanny Joe that day, and I've learned my lesson. From now on, I'll always keep another set of keys nearby. In fact, I have my other key . . . riiiiight here . . . um . . . uh . . . I know it's here somewhere. Drats! Well . . . it was here a minute ago.

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Obituaries

Jose Jaime Hernandez

Funeral Mass for Jaime Hernandez, 44, of Post were held Sunday, 23, 2004, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Paul Karieakatt officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died May 20 in Lubbock. Born Sept. 23, 1959, in Mexico, he married Paula Perez Sept. 21, 1982, in Post. He worked for Rocker A Well Service. Survivors include his wife, Paula, of Post; one son, Jaime Hernandez of Post; two daughters, Belia and Marissa Hernandez, both of Post; his father, Santiago Hernandez of Mexico; four brothers, David, Juan, Jose and Gabriel Hernandez, all of Post; and four sisters, Evangelina Hernandez de Perez of Mexico, Irma Andrade of Post, Gloria Hernandez of Post and Maria Rosales of Mexico.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Selecia Hernandez, on Aug. 19, 1998, and a brother, Santiago Hernandez, on Dec. 13, 2000.

Pallbearers were Carlos Hernandez, Jaime Hernandez, Chris Hernandez, Georgie Rivera, D.J. Rivera, Johnny Torres, Brian Hart and Juan Andrade. Honorary pallbearers were Gabriel Hernandez, Jose Hernandez, Juan Hernandez, David Hernandez, Bradley Perez and David Perez.

Millie "Mickey" Martin

Services for Millie "Mickey" Martin, 69, of Lubbock were held Tuesday, May 25, 2004 at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel with Beth Harrington officiating and Eddie Marcum assisting. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.



Mickey passed away May 22, 2004 in Lubbock. She was born on June 13, 1934 in Lynn Co., TX to the late Floyd and Lois Jackson. Mickey married D. Dan Martin on May 3, 1973 in O'Donnell. She attended O'Donnell High School. Mickey was a member of Oakwood United Methodist Church. She was very active with the church and was a member of the United Methodist Women.

Mickey loved cooking and how it brought people together; her favorite was baking desserts. She was a person who cherished her family and friends. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority. Mickey was preceded in death by a sister, Erma Lee Proctor.

Survivors include her husband, D. Dan Martin of Lubbock; four children, Rocky Gribble of Grapevine, TX, Vince Gribble of Andrews, Talana Love of Amarillo, and Kim Alvarado of Lubbock; four step children, Mark Martin of Ransom Canyon, James Martin of Ruidoso, NM, Dana Williams, and David Martin both of Lubbock; two sisters, Nita Tipps of Ruidoso, NM, and Floydean Cagle of O'Donnell; a brother, Marty Jackson of Ruidoso, NM; 17 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and her pet Yorkie, Zachary.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Oakwood United Methodist Church of Lubbock or to your favorite charity.

Letters to the Editor

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America And Post, Texas Needs Revival?

Does our country need a spiritual revival? Yes, our country is in deep moral decay. Christians have become hardened from the sin of this country. As ones heart hardens so does ones prayer life. A covenant between a believer and God, can become a broken vow to the Lord. A life of broken shambles follows broken vows.

When you break your vow to the Creator you are in a backslidden state. It makes no difference your financial position in this life. It makes no difference your political position or great stature among men. You are backslidden. You have broken your vows to God! Think about that. Much of the church treats God with less respect than they do their banker. This generation is more a respecter of men than a respecter of God. I have a question for you. Who will judge you in that day, God or man? Whom should you fear, God or man? Of course, the answer is the Lord.

Yet our society has passively sat by as abortion continues to march across our country under the guise of "choice". Homosexuals cram their agendas down the throats of the majority with little resistance from Christians and the church leaders. Now, the alternative lifestyle group (homosexuals & lesbians) demand marriage with all its legal rights granted a traditional, God ordained marriage. I've got a question for you, Post, Texas?

Are you going to be a part of the passive resistance and send a message to your children and grandchildren that this is "no big deal", as these detestable sins grow ever darker and darker?

Or do you want to have a spiritual revival and ignite the fire of God in this community and say no more to the devil and his cohorts and take a stand for Christ and the Bible? America will not fall from the outer armies of our enemies. If America falls it will be from the moral decay of this country from within. I love this country, but I'm a gospel preacher that shoots straight from the hip.

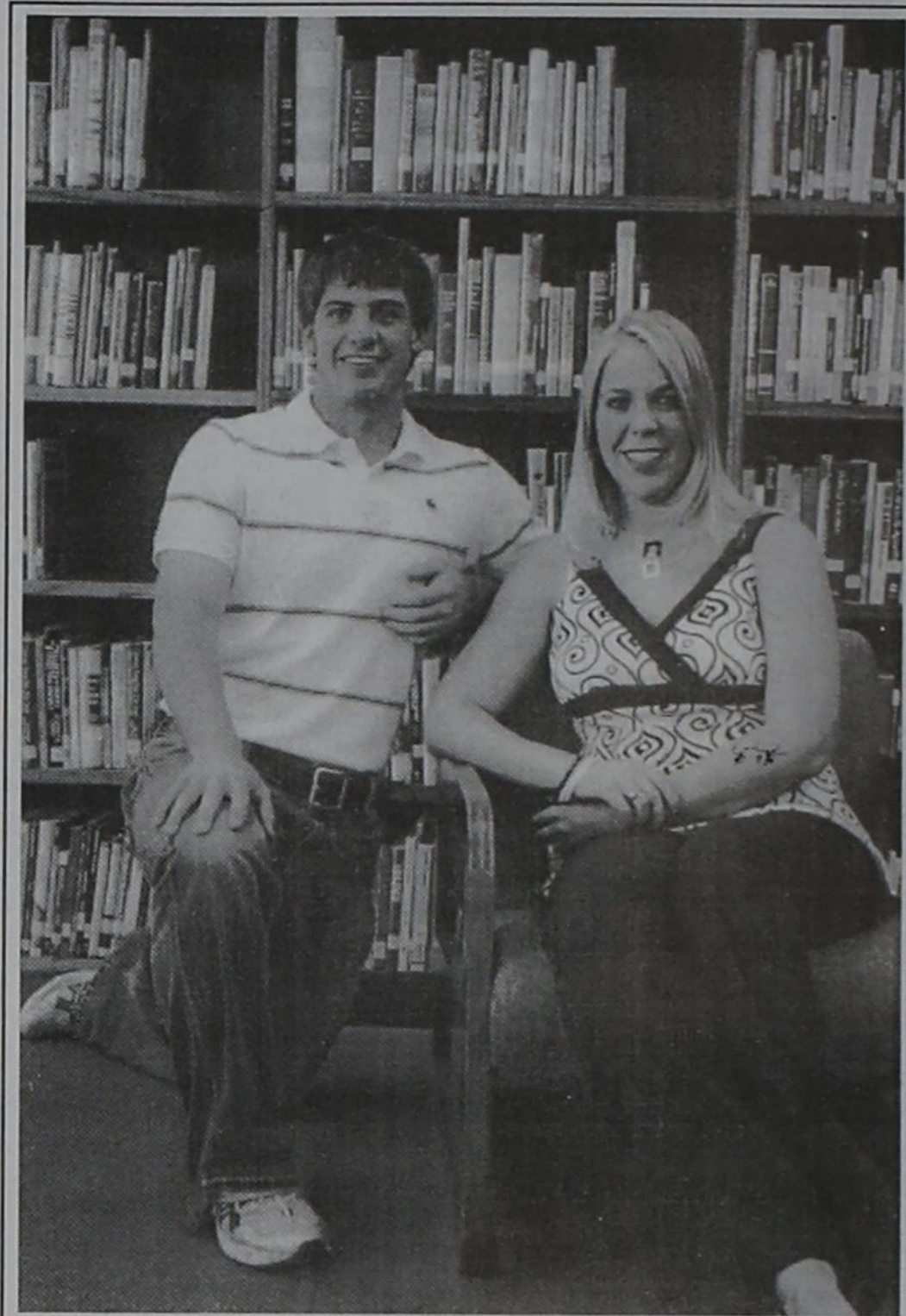
Two of my children are in the armed services right now (Marines and Army most respectively). But we must turn back to God. We must be sincere. We must teach our children God's ways, not just any God, the God of the Bible, the Living God. If we don't, this country will fall.

The church cannot sit passively by hoping for the best. Hope will not get it done folks. Faith in Jesus Christ will get the job done. Post needs revival, our country needs revival. Our children, our grandchildren, our great-grandchildren's destiny depends on whether we will cry out to the Lord right now. I hope to see you at the Post Rodeo Stampede grounds for Holy Ghost

Round-Up Revival. All are welcome. Services start June 4th through the 10th, 7 nights, every night at 7 p.m. Thank you and Lord bless you richly in all aspects of your life. See you at the revival! Evangelist Charles W. Carpenter

About the Evangelist:

Rev. Carpenter has pastored on three occasions and evangelized extensively in Mexico and the Philippines in mission crusades. Rev. Carpenter believes America has now become a mission field itself and believes tent work is one of the most effective vehicles to bring revival to communities. Rev. Carpenter is from West Texas and just moved back to this area after a 20 year absence. This ministry has seen over 25,000 new birth converts the last ten years and expects to see new converts and commitments to Christ during the Post revival. All races are welcome. Christ died for all and rose again for all. But you must accept that into your heart to become a Christian. This ministry believes Christ is the savior, healer and deliverer for mankind. Rev. Carpenter believes there is no other name under heaven except Jesus whereby mankind can be saved.



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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

Rise above the problem...Philippians 4:6-7

Before we continue with the subject of spiritual matters in 1 Corinthians 12-14, let's shine the light of God's word on an area of life that we have all dealt with at some time. This is how it general goes, we work hard to prepare for a task set before us. Because of all the practice and experience we become more successful over time. We get to the point where every move and play is second-hand. Alas, we have the great opportunity to prove ourselves in competition with the rest of the best in our field. The competition is fierce, but as a team we press forward with good success. We've already proven our selves to be the better of the two. Then suddenly a mysterious thing happens. We start to fall apart. Frustration sets in as our efforts begin to spiral downward. One mistake...then another. The harder we try, the more things seem to crumble around us. We all know the frustration and heartfelt tears that arise from these kind of results. God gave us some applicable tools from His word which can help us to not only get the healing we need after such an experience, but also to show us how to stop that downward spiral and press on with the best possible performance.

We begin with God's will concerning life's endeavors, "Beloved I wish above all things that you might prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers" (3John2). The word "prosper" is better translated "to succeed." To be in health is to be in good health. God knows that we can succeed, or else He would not have given His word for us to succeed.

There are so many unclear variables involved with that downward spiral, that we sometimes make things worse by trying to pinpoint the problems. God simplified things by cutting right to the core and providing the simplest and most powerful solution. One scripture that comes to mind is in Philippians 4:6-7, "Be

careful [anxious] for nothing. But in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which surpasses all knowledge absolutely shall guard your hearts and thoughts through Christ Jesus."

Although there are many other areas of scripture tGod wants us to be anxious for nothing. What happens when we suddenly start to crumble? Anxiety and confusion sets in. We start trying harder to do what we already know how to do easily. Then fingers start pointing to various problems with an honest desire to solve them. Our members stop working in smooth harmony. Now we know the underlying problem is anxiety. What is the best solution? Simply put...go to God and guard our minds and hearts with the peace from God.

When we as individuals or teams find ourselves in that unexplainable situation where things start to fall apart around us, we can immediately stop for a moment, get quiet in our minds and go to God in prayer with thankful hearts. We let our requests be made known to God. There may be various ways to express it, but our request is simply to succeed. What is the result of going to God? The peace that is from God, which surpasses all knowledge, absolute shall keep and guard our hearts and minds through our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is amazing the kind of dynamic results that come from taking that brief time-out in order to replace the anxiety with peace of mind. Instead of anxiously struggling against the problem, we can rise above the problem with that fantastically unexplainable peace of mind that is from God. In closing it is written, "...whatsoever things you desire, when you pray, believe to receive them. And you shall have them" (Mark 11:24).

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Learn and earn

All the experts agree, says Dr. Yaron Brook, executive director of the Ayn Rand Institute (ARI), America's students do not read, think or write enough.

As a nonprofit educational Institute ARI encourages students to read, think and write more by employing a uniquely American incentive—the profit motive. “In the last twenty years,” notes Dr. Brook, “ARI has awarded almost a half million dollars in one of the largest student essay contest in the world—largest in terms of prize money and number of entries.” The Ayn Rand Institute is also the largest donor of free Ayn Rand books to America's classrooms—more than 50,000 donated this year alone—and it can hardly keep up with the demand.

Each year ARI awards more than \$62,000 in prizes and receives more than 16,000 essays for the three contests it conducts. “The top prize is a check for \$10,000 for the winning high school essay (grades 11 and 12) on Ayn Rand's thought-provoking novel ‘The Fountainhead.’” The ‘Anthem’ contest (grades 9 and 10) has a top prize of \$2,000, and for the best essay on the ultimate thought-provoking novel ‘Atlas Shrugged’ ARI offers a top prize of \$5,000 to college students. All three contests include scores of additional monetary prizes.

These prizes are not scholarships—they are checks the students can spend on anything their hearts desire. “The purpose of education,” notes Dr. Brook, “is to teach students how to think, so they can lead productive, independent and joyful lives.” And if their joy is to spend \$10,000 on a new car or their college tuition—either is fine with ARI. “We are all for the selfish joys and rewards of the profit motive.”

Many high school teachers report that reading and studying Ayn Rand's challenging but enthralling novels has dramatically improved their student's reading, writing and critical-thinking skills, “and that,” says Dr. Brook, “is the ultimate prize the Ayn Rand Institute wins every year from its student essay contests.”

Dr. Yaron Brook is available for interviews on this topic. Contact larryb@aynrand.org or (800) 365-6552 ext. 213.

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The Evil of Taxation

“To compel a man to furnish contributions of money for the propagation of opinions which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.”

—Thomas Jefferson



Bright side of war

by Sheldon Richman

In case you didn't realize it, there's a bright side to the death, destruction, and prisoner abuse going on in Iraq and Afghanistan: they're good for the American economy. War creates jobs. At least that's what lots of people think.

The Washington Post recently helped to spread that impression with a report on the war's beneficent effects on textile, automotive, and other firms throughout the United States. It is certainly nice to know that even though people are being killed, maimed, and made to act out scenes from porn videos, American workers in small towns are prospering making vehicles, equipment, and clothing for the troops. As one company chief put it, “It's been a godsend to them [the workers].” Added the Post, “There's no sign that it will end soon.”

That last comment is certainly true. But the idea that war creates prosperity is emphatically not true.

More than 150 years ago, a French economist blasted the fallacy on which that newspaper article is based. Frédéric Bastiat wrote that to understand economic events, one has to observe both the seen and the unseen, including what would have happened but didn't.

What he was refuting has come to be called the broken-window fallacy. Bastiat told the story of a youth who broke a shop window. Just as everyone on the street was bemoaning the shopkeeper's misfortune, someone who thought he was an economist found good fortune instead: The shopkeeper will have to buy a new window, which means the glass maker will have more money to spend, and so on. Instead of economic stagnation, the broken window will set money in motion and bring new prosperity.

The fallacy, of course, is that, had the window not been broken, the shopkeeper would have spent his money in a way that would have made him better off than he was when he awoke that morning. But now he must spend the money just to regain the position he was in before the glass shattered. Destruction did not make the community richer. Is anyone surprised?

The broken-window fallacy also underlies the belief that war makes us richer. But surely formerly unemployed workers who make army uniforms and Humvees are better off because of the war. They now have money to spend on all kinds of things, which makes other people more prosperous too. Where's the fallacy?

It lies, just as in the case of the window, in not looking for the

unseen. If the window had not been broken, the shopkeeper would have had money for other things. Likewise, if we taxpayers weren't taxed for war, we'd have money for other things. That spending would create economic activity. Moreover, we'd also save some money. Savings become investment, which brings forth new ways to make our lives better, and new opportunities for lucrative employment. The real cost of the war is the wealth we are compelled to forgo.

It is important not to confuse exertion with productive work. The free market consists of incentives for people to become richer by making others better off. Market activity creates value, which can be seen by the fact that people willingly pay for products; the products no one will pay for pass from the scene. Government spending on war (or anything else) is different. It is financed by force — taxation — and no one willingly buys the output. How many people would voluntarily help finance the war in Iraq? Since the jobs created by government activity are not aimed at serving willing consumers, such employment cannot be considered productive in an economic sense because it would not exist in the absence of compulsion. Instead, those phony jobs displace real productive jobs.

Even truly defensive wars entail destruction, not production. Wars of aggression, such as the U.S. war in Iraq, add insult to injury.

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What about the "general welfare?"

Suppose you're a politician pushing for government spending on social programs and you say authority for doing so is found in the Constitution's "general welfare" clause.

Surely you wouldn't want Americans to be familiar with Madison, the acknowledged father of our Constitution, who made this statement about the general welfare clause:

“With respect to the words ‘general welfare,’ I have always regarded them as qualified by the detail of powers connected with them. To take them in a literal and unlimited sense would be a metamorphosis of the Constitution into a character which there is a host of proofs was not contemplated by its creators.”

Let's take back our schools...

by Wesley W. Burnett

It is well established that in 1876 Texans serving on the constitutional convention were forced to accept the Northeastern U.S. notion that the state is responsible for educating its citizens. This was a foreign idea in Texas, but having suffered under martial law and imperial government for more than 10 years, delegates accepted grudgingly certain mandatory provisions thrust upon them by the Yankee carpetbaggers.

Among those items included in the 1876 Texas constitution was Article VII, Section 1:

Public Schools To Be Established - A general diffusion of knowledge being essential the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to establish and make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of an efficient system of public free schools.

Quality of publicly funded schooling in Texas has been on a downhill slide from that day forward ... a result of increasing centralized control, first in Austin, then in Washington, D.C. Things got a lot worse during the 1960s with the implementation of that great socialist Lyndon Johnson's dreams of ripping the control of education from the state and local level to a national “big daddy” education consortium.

We know it now as the U.S. Department of Education.

Anyone who has ever served on a school board, or attended school board meetings or has worked in a publicly funded school setting, knows quite well how precious little local control exists. The centralized management is so tightly controlled from Austin and Washington, there is really no such thing as an “independent school district.”

Funding, which has recently taken front stage in the political arena, isn't any prettier. The tighter the centralized control, the more difficult it is to fund at the local level. Literally tons of paper work spews out of Washington and Austin, suffocating local administrators and faculty. Along with mandates that often make little sense, it is no wonder our publicly funded and centrally controlled schools are in such a mess.

The politicians in Austin and Washington lost faith in our ability to govern ourselves years ago ... and their lack of faith in us has led us down a dangerous path that can only lead to more of the same

centralized mediocrity.

To add to this misery, the Texas Supreme Court ruled several years ago that “efficient” (see Article VII, Section 1) means, get this, “equal funding.” That decision led to the “Robin Hood Plan,” which stripped school districts with plenty of money (“more money than they need”), to send the “extra” funds to Austin for redistribution.

Does anyone remember the historical lesson that “redistribution of wealth” is a foundation principle of Karl Marx' Communist Manifesto?

Texans know in their hearts that “robbing one to pay another” just isn't right. That's a main ingredient in the special session called by Governor Perry.

Fortunately, the so-called school funding reform session in Austin ended in failure. That's good news for those of us who still have to pay taxes. The Legislature's failure also offers a potential opening for a new and real revolution to take seed ... that would be the revolution to decentralize the control of public schooling.

Decentralizing can be accomplished very simply by Texas voters approving an amendment to the current constitution, eliminating the offending language in Article VII, Section 1. By taking away the power of the Supreme Court to dictate the meaning of “efficient” as “equal funding,” the people of Texas could swiftly take back control of their schools.

The amendment might read something like this:

Article VII, Section 1:

A general diffusion of knowledge being essential to the preservation of the liberties and rights of the people, it shall be the duty of the Legislature of the State to empower the people of Texas, through their locally elected officials, to make suitable provision for the support and maintenance of a system of public free schools.

Notice that the proposed amendment places responsibility for educating children at the local level. Who knows better what our children need than we? It is our responsibility to set the tone and provide the money, not the State of Texas. And certainly not the U.S. government.

It's time Texans to take a stand against continued socialist schooling and insist on local control of our schools.

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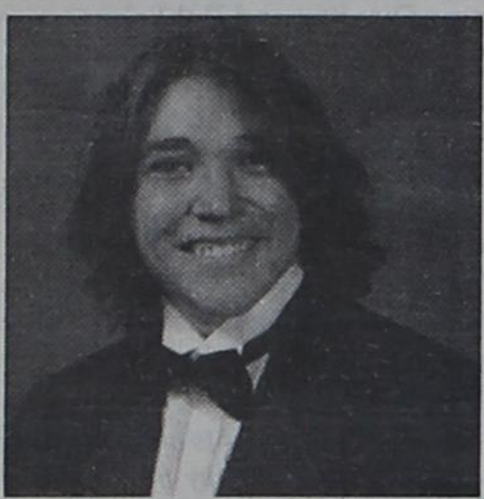
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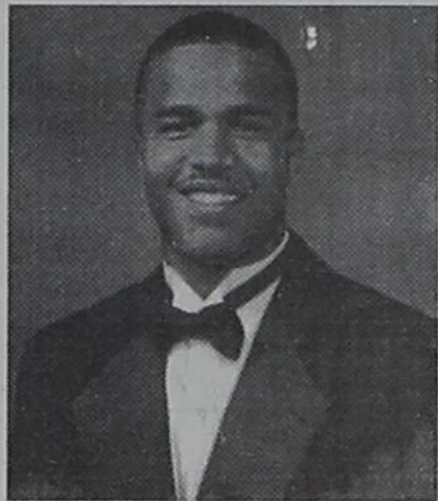
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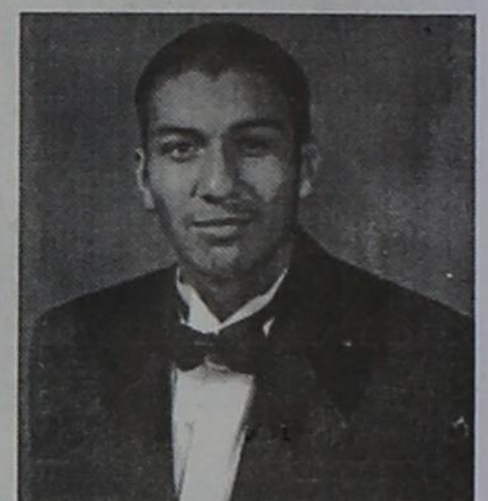
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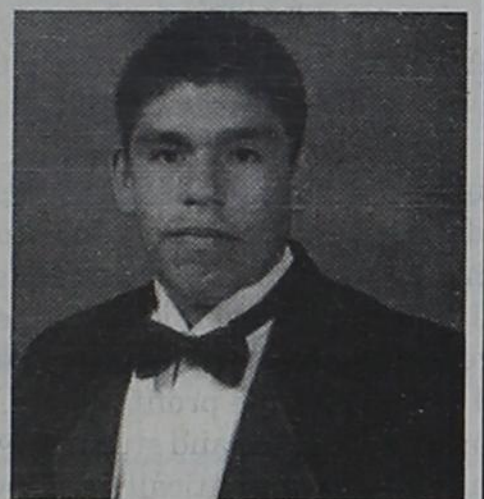
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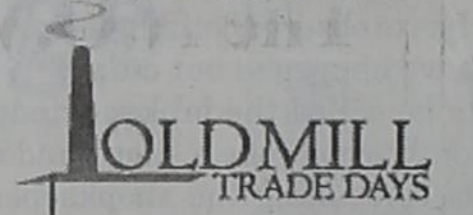
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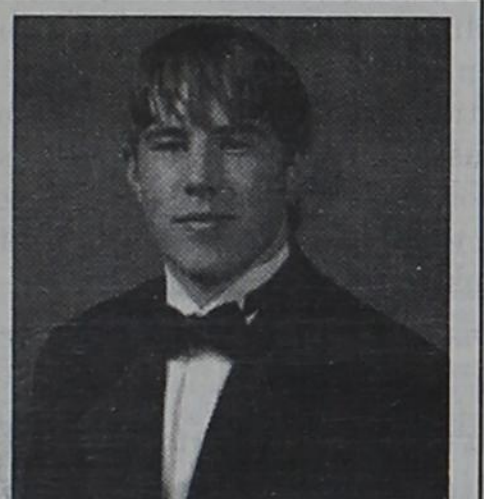
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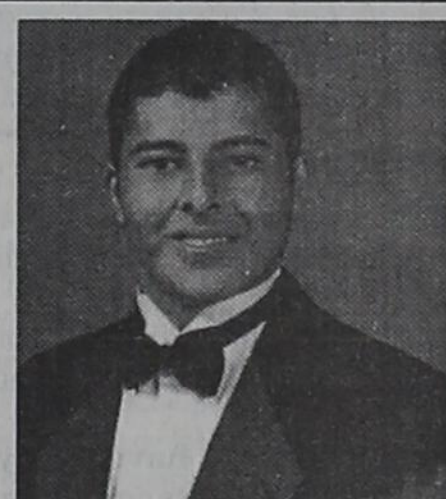


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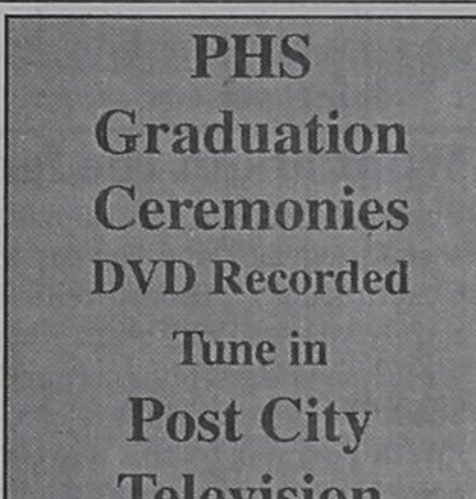
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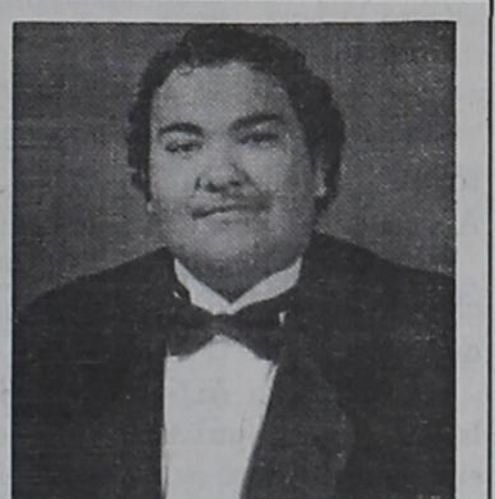
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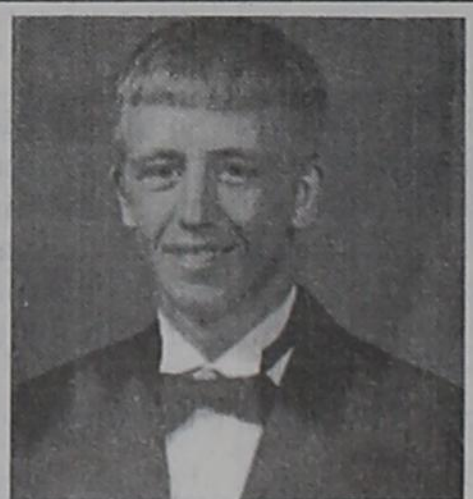


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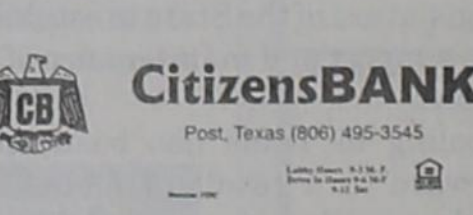
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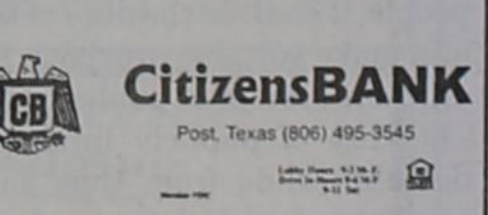
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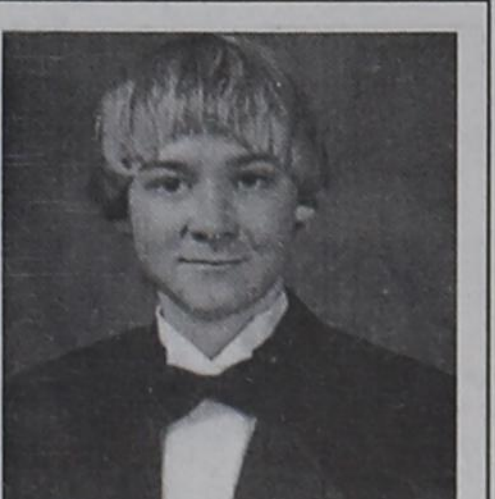


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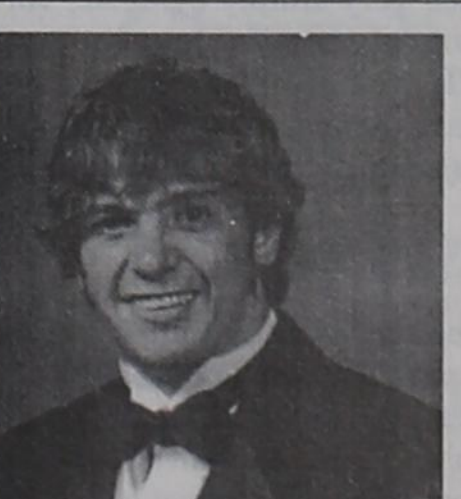
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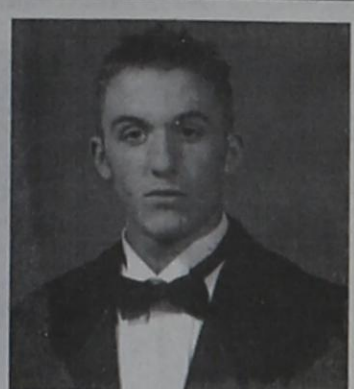
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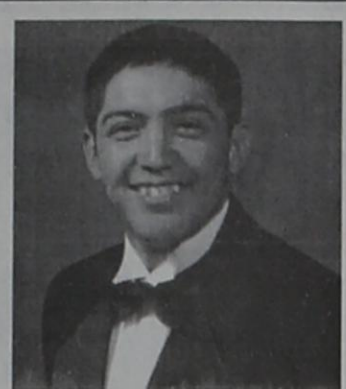
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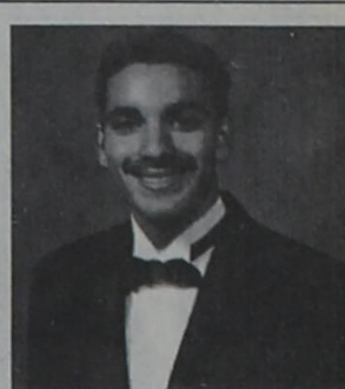
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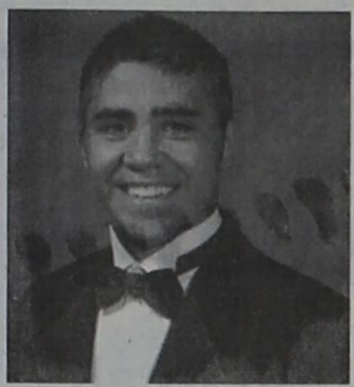
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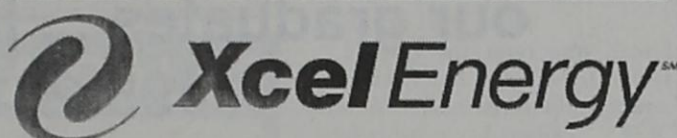


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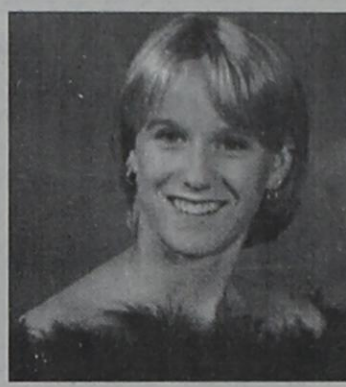


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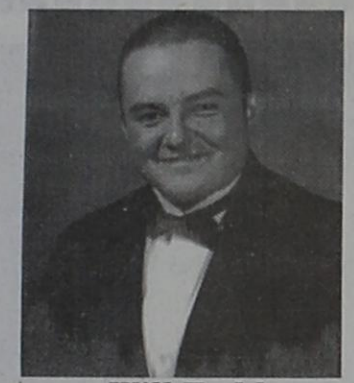
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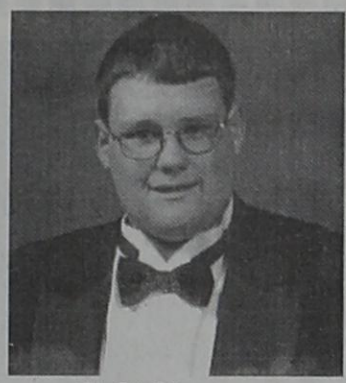
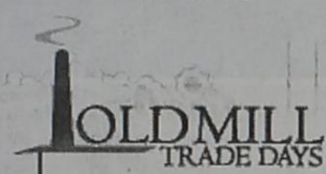


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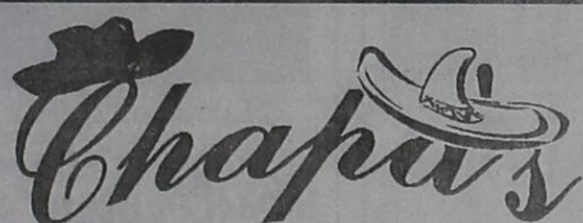
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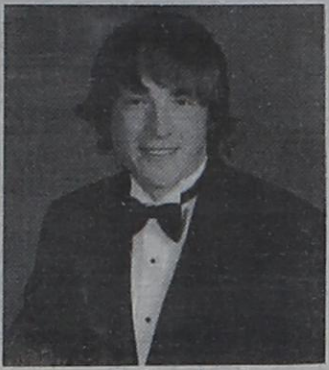
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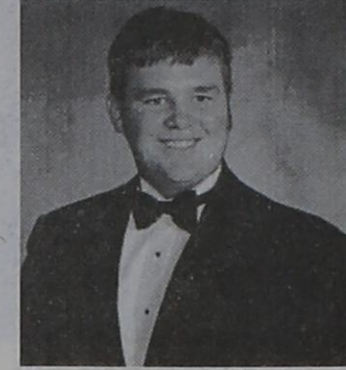
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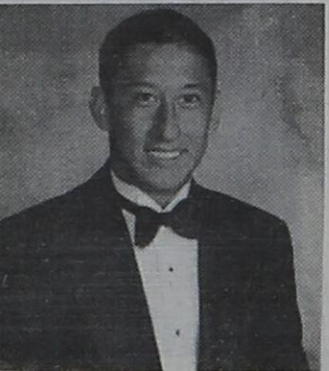
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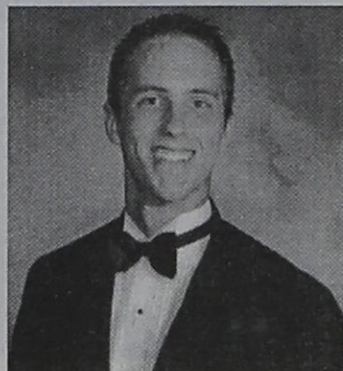
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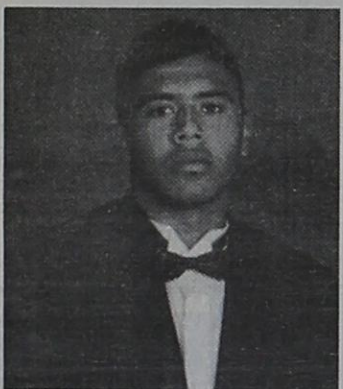
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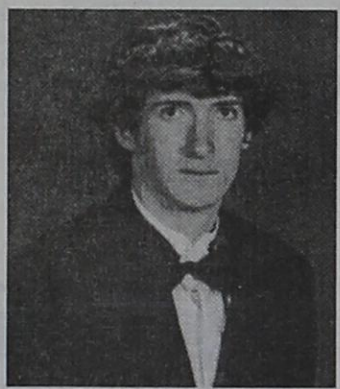
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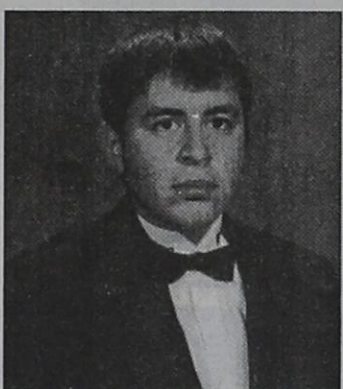
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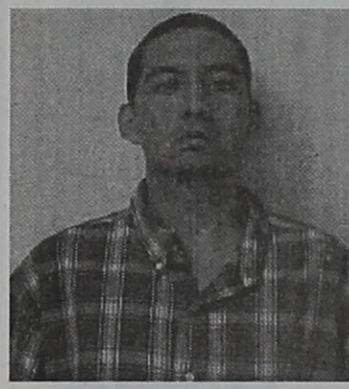
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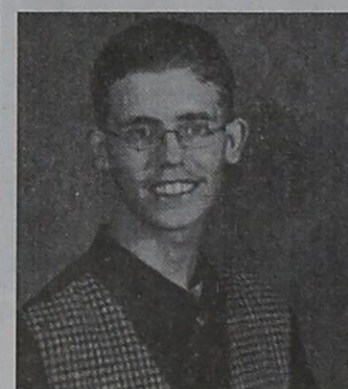


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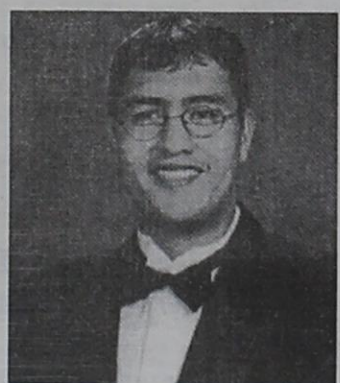


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Post Middle School National Junior Honor Society inductees are (left to right) Travis Rasbeary, Jackie Slaugh, Mercedes Enriquez, Hayley Lester, Chandni Bhakta, Clint Windham and Branda Stevens. (Photo by Pam Humble)

NJHS induction ceremonies

The National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony for Post Middle School was conducted May 3 at the First United Methodist Church.

Induction ceremonies were led by Samantha Hoover, NJHS president. Members were recognized for maintaining the organization's requirements throughout the year, and yearly events were reviewed.

Current NJHS members include eighth grade students Suhani Bhakta, Allen Heckaman, Meagan Howard-Griffis, Hoover, Brenna Postell, Kelsey Sanderson, Steven Short, Timothy Wilson and Call Windham. Seventh grade members are Stacy Bocko, Braden Courtney and Chad Miller.

Members inducted into the group included Adriana Ceja, Mercedes Enriquez, Haley Lester, Travis Rasbeary, Jackie Slaugh, Chandni Bhakta, Branda Stevens and Clint Windham.

Students are required to do community service as individuals and as a group and maintain a strong academic standing to be eligible for NJHS. Students also are scored by faculty on leadership, citizenship and character.

Middle school principal Brian Brownlow and Marlin Marcum, Post ISD superintendent, were special guests at the ceremony. Marcum provided a brief message to student concerning the qualities of an NJHS student.

Cookies and punch were served to those attending the ceremony. Sponsor for the organization is Pam Humble.



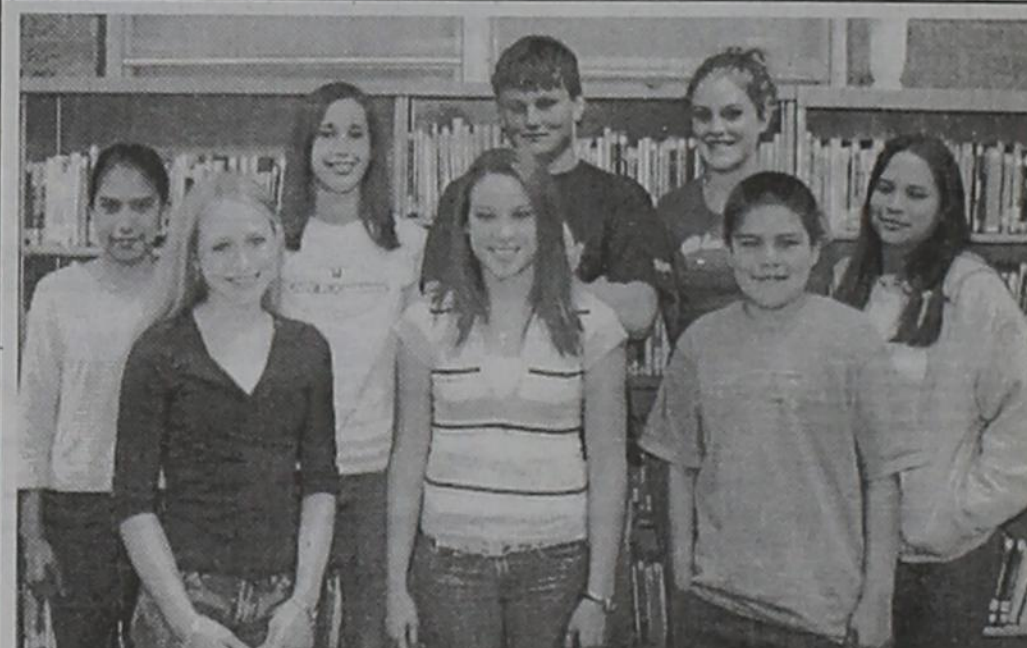
S.T.A.R.S. members (back, left to right) Call Windham, Stacy Bocko, (front) Renaé Storie and Brittany Day. (Photo by Greg Henry)



S.T.A.R.S. members (back, left to right) Travis Rasbeary, Jakelin Delgadillo, Chase Odom, (front) Adrian Basquez, Jarrett Blevins and Melinda Vega. (Photo by Greg Henry)



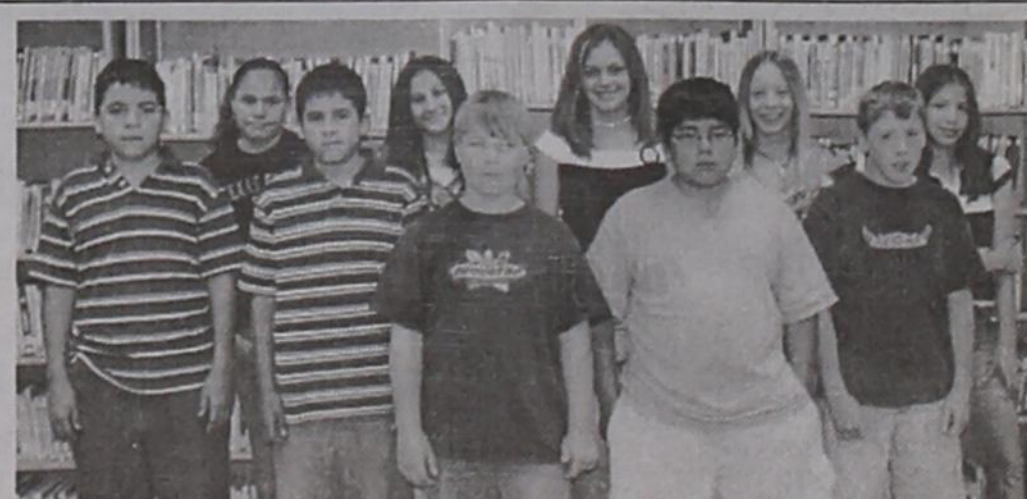
S.T.A.R.S. members (back, left to right) Lauren Gonzales, Jovanni Garay, (front) John Bocko and Kelly Chapa. (Photo by Greg Henry)



S.T.A.R.S. members (back, left to right) Bertha Gonzalez, Samantha Hoover, Jeremy Short, Brenna Postell, Amanda Rodriguez, (front) Meagan Howard, Tamara Raymundo and Keagan Soto. (Photo by Greg Henry)



S.T.A.R.S. members (back, left to right) Kristen Massey, Klent Baker, Quinton Valdez and (front) Brooke Morris. (Photo by Greg Henry)



S.T.A.R.S. members (back, left to right) Crystal Sanchez, Claudia Hernandez, Lori Jones, Ashley Harris, Yesenia Gomez, (front) Josh Rodriguez, John Rodriguez, Matthew Tanner, Angel Espinoza, Cody Dean and not available for photo Michael Porter and Zachary Rivera. (Photo by Greg Henry)

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Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power. -Abraham Lincoln, U.S. president (1809-1865)
Every society honors its live conformists and its dead troublemakers. -Mignon McLaughlin, author

Post Middle School S.T.A.R.S attend leadership training camp

S.T.A.R.S. (Students, Teachers, Adults Reaching Solutions) will once again attend summer leadership camp, thanks to the support of local organizations, businesses and individuals of Post.

Scholarships provided by these local people and organizations will make it possible for forty five students and six adults to attend the 2004 MADD Leadership Power Camp, to be held at Angelo State University at San Angelo on July 21st through the 24th.

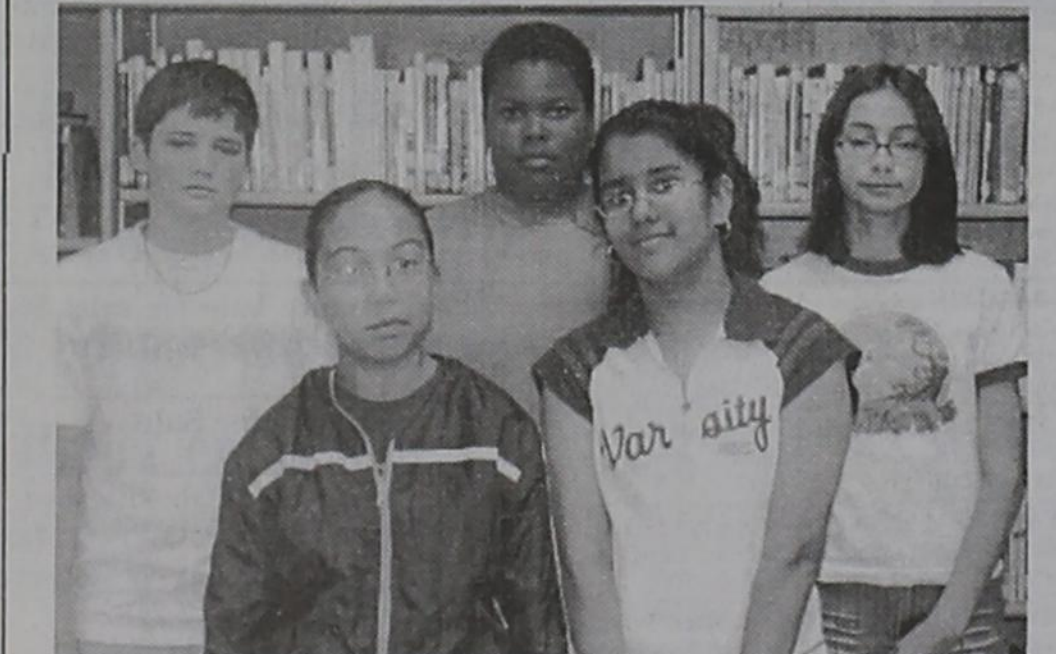
The leadership camp is sponsored by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) and TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission).

The leadership training will enable local STARS members to make plans for positive changes in the school, community and their lives.

There will be hundreds of students from all over Texas attending the event to share ideas, build friendships and absorb valuable information. There will be action groups, skills clinics, panels, inspirational speakers and recreational activities.

"This is our chance to get to pick up skills to help Post and all of us individually to make something happen POSITIVELY," said program sponsor Dedra Adams. We will get the skills and knowledge necessary to develop scientifically-based prevention activities that will have a measurable impact on reducing alcohol and drug use in our community.

The theme for the camp this year is "Leadership Project Planning Prevention Fun New Friends Take a Power Trip With Us".



S.T.A.R.S. members (back, left to right) Clint Windham, Brandon Crawford, Adriana Ceja, (front) Alexandra Rodriguez and Chandni Bhakta. (Photo by Greg Henry)

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We are receiving comments on the Housing Authority Five-Year Plan and Annual Plan. The meeting will take place at 709 Caprock Drive at the office of PHA.

The draft Plans and all supporting documentation are available to the public for viewing at the administration office of the Housing Authority on weekdays during the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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Post Community Housing Association is now accepting bids for the following services:

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Post Community Housing Association is now accepting bids for the following services:

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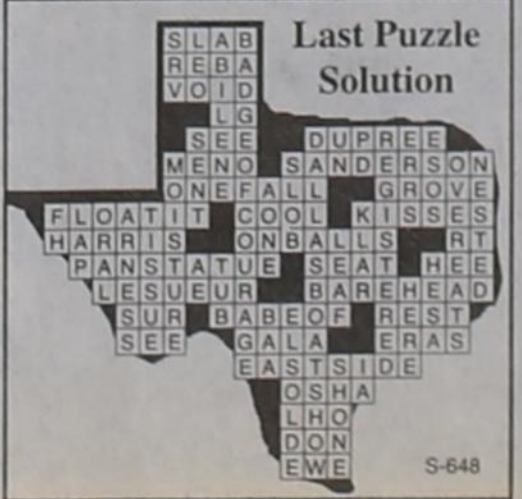
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Yesteryears

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60 Years Ago May 25, 1944

Everyone be prepared to pray. At any moment now, word will be flashed throughout the world that the Allied Forces have entered the European Fortress. When that moment comes, the church bells, the mill whistle and the fire siren of Post will sound. Go immediately, as you are, to the church of your choice and pray for the boys and girls who are fighting and dying for the things for which we pray. Invasion Day prayer services will be held at 10:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.

J. P. O'Connor has resigned as manager of the Garza Co-operative Association. He has been manager of the locker plant here more than three and a half years. There were 138 lockers when he came here. The plant has grown to 310 lockers and all are full now.

Everyone is invited to attend the play at the Graham school auditorium. The title of the play is - "Aunt Symanthy Rules the Roost." You will also enjoy the beautiful string music that will be played between acts by local talent.

Cpl. Marshall Reno, son of Mrs. Josie Reno, is at home on his first furlough. He has been in Alaska and the Aleutian Islands for 23 months.

20 Years Ago May 23, 1984

Dr. Charles McCook will deliver the commencement address at Post High School graduation exercises and will also present the diplomas. Valedictorian of the class is Darla Sherill and Leigh McCook will present the salutatory address with Renea Melton giving the class history.

Travis and Thelma Thomas will be honored with a 50th wedding anniversary reception on May 26. The reception is being hosted by the couple's children Jack and Iola Moore, James and Wanda Dooley, and Ricky and Edith Thomas.

Three Post Bold Gold Antelope football players have been selected to play in different games this summer Giles Dalby, and L. D. Harper have both been selected to play in the 35th annual Greenbelt Bowl All Star football classic and Milton Williams will play in the Texas Coaches All Star game.

For What It's Worth: Congratulations to Henry Wheatley for receiving the Paul Harris Fellow Award at the Rotary banquet. This is only the second such honor to be bestowed upon a Rotarian in Post. The first went to Tom Bouchier.

30 Years Ago May 23, 1974

The Santa Fe railroad has the material for a crossing gate at the Main Street rail crossing here on order. "We hope to have the gate installed and in operation within a month," said Kenneth May, division superintendent of the railroad. Some old-timers have been killed at the crossing over the years.

58 Post seniors are to receive diplomas at the Post High School graduation program Monday, May 27. The valedictory address will be by Sylvia Smith, the salutatory by Sue Cowdrey, and the class history by Darla Baker.

Four Post High School seniors: Ila Workman, Kathie Morris, Willie Harper and Nancy Maddox were honored with a surprise party by the first period physical education class. The party was given by the P. E. girls.

The Graham Community Center was the scene Sunday of a party honoring Claud Williams on his 80th birthday. Mr. Williams is a retired farmer and has been a resident of Garza County for 51 years.

An Associate of Applied Science degree was received by Johnny Wallace of Post at Western Texas College. Johnny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wallace is a 1972 graduate of Post High School.

40 Years Ago May 27, 1964

Departmental and other awards were presented last Friday at the annual Post High School awards assembly. Awards were presented as follows: Valedictorian, Curtis Hudman; Salu-

tatorian, Linda Pennell; Agriculture, Billy Blacklock; Band, Linda Rogers; Basketball, Nita Wilson; Biology, Rickey Welch; Bookkeeping, Diane Maxey; Cheerleader, Linda McMahon; Choir, Teddy Scott; Dramatics, Linda Gist; English, Susie Schmidt; Librarian, Lucille Guthrie; Mathematics, Elisabeth Tubbs and Certificate of Merit, Judy Ballentine.

One of Post's oldest citizens, Mrs. Nancy Davis, celebrated her 95th birthday Saturday, May 23. Mrs. Davis lives next door to her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Davis. Mr. Davis stays with his mother most of the time.

Several members of the 1964 graduating class of Post High School will leave early Saturday to spend the weekend at the Bar K Dude Ranch near Lake Travis. Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wilson will accompany the following on the outing: Billy Max Gordon, George McLaurin, Marilyn Minor, Mary Beth Ford, Diane Kiker, Nita Wilson and Susie Jo Schmidt.

Cheryl Martin, all-district guard on the Post Doe basketball team, has been elected captain of the Does for 1964-65. Cheryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin, has lettered three years on the Doe team.

50 Years Ago May 27, 1914

Thursday to Thursday: An item last week on the visit of O. B. Kelly of Ontario, Calif., Garza County's first sheriff led us to wonder who served with him on that first group of county officials in 1907. According to the book, "Post City, Texas", they were: J. M. Boren, county judge; H. B. Murray, county and district clerk; B. F. Wilks, county treasurer; D. W. Stiles, tax assessor; M. L. Harkey, county attorney; H. C. Callis, hid and animal inspector; S. C. Wilks, R. E. King, Tom Stovall and W. V. Roy, county commissioners; A. L. Dunn, justice of the peace and Marion McGinty, constable.

A crowd estimated at approximately 5,000 filled the stands almost to capacity Wednesday night for the opening performance of the four-night 14th annual Post Stampede Rodeo.

Board members of the Grassland school have elected Principal and Mrs. Claud Johns as teachers for another year.

A son, Arvil Joe, was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hair on May 14, in Garza Memorial Hospital. He weighed eight pounds and one and three-fourths ounces.

10 Years Ago May 25, 1994

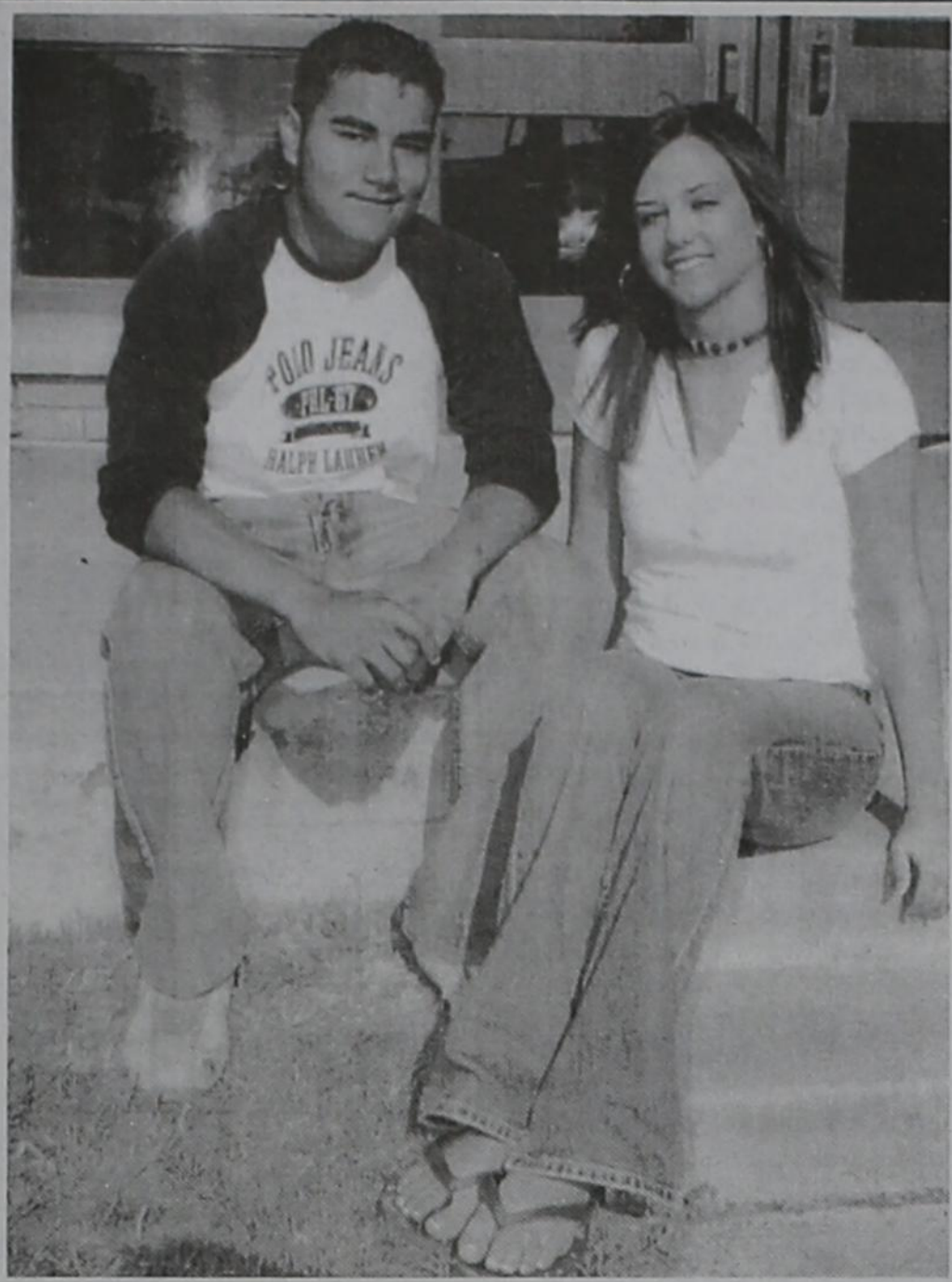
The United States Achievement Academy announces that Pamela R. Humble of Post, has been named a United States National Collegiate Award Winner in Education.

A record 22 honor graduates were recognized during the annual Post High School awards ceremony. Honored were Keely Cahill, Shelly Hane, Kelly Line, Phil Leininger, Jim Riely Simpson, Clint Melton, Rynn Sappington, Radley Nichols, Mario Tobias, Marie Garcia, Alissa Mitchell, Kim Reiter, Amanda Richardson McKee, Cody Collier, Cara Cash, Janie Norman, Labeth Jones, Mikki Wilks, Amber Little, Sonja Benham, Brody Moore and Sara Hodges.

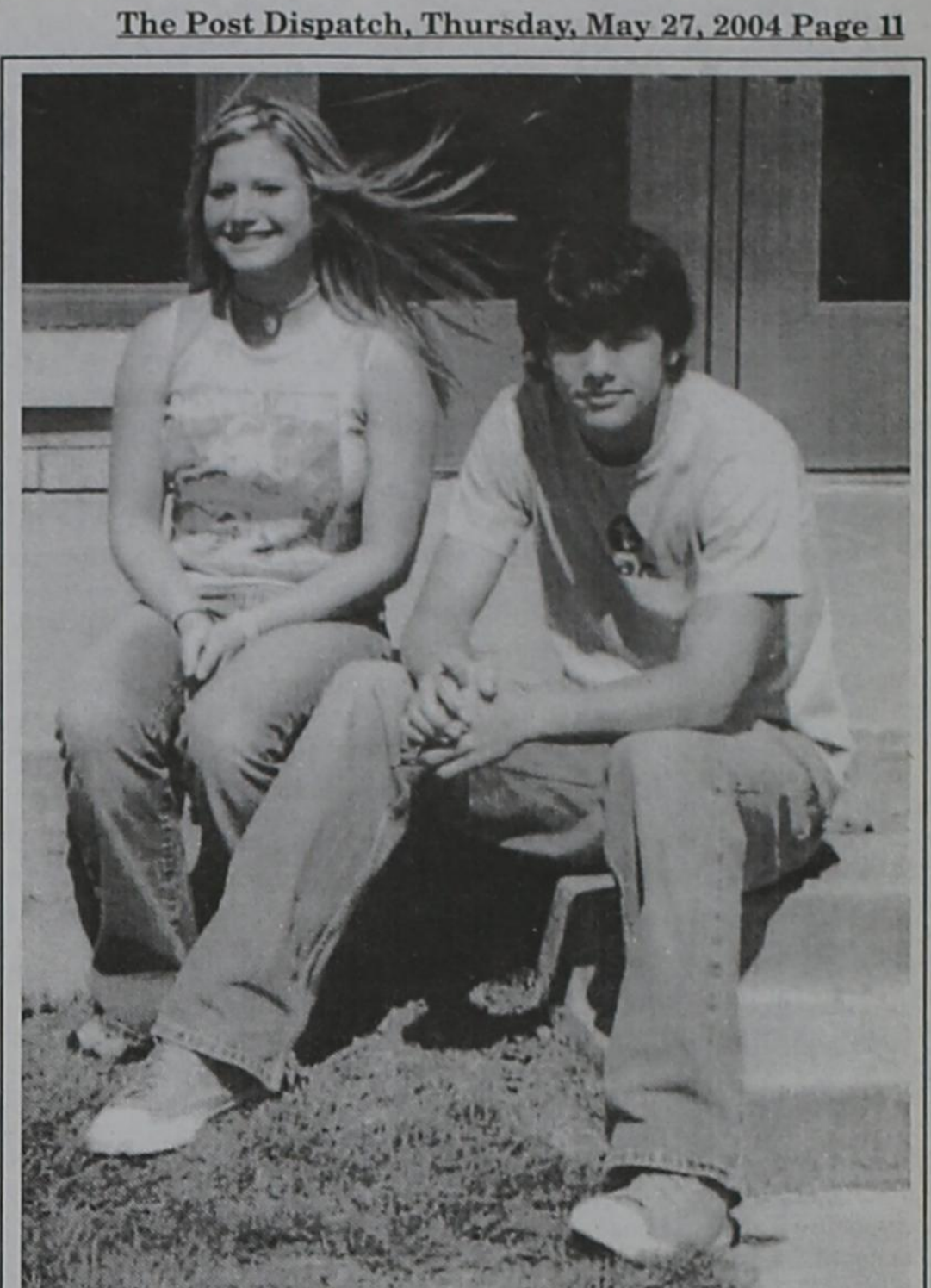
Gina Lee from Post received an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Respiratory Therapy from South Plains College.

Cliff and Dena Kirkpatrick of Post are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Lee. She was born at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. Also, Joel and Rhonda Kirkpatrick of Crosbyton proudly announce the birth of their son, Tylo Jack, born at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Hannah and Tylo's grandparents are Jack and Zoe Kirkpatrick of Post.

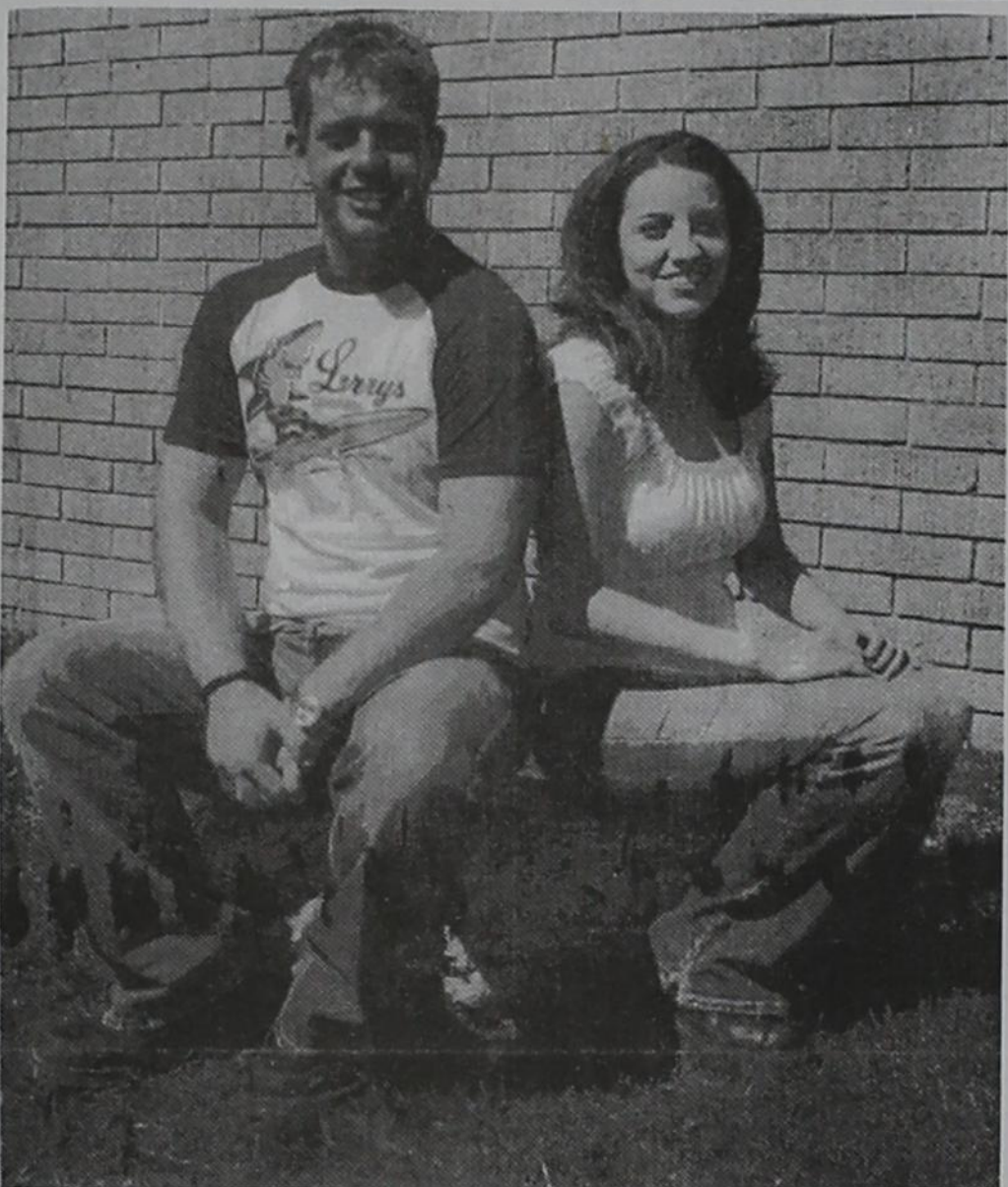
Erica Schooler and Aaron Cooper won Grand Champion Mare and Grand Champion Gelding trophies at the Garza County Jr. Livestock Halter Class horse show.



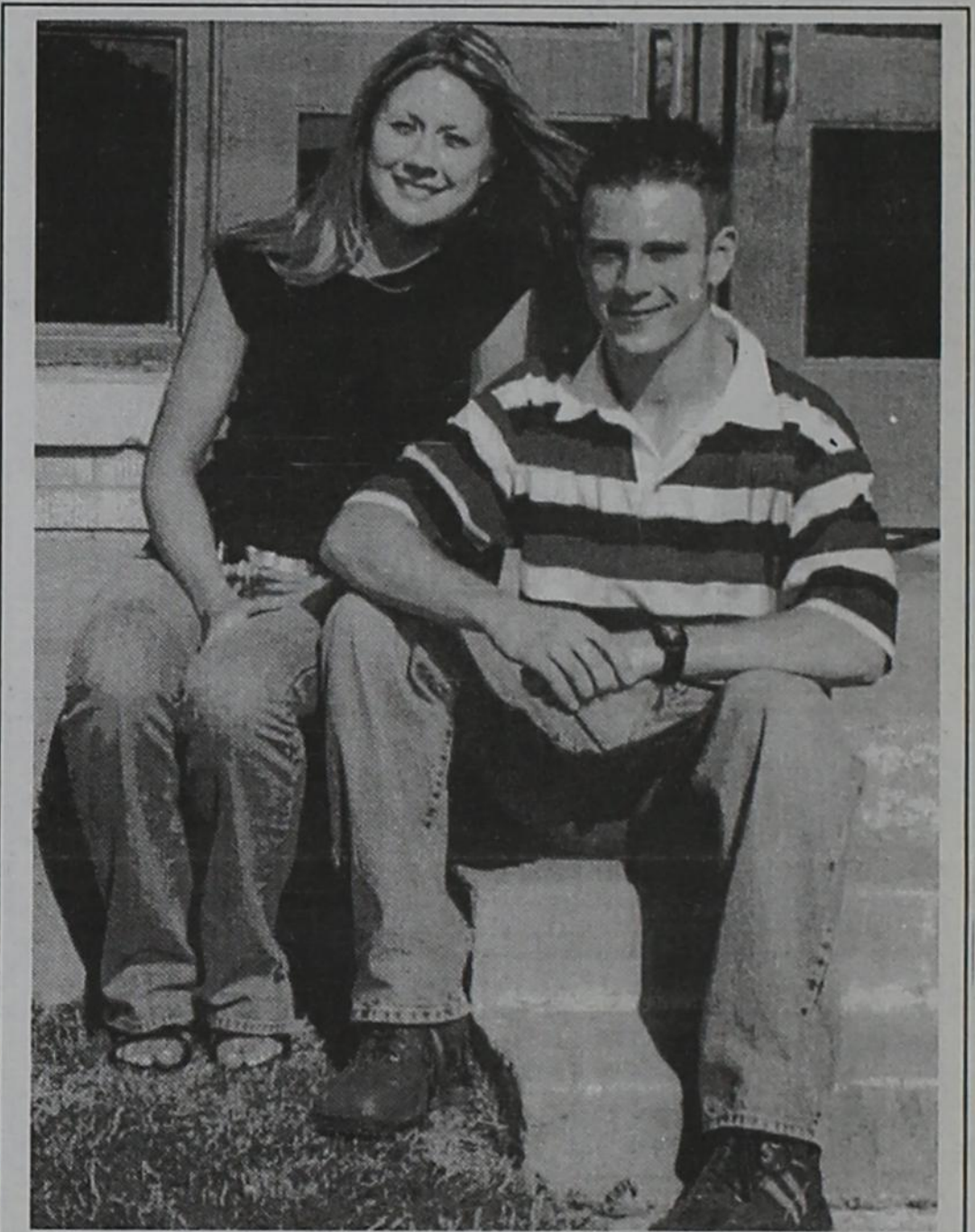
PHS Junior Favorites are Theo Paiz (left) and Courtney Short. (Photo courtesy PHS)



PHS Freshmen Favorites are Steffi Norman (left) and Colter Creech. (Photo courtesy PHS)



PHS Sneior Favorites are Coby Jones and Barbara Ayala. (Photo courtesy PHS)



PHS Sophomore Favorites are Courtney Copeland and Jonathan McGregory. (Photo courtesy PHS)



Post Middle School sixth grade A-B honor roll students are Misty Ayala (left) and Francisco Gonzales. (Photo by Greg Henry)

Randon Blacklock chosen for prestigious summer baseball team

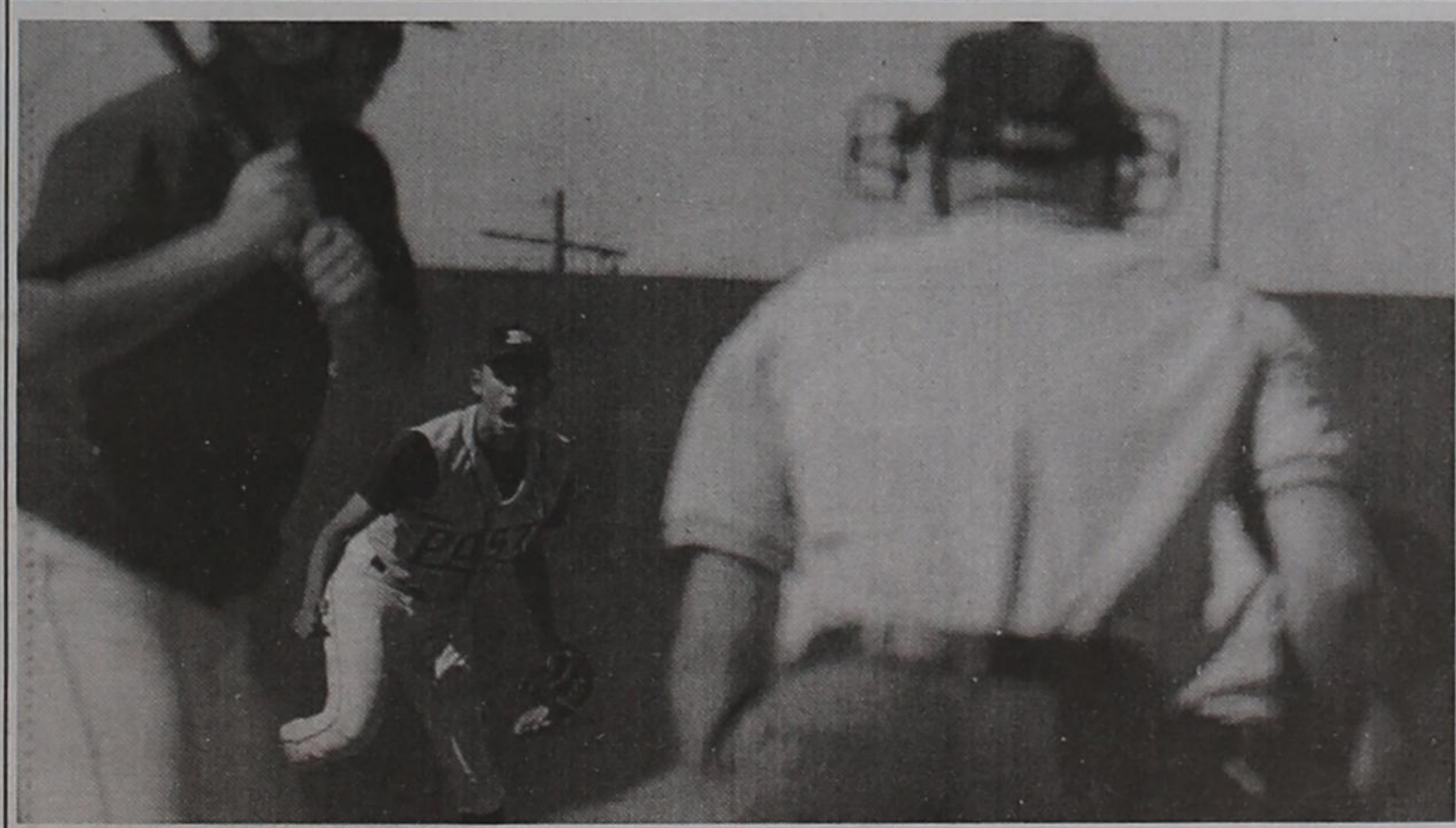
The San Angelo Rangers, a traveling summer baseball team, has offered Randon Blacklock a spot on the roster for the eight week season which starts June 5.

In order to join the team, Randon will need to raise approximately \$1,500 for expenses during the summer season. The team travels all over Texas, playing a junior colleges and other venues. College scouts attend the games to determine which players to offer scholarships.

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.

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Andrew Espinoza (pitching) hurls a fast ball toward a Coahoma batter during the second of three game series at Midland Christensen Stadium last Saturday afternoon. Andrew pitched the full five inning game with the Lopes won 16-3, and started out for the Lopes in the third and final game, which Coahoma won 13-5, taking the Regional Championship by having outscored the Lopes Friday night. (Photo by Tim Burnett) See Page 12 for the game report.

ACROSS

- 1 a house sits on this
- 5 this McEntire was "Ma Tex" in "North"
- 6 "null and ..."
- 7 a TX Gattlin (init.)
- 8 TXism: "he couldn't ... through a barbed wire fence" (bad eyesight)
- 9 ex-Cowboy tight end, Billie Jo
- 15 this Lionel was former TX Commissioner of Education
- 16 Terrell Co. seat
- 19 TX Gary Morris' "Is All It Takes"
- 21 in Jim Wells Co. on hwy. 359
- 22 how to test your raft? (2 wds.)
- 27 TXism: "___ your heels" (relax)
- 28 TX Lefty Frizzell's "Always Late With Your ___"
- 29 this Emmylou sang with TX Orbison
- 30 Astro "walk": bases ___
- 32 TX Rip of "Men in Black" films (init.)
- 33 Weatherford park has "Peter ___" in honor of TX Mary Martin
- 36 TXism: "cold as an outhouse ___ in January"
- 37 TX Buck Owens show: "___ Haw"
- 38 TX Joan Crawford: Lucille ___

DOWN

- 1 renown guitarist, TX Vaughan (init.)
- 2 TXn born between July 23 & Aug. 21
- 3 Taylor Co. seat
- 4 TX Audie starred in Civil War film "Red ___"
- 8 TXism: "___ up the river" (imprisoned)
- 9 big marine event show: "___ Haw"
- 10 prefix meaning "opposite of"
- 39 hatless
- 41 near El Paso: "Ysleta del ___ Pueblo Museum"
- 42 15-mo.-old Angelina was "___ the Alamo"
- 45 "R" of Boot Hill's "RIP"
- 46 TXism: "take a look ___"
- 47 lavish social event stats for Rangers
- 48 Rogers & Astro Oswald
- 49 Mesquite is on ___ of Dallas
- 52 govt. safety agcy.
- 53 JFK assassin? (init.)
- 54 TX actor Joe ___ Baker
- 55 female sheep

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- 11 3-time TX gov. Price (init.)
- 12 ready to vote
- 13 makes mistakes
- 14 TX Vikki Carr's "___ Hombres"
- 15 something West TX often doesn't have enough of
- 16 TXism: "a walkin' talkin' tub a lard"
- 17 takes in too much grub
- 18 young birds at home?
- 20 TXism: "busy as ___-armed paper hanger"
- 22 this Hoffman was 1st TXn to play in major leagues (init.)
- 23 TXism: "in the ___ of luxury"
- 24 faith healer Roberts
- 25 "Gunsmoke" James
- 26 TXism: "snot paper"
- 28 Laredo AM radio
- 31 TXism: "shaking like a ___" (scared)
- 34 a "right smart" Albert (init.)
- 35 Saturday night bath site
- 37 TXism: "if ___ rooster he'll crow"
- 40 TXism: "skeddadle out of ___"
- 43 sheep sound
- 44 Spanish newspaper: "___ Texas" (The Sun of Texas)
- 50 emitted light
- 51 state where TX Holly died (abbr.)

Bulldogs take two of three at Regional Quarterfinal

by Ernest Fox

The Post Antelopes came within one ballgame of advancing to the Regional Semi-Final. The 'Lopes lost Friday night 16-6, then won the second of three game series Saturday afternoon by a whopping 16-3. But 30 minutes later, the 'Lope bats went cold, and the Coahoma Bulldogs unleashed a devastating seventh inning to silence the 'Lopes 13-5. Here's a recap of the series.

Game 1 Coahoma 16, Post 6

On Friday, the Antelopes found out what can happen when the defense has an off day and the pitching doesn't get much better — offense won out over pitching. Coahoma tallied 16 runs, scoring in every inning to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three series with Post to record a 16-6 victory over the Antelopes in the Region 1-2A quarterfinals at Midland's Christensen Stadium.

Post had six runs, but it was six errors and the lack of clutch hits that hurt the 'Lopes. Post, a fundamentally average team, showed a lack on consistency. Against Coahoma in the opening game, errors contributed to the Antelope loss. Pitching, an Antelope strength all season, failed to stem the Coahoma offense as three Antelopes toed the mound. Joseph Espinoza (7-3) took the loss, with Jett Lott and Mitchell Mills also unable to shut down the Bulldogs. Coahoma starter Lance Roberts (5-1) spaced out six runs to get the complete five-inning victory.

Coahoma, meanwhile, found just enough defense to keep Post at bay when absolutely necessary. The Bulldogs held an 8-5 lead after three full innings, 10-6 after four innings, and put the run rule in effect by plating six runs in the top of the fifth while holding the Antelopes scoreless to close out the inning and the game.

Game 2 Post 16, Coahoma 3

On the verge of being booted from the Class 2A playoffs, the Post Antelopes rebounded in a dominating way. Wreaking havoc on a shell-shocked Coahoma team one day after being dismantled in a 16-6 loss, Post stormed to an impressive 16-3 whitewashing of Coahoma. The win evened the playoff series at one game apiece and set the stage for a winner-takes-all, series-clinching third game.

Post led 11-0 before Coahoma scored a solo fourth-inning run. After a five-run fifth for the 'Lopes, Coahoma tallied their final two runs of the five-inning, run rule-shortened game on a Kelby Kemper home run. Andrew Espinoza (8-2) went the distance for the win. Espinoza's pitching stats showed 73 total pitches with no walks, seven hits, one hit batter and 25 strikes and 24 balls.

Post, batting in the visitor's slot, quickly drew first blood, plating three runs in its half of the first inning with the 'Lopes scoring at least one run in every inning and once scoring five and six runs. Randon Blacklock's two-run home run in the second inning boosted the Antelopes to an insurmountable

lead with the 'Lopes following with four consecutive singles after the home run blast. Post finished with six runs in the inning to hold a 9-0 lead after two innings. Coahoma sent seven batters to the box after two innings of play — one over the minimum.

A run-producing single by Coco Valdez plated Blacklock in the third inning, as did Blacklock's fourth-inning RBI single that scored Theo Paiz on base via a walk. The Post Antelopes blew the game open with five runs in the final inning. Coahoma capped its scoring with two more runs in the fifth, highlighted by a long home run from Kemper, following a Sam Tindel single.

In sharp contrast to Friday's game, the 'Lopes suffered only one error.

Game 3 Coahoma 13, Post 5

After the Antelopes forced the third game with a 16-3 win in Saturday's opening game, Coahoma outslugged Post in seven innings 13-5 to advance to the regional semifinals against Holliday.

The team combined for 22 hits and four errors in the elimination game. Post used three pitchers and Coahoma scored at least one run in five of the seven innings, while Post scored in four of the seven innings. In the three-game series, Coahoma combined for 32 runs with Post plating 27 runs on 27 hits.

Unnerved by a late Post rally to

close the score to 7-4 after six innings, Coahoma got six runs in the top of the seventh inning, holding off the Antelopes 13-5 after a solo run from Post in the bottom of the seventh.

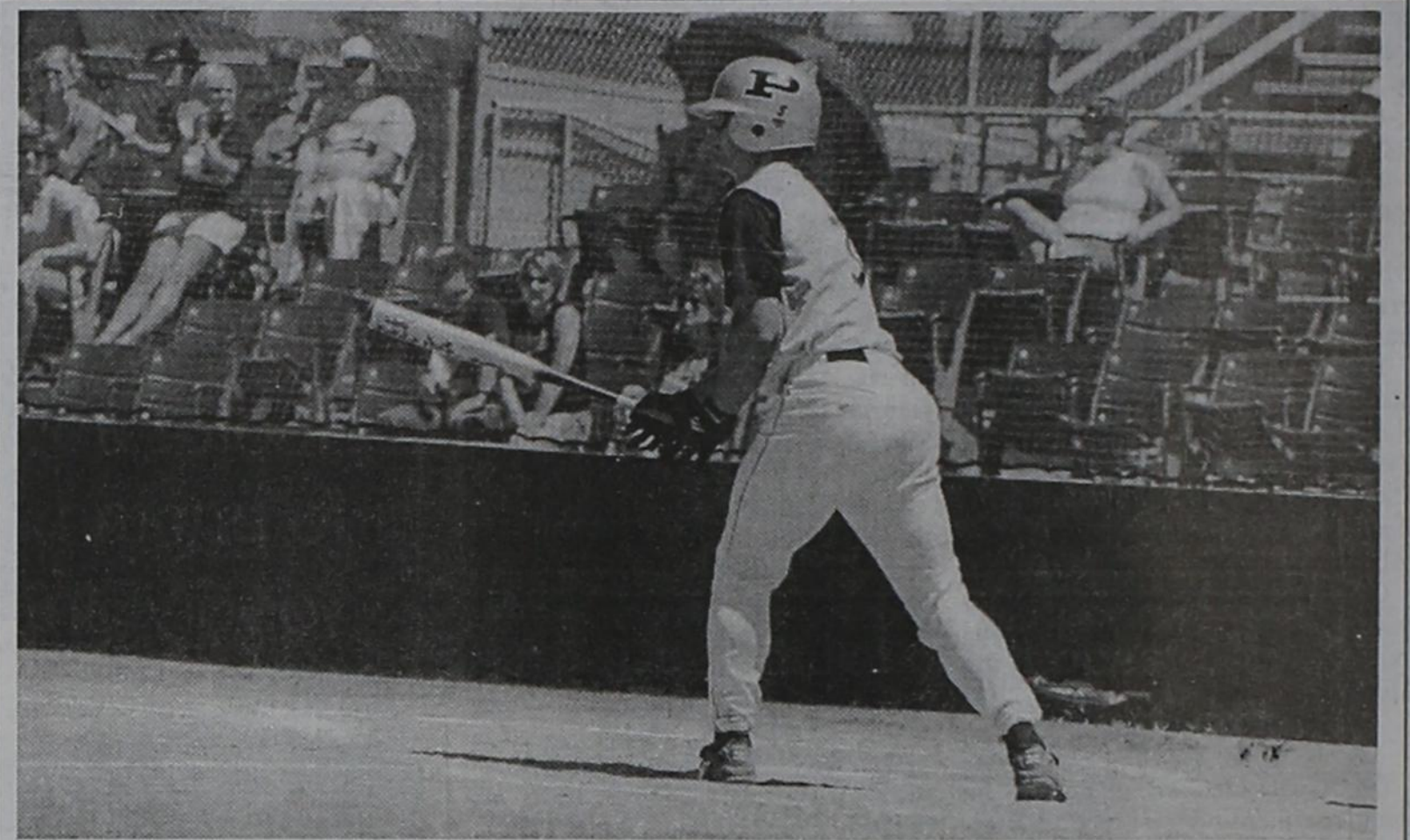
Andrew Espinoza (8-3), one of the three pitchers used by the 'Lopes, took the loss. Blacklock and Joesph Espinoza saw limited pitching duties. Kemper got the win.

Excluding the second game victory, Post led for only one inning — a 2-1 first inning margin in the Game 3 rubber match.

Post's second consecutive season of at least 20 wins left a bitter taste for Post as the Antelopes finished the 2004 season in the regional quarterfinal round following a regional semifinal appearance in the 2003 season.

Despite the gut-wrenching loss, Max Kattwinkel clearly has the Antelope baseball program on the upswing, with the 'Lopes expected to have a strong returning team primed for the 2005 season.

Coahoma (16-11) will face Holliday, a winner over Eastland, in the regional semifinals at a date, time and site to be determined. Post finished the season at 20-7.



Mitchell Mills gets set at the plate Saturday as Post Antelope fans cheered on the team in its attempt to capture the Regional Quarterfinal Championship. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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