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Planet' opens May 31 at the Garza

A Gore Vidal play, directed by Tim McIntire, will open May 31 at the Garza Theatre in Post for a nine performance schedule. The play features Ric Wells, Patrick O'Connor, Amber Conoly, Rick Fay, Shirley Cahn, Trey Stoffregen and Mark Hobgood.
 A visitor from another planet arrives to do a bit of sightseeing... and keeps audiences rolling with laughter.
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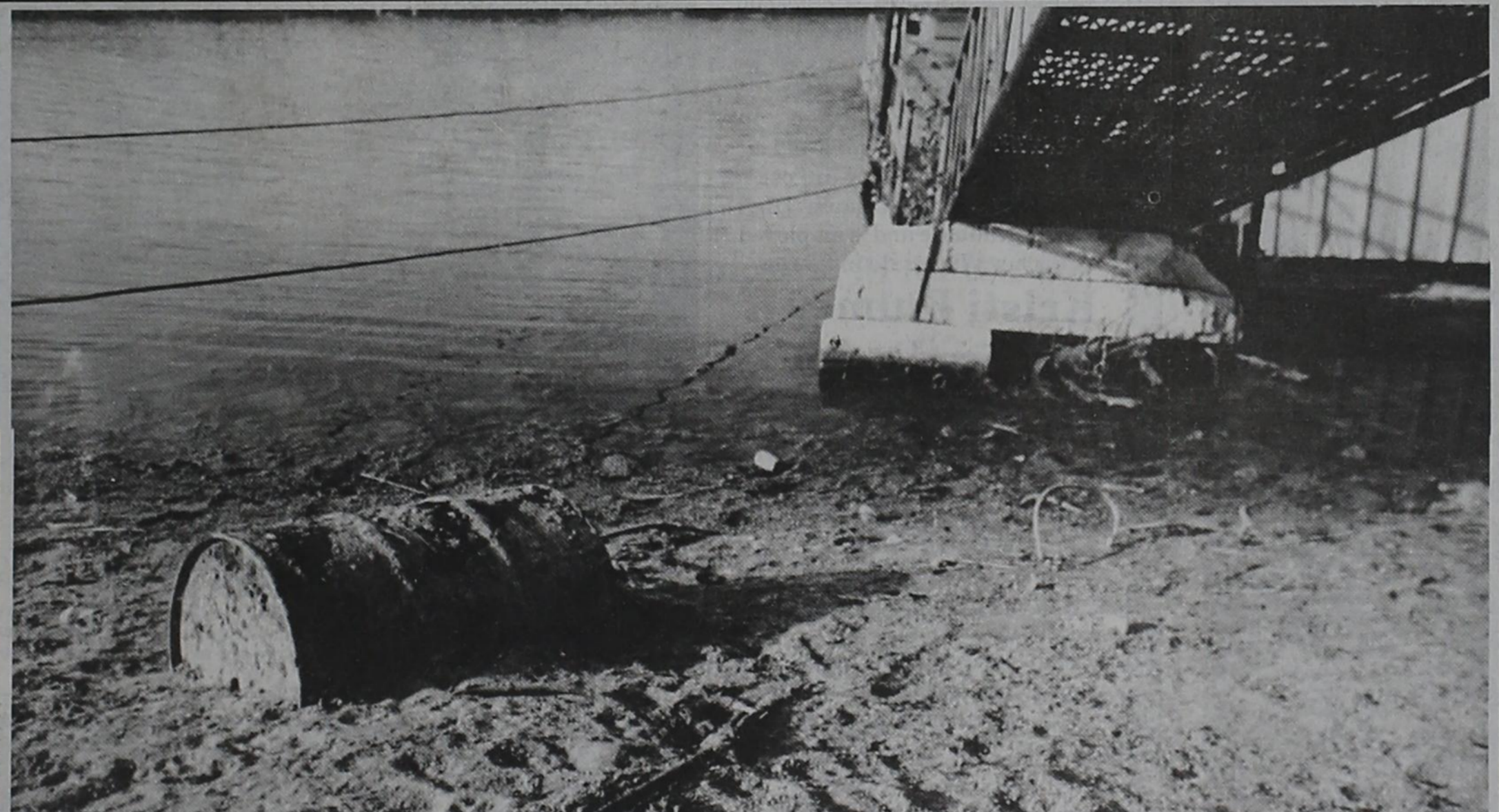
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Post ISD trustees elect officers, begin work on '96-97 budget

by Wes Burnett

Post ISD trustees, meeting in regular session Tuesday, May 14, elected Mark Kirkpatrick to serve as president, Alexa Collier as vice president and Jeff Lott as secretary. Current members of the board also include Rex Cash, Gary Workman, Barbara Hardin and Mark Short.
 Superintendent Dr Bobby Bain presented a brief explanation about preliminary budget estimates. Dr Bain pointed out that state funding is based largely on valuations by the state comptroller, compared to local values. If the state comptroller values are higher than local, then state funding declines. In the Post ISD property valuations, the local values are higher than the state comptroller... but the Texas Education Agency has certified the comptroller's lower value, which will give Post ISD approximately \$66,000 more state funding. The budget estimate indicates total revenues (based on current \$1.41 rate) at \$5,942,000 with projected expenses of \$5,991,000. A budget workshop was scheduled for May 22 at 7 p.m.
 The board recognized Girls' State Championship Golf Team members DeJéé Estep, Jill Stelzer, Natalie Pollard, Kasey Hardin, Becca Stelzer and coach Chili Black as well as state runner-up spelling team members Shelley Shifflett, Alisha Nelson, Macee Mills, Kathy Gerner and UIL coach Doris Giddens.
 Post High School counselor Daisy Breedlove and principal Joe Giddens presented a report and results of the TAAS Test. Coach Fred Postell presented a written report on recent work at the baseball field. Postell was unable to attend the meeting due to the district second place baseball game with Idalou.
 A total of \$112,286.55 in payments for expenses were approved by

the board, as well as budget change orders.
 A policy stating the ISD's commitment to elimination of student retention was also approved.
 The school calendar for 1996-97 was set, with two bad weather days scheduled on Monday and Friday. The first two weeks in March has been set for spring break and there are five staff development days in the calendar.
 The board adopted a policy revision for the district site-based committee to include more than one parent, community member and business representative. Superintendent Dr Bobby Bain was appointed to serve as representative to the Region 17 Education Service Center.
 Trustees then went into executive session, in which the agenda included "employment of new personnel, coaching stipends, superintendent contract form, TRS, additional teacher substitute, school sponsored dances, special education cooperative and student code of conduct."
 After reconvening in open session, the board approved the hiring of Rito Hernandez as teacher/coach, Marsha Norman as an elementary teacher, Christi Daily as teacher/coach and Crystal Tarplex as high school English teacher.
 A \$500 stipend was approved to UIL coaches Candace McConnell, Carolyn Black, Melvena Moore, Delton Moore, Joy Pool, Sandra Alexander, Christy Morris, Doris Giddens, Kim Mills, Malea Mullins and Amy Easterling and to cheerleader sponsors Kim Mills and Karleen McDougal.
 Board members also approved a contract wording change for the superintendent to include attending the school board convention.



Everyone seems to be talking about the low water level conditions at White River Lake these days... so we thought a photo might be interesting. Water levels are the lowest in the history of the lake. (Photo by Timothy W. Burnett)



AREA II FFA Talent Competition first place winners (left to right) Slade Bevers, Jeff Redman, Vance Guthrie, Johnny Collazo and Natalie Pollard are headed to Houston for the state competition in July. The musical group, "Young Guns," were selected out of five competing area teams. (Photo by Barbe Bevers)

Talent team heads to Houston

by Micaela Eagle
 The Post FFA Talent Team traveled to San Angelo on Friday May 17 to compete in the Area II talent contest. The team, consisting of Jeff Redman, Slade Bevers, Vance Guthrie, Johnny Collazo and Natalie Pollard placed first at Area advancing the team to State competition.
 The team performed "Cowboy Love" and "Heads Carolina, Tails California" in the contest, then later played "Johnny B Goode" in a runoff in which they received a standing ovation.
 Clay Ashley and Tye Haney attended the banquet as voting delegates and Micaela Eagle served as part of the
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Sales tax shows slight decrease

For the first time in several months, the state comptroller's report on sales tax rebate to Post shows a decrease. The payment of \$21,497.18 was a 3.08 percent drop from last year's total of \$22,176.39. The total for the year is \$99,892.55, a 13.51 percent increase over last year's total at this time of \$88,001.45.
 This month's payment is for taxes collected on March sales reported by businesses in April and businesses filing quarterly returns for January, February and March.

Post Notes

- Public pool opens**
 The Post Public pool will open for the summer this Saturday, May 25th, and will be open will open on Monday, Memorial Day. The phone number for the pool is 495-4173.
- Sundown Lions Club hosts 3-on-3**
 The Sundown Lions Club is hosting a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Saturday, May 25, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the Sundown High School gym. The tournament will be divided into a high school division and an open division. The cost is \$10 per player with a maximum of four players per team. Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. til 9:30 a.m., or call Doug Precure at 806-229-9488 (daytime) or 806-229-6842 (evening). All proceeds will benefit the Lions Club.
- Trinity Baptist youth host garage sale**
 The youth at the Trinity Baptist Church will hold a garage sale on Saturday, May 25, at the Garza County Junior Livestock barn on the Lubbock Highway. The sale will be from 9-? The proceeds will be used for the youth for their activities.
- Early dismissal for elementary school**
 The Post Elementary school will be dismissed Friday, May 24 at 2:15 p.m. with buses running at 2:30 p.m.
- Grassland Cemetery Memorial services**
 Memorial Day services will be held Monday, May 27, at 10 a.m. at the Grassland Cemetery. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
- Post Dispatch to be closed Monday**
 The Post Dispatch will be closed Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. Deadline for Thursday's paper will still be at noon on Tuesday.

- "Buddy" poppies for sale**
 The sale of "Buddy" poppies preceding Memorial Day is the traditional way to bring attention to the sacrifices made by the nation's war dead in their struggle to keep America free. Buy a "Buddy" poppy and wear it on Memorial Day.
- Early dismissal for middle school**
 The Middle School students will be taking finals on Friday, May 24th. All students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Eighth grade graduation will be held at 1:30 p.m. in the Elementary auditorium.
- Texas Reading Club at Post Library**
 Come join the Post Public Library for our Texas Reading Club. Our theme this year is "READY...SET...READ." Sign-up starts June 3. We will continue to have the Bluebonnet books for the 3rd through 6th graders to read and be able to take their test. Our video program will begin on June 27. After that date, we will continue these programs through July 26. They will begin at 3 p.m. each Thursday. We will also have drawings with prizes for those attending.
- "Creative Vests" workshop**
 Ruby Clingman from Rhea's Crafts will give a two hour workshop on applique vests Friday, May 31, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. There are two styles to choose from, both may be viewed at the Algerita Art Center, or call 495-4000 for more information.
- Ranch-Dance fiddle band**
 The "Fabric and Flower" exhibit at the Algerita Art Center closes with a special performance by the Ranch-Dance Fiddle band, Saturday, June 1, 3-4 p.m. Come listen to some old time tunes like 'Turn Me Over', 'Ten Pretty Girls', 'Coming Through the Rye' and many more. This is family entertainment and is free to the public.

- Christian School enrollment 96-97**
 Registration is currently open at First Baptist Christian School, grades PK3-4th grade, for the 1996-97 school year. PreSchool classes are available to those children who will be age 3 or 4 before September 1st.
 Elementary classes are available for grades Kindergarten - 4th grade. Classes are filled on a first-come, first served basis. You may call 495-3554 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. for further information. Registration and book fees are required at time of enrollment for all new students. birth certificate, social security number, and up-to-date shot records are also mandatory.
- Slaton Art Show June 15**
 The 26th annual exhibition Slaton Art Show sponsored by the Women's Division of the Slaton Chamber of Commerce will be held Saturday, June 15, at Slaton's Texas Avenue Opry House located at 161 Texas Avenue. Paul Wylie of Lubbock will be the juror. For further information please contact the Slaton Chamber of Commerce at 828-6238 or Sally Estes at 828-5111.
- VFW to hold Memorial Day services**
 The VFW Post 6797 will hold Memorial Day services on Monday, May 27, at 10 a.m. at the Terrace Cemetery. Paul

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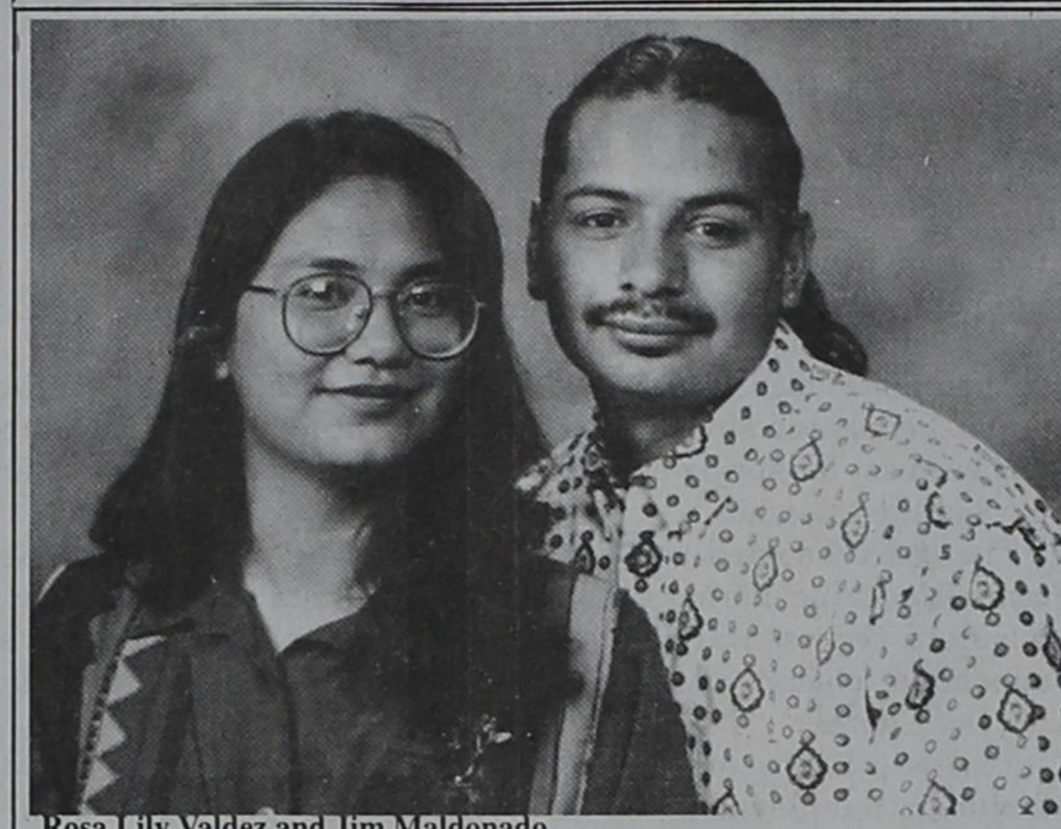
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Mendy McAfee and Kevin Warwick



Rosa Lily Valdez and Jim Maldonado

Mendy McAfee, Kevin Warwick to exchange vows

Robert and Lanita McAfee of Lubbock announce the engagement of their daughter, Mendy Jean McAfee, to Kevin L. Warwick of Lubbock, son of Ed and Mickey Warwick of New Braunfels and Charles and Judy McDougall of Canyon.

The couple will marry August 24, 1996 at Southwest Baptist Church in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a graduate of

Lubbock Monterey High School and attended South Plains Jr College. She is employed by Hub of the Plains Federal Credit Union in Lubbock and is the granddaughter of Juanita Justice of Lubbock and Ruth McAfee of Post.

The future bridegroom, a Lubbock Coronado High School graduate, is employed by ABC Sheetmetal Company in Lubbock.

Brothers celebrate 50th wedding anniversaries

C.W. Blacklock and Billy Blacklock, brothers will both be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversaries this week.

C.W. Blacklock and Lillie Davis were married May 18, 1946 at the First Baptist Church in Post by the Rev. Polnac. They were long time residents of Garza County before moving to Caldwell.



Billy and Wanda Blacklock



C.W. and Lilly Blacklock

Billy Blacklock and Wanda Melton were married May 30, 1946 in Post by H.L. Bingham Post Nazarene preacher. They have been residents of Garza County for more than 50 years.

The children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of these couples will be hosting a reception at the Post Community Center from 2-4 p.m. on May 26, and request the pleasure of your company. No gifts please, your presence will be our gifts.

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Valdez and Maldonado to marry

Mr and Mrs Lewis Valdez of Post announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Rosa Lily Valdez to Jim Maldonado, son of Mr and Mrs Phillip Maldonado, Sr. of Slaton.

The couple will marry at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Post on Saturday, June 1, 1996.

Miss Valdez is a graduate of Post High School and attended South Plains College in Levelland. She is employed at the Housing Authority in Post.

Maldonado is a Slaton High School graduate and is employed at Becker Wholesale in Slaton.

Kristi Fulmer honored with shower

A wedding shower was given for Kristi Fulmer, bride-elect of Michael Burch on Monday, May 13 at the Garza Hotel.

Gifts were displayed on the tastefully decorated tables of the hotel dining room.

The serving table featured a cookie tree of iced and decorated wedding bell and heart shaped cookies. Punch and a variety of cookies were served to the guests.

The hostess gift was an afghan of the bride's chosen colors, of burgandy and teal green.

Hostesses for the event were Kathy Rankin, Melanie Morris, Dedra Adams and Jimella Simpson.

Miss Fulmer, a teacher at Post Middle School, and Mr Burch will be married June 8, 1996 in Levelland.

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Post High School junior varsity cheerleaders for the 1996-97 school year are Stephanie Looney, Becca Stelzer (back), Camie Payne and Selicia Hernandez (front). Pam Chapman and Flora Gomez were not available for the photo. (Photo by Becky Warren)



Post High School varsity cheerleaders for the 1996-97 school year are (back, left to right) Arimy Gradine, Erica Gomez, (front) Tammy Matthies, Angela Jefferson, Macee Mills, Melisa Gutierrez and Natalie Pollard. (Photo by Becky Warren)

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Kelly Ahrens, CEA-FCS

Family money involves emotions

Money in the family is a little different from money in a business because it involves emotional assets. Studies involving families have concluded that the money stressors in their lives were as follows: retirement funds, keeping up with inflation, devising a budget, agreeing on scaling down expenses, keeping to a budget, need for savings, credit cards, and college spending. Understanding a person's net worth and financial responsibilities can lessen the burden when it comes to teaching children financial responsibility.

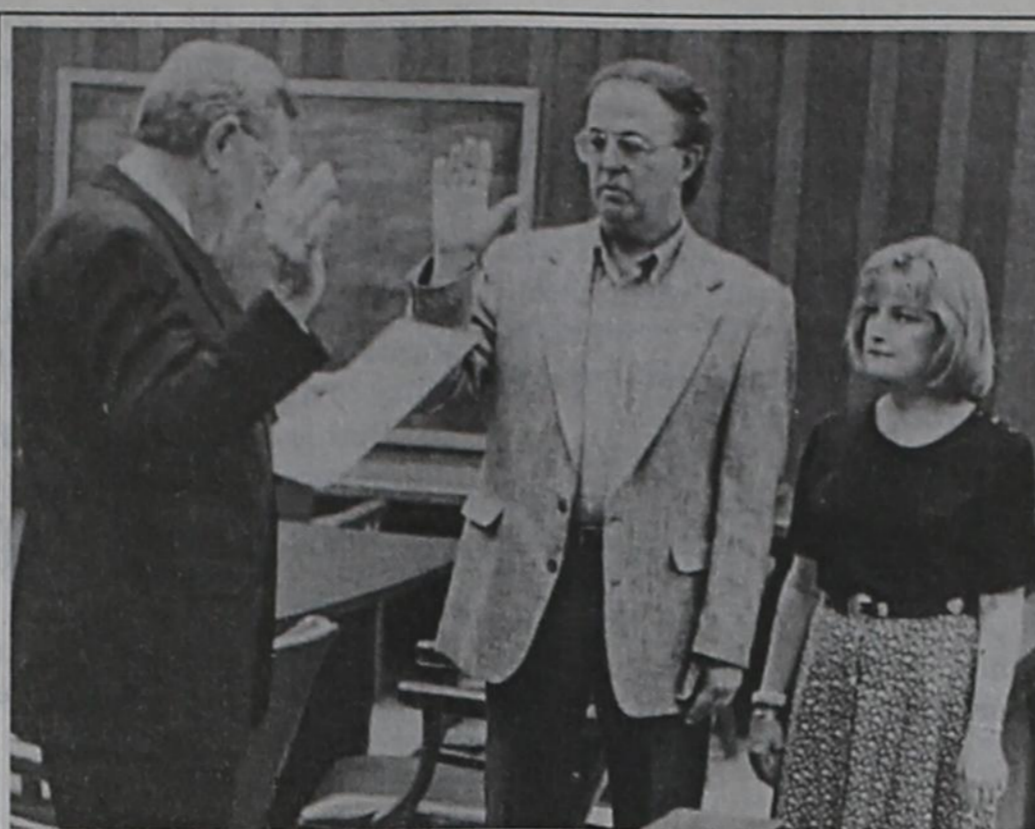
For single mothers, the greatest stress is insufficient money to meet daily needs. Second jobs create concern about less time with children. Emergencies usually force them to take loans, while fearing inability to meet loan commitments on survival income. However, while there's less money to spend, single parents have fewer hassles over how to spend it and feel freer to make money decisions.

Healthy families talk about money. They do not link self-esteem to earning power. They develop money management skills and teach their children about money.

Some of the stress managers that work for some families are as follows: coping with economic change by scaling down rather than adding extra jobs, having a joint checking account, with both balancing the account, having no set pattern on children's monies, but a variety of patterns for different ages and circumstances, expecting children to help somewhat with college monies, usually for personal expenses and books, viewing money as a temporary rather than an ongoing stress, being satisfied with the family's present lifestyle, enjoying family life and each other in spite of normal financial stresses, accepting of financial limitations and hopeful that they will be temporary, and not deferring present happiness in family life until money pressures disappear.

It is important to give children real life lessons in both saving and spending. They should create goals for themselves and stick to them. Encourage saving as much as possible through the establishment of a savings account where children can bank part of their allowance and gift money.

Also, jointly set spending guidelines for the money they save. Older children should be given increasing opportunities to make decisions about how best to spend money on necessities and extras.



Garza County Judge Giles Dalby (left) administers the oath of office to County Attorney Leslie Acker last week. Jan Acker joined her husband at the ceremony.

Brad McDonald honored by SNU business school

Southern Nazarene University's prestigious School of Business recently honored 30 new initiates, including Brad McDonald, a finance major, from Post, of the Gamma Sigma Chapter of Delta Mu Delta (DMD) at the Annual SNU Business Awards Banquet.

Delta Mu Delta is a National Honor Society of business students with Junior standing and a 3.2 GPA, or a graduate student with 16 hours and a 3.25 GPA. DMD was established at New York University in 1913 to recognize and reward superior scholastic achievement by the students of Business. The society has local chapters throughout the

United States with over 60,000 members. The SNU Gamma Sigma chapter was established in 1979 and has over 300 members.

"Delta Mu Delta membership is a tremendous honor with great significance," DMD adviser and SNU business professor Cindy Powell said. "The membership recognized nationwide is something that students can be justifiably proud of when seeking employment or a continuation of their education."

"These inductees represent the finest of academic strength and quality of character," SNU Chair of School of Business, Dr Larry Mills said.



Post EMS crew members assisted two injured people at the scene of a two-car accident last week at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 380 and Avenue F. Joe Duran, driver of a Datsun pickup truck, was treated and released at Garza Memorial Hospital. Passenger in the truck, Mario Lungus was transferred to Lubbock. A Chevrolet Blazer driven by Kori Shay Kellison of Lockney, was headed south on Avenue F and apparently broadsided the pickup, which was headed west on U.S. Hwy 380. Kellison was cited for failure to yield right of way. The impact slammed the pickup truck into the southwest corner of the intersection, collapsing one of the highway signs. Post volunteer firemen assisted at the scene.

Two accidents send five to hospital, one arrested for delivery of cocaine

By Becky Warren

Two accidents last week kept the Garza County sheriff's office and local EMS busy.

On Wednesday, May 15th, at 1:25 p.m. the Garza County sheriff's office was notified of a two car accident on East 380 and Avenue F.

According to sheriff's report a 1993 Chevrolet Blazer, driven by 21 year old Kori Shay Kellison of Lockney, was headed south on Avenue F. Kellison apparently did not see the stop sign at the intersection. She proceeded through the intersection and collided with a 1984 Datsun pickup driven by Joe Duran of Post. The pickup was struck on the passenger side. The passenger, 27 year old Mario Lungus, was trapped in the vehicle. The Jaws of Life were called to the scene to help remove him. The Post EMS was notified at 1:26 p.m. and arrived at the scene at 1:33 p.m.

Both occupants of the pickup were transported to Garza Memorial Hospital. Duran was

later released and Lungus was later transported to Lubbock for further evaluation.

Kellison was cited for failure to yield right of way. She was not injured in the accident.

On Friday, May 17th, a two car accident on West 380 and Avenue O sent three to the hospital.

According to sheriff's report a 1990 Cavalier, driven by 22 year old Lisa Haynes Pierce of Post, was traveling east on West 380 when she attempted to turn north on Avenue O. Apparently the driver was distracted by her infant daughter and she did not see the other car approaching. The car collided with a 1981 Toyota driven by 47 year old George Rea of Tucson, Az.

Post EMS was called to the scene and they transported Rea, his 42 year old wife, Charline Rea, and the infant daughter of Pierce to Garza Memorial Hospital.

On Tuesday, May 14, a 21 year old male was arrested on a warrant for theft over \$50 but

under \$500. He was released on a \$600 bond.

On Thursday, May 16, a 37 year old male was arrested for trespassing on the railroad. He was released after he laid out his fine.

On Saturday, May 18, a 35 year old male was arrested for public intoxication. He was released after he laid out his fine and court costs. Also a 33 year old male was arrested on Class "C" assault and public intoxication. He was released after paying \$360 in fines and court costs.

On Sunday, May 19, a 30 year old male was arrested on city warrants. He was released after paying his fine and court costs of \$236.

On Monday, May 20, 28 year old Timothy Kevin Smith was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance (cocaine). He was released on a \$25,000 bond. Also a 28 year old female was arrested on a warrant to revoke her probation (DWI). She was given 60 days commitment.

SBA disaster loan filing deadline approaches

Businesses in Briscoe, Crosby, Dickens, Floyd, Hale, Lubbock, Motley and Swisher Counties have until June 10, 1996 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses from flooding, hail, excessive rain, lightning, high

winds, tornadoes and below normal temperatures which occurred May 20 through June 7, 1995. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they

suffered as a result of the flooding, hail, excessive rain, lightning, high winds, tornadoes and below normal temperatures reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the weather are not eligible.



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Pool party June 1

A reminder to all 4-H members, there will be a record book training and pool party June 1. Call the extension office for details.

GCJLA Horse Show/4-H Pee-Wee Horse Show & Garza County Mesquite Country 4-H Horse Show

The Garza County Jr. Livestock Association Horse Show is June 1 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the rodeo grounds. Deadline to sign up for this Halter Class show is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 29.

Any Pee-Wee eight years and under may sign up for the 4-H Pee-Wee Horse Show that will immediately follow the GCJLA Horse Show on Saturday, June 1. Pre-register at the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 29.

The Garza County Mesquite Country 4-H Horse Show will begin at 9:30 a.m. June 1 at the Post Stampede Rodeo Grounds. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

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IGF-I may help "jump start" intestinal growth

Supplements of a growth hormone called IGF-I, insulin-like growth factor, may help "jump start" intestinal growth in premature infants.

Results from a study on piglets at the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center indicate that intestinal growth is significantly increased when concentrated doses of IGF-I are added to formula. The findings are important because of similarities in the gastrointestinal tract of piglets and human infants.

"Because premature infants are born with gastrointestinal tracts that are not fully developed, they have a limited ability to digest foods and may not be able to tolerate feedings," said Dr. Doug Burrin, USDA research physiologist and an adjunct

professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

"The results suggest that an increase in gastrointestinal growth could enable premature infants to tolerate feedings, absorb the nutrients they need to overcome deficiencies, increase their weight, and, ultimately, reduce time spent in the hospital," Burrin said.

During the study, CNRC scientists also found that the special IGF-I and formula mix stimulated growth of the villi, finger-like projections that line the intestinal wall and absorb nutrients.

Burrin believes that infants experiencing other intestinal problems such as a diseased bowel or severe diarrhea could also benefit from formula that contains concentrated doses of

IGF-I.

"Although IGF-I may not be essential for normal healthy infants, it might provide vital support for infants with special needs. In fact, IGF-I might be able to rejuvenate the lining of the intestine," he said.

Burrin points out that IGF-I is found naturally in small amounts of the milk of most mammals including humans.

"This is significant because most premature infants are fed formula, which contains no IGF-I," he said. Burrin believes

findings from the CNRC study could be important in the design of special preterm formulas.

There is also evidence indicating IGF-I might enhance the production of lactase, an enzyme involved in lactose digestion. Some premature infants are born with a limited ability to digest lactose.

"If that is true, the IGF-I that infants receive either naturally in breast milk or as a therapeutic dose may enhance their ability to digest lactose," he said.

Results from the CNRC study are published in the May issue of the American Journal of Physiology.

National magazine aims to inform Texans on Republic

The second edition of an internationally distributed magazine is being distributed to subscribers and retail outlets this week, published by Wesley W. Burnett and Charles W. Duncan of Post. The first edition of the Republic of Texas Magazine was distributed in late April and was a sell-out by the first week of May. "The response was overwhelming," Burnett commented, "Charles and I really had no idea what kind of reaction the magazine would get, although I must admit Charles was much more optimistic than I."

"From all the enthusiasm we have seen and heard," Duncan added, "I felt that this premier edition had all the makings for a big success." Orders for the magazine, which was predominantly advertised through various news groups and web pages on the Internet, came from all over the Republic and the United States.

"We've had people calling from across the U.S. and all over Texas," Duncan continued, "and we could tell in the first couple weeks that we probably hadn't printed enough copies for the demand."

The second edition was released May 20, and additional retail outlets are carrying the magazine. Locally, the magazine is available at El Matamoros Restaurant and at The Post Dispatch in Post and at the Good News Bookstore on South University in Lubbock. "If there are retail establishments interested in making the magazine available for customers, please call us at (806) 495-4164 or 495-4135," Burnett suggested.

The focus of the magazine is to provide accurate, timely and interesting information about the rebirth of the Republic of Texas. The first issue included a complete reprint of the 1836 Republic of Texas Constitution, as well as important official documents which set the legal stage for the legitimacy of the provisional government.

"We want Texans to be able to make an informed decision about the Republic," Burnett emphasized, "and we discovered that very few, if any, news media outlets were providing the kind of detailed information people need. We believe this is one of the most historically important events in Texas history, and there are millions of Texans who have no idea that they are living in a free and independent Republic."

"There is a lot of misinformation and worse, downright slander being published and broadcast about the Republic," Duncan continued, "and we are providing the only real balance for Texans who want to know more than what the Associated Press or the networks are issuing through their obviously flawed reporting."

The June edition of the Republic of Texas Magazine is packed with current information about the Republic, its citizens and provisional government. In-depth and complete details of the recent kidnapping of the Republic's Chief Ambassador, actual cases from the Republic's only certified common law court and documentation not seen in any other publication are found in the current edition.

"Skeptics of the Republic sing a different tune after reading and studying the information in our magazine," Burnett added, "and, no matter how Texans feel about the independent nation question, we believe the future is brighter because of those citizens who take the time to be informed and understand the potential benefits of real freedom."

The monthly magazine is represented for international distribution by Progressive Marketing Services of San Antonio. Subscriptions are \$24 per year (12 issues) for addressess within the boundaries of the Republic of Texas and \$48 for those outside the Republic. Subscriptions may be ordered with payment to the Republic of Texas Magazine, 118 S. Avenue S, Post, Texas 79356.

Public health vital part of everyday life in Texas

Long before the turn of the century, the state's health workers had a clear mission: fight epidemics of yellow fever, small pox and cholera in the frontier that was Texas. More than 100 years later, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) still combats dreaded diseases such as tuberculosis and diphtheria along with the newer enemies such as HIV/AIDS, dengue and hantavirus. The work of TDH and its more than 6,000 employees, however, has increased considerably, all under the vision of public health.

"Public health is not poverty health," said Dr. David R. Smith, Texas Commissioner of Health. "It means trying to reduce the things that the public needs to worry about. Public health means that people don't worry about the meat they eat, the X-rays they get or the environment in which they live."

"Public health," said Dr. Smith, "is something people notice by its absence more often than by its presence."

Public Health Week, the first week of April each year, is set aside to recognize the contributions of public health workers and prevention series to the well-being of people and their communities. Governor George W. Bush recently signed the proclamation for Public Health Week. Texas Department of Health deals with public health in a variety of ways: preventive health care, disease surveillance and control, injury prevention, environmental and consumer health, health care quality and standards and health services for women and children. Along with the health complex in Austin, TDH has regional offices spread across the state, two hospitals that offer specialized care for patients with tuberculosis and other chronic respiratory diseases and dozens of local affiliated health departments.

On a daily basis, citizens encounter a variety of TDH's public health programs.

* Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides basic food supplements for more than 650,000

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* The Meat Safety Assurance Division inspects more than 340 million pounds of meat a year.

* TDH's Library and Information Services Program has one of the largest audiovisual libraries devoted to health issues with more than 2,100 titles that can be loaned free to anyone throughout the state.

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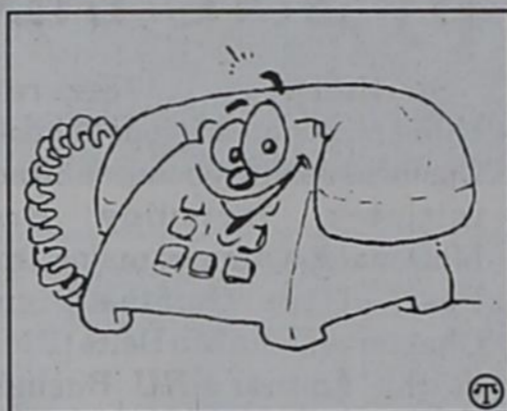
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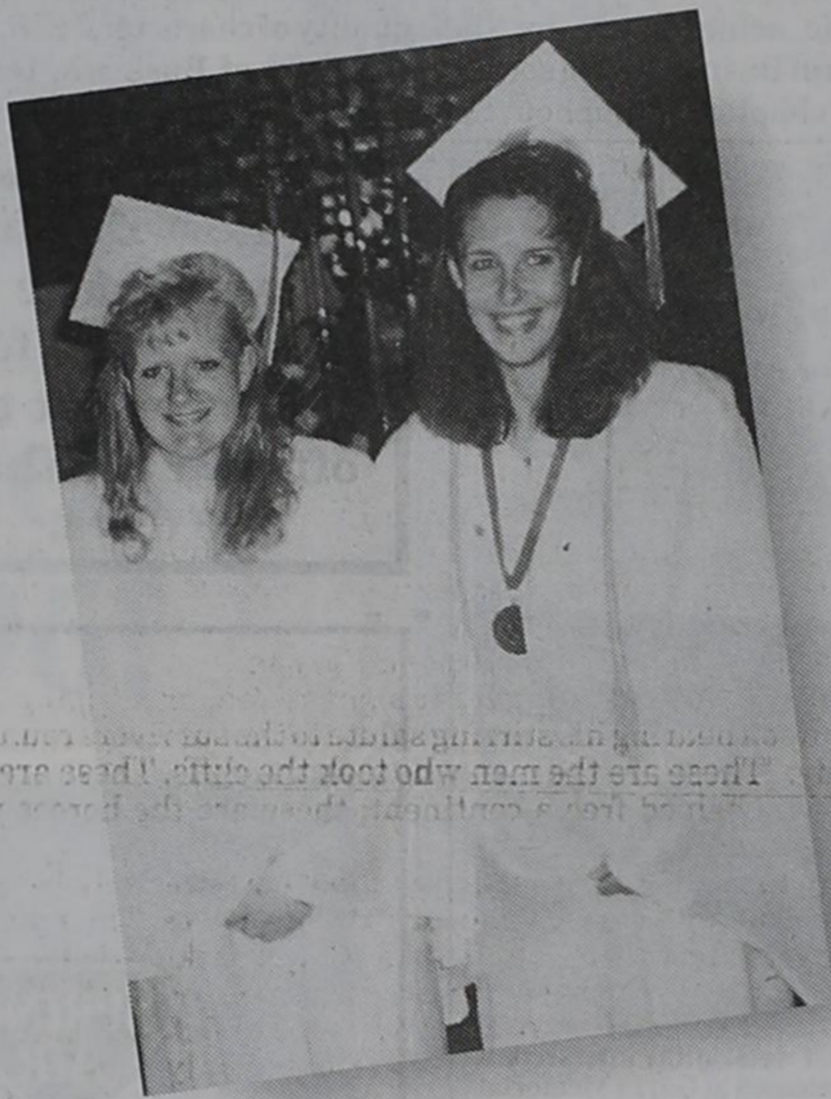
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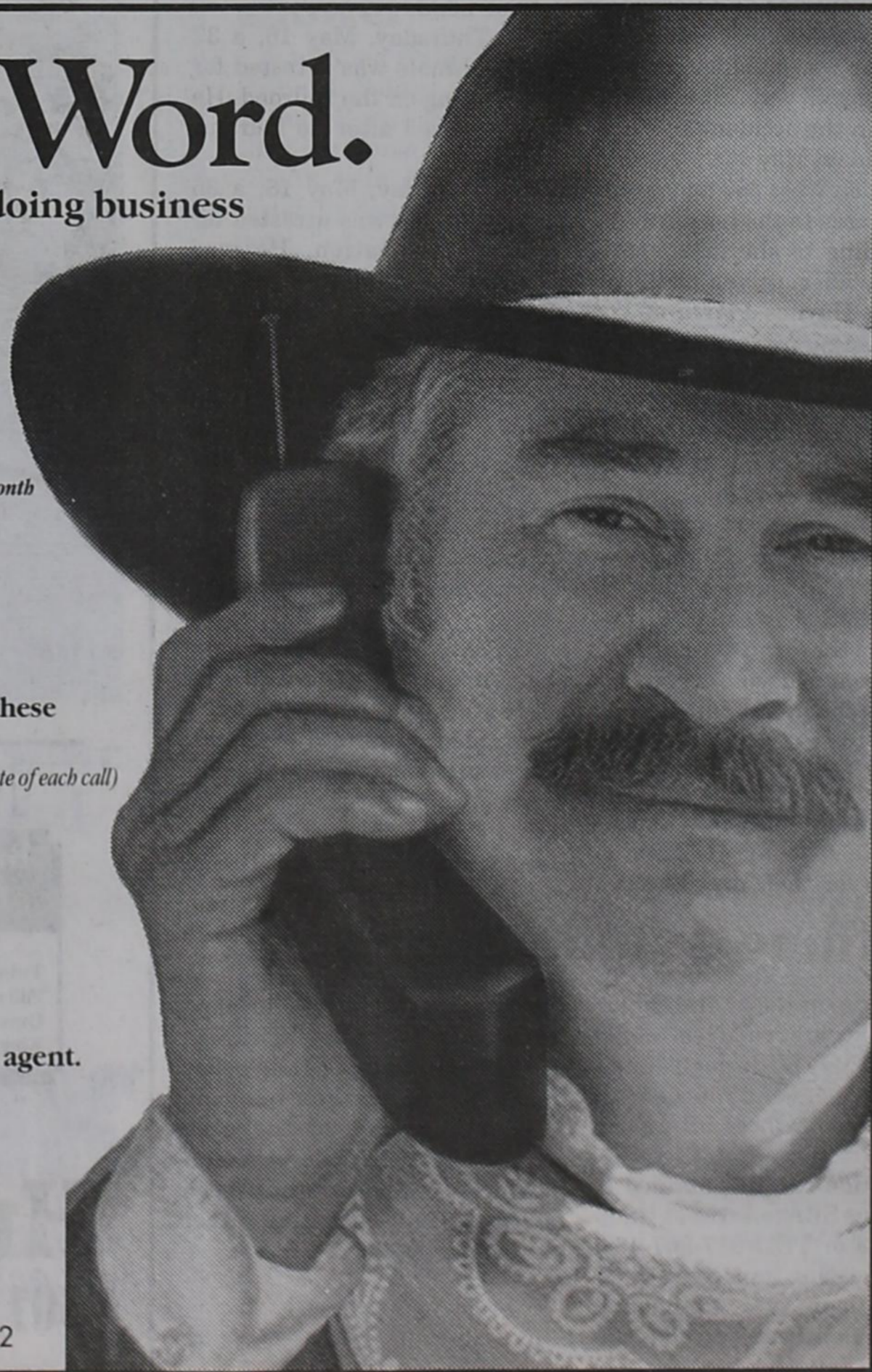
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Opinions



'The system causes 99 percent of all learning disabilities'

by Vin Suprynowicz
 Responding to a complaint on the "Separation of School and State" Internet talk group (sepschool@SepSchool.Org) that "The schools will destroy your child; can you afford to leave him in the classroom?" D.B. of Los Angeles complains: "A bit apocalyptic, wouldn't you say? I know lots of families living in nice suburbs whose children are getting a decent education in public schools. ... They haven't been 'destroyed'."

While it's true a minority of American youth still leave our government-run schools with an adequate education - or at least the intellectual tools necessary to get one elsewhere - I remain unconvinced this outcome is the product of the government propaganda camps. If you think "propaganda" is too strong a term, witness the revelations on page 1 of the May 1 Wall Street Journal, that the Centers for Disease Control have purposely fudged statistics for years to convince the public that AIDS - a collection of mostly non-viral diseases now and always 95 percent concentrated among hemophiliacs, intravenous drug users, and most of all promiscuous homosexual users of amyl nitrite "poppers" - were widely contagious via vaginal intercourse.

This is now revealed to be complete nonsense, of course. The chance of an individual not in any of the risk groups above "catching AIDS" from "unprotected sex" with a total stranger turns out to be millions-to-one - less than the chance of being struck by lightning.

What's more, if you do turn up "HIV positive," it turns out that refraining from the above activities - and most of all avoiding toxic "therapies" like ddI and AZT - leave you a much better chance of long-term health than the CDC wants you to know - about a 70 percent chance, according to Dr. Peter Duesberg in his eye-opening new book "Inventing the AIDS Virus" (Regnery Books.)

Just ask Magic Johnson. Yep, another "deadly plague" down the drain - from the same fine folks who brought us the "dread Swine Flu epidemic." Better find something else to justify all these billion-dollar allocations: How's the "Ebola Panic" coming along? Now ask to see what your kids are still being taught in their "AIDS education" brainwashing sessions at government school.

As to the "education" going on in the scant time left over from teaching our kids to chant various environmental and other PC catechisms: If I kidnap your six-year-olds for seven hours a day and make them eat dirt, and they not only survive but actually grow (albeit at a slower rate than if I didn't feed them dirt), have I thus proven the nutritional value of dirt?

Or have I just proven that the young homo sapien is a remarkably resilient critter, providing there's still someone at home willing to feed him or her something (start it! other/end it!) than dirt the other 17 hours of the day? The great myth of compulsory uniform government schooling is that, given enough money, the educators can produce the desired product out of virtually any raw material. Yet, put to the test, they inevitably whimper: "What do you expect? Look at the material you gave me to work with. These kids come from single-parent welfare project homes, rife with crime and drug abuse. Some of them are dirty, hungry, sick, or deranged. So of course I couldn't teach them to read in only 10 years. It would be different if you'd sent me to one of those nice suburban schools!"

This is like charging a high price on the contention that you can teach any animal to pee on fireplugs, and then only succeeding with the dogs. Beyond the elementary grades, what our overpriced educators are mostly doing is taking credit for "found" learning which would happen faster if they simply let the kids spend their time in a decent library, with occasional breaks to watch The History Channel.

As for the newly-discovered epidemic of "learning disabilities" among the children of the mendicant classes, this takes us back to the CDC's definition of AIDS. We know HIV causes AIDS, because whenever we find "AIDS-like symptoms" in anyone without HIV antibodies, we arbitrarily declare "Then that's not AIDS." Not too surprisingly, this practice results in a "100 percent correlation" between "AIDS" and the presence of HIV antibodies. Duh. With such a usefully circular definition, I can easily demonstrate that I'm the greatest teacher in the world.

I will simply label anyone who fails to learn what's expected under my tutelage "learning disabled." Then -voila! - once we clear the aisles of all these emotionally disturbed retardards, I think you'll find I have a 100 percent success rate. When do I get my merit raise? Robyn Miller, formerly a government school teacher in both rural Montana and suburban Denver, was getting tired of being told not to correct spelling errors lest she damage her charges' "self-esteem."

But what finally turned Ms. Miller - profiled by Brandon Dutcher in the February edition of "The Education Liberator" (4578 N. First, Fresno Calif. 93726; tel. 209-292-1776) - into a home schooler was the "Special Education" scam, where Miller estimates 80 percent of the inmates have "normal sight, hearing and intelligence," but simply cannot read "because of ineffective teaching methods." "Sentencing" such kids to such Learning Disability classes creates in them "a pattern of failure for so many years to come," Ms. Miller worries. "When I was a public school teacher, I used to think the system caused 75 percent of all learning disabilities," Miller says. "Now I think it's about 99 percent."

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Note to Dole and Clinton: dry those tears

by Stephen Chapman
 Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address without once choking up, Franklin Roosevelt informed the nation of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor without losing his composure, and Dwight Eisenhower gave his farewell address with eyes that were perfectly dry. But when Bob Dole announced his resignation from the U.S. Senate last week, he did what has become obligatory for politicians these days - he let his eyes mist up and his voice quaver.



We were supposed to be moved. Some of us, however, were only moved to irritation at the idea that the nation is supposed to feel a tug at the tear ducts every time Dole recalls his recuperation from his near-fatal war injuries.

Certainly he, like every battle-scarred veteran, deserves the gratitude of his fellow citizens. But his success in overcoming his wounds doesn't qualify him to be president, and his habit of exploiting that experience for political gain doesn't warrant our indulgence. We are being manipulated by a calculated display of emotion, and we have a right to object.

Dole is hardly alone in resorting to this expedient. Bill Clinton is the heavyweight champion of the moist eye, trembling lip and consoling embrace. In the week after Commerce Secretary Ron Brown's death, he wallowed in the opportunity to dramatize his sorrow, praising the Commerce secretary in terms that would have been excessive for Mother Teresa.

The extravagance of his eulogies, however, didn't honor Brown. Just the opposite: It turned attention away from him and toward the eulogist.

That, of course, was its purpose - to let everyone know of Clinton's bottomless supply of the milk of human kindness. Like the town hall meetings he held during the 1992 campaign, the ostentatious mourning for Brown let him demonstrate that whatever his failings, he has a heart as big as the Grand Canyon.

It's enough to make you think that maybe our fathers had the right idea in telling us that real men don't cry. Some candidate could probably profit from borrowing the old slogan of Johnson's Baby Shampoo: No more tears. There is a lot to be said for iron self-control in the face of adversity. When war breaks out, we don't want a president who'll start blubbering.

The histrionics of Dole and Clinton could make us all miss Calvin Coolidge. The 30th president might have used his retirement

announcement to wax nostalgic about his long career, to reflect on his regrets over leaving the presidency or to celebrate his bonds with the American people. Instead, he issued a one-sentence, written statement: "I do not choose to run for president in 1928." Such arid terseness would be a welcome respite from the soggy climate of the modern political era.

John Kennedy endured lifelong suffering from his war injuries, but it didn't occur to him that the public had a responsibility to help him cope. Franklin Roosevelt never milked his paralysis for sympathy. Nor did he show his devotion to the American people by weeping over the Great Depression. He showed his devotion by doing something about it.

Emotion, to be sure, has its place in political discourse. Good political speeches are not dry, relentlessly logical lawyer's briefs. They make effective use of powerful images, phrases and ideas. They sometimes even evoke tears in the audience.

In the audience - not the speaker. When Ronald Reagan gave his famous address at Pointe du Hoc, Normandy, honoring the men who had fought there 40 years earlier, he was inspiring tears, not shedding them. A profuse display of his own emotions would have directed the focus away from the grand - namely, D-Day's meaning for these men and for the survival of freedom - and toward the inconsequential - namely, its effect on Reagan.

Few people would have wept at the sight of Reagan weeping. But plenty wept upon hearing his stirring salute to the survivors reunited in Normandy: "These are the men who took the cliffs. These are the champions who helped free a continent; these are the heroes who helped end a war."

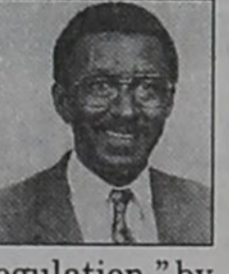
Dole and Clinton lack the capacity to move us precisely because they are so preoccupied with being moved themselves. Their gaze is directed inward, not outward, and while we may acknowledge their feelings, we don't share them. We are unimpressed with Clinton because he is indiscriminately affected by every misfortune. We are unimpressed with Dole because he gets teary only over his own hardships.

Their emotional exhibitions seem designed to draw attention to themselves or to serve as self-therapy, neither of which is appealing to behold. Dole and Clinton have forgotten something important: This election is not about them; it's about us.

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Death by government...

by Walter E. Williams
 Development of the coronary stent, a wire-mesh tube placed in an artery to increase heart-muscle blood flow, has revolutionized treatment of certain heart conditions. The Gianturo-Roubin coronary stent reduces the need for coronary-bypass surgery and is especially valuable during angioplasty when a coronary artery collapses and prevents blood flow to the heart. According to a report, "The Human Cost of Regulation," by David C. Murray, a scholar at the Indianapolis-based Hudson Institute, the Gianturo-Roubin coronary stent was developed in 1986 but the Food and Drug Administration didn't approve its use until May 28, 1993.



We want medical-device manufacturers to demonstrate safety and effectiveness. We don't want the FDA arrogance, delays and bureaucratic bungling that are responsible for the United States lagging 11 months or more behind Europe's device-approval rate. FDA ineptitude doesn't simply impose time-wasting, costly procedures on device manufacturers; each year, it kills thousands of Americans.

Approximately 15 percent of patients die undergoing emergency bypass surgery made necessary due to coronary artery collapse during angioplasty. During clinical trials of the Gianturo-Roubin stent, far fewer patients needed bypass surgery after a collapsed coronary artery, and of those who did, only 5 percent died. Murray says roughly 1,230 American lives per year were lost in angioplasty procedures because of FDA-delayed approval of the Gianturo-Roubin stent.

If your loved one died in the early '90s during an angioplasty procedure, Dr. David Kessler, the head of the FDA, is in part responsible. The tragedy is that you and your loved one are some of the many invisible victims of FDA policy. Here's the modus operandi: If FDA officials mistakenly approve a device that has unanticipated harmful effects, their necks are on the chopping block because the victims are highly visible. Career-minded FDA officials don't like that kind of exposure. They prefer the hidden mistake, erring on the side of over-caution by needlessly delaying approval. When FDA officials err on the side of over-caution, their victims are invisible. After all, you didn't know there was a device available that could have saved a loved one's life, as would have been the case had the angioplasty procedure occurred in Belgium or some other European country.

FDA delays in approval of the Omnicarbon heart valve contributed to the suffering or death of as many as 8,000 of the 16,000 Americans who experience either a thromboembolic event or bleeding complication with their artificial heart valves each year. Again, these people are the invisible victims of Dr. Kessler's FDA.

There are many medical devices, or improvements to existing medical devices, introduced each year and needlessly held up because of FDA self-serving Byzantine procedures. The medical profession shares some of the blame. Doctors are at least partially aware of the introduction of new tools in their profession. I think they have an

ethical duty to inform patients about lifesaving and suffering-sparing devices and useful drugs being needlessly held up by the FDA.

The problem is not resources. In 1988, the FDA's budget was \$482 million and it was staffed by 6,869 people. That year, it approved 46 applications for pre-market approval of medical devices. By 1994, with a budget of \$877 million and a staff of 8,539, it managed to approve only 26 applications for pre-market approval of medical devices. The FDA is long overdue for overhauling. In the process, Congress should allow for private medical device certification. After all, Underwriter's Laboratory does an excellent job assuring electrical device safety.

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George Washington

The Constitution for the United States

Preamble

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 3

Section 1. The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behaviour, and shall, at stated Times, receive for their Services, a Compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.

The seductive lure of socialism

by Frederick Bastiat (1801-1850)
 excerpt from "The Law"
 published by The Foundation for Economic Education Inc.,
 Irvington-On-Hudson, New York, N.Y.

Here I encounter the most popular fallacy of our times. It is not considered sufficient that the law should be just; it must be philanthropic. Nor is it sufficient that the law should guarantee to

every citizen the free and inoffensive use of his faculties for physical, intellectual, and moral self-development. Instead, it is demanded that the law should directly extend welfare, education, and morality throughout the nation.

This is the seductive lure of socialism. And I repeat again: These two uses of the law are in direct contradiction to each other. We must choose between them. A citizen cannot at the same time be free and

ACS supports breast cancer research funding

Joining the call for more federal funds to support breast cancer research, the American Cancer Society is supporting an ambitious petition drive, Campaign '96. Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women, and will account for more than 184,000 new cases in the United States in 1996.

"The goal of Campaign '96 is to obtain 2.6 million signatures nationwide petitioning Congress for \$2.6 billion for breast cancer research between now and the year 2000," stated Marilyn Leitch, MD, Texas Division president of the American Cancer Society. "In 1993, we supported a similar petition drive and Texans collected over a third of all the signatures collected nationwide by the American Cancer Society."

The American Cancer Society suggests many ways for Texans to get involved. Sign a petition; ask your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to sign; make copies of the petition and ask others to gather signatures; post information about Campaign '96 and a petition in newsletters and appropriate office locations.

According to Leitch, "If this

effort reaps the same results as past campaigns, federal breast cancer research program will grow to new heights and America will be a better place for our daughters and granddaughters."

Campaign '96 is coordinated by the National Breast Cancer Coalition, and seeks to involve many groups and organizations. The American Cancer Society has petition forms available for individuals and organizations that want to participate. Call 1-800-ACS-2345 and ask for copies to be sent to you.

The risk of breast cancer increases with age. While research is bringing new answers, early detection is still the best protection. The American Cancer Society recommends that women without symptoms ages 40-49 should have screening mammography every 1-2 years. And, that women age 50 and over every year. In addition, clinical breast examination is recommended every year for women over 40, and monthly breast self-exam as a routine good health habit for women 20 years or older.

health hints

Take Two Slices, Call Me In The Morning

(NAPS)—If "take two slices of pizza and call me in the morning" sounds like a far-fetched prescription, think again.

Lowering your risk for certain kinds of cancer may be as simple as prescribing yourself a diet rich in one of America's favorite vegetables—the tomato.

A recent study by the Harvard School of Public Health found that men who ate two to four servings per week of tomatoes (including tomato sauce and pizza) lowered their risk of prostate cancer by 34 percent.

And men who ate ten servings of tomatoes had a 45 percent lower risk of prostate cancer than men who average only one and a half servings a week.

Since the early 1980s, research has been conducted into phytochemicals, the micronutrients found in plants. Phytochemicals help prevent cancer in different ways. Some block carcinogens from forming or slow their growth, some prevent damage to healthy cells, some even repair DNA.

While many vegetables have cancer-fighting properties, all are not equally effective at fighting specific cancers. Tomatoes are nature's richest source of the phytochemical, lycopene. Besides their potential for fighting prostate cancer, lycopene-rich foods are thought to decrease the risk of other forms of cancer as well.

Even before their cancer-fighting properties were discovered, tomatoes were an important part



Good news for those who love pizza and spaghetti sauce! Lycopene-rich tomatoes have been found to have cancer-fighting properties.

of any healthy diet because they're low in fat and calories, cholesterol-free and a rich source of vitamins A and C.

The Harvard researchers found that cooked tomato products are more protective than juice or raw tomatoes. Tomato sauce was the most strongly associated with a lower prostate cancer risk because absorption of lycopene in the body is improved by cooking.

While eating more tomatoes can improve your health, researchers recommend that it is also important to eat a balanced diet. So order an extra slice of pizza, another serving of tomato sauce and pasta. Create new recipes with tomato sauce and pastes.

To request free tomato-based recipes, write Hunt Foods Company, P.O. Box 440008, El Paso, TX 88544-0008.

Births



Mikayla Marie Moore

Ricky and Carla Moore are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Mikayla Marie. She was born at Methodist hospital on Wednesday, May 1, 1996 at 5:38 a.m. Mikayla weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs and was 21 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Carl and Dana Bontke of Plainview.

Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Terry Moore of Post.

"Room temperature" is 68 degrees F. The equivalent temperature in degrees Celsius is 20.

Kaleb Ryan Crenshaw

Kristopher Crenshaw, son of Donald and Teresa Crenshaw, is happy to announce the birth of his brother, Kaleb Ryan. He was born April 30, 1996 at 12:45 p.m. at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Kaleb weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 20 3/4 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Nuel Landreth, Mary and Everett Windham all of Post and Diane Hickman of Midwest City, Ok.

Paternal great grandparents are Della Mae Crenshaw of Post and Opal Freeman of Ore City. Maternal great grandmother Georgia Tuttle of Midwest City, Ok.

Tax 'n Facts by Terri Cash, CPA

Now -- About Next Year

Your 1995 taxes are in the mail. Your return has been prepared carefully -- or will be, if you have filed for an extension. But that's only a small part of your relationship with your tax professional. The planning you do together can help you straighten out your finances and pay less in taxes.

Review your return together, and see what you can do differently this year to improve your picture. You may want to trim your withholding taxes to avoid giving Uncle Sam an interest-free loan (even if it does get you a refund) -- or increase the amount withheld or your estimated taxes to avoid an underpayment penalty. Perhaps you can contribute more to an IRA or 401(k).

And keep in touch. Many big life changes -- from getting married to having a child to buying a house (or refinancing its mortgage) to selling a major asset or rolling over a retirement fund lump sum -- warrant a consultation with your tax expert. Tax-planning is a year-round concern. Keep in touch with us at:

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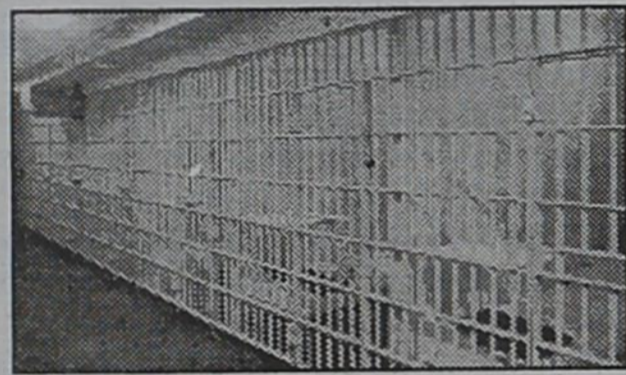
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The Ideal Gift For The Recent Graduate

(NAPS)—After years of schooling, graduation day is finally here. What to buy for the recent graduate about to enter the job world? A fast faxmodem makes the ideal gift.

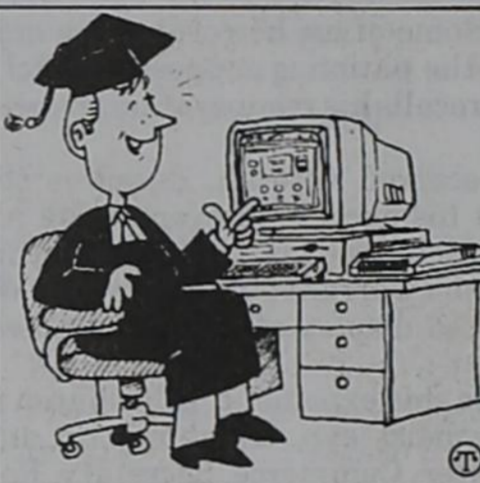
Faxmodems are appearing more and more on students' wish lists because a faxmodem links a personal computer to the information superhighway. A faxmodem allows you to connect to the Internet and on-line services, to send and receive electronic mail, to keep in touch with friends, to invest, join special interest groups, shop, or browse through World Wide Web pages and get information on almost any topic.

A faxmodem may also provide the recent graduate with the gateway to that all-important first job. Many companies are now listing job openings on their World Wide Web pages and on-line recruitment services provide continuously updated job listings for many companies, along with the resources that can make the job search more productive.

According to Frank Manning, President of Zoom Telephonics, a leading manufacturer of faxmodems, "Connecting to the Internet provides job seekers with a means to explore opportunities, research companies of interest, evaluate and select the best jobs available, and chat on-line with professionals about positions of inter-

est. The result can be a quicker and more successful search process."

In looking for the perfect faxmodem for the college graduate, consider a 28,800 bps (bits per second) modem like the Zoom FaxModem



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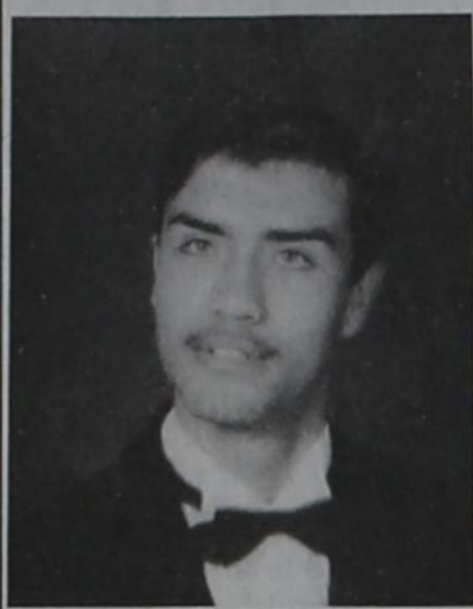
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Jason Abraham

Jason is the 19 year old son of Gloria and Louis Abraham and list putting models together, car and talking on the phone as his hobbies. Anatomy, food science and nutrition are his favorite subjects. He was a member of the sweepstakes band his senior year. Jason plans to work for a little bit and go to college to become an automotive technician.

B & B Backhoe



Paul Arausa

Paul is the 19 year old son of Huny Apolinar and lists running track and watching tv as his hobbies. His favorite subjects in school are history, Spanish and math. He has participated in JV football, JV track, varsity track and cross country. He received regional qualifier in the 1600 meter relay in "95", regional qualifier in the 400 meter relay and 200 meter dash in "96", cross country third place team in "95." His favorite musical group is Metallica. Paul plans to work for a year and then go to college.

A.C. & Jo Cash



Amanda Ayala

Amanda is the 19 year old daughter of Pat and Anita Ayala and lists spending time with her boyfriend and her sister as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects were Spanish and history. She has participated in FHA, Student Council and also played tennis her freshman and sophomore years. She enjoys Spanish music and lists La Mafia as her favorite group. Amanda plans to attend South Plains College in the fall and to pursue a career in child development.

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David Benham

David is the 19 year old son of David and Frances Benham and lists racing cars as his hobby. His favorite subject in school is history. He participated in one-act play at district and area levels. Country is his favorite music. David plans to join the Army after graduation.

Benham's Garage



Tabatha Blevins

Tabatha is the 17 year old daughter of Gary and Jaquita Blevins and lists singing and hanging out with her friends as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects include English, chemistry and anatomy. She participated in band for two years, choir for one year and basketball during her freshman year. Her major highlight of her school career was "doubling her classes and graduating a year early." She likes all kinds of music but her favorite singers are Mariah Carey and George Strait. Tabatha plans to attend South Plains in the fall of 1997 and study to be a pediatric nurse. She said "I hope to provide a good future for my daughter."

Ira Pump & Supply



Rachel Brown

Rachel is the 17 year old daughter of Lupe and Rosie Perez and lists fitness workouts, basketball and shopping as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects include Spanish, English, government, economics and biology. She was in the sweetheart contest in 1995 representing FCA and Annual. She participated in basketball and track. She was on the honor roll and received award for perfect attendance. Her major highlight of her school career was "when our Spanish III class surprised Mrs Ferguson with a dozen red roses and a surprise party on her birthday." Christian music, D.C. Talk and T-Bone are her favorite musical groups. Rachel plans to work as a guard or officer at the Lubbock prison or pursue a college career.

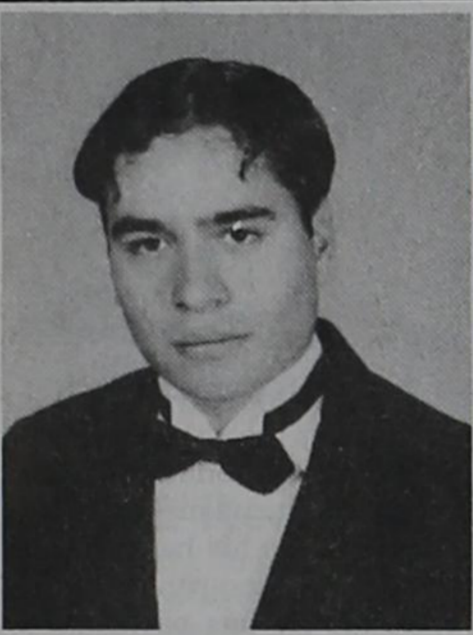
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Wendi Burns

Wendi is the 18 year old daughter of Mary and Marcial Salinas and lists reading, writing and singing as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects are science and math. She has participated in FHA, Y.E.S. and basketball. Her major highlight of her school career was "attending Reno High School in Reno, Nevada." She lists the Eagles, Selena, Rodeo and Reba as her favorite musical groups. Wendi plans to get married and have lots of children.

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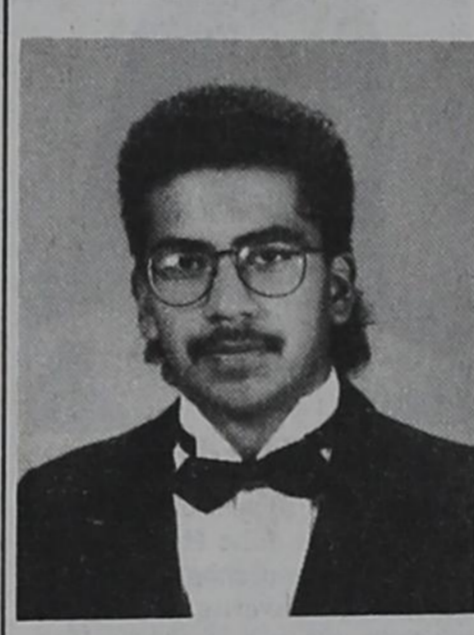
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James Cahill

James is the 18 year old son of Mike and Joleen Cahill and lists fly tying, fencing, fishing and drawing as his hobbies. His favorite subjects are geology, biology and creative writing. He has participated in Student Council, Lubbock Lake Landmark Association CYO, golf, fencing. Has received awards in current issues and events for UIL and fencing junior olympics. His major highlight of his school career was "taking trip to Washington, D.C. and meeting Rep. Mac Thornberry on his 18th birthday." James plans to attend the University of Great Falls in Montana and major in biology.

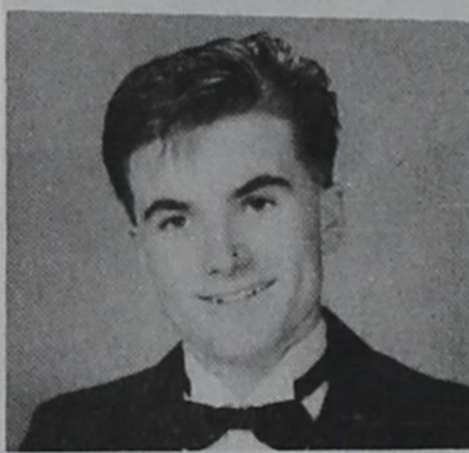
Post EMT's



Bradley Cimental

Bradley is the 18 year old son of Melba and Joe Cimental and lists watching tv as his hobby. His favorite subject in school is Ag. Rap is his favorite music and Easy E is his favorite musical group. Bradley plans to work after graduation and then start trucking.

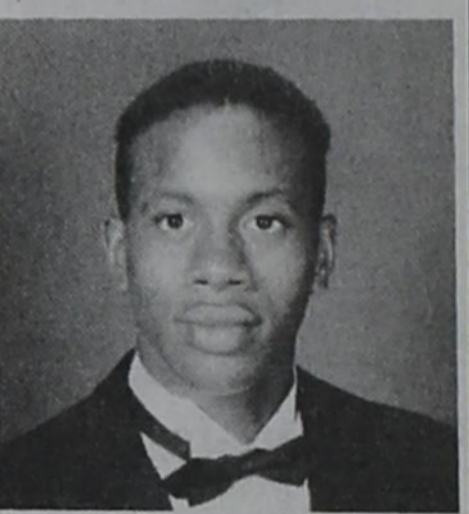
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Bill Cole

Bill is the 18 year old son of Tommy and Rosemary Cole and lists playing his trumpet and going fishing as his hobbies. His favorite subjects in school include band, Spanish and computers. He has participated in cross country, football for two years, baseball for two years and basketball for two years. He has received awards for state solo ensemble, third team medalists in cross country, district champ two years in baseball and All-Region for three years. His major highlight of his school career was "making a one at solo-ensemble and going to state." Alternative and heavy metal are his favorite bands. Bill plans to work a year and then go to college and get rich.

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Corey Cruse

Corey is the 18 year old son of Marion and Pat Cruse and lists racing, low riders and sound audio as his hobbies. His favorite subjects in school were history and computers. He participated in football and track. He participated in the football play offs for two years in a row, all-Regional second team offense, all-Region track went to regionals two years in a row in the 400, 400 relay and 1600 relay. R.Kelly, X'scope and Texas, TLC, Goodlemob, SWV, LL Cool J, Ice Cube and Easy E are his favorite musical groups. Corey plans to go to college and major in computer maintenance.

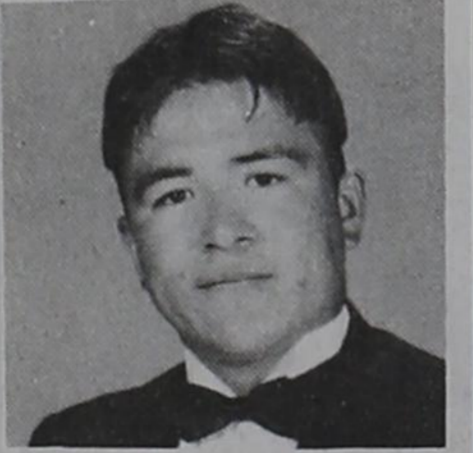
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Damon Dean

Damon is the 18 year old son of Bobby and Janet Dean and list working on gas engines as his hobby. His favorite subject is math. Rap and rock are his favorite types of music. Damon plans to join the Army Reserves and go to South Plains College for automotive technology.

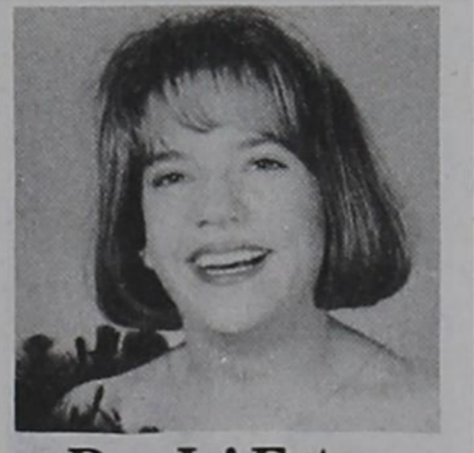
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Marty Dissinger

Marty is the 19 year old son of Daryl and Chane Dissinger and lists basketball, fishing and football as his hobbies. His favorite subjects in school were economics, English and band. He participated in varsity football (10-11 grade), varsity track team (10-11 grade) JV football (9 grade) and power lifting team (11 grade). He said that his major highlight of his school career was "making All-Region band three out of four years, also honor band and being first chair most of the time in high school." Heavy metal, Alternative, Metallica, Nirvana, Bush, Took, Pantera and Pearl Jam are among his favorite musical groups. Marty hopes to major in architecture, or to perform at concerts in a band after graduation.

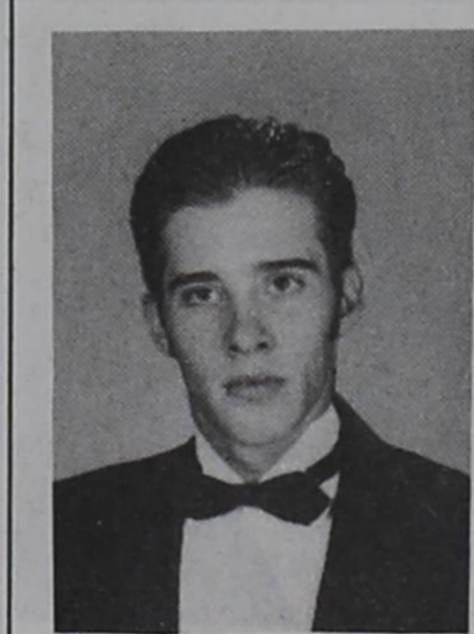
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DeeJe' Estep

DeeJe' is the 17 year old daughter of Bob and Debbie Palmer and lists playing golf, fishing, riding around and being with family and friends as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects are anatomy and office aide. She participated as a JV cheerleader, varsity cheerleader, class officer, Student Council representative and FCA secretary. She also participated in varsity golf, JV basketball, varsity basketball and cross country. She received all-district golfer four years, Regional qualifier in golf four years, Regional champs in golf two years, third district medalist golfer, state runner-up in golf and a member of the 1996 state championship golf team. Her major highlight of her school career was "winning second at state in golf in 1995 and being "state champs this year!" She was also selected as "Miss PHS" her senior year. She likes all kinds of music. DeeJe' plans to go to South Plains then to Methodist School of Nursing and get her RN degree.

**Palmer Oilfield
Construction**



Riley Feagin

Riley is the 18 year old son of Robert and Sally Feagin and lists riding motorcycles as his hobby. His favorite subject in school is Ag. He was regional qualified in cross-country for 93-94. He likes all kinds of music. Riley said he is not sure of his future plans at this time.

**Damon & Markey
Stotts**



Jayson Fry

Jayson is the 18 year old son of Arnold and Irene Fry and lists hunting, participating in all firearm sports and clubbing as his hobbies. Physics, creative writing and being a third grade aide are his favorite subjects. He has participated in NHS (officer), student council for three years and NHS for three years. He also participated in JV football and track. He received 15 gold and 3 silver medals in number sense, math, science, calculator and editorial writing events in district and in region he received two 6th place ribbons. His major highlight of his school career was "graduating valedictorian of his class." He enjoys country music with Garth Brooks being his favorite singer. Jayson plans to attend Texas Tech to obtain a double major and attend law school. He wants to enter federal gov't in some form of "secret" law enforcement.

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Daniel Garcia

Daniel is the 19 year old son of Mr and Mrs Pablo Garcia and lists welding, riding horses, working, driving and dancing as his hobbies. His favorite subject is Ag. He has participated in sports, football, track and off season. His major highlight of his school career was "being able to play solos two years in a row while being in band during marching season and going to area and getting Sweepstakes in marching band." He enjoys country, Spanish and rock music. Daniel plans to go to work for John T. Montford Unit of Criminal Justice and get married.

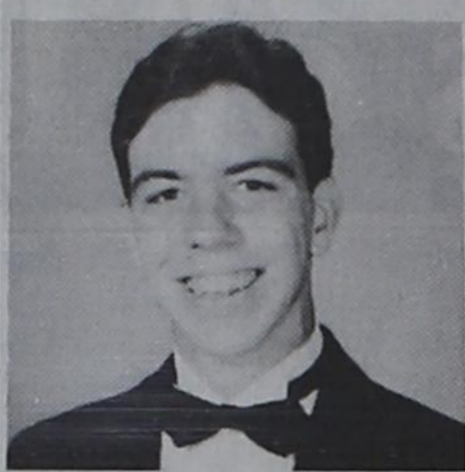
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Priscilla Garcia

Priscilla is the 17 year old daughter of Darling and Martin Garcia and lists reading and spending time with her dear Heavenly Father as her hobbies. Her favorite subject is Mrs Moore's computer class. She held Jr Class officer, student council, FHA, Y.E.S., Fellowship of Christian Athletes and band. She participated in track and basketball during her 9-11th grades. She received a perfect attendance award for 11-12th grade, also was outstanding student in Apparel and Textiles class for 95-96 and an award for citizenship of 95-96. Her major highlight of her school career was "when she was awarded the citizenship award for exemplifying courtesy and citizenship throughout the school year for 95-96." D.C. Talk is her favorite musical group with Alternative Rap and rock and christian music is her favorite. Priscilla plans to attend Wayland Baptist and receive a degree in youth ministry. If all fails then I will be leaving to the Navy on September 4, 1996. I will be stationed in Great Lake, Illinois, where I will try to major in ministry also. But will be a greater task then going to Wayland Baptist in Plainview. I would like to say thank you to my family and friends I would also like to ask that ya'll not forget me in your prayers.

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Lance Goen

Lance is the 19 year old son of Linda and Jerry Goen and lists building models, collecting sports cards and taking trips with his family as his hobbies. His favorite subjects are science, sports and government. He participated in the one-act play, football, basketball and tennis. He was on the A-B honor roll his freshman and senior years and received perfect attendance his sophomore year. His major highlight of his school career was "being able to travel with the sports and one-act." He enjoys country and rap music. Lance plans to join the Navy and become a surgical technician or respiratory therapist.

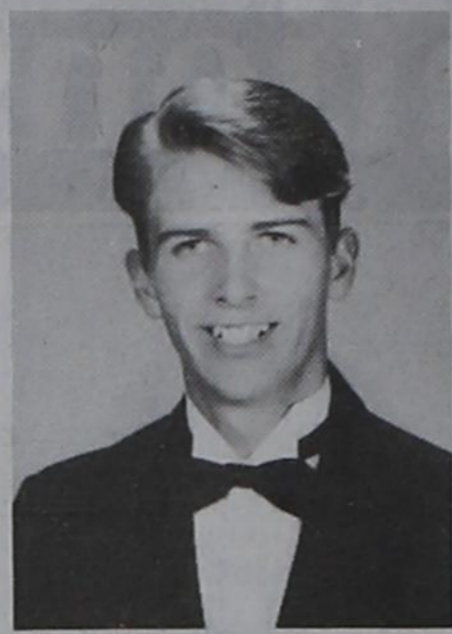
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Codie Hair

Codie is the 17 year old son of Donnie and Carolyn Hair and lists Ag as his favorite subject in school. He participated in tennis for two years where he lettered. He said he likes anything but country music. Codie plans to move to Lubbock after graduation.

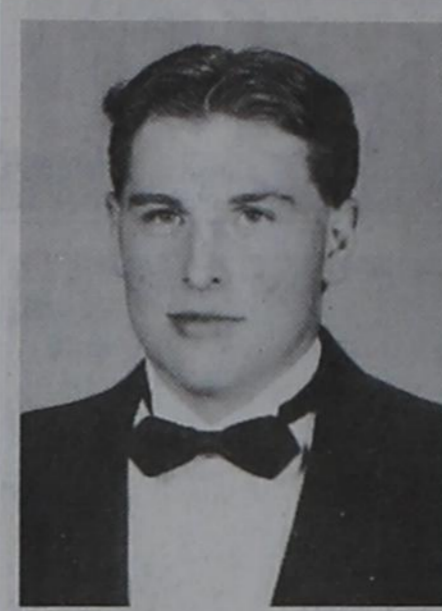
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Travis Hair

Travis is the 18 year old son of Jerry and Sherita Hair and list playing basketball as his hobby. Physics is his favorite subject. He has participated in athletics, cross-country and basketball. He was All-District honorable mention in basketball. Rap is his favorite music. Travis plans to go to college and become a computer programmer.

Brady's Package
Store



Richard Halford

Richard is the 18 year old son of Ronnie and LaDonna Halford and lists doing woodwork as his hobby. Creative writing and Spanish are his favorite subjects. He received outstanding achievement in creative writing. His major highlight of his school career was "being student of the week." He enjoys all types of music. Richard plans to go to college to major in biology.

Ronco Fire & Safety



Tori Harper

Tori is the 18 year old son of Willie Ann Thurman and lists playing basketball as his hobby. His favorite subjects in school were math and English. He participated in football (2 years), basketball (1 year), baseball (1 year) and track (2 years). He said that the major highlight of his school career was "playing in the play offs." His favorite music is Rap. Tori plans to go to the Army after graduation.

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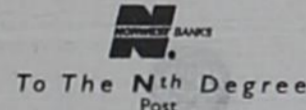
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Benjamin Jay Hart

B.J. is the 18 year old son of Tom and Martha Baker and Jay Hart and list golf, water skiing and playing the guitar as his hobbies. His favorite subjects in school are math, computers and history. He has participated in NHS, student council and has been a class officer. He also participated in football, track, golf and cross-country. He received Academic All-District in football, All-District in golf, was a regional qualifier in golf and track. His major highlight of his school career was "winning district in golf and competing at regionals his last two years of school." Toadies, Bush, Filter and Oasis are his favorite musical groups. B.J. plans to attend Texas Tech University starting this summer.

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Marcie Hill

Marcie is the 18 year old daughter of Bruce and Cathy Hill. She has served as vice-president, president, secretary and treasurer for the choir. She has also participated in JV basketball, track and cross country. She was named outstanding student in choir, has received the Student of the Week Award and lettered in choir. She enjoys country music. Marcie plans to graduate with a degree in psychology.

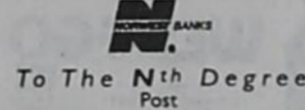
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Lori Hudman

Lori is the 18 year old daughter of Curtis and Julie Hudman and lists rodeos and shopping as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects are trigonometry and chemistry. She has participated in FFA, UIL, band, basketball, track, cross country, rodeos and stock shows. She received awards in varsity track, placed at county and major stock shows, state finals in high school rodeos, placed at district and regionals in UIL and she is historian of the senior class. Her major highlight of her school career will be "graduation." George Strait, Tom Petty and Alanis Morissette are among her favorite musical groups. Lori plans to attend Howard Jr College and major in accounting.

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Tammie Jefferson

Tammie is the 19 year old daughter of Vivian and Johnny Jefferson and lists dancing, singing and talking on the phone to friends as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects include English and literature and Spanish I & II. She was a representative for FHS, president for Y.E.S. and student council member. She was a member of the regional track team her junior year and a member of All-District champs in basketball her sophomore year. Her major highlight of her school career was "succeeding in finishing high school." Mariah Carey, R. Kelly, Monica, Wendy Houston, Aaliyah and Mary J. Blige are her favorite musical groups. Tammie plans to attend college in Austin to become an RN.

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Robert Kilmer

Robert is the 18 year old son of James and Donna Cook and lists reading and messing with computers as his hobbies. His favorite subjects are physics and calculus. He has participated in varsity football as the manager and player, baseball. He was a member of the third place team in UIL computer science and received an academic award in baseball. His major highlight of his school career was "making Sweepstakes in band." His favorite musical groups include Jars of Clay, DC Talk "Jesus Freak" and Coolio "Gangsta's Paradise." Robert plans to go to Texas Tech and major in computer science and electrical engineering.

Terry's Tire Shop



**Amber Cherelle
Lawson**

Amber is the 17 year old daughter of Carol and Henry Lawson and lists singing, dancing and listening to music as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects are biology and geometry. She has participated in FHA, Y.E.S. and tennis. R&B, R. Kelly, Bone Thugs and Harmony, Nonchalant, H-Town and some country are her favorite music groups. Amber is undecided about what she will do after graduation.

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Aleida Marin

Aleida is the 18 year old daughter of Adrian and Yolanda Marin and lists writing poems, running, going dancing and spending time with her family and friends as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects include Spanish II, sports (track season) and most of all creative writing. She was senior representative, Vice-president in band '95, FHA, Y.E.S., color guard (jr and sr years), student council, F.C.A. club, video club, cheerleader '96, all school play '94 and basketball (freshman year). She participated in cross-country in regional (three years in a row), track for four years participating in regional meet for the mile, two mile, 800 meter run and mile relay. Received 18 gold medals in track and two bronze and three silver medals during her high school years. Received spirit award three years in a row and perfect attendance twice. "Breaking the school record in the two mile, advancing to regionals her freshman year, placing fifth in the two mile and sixth in the mile" are her best remembered highlights. Aleida plans to attend South Plains College.

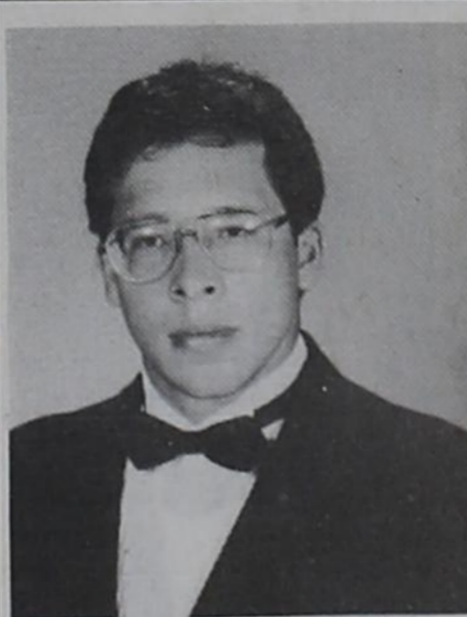
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Raquel Martinez

Raquel is the 18 year old daughter of Rev Carlos and Rose Martinez and lists bowling and shopping as her hobbies. Business communications, U.S. history and record keeping are her favorite subjects. She was choir president (1995-96), video club member and member of school choir (94-95). She participated on the varsity tennis team (10th), JV tennis team (9th) and in basketball. She received a scholarship from the Post Public Library. Her major highlight of her school career was "being a 1994-95 sweetheart contestant for choir." D.C. Talk and John Michael Montgomery are her favorite musical groups. Raquel plans to continue working at Citizens Bank, further her education and to get married.

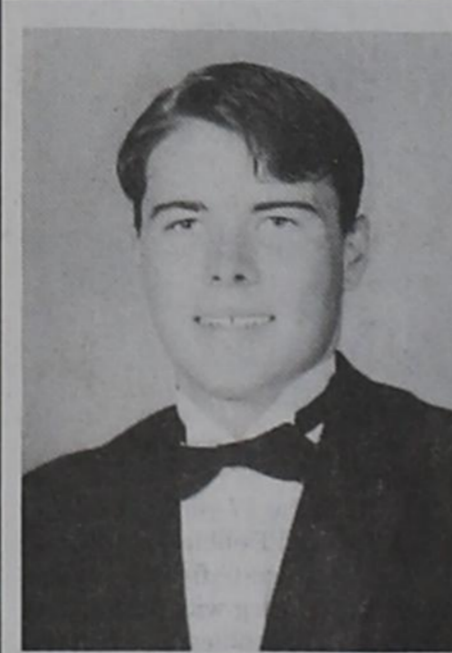
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Saul Martinez

Saul is the 19 year old son of Jesse and Carmen Martinez and lists playing football and hanging out with friends as his hobbies. Micro computers is his favorite subject. He participated in football and track. He was regional qualifier for the 100 and 200 (10-11th grade), 400 meter relay (9-11th grade) and second team all-district running back. FAMA is his favorite musical group. Saul plans to attend the Marines and after that go to college.

Hudman Furniture



Mike McDougle

Mike is the 17 year old son of Rick and Cindy McDougle. His favorite subject in school is physics. He has participated in NHS, Y.E.S. and FHA. He also participated in varsity track and was regional qualifier in the UIL math team. His favorite music is country. Mike plans to attend ACU to further his education.

Caprock Boots



Myra Morales

Myra is the 18 year old daughter of Cruz Raymundo and Pete Morales and lists hanging out with friends and family as her hobby. Her favorite subjects are English and computers. Her favorite music is all the 70's and 80's and The Bee Gee's. Myra plans to attend school at South Plains College to major in computer science.

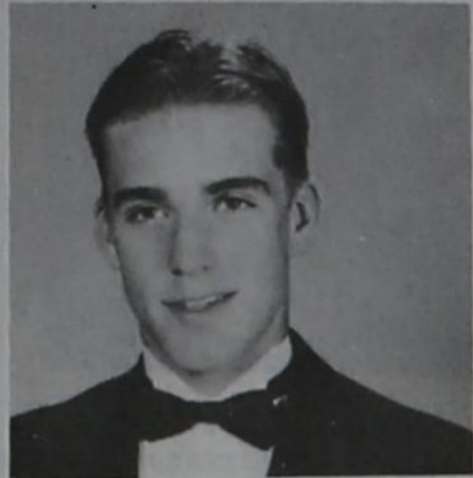
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Beth Murray

Beth is the 17 year old daughter of Obie and Freda Kelley and lists reading, being with friends and shopping as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects are creative writing, AP English and Spanish. She has participated in Student Council (secretary, vice-president & president), Drama Club (vice-president), video club, one-act play, Lincoln-Douglas Debate and band. She played basketball two years, was JV cheerleader her freshman year and participated in cross country. She received second place at district in Lincoln-Douglas debate her two years, honorable mention in OAP last year and was alternate to state in Lincoln-Douglas debate. Her major highlight was "advancing to regional in OAP, being alternate to state in debate and playing basketball." Beth plans to attend West Texas A&M University to major in elementary education.

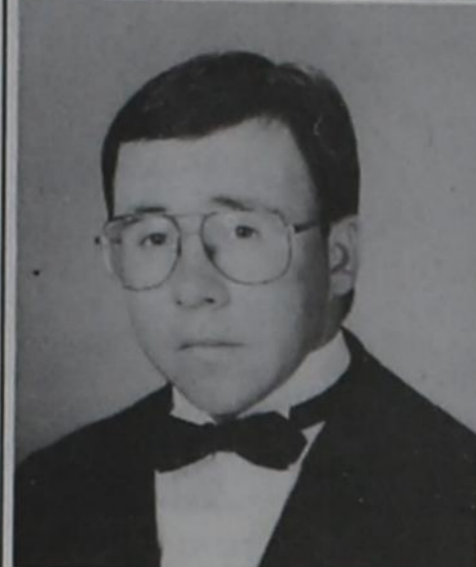
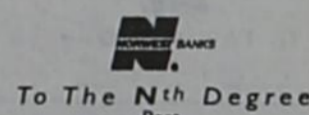




David Norman

David is the 17 year old son of Lee and Marsha Norman and lists skiing, hunting and shooting trap and skeet as his hobbies. His favorite subject is history. He has participated in FCA (president), student council, Senior class officer, FFA, varsity football and power lifting team. His major highlight of his school career was "being voted Mr PHS." He enjoys all kinds of music. David plans to attend Baylor University and pursue a career in business.

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Robbie Palmer

Robbie is the 18 year old son of Sammie and Karen Palmer and list team roping as his hobby. Ag is his favorite subject in school. He has participated in FFA, golf and football. He was a member of the regional golf team in 1995 and a member of the 1996 horse judging team that placed ninth in state. Chris Leodux and Willie Nelson are among his favorite singers. Robbie plans to go to work in the oilfield after graduation.

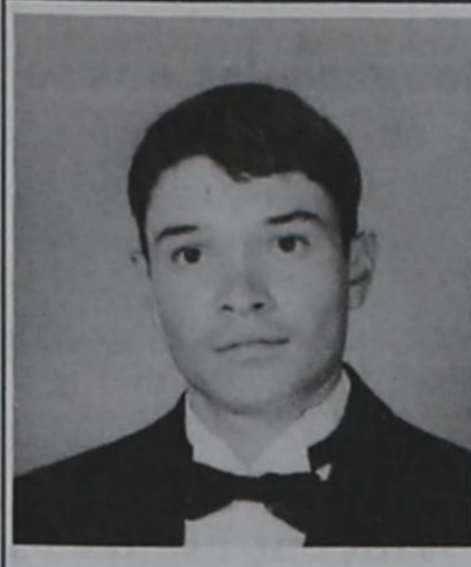
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Construction



Amanda Perez

Amanda is the 18 year old daughter of Emma Hernandez and lists chemistry and math as her favorite subjects in school. She is a member of the Leo's Club. The Village People and The Bee Gee's are her favorite musical groups. Amanda plans to go into nursing after graduation.

Dalby Cattle
Company



David Perez

David is the 18 year old son of Maria Perez and lists playing softball and just hanging around with family as his hobbies. His favorite subjects are math and Ag. He was in FFA (freshman and sophomore), wool judging team Jr and Sr Chapter Conducting. He participated in football, basketball and baseball and received All-District academic honors for football. He also received All-District outfielder for baseball in 1995. His major highlight of his school career was "beating Ralls for district championship his freshman year in baseball." Thugs & Harmony are his favorite musical group. David plans to attend college and try to continue his baseball career.

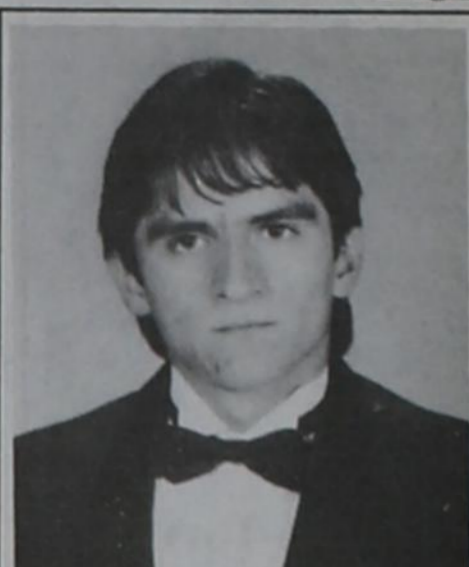
Terry's Tire Shop



Dominica Polanco

Dominica is the 18 year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Carlos Polanco and lists hanging out with family and friends as her hobby. Her favorite subjects in school include Business Information Processing and Spanish II. She has participated in FHA, band and the color guard. She was a member of the Sweepstakes band. Her favorite music includes rock and Alanis Maursett. Dominica plans to go to South Plains College to major in cosmetology.

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David Quintana

David is the 19 year old son of Lupe and Adelina Quintana and lists working with cars as his hobby. His favorite subject in school is Spanish. He participated in football and track. Tejano music, La Mafia, Fama and Mazz are among his favorite musical selections. David plans to go into the wrecking business and restore old cars after graduation.

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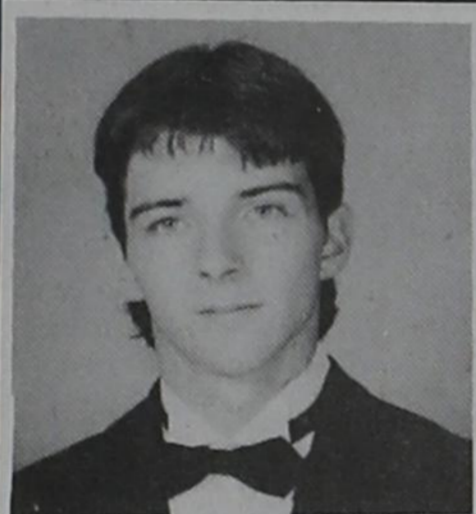
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Ami Raben

Ami is the 18 year old daughter of John and Michele Raben and list singing as her hobby. Her favorite subjects include micro computers, apparels and textiles, business communications and U.S. history. She has been involved in student council, FHA and JV basketball. She received awards for Division I ratings on a class 2 and class 3 solo in choir. Made it to All-Region choir. Her major highlight in her school career was "getting sweepstakes in choir." Lonestar is her favorite musical group. Ami plans to continue working at Citizens Bank.

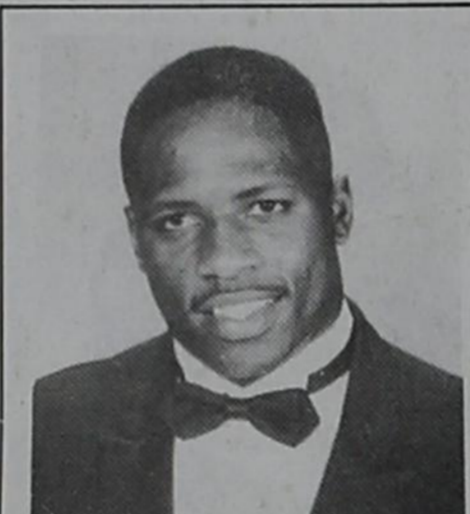
Lasting Impressions



Jeff Redman

Jeff is the 18 year old son of Charlie and Debbie Redman and lists playing guitar and listening to good bands as his hobbies. His favorite subjects are micro computer applications and debate. He has participated in NHS, student council and was a class officer. He also participated in freshman and sophomore football, basketball and track. He was a member of the FFA talent team for state qualifier (sophomore year), area qualifier (jr and sr years), fifth place state cross-debate (sophomore year) and qualifier (jr and sr years). His major highlight of his school career was "playing in front of 6500 people at the Tarrant County Colliseum during his sophomore year." His favorite music includes Southern Rock, Lynyrd Skynard, blues, Stevie Ray Vaughan, 70's Rock & Roll. Jeff plans to attend South Plains College majoring in music.

Fina Golf
Tournament



Alvin Reed

Alvin is the 18 year old son of Helen and R.C. Curtis and list playing basketball as his hobby. His favorite subject in school is Ag. He has participated in basketball, football and track. He was All-District in football and basketball and was regional qualifier in track. His favorite music is 2 Pac. Alvin plans to attend South Plains College for law enforcement.



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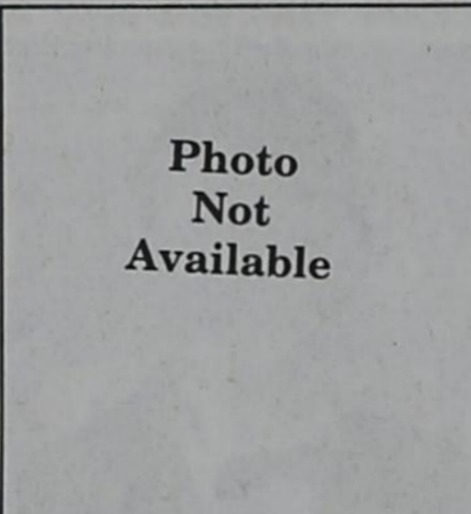


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Margarito Rosas

Margarito is the 18 year old son of Cecilia Vega and Raul Vega and lists drawing as his hobby. His favorite subjects in school include food science and nutrition and English. His major highlight of his school career was "drawing for the school." His lists classical music as his favorite. Margarito plans to be a better artist after graduation.

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Carl Sanchez

Carl is the 19 year old son of Mary Romero and lists fishing, hunting, camping and hiking as his hobbies. His favorite subject is math. He participated in football (7-9th grades) and track (7-9th grades). He was the 'Most outstanding in Spanish III' during his junior year. Heavy Metal, Ozzy Osborne, Danzig and Pantera are among his favorite musical groups. Carl plans to go to college and work.

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Christina Sanchez

Christina is the 18 year old daughter of Robert Sanchez and Mary Sanchez and list skatings, being with family and friends and working as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects are biology and Spanish I, II & III. She has participated in FHA (11th grade), FFA (10th grade), FCA (11th grade) and tennis for three years. Her major highlight of her school career was "having a teacher like Mrs Ferguson who cares about students lives." Rap and Spanish are her favorite types of music. Christina plans to enter law enforcement after graduation.

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Joseph Sanchez

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Tracy Shumard

Tracy is the 17 year old daughter of Billy and Doyleene Shumard and lists riding horses and playing basketball as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects are government and math. She has participated in band for two years, FHA/HERO for two years, Y.E.S. for one year, Student Council, treasurer in FHA and also has participated in basketball and track. She was a member of the All-Region band. She lists the Eagles as her favorite musical group. Tracy plans to attend South Plains College in the field of cosmetology.

Fina Golf
Tournament



Bertha Soria

Bertha is the 19 year old daughter of Miguel and Ofelia Soria and lists playing tennis as her hobby. Her favorite subject is micro-computers. She has served as a senior class officer and has played tennis since her freshman year. She received second place finish in district in her junior year and Regional qualifier her senior year in tennis. She was also district champion and a Regional qualifier in tennis during her senior year. She enjoys Spanish music. Bertha plans to attend International Business College (IBC) and pursue a career as a legal secretary.

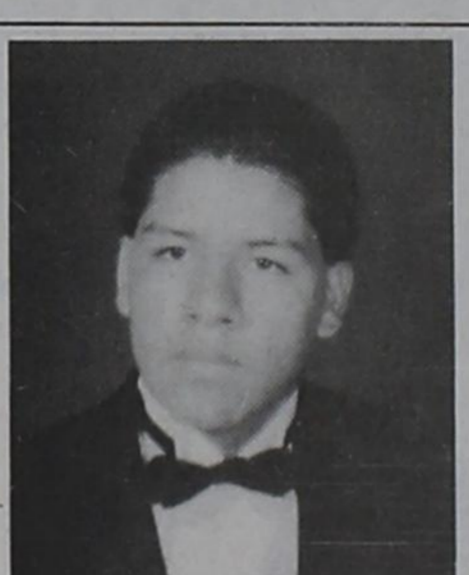
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Christina Soto

Christina is the 17 year old daughter of Raul Delgado and Helen Soto and lists going to dances, being with her boyfriend, friends and family and babysitting as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects are Spanish I & II, accounting, intro-business, micro computers, business information processing and biology. She participated in color guard, FHA, nurse's office aide & office aide, 1995-96 candidate for band sweetheart. She received Future Homemakers of America certificate and color guard received a trophy for third place. Her major highlight of her school career was "receiving a scholarship and graduating from high school." Los Rieleros del Norte, Los Rehens and Conjunto Primavera are her favorite musical groups. Christina plans to attend a junior college and major as a bridal consultant, and one day start her own business and maybe further on get married.

Danish Imports



Vernon Soto

Vernon is the 18 year old son of Ray and Norma Soto and lists working, playing basketball and football and spending time with his girlfriend as his hobbies. His favorite subjects in school are math and history. He is an Honor Graduate and a member of the National Honor Society. He has participated in JV football and freshman basketball. His major highlight of his school career was "receiving a full scholarship to the University of Texas Permian Basin." His favorite music is R&B, Rap and Spanish. Vernon plans to attend the University of Texas Permian Basin, get a job and then get married.

Justice-Mason
Funeral Home



Jill Stelzer

Jill is the 18 year old daughter of Donny and Donna Stelzer and lists playing golf, reading and playing the piano as her hobbies. Her favorite subject is English. She participated in NHS (president), student council, class officer, FFA, JV and Varsity cheerleader and was class favorite for the past three years. She also participated in golf, cross country and basketball. She was a member of the All-District golf team four years, All-Region three years, All-State two years, district champions four years, medalist two years, regional champ two years, '96 regional medalist, state team runner-up '95, state team and individual champion '96, cross-x debate two years, state qualifier third place, ready writing at state, football sweetheart and PHS sweetheart. Her major highlight of her school career was "winning state as a team and an individual during her senior year." Jill plans to attend Texas Tech University to play golf for the Lady Raiders and to become a lawyer.

Stelzer Drilling



Gracie Torres

Gracie is the 19 year old daughter of Toby and Diane Torres and lists listening to radio, being with family and friends and working as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects are micro computers, U.S. history and biology. She was captain for the color guard, student council, annual staff member for three years and was annual staff editor 95-96. Her major highlight in her school career was "being a candidate for band sweetheart and graduating." Mariah Carey, Brandy and Boyz to Men are her favorite musical groups. Gracie plans to attend South Plains College and become a social worker or probation officer.

Giles & Louise McCrary



Andrea Wallace

Andrea is the 18 year old daughter of Charles and Kay Wallace and lists spending time with her niece, Alex, and nephew, Kaylem, as her hobby. Math is her favorite subject. She has participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, UIL accounting, sweetheart contest (3 years), student council (4 years), National Honor Society and was senior class president. She also participated in band, basketball, track and was a cheerleader for three years. She received All-District in 200 meter dash, regional qualifier in 100 and 200 meter dash and 800 meter relay. Her major highlight of her school career was "being selected senior class favorite." Andrea plans to attend South Plains College in the summer in radiology technology.

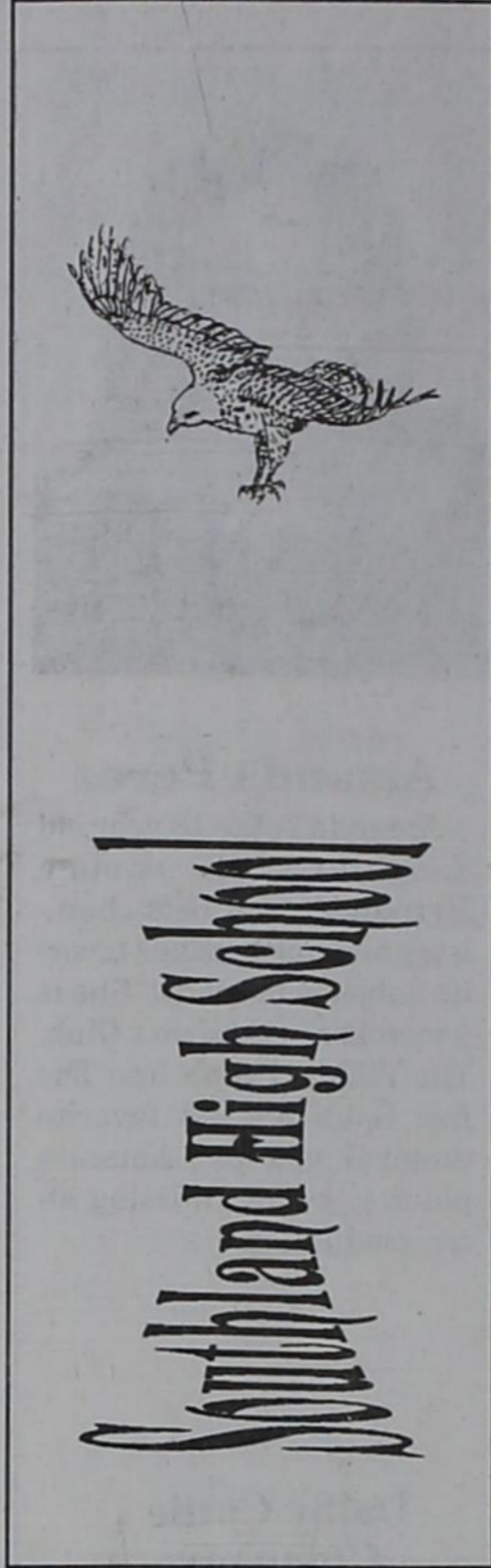
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- Larry Paul**
- Bobby Turner**

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James Anderson

James is the 18 year old son of Karen Anderson and David Kibitlewski and has participated in football and track during his freshman year. He lists heavy metal in general as his favorite music. James plans to perhaps join the Marines after graduation.

Sun Country



Tony Ayala

Tony is the 18 year old son of Patti and Victor Ayala and lists playing basketball, football and baseball as his hobbies. His favorite subject in school has been Ag. He has served as president of the FFA and also president of the Student Council. He has participated in football and basketball during his high school years. He has received All-District honors in football and basketball, has been Regional qualifier in UIL and state qualifier in Ag sales for FFA. His list his major highlight as "being in FFA." His favorite music is Bush. Tony plans to go to school after graduation to further his education.

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Amber Basinger

Amber is the 18 year old daughter of Joe and Mary Basinger and she lists roller blading, sea pooing (wave runner), listening to music and water skiing as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects in school have been math, science and art. She was the treasurer for the FFA, Student Council and senior class. She was also in the National Honor Society. She has participated in cheerleading, basketball (captain), track, golf and cross-country. She received honorable mention in basketball, alternate for the Texas six-man games in basketball and was fifth in state in Ag sales team. She said that her major highlight of her school career was "going to Regionals in track for the 200 meter dash and also when the football team won co-district." Her favorite music is Allanis Morriseit, Cranberries, Hootie & the Blowfish, Bryan White and Dr Talk. Amber plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall and study agriculture.

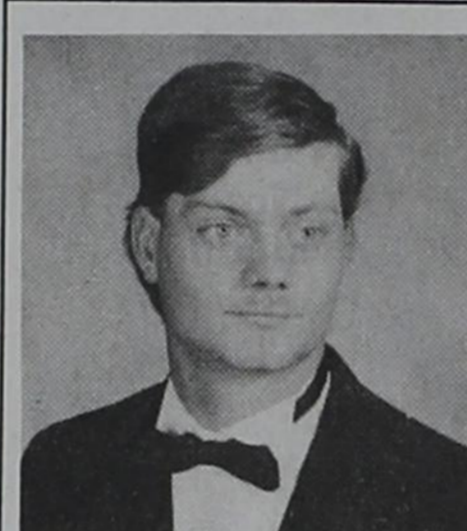
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Ashley Basinger

Ashley is the 18 year old daughter of Joe E. and Mary Basinger and list roller blading, water skiing, making quilts and cross-stitching as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects include mathematics, trigonometry, Algebra I & II, science, chemistry, government and economics. She has been class vice-president, student council vice-president, NHS treasurer and vice-president of FFA. She has participated in basketball (captain), golf, tennis, cheerleading (head), track and cross-country. She was honorable mention in OAP, sixth in district in persuasive speaking, fourth in literary criticism, fifth in state in Ag sales and eighth individual in state in Agri-sales. She said that the major highlight of her school career was "having our football team win co-champions in district and being able to cheer them on in bi-district." Her favorite music groups are country: Martina McBride, Bryan White and The Mavericks and also pop rock, The Cranberries, and old rock'n roll. Ashley plans to own a consulting business with a double major degree in horticulture and landscape architecture and a minor in economics. She will acquire degrees at Texas Tech University.

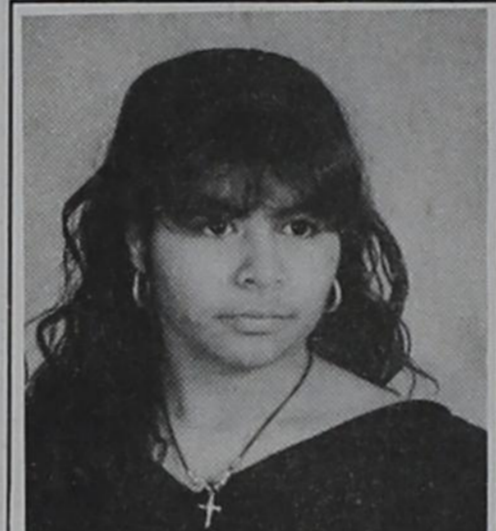
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Wesley Childers

Wesley is the 18 year old son of Bill Childers and Dorothy Nada. He lists furniture moving or farming as his hobbies. His favorite subject in school is Ag. He participated in football while in high school. He states that his major highlight of his school career was "career day." His likes country music and plans to join a branch of the service after graduation.

Hackberry Coop Gin



Yolanda Gonzales

Yolanda is the 17 year old daughter of Inocencio and Irene Gonzales and said that collecting comic cards is her hobby. Her favorite subjects in school were BCA (Business Computer Applications) and Yearbook. She was the co-editor of the Yearbook staff. She participated in tennis (played doubles). She received a third place medal in tennis and was alternate for regionals. She said the major highlight of her school career was "riding the donkeys at the Donkey basketball game and playing against her senior classmates." She list spanish music as her favorite. Yolanda plans to go to college at South Plains in Lubbock to major in Marketing and Management.

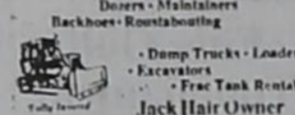
Smith-Ford Mercury



Jamie Lynn Hair

Jamie is the 18 year old daughter of Johnny Hair and Pam Conoly and lists reading, riding around and spending time with her boyfriend as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects in school include government and economics. She was class secretary (2 years), FFA reporter (jr year), Student Council historian and parliamentarian (2 years). She has participated in varsity basketball (captain), varsity track, varsity tennis, varsity cross-country, varsity cheerleading and was mascot. She received seventh in farm business management. Her major highlight of her school career was "just being around all her friends and having a fun time together." Cranberries, Brooks & Dunn, Michael W. Smith and most every pop rock song are her favorite music groups. Jamie plans to attend South Plains College for cosmetology.

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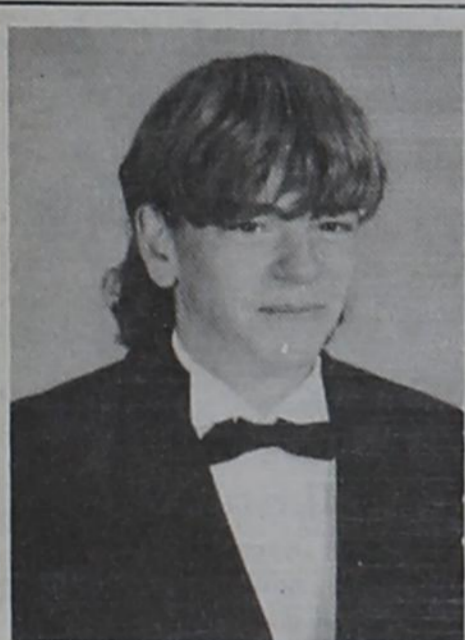
Amy is the 18 year old daughter of Arturo and Carmen Lopez and lists reading, writing and bike riding as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects were history and government. She was class president (4 years), NHS president (1 year), Student Council secretary (1 year), FFA reporter (1 year), FHA president (1 year) and was in the one-act play for three years. She participated in varsity tennis for two years. She received recognition for one-act play (All-Star cast), second at state in FFA quiz team and first individual and was a UIL Regional qualifier for two years. Any plans on attending Texas Tech in the fall and majoring in history education.

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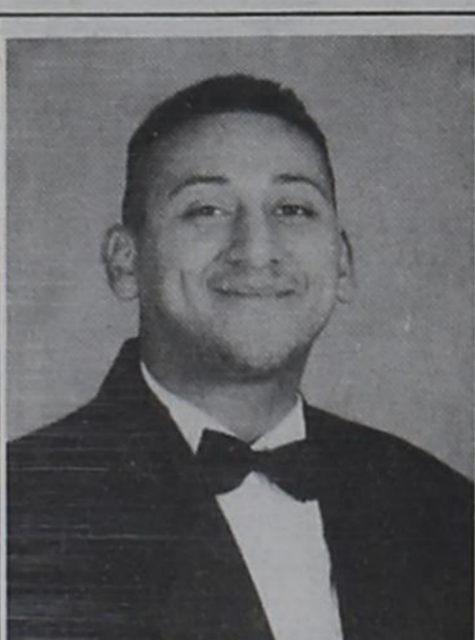
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Bennis Olive

Bennis the 18 year old son of Bennis and Mary Olive and lists working on cars as his hobby. He participated in basketball for one year. Hard rock and Metallica is his favorite music. Bennis plans to join the Marines and become an airplane mechanic.

Southland Hardware



Nick Pachicano

Nick is the 18 year old son of Rosa and Tommy Pachicano and lists playing basketball and cruisin' as his hobbies. He participated in varsity basketball for four years. Rap music is his favorite. Nick plans to train in electronics after graduation.



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Kimberly Patterson

Kimberly is the 18 year old daughter of Joe and Jimmie Patterson and lists playing volleyball and hanging out with friends as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects in school are medical terminology and art. She was president of the FHA for one year, Pep Squad president for one year and captain for the basketball team. She participated in basketball for four years, track for four years, tennis for one year and golf for one year. She was the "Most Improved" participant in track and also in NHS. Her favorite music includes soft rock and music of the 70's & 80's. Kimberly plans to attend Amarillo College School of Allied Health and study to become a physical therapy assistant.

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Robin Patterson

Robin is the 19 year old daughter of Joe and Jimmie Patterson and states that her favorite subject in school was child development. She participated in FHA, basketball and track. She said that the major highlight of her school career is "graduation." She enjoys contemporary Christian music. Robin plans to attend South Plains College in the fall and study education.

Isaac's Welding



Leticia Vasquez

Leticia is the 17 year old daughter of Amador and Angelita Vasquez and lists reading, writing and playing basketball as her hobbies. Her favorite subjects in school included BCA, calculus and medical terminology. She was secretary for the NHS, student council representative and UIL one-act play. She participated in basketball, cheerleading and tennis. She said that the major highlight of her school career was "riding the donkey at the Donkey basketball game." Spanish music or anything she can dance to is her favorite music. Leticia plans to go to Texas Tech University and major in medicine.

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Sports

Wildcats take second place away from 'Lopes in playoff game

By Becky Warren
The Idalou Wildcats captured second place in the district with a win over the Post 'Lopes on Tuesday, May 14 by a score of 23-17.
"We were down 9-0 after one and half innings but came back to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh inning," said Coach Fred Postell. "Roy Perez hit a two run single with two out in the bottom of the seventh. We thought we had the game won on the next hit by Todd Terry. David Perez was on third and Todd hit a chopper between third and short. The

shortstop fielded it and threw it to first base and it appeared that Todd beat the throw very, very easily, but the umpire called him out for the third out. A safe call would have allowed David Perez to score with the winning run," Postell stated.
The 'Lopes played a great comeback game, but our eleven errors really killed us.
Jeremy Josey came in to pitch and did a superb job of holding Idalou in check, allowing just one earned run.
The 'Lopes finished the season 11-7.



The Post Middle School golf team won the district championship this year. Members of the team (left to right) John Radle, Justin Norman, David Villesa, Marcos Lopez and (not available for photo) Matthew McCallister. (Photo by Barbe Bevers)

Post has two selected for 4-AA All-District baseball

By Becky Warren
Post had two baseball players selected for 4-AA All-District. David Perez, pitcher, and Roy Perez, catcher, were named to the All-District selections for 1996.
Roy, a junior, was voted for unanimously.

Post also placed six players on the honorable mention roll. Those were: 1st base, Sam Zubia, junior; 2nd base, Todd Terry, junior; pitcher, Armando Ayala, junior; outfield, Steve Gonzales, sophomore; outfield, Anthony Flores, junior; and designated hitter, T.J. Gaydos, freshman.



Labeth Jones (left) was recently awarded "Aggie of the Month" honors at Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Dean Sam Curl made the presentation.

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.
—Bill Cosby

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FFA Talent Team...

(Continued from Page 1)
Courtesy Corps. Perry Smith and parents of the team attended.
The team will be leaving for the State Convention in Houston on July 9, 1996. We wish them the best of luck!



Mesa District Elects New President

by Michaela Eagle
On May 7, Mesa District held its annual end-of-year meeting to elect District officers. Michaela Eagle was elected Mesa District President for the 1996-97 school year.

She delivered a speech entitled "If the Jacket Fits - Wear It", that talked about the similarities between the FFA, a football team and a marching band.

Michaela is currently serving the 1995-96 school year as Mesa District's treasurer.

Jeff Redman and Vance Guthrie served as voting delegates and Clay Ashley also attended the meeting. Advisor Perry Smith accompanied the students to the meeting.

It takes about ten years to get used to how old you are.
—Unknown



Post Middle School 1996-97 National Honor Society members are (back row, left to right) Jamie Dawson, Ashley Butler, Laci Williams, Kelsey Wimmer, Laura Tobias, Jennifer Morgan, current vice president Davida Gregory, (front row) Jessica Garza, April Line, Matthew Leininger, Barrett Scrivner, Tandi Humble, Meagan Mills and Tammy Sparks. Andy Quinonez was not available for photo.



Post Middle School National Junior Honor Society 8th grade honor graduates recognized this year are (back row, left to right) Keisha Holly, sponsor Serena Voss, Scotty Gaydos, Bryony Martin, secretary Kelli Collier, Kerry Cahill, (front row) Josh Fumagalli, president Camie Payne, Kayla Huff, Amy Line, Kelci Hart, Erin Gregory and sponsor Nancy Vaughn. Jason Fields was not available for photo.



Newly inducted Post Middle School National Junior Honor Society members are (back row, left to right) Jamie Dawson, Ashley Butler, Barrett Scrivner, Laura Tobias, Tammy Sparks, (front row) Jessica Garza, April Line, Matthew Leininger, Tandi Humble and Meagan Mills. Anthony Quinonez was not available for photo.

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We would like to thank our friends and family for the cards, flowers, food and visits during my recent illness. Each of you held a special place in our hearts. God Bless you, Danny, Vickie, Matt and Jay Cooper

Personals

Post Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Thursday night at the First Presbyterian Church, 901 West 10th at 8 p.m. Closed meetings are held except on the last Thursday of the month, which is an open meeting. We have supper at 7 p.m. and the speaking starts at 8 p.m. Anyone who wishes to talk or ask about an alcohol problem, call 495-4152, 495-4185 or 629-4393.

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Spanish speaking AA meetings will be held every Tuesday night at the Catholic Church from 8-9 p.m. Come one, come all.

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18 cu. foot Kenmore chest freezer. Used 6 months. Will sacrifice for \$400. Cost \$570 new. 495-3683.

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Yard Sale. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. 1 mile east of Grassland on F.M. 1313.

Saturday, 8 a.m. to ? 113 N. Ave. R.

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Actor Charleton Heston's real name is Charles Carter.

DPS requires pre-trip vehicle inspection tests for CDL's

Beginning June 3, applicants for Class A or B Texas Commercial Driver Licenses will be required to pass pre-trip inspection tests. "This is really just some fine-tuning of our CDL program," said DPS Inspector John Hall. "New applicants will be required to pass a test to make sure they can determine whether a commercial vehicle is safe to operate on the highway. It should only take about 10 minutes."

CDL applicants previously only had been required to pass an airbrake inspection of their vehicle, Hall said.

The new pre-trip vehicle inspection test, which will include the airbrake inspection, is mandated by federal and state regulations, the inspector said.

CDL applicants should prepare for the test by obtaining and studying a copy of Section 10 of the Texas CDL

Green, Earl attend Methodist Conference

May 30 - June 1, United Methodist Churches including First United Methodist Church in Post will be represented in Lubbock for the Eighty-Seventh session of the Northwest Texas Annual Conference. Bishop Alfred L. Norris will preside at the sessions at First United Methodist Church and Texas Tech University Student Center.

Representing the First United Methodist Church in Post will be Rev. Bob Green who is clergy

member of the Northwest Texas Conference and Lewis Earl, lay member of the Conference.

Amity Study Club closes out year

The Amity Study Club closed the year with a picnic supper at the home of Ginger Carlisle. Boo Olson acted as co-hostess.

President Margaret Bull installed the new officers with a clever "Little Red School House" format.

Members present were: Sue Shytles, Edna Owen, Iva Hudman, Jane Davis, Ruth Ann Young, Ann Sims, Joy Dickson, Kathy Rankin, Ida Mae Wilks, Marion Wheatley, Louella Bilberry, Naomi Matsler, Suzanne Hudman, Jane Middleton and hostesses.



Carlene Kyle was honored at a reception last week honoring her on the occasion of her retirement at the Post Elementary School.

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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

10 Years Ago May 22, 1986

David Shults has been awarded an \$8,000 scholarship to enroll in agriculture related courses of study. The scholarship was presented at the Area II FFA convention in San Angelo.

Nelda Dalby and Lewis Earl have been chosen as delegates to the June 27 Texas State Democratic convention.

Joel Kirkpatrick signed to play football at West Texas State University in Canyon.

20 Years Ago May 20, 1976

Postex Plant Manager Ed Bruton pulled the "Mill Whistle" to signal the reaching of the goal of 1,000,000 man hours of work at the local sheeting plant without a lost-time accident.

A rabid skunk was shot in the Close City community after it had bitten a dog and killed some chickens.

The charge for the July 4th bicentennial barbecue this year will be \$1.50 per plate.

Visiting in the home of Mr and Mrs J.E. Sinclair last week was their daughter, Helen of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Happy Birthday today goes to Timmons Bull, Mrs Monta Moore, Carol Grigsby, Janet Childs and Dr. William C. Wilson.

30 Years Ago May 26, 1966

Post new city library board is composed of Mrs Tom Gamblin, Mrs Kay Kirkpatrick, Mrs B.E. Young, David Newby and Jim Cornish.

Terri Powers will accompany her Presbyterian youth group to Colorado where they will work with the Ute Indians near Durango before she joins her parents, Mr and Mrs Tom Powers, and Patti and Roxanne

at their new home in Casper, Wyo.

Mr and Mrs Hap Winkler of Socorro, N.M. visited the Lee Reed home last week. They were former residents.

Don't miss the latest Walt Disney movie, "Bambi" at the Tower Theatre this week.

40 Years Ago May 24, 1956

Denzel Laurence who is in the Navy and stationed at Mary Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo, Calif. is visiting his mother, Mrs Bill Laurence and other relatives and friends during a 20 day leave.

Delbert Shedd has been elected vice president of Doak Hall dormitory at Texas Technological College.

Mr and Mrs Louis Murray, from Tahoka were Friday night guests in the Earl Elkins home.

Mr and Mrs Grady Hunt and family recently visited the L.D. Walden's in Lubbock.

50 Years Ago May 23, 1946

Mr and Mrs W. J. Bounds of Snyder have moved to Post and are operating the American Cafe which they purchased from Merle Carmichael the first of the week.

Ott Nance and Walter Chedister attended the auction sale at Sweetwater recently.

Mr and Mrs Jerry Hoover and baby of Lubbock spent their vacation here with relatives.

Mr and Mrs James Samson, former Post residents, will leave Saturday for a visit to their native Scotland which they haven't seen in 35 years.

The Justiceburg school pupils and parents enjoyed a picnic at the roadside park near Dermott last Friday which was the last day of school.

Nothing succeeds like the appearance of success.
—Christopher Lasel

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush said he would not tell the state pension and endowment funds to sell the more than \$500 million they have invested in tobacco stock.

Bush's statement came after Attorney General Dan Morales urged the Permanent School Fund, Permanent University Fund, Teacher Retirement System and Employees Retirement System to sell tobacco holdings.

"Texas should not be in business with those who seek to do our children harm. Our state should repudiate its financial involvement in these unconscionable efforts to profiteer at the expense of our children's lives," he told the *Dallas Morning News*.

But Bush took another view. "I'm not going to tell the people in charge of generating a reasonable rate of return in the state of Texas what they ought to be doing with their money," he told the *Morning News*.

On March 31, Morales filed a federal lawsuit against the tobacco industry seeking to recover \$4 billion spent in Texas on tobacco-related illnesses.

Political Fines Going Unpaid

Dozens of political action committees and former political candidates owe the state thousands of dollars in fines that the attorney general's office has never tried to collect, the *Houston Chronicle* reported last week.

The report said there are delinquent fines dating back to 1992 assessed by the Texas Ethics Commission for missed deadlines for filing campaign finance reports, personal financial statements and other required documentation.

Attorney General Morales can go to court to collect the fines, but Morales' spokesman Ron Dusek said the fines, most of which are less than \$1,000, were not large enough to pay for the collection costs.

"That's frustrating," said James Cribbs, an Arlington lawyer who serves on the eight-member Ethics Commission. "We're not going to be able to enforce the law if we can't collect these fines."

Tom Harrison, executive director of the commission, said 42 individuals or committees with the largest unpaid fines had potential liabilities totaling \$158,000. He said he hopes the attorney general will try to collect fines of \$500 or more.

Perot Gets Enough Signatures

Dallas billionaire H. Ross Perot's Reform Party delivered 90 boxes of petitions with 255,000 signatures to the state capitol last week — enough to get his name on Texas' November election ballot.

Verification of a random sampling of the signatures is expected to take three to four weeks. To be counted, the signers must be registered voters and not have voted in either the Democratic or Republican primaries or runoffs.

Perot's name is on the ballot as an independent candidate in South Dakota and Tennessee, and the Reform Party has fulfilled

requirements to put his name on November ballots in California, Maine, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio and Utah.

Perot continues to say he is not running for president.

Bomer Eyes Benchmark Rates

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer heard proposals from two state judges and a panel of consumer advocates and insurance industry representatives regarding where to set auto insurance premiums.

Two state judges recommended to Bomer a more than 6 percent increase in the statewide average auto insurance premium for most drivers.

The panel recommended a steeper increase — 25 to 30 percent — for high-risk drivers, under a special program.

Bomer said he would decide within a couple of weeks whether to accept the proposals.

HIV Test Kits to Be Sold

Texans will be the first in the U.S. to buy home HIV test kits over the counter, following Food and Drug Administration approval last week.

In June, the \$40 test kits will be available at drug stores, clinics and student health centers, said officials with Direct Access Diagnostics.

Texas was chosen over other states because of its large, culturally diverse population and high rate of infection, said Dr. Gary Noble of Direct Access Diagnostics.

Previously, HIV tests were done in medical settings where those being tested were counseled before the blood was drawn.

Texas residents can call 1-800-THE-TEST and obtain the kit.

Other Capital Highlights

The state delivered \$198.8 million in May sales tax rebates to cities and counties, a 1.4 percent increase over the same month last year. State Comptroller John Sharp said the tax collections show sales in Texas "continue to clock along at a good pace."

While the State Board of Education faces the prospect of turning down a dozen or more applications for independent charter schools, Gov. Bush wants the next Legislature to take the cap off the number of publicly funded charter schools in Texas. The Legislature's 1995 education reform bill allows up to 20 open-enrollment charter schools.

Last Puzzle Solution

Grandparents' Corner

Great grandmother Henrietta "Nana" Warren enjoys a visit with her grandson Dewayne Warren with his daughter, Becca, during a recent visit to Post from Okinawa. Becca is the daughter of Dewayne and Tomoko Warren and the granddaughter of Becky and Chet Warren of Post.

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

Local students graduate from Universities

Local students graduating this semester from Universities are:

- Willie Rodriguez — Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary studies, Lubbock Christian University.
- Tina Marie Brumbalow — Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary studies, Wayland Baptist University.
- Deana Hughes — Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary studies, Lubbock Christian University.

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 - Nolan began '93 season at ___ of 46
 - the basics learned in school
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 - TXism: "I'm drawing ___ it"
 - SE of Emory on 69
 - Lady Bird's nickname was given by her ___
 - TXism: "long ___ the tooth" (old)
 - TXism: "gave his pall bearers the ___" (recovered)
 - Mansfield's Ella ___ Morse sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"
 - N. of Garland on 78
 - TXism: "___ her" (good looking)
 - TXism: "___ cahoots with" (associated)
 - USS Texas landed on this continent in WWII
 - ex-state senator Ted ___ paper quantity
 - TXism: "fits ___ in a can" (snug)
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 - a general hospital in Houston (2 wds.)
 - TXism: "want it ___ bad I could spit"
 - TXism: "it's Katy bar the ___" (trouble)
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 - TXism: "does a land office ___"
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 - rattlesnake home
 - "Father of TX" (init.)
 - Oilers old league
 - it holds Texas corn or babies
 - excursions to Palo Duro Canyon
 - "Dallas" ___ shot on Southfork Ranch
 - TXism: "sticks out like ___ thumb"
 - Arp H.S. class
 - TXism: "shake a hoof"
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Obituaries

Victor Julian McDougle

Graveside services for Victor Julian McDougle, infant son of Uretha McDougle and Patrick Sanchez, were held Friday, May 17, 1996, at 4 p.m. in the Terrace Cemetery with Rev Lawrence Hemp, of the Holy Cross Catholic Church, officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Victor died Wednesday, May 15, 1996 at his residence. He was born March 8, 1996 in Lubbock.

Survivors other than his parents include: maternal grandparents: Mr and Mrs Oliver McDougle of Post; paternal grandparents: Richard Sanchez of Post and Helvera Sanchez of Snyder; paternal great-grandmother: Frances Banda of Littlefield; one brother: Patrick Anthony McDougle of the home and one sister: Patricia Denise McDougle of the home.

Pallbearers were Richard Sanchez, Jr., Christopher Sanchez, Jakob Sanchez and Matthew Sanchez.

Letters to the Editor

Notes from the front line...

I would never have believed that I would find myself a political prisoner in a Texas jail being held by a U.S. federal judge who claims his family to be one of the founders of Texas freedom. This is the 19th day of my capture. As a child growing up in Missouri and the mid-west, I felt somehow out of place from the time of my first essay in the third grade, for my blood was that of a Texican giving constant book reports and essays on the Alamo, Texas freedom and Texas as a separate nation, at least in my mind.

The blood of freedom was a gift I was born with, always celebrating the Fourth of July as my favorite holiday and always respecting and revering all those men and women of America and other countries who fought and died for the idealistic concept of freedom and truth. The Republic of Texas is the vehicle of opportunities for those who will build on it and move with it. Texas is not owned by anyone nor is it a corporation. We are a body of people exercising our rights to regain what both Texas and America were intended to be about. Somewhere along the line the original intention was lead astray and was almost lost, but a staunch group of Texicans are rescuing the Republic.

The people who join and stay in the Nation of Texas are those who are alive in true spirit and seek a cooperative venture. It is unfortunate that so many are still being duped by the misrepresentations of those in existing government and by the news media in portraying the Republic of Texas as anti-government. I assume that if being pro-people is anti-government, then existing government must be anti-people.

Richard Lance McLaren
a Texican

Aleida Marin earns LULAC scholarship

The Garza County chapter of the League of United Latin American Council (LULAC) has announced the selection of Post High School senior Aleida Marin as its 1996 scholarship awardee.

B.J. Hart and Dusten Cardinal honored

B. J. Hart and former Post resident Dusten Cardinal, were honored with a hamburger supper at the home of Kent and Ginger Carlisle Saturday night, May 11, 1996.

B.J. will graduate from Post High School and Dustin will graduate from Coronado High School in Lubbock.

Special guests included Tom, Martha and B.J. of Post, Tyra Funk, Louis, Susan and Kathy Cardinal of Lubbock.

Others attending were Josh Grisham, Jeremy Josey and David Norman of Post, Ricky Lange and Sebastian Kitchen of Lubbock.

Visiting and games were played following the meal.

Menus

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Thursday, May 30
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Friday, May 24
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End of School Year

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Christopher Cerda graduates

Christopher John Cerda, son of Patricia Newby of Odessa and grandson of Angela Raymundo of Post will be graduating from Midland High School on Saturday, May 25. Chris has plans to enlist in the Air Force.

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Child abuse is a crime!
by Gary O'Neill, R.N.

As mentioned in the previous article, abuse comes in many forms, and unfortunately, child abuse is not exception and sadly it is a common occurrence. Child abuse, however is a little different, in that many of the victims are powerless, defenseless, and very vulnerable. Child abuse can also come in the form of physical, sexual, emotional, and psychological abuse.

Any form of abuse of a young child can have negative effects on their growth and development through their childhood and into their adulthood. You may see behavioral changes from one extreme to another. Some children become withdrawn, with little or no social interaction. You will see their performance in school fall. They

often lag in emotional and intellectual development. Later in life they often have difficulty with developing a relationship, or staying in a relationship. Often they use alcohol or drugs to help them cope. Suicide is also very common in children who are or have been abused.

Usually an abuser is someone in a position of authority, and often the offender is known to the victim or their families. It is usually someone the child trusts and can include, a family member, a family friend, a neighbor, and/or a babysitter. Offenders can come from all levels of society and even be a person who is prominent in the community. It was a common belief that an abuser was often victims of abuse themselves. However, as research indicates this is not always the case, many abusers were not victims.

Child abuse can be very hard to detect. Many times a child cannot verbalise what has happened and at times a child is scared into not telling anyone. CHILD ABUSE IS A CRIME AND IF YOU KNOW A CHILD THAT IS BEING ABUSED THEN IT SHOULD BE REPORTED!!!

If you are a victim or you know someone who is, then it is extremely important for you to contact someone for help. Talk to your school counselor, teacher or health care provider. You can also call a nationwide abuse hotline, 1-800-252-5400 or a 24 hour crisis line in Lubbock (765-8393) or even Child Protective Services at 762-8922.

If you, or anyone that you know have any questions or concerns regarding this article, PLEASE feel free to call me or anyone else at Garza Memorial Hospital (495-2828).

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Remember

by Jerry Koch, First Presbyterian Church

In thinking about Memorial Day weekend, I came across these words: When you remember me, it means that you have carried something of who I am with you, that I have left some mark of who I am on who you are. It means that you can summon me back to your mind even though countless years and miles may stand between us. It means that if we meet again, you will know me. It means that even after I die you can still see my face and hear my voice and speak to me in your heart. (From "Whistling in the Dark", by Frederick Buechner. Harper-Collins, 1993).

Here are some of the people I remembered this week — people who still speak to me in my heart.

The "really" old woman who taught me to sing "Jesus Loves Me" when I was three.

The first person who ever "really" kissed me.

A couple of the guys who used to sneak off with me to the park to smoke and contemplate ways to change the world.

An old friend who took his own life after coming home safe from Vietnam.

My grandmother...who taught me (among many other things) to slow down and extend my backswing (she died five years ago next week).

Grandpas Ed and Lloyd.

Remember well this week. And pray with thanks to the God who gave us saints and sinners in whose company we have learned to live and love.

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