

Regional Golf Champions (left to right) Holly Hardin, Tonya Harp, DeeJé Estep, Christie Oden and Jill Stelzer celebrate following last week's competition in Abilene. They will be joined in Austin Monday and Tuesday by alternate Secret Bilbo for the State Tournament. (Photo by Debbie Palmer)



Brad Lawson crosses the finish line in the 400 meter dash to earn a berth at the State Track Meet in Austin. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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Trinity Baptist sponsors concert

Johnny and Nelda Flanagan will be featured in concert tonight (Wednesday) at the Trinity Baptist Church beginning at 7 p.m. For more information call 495-2019.

Calvary Baptist sets revival

Revival meetings begin Saturday at Calvary Baptist Church and continue through Wednesday. The church, located at 6th and Avenue H, will conduct revival services Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. Bro. Bob Fagan and Art and Gracie Stuckey will be leading in worship.

Ladies Golf Assoc. meeting Thursday

The Caprock Ladies' Golf Association will hold a meeting Thursday, May 4 at 6 p.m. at the Caprock Golf Course.

SISD sets kindergarten registration

Southland ISD has set May 4 from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. for kindergarten registration for the 1995-96 school year. Parents or guardians must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security number.

'Little Foxes' opens at Garza May 5

The Garza Theatre production of "Little Foxes" opens May 5 for nine performances. The classic drama is directed by David Weaver Jr. and stars Penny Small, Jon Steele, Jane Prince Jones, Rick Gilbert, Jeremy Danial, Mitchell Britton, Cherri Brooks, Velma Roberts and Bill Lyon. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students ages 6-12. Reservations may be obtained by calling 495-4005 or outside Post 800-846-3706.

National Prayer Day set May 4 in Post

A local observance of National Prayer Day will be held on the Courthouse grounds at 7 a.m. Thursday, May 4; 12:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers in City Hall and at 7 p.m. on the courthouse grounds. Those attending the evening prayer should bring lawn chairs for the prayer and fellowship.

Post ISD sets Pre-school roundup

Pre-school roundup for children who will be four or five years old on or before September 1 will be May 12 at 3 p.m. in the Post Elementary auditorium.

Parents are requested to enter the building through the far east front doors. Children will be assigned a room just for this day and parents will be asked to go to the auditorium.

School officials are requesting children's social security numbers, birth certificates and immunization records. These records will be copied, with originals returned to parents.

In order for four year olds to qualify for pre-kindergarten, the family must meet guidelines for free and reduced school lunch program or qualify for the bilingual program.

Libertarians meet May 15

The Garza County Libertarian Party will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 15 at the Chaparral Steak House. The meeting is open to the public and is designed to provide a forum for citizens interested in discussing Libertarian principles. Based on Constitutional ideas of limited government, individual liberty and personal responsibility, the Libertarian Party is the third largest organized political party in the United States and has ballot access in all 50 states. Regular meetings are planned for the third Monday each month. Call Wes Burnett at 495-2816 for additional information.

Lions Club sponsors magic show

The Post Breakfast Lions Club will host an evening of enchantment, featuring the magic of Sebastian, at the Post Elementary School auditorium, Friday, May 12 at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. Proceeds from the event will be used to support Lions Club projects, including eye glasses for children, the eye bank and crippled children camp in Kerrville.

First Baptist Church volleyball tourney

The First Baptist Church will host a coed benefit volleyball tournament Saturday, May 6 at the middle school gym. The event will be a fund raiser for the summer youth mission trip to Mexico and the summer youth camps. Teams may register by calling the church at 495-3554. There will be a \$60 per team entry fee.

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Area youth flirt with death on railroad tracks

by Wes Burnett

Special Agent Randy Merrick visited with me Monday afternoon and told me an alarming story... a number of our youth in the past several weeks have been reported flirting with death on the railroad tracks.

The Santa Fe Police Department, special law enforcement for the Santa Fe Railway Company, is investigating the complaints along with Garza County Sheriff's Department personnel.

"Our engineers are reporting that young men are squatting or standing facing the on-coming engines, waiting until the last possible second to jump off the tracks, just before getting hit," Merrick said.

"Most of the time our engineers do not even know for sure if the young people have cleared safely, because once the engine passes, there is no way to tell what has fallen underneath the wheels."

This dangerous "game" has apparently gotten more flagrant lately, and some of the "pranksters" have taken to placing large pieces of metal on the tracks, in an attempt to derail the trains.

"This is a serious and dangerous problem," Merrick emphasized, "and it appears the most popular spot for this activity is on the approach just south of the baseball park. This portion of the line is on a bridge, that has a 70 foot drop, and if we have a derailment there, we are going to have some people get hurt or killed," Merrick added.

"I hope we can get the attention of the parents of these young men, so that corrective action may be taken before somebody gets killed or injured,"

Merrick continued.

He also pointed out that Santa Fe maintains a Crime Stoppers hotline (800-432-6933) and offers rewards for information leading to arrests and conviction of people violating the law.

Santa Fe is a privately owned company, the railroad right of way belongs to the railroad, and any damages or vandalism is a violation of law, just as any such acts would be for any other business.

"We are more concerned about injuries or death," Merrick concluded, "than with damage to our equipment, although that is a serious problem."

Merrick also said that Santa Fe engineers frequently report vehicles crossing the tracks around the safety guards at intersections in Post. "People just don't seem to realize that we can not stop trains traveling at 50 miles per hour, and it really bothers our engineers to see cars and trucks weaving in and out across the tracks when we are just yards away from the intersection. Those barriers are placed there for a reason, that is to protect people from getting hurt."

Last Sunday afternoon, on my return from Colorado City, I spotted two young men walking north along the tracks adjacent to the city park... it's a long way down, there is no shoulder, and these two young people were just casually strolling the tracks... apparently oblivious to the danger they faced.

I hope this article will alert parents to this problem. Although it appears to be limited to a small number of youth, even one young person flirting with death should make all of us very nervous.

Post to observe National Day of Prayer May 4

The 44th consecutive observance of the annual National Day of Prayer will be held in Post and Nationwide on Thursday, May 4. This observance crosses racial, political and denominational boundaries to bring together millions of Americans to pray on behalf of our nation and its leaders. From Maine to Hawaii, thousands of volunteers state and local coordinators, along with clergy and lay leaders in hundreds of churches and synagogues, will again sponsor prayer services in recognition of this annual event.

The concept of setting aside time to pray for the nation and its leaders originated with America's founding fathers. It was the First Continental Congress which initially declared a national day of prayer in 1775, establishing a long-standing tradition. This emphasis on prayer has played a significant role in American history, particularly in times of national crisis. It was Abraham Lincoln who once said: "It is the duty of nations... to acknowledge their dependence upon the overruling power of God... and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scripture and proven by all history that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

Mrs. Shirley Dobson, chairman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force, comments: "Mr. Lincoln's words echo through the corridors of time and resonate in our hearts today. Our country stands at a great crossroad, not unlike the crises that threatened its stability during the Civil War. Our children are in trouble, our families are disintegrating, our streets are besieged by crime and our people seem to have lost their vision. And as our forefathers asked God for help in that stressful time, we must 'seek His face' and ask for His healing mercies in this day of uncertainty. Let us go to our knees with contrite and

humble hearts, acknowledging that... only those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.' How can we do less?"

In 1952, the United States Congress unanimously passed a joint resolution, which was signed by President Harry Truman, establishing the annual National Day of Prayer by federal law. This law was amended in 1988 and signed by President Ronald Reagan, establishing the first Thursday in May as the official National Day of Prayer. Following in this tradition, President Clinton issued a proclamation last year declaring the first Thursday in May as a day of prayer for the nation. The President was joined by 49 state governors and the governor of Puerto Rico, who issued similar proclamations.

National Day of Prayer Task Force officials in Colorado have seen a rapid increase in awareness of this annual observance. The growth parallels a heightened interest in prayer as reported in the April 4, 1994, issue of U.S. News and World Report. According to the article titled "Spiritual America," 77 percent of Americans polled said God had guided them in some kind of decision, and 62 percent said the influence of religion in their life is increasing. Although views of church-state separation differ, 84 percent told the magazine that "our government would be better if policies were more directed by moral values."

Expanded area toll-free calling starts May 25

After what seems to have been a long wait for Post GTE customers, the expanded toll-free calling to Lubbock exchanges begins May 25.

The announcement came in GTE statements mailed to customers last month. Included in the notice was a reminder that programmed dialing and other specialized dialing systems will need to be reprogrammed.

In other words, if you have an automatic dialer on your phone to access Lubbock numbers, with the 1-806, you will continue to get billed for a long distance call.

GTE customers will pay \$3.50 per line for residential telephones and \$7 per line for commercial phones to pay for the new service.

Starting May 25 dialing to Lubbock exchanges will be simple, dial the seven digits. The affected prefixes are 741-744, 747, 749, 761, 762-63, 765-67, 770, 746, 784-85, 788, 791-793, 795-797 and 799.

Post gets more in sales tax rebate

An upward trend in sales tax rebates for Post continued in April with a 11.51 percent increase over last year reported by the Texas State Comptroller.

The \$13,366.83 check, representing sales during February, brought the year-to-date total to \$65,825.06 for a 12.93 percent increase for the year.

This trend is reflected statewide, although Post exceeds the state average of nine percent.

Mayor proclaims May 4 local observance of National Day of Prayer

Mayor Jim Jackson has proclaimed May 4 as "seek his face day" in a proclamation to observe the National Day of Prayer in Post.

"I implore the citizens of Post to join me at prayer activities at the following times and places," 7 a.m., flag pole at courthouse; 12:30 p.m., council room at city hall and 7 p.m., flag pole at the courthouse.

GMH gets earned recognition during Texas Hospital Week

by Wes Burnett

While other rural communities throughout Texas have watched their hospitals and clinics shut down, Post and Garza County can point with pride to the continued service provided by the Garza Memorial Hospital.

And why are we so fortunate? What are we doing different than towns like Floydada, Tulia or Crosbyton, to name a few of the most recent casualties in the rural health care failures?

I'd say it's not any one thing, but a combination of factors.

To start with we have a solid management team, working together... both with our hospital administrator Maritta Reed and our elected board of directors.

Then we've also been blessed with good physicians and their staffs... and we can take some credit as consumers by using our local doctors as well as the hospital.

Too often we take our hospital for granted... and expect the services to be there when we need it. And usually that comes in the form of an emergency. But one thing is certain, we need Garza Memorial Hospital, we need the dedicated staff who work there and we need the physicians who refer patients there... and we appreciate all of them.

Times are changing, and in health care the changes are dramatic. Everyone knows how costly it is, and we are all painfully concerned about the future financial condition of our hospital. That's why it is comforting to know that GMH is well managed and respected. It's association with the Methodist Hospital System is another benefit.

During Texas Hospital Week, May 7-13, take time to call or visit... just to say thanks to the GMH staff. Too often they hear those words when we're there for emergencies, wouldn't it be nice to express appreciation during good times too?

Only one contested race in May 6 election

Early voting ended yesterday (May 2) for city, school and hospital elections to be held Saturday. There appears to be little interest voters, with only one contested position on the ballot.

Filing for Place One in the Post ISD board of trustees election are Joleen Cahill, Jay Pollard and Mark Short. Other trustees on the ballot are uncontested: Alexa Collier, Place Four and Jeff Lott, Place Five.

City of Post candidates are also unopposed. They are incumbents Mayor Jim Jackson and council members Marion Cruse (Ward 2), Juanita Pantoja (Ward 1) and Dan Lamb (Ward 5). Cruse and Pantoja are for two year terms, Lamb's is a one year term.

The Garza Memorial Hospital Board of Directors incumbents also unopposed on the ballot are Jack Alexander, Zoe Kirkpatrick and David Tyler.

Voting opens at 7 a.m. Saturday and continues until 7 p.m. Ballots for Post ISD and the Garza Memorial Hospital will be cast at the Community Center. City ballots will be at the five ward election locations: (1) Lorenzo Alexander Community Center, (2) Post High School Library, (3) Post Middle School Library, (4) First Presbyterian Church and (5) Trinity Baptist Church.

Two arrested on possession of controlled substances

Garza County Sheriff's deputies arrested Penelope Yanez Thomas and Michael F. Thomas April 26, charging them with possession of controlled substances. Both suspects posted \$2,500 bond and a \$5,000 bond for possession of marijuana and was released.

On April 24 James W. Ward was charged with felony DWI and released after posting a \$5,000 bond.

Trustees approve 'Academics 2000'

In a special called meeting April 27, the Post ISD board of trustees approved participation in the "Academics 2000: First Things First Initiative." The program is a cooperative with Region 17 Education Service Center.

Attending the meeting were board members Mark Kirkpatrick, Rex Cash, Gary Workman, Jeff Lott and Alexa Collier, along with superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain.

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Up and Down Main Street

by Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce

Did anyone see the wagon that was in Post all weekend? It looked like an old gypsy wagon complete with window boxes and flowers and the horns from a Texas longhorn on the front. Two big mules pulled the wagon and a very tall, friendly man does the driving. We were fortunate to meet the driver, Chet Dickson, who is a businessman from Houston. He has taken a five month sabbatical and is doing something he has always wanted to do. Chet is keeping a journal of his experiences from his trip which started in Belton, Texas and will end in Garyowen, Montana hopefully by Labor Day. Our daughter and son-in-law, Kim and Larry Mills called us on Sunday morning about 7 a.m. and asked us to come have breakfast with them because they were having Chet for breakfast, too. We would not trade the experience of meeting and getting to know this very unusual and unique man. He took us out to see his wagon and I could not believe my eyes. The wagon was equipped with a shower, a microwave, a cellular phone, tape deck, and believe it or not, a fax machine. Chet told us that he had brought along a number of books to read because he thought he would have a lot of idle time. But in a month he had only read about forty pages of one book. There seems to be plenty to do to keep him busy. Chet's wife meets him periodically and travels a day or two before returning to Houston. He will be on his way to Lubbock this week and will spend a few days there before heading straight north for the remainder of his trip. What a wonderful experience he will have to tell his grandchildren.



Bryan Williams had a very nice honor this weekend. He is one of six fathers to be honored at the annual "Figgi" Pig Roast along with his second generation "Figgi", Lee Williams. This is an annual affair for the fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta at Texas Tech and the pride sure showed when Bryan was telling me about this. Congratulations to both Bryan and Lee. Lee's uncle, Lee Williams, was also a "Figgi" at Tech and we know he would be proud of this honor, too.

Trade Days looked like a big success this weekend. I don't know for sure what the weekend count was but I understand they had 3109 on Saturday. There were a lot of people in town all day and the Tower Theatre had a nice crowd on Saturday night. All of these attractions working together can do nothing but help Post and its many businesses so we wish continued success for all our tourist attractions. Louise McCrary said they had very big crowds at the OS Museum this weekend, too. If you haven't seen this exhibit, please do so. I believe it will change again around the first of June so make a point to get in there this month.

Congratulations, too, to our Post High School Girls Golf Team who will be competing at State next week. They won by a big 41 strokes and we wish them lots of luck in Austin. Also going to Austin is Brad Lawson who will compete in the 400 meter dash.

May looks like a very busy month with lots of school activities, banquets, etc. There is no school Friday and the 8th grade Banquet is Friday night. "The Little Foxes" begins at the Garza Theatre this weekend. There is absolutely no excuse to sit at home in the evening between Little League, Minor League, T Ball and Girl's Softball you can find plenty to entertain yourself.

With all the great things going on and all the honors our kids are receiving it's getting easier and easier to TAKE PRIDE AND TAKE PART IN POST! !!!!!



Wanda Mitchell (second from right) receives a certificate from Sondra Ziegler, Lubbock staff representative for U.S. Senator Phil Gramm. Joining in the ceremony are (left to right) Kim Mills, Meagan Mills, Mitchell Mills and Macee Mills.

Mitchell recognized by Sen. Gramm for volunteer work

Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce manager, was recognized last week for her volunteer efforts during a ceremony at the Hotel Garza Friday morning. Sondra Ziegler, staff assistant to U.S. Senator Phil Gramm, presented the certificate of appreciation and letter from the senator, thanking her for her efforts to promote volunteerism.

The award was in observance of National Volunteer Week, celebrated April 23-29 with a theme this year of "Volunteer, Because Change is Possible."

"In every community nationwide, the quality of life is elevated through the efforts of volunteers. They are the heart and soul of the American society," Senator Gramm said.

In his letter to Mrs Mitchell, the senator said, "The activities associated with this observance are but a reminder of the significant contribution volunteers like you make towards enhancing the quality of life in our communities."

Mrs Mitchell was joined in the ceremony by her daughter Kim Mills and grandchildren Macee, Meagan and Mitchell Mills.

National Volunteer Week is sponsored by The Points of Light Foundation, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization established in 1990 to engage all Americans in meaningful community service aimed at alleviating the nation's most serious social problems.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

There can be no doubt—America, as a nation, is suffering, and our future is uncertain. The moral decay is apparent to the rest of the world, especially Eastern Block countries that have learned from bitter experience they cannot exist without moral principals and dependence upon God.

Historical records prove that our founders believed in God and in the power of prayer. Our nation was founded on biblical principles and our freedom was won at great costs. Five of our founding fathers were captured and executed by the British for treason, nine of them died on the battlefields, and another dozen lost everything they had. These men freely gave their lives, fortunes and, in some cases, their families, in order that we might live with the precious freedoms we have allowed to be stripped away.

We are surrounded by reminders of religion's positive influence on our nation, from the national anthem to monuments to currency. In 1951, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas affirmed that "we are a religious people and our institutions presuppose a Supreme being." However, on June 25, 1962, the Supreme Court shockingly deviated from the inclusion of God in the affairs of this nation and removed prayer from public schools (Engle v. Vitale). Never before in the history of our country had a branch of government taken such a stand; it set the stage for

humanism to creep into our courts and laws. Bible reading in schools was removed in 1963, and the posting of the Ten Commandments in schools was outlawed in 1980. The very guidebook upon which our country was established was deemed worthless. As waves of rampant violence, confusion and immorality crash around us, it remains obvious that we are a nation without a rudder.

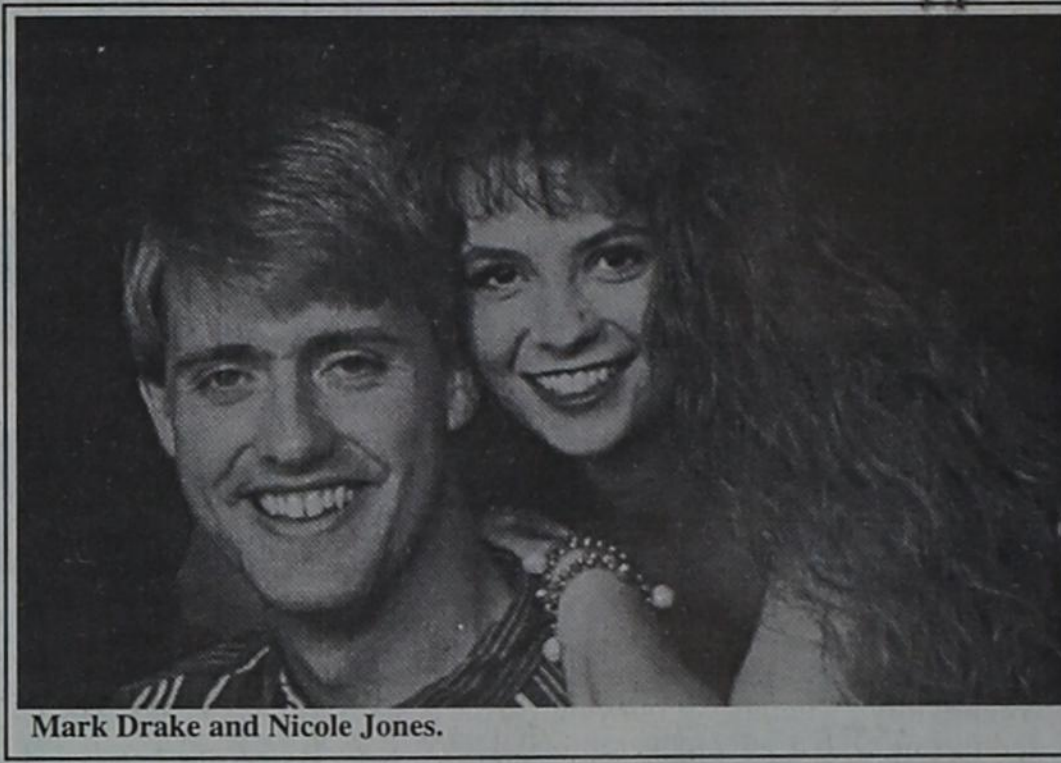
Fortunately, one freedom is still available to us by law: the annual National Day of Prayer. Originally declared by the Continental Congress in 1775, it has been signed into law by Presidents Truman and Reagan. May 4, 1995, marks the 44th consecutive observance. Only through prayer and repentance can our nation be restored to the land once envisioned by our forefathers. The National Day of Prayer is similar to Thanksgiving or the Fourth of July. It's a national day—and a privilege.

Prayer is part of our national heritage. Would you consider joining millions of humble Americans on their knees to intercede for our nation on May 4th? It may be our only hope.

Jerry Taylor

Authority without wisdom is like a heavy axe without an edge, fitter to bruise than polish.

—Anne Bradstreet



Mark Drake and Nicole Jones.

Jones, Drake announce engagement

Nicole Mary Jones and Mark Alan Drake would like to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Nicole is the daughter of Alan and Laverne Jones of Slaton. Mark is the son of Tom and Janis Drake of Lubbock, formerly of Post.

Nicole graduated from Slaton High School and attended South Plains College and Texas Tech University.

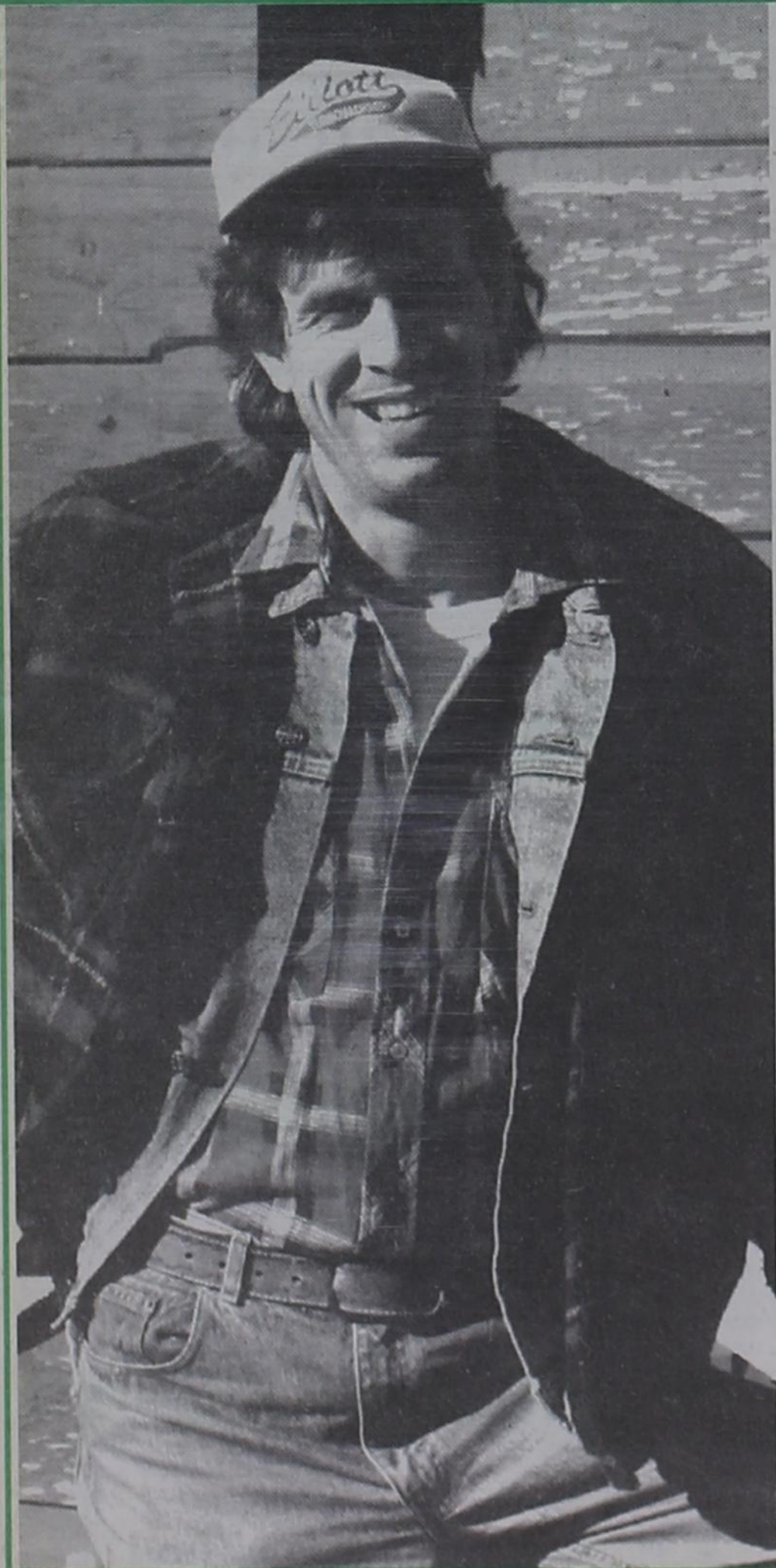
She is currently employed by St. Mary's Hospital.

Mark is a graduate of Coronado High School and Texas Tech University. He currently attends the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa. Mark is also the owner of Scout M.A.D.ness in Lubbock and Des Moines.

The wedding has been set for June 3, 1995.

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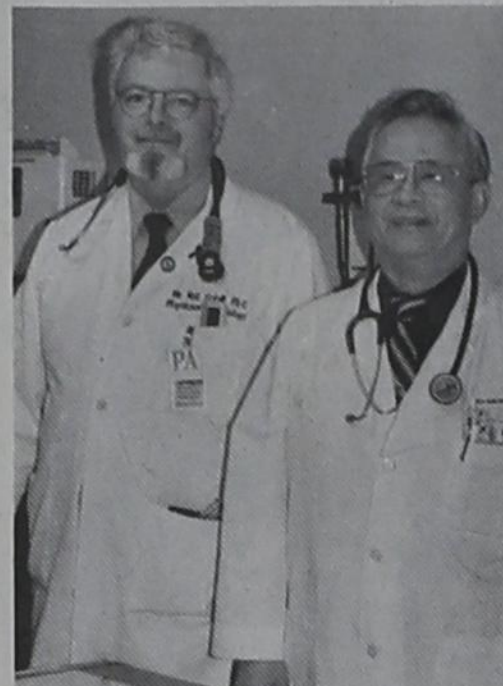


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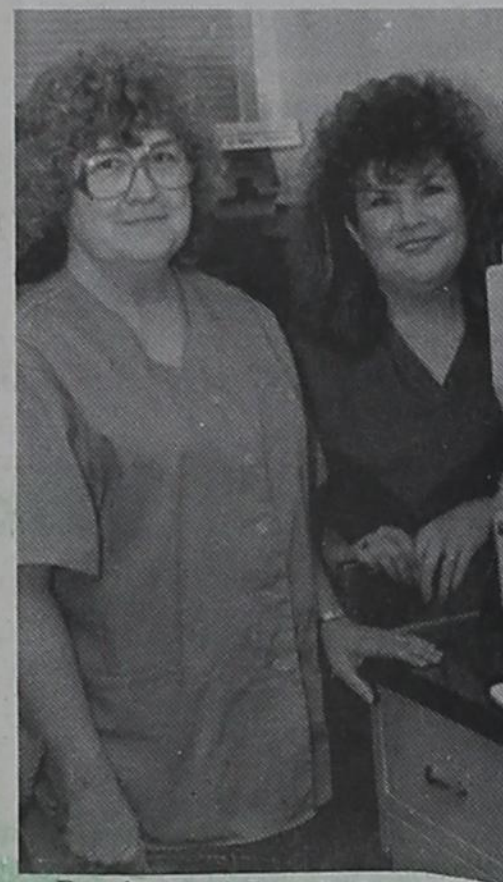
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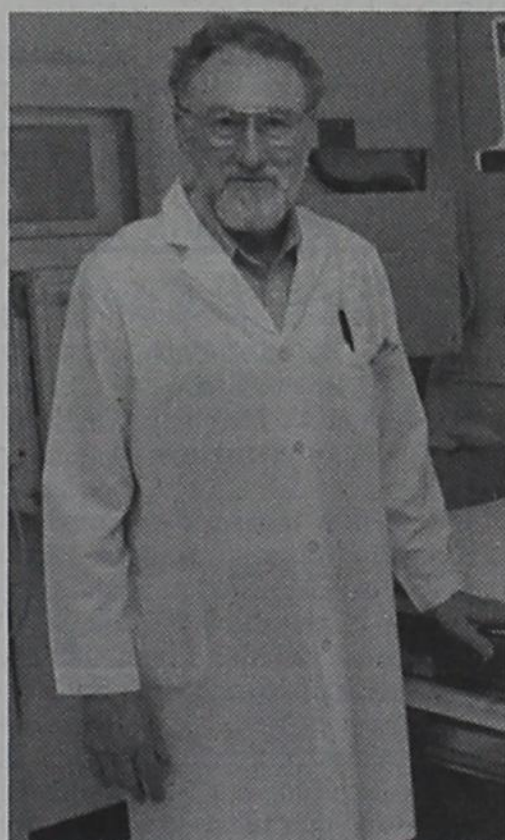


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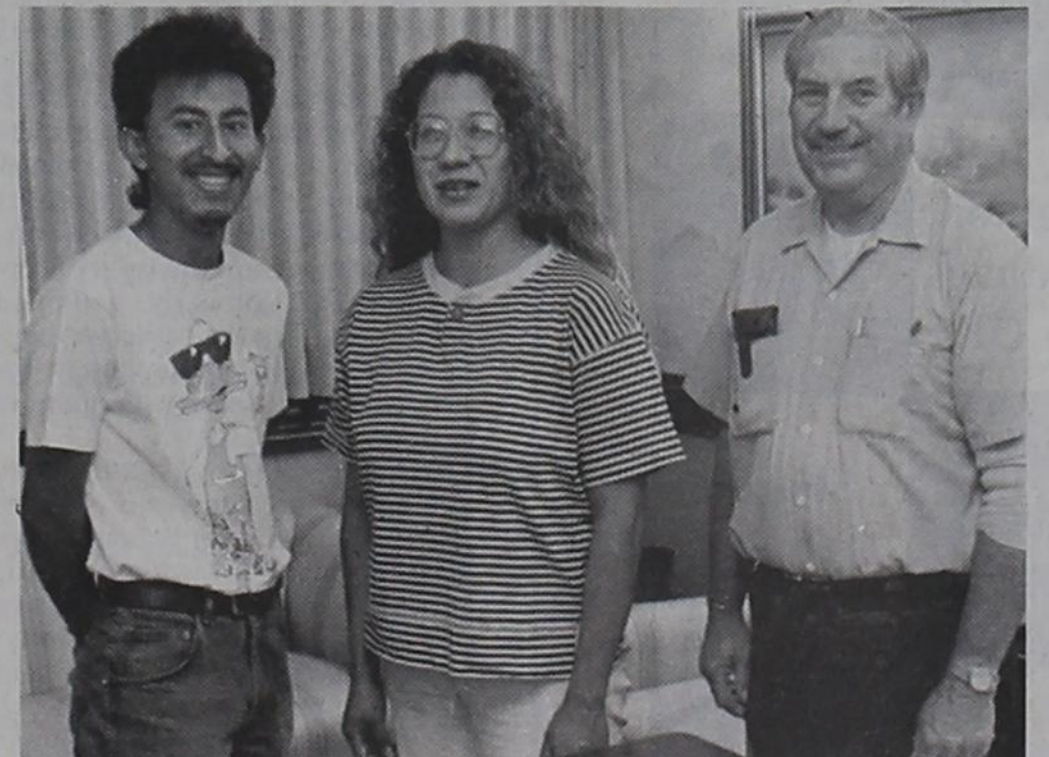
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Girl Scouts participate in style show

by Carol Tobias
 Earlier this month, nine of Post's Cadette Girl Scouts as well as four 6th grade Junior Girl Scouts enjoyed the Girl Scout Style Show at the Texas Tech University Center Ballroom. Representatives from 15 troops modeled fashions in four categories—school clothes, weekend wear, date wear, and formal wear. Although the fashions were lovely, they were all low budget items as the theme was "Beauty and the Budget". Modeling fashions from Post were Amber Baker, Amy Line, and Angela Blevins. Other girls attending were:

Cadettes; Jennifer Hubble, Nicole Reed, Tasha Gilbert, Channa Cruse, Elizabeth Stegall, Latricia Martin, sponsor Debbie Martin, and leader Jaquita Blevins.
 Juniors; Camille Blevins, April Line, Renee Dobitas, Laura Tobias, and leaders Jinnie Dobitas and Carol Tobias.
 Junior Troop 47 also attended the Junior Jam on April 8 at Camp Rio Blanco. The girls earned the Ecology badge while spending the day at camp. Those attending were Vanessa Curtis, Stephanie Curtis, Dianna Williams, Renee Dobitas, Camille Blevins, and leader Carol Tobias.



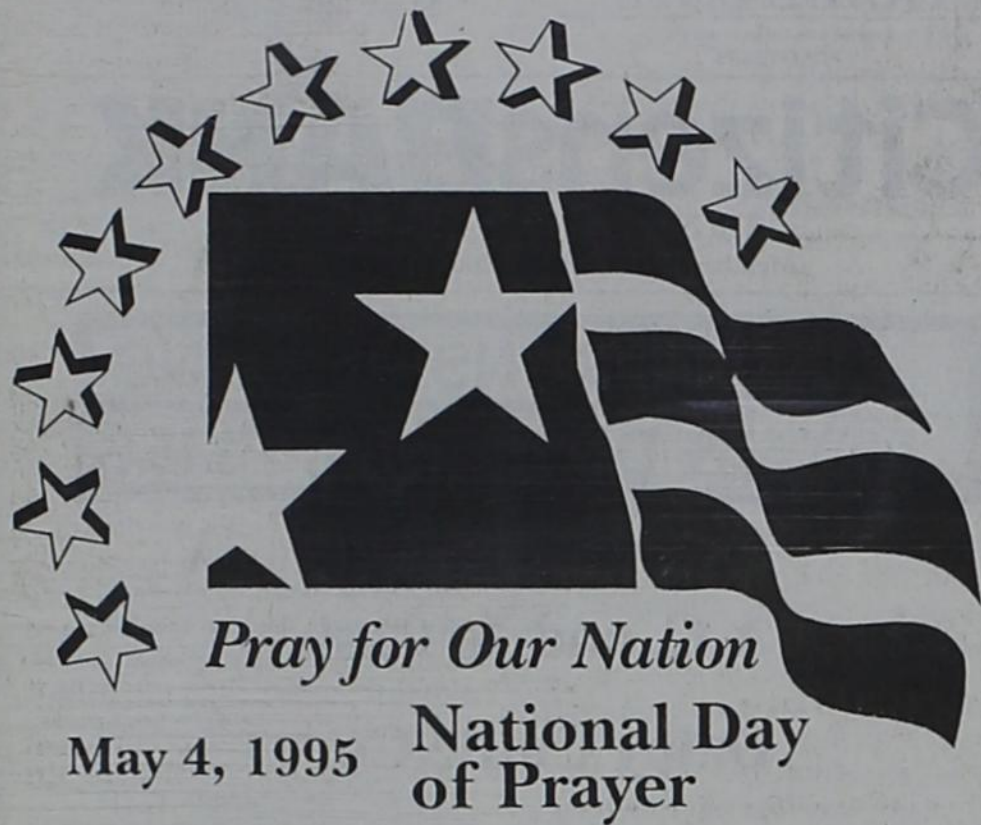
Amber Baker models at the Girl Scout fashion show. (Photo courtesy Carol Tobias)



Angela Blevins models at the Girl Scout fashion show. (Photo courtesy Carol Tobias)



Amy Line models at the Girl Scout fashion show. (Photo courtesy Carol Tobias)



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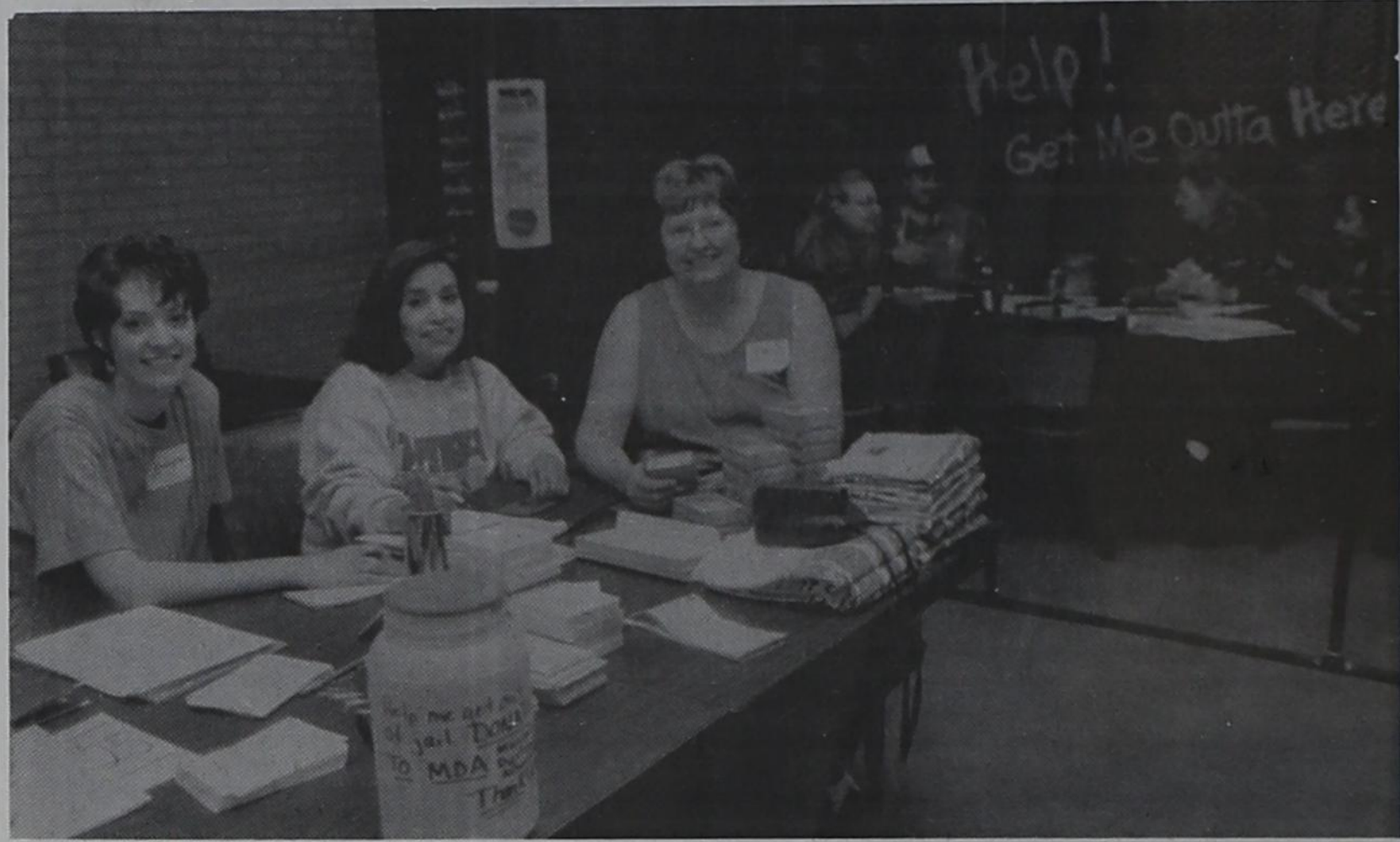
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Special "Easter Bonnets" were worn at the Trailblazer Senior Citizens Center recently, where April birthdays were celebrated. Joining in the fun were (back row, left to right) Nell Matthews, Maxine Earl, Catharine Trammell, Sybil Workman, Maxine Lewis, Vada Clary, Fay Payton, Ida Mae Wilks, Mildred Stewart, (front) Willie Key, Inez Ritchie, Fannie Wardlow, Verna Roberts, Emilia Cervantez and Sara Ault. Willie Key won the most beautiful hat award and Inez Ritchie's split bonnet (owned by the late Lucy Callis) won most unusual hat. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Raising funds for MDA recently in the "Jail" project were (left to right) MDA representatives Jennifer Wagner, Elpedia Paragua and Rita Nugent. They were "guarding" jail inmates Joleen Cahill, Greg Williams, Melinda Mason and Tammye Alomari at Norwest Bank's community room. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Jason Wyatt advances to regional track meet

Jason Wyatt, son of Chris Nancy Wyatt of Robert Lee and grandson of Marshall and Ruth Reno of Post, will advance to regional competition at Abilene in three events.

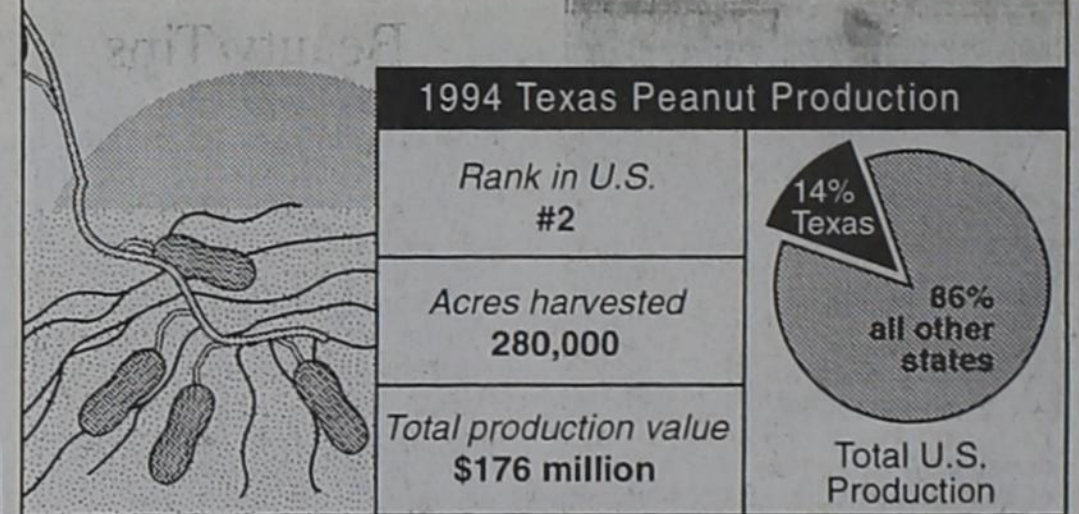
Jason, a junior at Robert Lee High School, placed first at the district meet in the long jump with a leap of 20' 10 3/4"; second in the triple jump at 42' 9 1/4" and second in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.44. He also tied with two others in the high jump with 6' 4", but was placed fourth after attempts were determined. Jason was fifth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 41.7.

His brother, Scotty, a freshman at Robert Lee, placed fifth at the district meet in the 3,200 meter run with a time of 11:13 and sixth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:17.

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PEANUTS

Texas peanut production in 1994 was 616 million pounds, 12 percent more than last year. Most peanuts are grown in a few counties south of Fort Worth, in West Texas, and south of San Antonio. All four market types of this legume — Spanish, runner, Valencia and Virginia — are grown in Texas.



Source: Texas Agricultural Statistics Service and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service
 Graphic: Agricultural Communications, The Texas A&M University System

Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

Look At This New Business Structure

A new business structure designed to protect the personal assets of sole proprietors and partners is permitted by law in 40 states so far. The limited liability company or limited liability partnership is finding ready acceptance for professional offices in medicine and law, for small businesses and, most especially, for real estate ventures.

Under this setup, the personal assets of the owners or partners are protected if the business is sued. Only the assets of the business are at risk. The tax advantages of a limited liability partnership are the same as in a conventional partnership; that is, profits and losses go directly to the partners without an extra layer of corporate tax. Similarly, a limited company has the same tax benefits as an "S" corporation, without the restriction as to the number of owners.

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This letter is long overdue. I would like to thank the good people of Post, Tx., for the love and concern shown to this family. I cannot begin to tell you how each one of you have touched our lives. Your gifts of cards, prayers, financial help, food, and every expression of love has overwhelmed us. To Dr. Bain, the school board, Dan Rankin, Joe Giddens, Marita Jackson, the faculty and staff of Post I.S.D. we extend our heart felt gratitude for their continued support and encouragement. To Paul D. Jones, Darrell Smith, Bob Green, and many other pastors and members of the churches here, we thank you for your ministry, love, and concern expressed to us. Truly we have seen the heart of God through all your actions. As a community I pray we will all continue to love and care for each other. I praise God for allowing me to be the recipient of His great love through His people.

Humblly,
 Billy and Linda Gordon
 Darby and Olivia Webb

Thank You Post

for coming, looking, bringing your friends and for donating to the Citizen's Award.

A special thanks to the Kay Kirkpatrick family for the "Ed Neff Memorial Award". Special thanks to the purchasers and contributors: Peggy Dennis, O.S. Museum, Charlcie Mosser, Mr and Mrs Earl Chapman, Hotel Garza, Sammie & Karen Palmer, Mr and Mrs Carl Starkey, Skip and Lisa, Norwest Bank, Mr and Mrs Carroll Bowen, Giles & Nelda Dalby, Preston Poole, Danish Imports, Norman Insurance, Bob Macy, Mary McCrary, Riley & Mary Miller, Wallace Lumber, Julius Stelzer, Larry Mills and Citizen's Bank.

From the Post Art Guild Members and the Spring Art Show Committees
 The revenue from this show helps keep the Algerita Art Center open for Post, Tx.



Celebrating a Division I Superior rating in concert and sight reading are Post High School band members and directors. The band competed at the

regional contest last month and was only one of three schools selected for the superior ratings. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Around Town

Clubs and organizations in and around Garza county

Woman's Culture Club

The Woman's Culture Club met Wednesday, April 12, at 2 p.m. in the Women's Clubhouse. Ruth Hall and Mary Neff were hostesses.

Mary Neff, club president presided over the business meeting.

Donna Craig reported that Yvonnev Lopez received the club scholarship for the Post Stars for the Texas War on Drugs Training for junior high students.

The program was a display of small antiques brought by each member.

A brief history of each item was given, and the sentimental and cherished reasons for caring for these keepsakes.

Members present were: Peggy Smith, Lois Cook, Joyce Strubhart, Dorace Wilson, Iva Hudman, Neff, Craig, Hall and Katharine Trammell.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 26, at 2 p.m. in the Women's Clubhouse.

Amity Study Club

The Amity Study Club met in the home of Iva Hudman April 25. Sue Shtyles served as co-hostess.

The program on Interior Decoration was given by Ginger Carlisle, Louella Bilberry, and Carolyn Sawyers.

Other members present were Margaret Bull, Joyce Strubhart, Ida Mae Wilks, Boo Olson, Joy Dickson, Janey Middleton, Janie Davis, Kathy Rankin, Ruth Ann Young, Barbara Reece, Edna Owen, Martha McLendon, Joy Pool, Sandra Alexander, and Suzanne Hudman.

The next meeting will be a box supper picnic at the home of Carolyn Sawyers on May 9th, at 6:30 p.m.

Fun Time Club

The Fun Time Club met April 24, at 6:30 at the Trail Blazers for a salad supper.

Those present were; Winona Ward, Fern Jones, Inez Ritchie, Ruby Carpenter, Jewell White, Mary Gunn, Ruth Martin, Jean Tipton, Pansy Smith, Inez Smith, Hooter Terry, Helen Jones, Doris Riddle, Hettie Dudgeon and Marietta Pruitt.

We will not meet in May since it will be on Memorial Day. We will see you again June 26th.

Beauty Tips

by Leslie Tatum

Play up your eyes for evening by lining inside of lower lids with a soft navy or violet pencil if you are cool or a Jade green if you are warm.

For a greater variety of eye liner colors, slightly dampen the tip of your eyeshadow wand and use an eyeshadow shade to line your eyes.

Use two colors of brow pencil for a more natural look—brows tend to thin with aging so using a brow pencil is important.

Dust a translucent powder over a frosted eyeshadow to give it a matte appearance.



PHS graduate Crystal Clay, daughter of Lamar and Sharon Clay of Post, will graduate from Abilene Christian University May 6. Crystal is a business administration major.



Mrs Penny Rains loaned this photo to us, prior to its placement at the Garza County Museum. The photo was entrusted to Mrs Rains by the late Victoria James Hammett, a life-long friend and Garza County pioneer. A few of the identified men in this first petit jury in Garza County are (back row, left to right) Oscar B. (O.B.) Kelly, first sheriff; J.W. James, one of the first commissioners. Wilks and Jim Power (?). Others are unidentified and anyone able to assist in identifying these men should contact The Post Dispatch at 806-495-2816.

Spring Art Show Awards

by JoAnn Mock

The Post Art Guild concluded its 36th Annual Spring Art Show at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 30 with the traditional awards presentation. Show coordinator, JoAnn Mock thanked each of the artists that participated, congratulated the winners, thanked the members of the Post Art Guild for their work and dedication, and announced the ribbon winners in each category and the following special awards. PAG Presenter's were Marie Neff, Linda Puckett, Jane Mason, Geraldine Butler, and Glenda Morrow. Art Judge, Jammey Huggins of Seminole selected the following as "Best of Show" awards.

1. Judges "Best of Show" Award for Art: was a pastel by Hugh Campbell for "Messyboy Creek".

2. Judges "Best of Show" Award for Photography: went to Robery M. Wert for "Hollyhocks and Blue Gate".

The Citizens Award committee, headed by Jane Mason, collected donations from which one name was drawn. That name was: Victor and Peggy Ashley of Post, who selected an oil painting by Hugh Campbell called "Phronghorn Antelopes".

Peoples Choice Award was given through a vote by visitors to the Spring Art Show. The viewers chose a Bronze sculpture by Ben Miller, called "Troubled Waters".

The Ed Neff Memorial Award, compliments of the Kay Kirkpatrick Family designed to encourage the freshman photographer was presented to Jason Johnson for his black and white photograph of "In the Shadows".

Purchase Awards are from art lovers and supporters that help tremendously with the success of the show by pledging that they will purchase a piece

More Art Show Winners

In last week's issue of the The Post Dispatch some names and categories were omitted from the Spring Art Show.

Oil Paintings

Landscape:
(1) Priscilla Marsh, "Snow Shadows"; (2) Priscilla Marsh, "Blanco Canyon Cottonwood"; (3) Gracie Hodges, "Joy in the Morning"; (honorable mention) Priscilla Marsh, "Peaceful Water".

Landscape with Structures
(1) Hugh Campbell III, "Sanco Store"; (2) Christine Bower, "Untitled"; (honorable mention) Yvette Durham, "Adobe".

Landscape with People
(1) Hugh Campbell III, "Girl Talk"; (2) Helen Clements, "Three Women"; (3) Helen Clements, "The Garden".

Florals
(1) Glenda Morrow, "Large Sunflowers"; (2) Yvette Durham, "Daisies"; (honorable mention) Glenda Morrow, "Pansies".

Community Calendar

Courtesy of Post Main Street Project

Thursday, May 4

7:00 a.m. Post Lions Club at Chaparral Steak House

National Day of Prayer

Friday, May 5

7:45 Garza Theatre—"The Little Foxes"

School Holiday

8th Grade Banquet-Community Center

Saturday, May 6

7:45 Garza Theatre—"The Little Foxes"

Election Day

Sunday, May 7

2 p.m. Garza Theatre—"The Little Foxes"

Monday, May 8

9 a.m. Commissioners Court County Courthouse

Tuesday, May 9

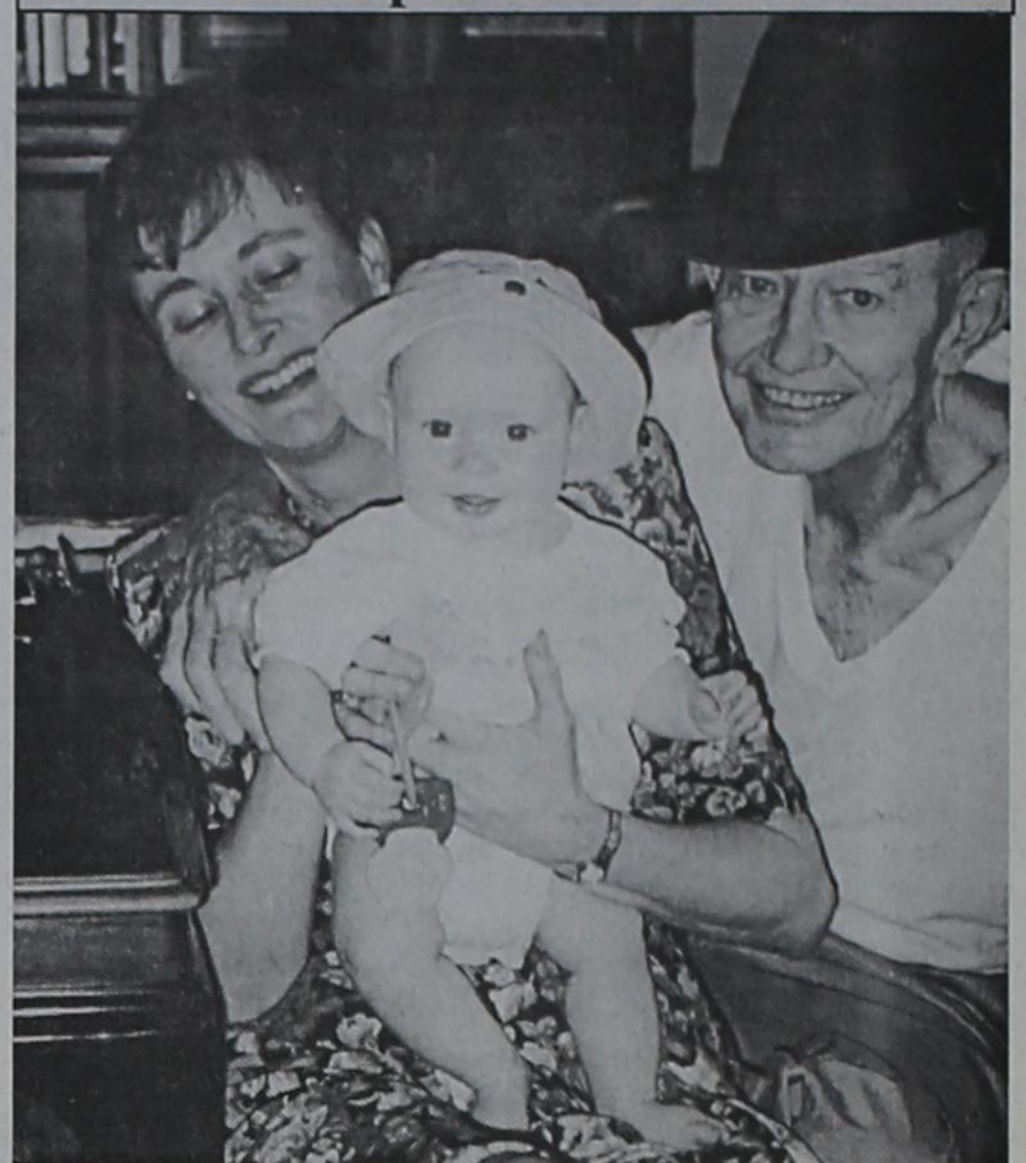
12 Noon—Rotary, Community Center

7:30 p.m.—School board meeting, Administration Office

Wednesday, May 10

8 p.m.—Post High School National Honor Society, Community Center.

Grandparents' Corner



Maury and Bill Shiver have found a lot of joy with their granddaughter Elena Keltner. "Pop and Elena are showing Nana their new hats in this photo," Maury reports in her letter from the Rio Grande Valley. "Elena is six months old. She lives with her parents, David and Larisa in Fort Worth," Maury says. "Elena gets plenty of attention, especially if her Aunt Tiana is around. Elena has been such a bright spot in our lives these past months; she gives us something to smile about."

Bring your favorite grandparent photo to The Post Dispatch to be included in this weekly feature. Photos will be published "first come, first served."

Birth Announcements

Kirstin Sharee Shankles

Lelan Matthew and Shawn Wesley wish to announce the arrival of their sister, Kirstin Sharee on Sunday April 30, 1995, at 2:57 a.m. Kirstin weighed 7 1/2 lbs. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Wesley and Lizz Shankles of Snyder, formerly of Post.

Maternal grandparents are Edna Bilberry and the late L.D. Bilberry of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Christine Shankles and the late Granville Shankles of Post.

Noah Paul William Farris

Nicole Marie Lohr and Rickey Steve Farris Jr. announce the birth of Noah Paul William Farris born April 10 at Highland Medical Center. Noah weighed 3 lb. 12 oz. and was 18 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Jack and Betty Lohr of Phoenix, Arizona.

Paternal grandparents are Noah and Brenda Sweeten of Post and Rickey Farris of Big Springs.

Great grandparents are Clarence and Velma Warren of Post and Hazel Batemen of Sherman.

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Sports

Brad Lawson earns state berth

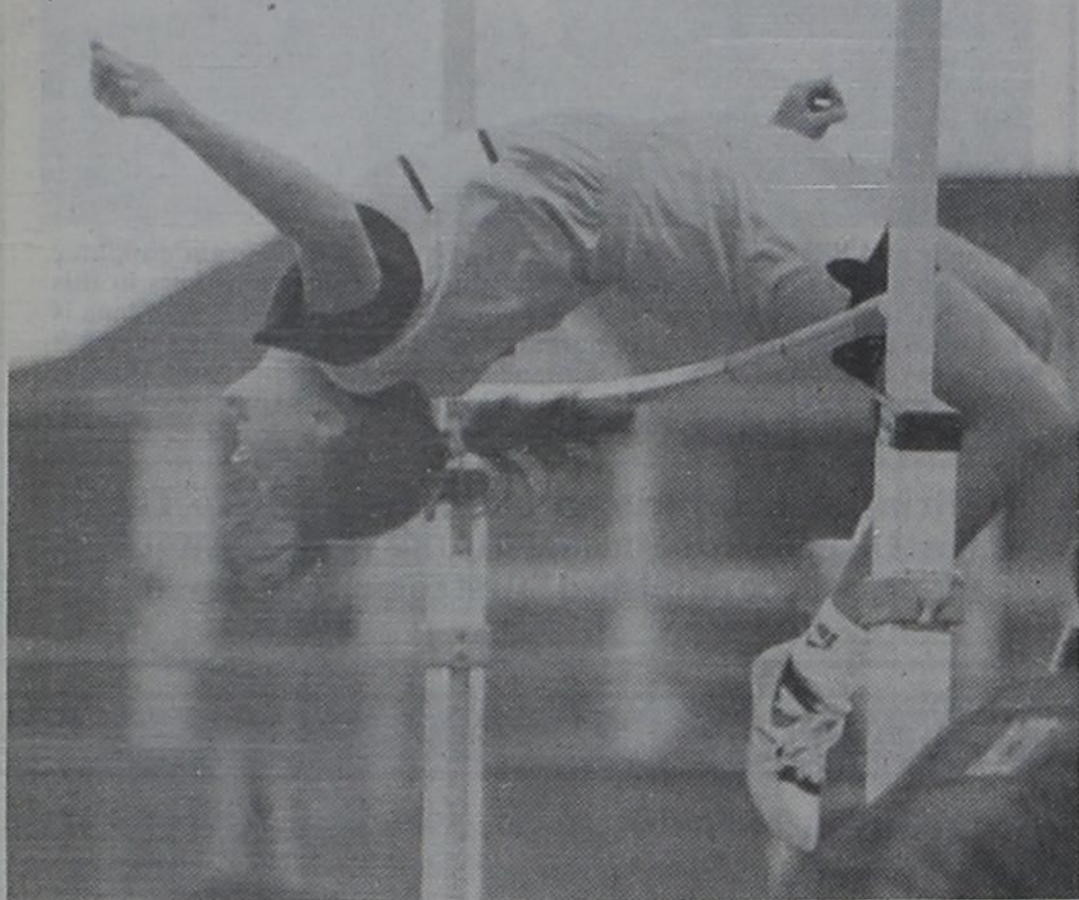
Post Antelope track team member Brad Lawson took second place in the 400 meter dash at the Region 1-2A track meet last Saturday in Abilene, qualifying him for a slot at the May 13 state track meet in Austin.

Lawson's time in the event was 49.4. He placed third in the 200 meter dash with a 21.9 time.

Saul Martinez took fifth place in the 100 meter dash with a 11.04 time and the 1600 meter relay team took fifth with a 3:30.6 time. The relay team is composed of Corey Cruse, Cody Bain, Paul Arausa and Lawson.

The 400 meter relay team of Saul Martinez, Corey Cruse, Freddy Peña and Alvin Reed qualified for the finals but did not place.

Also competing were Corey Cruse in the 400 meter dash and Saul Martinez in the 200 meter dash.



Amber Cooper clears the bar during competition at the regional track meet in Abilene. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Brad Lawson accepts the second place award in the 400 meter dash at the regional track meet. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Lady Lope golfers headed for Austin

The Post Lady Lope golf team outpaced all competitors at the Region 1-2A tournament in Abilene last week, winning a berth at the May 8-9 State Golf Tournament in Austin.

Jill Stelzer led the team in the two-meet regional contest with scores of 85 and 83 for a two-day total of 168.

Holly Hardin followed with 182, Tonya Harp contributed with a 183, Dee Jé Estep finished with 209 and Christie Oden closed with 232.

"We are really proud of these young ladies," Coach Chili Black comments, "and they are anxious to hit the greens in Austin."

The varsity boys' golf team, which won the district championship, placed ninth at the regional competition in Abilene.

Heath Eagle led the team with a two-day score of 155, followed by Jerry Graham at 166, Casey Hart with 175, Slade Bevers at 185 and B.J. Hart with 190.

Puckett, Williams place third at regional tourney

The PHS tennis doubles team of Brandi Puckett and Charity Williams placed third at last week's regional tennis tournament.

In the first round Puckett and Williams defeated Hart's doubles team 6-1, 6-0 then came back in the second round, defeating Eldorado's team 7-6, 6-1.

In the semi-finals Canadian edged the Post girls 6-1 and 7-5, setting up the third place match with Rotan. Puckett and Williams won 7-5, 6-4.

Bertha Soria and Melanie Valdez lost in the first round to Rotan 6-2, 6-1.

Regional track meet disappointment for Lady Lopes

Competing at the Regional Track Meet in Abilene last weekend was a disappointment for the Post Lady Lopes, who place fifth in the 400 and 800 meter relay events and the 200 meter dash.

"I want to commend these young ladies for a job well done," coach Bill Gordon said. "They competed hard and represented Post like the winners they are."

The 400 meter relay team of Tiffany Steel, Amber Cooper, Angela Jefferson and Chelisa Williams placed fifth. The 800 meter relay team, also placing fifth, included Tiffany Steel, Tammy Jefferson, Falisha Jefferson and Chelisa Williams. Williams also placed fifth in the 200 meter dash.

Aleida Marin competed in the 800 meter run and Sharla Cruse in discus and shot put.

Amber Cooper also competed in the high jump and Tiffany Steel ran in the 100 meter dash.

Post sports schedule

Thursday, May 4
7:45 p.m. Little league-Red Socks vs. A's

Friday, May 5
5 p.m. High School baseball, Post vs. Crosbyton
5:30 p.m. Little league-Cubs vs. Dodgers



Brandi Puckett (left) and Charity Williams placed third at last week's Regional Tennis Tournament in Abilene. (Photo by Linda Puckett)

Idalou rips PHS 12-2

Idalou continued its domination in district baseball April 22 with a 12-2 win over Post there.

Roland Basquez had the only hit for PHS, a single in the top of the fifth inning.

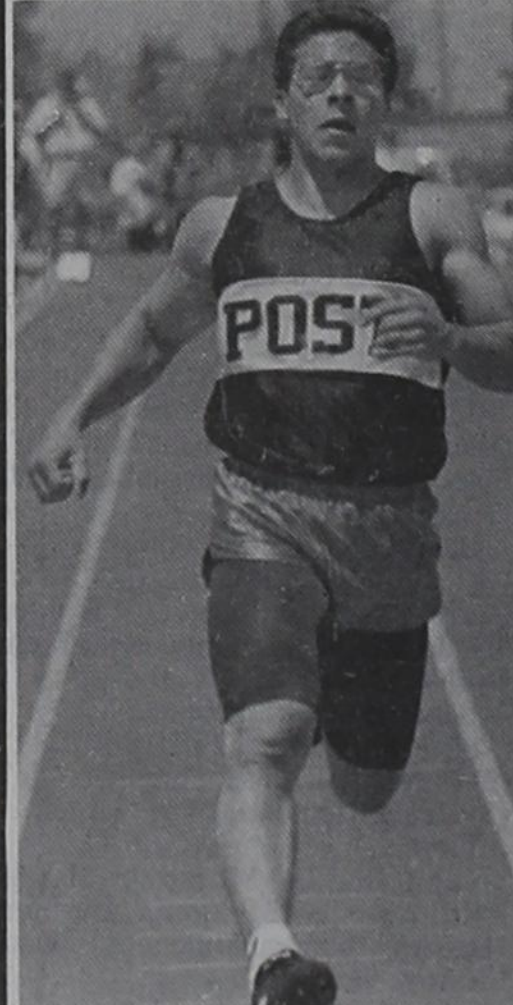
Jeremy Josey had an RBI on a fielder's choice in the fifth.

Anthony Flores scored, making it the score 11-2.

Idalou's Ryan de la Garza walked and stole second. Shawn Bigham then hit a double to right center, scoring de la Garza, ending the game.



Sharla Cruse lets go of the discus at the regional track meet. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Saul Martinez runs the 100 meter dash at the regional meet. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Chelisa Williams pushes hard in the 200 meter dash. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Correction

In last week's issue of The Post Dispatch we incorrectly identified the varsity girls track team, omitting the name of Priscilla Garcia.

Casey Hart takes a close look in preparation for a put during last week's regional golf tournament. (Photo by Barbe Bevers)



Tiffany Steel heads for the finish line in the 100 meter dash. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Amber Cooper takes the baton from Tiffany Steel (right) in the 400 meter relay. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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7th grade girls win District meet

The 7th grade girls won the first place nod at the District 4AA meet in Sundown.

The girls took home three first place ribbons and all were combined efforts. The 400 meter relay recorded an astonishing time of 56.70 with Stephanie Looney, Keisha Holly, Amy Line, and Camie Payne running. The 800 meter relay had the same results with a time of 1:59.48 with Selesia Hernandez running with Looney, Line, and Payne. The 1600 meter relay added Angie Trevino to Looney, Hernandez, and Line to record a time of 4:51.89 to secure first place at the meet.

The triple jump saw three girls leap into three marks. Line totalled a distance of 26 feet 10 inches for second place, Holly jumped into third with a distance of 26 feet and 4 inches, while

Candi Reed captured fifth with a combined total of 24 feet and 4 inches.

The long jump also had three girls soar into marks. Looney captured second place with a jump of 13 feet and 5 1/2 inches and third place went to Holly with a jump of 13 feet and 1/4 inch, while fifth went to Payne for a jump of 12 feet and 7 1/2 inches.

Courtney Bratcher was able to take away second place in the high jump with a mark of 4 feet. Bratcher also took fourth place in the discus with a throw of 52 feet and 3 inches while Kerry Cahill was able to squeak past her for third place with a throw of 54 feet and 7 inches.

Callie Johnson was able to hurl the shotput 21 feet and 7 3/4 inches for a sixth place mark.

The 100 meter hurdles had Holly finish second with a time of 19.64.

The 100 meters had Holly place fifth with a time of 14.64, but Hernandez was able to run away with second place with the time of 14.19.

Lastly, Erin Gregory was able to take fifth place in the 200 meters with a time of 31.86 and ensured the girls the first place trophy in the meet on April 7.

8th grade girls place 2nd at district

by Chip Morris
Texas Tech School of Mass Communications

The 8th grade girls track team took home six first place ribbons and came in 2nd to Sundown at the District 4AA meet in Sundown. Elizabeth Stegal came in first in the discus with a throw of 74 feet and 5 inches and Veronica Pena followed her in second place with a throw of 64 feet and 7 inches.

Kristen Webb tied for first in the shot put with a throw of 26 feet and 4 3/4 inches. Close behind in second place with a throw of 25 feet and 8 3/4 inches was Stegal.

Tasha Gilbert took home two first place marks, one in the 100 meter hurdles and another shared with Kendley and Hannah Jefferson and Erica Gomez in the 800 meter relay. Gilbert also scored a second place finish in the high jump with a leap of 4 feet and 6 inches and received third place in the long jump with a 13 feet and 6 1/2 inch jump.

Jamie Lawrence set a new school record in the 800 meters with a time of 2:41.21, but it still wasn't quite enough to capture first place. Kasey Hardin finished in sixth place with a time of 3:02.64.

With a time of 54.90, Amber Baker easily took first place in the 300 meter hurdles while Pam Chapman took home third place.

Becca Stelzer came in fifth place in the 100 meter hurdles, but was only 2/10 of a second away from capturing third. Erica Gomez and Kendle Jefferson scored fifth and sixth place respectively in the 100 meters, yet both were less than 2/10 of a second behind the first place winner.

Jefferson again found herself in first place in the 200 meters with a time of 28.00 and Lawrence placed second in the 400 meters with a time of 68.50. Hardin and Rachel Reiter both finished fifth and sixth in the 1600 meters with respective times of 6:56.56 and 6:58.32.

Jennifer Strawn, along with Stelzer, Gomez, and Lawrence placed second in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 4:51.27 to finish off a successful meet in Sundown where only the local team fared better.

8th grade boys place fourth at district

by Chip Morris
Texas Tech School of Mass Communications

The Post 8th grade boys came in fourth place at the Sundown track meet on April 7. Charlie Bell was able to break the record for the triple jump with a distance of 37' and 2 1/2", 7" further than the mark set by Jason Wyatt in 1992.

"This group of boys showed a lot of improvement over the course of the season and they all competed well at every track meet," Coach Darrell Radle said following the meet.

District Meet Results
First Place

Tim Quintana, Joey Ward, Frank Reyna, Charlie Bell, 400 meter relay, 48.54

Second Place

Charlie Bell, triple jump, 37' 2 1/2"
Joey Ward, long jump, 17' 1 inch
Charlie Bell, high jump, 5' 4"
Mike Martinez, 2400 meter run, 9:53.51

Charlie Bell, 100 meter dash, 12.15
Steven Ayala, 1600 meter run, 5:29.79

Third Place

T.J. Gaydos, discus, 108' 2 1/2"
Terry Foster, triple jump, 35' 3"
Todd Holbert, 400 meter dash, 58.89

Fourth Place

Joe Don Schoonover, discus, 107' 1 inch

Todd Holbert, pole vault, 8'
Terry Foster, Tim Quintana, Mike Collazo, Charlie Bell, 1600 meter relay, 4:06.45

Fifth Place

Mike Collazo, 800 meter dash, 2:35.75

Terry Foster, 100 meter dash, 12.45
Frank Reyna, 200 meter dash, 26.48

Sixth Place

Todd Holbert, long jump, 16' 4 1/4"

Other team members who also competed in the meet were Daniel Fluit, Chris Dawson, Monty Humble, Brent Justice, Clay Ashley, Rodrigo Ceja, Isaac Perez, Andrew Martinez, Clell Knight, and Mike Felts.



Parents, teachers and students joined in surveying book selections at the Post Elementary School Scholastic Book Fair recently. Reviewing materials at the event are (left to right) Micki Miller, Joyce Tatum, Connie Flores, Chase Miller, Pablo Garcia and Guin Miller. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

7th grade boys win District championship

by Chip Morris
Texas Tech School of Mass Communications

The Post 7th grade boys had a decisive win over all of the competitors at the Sundown track meet with a total of 144 points, 47 ahead of second place. Billy Crawford also had a brilliant day shattering the previous high jump record set in 1984 with a 5' 6 inch leap. Rolando Armendariz held the previous record of 5' 4".

"Everyone competed really hard at the meet and we are very proud of their effort," Coach Darrell Radle said after the first place finish.

District Meet Results
First Place

Adrian Gonzales, discus, 99' 4 1/2"
Billy Crawford, shotput, 37' 6 1/2"
Billy Crawford, high jump, 5' 6"

Braden Conner, 110 meter hurdles, 20.11

Raymond Jefferson, 100 meter dash, 12.43

Billy Crawford, 300 meter hurdles, 50.34

Raymond Jefferson, 200 meter dash, 25.84

Second Place

Braden Conner, high jump, 5' 4"

Dominic Pequeno, 800 meter dash, 2:32.9

Raymond Jefferson, 400 meter dash, 60.14

Third Place

Raymond Jefferson, long jump, 15' 1 inch

R.T. Todd, High Jump, 5' 2"

Fourth Place

Adrian Gonzales, Chris Saldivar, Roque Gomez, Billy Crawford, 400 meter relay, 53.81

Adrian Gonzales, shotput, 33' 11 1/2"

Joseph Martinez, 2400 meter run, 9:33.06

Braden Conner, 300 meter hurdles, 52.88

Fifth Place

Ruben Gomez, discus, 84' 1 inch

Luis Leos, triple jump, 31' 1 inch

John Radle, pole vault, 7'

Marcus Lopez, 800 meter run, 2:40.43

John Radle, 110 meter hurdles, 22.03

Sixth Place

Luke Williams, discus, 73' 9"

Larry Young, shotput, 31'

Jason Fields, pole vault, 7'

Adam Guerrero, 2400 meter run, 9:48.9

Joseph Martinez, 1600 meter run, 6:05

Matthew Ledbetter, Roque Gomez, Billy Crawford, Luis Leos, 1600 meter relay, 4:40.8

Other team members who also competed in the meet were Michael Saldivar, Raymond Silva, Matthew McAllister, Johnny Jefferson, and Jason Howard.



Garza County 4-H Livestock Judging team members display trophies and caps awarded the team for its recent competitions. Team members (left to right) are Kevin Hart, Courtney Melton, Jennifer Josey, Jarrett Bland, Aaron Cooper and Ryan Wulfjen. They are joined by county agent John Senter. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by John Senter, CEA-AG

Same chicken fry, more gravy!

If you had the pleasure of reading the recent exploits of the Garza County 4-H Livestock Judging Team, you will recall that their championship finish at the Clarendon Junior College Judging contest was compared to the proverbial "chicken fry" and the vast number of honors and awards were much like the gravy on top.



Well, guess what, the team came up with one more big dose of gravy and this time it came at the South Plains Extension District Competition Livestock Judging contest. Keep in

mind, that this competition is the highest competition that 4-Hers of this age can compete in. The team members are Jarrett Bland, Aaron Cooper, Kevin Hart, Jennifer Josey, Courtney Melton and Ryan Wulfjen.

There was a total 66 4-Hers representing 15 teams in the contest, which was conducted by The Texas Tech Livestock judging team. Now, hold your plate a little closer for the "more gravy part". The team finished fifth overall in cattle judging with a score

of 340 of the possible 450. Ryan Wulfjen was named high point individual in cattle with a score of 143 of possible 150. In sheep, the team finished second with a 405 of 450 possible. In swine, the team finished second with 277 points of a possible 300.

Individually, Ryan Wulfjen finished the contest as the second high-point individual in the contest with a score of 373 out of a possible of 400 points and the team finished second in the entire contest with a score of 1,022 points out of a possible 1,200.

For the second time in three contests, this team has proven their ability to select livestock in adverse conditions. If you had the displeasure to be out and about on Saturday morning around 8:30, that's a.m., then you know first hand that it was too wet, cold, windy and mostly unpleasant to be spending two hours judging livestock.

This bunch of kids did and they did it well. And, for the second time in three contests, this team did our county and our 4-H program well. If you missed the chance to tell these kids congratulations, then you have a second chance. Make good on the opportunity because they truly deserve to have a big pat on the back - they brought home "more gravy."

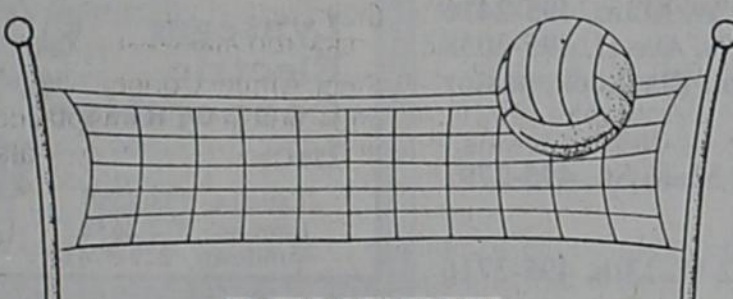
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Obituaries

Charlie C. Cooper

Funeral services were held April 30, 1995 for Charlie C. Cooper, who died April 28 in St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock. Rev. Bob Green, First United Methodist Church, officiated the services in Post. Masonic graveside rites were in the Terrace Cemetery with burial under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Cooper was born June 10, 1929 to Charlie Clyde and Ollie Pearl (Williams) Cooper in Post, where he attended school and graduated. He married Myra Fitzgerald Oct. 14, 1951 in Slaton. He had worked for Piggly Wiggly, Pioneer Natural Gas and retired in 1981 from Energas Co.

Mr. Cooper served many years on the Post Volunteer Fire Department and was also fire marshal. He was a past president of the Little League and also coached. He was a member of the Post Masonic Lodge and was a Methodist.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1929, his mother in 1987 and sister Vivian Ruth Nelson in 1963.

Survivors include his wife, son Steven Cooper of Post, Debbie Ledbetter of Post, grandchildren Lorrye, Matthew, LaRinda Ledbetter, Amber, Quinton, Luke and Aaron Cooper.

Pallbearers were Curtis Williams, Andy Williams, Danny Williams, Nolan Williams, Billy Wayne Williams and Jerry Osborn.

Willie Mae Marlar

Services were held May 1, 1995 at the First United Methodist Church in Post for Willie Mae Marlar, who died April 28 at Golden Plains Care Center, Rev. Bob Green officiated the services with burial at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

Mrs. Marlar was born May 8, 1902 in Chappel, Tex. to Virginia Bell (Boyette) and Jim Matsler. She married Lonza William Marlar Feb. 15, 1936 in Post. He preceded her in death Dec. 5, 1992. Mrs. Marlar had lived in Post since 1985.

She is survived by her daughter Kay Shenk of Oklahoma City, Ok. and grandchildren Lisa Kamp and Gavin Shenk.

Pallbearers were John Tom Bilberry, Larry Bilberry, Shorty Bilberry, Martin Matsler, Johnny Wayne Jones and Gavin Shenk.

Cahill receives honors from Schreiner College

Post resident Keely Cahill recently was recognized for her outstanding academic performance at Schreiner College in Kerrville.

Cahill was named outstanding student in French and recognized for her academic scholarship in math with a 3.0 grade point average or higher in both math and overall studies.

Keely, the daughter of Michael and Joleen Cahill of Post is a freshman math and secondary education major at Schreiner. She is a 1994 graduate of Post High School.

We study history not to be clever in another time, but to be wise always.

—Dr. Laurence J. Peter

Collegiate athletic scholarships available

Over 100,000 collegiate athletic scholarships are available each year to male and female high school and junior college student athletes. Contrary to popular belief, student's don't have to be all state to qualify. Much of this money goes unused. A new publication with forms, sample letters and tables of factual information is available for student athletes. It takes them step by step through the important process of getting an athletic scholarship and includes college and conference listings.

For information on how to get a collegiate athletic scholarship, send a self-addressed (business size), stamped envelope to the National Sports Foundation, 611A Willow Drive, P.O. Box 940, Oakhurst, NJ 07755.

Lunch Menus

Post I.S.D.

Thursday, May 4

Breakfast: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, 1/2 pint milk.
Lunch: Bologna sandwich, french fries, salad, Reece's cup, 1/2 pint milk.

Friday, May 5

School out for bad weather day.
Monday, May 8
Breakfast: Malt-O-Meal, Sausage, Toast, Fruit, 1/2 pint milk.
Lunch: Corn Dogs, onion rings, mixed greens, blueberry cobbler, 1/2 pint milk.

Tuesday, May 9

Breakfast: Blueberry muffins, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.
Lunch: Enchiladas, refried beans, spanish rice, salad, peaches, 1/2 pint milk.

Wednesday, May 10

Breakfast: French toast sticks, syrup 'n butter, fruit, 1/2 pint milk.
Lunch: Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, green beans, pudding, hot rolls, 1/2 pint milk.

Trail Blazers

Thursday May 4

Smothered steak, macaroni and cheese, green beans, tossed salad/1000 dressing, wheat roll, brownies, choice of beverage.

Friday, May 5

Brisket, parsley and new potatoes, okra and tomatoes, apricots, biscuit, frosted cake, choice of beverage.

Monday, May 8

Beef enchiladas, spanish rice, green beans, tossed salad w/tomatoes, crackers, dry Jello salad, choice of beverage.

Tuesday, May 9

Chicken fried steak, french baked potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, oranges and bananas, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, May 10

Chicken and noodles, green peas, cauliflower w/cheese, hot roll, pumpkin crunch, choice of beverage.

Mayor's committee discuss quality of life in Post

by Pat Walker

On April 13, 1995 at 5:30 p.m. the Central Committee of the Quality of Life Committee met in its organizational session at the Chaparral Steak House. Members of the committee present were: Lewis Earl, Pat N. Walker, David Stelzer, JoAnn Mock, and ex-officio members of all committees, Mayor Jim Jackson and City Manager, Rick Hanna. Committee members Jim Plummer and Marita Jackson were absent as a result of a conflict in scheduling.

After determining that a quorum of the committee was present, the meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackson and Lewis Earl was elected permanent chairman of the Central Committee and Pat N. Walker was elected permanent secretary of the committee.

A discussion of the missions and goals of each of the subcommittees was held and among other things determined, it was decided that David Stelzer, JoAnn Mock, Pat N. Walker, Jim Plummer, and Marita Jackson who are now designated as chairmen of the five subcommittees, will serve only as temporary chairs of their particular subcommittee until such time as the subcommittees can appoint and elect a permanent chair and secretary.

It was called to Mayor Jackson's attention, that while it was the intent of the whole committee arrangement to have each City Council person to appoint five people from his or her ward to serve on the general committee, that one of the City Council persons had not appointed anyone.

It was and is the original intention that each subcommittee shall be made up of five people, hopefully one from each ward of the city, plus one of the appointees made by Mayor Jackson, which was not necessarily made according to ward.

Mayor Jackson agreed to urge the City Council person who had not named his members to do so at an early date, but if the same is not forthcoming immediately we will proceed with establishing the subcommittees and, of course, that particular ward of the city will have no representation on any subcommittee. Once these appointments are made they will be allocated to the various subcommittees.

A report was made from the beautification committee, temporarily chaired by Pat N. Walker that the highway department has a matching funds program in which they will help to beautify and enhance the entry ways of all the highways coming into Post. The Highway Department would actually prepare and present the plan for consideration of approval. Matching funds are on 50-50 basis with the city being able to provide its share of what is called "in kind" services. It was also recorded that this type of matching funds is also available for rehabilitation and upgrading of South Lake.

It was the consensus of those present that once the subcommittees are established that it will require anywhere from 6 to 8 months to do all of their investigative and research work and be prepared to make a recommendation to the City Council. It was recognized that this undertaking is a massive undertaking and is the first time known to any of those present that the City of Post has actually sought through committee membership a broad based input from the citizenry of what they want to do and where they want the City of Post to go.

Prior to adjournment it was agreed that the next meeting of the Central Committee (this group) would be at 5:30 p.m. at the Chaparral Steak House.

Thursday, April 24, 1995 and that the general meeting of the committee as a whole would be set for May 18, 1995 at 7 p.m. to be held at the Chaparral Steak House.

A 7:45 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

LVNAT Division 18 May meeting set

Licensed Vocational Nurses Association of Lubbock, Texas, Division 18 will meet May 8, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The meeting will be held at Horizon Specialties Hospital. The hospital is in the building that was formerly West Texas Hospital.

Featured speaker for May will be Twila Alberston. She will be speaking on "True Colors." One continuing education hour will be earned by those attending.

Division 18, Lubbock, urges all nurses to attend meetings, seminars, and conventions to earn their continuing education hours. A seminar will be held in Austin on May 4, 5, and 6th. Several Division 18 members plan to attend the seminar. Between 10 and 13 C.E. hours can be earned by attending the seminar.

Division 18 will return to St. Mary of the Plains Hospital for our June meeting. Dr. Donald Naegle will be the featured speaker.

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The mad bomber

by Paul D. Jones, Minister

Much has been said and written about the MAD BOMBER in Oklahoma City. Questions like, "If there is a God, how could He allow this to happen" have been asked. An answer might be that He allowed it like he allows wars, droughts, etc. We do not know the mind of God, except for what He has revealed to us in His word. We do not know the outcome of the who, why, etc of the bombing, but there is one thing we can know because the Bible gives us the answer. GOD WAS NOT THE AUTHOR OF THE BOMBING.

What goes on in the mind of a deranged person is a mystery to us. But the MAD BOMBER did not get his anger from the Bible. There is no way that anger towards the government for misusing its power in Waco (if it did) can justify killing innocent people in Oklahoma City. A deranged mind might make a connection and justify it, but a normal person would never do so. It was the absence of God in the mind of the bombers that caused the bombing.

In Romans 1:28-ff, we see the problem. We will not give all of the verses, just the ones applicable to this article. God gave some over to a DEPRAVED MIND. Included in that list are: murder, inventors of evil, without understanding, unloving and unmerciful. No matter what the government has done, it will never justify killing innocent people.

In Galatians 5:22-23, God says we are to be a loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, self controlled people. The MAD BOMBER violated every one of those. It was the absence of a GOD CONTROLLED MIND that caused the bombing. It was the mind of folks given over to Satan that did the nasty work. Read all of Gal. 5 and compare to what happened in Oklahoma and you will see the mind of the flesh at work.

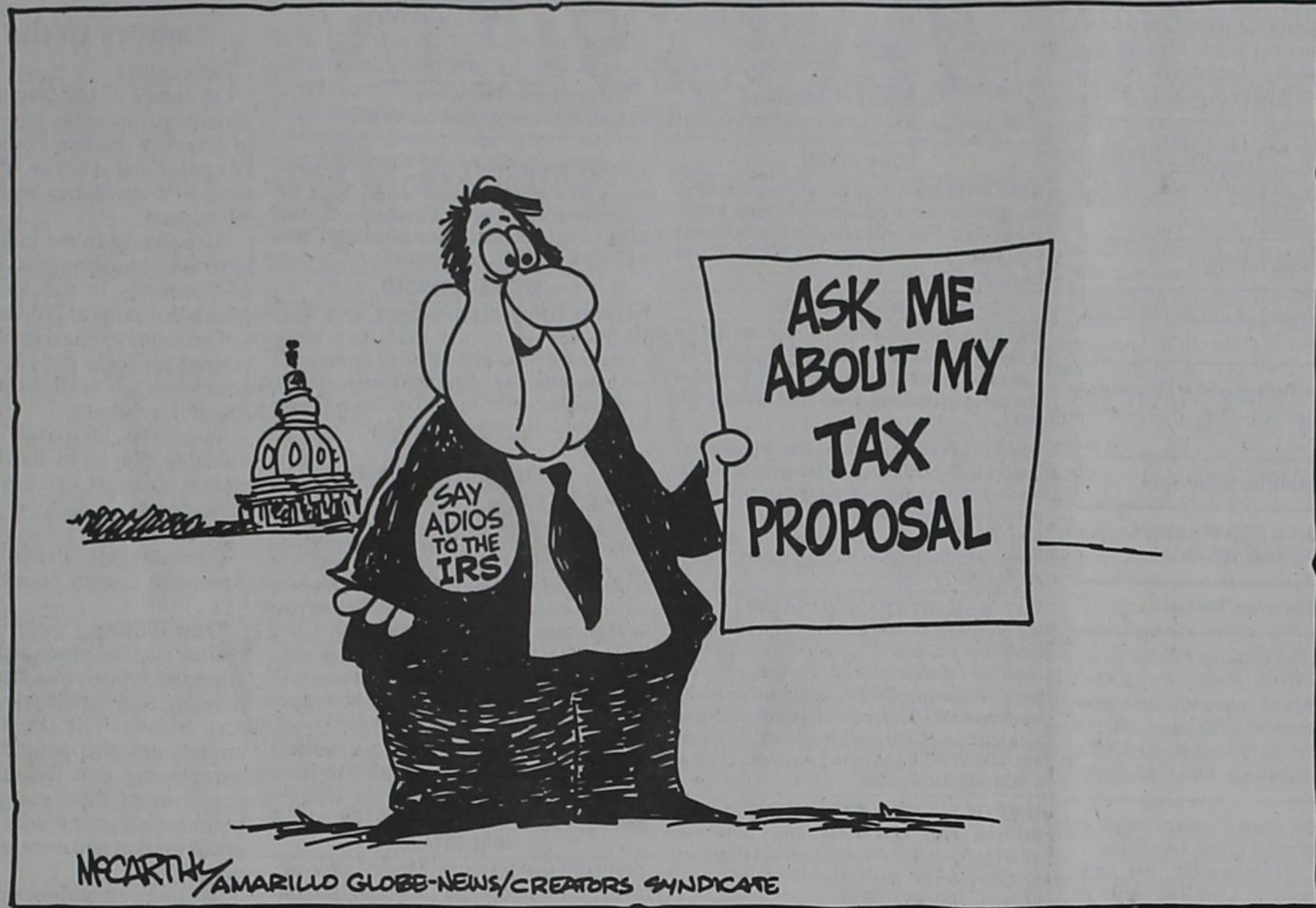
When we find ourselves with a hangup on something, we must stand back and see where it will lead us. A constant feeding on getting even will lead to getting even, no matter the cost to self and others. It is the same frame of mind that leads abortion opponents to kill abortionists. Killing is not wrong for one and ok for another.

Our hearts go out to the families across this great country that have been hurt by the blast. We must strive to live a GOD FILLED life that helps others. We must let our minds dwell on things that are good (Phil.4:8). It is through godly folks that an unbelieving world sees a loving God.

The MAD BOMBER has caused anguish and death. He has scarred people for life. God was not a part of his thinking process. We see the results of a godless life. May we never do that, or approve of those who do.

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Opinions



The real income tax burden, and how to escape it

by Stephen Chapman



Tax proposals are generally not the stuff to make the blood race, but when Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar announced his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination last week, the loudest cheers greeted his one-point plan for the income tax: Abolish it. The flat-rate income tax is today's cutting-edge Republican fashion, but next to Lugar's recommendation, that idea sounds about as daring as painting racing stripes on a Pinto.

The flat tax proposed by House Republican Leader Dick Armey of Texas has obvious virtues — comparative simplicity and ease of compliance, discouragement of wasteful tax-avoidance schemes, promotion of greater efficiency and growth. It would clear out all the underbrush of the existing Internal Revenue Code, allow taxpayers to fill out their 1040s on a postcard and force a lot of accountants and lawyers to find honest work. It would be a considerable improvement over the status quo.

So why doesn't it stir enthusiasm outside of economics departments and Chamber of Commerce lunches? One reason is that it doesn't do what most Americans want, which is to level the IRS headquarters and sow the ground with salt. A flat tax, being an income tax, retains some of the worst features of the existing system — the burden on taxpayers of keeping records and filing forms, the unending invasion of privacy for 250 million people, the ever-present threat of an audit, the fear of punishment for honest mistakes.

Most people yearn for the days of Thomas Jefferson, who said that "it may be the pleasure and pride of an American to ask what farmer, what mechanic, what laborer ever sees a tax gatherer of the United States." Today, many Americans have far too much contact with tax gatherers, and the flat tax would not appreciably reduce it.

The proposal has another deep fault as well: No one has any reason to believe that a simple flat tax will remain simple — or, for that matter, flat. In 1986, Congress overhauled the tax code and slashed rates, but that tax reform didn't last forever. Since then, new complications have been added and rates have been increased.

This is no accident. As long as the income tax is in place, it provides an irresistible temptation to elected officials of every ideological stripe to fiddle with it for one worthy purpose or another — or one special interest or another.

Every new loophole creates pressure to raise rates. Every increase in rates creates pressure to open new loopholes. And so on and so on, until we are back to where we started, having achieved nothing but a lot of pointless confusion. Enacting a new, flat-rate income tax is not likely to break the pattern.

For that, you need the Lugar solution: End the cycle by ending the income tax. Building on a plan drafted by Boston University economist Laurence Kotlikoff, he would replace it with a national retail sales tax, set in the neighborhood of 17 percent, on all purchases. This, writes Kotlikoff in a new study for the Cato Institute in Washington, "might be the one tax that would have enough clarity and simplicity to put an end to our politicians' constant, and very costly, tinkering with taxes."

Only consumption would be taxed, creating a strong new incentive to save and invest — something badly needed, given the dismally low levels we see today. The economy would get a powerful boost, besides escaping the burdensome drag of compliance with the income tax.

The poor could be protected, and a measure of progressivity assured, in a number of ways. Rebates for the first \$5,000 in purchases could be sent to everyone, on the assumption that everyone spends at least that much. Or certain fundamentals, like food and medicine, could be exempted, as they are from some sales taxes in some states.

A national sales tax has all the advantages of the flat tax and then some: Ordinary Americans would no longer have to deal with the IRS; would no longer have to keep track of every nickel of earnings and document every deductible expense; would no longer have to fear investigation and prosecution. We would pay our taxes at the checkout counter. Most of us would realize the fondest dream of every April 15: never seeing another tax form.

One of the chief objections to our tax system is that it costs too much — which a sales tax, like a flat tax, would not solve. But much of the resentment felt by Americans grows out of having to account for so much of what should be private matters to federal agents who have the power to ruin our lives. The sales tax would solve that problem, which is why it makes other tax reforms look like mere variations on misery.

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She married him because of his name...

by Robert Fulghum



First, I'm going to tell you two love stories. Then, I'll tell you why I'm telling you these love stories. These are not my stories. The first belongs to William Blythe of Palo Alto, Calif.: "New Year's Eve, 1947, I'm a high-school senior. It's the night of the school party, and I have a big date with a cute blond I'd dated a few times before. "After extensive negotiations with my older brother, I wangle his car for the night. Wash car. Shine shoes. Arrive on the dot at Judy's house. (I'm using real names here: I hope to heck she reads this.) "Judy is not home. Gone. Split! I find out later that I've been stood up for a college man. "I'm confused, hurt and angry — in that order — for about 30 minutes. But I go to the party anyway — and meet a REALLY cute, blond sophomore I'd not noticed on the campus before. Bonnie. I take her home after the party. "The long way. "It's now three kids and 48 years later. Bonnie says she married me for my last name: Blythe. A better reason than some have, I suppose. Makes her Bonnie Blythe. And she is. Both. Wonderful wife. Wonderful life. Thanks, Judy, for standing me up." The second story belongs to Colie McLain of Tahlequah, Okla.: "He was 5 foot 9 and slim, with a Tommy Lee Jones smile and big brown eyes sparkling with intelligence and humor under eyelashes so long and thick and dark they could have been store-bought. His name was Danny O'Neal. "He was so fascinated by my mind and the unusual nature of my character that he really didn't care that I was fat and plain. "He devoured my prose — he'd pause to comment, so impressed that his eyes would water up — then he'd start hollering that I should be making at least a perfunctory effort to get published. "He was Peter O'Toole with a Southern accent and a double dose of testosterone. "At the time, my mother, my best friend and worst enemy, the light and power of my life, was dying. I couldn't find a job or quit smoking or cope with a man. So, one day, I just lost my mind and had my daughter, Christie, tell him I had left for Cincinnati to marry a cop. "There was no cop. It was a ploy. Madness. "If you should see Danny O'Neal, please tell him this: My mother died. I have recovered and changed quite a bit. I quit smoking. I have a wonderful career that's better than anything I ever expected, and it just keeps getting better. "There is still no cop in Cincinnati. I am still single. I am saner. All men still pale in comparison to Danny O'Neal. I'd like to see him just one more time. To start over or to get over — either would be nice." These are just two of the several hundred real-life stories of love and romance I've received over the last three years. Most real-life stories I could not have made up if I tried. Many are so outrageous they would have to be made down to be believed. Why do I have them? In one of my books, I told several tales of my own about love and asked readers to send me theirs. The resulting mail has been amazing. The stories are too good to keep to myself — so I've decided to publish a book of the best ones under the title of "Real-Life Love Stories." All royalties received will be given to Habitat for Humanity and the American Red Cross. Do you have a unique love story? Want to submit it for the book? Type it up, and send it to me as soon as possible in care of Love Stories, 319 Nickerson, Box 155, Seattle, Wash. 98109. If yours is chosen, we'll give you credit or you can remain anonymous. No compensation will be provided except the pleasure of sharing your story and knowing you joined me in raising money for a good cause. In reviewing what we have now and looking for gaps, there's a need for more letters from men, from the very young and from the very old. But all love stories are welcome. Who knows? Maybe there'll be several volumes. COPYRIGHT 1995 ROBERT FULGHUM DISTRIBUTED BY CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

The incivility of government breeds unrest

by Walter E. Williams



The people of Oklahoma City suffered an unspeakable tragedy last week. It was a cowardly act worthy of national condemnation, and the perpetrators must be punished to the fullest extent of the law. Civil authorities, who made quick work of capturing at least one of the villains, and all the Americans who pitched in to help are to be commended. As we sift through the rubble of this terrorist act, we must ask whether it's an omen for our future or an isolated act of an evil person. Civility is fragile. Its maintenance requires rule of law, respect for private property and, above all, limited government. History is full of examples of how easily civility can unravel and how decent people can become barbarians themselves or become sympathizers to barbaric acts. We need only look at Germany, Ireland or Sri Lanka. For close to a half century, our nation has been trashing the rule of law and constitutional principles. As a result, we have been creating widespread legitimate anger and a climate for incivility. Hotheads, kooks and provocateurs never get far by themselves. To be effective in recruitment, they must be able to appeal to and exploit legitimate grievances of the ordinary citizen. Congress, acting on the behalf of interest groups, has been creating large numbers of decent Americans with legitimate grievances. These are people who find, and accurately so, that neither Congress nor the courts afford them protection or redress against the heavy-handed injustices of government. Here are just a few examples of the injustices: "In *Oliver vs. United States* (1984), the Supreme Court held that governmental "intrusion upon open fields is not (an) unreasonable search proscribed by the text of the Fourth Amendment." Therefore, the highest court in the land has sanctioned the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and other agencies to trespass upon private property. "Marinus Van Leuzen, age 74, of Port Bolivar, Texas, filled in an unsightly mosquito-infested pool of water on his quarter-acre lot upon which his house sat. Federal District Judge Samuel Kenton found Leuzen guilty of destroying wetlands and ordered him to restore the pool of water (now it's covered with algae and scum), plus pay a \$350 monthly fine. Using the Chinese communist tool of forced public confession, Judge Kenton ordered Leuzen to erect a billboard on his property acknowledging his guilt. "The Corps of Engineers brought successful suit against Robert Brace, a third-generation Waterford, Pa., farmer, for destroying wetlands. Brace had removed debris created by beavers building a dam from a drainage ditch on his farm. Brace is now subject to hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines, jail and loss of his farm. "Other legitimate grievances without recourse are the civil seizures of the property of innocent people in open disregard of the Fifth Amendment. The Endangered Species Act allows dangerous predators to roam ranches, killing stock and sometimes killing or injuring people. Then there's government mandated race and sex discrimination under the euphemism affirmative action. "Literally thousands of other examples can be found where law-abiding, decent Americans have legitimate grievances without recourse. If we are to lower the level of anger, frustration and resentment, and defuse the potential for more people to take up arms and become ready recruits for fringe groups, we must demand a return to the rule of law and constitutional government. I'm afraid we're going to do just the opposite in the wake of the Oklahoma City disaster: call for more gun control and wage a propagandist war against hundreds of thousands of America's militia members. COPYRIGHT 1995 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

Death to the Department of Education

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Why do we have the U.S. Department of Education? If an immediate, self-evident answer does not enter your mind, it's not your fault. There is no answer. Luckily, while the "why" of the Department of Education (DOE) proves elusive, the "what" is far simpler. What is the Department of Education? It is a prototypical example of Washington's recipe for problem solving: Take one vaguely defined goal (optional) and add large amounts of taxpayer money, several layers of bureaucracy, and a generous portion of centralized power. Next add a dose of good intentions and a splash of government paternalism, mix well.

Of course the product of that recipe is like most concoctions that have emanated from Washington in the last 50 years. It's a flop. Even worse are the obstinate cooks who think that adding a little more of this and that and stirring a little more will somehow turn this mess of government goop into a utopian soufflé. The truth is that the best solution may be, not to start again from scratch, but to burn down the whole kitchen.

Regardless of the issue, it is clear that more money and more government intervention do not produce desirable results. Education provides an excellent example of that truism.

For most of America's history, education has been a state or local issue. There are two main reasons for that. First, the Constitution makes no mention of education. Regardless of policymakers' good intentions, our government is one of enumerated, and thus limited, powers. A federal role in education is quite simply unconstitutional.

Federal education policy also violates common sense. Who has a greater vested interest in the quality and type of education that children receive, a bureaucrat in Washington or a concerned parent? Is it better for some mysterious board of nameless intellectuals to determine what students in Tucson, St. Louis, and Albany study, or for those communities to decide the curricula that best suit their particular students? Is it efficient to send tax dollars to Washington so Washington can send them (or part of them) back with federal spending requirements and endless strings attached?

Education, like most things, operates best on the lowest level where those directly involved have not only the power of the purse but the impetus of self-interest to guide policy.

Given our history of decentralized education, how did the United States end up with a federal Department of Education? In 1976 the National Education Association (NEA), the powerful teachers' union, endorsed candidate Jimmy Carter for president. It was the NEA's first endorsement of a candidate, due largely to Carter's campaign promise of creation of a cabinet-level department of education.

Once elected, despite his rhetoric about downsizing government, Carter pressed on with his plan for the new education department. The department was not created in response to impassioned cries by the public for a new federal bureaucracy; its creation in 1979 was Carter's making good on his promise to one of the largest labor organizations in the country. Rep. John Erlenborn (R-Ill.) called it "a political payoff in every sense."

Any criticism of the DOE and its origin, however, pales in comparison with its abysmal 16-year record. The DOE's budget has ballooned 121 percent since 1979. However, pupil test scores have not improved, nor has the public's general perception of the overall quality of American education. Rather, the DOE has been a textbook example of burgeoning federal power and federal spending at the expense of states and local communities. While Washington still pays less than 10 percent of per pupil costs, the tentacles of federal control squeeze individuals ever tighter. One need look no further than the ongoing controversy over the blatantly politicized proposed history standards or the Goals 2000 program, which ties funds to federally mandated curriculum requirements, to see the direction American educational policy is taking.

It is time to reexamine education in America. The first step is to send the ill-conceived Department of Education on a permanent summer vacation.

Wisdom

(A good government is one) "which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread that it has earned."

Thomas Jefferson, inaugural address

We the People

of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article 2
 (Continued from last week)
 Section 1

Section 1. The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four Years, and, together with the Vice President, chosen for the same Term, be elected as follows:

Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress; but no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector.

The Electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote by Ballot for two Persons, of whom one at least shall not be an Inhabitant of the same State with themselves. And they shall make a List of all the Persons voted for, and of the Number of Votes for each; which List they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the Seat of the Government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the Presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the Certificates, and the Votes shall then be counted. The Person having the greatest Number of Votes shall be the President, if such Number be a Majority of the whole Number of Electors appointed; and if there be more than one who have such Majority and have an equal Number of Votes, then the House of Representatives shall immediately chuse by Ballot one of them for President; and if no Person have a Majority, then from the five highest on the List the said House shall in like Manner chuse the President. But in chusing the President, the Votes shall be taken by States, the Representatives from each State having one Vote; A quorum for this Purpose shall consist of a Member or Members from two thirds of the States, and a Majority of all the States shall be necessary to a Choice In every Case, after the Choice of the President, the Person having the greatest Number of Votes of the Electors shall be the Vice President. But if there shall remain two or more who have equal Votes, the Senate shall chuse from them by Ballot the Vice President.

The Congress may determine the Time of chusing the Electors and the Day on which they shall give their Votes: which Day shall be the same throughout the United States.

No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.

In Case of the Removal of the President from Office, or of his Death, Resignation, or Inability to discharge the Powers and Duties of the said Office, the Same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the Congress may by Law provide for the Case of Removal, Death, Resignation or Inability, both of the President and Vice President, declaring what Officer shall then act as President, and such Officer shall act accordingly, until the Disability be removed, or a President shall be elected.

The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them.

Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:—"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

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