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Trustees accept federal mandate for testing bus drivers

by Wes Burnett

Beginning in August 1995, all Post ISD bus drivers will be tested for alcohol and drugs, as the board of trustees took action to comply with federal law. Trustees had discussed the issue at the April meeting and after establishing .02 as the level of alcohol to determine immediate termination of employment, the new policy was approved.

The local policy is based on recommendations from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), which has measured the policy to the mandates of the 1991 Omnibus Transportation Employee Testing Act. That federal legislation requires alcohol and drug (controlled substances) testing of employees performing safety-sensitive functions in aviation, motor carrier, railroad and mass transit industries. For school districts, these testing requirements apply to every employee of the district whose employment entails operating a commercial motor vehicle and holding a commercial driver's license.

Districts with fewer than 50 such drivers must implement the testing program before January 1, 1996. Post ISD superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain recommended the testing begin in August, prior to the beginning of the school year. There was no opposition by board members to the testing program.

In other action, trustees accepted Dr. Bain's recommendation to contact the engineer who supervised the installation of the ventilating system at the new middle school gym. The board heard a report from Jim Voss, who had been requested to survey the problems with the ventilation system. Voss explained that the noise and vibration were symptoms related to installing the unit inside the building and the air flow through a restrictive filter system. He recommended slowing down the speed of the motors and to allow the dampers to open before the fans begin to pick up full speed. Currently, when the ventilation fans start to operate the air dampers open slowly, which creates a vacuum and pulls the fan units toward the wall. In full use, the fan units vibrate, and hanging from the ceiling create the impression that they might fall. Dr. Bain said that he had heavy chains installed around the units and mounted to the steel framing, but still, the noise and the vibration were difficult.

Trustees set June 3 for the special run-off election for the two year unexpired term for Place One. Mrs. Joy Dickson will serve as election judge and Mrs. Kay Has as early voting clerk. May 6 election results were accepted, with Alexa Collier and Jeff Lott serving three year terms.

Board members elected Barbara Hardin to continue as president, Mark Kirkpatrick as vice president and Jeff Lott as secretary.

Dr. Bain was certified to serve as the Regional Advisory Committee Representative to Region 17.

Following an executive session, trustees approved adding Rosalind Phillips and Gilbert Murray to the substitute teacher roster. No action was taken on a discussion about salary schedules for auxiliary personnel.

At the opening of the meeting certificates of recognition were presented to PHS valedictorian Lorena Voss and salutatorian Holly Hardin, PHS historian Brant Windham and honor graduates Charity Williams, Salli Bush, Casey Hart, Bitt Sims, Tonya Harp, Amanda Bush, Sonya Harp, Cody Bain, Katina Davis, Kenneth Schronk and Ray Perez.

Other certificates were presented to the PHS girls' golf team; vocational ag and FFA members Roger Daugherty, Shad Blair, Jason Blacklock, Chad McDougal, Jeff Redman, Tonya Harp, Nancy Morris, Heath Eagle, Micaela Eagle; PHS U.I.L. state qualifiers Macee Mills, Alisha Nelson, Kathy Gerner, Jill Stelzer and Lorena Voss;

U.I.L. Regional awardees Sonya Harp and Jason Fry; Middle School One-Act Play cast Kayla Huff, Rebecca Stelzer, Daniel Fluitt, Erin Gregory, Candi Reed, Amy Line, Matt Cooper, Callie Johnson, Kerry Cahill, Chris Metzgar, Courtney Bratcher, Kelli Collier, Kasey Hardin, Monty Humble, Rachelle Jones, Tasha Gilbert, instructors Pam Humble, Candace McConnell and Kathie Rankin; Middle School U.I.L. Laci Williams, Davida Gregory, Brandi Gunn, Brandon Kitchens, Jennifer Morgan, Jessica Garza, Lindsey Rudd, Yvonne Lopez, Kevin Hart, April Line, Dianna Williams, Kelci Hart, Scotty Gaydos, Erin Gregory, Chris Metzgar, Adrian Gonzales, Camie Payne, Matt McCallister, Keisha Holly, Braden Conner, Kerry Cahill, Latricia Martin and Michael Collazo and Middle School track record setters Charlie Bell, Billy Crawford and Jamie Lawrence.

Attending the meeting were trustees Gary Workman, Rex Cash, Mark Kirkpatrick, Jeff Lott, Alexa Collier and Barbara Hardin.

Garza County tax office closes for equipment installation

The Garza Tax Office will be closed from May 22-24 "as we take steps improving the way we do business," tax assessor Chita Hataway reports. "Our employees are about to undergo training on the new Registration and Title System, or RTS," she added.

This \$40 million dollar automated system is a project of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Its development began in 1987 to replace a manual system that was becoming obsolete because of the state's growing vehicle population.

As statutory agents of TxDOT, this tax office processes registration and title transactions in addition to collecting the appropriate fees.

"We will be using RTS to continue that work. The system brings enhancements in the level of efficiency and customer service," Hataway added.

Registrations will be updated in the system within 48 hours, instead of the usual six to eight weeks. "This will be of considerable benefit to all law enforcement agencies and the general public. Garza County residents will get their vehicle titles within two weeks, not ten weeks," she said.

"RTS is also expected to reduce the amount of time it takes for our customers to wait in line," Hataway continued. "That's because tax office employees will no longer rely on paper forms to process each transaction. Instead, the data will be entered on a series of computer screens. This method of capturing information at the point-of-sale also provides a more accurate way of collecting and reporting registration and title fees to TxDOT."

"We have worked closely with state government to make RTS a reality. The system is now being implemented across Texas. All 254 counties are scheduled to be on the network by December 1995," Hataway added.

This tax office will open its doors again on May 25. "At that time, we will begin using the new system to perform registration and title transactions. As with any new system, some startup problems are possible," Hataway concluded.

Sales tax rebate indicates healthy economy here

Another increase in the sales tax rebate to the City of Post indicates a continuing upward trend in the local economy. The state comptroller's office reported a total of \$22,176.39 in sales tax reported for sales in March and quarterly returns for January, February and March.

The 1995 total is 13.29 percent ahead of the 1994 payment of \$19,573.67. The total for 1995 is \$88,001.45, up 13.02 percent from the 1994 total year to date of \$77,861.95.

The total rebate to all Texas cities was \$176.7 million for a 1.5 percent increase for the same period in 1994.

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Lorena Voss (seated) earned fifth place in the State U.I.L. literary competition in poetry reading and Jill Stelzer took third in ready writing. The two PHS seniors were coached by Joy Pool (left) and Sandra Alexander.



Coach Chili Black (right) is joined by the 1995 PHS Lady Lope golf team following their victorious return from Austin where they placed second at the state golf meet. Members of the team are (left to right) Secret Bilbo, Jill Stelzer, DeeJé Estep, Tonya Harp, Holly Hardin and Christie Oden.

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Post Notes

School bands in concert May 18, 21

The Post ISD music department will showcase the talents of elementary and middle school ensembles at the Elementary School auditorium Thursday and Sunday afternoon.

Fourth and fifth grade choirs will perform with the fourth grade recorder class and the fifth grade band at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday the sixth, seventh and eighth grade bands and the sixth and seventh grade choirs will perform at 2:30 p.m.

"Admission is free and everyone is encouraged to attend. Music selections for the concerts are all fun and enjoyable songs, a delightful and entertaining afternoon is guaranteed," band director David Lewis says.

4-H newsletter important

"4-H Happenings," the Garza County 4-H newsletter, was mailed to all 4-H members and families May 4. The newsletter has information on camps, beef project activities and other items that are of utmost importance. Those who did not receive the newsletter should call the extension service office at 495-2050.

Scholarship fun established

Post High School, in association with the James Pollard family, has begun an annual scholarship in memory of James Pollard. Those who wish to donate to this scholarship fund may do so by contacting the high school office at 495-2770.

Summer rec program starts June 5

The Garza County summer recreation program will begin June 5 and continue through June 29. The program operates Monday through Thursday at the Post Middle School gym from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Art Guild features photography

The Caprock Photographers will be the featured exhibits through June 15 at the Post Art Guild in the Algeria Art Center. The public is invited to visit the exhibits Monday through Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. and Friday and Saturday of Old Mill Trade Days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

GCJLA horse show May 20

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association horse show will be held Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m. at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena. Entries are due in the Extension Office by 5 p.m., May 17. Pee Wee entries are due at the same time.

'Little Foxes' continues at Garza Theatre

Directed by David Weaver, "Little Foxes" continues its run at the Garza Theatre through May 21. The drama features an all-star cast starring Penny Small, Jon Steele, Jane Prince Jones, Rick Gilbert, Jeremy Danial, Mitchell Britton, Cheri Brooks, Velma Roberts and Bill Lyon. Tickets may be ordered by calling the box office at 495-4005.



Brad Lawson accepts the bronze medal on the winners' stand at Memorial Stadium in Austin. The PHS senior took third place at the state track meet in the 400 meter dash. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

'Music of the 50s' features Donnie Allison, Travis Williams, Rex Thomas

Ticket sales are brisk for this Saturday's "Music of the 50s" at the Tower Theatre, featuring such popular talents as Donnie Allison, Travis Williams and Rex Thomas in the Don Caldwell production.

Other performers include Sheena Fadeyi, Crystal Collection, Todd Caldwell, Kyle Abernathie and the Lubbock Texas Rhythm Machine. They will be performing hit music of Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, The Everly Brothers, Little Richard, Roy Orbison, The McGuire Sisters, Fats Domino and Bill Haley and The Comets.

The show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Lily Dale's, Citizens Bank, Norwest Bank, the Hotel Garza and at the door.

Reservations may be obtained by calling 495-3461 or 495-3854. Admission for the show is \$7.50.

Head Start registration continues

Parents or guardians of income eligible children who are three years old on or before Sept. 1, 1995 may register for Head Start services May 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 212 S. Ave. E.

The program offers child development services, physical and dental exams, nutritional, social and educational services.

To determine eligibility parents or guardians should be prepared to present birth certificate, immunization, Medicaid card and social security numbers for all in the family and proof of income.

For more information call 495-2554.

Up and Down Main Street

by Wanda Mitchell, Post Chamber of Commerce

I was reading a book titled "100 Things I'm Not Going to Do Now That I'm Over 50" by Wendy Reid Crisp and I decided it might be fun to pick out a few of my favorites and share them with my readers:



- 1) I'm not going to.....answer the telephone just because it is ringing. Sometime you are not in the mood to talk anyway so why do we feel we must answer the phone?
- 2) I'm not going to.....sing quietly. In our church, people seem to try to see who can sing without being heard. I like to sing loud because it makes me feel better so if you had rather not hear me, sit somewhere else.
- 3) I'm not going to.....be nice. Compassionate, loyal, thoughtful, kind, generous, tolerant, fair—but not nice. (Not that I ever was even

- before I was over 50.)
- 4) I'm not going to.....mistake silence for maturity. Those who don't talk obviously have nothing to say. Still waters don't run deep. Some don't run at all.
 - 5) I'm not going to.....put on a "happy face". I refuse to grin and nod when it is something I don't agree with or something that I don't think is funny.
 - 6) I'm not going to.....buy anything in a chain store that can be purchased from a locally owned business. The people in our town have been co-workers and friends for 37 years now and I know I can depend on them and our town can depend on them. To me, this is a real bargain.
 - 7) I'm not going to.....stay calm. Among the many pieces of bad advice that women have been given (Smile, Be Nice, Look Pretty), "Don't Panic" is near the top. Panic is nature's way of telling us something is terribly wrong, and so what if your antenna occasionally activates on a

wrong signal? Would you rather be embarrassed or dead?

8) I'm not going to.....quit. Churchill said "Never ever ever ever give up," and Joplin sang, "Freedom's just another word for nothin' left to lose." Somewhere between Winston and Janis is glory.

9) I'm not going to.....give up on my friends or dwell on my enemies. When it comes to my friends, I'll go to the Nth degree (just like Norwest Bank) but I have no energy to waste on anyone else.

10) I am going to.....enjoy every day that I can. I'm going to watch my children and grandchildren grow and become stronger by the day. I'm going to go dancing every time I can and see as many of my old friends as possible whenever I can. After all, this is no dress rehearsal.

This is a big weekend for Post. The Junior-Senior Prom is Friday night so we will have a bunch of beautiful young people on the town. I hope they all have a great night and a safe one.

The Tower is really going to have a big show this weekend. It is 50's music again and the line-up of talent is awesome.

Donnie Allison, Travis Williams, Sheena Fadeyi, Rex Thomas, Crystal Collection, Todd Caldwell, Kyle Abernathie, and of course, Don Caldwell and the Lubbock Texas Rhythm Machine performing hits of: Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, The Everly Brothers, Little Richard, Roy Orbison, The McGuire Sisters, Fats Domino and Bill Haley and the Comets.

We have had a lot of calls from people who saw this show in Lubbock and want to come to Post and see it again so hurry and get your tickets.

You can buy tickets at Norwest Bank, Lily Dales, Hotel Garza or the Chamber of Commerce office.

Karla Leslie will be previewing three area towns this week on Channel 28 News. Post, Crosbyton and Quitaque will be featured on May 16, 17, or 18.

She didn't know what the order would be but we will be on one of those nights. If you are away from home, set your VCR so you won't miss this promotion for Post.

The Awards assembly for Post High School will be Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium so be sure to attend if you can.

We have so many high school students to be proud of and we need to show our support.

Have a good week and don't forget to.....TAKE PRIDE AND TAKE PART IN POST.

Alissa Mitchell receives journalism scholarship

Post resident Alissa Mitchell recently received a journalism scholarship from Baylor University for the 1995-96 school year.

Mitchell is currently a freshman journalism major at Baylor. She received the Mr. and Mrs. Carmage Walls scholarship.

Baylor recently awarded more than \$55,000 in scholarships for journalism majors and announced several journalism awards during the Journalism Awards Banquet April 11.

Births

Keri Ann Peel

Kraig, Shirley and Shayla Peel are pleased to welcome a new member to their family - Keri Ann. Keri was born April 26th in San Angelo and weighed 7 lbs, 10 oz.

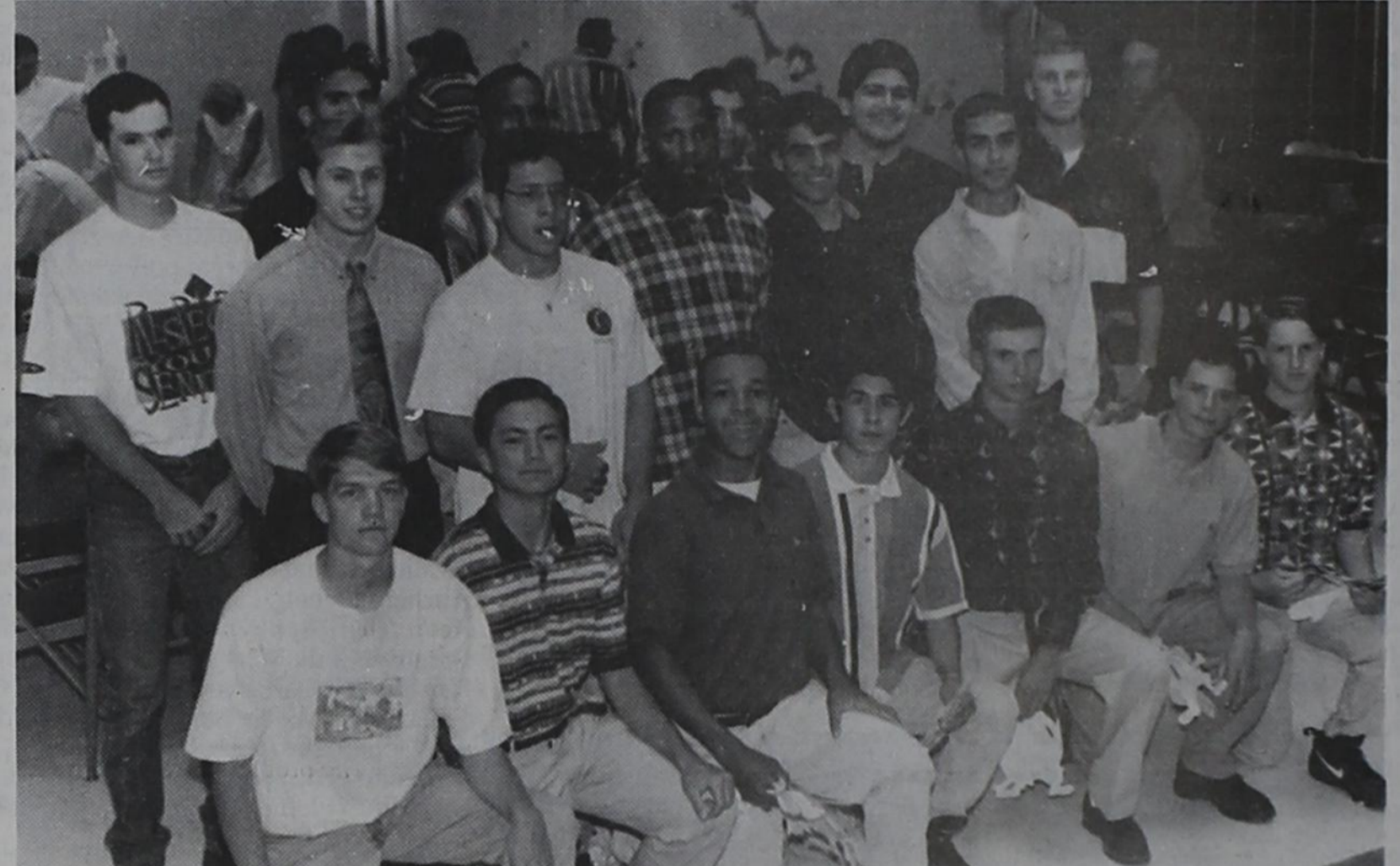
Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Greer of Rankin and Jeri Hefflin of Wickett.

Paternal grandparents are Janet Fowler of Lubbock and Lonnie Gene Peel of Post.

Paternal great grandfather is Lonnie Peel of Post.



Post High School athletes honored at last week's athletic banquet sponsored by the Antelope Booster Club were (back row, left to right) Holly Hardin, DeeJé Estep, Christi Oden, Tiffany Steel, Melissa Williams, Chelisa Williams, Amber Cooper, (front row) Falisha Jefferson, Tonya Harp, Jill Stelzer, Angela Jefferson and Sharla Cruse. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



Getting special recognition at last week's Post High School athletic banquet were (back row, left to right) Stewart Childers, Javier Saldivar, Corey Cruse, Manuel Zubia, Ray Perez, Russ Bird, (middle row) Chris Ashley, Saul Martinez, Alvin Reed, Sammy Zubia, Paul Arausa, (front row) Cody Bain, Josh Grisham, Brad Lawson, Freddy Peña, Heath Eagle, B.J. Hart and Jerry Graham. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Salli Bush honored with luncheon

Salli Bess Bush was honored with a graduation luncheon Saturday, April 29th in the home of Donna Craig. Dressed baked potatoes, cheese and spinach quiche, cheesecake and flavored iced teas were served. The tables were covered with black cloths, centered with black and gold roses and accented with teddy bears.

"Ode to Salli B" was read by author, Donna Craig, relating to Salli's upcoming graduation.

Special guests were her mother Judy Bush, her grandmothers Vada McCampbell and Lucille Bush, and sisters Trevah and Traci Bush.

Those attending were: Holly Hardin, Nancy Morris, Shayla Wallace, Amanda Bush and Hostesses, Mrs. Craig and her daughter Rene' Adece of Amarillo.

Salli will be a freshman at Abilene Christian University in the Fall.

Slaton Art Show June 17

The twenty-fifth annual Exhibition Art Show sponsored by the Women's Division of the Slaton Chamber of Commerce will be Saturday, June 17, 1995. The Art Show will be held at Slaton's Texas Avenue Opry House-Community Center (across from the bank) at 161 Texas Avenue.

Terry Keltz from Slaton, Texas will be the juror.

Entry fee is \$5.00 per entry, no limit. Proceeds go to the Women's Division of the Slaton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund. Entries will be received at the Texas Avenue Opry House in Slaton, Texas on Friday, June 16th from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday morning, June 17th from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

For further information, contact the Slaton Chamber of Commerce at 828-6238, Sally Estes at 828-5111 or Kay Reed at 828-5129. Entry forms are available in advance by contacting the Chamber office.

Beauty Tips

by Leslie Tatum

Here is a quick and easy color analysis so you can find the best shades for you as you shop for your spring and summer wardrobe.

If you are naturally a Brunette: You will look best in deeper, brighter blue-based shades.

Blonde: (with skin that tans easily), look for cool, powdered blue based shades.

Redhead: (with delicate skin), choose make-up and clothing with warm, golden hues.

Blonde: (with fair pale skin that burns easily, might have red shadings in hair), look for clear bright warm shades.

Hint: Never assume that brown, earth tones look good on everyone. They don't. There are cool earth tones and warm earth tones. Choose the ones that work best for your natural coloring.

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Grandparents' Corner



There's something about being a grandparent that brings out the best in us all... and Thessa and Jackey Harp are setting the example with their grandchildren Allison and Ashlee Massey of Abilene. They are the children of Dustin and Amber Massey. We hear U.S. 84 and IH 20 are well traveled these days.

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



Second place winners at last Saturday's benefit volleyball tournament hosted by the First Baptist Church were team members (back, left to right) Suzanne Overton, Rhonda Norman, Tonia Fluitt, (front) Phil Tyler, Darryl Smith and not in photo Lanny Copeland.

Around Town

Clubs and organizations in and around Garza county

Green Thumb Garden Club

by Margaret Barley
I wish she wouldn't do that! Everytime I tell my sister I have been to Garden Club, she says, rather smugly, "and what did you learn about gardening?" Come on, now! So the Rotarians learn about "Rotarying" and the Lions learn about "Lioning"? That doesn't mean we gardeners should be expected to learn about "gardening"? We do, however, think we have found the perfect use for all that good stuff that grows in gardens.

Picture yourself. It's May 11th. Your standing in front of the bar at Annie Laura Francis' house. Before your eyes is the most magnificent array of salads you have seen in a long time, (perhaps since last September, since that's also how we start our year). So what's the problem? The problem is to get some of everything on the one plate they are going to let you have. Easy, you say! Ha!

As we passed the bar, (not two-by-two, that was after we ate), we performed skill with those salads you can only imagine. Enthusiasm, persistence, pride and skill came through winner again. I'm sure this pride was felt by all: Thelma Epley, Ida Jones, Irene Mitchell, Gladys Blair, Shorty King, Alma Williams, Carlene Kyle, Marion Wheatley, our hostesses Sybil Cockrum and Annie Laura, our two guests, Fleta Caffey, who later became a member and Sybil's niece, Frankie Little. Didn't notice whether Fleta had a natural ability for plating, but an sure with a little training she will do just fine.

Miserable though we were, we did enjoy our installation of officers for the coming year. This is always a very moving and touching ceremony and Ida Jones always does it beautifully. Carlene Kyle will be our new president. (that doesn't mean we had an old president before, just means for the coming year), Edna Owen will be vice-president, and Alma Williams will be secretary-treasurer.

Has been a fun, food-filled year. Everyone have a great summer!!

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

—Dr. Laurence J. Peter

Gamma Mu enjoys Garza Theatre

Gamma Mu members attended the play "Fiddler on the Roof" and dined at the Pizza Hut for their April meeting. Hostesses were Jana Bullard and Metta Tyler.

A discussion was held concerning the book sale fundraiser. Those in attendance were: Shellee Odum, Jana Bullard, Dana Holly, Melanie Morris, Cathy Hill, Metta Tyler, Debbie Webb, Ofelia Hoover, Nita Jo Heckaman and Deborah Guinn.

The May meeting was held at the Nazarene Church fellowship hall. Members were treated to a salad supper. Hostesses were Dana Holly and Melanie Morris.

Items under discussion were scholarship fund nominees and the election of new officers. Those elected for the 95-96 term are as follows: President, Nita Jo Heckaman; Vice-President, Debbie Webb; Treasurer, Jana Bullard; Secretary, Christina Jones; Yearbook, D'Ann Bishop and Activity Directors, Dana Holly, Traci Bush, and Melanie Morris.

Members in attendance were: Metta Tyler, Nita Jo Heckaman, Christina Jones, Traci Bush, Judy Massey, Jana Bullard, Dana Holly, D'Ann Bishop, Shellee Odum, Melanie Morris and Ofelia Hoover.

WTC offers computer training class

The Continuing Education Division at Western Texas College will be offering computer training in "Windows" beginning Tuesday, May 30th. The four day class entitled "Windows: An Introduction", will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Post High School through June 8th.

In brief, the course will provide the beginning as well as the advanced computer students with enough information about Microsoft Windows to run a vast array of software applications and execute basic computer skills. No knowledge of Windows or computers is required. However, individuals with computer experience will find the class very challenging as operating Windows will open an exciting and creative path in their use of the computer. Individuals participating in the course will receive certificates of completion and will be awarded continuing education credit.

Melvina Moore, computer and business instructor for Post High School, will instruct the course. Cost for the course is \$30 plus \$13.21 for the course textbook.

Individuals wishing to enroll in the course should contact the Continuing Education Division at (915) 573-8511 ext. 390 before May 26th. Class space is limited and pre-registration is required.

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Letters to the Editor

Takes issue with 1/2 cent sales tax effort

In the May 10, 1995 edition of the Post Dispatch, I read the column of the Post Chamber of Commerce in which the writer takes the City Council to two tasks for what she denominates as "foot dragging" and urges the council to get into high gear to impose a one-half sales tax on all non-exempt sales made in the City of Post. This tax, once enacted, is on non-prescription medicine, clothing, many food items, and practically anything you buy.

What the writer of this letter denominated as "foot dragging," better informed people who are knowledgeable about the action being taken by the City Council, would consider the council's action to be "prudent government."

To set the record straight, the City Council, acting upon request made to it in January of this year, has appointed a citizens committee of 31 people. Each City Council person has appointed 5 members, and the Mayor of the city has appointed 6 members. Temporary chairman of the 5 committees, youth involvement, industrial development, beautification, parks and recreation, and arts and culture, are in place and the overall committee will be meeting May 18, 1995 at the Chaparral Steak House to there select their own chair of each committee and get to work.

It is the consensus of the steering committee that it will take at least 6 months of study and recommendations before all of the 5 committees can make an exhaustive study of their field of study and report back to the

City Council. Once the committee has studied all of the areas they have been assigned to study, they will report back to the council with a recommendation for a 5 year program of quality of life improvements in the City of Post. The committee is also expected to recommend to the City Council either that we go forward with the one-half sales tax to be applied to the results of the committee's studies or to recommend to the council that nothing be done. If the committee recommends to the council the institution of a one-half sales tax and the council feels that the same is justified and in the best interest of the people of the City of Post, then and only then will the City Council call an election for the imposition of a one-half sales tax.

While the writer of the letter eludes to the fact that Post is unique and different from most other small towns, I agree with this, but she seems to take us to task because we do not participate do what other towns are doing.

Without naming the people to whom credit is due, there are several members of our steering committee who are giving many hours of their time and their staff's time to this committee without cost to the City of Post or expectation of reimbursement or remuneration for their service.

All organizational committee meetings have been and will remain open to the public; and, the Post Dispatch in each occasion of a committee meeting has been furnished a copy of the minutes and have in fact been invited to attend all committee meetings.

Jim Jackson
Mayor, City of Post, Texas

Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by John Senter, CEA-AG

1 X 5 = 2/3 !!

This equation may seem a bit strange but, before this writing is done, it will all make perfect sense. I'm sure that as you view this problem, all of your arithmetic skills don't help much, so let me clear up this one for you.



If you've been a follower of this article for the last month or so, then you know that each time it appears, it seems that some more of our Garza County 4-Hers have done something noteworthy. Well, we have more news to report. Just to refresh your memory, you will remember that the County 4-H Livestock Judging team placed second in their District contests and, one county 4-H Rifle team placed second in their district contests.

Now for the next chapter in the "accomplishment" book. The Garza County Share-the-Fun talent team

placed second in their District contest, this past Saturday in Levelland.

The team members were: Jerrica Tyler on vocals; Braden Conner, fiddle and harmonica; Brooks Conner, guitar; Laci Williams, keyboard and Brody Conner on fiddle. The group finished second in the Junior 2 category of the District 2 4-H contests and this was a first in recent history. As I have begun to enjoy doing, let me remind you that these kids are all less than 13 years old. The team was coached by Karen and Tony Conner and what a job they did.

Now to clear up the above problem: the 1st time these 5 members competed in the talent contest, they finished 2nd! And that is the 3rd consecutive time a 4-H group from Garza County has accomplished that in the last thirty days!

Now that you have the key to the math problem, the answer seems simple. However, the answer just might be that our county 4-H program has begun to consistently be recognized on the District level and that in itself is a problem - a high class problem! Tell these five kids congratulations they are among the group that deserve your applause.

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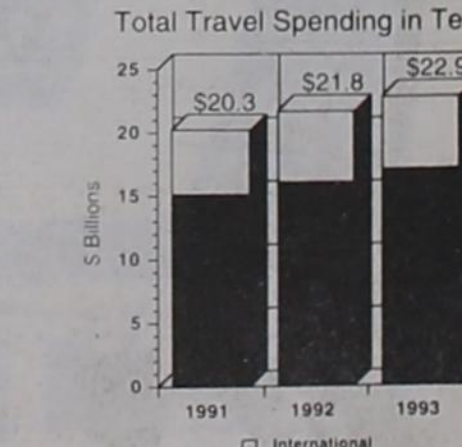
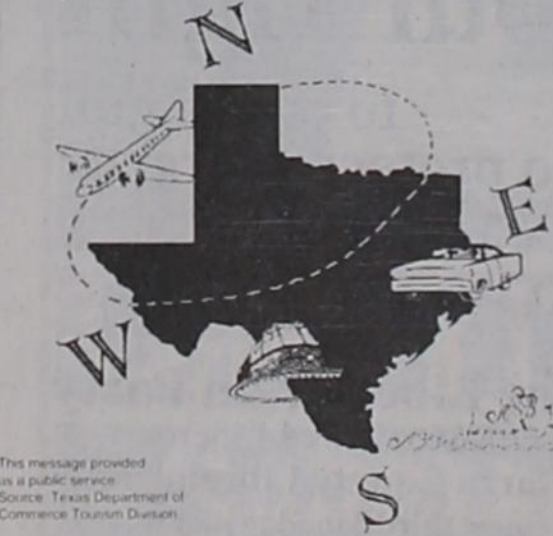
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Nixon family returns to home place for windmill

Three of Artie and Ruby Nixon's children with their spouses returned to Garza County recently, not so much for a family reunion, but to join hands in saving the old windmill at their parents' home place near Grassland.

It only took one day for Bryan, Doyle and Dale Nixon, to disassemble the windmill. They spent more time visiting and remembering their growing up days on the farm three and one half miles west of Grassland. They had help with the project from Gary Hutchens windmill service from Tahoka, who took down the windmill, laid it down and pulled the pump from 100 feet below the surface.

The windmill was prepared for transportation and moved to Meridian, Idaho, where Doyle and Dale continue to farm the land Artie bought in 1950. The windmill will be refurbished and put back into action there.

The Grassland place that Artie and Ruby Nixon farmed was a Double U project which came complete with a house, barn, cellar, windmill and fence. They rented and farmed the land. The wood tower and windmill was replaced in the spring of 1933.

Bryan and Doyle remembered the event, watching as the old mill was taken down and the new steel tower stood up. "I remember seeing this process," Bryan says, but Doyle only remembers that the windmill was there in 1981 when he came through here from Akron, Ohio to Phoenix, stopping to see his birth place.

"The old windmill was standing but many sails were missing from the wheel," Doyle said. Again last year he came through and saw that the wheel now had no sails. Wondering who owned the land, and for a chance to buy the windmill, Doyle found Jerald Huffaker of Tahoka and was able to purchase the old mill.



Nixon family members meeting here last month to dismantle the homeplace windmill were (left to right) Bryan and Betty Nixon, Jasper and Mary Nixon, Dale and Pam Nixon and Dorothy and Doyle Nixon. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

The work on getting the mill ready for transportation went so well, that the three days planned for work ended up being completed in one day. Their

cousin Jasper Nixon from Glendale, Ariz. arrived to surprise the brothers, but himself was surprised to find them lounging around at the Hotel Garza, having already finished.

Jasper went ahead and gave each of the brothers and their wives special caps, emblazoned with "Nixon Conference, April 24, 1995, Grassland, Tx."

"It was dad's teaching his sons about work that made this project go so smooth," Doyle said.

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The Nixon boys lowered the windmill from their parents' homeplace near Grassland, preparing to transport it. Working together on the project are (left to right) Dale, Doyle and Bryan Nixon.



Nixon brothers Dale (left to right) Bryan and Doyle join hands in digging out the foundation of the old windmill at their parents' homeplace near Grassland.

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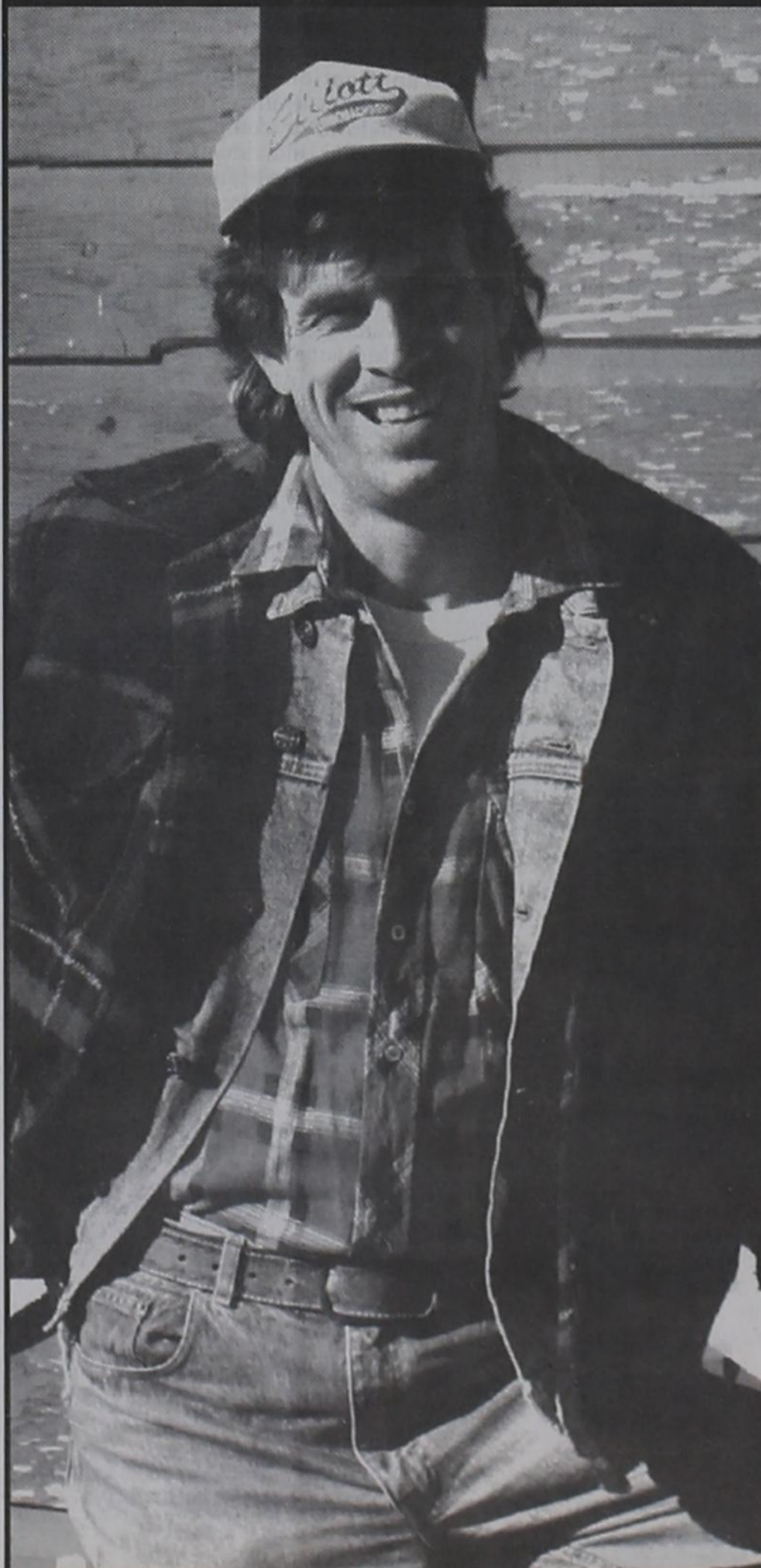
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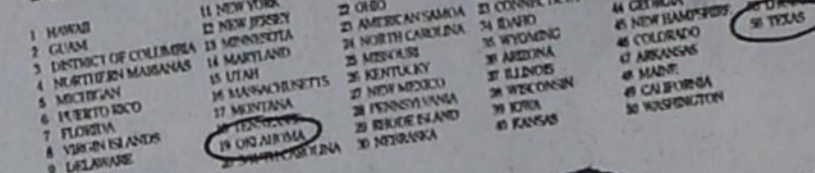


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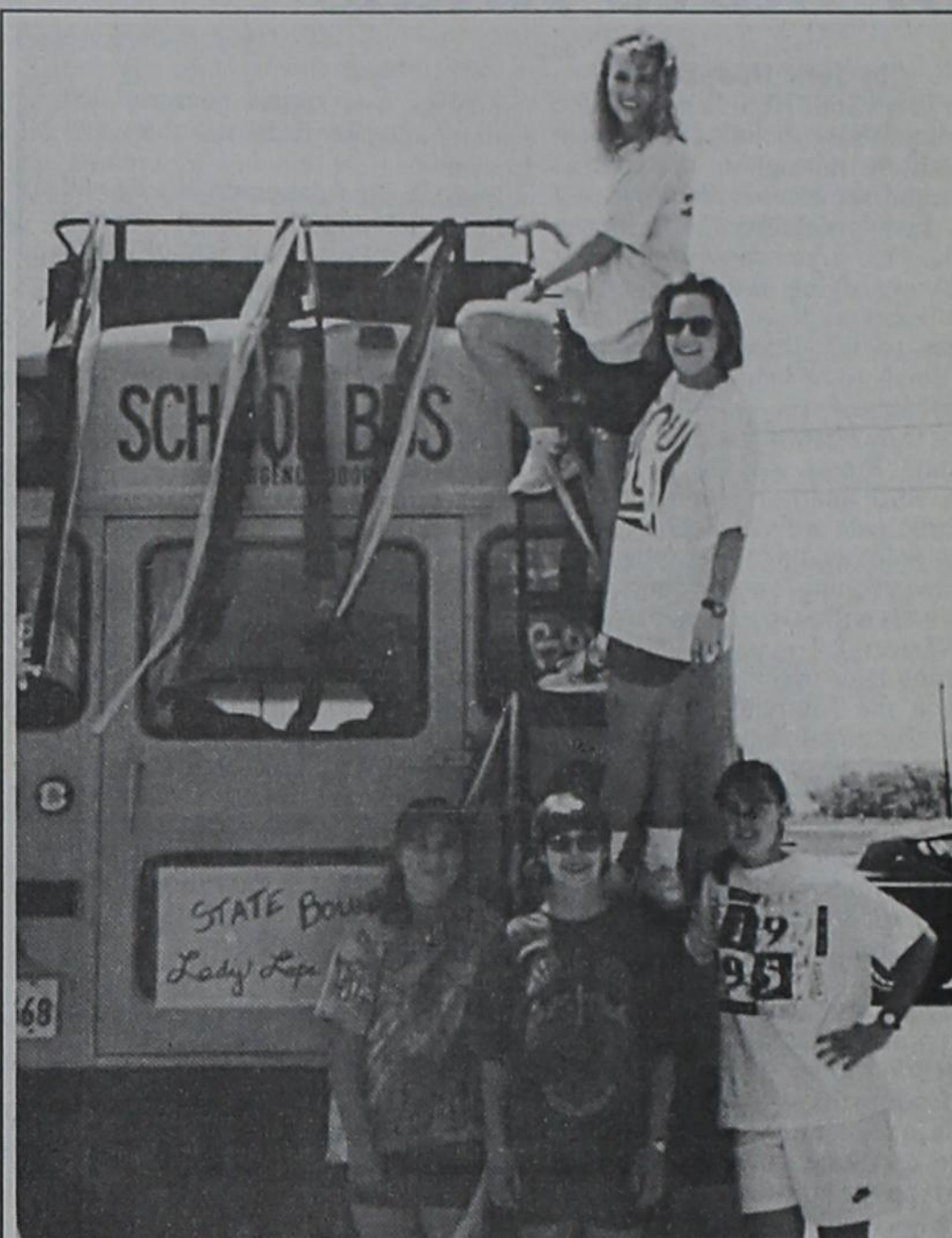


PHS golf coach Chili Black (left) holds the State Golf Tournament Second Place trophy, joined by team members (left to right) Holly Hardin, Jill Stelzer, DeeJé Estep, Tonya Harp and Christie Oden.

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Holly Hardin takes time to show off the silver medal she earned at the State Golf Tournament.



Getting ready to board the bus for the trip to Austin last week are PHS championship golf team members (bottom) Secret Bilbo, Tonya Harp, Christie Oden, (top) Holly Hardin and DeeJé Estep.

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Jill Stelzer beams with pride after earning a silver medal at the State Golf Tournament.



Tonya Harp steps up to the winners' table for her silver medal.



DeeJé Estep is all smiles at the winners' table with her silver medal.



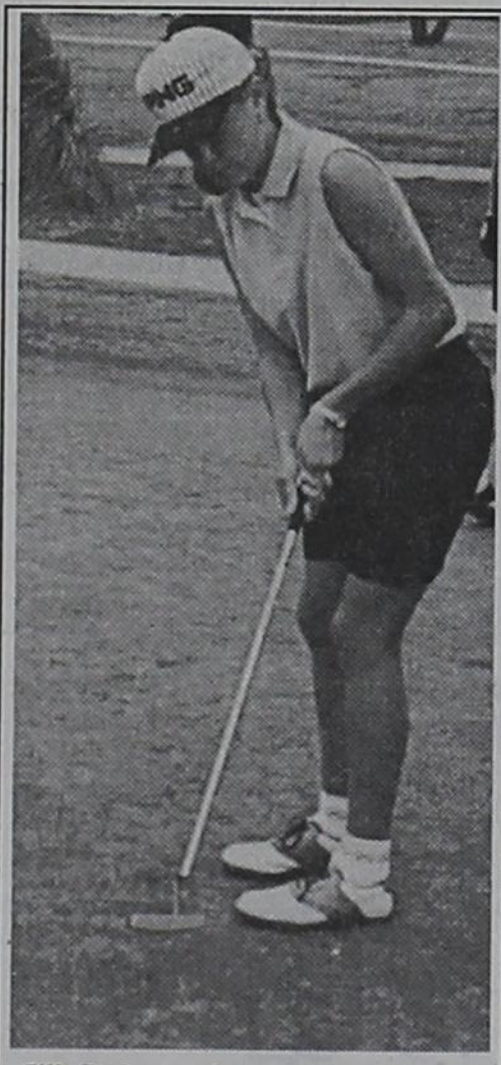
Christie Oden (left) and DeeJé Estep get ready for action in Austin.



Christie Oden proudly displays her silver medal following tournament results in Austin.



Tonya Harp follows through on a putt while getting ready for action at Austin.



Jill Stelzer takes a practice shot preparing for action in Austin.



Holly Hardin practices her putting preparing for action in Austin.



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Sports

Post riders head for state finals

by Julie Hudman

The Texas State High School Rodeo Association has concluded its regional competitions throughout the state as the second semester is drawing to a close. Five youth from Post began attending the high school rodeos last fall. By qualifying in the top slots of each Texas region students may advance to the Texas High School State Finals to be held in Abilene the week of June 4-10.

Girls from Post who will be going to the State Finals are Cassie Short, Talina Bird, and Lori Hudman. They will participate in events such as barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, and breakaway roping. The top contenders from Texas will earn a chance to go to the National Finals in Gillette, Wyoming later in the summer. Texas has won the National High School Rodeo Championship Title for four years in a row.

Post boys who competed this past school year are Clay Johnson and Sky Moore. They entered rodeo events such as tie-down calf roping, ribbon roping, and team roping. Boys may also enter the three rough stock events, steer wrestling, and cutting horse contests. Clay is the son of Clarice and Mike Johnson, and Sky is the son of Melvena and Delton Moore. Although they are not attending the state finals this year, Clay is in contention for rookie of the year in Tri-State Rodeo and Sky has started the spring with high standings in the High Plains Junior Rodeo shows.

Texas is divided into ten high school regions. Post is so located that students from here may choose to compete in either Region 1 or Region 2. Telina will be competing in Region 2 and Lori and Cassie will be competing in Region 1 this year. Region 1 ranges all the way from Canadian, Texas to Snyder and across to New Mexico. Region 2 incorporates towns south of us such as El Dorado, Fort Davis, and San Angelo.

In many cities the high schools sponsor rodeo clubs and those towns host rodeos during the weekends of both the fall and spring semesters. Students must maintain passing grades and attend a certain percentage of the rodeos in order to keep participating. Students must be in grades 9-12 and may participate in one or more rodeo events. They are eligible for prizes, money, and even college scholarships during these years of high school eligibility.

Competition in Texas High School Rodeo has reached a level of expertise and athleticism that is second to none. Besides meeting deadlines for weekly entries, and training and caring for their horses and other stock, students and their families spend untold hours hauling to and from the competitions. But the reward is great for those contestants who love the thrill of the sport.

Rodeo is a sport born of our American West. In all but the bullriding event the contestant works as a team with his or her powerful steed. The Quarter Horse has been billed as "America's Fastest Athlete." Capable of covering a quarter of a mile in some 21.5 seconds on the race track, performance horses portray a speed and grace beyond any other animal. To control and cue these horses in their respective events the riders must possess mental preparation, tedious coordination, and a great deal of courage.

These three girls representing Regions 1 and 2 in the State Finals have ridden since very early ages. Together they have competed in

numerous 4-H shows, junior rodeo circuits, and open rodeos, derbies, and futurities.

Cassie is the daughter of Lea and Johnny Hair and Mike Short. She is a freshman at Post High School where she played basketball and golf this past year. She was also involved in U.I.L. meets and maintained the "A" honor roll in her studies. Besides being a member of high school rodeo, Cassie is a member of the Tri-State Rodeo Association and the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association.

Talina is the daughter of Cindy and Jay Bird. Talina is a sophomore, and she enjoys school sports when time allows. Talina was one of the Valentine sweethearts this year at the annual F.H.A. sponsored contest. Other rodeo associations of which she is a member are: American Junior Rodeo Association, High Plains Junior Rodeo Association, and barrel-racing futurities across the country.

Lori is the daughter of Julie and Curtis Hudman. She is classified as a junior and is on the "A" honor roll. Lori has exhibited pigs throughout her school career for the Post F.F.A. She has shown them in the Garza County Show, as well as major shows in San Antonio and Houston. Lori is a member of High Plains Junior Rodeo Association, the National Barrel Horse Association, Tri-State Rodeo Association, and has attended the Josey World Champion Junior Barrel Race for five years.

Lopes edge Crosbyton 12-11

The Post Antelope baseball team edged Crosbyton 12-11 on May 9, then closed out the 1995 season with a 20-10 loss to Tahoka May 12.

"It was a tough loss to close out a tough season," coach Fred Postell comments.

"I am very proud of these players," he added, "they fought through a lot of adversity and played with enthusiasm and gave it their best."

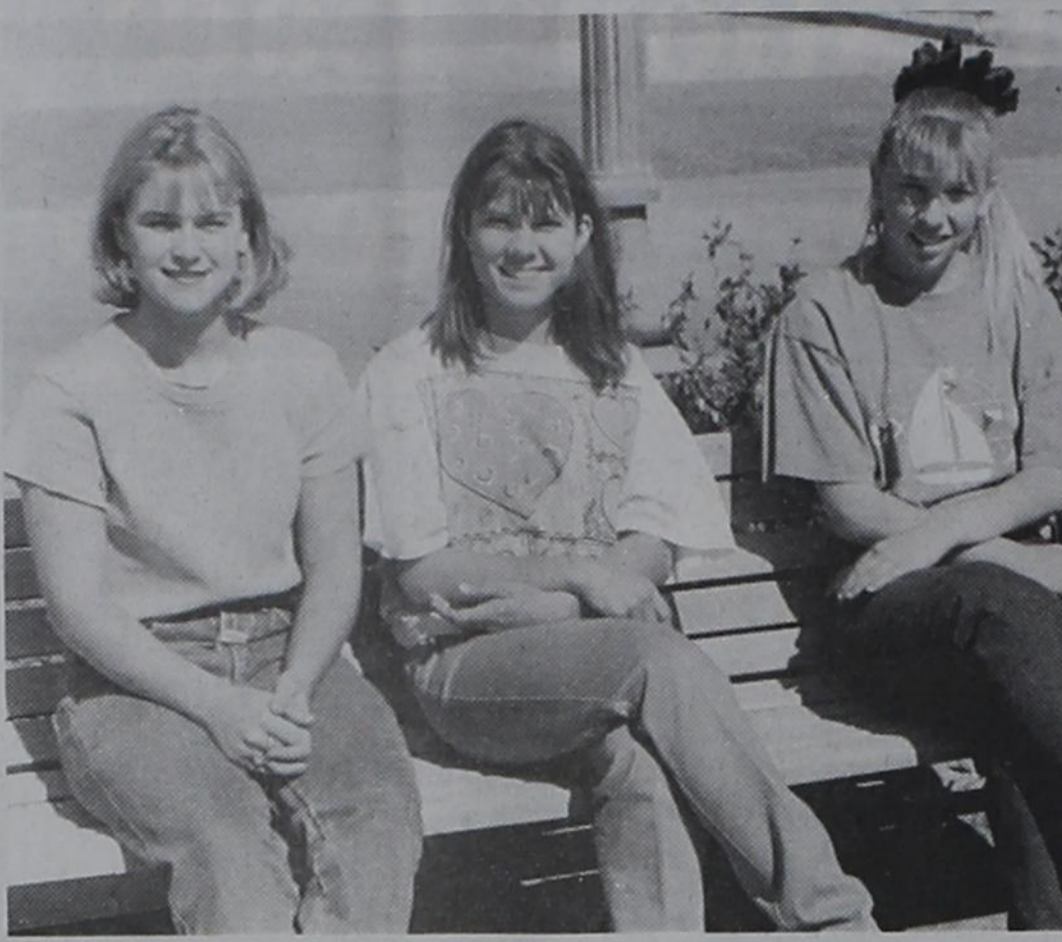
The team is losing only two seniors from the squad as Justin Terry and Manuel Zubia graduate.

In the Crosbyton win David Perez and Anthony Flores shared pitching duties. The big play of the game came when Flores, while playing a center field, caught a fly ball with a runner at third and the score tied at the bottom of the seventh inning. Flores caught the ball and threw it straight to catcher Roy Perez at the plate, who tagged the Crosbyton runner racing in from third base, and snuffed out the threat.

Todd Terry hit two for two, one homerun and three RBIs. Jaime Hernandez went two for three and four RBIs. Manuel Zubia hit two of five and two RBIs and David Perez got one RBI on his one of four attempts at bat.

Other hitters included Justin Terry, 2-4; Seth Pennell, 2-5; Anthony Flores, 1-5; Roy Perez, 1-4; Jeremy Josey, 1-2 and Steve Gonzales, 1-1.

In the final game May 12 Steve Gonzales picked up three RBIs on his 2-3 hitting. Anthony Flores got three RBIs on a homerun in his 1-4 at bats. Also getting credit for one RBI each were Seth Pennell (2-4) and Todd Terry (2-5). Ray Perez rounded out the hitting at 2-4.



Talina Bird, Lori Hudman and Cassie Short (left to right) will compete in state rodeo finals in Abilene June 4-10.

Lady Lopes stage come-back to claim Silver Medal at state

The Post High School girls' golf team brought home silver medals last week from the state golf tournament, after staging a come-from-behind surge on the second day. "It was a tough first day," coach Chili Black commented, "the weather was somewhat of a factor, but more than anything I think we were just a little nervous."

At the end of Monday's (May 8) round, the PHS team of Holly Hardin, Jill Stelzer, DeeJé Estep, Tonya Harp and Christie Oden were in fourth place with a 396 score, 28 strokes behind Schulenburg, who finished at 368. The Lady Lopes trailed San Saba and Brazos.

Tuesday morning dawned a new day and a new spirit as the Lady Lopes clipped 38 points off their first day mark, closing the gap and moving up two slots to finish 15 strokes behind first place Schulenburg. The Lady Lopes marked 754 strokes, compared to Schulenburg's 739. San Saba took the bronze with 783. Other competing teams were Brazos (4), Quannah (5), Anson (6), Edgewood (7) and Arp (8).

Jill Stelzer earned individual medalist honors with a fourth place tie with a total of 174.

Tonya Harp placed 11th with 186; DeeJé Estep finished at 13 with 188; Holly Hardin followed with a 206 and Christie Oden rounded out the team scoring with 249.

Secret Bilbo was the alternate team member at the state tournament. The class 2A tournament was held at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin, which is rated as a par 72 course.

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Little League

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Dodgers 18, Red Sox 15
Cubs 16, Tigers 4
Red Sox 19, A's 7
Red Sox 10, Cubs 9
Tigers 15, Dodgers 5
Cubs 11, A's 3
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Minor League

Tigers 19, Cardinals 5
Cubs 10, A's 9
Dodgers 14, Red Sox 1
Cubs 29, Red Sox 13
Rangers 18, Tigers 4
Cardinals 19, Cubs 8
Dodgers 22, A's 16
Rangers 24, Red Sox 18
Cardinals 19, A's 6
Tigers 21, Cubs 13

Cubs 13, Dodgers 12
A's 19, Red Sox 17
Cardinals 23, Red Sox 9
Season standings: A's 1-3; Cardinals 3-1; Cubs 3-2; Dodgers 2-1; Rangers 2-0; Red Sox 0-5; Tigers 2-1.

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Angels 22, Saints 14
Saints 27, Angels 12
Saints 14, Magic 12
Magic 18, Angels 17
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Stars 13, Diamonds 10
Bells 12, Stars 9
Bells 15, Diamonds 8
Season standings: Bells 3-0; Diamonds 0-3; Stars 2-2.

Brad Lawson brings home bronze medal from state track meet

Brad Lawson, a mainstay of the Post High School track team for four years, picked up a bronze medal last Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium in Austin for his 400 meter dash efforts.

This was Brad's second trip to the state track meet after being a regional qualifier for the past four years.

"We're really going to miss Brad and his leadership on our track team," coach Lane Tannehill commented, "we are really proud of him and all his accomplishments, but mostly we think Brad is just one fine young man."

Saturday afternoon the track at Memorial Stadium was hot and humid... and no matter how much athletes train for their particular events, no preparation can offset the actual conditions of 90 plus temperature and near 90 percent humidity.

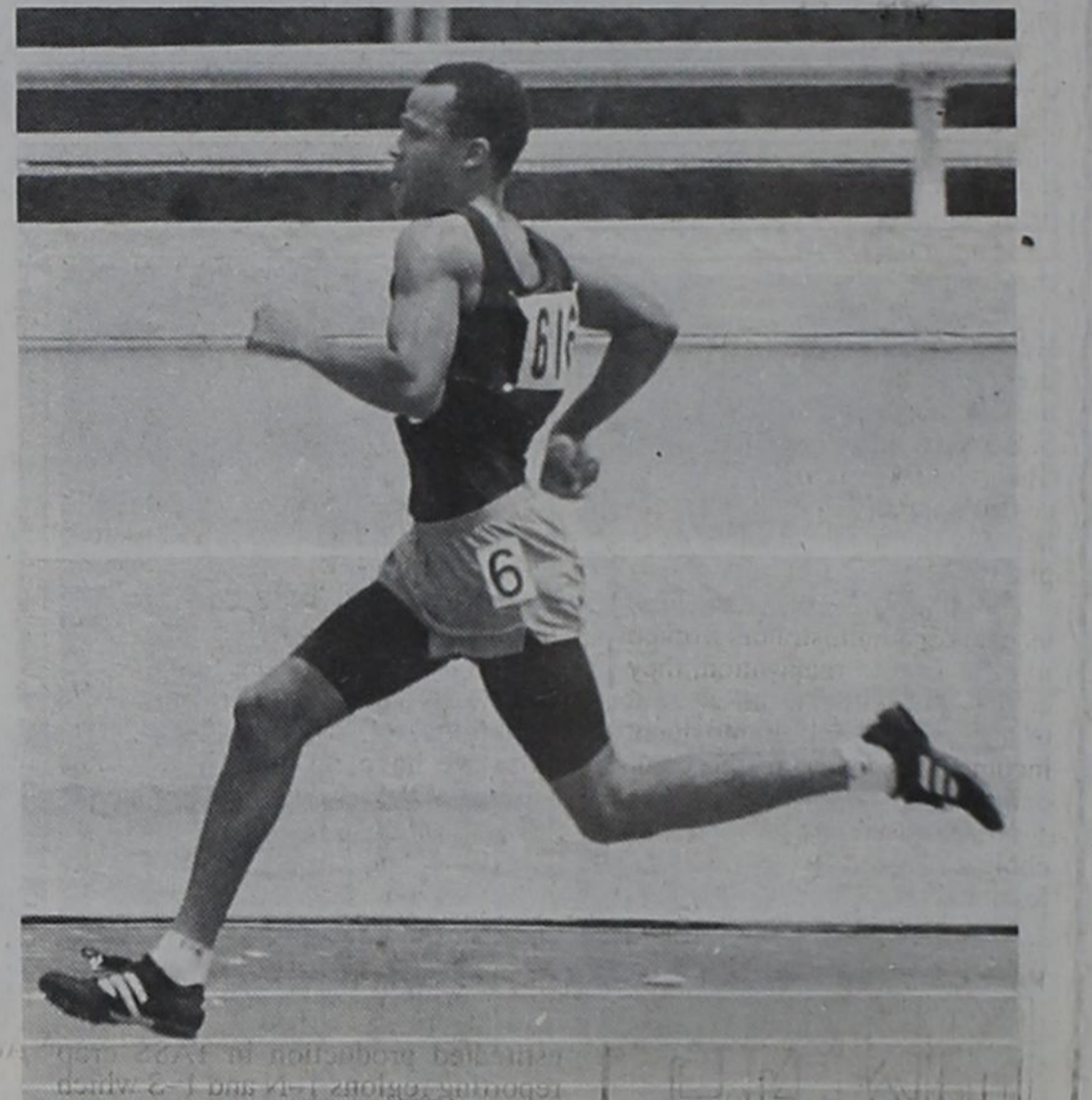
"I changed clothes three times," Tannehill added. "We were just soaked from the heat and humidity."

Brad was slotted in lane six and burst out of the blocks in his typical style, racing ahead of the pack and staying in front through the final turn... only to see his lead vanish on that final 100 meter sprint. He pushed hard to the finish line with a 49.26 time.

Fred Hackney of Alto took first place with a 47.94 and Roy Williams of Clarendon squeezed into second with a 48.03.

Other competitors were Marcus Price of Winona, Mitch McCarty of San Saba, Russell Urbanteke of Riesel, Joe Moore of Schulenburg and Adonis McCarty of Somerville.

In his four years of track competition at PHS, Brad was 400 meter district champ every year. He also was a regional qualifier four years, three years on the 400 meter relay team and four years on the 1600 meter relay team, 400 meter dash and 1995 in the 200 meter dash.



Brad Lawson stretches out on the backside of the 400 meter dash on the way to a third place bronze medal at the state track meet last Saturday. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Post boys and girls win junior high golf championship

Kasey Hardin led the Post Middle School girls' golf team in the district tournament held in Post. The team scored 260, followed by Seagraves with 278, Idalou at 287 and Crosbyton with 297.

Hardin was named first medalist and Jennifer Strawn, with a 57, earned second medalist honors.

Camie Payne scored a 73 and Kelli Collier finished with 81.

Marcus Lopez earned second medalist honors with a 47 to lead the boys' team at the tournament. The PMS boys finished with a 209, followed by Sundown with 214, Seagraves with 220 and Idalou with 242.

Lopez won the scorecard play off for second medalist.

Other team members and their scores were Braden Conner and Joe Don Schoonover with 53, John Radle with 56 and Luke Williams at 66.



Brad Lawson pauses for a moment in preparation for the starter's "on your mark" at the state track meet last Saturday in Austin. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Middle School tennis results

Post Middle School eighth grade doubles team members Becca Stelzer and Rachelle Jones placed second at the May 6 junior high district tennis meet in Seagraves.

Shanna Pennell and Kristen Webb placed fourth in the doubles event.

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Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.
Dry conditions continue to delay planting of the 1995 High Plains cotton crop.

Officials at Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) report that while some rainfall has been received across the area in the past week, high winds and blowing dust have prevented producers from taking advantage of the situation.

Although planters are running in some areas, the bulk of the regions cotton, which could total 3.5 million acres, has not been planted. These weather enforced delays could have some beneficial effects in terms of the emerging boll weevil situation on the High Plains.

"It appears that the delayed planting of this years crop may have some beneficial aspects," notes Roger Haldenby, PCG Boll Weevil Suppression Program Coordinator. "In recent weeks guidelines for managing the boll weevil have been distributed to cotton producers in weevil infested areas encouraging them to hold off planting until around the middle of May. It appears that the weather has essentially forced us into delaying the bulk of planting activity until this time anyhow."

Haldenby adds that the major concern now is for producers to get as much needed "planting rain" so they can get seed in the ground.

In the small acreage where earlier planting has been completed and stands established seedling cotton has been reported to have received significant damage from high winds and blowing sand. Most of this has been in parts of Gaines County and at least some of this acreage will likely be replanted as quickly as possible.

"Our current problem is the lack of moisture and the delays that are associated with it," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "If we can get some good rains across the area in the next few weeks we should have a fair chance of establishing this year's crop."

Johnson adds that without some help from Mother Nature the outlook could turn around quickly. The High Plains is coming into the 1995 crop year with a significant underground moisture deficit. Much of the area's 1995 crop will be made or lost dependent on the amount of in-season, supplemental rainfall.

"The 1994 crop was produced under conditions only slightly better than those we have right now," explains Johnson. "We made a pretty fair crop last year, but it is really to early to tell what this year's crop is going to do."

The latest crop estimate from the Texas Ag Statistical Service (TASS) indicates the 1994 High Plains cotton crop will total near 3.097 million bales. This figure is derived by adding the estimated production in TASS crop reporting regions 1-N and 1-S which closely parallels the 25 county High Plains region.

J. C. Steels attend graduation

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Steel attended the 1994-95 spring commencement at the University of North Texas in Denton, Saturday, May 13. There they watched their granddaughter, Amy Renee Case receive a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

Amy is the daughter of Marilyn Steel of Tulsa Oklahoma and Laval Verhalen of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Amy has accepted a position at the Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

Community Calender

- Thursday, May 18**
7 a.m. - Lions club, Chaparral Steak House
7 p.m. - Post High School Awards Assembly, School Auditorium
- Friday, May 19**
7:45 p.m. - Garza Theatre "The Little Foxes"
Junior-Senior Prom, Post Community Center
- Saturday, May 20**
7 p.m. - Tower Theatre presents "50's III"
7:45 p.m. - Garza Theatre "The Little Foxes"
- Sunday, May 21**
2 p.m. - Garza Theatre "The Little Foxes"
- Monday, May 22**
9 a.m. - Commissioners Court, County courthouse
- Tuesday, May 23**
12 noon - Rotary, Post Community Center Rotary room

Tax 'n Facts

by Terri S. Cash, CPA

Beware Excess 403(B) Contributions

The 403 (b) retirement plan utilized at nonprofit institutions like hospitals and schools can present an obstacle to doctors, professors and others who want to maximize their retirement contributions. That's because it is offset by contributions to other retirement plans.

The annual limits for a 403 (b) contribution is generally \$9,500. For most other retirement plans, like a Keogh for the self-employed, the limit is \$30,000. If the professional has self-employment income aside from what's earned at the nonprofit institution and wants to put \$30,000 into a Keogh, he or she cannot contribute all to the 403 (b). To contribute \$9,500 to the 403 (b), only \$20,500 could go into the Keogh. The rules apply to anyone who controls more than half of his or her own company, the IRS explains.

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Anne Chaffin (second from right) was named outstanding associate faculty member at South Plains College. Joining in the ceremony are Norwest Bank of Texas president Gary Lawrence (left) outstanding full-time faculty member Jill Mertes and Southwestern Bell regional manager for external affairs Irasema Velasquez. (SPC photo)

SPC Lubbock campus names outstanding faculty members

Ann Chaffin, a part-time instructor in developmental reading and general studies, was selected as the outstanding associate faculty member of the year.

Chaffin, a Post resident, has served as a part-time instructor at South Plains College for five years. She also was a third-grade teacher, an English as a second language instructor and a high school Spanish instructor for Southland schools for 26 years.

Chaffin holds an Associate of Arts degree from Colby Junior College in New London, NH. She also holds a bachelor's degree from Boston University and a master's degree from Texas Tech.

Chaffin received a \$500 honorarium from Southwestern Bell Telephone. Presenting the award was Irasema Velasquez, regional manager of external affairs for Southwestern Bell.

Fumagalli earns national honor

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Joshua Fumagalli has been named a United States National Award winner in mathematics. This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes less than 10% of all American high school students.

Joshua, a seventh grader who attends Post Middle School was nominated for this national award by Mrs. Ayala, a math teacher at the school.

Joshua will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation

Proof of residency not required for vehicle registration

Garza County residents are no longer required to show proof of residency to obtain vehicle registration. Texas Gov. George W. Bush signed Senate Bill 178 into law on May 1. The legislation takes effect immediately and is aimed solely at motorists who live in the El Paso, Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston-Galveston areas. The federal government has identified those areas as being in violation of air quality standards.

In 1991, Texas lawmakers established a centralized emissions testing program by passing House Bill 1969. It required motorists in the major metropolitan areas to get a vehicle emissions test before the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the tax office could issue registration. An additional 50-cent fee was charged to administer the program.

Meanwhile, Garza County residents were required to show proof of residency to confirm that they were not trying to avoid an emissions test. An additional 25-cent fee was collected to pay for the program. Then on Jan. 31, 1995, the legislature placed a moratorium on the emissions testing policy that expired May 2, 1995.

Because the new law takes TxDOT out of the emissions program, the tax office will no longer collect the 25-cent fee at the time of registration. The Texas Department of Public Safety will assume administration of the program and is charged with setting the necessary guidelines.

TxDOT is taking steps to remove the proof of residency requirement from the registration renewal notices. The state mails more than one million of these bills each month and many of them are printed several weeks in advance. Until the renewal notices are corrected, motorists should be aware that proof of residency is not required for obtaining vehicle registration in Garza County.

The tax office appreciates everyone's patience and cooperation while this matter is addressed.

An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less.

—Nicholas Murray Butler

Rapunzel returns to Post Tuesday by popular demand

Concert Tuesday at Elementary Auditorium

The innovative and popular music group, Rapunzel, is returning to Post for a Tuesday, May 23 concert at 3:30 p.m. at the Post Elementary School auditorium.

Encouraged by secondary students' response to this unique prevention program, Garza County Probation Department has asked Rapunzel to give a special end-of-the-year concert for Post and Southland students in grades kindergarten through fifth.

Tuesday's concert will feature exciting, up-beat songs and a powerful message about the importance of being drug and alcohol free. Parents are encouraged to attend, and Rapunzel members will be available afterward to sign autographs and visit with students and adults.

The four members of Rapunzel are Mike Hogan, drummer and lead singer; Scott Faris, guitarist; Amy Faris, keyboardist and Michael Tarabay, bass guitarist.

Begun in 1989, Rapunzel has become a well-known comprehensive approach to fighting youth substance use. The group's impact doesn't end with its concert. The young people speak in classrooms, publish an informative newsletter for youth, sponsor fun drug-free activities during the summer and offer help through a mailing address (P.O. Box 53754, Lubbock, Tex. 79453) and a hotline manned by the Community Recovery Center at 495-3173.

Free tickets will be distributed Monday at Post and Southland elementary schools.



Rapunzel returns to Post May 22 for a special end-of-year concert at the Post Elementary School auditorium. Rapunzel members are (left to right) Mike Hogan, Amy Faris and Scott Faris.

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50 state peace run arrives in Post Monday, May 22

A relay run across the length and breadth of America which is dedicated to the cause of world peace, will pass through Post on Monday, May 22 at 7 p.m. The runners will be running Northwest on Hwy 84, and will arrive at the center of Post at 7 p.m.

Runners in the 50-state relay will hold a flaming Peace Torch to symbolize their goal of peace through sports. The emphasis is on racial harmony and peace in our cities as the building block for world peace.

"We're targeting our efforts toward America's young people," says Shambhu Vineberg, director of Peace Runs International, the non-profit organization formed to manage the event.

"Our runners are meant to serve as role models, who will try to inspire a broader vision in today's youth. By meeting with young people throughout the country and bringing them together in a national relay, we hope to make a positive impact."

The 11,000-mile U.S. Peace Run is part of the 70-nation Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run, which has been held every other year since 1987.

The Peace Run includes simultaneous running events in the U.S., Canada, Eastern and Western Europe, Latin America, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Australia. The international portions of the Run — highlighted by a 45-nation European relay and a special run linking Middle Eastern countries — will emphasize a more global theme of international peace and multi-cultural understanding.

The non-profit Peace Run was inspired by world peace ambassador Sri Chinmoy, who has dedicated his life to promoting the cause of peace. He has written and lectured extensively on peace, offered hundreds of free peace concerts and met with many

world figures to advance the cause of international harmony.

The Run is sponsored by the Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team, an international running organization that puts on hundreds of athletic events worldwide each year—including several world-class ultra marathons, marathons and triathlons.

The global Peace Run, as well as its U.S. segment was kicked off April 15th with a relay run through all five boroughs of New York City.

The New York event was the first of several city-wide events that will be held in connection with the Peace Run in major cities around the country — including Washington, D.C.; Seattle; Chicago; and Providence, RI.

"One of our goals is to build partnerships with local groups so they can use the Peace Run to express their own agendas for peace," says Vineberg. "We're also working with the Mayors' Council for the Peace Run, a coalition of 70 city mayors led by Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles-Belton, on ways to adapt the Peace Run to the needs of urban America."

Peace Run officials also work with school officials nationwide to spread the ideals of the Peace Run through school curriculums — teaching peaceful conflict resolution and self-esteem.

The Peace Run has been endorsed by many of the nation's Mayors, Governors and Members of the Congress, by world-class athletes like Carl Lewis and Grete Waitz, by leaders of numerous countries, by Pope John Paul II, Mother Theresa and Archbishop Desmond Tutu as well as many others.

The 1995 Peace Run will conclude in New York on August 14.

Social, economic issues discussed at liberty forum

Social and economic issues were the central themes of discussion at Monday night's liberty forum, held at the Chaparral Steak House. The meeting, hosted by the Garza County Libertarian Party, is held monthly on the third Monday at 7 p.m. The meetings are open to anyone interested in discussing a wide variety of current local, state and national issues.

Those attending the round table discussion May 15 aired questions and ideas about how much government should be involved in economic and social matters. "If you were in charge and could change the system," one participant asked, "what would the federal government look like... how would it function?"

Another participant posed the question, "should we legislate morality?" "How do we keep people from harming one another?"

The spirited conversation stimulated a variety of ideas about trimming government down to size.

Participants also exchanged ideas for future liberty forum topics, and agreed to focus on the income tax for the June 19 meeting.

"Income tax... do we need it?" is the topic for June and will include legislative and judicial information about the current federal taxing system. Participants will also discuss various proposals pending in congress for changing the income tax. The Libertarian Party has consistently called for the abolition of all income taxes.

For more information, call Burnett at 495-3884.



Sharing the program at the recent Woman's Culture Club meeting were (left to right) Mary and Riley Miller and their daughter and son-in-law Jennifer and Brent Smith. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

Woman's Culture Club

The Woman's Culture Club met Wednesday April 26, at the Women's Clubhouse. Lillian Potts and Katharine Trammell were hostesses.

Special guests were Riley and Mary Miller and their daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Brent Smith.

Riley gave an interesting story on the beginnings, wanderings, and settling of the Miller Ranch. Rich Miller, Riley's grandfather, who had settled on Bull Creek near Snyder, was the beginning of the Miller Ranch in

this area. Through the years they wandered north into Nebraska, but came "back home" to Garza County and a ranch near Justiceburg. Riley's story sounded like an exert from a western novel.

Refreshments were served to guests: the Millers and Smiths, Paul Jones and Bill Galusha, and members: Maxine Earl, Peggy Smith, Ruby Kirkpatrick, Bebe Boren, Dorace Wilson, Doll Haire, Barbara Hardin, Iva Hudman, Joyce Strubhart, Donna Craig, and Katharine Trammell.

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- Thursday, May 18**
 - 8 a.m. - Gospel music
 - 10 a.m. - Quality School meeting
 - 12 noon - Voice of Salvation
 - 2 p.m. - Memorial Day service '94
 - 4 p.m. - Steam trains
 - 6 p.m. - Gospel music
 - 8 p.m. - PHS graduation '94
 - 10 p.m. - First Baptist Church
- Friday, May 19**
 - 8 a.m. - Gospel music
 - 10 a.m. - Yellowstone in winter
 - 12 noon - Choir and band concert
 - 2 p.m. - Blue Bonnett Reading
 - 4 p.m. - Regional Golf/last day
 - 6 p.m. - Gospel music
 - 8 p.m. - All sports banquet
 - 10 p.m. - Lighthouse Christian Church
- Saturday, May 20**
 - 8 a.m. - Gospel music
 - 10 a.m. - Tower Theatre
 - 12 noon - Choir/all bands
 - 2 p.m. - Magic Show
 - 4 p.m. - Little Mr. and Miss Post contest
 - 6 p.m. - Gospel music
 - 7 p.m. - Regional golf/both days
 - 10 p.m. - Regional golf/both days
- Sunday, May 21**
 - 8 a.m. - Gospel music
- Tuesday, May 23**
 - 8 a.m. - Gospel Music

Court decision to limit power praised by Cato Institute

The Supreme Court confirmed recently that Congress' power under the Constitution's Commerce Clause is not unlimited. But in its decision in *United States v. Lopez*, the Court gave little guidance about what the limits of Congress' regulatory powers are.

Although the subject in *Lopez* was the narrow issue of weapons on school grounds, the legal issue goes much deeper, said Roger Pilon, director of the Cato Institute's Center for Constitutional Studies.

Following are quotes by Pilon in response to the *Lopez* decision.

"The decision the Court handed down today has been much-awaited because the case raised a very basic question of constitutional law, whether there are any effective limits on Congress' power to regulate commerce among the states. Over the 20th century, the Court has allowed Congress to expand its commerce power to the point that today it can regulate almost anything. That result runs directly contrary to the most basic principle of the Constitution, that the document creates a government of delegated, enumerated, and thus limited powers."

"In articulating and reaffirming the principle of limited government, the Court has preserved the fundamental relationship between the federal government, the states, and the people, as set forth in the Tenth Amendment. The importance of that result cannot be overstated, especially in light of the last election, and in light of the conventional view that the Court would come down the other way in this case."

"But in affirming its Commerce Clause precedents, which have enabled Congress to regulate anything that substantially affects interstate commerce, the Court has given us a theory of the commerce power that is much broader than the Framers' intended, as Justice Thomas made clear in his perceptive concurrence.

As a result, Congress' regulatory powers are only modestly restrained, and the doctrine of enumerated powers remains seriously impaired. This is an important decision that moves in the right direction, even if in a very limited way."

Just prior to oral argument in *Lopez*, the Cato Institute published a study on the case and the constitutional issues involved. The study, "Kids, Guns, and the Commerce Clause: Is the Court Ready for Constitutional Government?" by Glenn Harlan Reynolds is Policy Analysis no. 216.B

Norwest to purchase FNB Big Spring

The First National Bank of Big Spring and Norwest Corporation said today they have signed a definitive agreement for the acquisition of First National by Norwest.

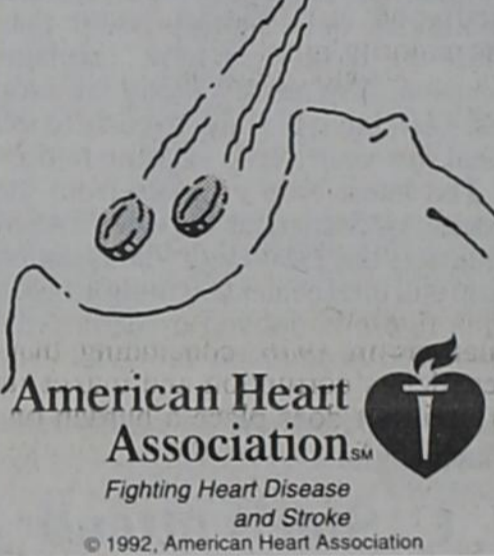
Terms of the agreement were not disclosed. The acquisition, pending approval by federal regulatory agencies, and First National Shareholders is scheduled to be completed before year end.

First National Bank of Big Spring, the largest bank in Howard County, had assets of \$215 million at year-end 1994, one location and 43 employees.

"The goal of First National always has been to provide the finest financial services available to the citizens of Big Spring and surrounding counties," said Jimmy Taylor, president of First National Bank of Big Spring. "We're delighted that Norwest, one of the best financial services companies in the nation, will continue this tradition by providing even more products than are now offered."

"Norwest's philosophy is we're a community bank, not just a bank in the community," said John Stumpf, regional president for Norwest Banks in Texas. "That means in Big Spring, decisions on lending and product pricing and community involvement will still be made by our people who live and work in the community because they know Big Spring and surrounding counties better than anyone else. We're eager to introduce Norwest's broad line of products and services and convenient one-stop financial service to the people of Big Spring. We're committed to providing service that goes, as we like to say at Norwest, 'To the Nth Degree'."

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The Post FFA horse judging team placed first at the Mesa District competition and sixth in the Area II contest. Members of the team are (left to right) Jason Blacklock, instructor Perry Smith, Shad Blair, Bobbie Jo Davis, Roger Daugherty and Stewart Childers. (Photo by Tim Burnett)



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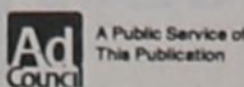
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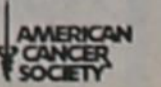
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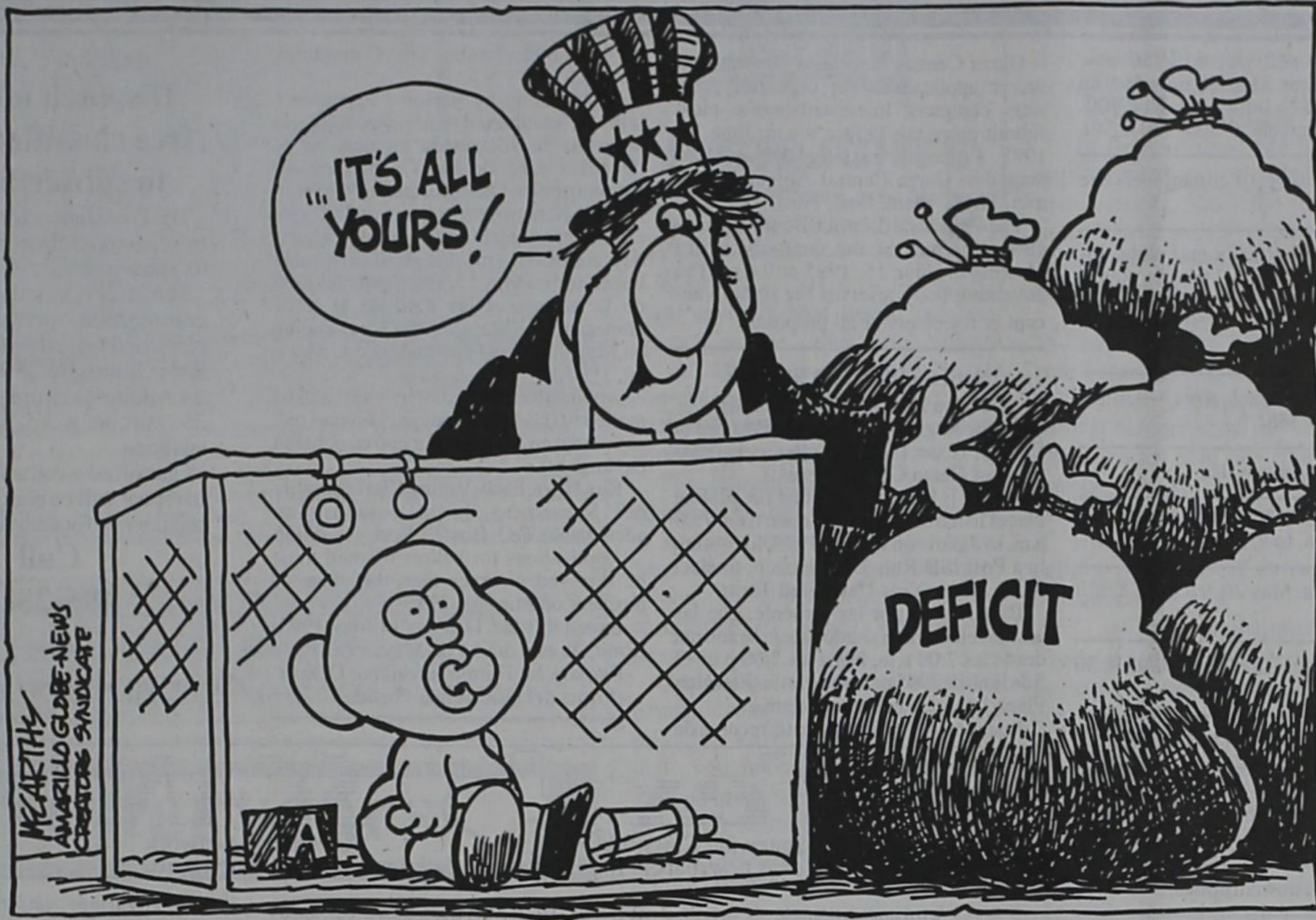


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Escaping accountability: a new constitutional right

by Stephen Chapman



During the 1983 mayoral campaign in Chicago, a whisper campaign against Democratic nominee Harold Washington wasn't doing the job. So, the allegation that had been passed orally from one person to another—that Washington was a child molester—was written up and passed out in a desperate (and futile) effort to defeat him. The flyer, as you might guess, was not printed on the letterhead of some organization, published in the newspaper or signed by some prominent citizen. It was anonymous. The author wanted the phony charge circulated, but he had no desire to accept responsibility for it. That is the reality of anonymous leafleting, which the Supreme Court recently insisted is "not a pernicious, fraudulent practice, but an honorable tradition of advocacy and dissent." The six justices in the majority, unfortunately, were not merely expressing their idle opinion of this custom. They were discovering in the Constitution a new right to keep your identity secret while engaging in electioneering, a decision that will help the malicious and hinder democracy. Disclosure lies at the heart of our campaign laws. We require candidates to reveal how much money they raise, who they get it from and how much they spend. People who give to office-seekers have to make their names public. Even those who spend their money independently to promote candidates must file detailed reports with the Federal Election Commission. The Supreme Court upheld these regulations in 1976, concluding that disclosure helps voters evaluate candidates, deters corruption and makes it easier to detect violations of contribution limits. It does place a burden on people who want to promote their views by helping candidates, but the inconvenience is minor compared to the benefits to the democratic process. The same, of course, is true of the law the court struck down in this case. Like 48 other states, Ohio says campaign literature has to include the name and address of whoever issues it. After Margaret McIntyre passed out unsigned flyers opposing a school tax, she was fined \$100. She sued, arguing that the law violated her free-speech rights, and last month, the court said she was right. Justice John Paul Stevens, writing the majority opinion, reminded us that "great works of literature have frequently been produced by authors writing under assumed names" and that many political thinkers of the revolutionary era used pseudonyms—including James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and John Jay, whose Federalist papers bore the byline of "Publius."

But to say something was once common and legal is not to say that it is a constitutional right. It used to be common and legal for candidates to take secret campaign contributions, but no one thinks that deeply rooted tradition enjoys the protection of the Constitution. And the policy of banning anonymous campaign leaflets has its own long history, going back more than a century. What purpose does it serve? The worthy one of fostering honest and reasoned debate, while discouraging lies and malicious gossip. People who have to put their names on what they write, you can be sure, will behave more responsibly than those who can escape accountability. (The most vulgar hate mail I get always comes without a signature, much less a return address.) As Justice Antonin Scalia wrote in his powerful dissent, newspapers have to publish the names and addresses of their officers and owners to get second-class postage rates. Is that law now unconstitutional? "Must a parade permit be issued to a group that refuses to provide its identity or that agrees to do so only under assurance that the identity will not be made public?" he asked. "Must a municipal public-access cable channel permit anonymous (or masked) performers?" Justice Stevens quoted his revered predecessor Hugo Black, who said that persecuted groups "throughout history have been able to criticize oppressive practices and laws either anonymously or not at all." But that is a reason to exempt despised organizations from disclosure rules—not to scrap such laws entirely. The court acted sensibly, in 1958, in excusing the NAACP from giving its membership list to the white racist government of Alabama. But even then, it saw no reason to spare all organizations the requirement by overturning the law. There are occasional instances, even today, when anonymous leaflets are the only safe way to expose wrongdoing—and in those cases, the courts can protect the vulnerable. Far more often, it protects wrongdoing. "I can imagine no reason," wrote Scalia, "why an anonymous leaflet is any more honorable, as a general matter, than an anonymous phone call or an anonymous letter." Pretending otherwise, as the court did, yields a trivial gain for free speech and a substantial loss for the system of government designed to protect all our freedoms.

COPYRIGHT 1995 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC. For a long time, we sit. The boy, who I guess is between 4 and 5 years old, hardly moves as he observes the rhinos. The child's attention span is exceptional. The little boy reports activity to his mother without taking his eyes off the rhinos. "They're throwing in the hay," "They're eating," "Margaret is backing up to the fence," "Here it comes." The child begins to laugh and point at what amuses him: The rhinos back up to the wall just below him one at a time—same place every day—to leave their dung in a common pile. As they walk away, they wheel in a circle, spraying urine backward. The kid has evidently watched rhinos a lot. I tell the mother, "I've never seen a kid take such interest in rhinos." Alarmed, she shushes me, finger across lips: "Don't say that—he thinks these are dinosaurs. He calls the female 'Margaret.'" "Oh?" "He saw what looked like rhinos in a dinosaur book before I brought him to the zoo the first time, and when he saw them here, he shouted, 'LOOK, DINOSAURS!' I thought, well, it's true in a way, and what harm? So, now we come to see the dinosaurs. There are quite a few here, really. Long-necked spotted ones and small scaly ones—look for yourself. Pretty soon, he'll learn to read the labels, but in the meantime—they're dinosaurs." Of course. Now I finally understand why I'm so fascinated by rhinos. It's true, they are dinosaurs. I was busy looking at a rhino with the eyes of an adult. It took a mother and a child to restore the view through the lens of imagination. Later, in the parking lot, I watched the lady load up her station wagon with baby, baggage and dinosaur watcher. When she drove off, I read her bumper sticker: "A mind is like a parachute: It only works when it's open." Labels do get in the way of imagination, and we miss the miraculous. Glad to find a mom who practices what she preaches from her bumper. Happy Mother's Day to the lady in Phoenix. And to Margaret, the lady dinosaur. COPYRIGHT 1995 ROBERT FULGHUM DISTRIBUTED BY CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

PHOENIX — There's a Mother's Day message at the end of this story. But first, I must take you to the zoo and talk about rhinoceroses. A zoo keeper in Seattle gave me good zoo advice: "Every zoo is different. When you travel, always visit the local zoo. Go alone. Pick just one animal you think is amazing, and sit for a while watching that animal. Also, watch other people watching that animal. You'll be surprised at what you'll learn." So, when traveling on business, I've often escaped alone to a zoo to observe my favorite animal—the rhinoceros.

The rhinos have been around for more than 30 million years. They once were the largest land mammal that ever lived. In the Oligocene Era, they were 18 feet tall—weighing maybe 20,000 pounds. Even the ones we see now seem more a part of that distant past than any living mammal. When I take time to carefully watch rhinoceroses, I am definitely amazed. But I've never been able to say quite why. There is an exceptionally fecund white rhinoceros in the Phoenix zoo. She is a super mom. Despite the general rule of thumb that rhinos are not inclined to mate in captivity, this lady rhino has delivered and nurtured eight babies over the years. And though she is old for a rhino and almost blind, she continues to have an active sex life. I wanted to see her, especially since it was spring and the season for rhino mating, which I had not yet witnessed. So much for mother-rhinos—here comes the mother-person part: On a bench beside the pen, I sit in absorbed solitude. Until a young mom, pushing a baby in a stroller and walking hand in hand with another child, joins me. The woman settles in with experienced purpose: bottle for the baby, book for her. Her little boy hurries to climb up on a huge rock, where he can see the whole rhino pen.



Escape to the zoo to find real answers to life

by Robert Fulghum



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The health road to serfdom, if you like...

by Walter E. Williams



How many cheers should we give Florida's new Medicaid Recovery Act, which allows the state to sue tobacco companies for over a billion dollars to get reimbursed for the costs of treating smoking-related illnesses? Our anti-smoking tyrants may even want to salute West Virginia, Minnesota and Mississippi; they too have enacted laws enabling their attorneys general to sue tobacco companies. America's anti-smoking tyrants have little respect for private property rights, where it's property owners who decide how they'll use their property and customers and employees who decide whether they'll enter on those conditions. The question for Americans is: Should we allow anti-smoking tactics and logic to become our general guide? Let's look at just one application. Janet R. Daling and her colleagues from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle published a seven-year study in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute showing that having an abortion raises a woman's risk of breast cancer by an average of 50 percent. Worse yet is that women under 18 years of age face an 800 percent increased risk of breast cancer before age 45. If we subscribe to the principle that a company or companies producing a good or service that results in increased state Medicaid costs should pay those costs, the public policy recommendations of these new findings are clear. Acting under its Medicaid Recovery Act, Florida's attorney general should bring suit against abortion clinics and doctors whose services cause breast cancer. The Environmental Protection Agency's study reporting an increased risk of cancer from secondhand smoke created an atmosphere that pleased the anti-smoking tyrants and provided them cover to regulate more areas of our lives. If the anti-abortionists are smart, the Daling study ought to further their goals. But maybe not in our world of politically correct science. Dr. Eugenia Calle, director of analytic epidemiology for the American Cancer Society, said, "Epidemiological studies in general are probably not able, realistically, to identify with any confidence any relative risk lower than 1.3." The science community's response to the abortion study rightfully greeted such a minute risk with skepticism, saying that more study needs to be done to rule out chance. But compare our scientists. The relative risk of breast cancer from an abortion is 1.3. That is significantly higher than the EPA's finding of a 1.19 relative risk factor from a 40-year, day-in-day-out, pack-a-day exposure to secondhand smoke. George Carlo and his associates did a survey of 1,461 epidemiologists, toxicologists, physicians and general scientists on their thinking about secondhand smoke. Their study, published in the Journal of Risk Analysis, found that 70 percent thought secondhand smoke was a serious health hazard and 85 percent thought that government intervention was necessary. What can be made of a scientific community that supports oppressive government regulations to combat secondhand smoke, which has a relative risk ratio of 1.19, and greets with skepticism a report showing an abortion-induced breast cancer relative risk of 1.3? The most flattering answer I come up with is that they are dishonest people willing to be prostitutes for an evil agenda. So what's new? The elite everywhere have always been for their version of government control and reduced liberty. In a democratic society, they just have to devise means to convince the masses that control is necessary, and junk science is that means. Americans have to decide whether we're going to permit junk science and logic to be used as a tool to take away our liberties. If we buy the socialist line that government should force us to do what's healthier, serfdom is just a matter of time. COPYRIGHT 1995 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

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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, Section 3
(Continued from last week)

Section 3. He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary Occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them, and in Case of Disagreement between them, with Respect to the Time of Adjournment, he may adjourn them to such Time as he shall think proper; he shall receive Ambassadors and other public Ministers; he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.

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Obituaries

James E. Pollard Sr

Services were held Thursday, May 11, 1995 for James E. Pollard, Sr., who died at Lubbock's Methodist Hospital May 9. Dr. Jerry Koch, interim minister at the First Presbyterian Church of Post, was assisted in the services at the First Presbyterian Church by Paul Jones. Burial was at Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.



Mr. Pollard, a former teacher and principal in Post, was born Aug. 5, 1925 in Eldon, Mo. to Gorum Vanderford and Cecil William Pollard. He married Minta Sam Herring Apr. 24, 1948 in Cisco. He had moved to Texas with his family in November 1925 and graduated from Cisco High School. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942 and served in the South Pacific.

Mr. Pollard attended Cisco Jr College and graduated from McMurry with a masters degree in education and a minor in math. He also held a masters degree from Texas Tech University. He coached and taught school in Santa Anna from 1952 to 1955 and was a teacher and administrator in Post from 1955 to 1976.

He entered private business here in 1976. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a Mason.

He is survived by his wife, Sammie, of Post; sons James E. Pollard Jr of Snyder, Jay Pollard of Post, Gregory Pollard of Big Spring; sisters Grace Townley of Gorman and Fredreca Butts of Phoenix; brother Rex Pollard of Grand Prairie and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Murray Herring, Frank Herring, Lowell Herring, Stanley McRae, Ralph Weatherby and Loy Garner. Honorary pallbearers were M.P. Herring, Dick Townley, Rod Herring, Jimmy Jones, Bill Freeman and D. Yarbro.

(Annie) Charlene Gill

Funeral services for Annie Charlene Gill were held Tuesday, May 16 at the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with Paul Jones officiating. Mrs Gill died May 15, 1995 at Golden Plains Care Center. Burial was at Tilton Cemetery near Baytown with graveside services conducted by evangelist Douglas Williams of Cove.

Mrs Gill was born Jan. 17, 1918 in Chamber County to Effie Stubbs and Asa Morgan. She married Ed Gill Aug. 25, 1937 in Baytown. She was a retired nurse and had worked at the Baytown Hospital for several years. She moved to Alpine and to Post in 1987, maintaining homes in both towns.

Mrs Gill was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Church of Christ, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, a Dane in the National Society of the Magna Carta and the Rebeccas. She was also an accomplished artist and avid bird watcher.

She is survived by daughters Evelyn Hilton of Pecos and Susan Radle of Post; sisters Marvalee Dunaway of Cove, Margaret Morgan of Bay Cliff and six grandchildren.

Richard S. Anderson
Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 17 for Richard S. Anderson of Midland at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity. Rev. Stockton Williams will lead the services. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr Anderson, a prominent independent oil operator, died May 15, 1995 at a Midland hospital.

He was born Dec. 25, 1905 in Rapid City, S.D. and attended schools there, graduating from high school in 1925. After attending South Dakota School of Mines, he graduated from the University of Chicago in 1930 with a bachelor of science degree in geology.

He married Marjorie Wyckoff, who preceded him in death in 1970. Mr Anderson worked with Geophysical Research Corp. from 1930 to 1936 in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana. He was then employed by Amon G. Carter as a field geologist and also worked as a consultant geologist. In 1936 he moved to Midland and in 1948 he became an independent oil operator.

His discoveries include the Rocker A Field in Garza County in 1950 and five other fields in Garza County. He also operated as an independent oil operator in the petroleum industry in many other counties of the Permian Basin. In 1949 he organized Richard S. Anderson Inc., of which he became president.

Mr Anderson was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity and was involved in numerous activities. He was a charter member of the Petroleum Club, a member of Midland Country Club since 1937, a past member of Rotary Club and Exchange Club, the President's Club of the Museum of the Southwest; also a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Independent Petroleum Association, Permian Basin Petroleum Association, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and Midland Chamber of Commerce.

Mr Anderson married Mary Love in 1971, who survives him. He is also survived by two daughters, Rosemary Chapman of Paradise Valley, Ariz. and Vicki A. Shore of Studio City, Calif.

Other survivors include two grandchildren, Lorry Chapman of Scottsdale, Ariz. and Kurt Chapman of Post and three great grandsons, also of Post. He was the uncle of three prominent Midland oilmen, Paul and Payton Anderson and Paul A. Drickey. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. The family requests memorials be sent to the charity of one's choice.

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Missing the voice of God
by Mike Butts

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