

# The Post Dispatch

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**Post Antelope Baseball Team Wins Regional Quarterfinal Championship Advances to Regional Semifinal LIVE Play-by-Play Action KPOS Radio Friday, 7 p.m. & Saturday 2 p.m. Lopes vs Holliday (See Pages 6 & 7)**

## City gets access to water wells

by Wes Burnett  
The Post City Council agreed at a special called meeting Tuesday evening (5/20/03) to enter into an agreement for an option to purchase water rights from three land owners in the Southland area.  
The agreement provides an opportunity for the city to acquire well water, which would be tied into the pipeline from Slaton. The wells will provide six times more water than what is expected from Slaton.  
There are a total of 11 wells in the field, which currently produce a total of 2,980 gallons of water per minute.  
"With the continuing problems at White River Lake and recent announcements at Lake Meredith," city engineer Rich Oller emphasized, "this additional water supply will be critically important for Post."  
Oller said that the wells in the Southland field would be tied together to a central storage tank for chlorination and distribution to the pipeline, which is near the water field.  
Oller also told the council that within 30 days the pipeline from Slaton will be ready for testing.

## Post ISD expands educational opportunities

Local high school and middle school students will see expanded educational opportunities thanks to action taken by Post Independent School District trustees last week.  
The school board approved the addition of several high school-level courses at the middle school and a pair of vocational programs at Post High School.  
Middle school students who demonstrate academic readiness may opt to participate in high school-level Spanish, IPC (integrated physics and chemistry) and algebra classes, Superintendent Marlin Marcum said. Getting one or more of these upper-level courses out of the way in middle school will allow a student to take additional upper-level classes in high school.  
A journalism class also will be

added to the middle school curriculum, enabling students to publish a school newspaper and work on the yearbook.  
At the high school, two new vocational programs will target students interested in either cosmetology or auto mechanics. The cosmetology track, offered in cooperation with the Slaton Independent School District, will be a two-year program designed to graduate students prepared and eligible to receive a state cosmetology license.  
Students enrolled in the auto mechanics program also will complete two years of training, as well as an internship with an auto dealership. The goal of this program, Marcum said, is for students to have jobs waiting for them following the completion of training.

In other business, trustees also continued work on budget development for the 2003-2004 school year. The board is looking at an \$8.6 million general operating budget, which is about \$90,000 below that of the current school year.  
Marcum said the board has worked to create a "flexible" budget — one that will withstand the anticipated decline in mineral values and a possible decrease in state funding without impacting the academic programs offered to Post ISD students.  
Board members also:  
• Received a request from a handful of parents and students interested in the addition of a girls softball program in the Post ISD. The board is considering the request and will gather information.  
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## Travis steps down as president of GCHCD

Garza County Health Care (Hospital) District board president Mike Travis announced at last Thursday's (5/15/03) meeting that he would no longer serve as president. He had been nominated for the position by board member Zoe Kirkpatrick.  
Board members then elected Ray Bagby as president, Terry Bartlett as vice president and Kirkpatrick agreed to serve as secretary.  
The transition to new clinic operator Physicians Network Services (PNS) has been smooth, according to a report delivered to the Garza County Health Care

(Hospital) District board of directors last week.  
The shift to the new clinic operation is "going smoothly," according to Tanya Boucher, interim administrator for the district. PNS retained four of the clinic's employees, one radiology technician, a physician and one physician's assistant on its end of the changeover.  
PNS representatives are "trying to get out and visit organizations" in an effort to get to know the community better, Boucher said.  
Effective May 1, PNS became operator of the clinic, which had previously been operated by Covenant. Covenant pulled out of local clinic operations at the end of April citing financial shortfalls.  
In other business, district board members:

it a hospital district or a health care district, I've heard both terms used, but tonight you have consistently referred to a hospital district, which is it?"  
Travis answered that the district is a health care district. Boucher explained that the district is a hospital district, with the name of Garza County Health Care District. She added that the

2001 amendment to the enabling legislation changed the name, but left in place the hospital district status.  
In response to the question about a dissolution election, Travis responded, "You put 300 signatures of registered voters on the table, and we'll hold an election."

## Post Notes

### Veterans breakfast slated

The VFW will host a free breakfast for veterans and their families Monday at the VFW Hall on Hwy. 380. The breakfast will run from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., and a flag-raising ceremony will be conducted at 8 a.m.

### Memorial service set

A memorial service will be conducted by members of the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW at 10 a.m. Monday in the Terrace Cemetery. Guest speaker will be Ron Miner of Church of the Nazarene. Following the ceremony, VFW men and members of the Ladies Auxiliary will place flags on all veterans' graves.

### Buddy Poppies for sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW will have Buddy Poppies for sale this weekend. A table will be set up inside Citizens Bank and Wells Fargo Bank on Friday from 9 a.m. until noon. Also, auxiliary members will be going around to local businesses to sell the poppies. Funds raised will benefit disabled veterans.

### Public pool opens Saturday

The grand opening of the public swimming pool will be Saturday. The pool will be open from 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The pool also will be open on Memorial Day from 1-5 p.m. Regular summer hours beginning May 31 will be as follows: Tuesdays through Sundays, 1-5 p.m. Admission is \$2, and half-price Family Night is Thursday from 6-9 p.m. For party reservations or more information, call Nikki at 548-0373 or 780-2333 and leave a message.

### Homebuyer's workshop scheduled

A Homebuyer's Education Workshop will be held from 6-9 p.m. today, May 22, at the Head Start building, 511 W. 7th St., in Littlefield. The workshop will be sponsored by South Plains Community Action and the Xcel Energy Foundation. To register, call Judy Norton at 894-4560 or the local Community Action office.

### EMT Intermediate course set

An EMT Intermediate course will be offered locally on Tuesday and Thursdays through Aug. 18. Offered by Western Texas College, the course will be taught at 701 E. Main St. from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Cost is \$799, plus \$110 for books. For more information, call the WTC Continuing Education Department at 915-573-8511, ext. 390.

### EMT Basic course available

An EMT Basic course will be taught in Post on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning May 26. The class will be taught at 701 E. Main St. from 6-10 p.m. Cost is \$402. For more information, contact the Western Texas College Continuing Education Department at 915-573-8511, ext. 390.

### Revival at Calvary Baptist Church

A revival will begin 10:45 a.m. Sunday, May 25 at Calvary Baptist Church and continue Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. nightly. Evangelists Bill and Vicky Murphy of Houston will lead the revival services. A revival dinner will be served Sunday following the morning worship. The church is located at 6th and Avenue H in Post.

### Retirement reception for Rebecca Haney

A retirement reception will be held at 3:20 p.m. in the Post Elementary School lounge on May 22 for Rebecca Haney, who is retiring after 30 years as an elementary teacher.

### Church league teams sought

Area churches are encouraged to join a community church league for junior high ages to adults, with deadline for registration May 23. Contact Lynn Williams at 495-3554 or Pixie Grisham at 495-2942. Teams must be co-ed and consist of enough men and women to have an equal number of each on the field during games. Co-ed rules will apply. Registration fee is \$50 per team.

### Post Public Library sets summer hours

The Post Public Library will be open Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning May 1. The library is also beginning its automated check-out program on May 1. Library patrons are urged to stop by to get a new automated library card. Summer programs will include expanded computer services and training and extended hours. Details of new hours and programs will be announced later.

### Colgate Country Showdown talent sought

Country music singers and bands are encouraged to apply as contestants to the 2003 Colgate Country Showdown, hosted again this year by KPOS Radio. The event will be at the Garza Theatre, 7 p.m. Saturday, June 28. Applications are available at The Post Dispatch office or by contacting KPOS Radio e-mail pr1@arn.net, or by mail to P.O. Box 490, Post, Texas 79356. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2003.

### Raffle tickets available

The MBFA Relay for Life Team is selling raffle tickets for a guaranteed guided wild hog and a wild hog hunt. Tickets cost \$1 each, and all proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information, call Dick Odom at 495-2457; Ben Wright at 495-1147; or Rodney Quintero at 495-1550.

### Vacation Bible school set

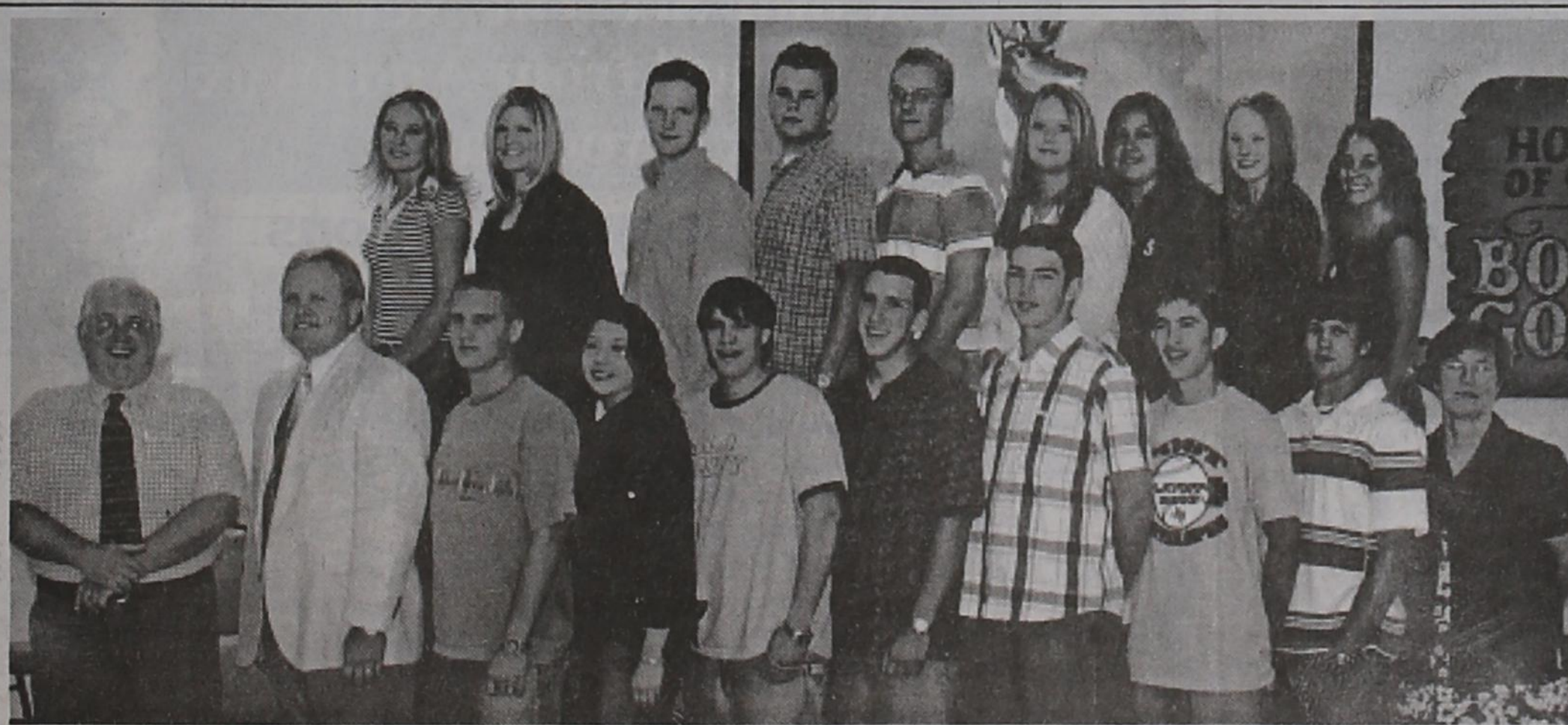
The First United Methodist Church, Bethel Assembly of God, Church of the Nazarene and Family Harvest will sponsor SCUBA (Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure) vacation Bible school June 23-27. The week-long event will run from 9 a.m. to noon daily. For more information, call the FUMC office at 495-2942 or e-mail ulazysranch@aol.com.

### 4-H Chuckwagon Cookout

A county-wide 4-H Family Chuckwagon Cookout will be held May 27 at 7 p.m. at the GCJLA showbarn. Please call 495-4400 by May 23 with the number from your family planning to attend.



"Bandana Babes" Relay for Life Team members were busy during the recent Post Elementary School Field Day selling pickles and water. Proceeds from the sale will assist the team toward its goal benefiting the American Cancer Society. (Photo courtesy Shellee Odom)



Post High School students and staff recognized recently by the Post Rotary Club are (back row, left to right) Kyzandre Harper, Nicole Gray, Adam Nobles, Ronnie Parrish, Chase Miller, Kenda Josey, Mirta Gomez, Amanda

Workman, Paige Lott, (front) Post ISD superintendent Marlin Marcum, PHS principal Johnny McGregor, Tye Mason, Niebes Marin, Russel Eaton, Brice Easterling, Jarrett Vickers, Kenny Ratke, Brody Robertson and PHS counselor



# Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush



Hello, Before I get started I need to apologize to my favorite niece. When writing the column last week about our family gathering I left out Valerie and Randy Melton and Gregory. I guess there are so many of us I need to go back over my list a time or two to make sure everyone is on there. Poor Val works such crazy hours she most always has to come in on the run, eat and go back to work, so I didn't want her to think I just overlooked her. Sorry Val!!

WHAT ABOUT THIS RAIN We finally got some rain!!! I don't

know how much we got out Graham Community way but the water was standing in the bar ditches and in the fields. Mack said maybe 1/2 inch out their way. I just know that I'm thankful the good Lord sent it our way.

JERRY For all of you praying for Jerry Riedel, your prayers are working. Last Tuesday, Jerry got a good report. The cancer is shrinking and the bone shows growth. Jerry and Sherri are so thankful for everyone's prayers and ask that you continue to pray for Jerry. That is wonderful news.

WHAT IS A BILLION A billion is a difficult number to comprehend, but one advertising agency did a good job of putting that figure into perspective in one of its releases: A billion seconds ago it was 1959 A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive A billion hours ago our ancestors were living in the Stone Age. A billion dollars ago was only 8 hours and 20 minutes, at the rate Washington spends it. (Thank you Gene Posey)

SENIORS Can you believe the end of school is here?? Of course, not having any kids in school it seems like the time flew by to me, but I'm sure all of the parents out there don't think so. Anyway, congratulations to all of the seniors. You have all worked hard to get to this point so enjoy this time. I'm not sure what the deadline is at the Dispatch, but if you have a favorite senior and you might like to sponsor their picture, give the Dispatch a call.

PHS Baseball The Antelope baseball team is going great guns. They are now playing the Regional semi-finals if I am correct. Best of luck guys.

DEAR LORD So far today, I'm doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card. But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then. Amen? Amen!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY I want to wish our son, Josh, a happy birthday. His big day was the 20th. Also to Linda Couch happy birthday on May 22.

TILL NEXT WEEK Sorry this is so short. Please call in your news. Hope all of you have a great weekend. May God bless each of you. Judy

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### Quail Appreciation Day

A reminder on the Quail Appreciation Day program at Chimney Creek Ranch in Northeast Garza County Thursday, May 22, 2003. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. Registration at the door is \$20 for those not on the reservation list.

### 4-H Family Chuckwagon Cookout

A county-wide 4-H Family cookout will be held May 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the GCJLA showbarn. It is mandatory that you call 495-4400 by May 23rd. with the number from your family planning to attend.

### Trailblazer Nutrition Program....

.....will be at Noon, Thursday, May 29, 2003, at Senior Citizens. Summer Camp Signups

Anyone interested in participating in Electric Camp at Weed, New Mexico (deadline May 22), Prime Time or Spectra at Lake Brownwood, need to come by the Extension office to get registration information. Camps are filling fast.

### Scott Able 4-H Expedition

Want to experience a five day, four night back packing expedition in Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico? 4-H'ers 14 years of age and over can sign up for this outdoor living skills program with certification from the American Camping Association which meets the Gold Medal level of the Congressional Award. Deadline to sign up is May 22. For more information on registration and costs come by the Extension office.

### Steer Selections

Anyone interested in showing steers need to contact Greg Jones at 495-4400. State steer validation will be June 24, 2003.

## Post ISD

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tion on start-up costs and interest prior to taking the matter up at a future meeting, Marcum said.

- Added and expanded positions to the Post ISD employee roster. A new position — testing coordinator/curriculum director — was added, as was that of a grounds maintenance supervisor. Also, the part-time position of assistant principal at the high school was expanded to full-time.

- Approved the annual contract between the school district and the Garza County Regional Juvenile Center for the continued provision of educational services.

- Applied for a waiver with the Texas Education Agency to allow the district to reduce the number of days of instruction by one in order to add another staff development day.

- Approved a change to Policy DBB, dropping the requirement that all new employees to the Post ISD have a TB test within six months of employment. Under the new policy, no test is required; however, the district does reserve the right to request testing.

- Approved textbooks for the upcoming school year.

- Hired the firm of Stovall, Grandy & Whately of Fort Worth to serve as the district's auditor for the 2003-2004 school year.

Worth repeating ... When the people find that they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic. — Benjamin Franklin

## Births

### Blane Dee Justice

Bryan, Becky and Ben Justice are proud to announce the arrival of their son and brother, Blane Dee Justice.

Blane was born May 15, 2003 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. He weighed seven pounds and three ounces and was 21 and 1/4 inches.

He is also very welcomed by his grandparents: Dee and Janet Justice of Post, Dan and Brenda copeland of Gail.

His great grand parents: Lois Childs of Post, Bertie Copeland of Gail, Etta Dirickson of Greenville, J.M. Gilchrist of Ben Wheeler.

His Aunts Rika and Danelle Copeland and Uncle Brent Justice.



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# Obituaries

## Pauline Howard

Services for Pauline Howard, 81, of Lake Brownwood were Sunday, May 18, 2003 at the Justice-Mason Funeral Home. The Rev. Billie S. Smith officiated. Burial was at 3:00 P.M. Monday May 19, 2003 at the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Howard died on Friday May 16, 2003 at the Abilene Regional Medical Center. She was born on October 09, 1921 to Harvey Bounds and Claddie L. (Burnett) Bourland at Point, Texas.

She moved to Sweetwater and later married Albert Franklin Howard on November 09, 1980 in Post, Texas. They lived in Midland and in 1984 after retirement they moved to Lake Brownwood. She was a Baptist and was preceded in death by two children: Jacky Ray Patton and Bobbie Jean Parker.

She is survived by Spouse, Albert Howard of Brownwood. Two sons: James Clifton Patton of Austin and Lewis Ray Patton of Springtown. One daughter: Paula Padgett of Mathis. Nineteen grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren and one great great great grandchild.

Pallbearers were grandchildren.

# Garza Theatre completes successful run for "Our Town"

by Ruth Ann Young

The Garza Theater production of "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder completed its run last weekend to enthusiastic audiences.

This play was set in Grover's Corner, N.H., in the early 1900s. The plot was very thought-provoking regarding life and death in small town America. The play spans a period of time from 1901, when young love blossoms and then leads to marriage, and ends dramatically a few years later, with strong performances by the cast.

This classic drama was performed by a large cast of actors familiar in the Garza Theater and was directed by Jay Young. Great care was taken to depict period clothing of that era. The set is very stark, but the imaginary portrayal of the daily activities of the setting are very well presented by the cast. The audience sees in their minds the meals the housewives prepare for their families, and Howie Newsome, played by Mikey Gonzales, leads (literally pulls) his milk cow across the stage.

Jessica Culwell as Emily Webb was delightful as the young girl-bride. Other well-known Garza Theater actors included Juanetta Bocko as Mrs. Webb and Christy Morris as Mrs. Gibbs. Bill Woodard portrayed Dr. Gibbs. Stan Tucker was outstanding as stage manager; he very ably informed the audience of the history of the town and leads us through the story, often interacting with the audience.

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### More on "war"

I would like to say 'hi' to my old friend "Ferg," and add to his article from last week.

I'm just like you, worried about the direction our leaders are steering, not only our country, but the whole planet.

God gave man the "garden," and he ruined it. God sent us his son. We killed him. God gave us this beautiful earth, and because of man's greed, it stands threatened.

And we now have enough foreign matter suspended in our atmosphere on the edge of spoil. There's the potential to begin a whole new type of pollution.

Natalie Maines isn't the first Texan to be persecuted for speaking their mind. Clayton Williams lost a governor's race to Ann Richards over a couple of off-colored statements caught by the media.

And Miss Maines really isn't too far off in her assessment of our current president.

I can't believe how short people's memories are sometimes. Because George Jr. made headlines about 20 years ahead of his dad becoming president.

In the early '80s, Jr. was the president and CEO of Silverado Savings & Loan in Aspen, Colo. He was, I'd presume, our nation's first billion-dollar loser and started a string of S&L closings that almost brought our nation to its knees.

I think the first recorded story of deceit is in the Old Testament, about Esau, who covered himself with a goat's skin to trick his blind father and steal his brother's birthright.

Greed. And every war fought on this planet has been fueled by the same reason.

However, modern day Anglo-Saxons have just about perfected it into an art form.

The word 'war' is really Latin, invented by the Greek demi-gods, meaning, "We're going to kick your ass and steal everything you've got." 'War' just sounds better, more noble, if you will.

No, there's no sign of Mr. Hussein yet in Iraq. How many of the Bush boys is it gonna take to bring this guy in? We may end up having to send

Jet yet.

However, we did find an atomic bong and half the world's oil. Not bad loot.

But I heard, secretly, that Osama and Saddam went to work for Halliburton last Monday. But you're libel to hear anything on TV these days.

But concerning oil, I agree with you, Ferg. It seems some of these deals were cut and dried long before our attack took place.

We've got Halliburton in place, and from extensive reading and research on my part, have determined the next players.

Reportedly, the first customer in line for Iraq's unembargoed oil is to be, of all people, China. They have supposedly cut a deal with Iraq, the U.S. and an American company named Unical, to buy oil and help finance a massive refabrication of the oilfields and build a massive pipeline to who knows where. So the Chinese can load their oil more easily and much safer.

The size of this deal is a staggering \$1 trillion. For that kind of money, they would kill every human on the planet. And I bet they still won't feed their kids.

Personally, I think Osama and Saddam are in North Korea. I think we should go there next.

W.M. Bevers

### What a piece of irony

May I point out a most perfect irony.

On the front page of the May 8th edition of The Post Dispatch, the headline article featured the announcement of your voters approving a sales tax increase.

On the op-ed page, your feature columnist while demonstrating the positive morality of limiting government, Walter Williams stated: "Contrast the morality of market exchange with its alternative. I might go to my grocer and propose: give me a gallon of milk or I'll shoot you. Or, I might lobby Congress to take his milk and give it to me. Either way, I'm better off but the grocer is worse off."

"Lest there's misunderstanding, there are legitimate and moral functions of government, namely that of preventing the iniation of force, fraud and intimidation, and we're all duty bound to cough up our share of the cost...."

Tell me that sales tax \$ is going to such a function(s). Yeah, right.....

Someday, that grocer is just going to stop carrying milk... or completely stop being a grocer. ....ah, heck, Who is John Galt, anyway?

Chuck Geshlinder, between Ector and Crane Co.

### Close call... or call me closer

Last Wednesday I went up to Levelland for a day in court (not for me). As I was leaving after court was over, I headed east on Hwy. 114. Evidently around 5:30 ever evening, everybody in Levelland must go to Lubbock, and everybody in Lubbock must go to Levelland, in other words, it looked like two funeral processions with one going each way.

Being a bit frustrated, irritated and aggravated, I decided to drop south to FM 41, then east to US 84 to avoid Lubbock traffic. When I got to

41, the traffic was even worse. Now what was about to happen I would hope never happens to me or anyone else ever again.

As we (other cars) were headed east at about 70 mph, I noticed a kid on a bike coming down a long driveway toward the highway. Some sort of a hunch or a gut feeling told me to set up and pay attention. Something told me the li'l guy was gonna run out into the flow of traffic. For a unknown reason, I slowed to about 40 mph. Cars were honking and doing the road rage thing... about that time this li'l feller road his bike right smack dab in front of my pickup.

I locked my brakes down and slight right up to him. I never felt a bump or anything, but the li'l guy fell over.

The most scariest thing I believe I've ever encountered was that I could not see him anymore over my pickup hood. The last sight I had of him was a direct eye contact with him right before he fell. I'll never forget the horror look he was giving me.

Nevertheless, I dreaded to walk to the front of my pickup. A car almost rear-ended me and one nearly sideswiped me on the other side. Both of these vehicles wound up in the cotton field.

At this point I am ready to puke, but when I got to the front of my truck, the li'l feller was getting up. I had not touched him. It scared the livin' crap outa him. (He will never know how scared I was.) Anyway, the first thing he said was "Thanks for not hitting me. I'm sorry sir."

I said, "Li'l pal, don't thank me, thank God." He hugged me and I hugged him. I told the little boy that I'm not good at prayin' but we better thank God for this moment, and we did.

I offered to load his bike and take him home, but he said his mom would be made 'cause he was too far away from where he was supposed to be, and he wouldn't let me take him. I told him that I doubt if mom would be mad if we told her how lucky we were.

Anyway, I stayed with him about 30 or 40 minutes and had a good visit. Neither of us could attempt to travel on anyway. We were both so scared that I can't remember what we talked about. Some more people were there, and we all talked for a while. As it turned out, everyone came out smelling like a rose....

Like most 10 year old kiddos, he had on a set of earphones and was listening to his favorite tune.... I don't know, maybe that was 'cause of this incident but whatever the cause might have been, the outcome was great.

I've had child death incidents in my life before, and I doubt if I could handle another go around of it.

Thank God that I was not under the influence of alcohol. Had it been a few years ago, this story might have a different ending. I guess God may have helped me drive all those dark years.... I still let God drive every now and then, and I do not doubt in my mind, God must have been driving last Wednesday....

Have a good day.  
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

### Agrees with Ferg

You are right Ferg, in reference to your letter last week to the editor. You made the comment you wished that the Democrat party could have a candidate that could win.

Just a suggestion that somebody tell the members of Texas Democrat Party in Oklahoma who turned their backs on us and ran off to avoid running our great state and almost shut down our Government to stop hiding behind the BUSH. (Pun intended)

raised in the land of the free and the home of the BRAVE and thousands upon thousands who have died for my freedom and I have been taught that United We Stand, Divided we fall.

Well it makes me wonder where America is headed without a President who would stand firm with his country and take the Texas attitude all the way to the Washington D.C. to the White house Don't Mess With America!  
Jon Smith

### Are sick and disabled veterans forgotten?

by Lana Comer  
"Are the sick and disabled veterans forgotten people?" By some every war can or has been "dubbed" Americans' most "unpopular war." But they still fight for "our freedom" because others disagree with our way of life. "They are terrorists" that want to take our "freedom" away.

The young men and women still fight. They give their lives for American people's "freedom." Freedom for all Americans to speak up. Free of terror, free to vote, "free to live our lives as we want." Free to say "We support our troops."

For those who gave their lives, "You are not forgotten!"

Some lost arms, legs or other parts of their bodies. "They are not forgotten."

Some Americans have turned their backs on these men and women who gave all they have.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars have pledged to serve "disabled veterans" and to aid them and their families. The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW meet the challenge by battling against doubt, boredom, bitterness and despair. All over America and overseas, you will find VFW volunteers.

Thousands of former servicemen and women are bedridden for life, and others are destined to spend lives in wheelchairs or on crutches.

The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW have programs, but funds run short. Most of the money for these programs comes from our members, but the public is afford the opportunity to help through the purchase of a "Buddy Poppy."

This year you will be able to help. On Friday, we will be at the Citizens Bank and Wells Fargo Bank from 9 a.m. until noon. Then on Saturday we'll be at United Supermarket from 9 a.m. until noon.

The young men and women who fight for our freedom are in Iraq and other foreign countries shall always be remembered, loved and never, never "forgotten." So this Memorial weekend, open your hearts. It's easy. Just "give."

### Jason Haire earns TTU honor

Jason Price Haire, Pharm.D., son of Johnny Haire and Sherry Farquhar of Post, received the Bowl of Hygieia award during Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center commencement ceremonies held May 18 at Lubbock's United Spirit Arena.

The award Haire received is an internationally recognized symbol for the profession of pharmacy. Universally depicted as a snake wrapped around a bowl, it comes from Greek mythology.

Hygieia is the daughter of Zeus and the goddess of purity. Her bowl represents medicine, and the snake indicates potency. The Bowl of Hygieia symbolizes "pure and potent medicines."

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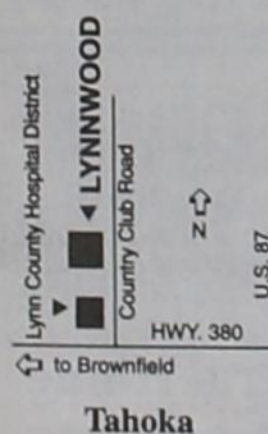
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# Middle School S.T.A.R.S. express appreciation for scholarships

Local STARS (Students, Teachers, Adults Reaching Solutions) representatives will attend a summer leadership camp thanks to the support of several Post-area businesses, organizations and individuals.

Scholarships have been provided to make it possible for 60 students and adults to attend the 2003 MADD Leadership Power Camp to be held at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls July 23-26.

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

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

"It is our chance to get off the sidelines, get into the game and make something happen," said program sponsor Debra Adams.

Theme for the camp is "Talk the Talk... Walk the Walk."

Hundreds of Texas students will attend the event to share ideas and information while building friendships. Activities will include action groups, skills clinics, panels, inspirational speakers, swimming, dancing and games.

STARS scholarship recipients and their sponsors include:

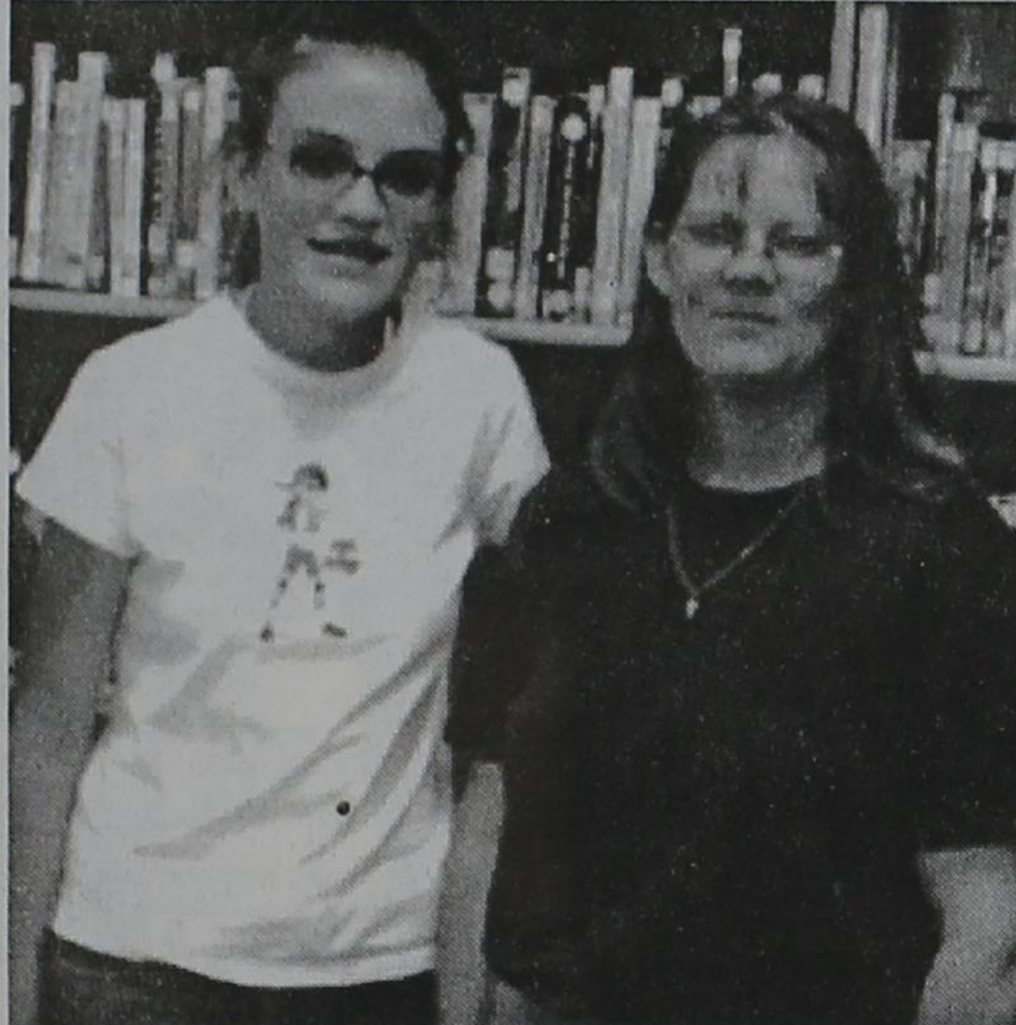
\* Adriana Ceja - Macy Ranch \* Kylie Easterling, Lori Jones and Kelsey Sanderson - Patti Kirkpatrick \* Jackie Hays - FMC Pathfinders Sunday School Class \* Ericka Cravy and Travis Rasbeary - Garza County Probation Dept. \* Tori Hampton - Wayne Carpenter Memorial/Linda and Larry Waldrip and STARS \* Brenna Postell - Grub's Bait & Grill \* Crystal Price - Wells Fargo \* Jeremy Short and Paige Bullard - Post Rotary Club \* Shelley Gearhart and Klent Baker - Post VFD \* Samantha Hoover and Gaby Vegara - Dalby Cattle Co. \* Lauren Gonzales and Heath Fellhauer - McCrary & Franklin Inc. \* Meagan Howard - Amity Study Club \* John David Boren, Madison Mason, Jakelin DelGadillo and Brandon Crawford - Presbyterian Church \* Call Windham - FMC Young Adults Sunday School Class \* Whitney Williams - Mark and Lisa Kirkpatrick \* Susan Littrell - Middle School Spirit Club \* Alex Hart - Xcel Energy \* Lauren Hair - Friends (Frances Camp and STARS)

Additionally, STARS will sponsor the following students: Gabby Paiz, Rachel Gray, Allison Blevins, Edgar Garay, Preston Ortiz, Becca Striblin, Ashleigh Harris, D.J. Baiza, Chris Munoz, Lexi Nobles, Wes Mason, Amanda Rodriguez, Sabrina Sanchez, Claudia Hernandez, Gaby Gomez, Ashley Stenzel, Giovanni Garay, Valerie Moreno, Zach Nava, Jarrett Blevins, Marissa Perez, Zackary Rivera and Adrian Nava.

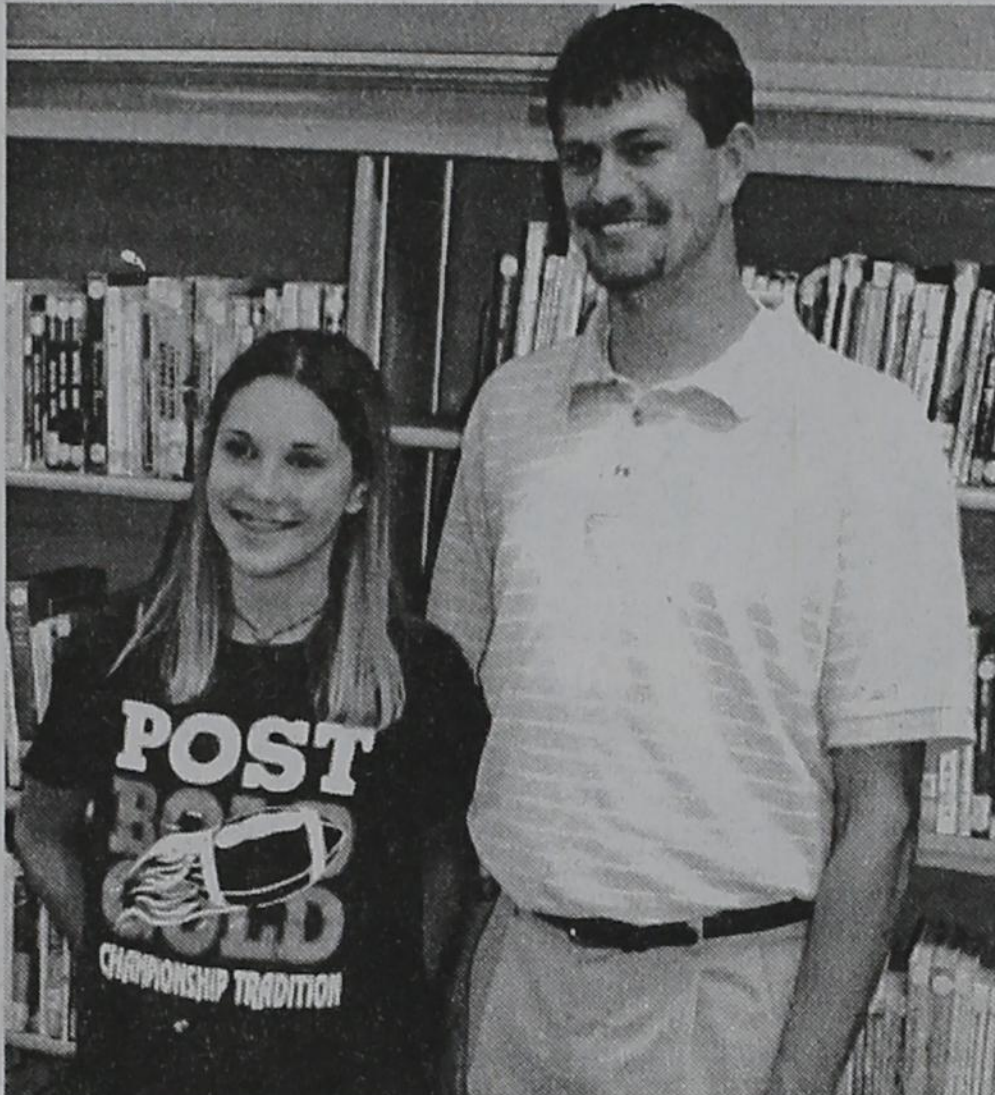
Sponsors include Angela Hester, Carol Hester, Wayne McKim, Dena Potter, Jason Powell and Adams.



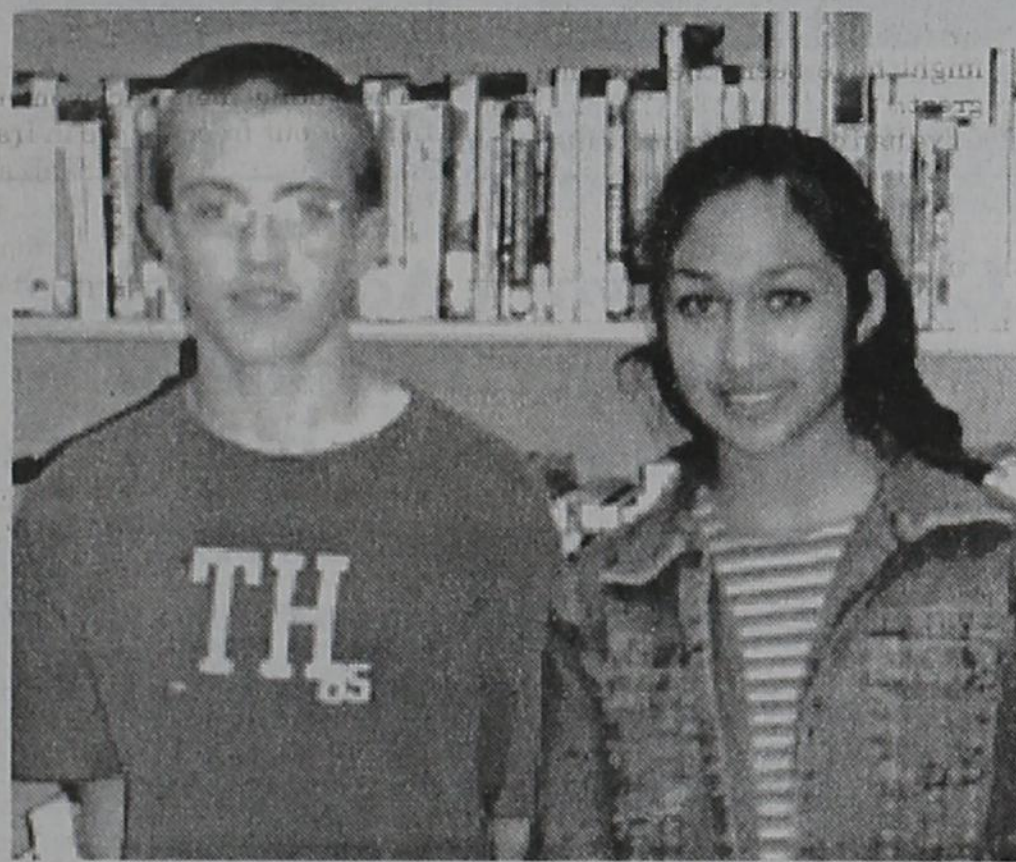
Samantha Hoover, Giles Dalby (Dalby Cattle Co.) and Gaby Vegara.



Brenna Postell (left) and Dusti Osborn (Grub's Bait & Grill)



Shelley Gearhart (left) and Jason Powell (Post Volunteer Fire Department) Not available for photo: Klent Baker



Heath Fellhauer and Lauren Gonzales (McCrary & Franklin Inc.)



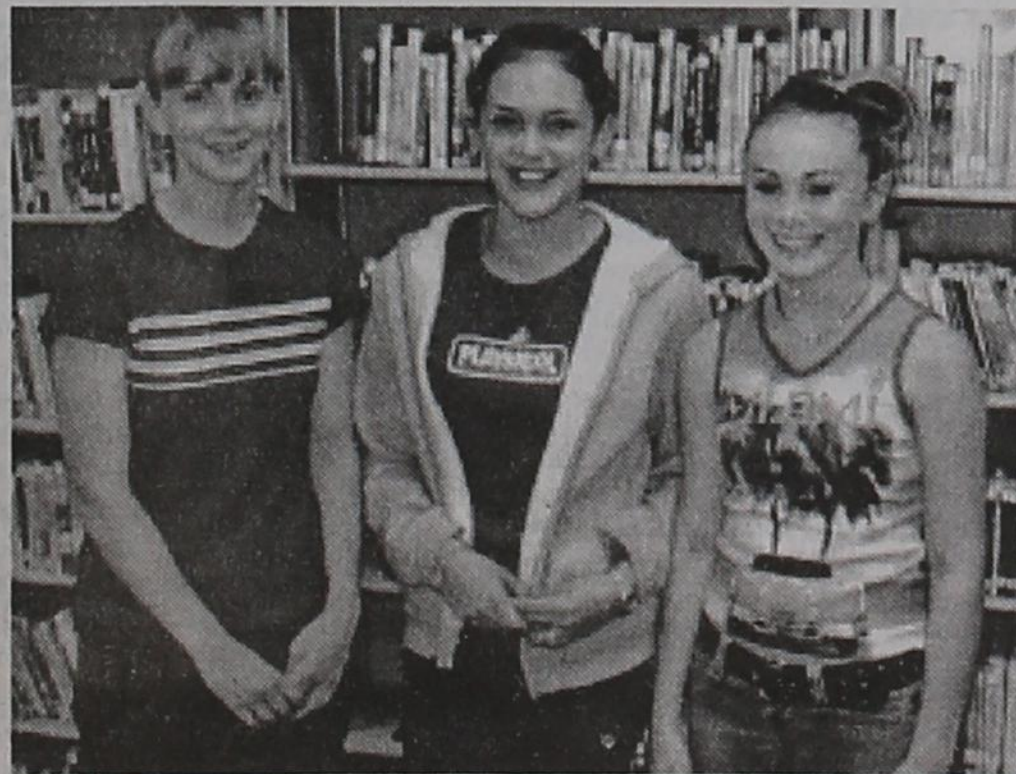
Jeremy Short (left to right), Jana Bullard (Post Rotary Club) and Paige Bullard.



Crystal Price (left) and Jana Bullard (Wells Fargo)



Susan Littrell (left) and Carol Hester (Post Middle School Spirit Club)



Kylie Easterling (left to right), Lori Jones and Kelsey Sanderson (Patti Kirkpatrick)



7th Grade S.T.A.R.S. scholarships - (left to right) Lexi Nobles, Amanda Rodriguez and Chris Munoz



6th Grade S.T.A.R.S. scholarships - (back row, left to right) Marissa Bustoz, Jarred Blevins, Zachary Nava, Marissa Perez, Zachary Rivera, Giovanni Garay, (front) Valerie Moreno, Gaby Gomez, Claudia Hernandez, Sabrina Sanchez and Ashley Stenzel.



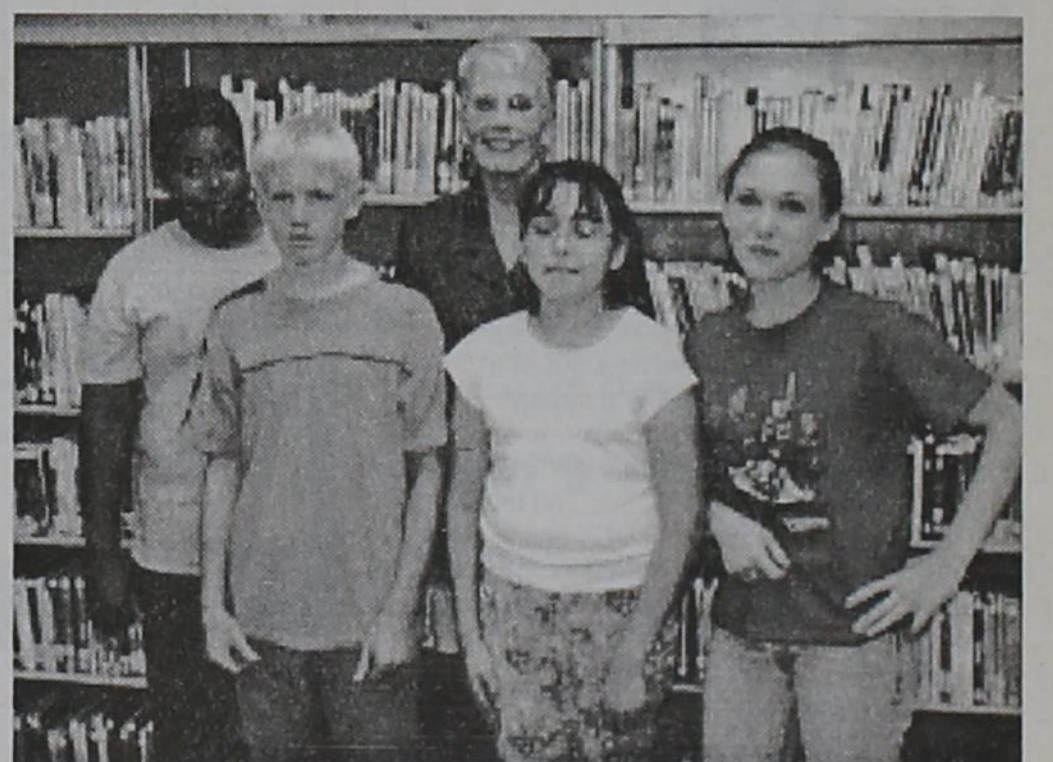
Call Windham (First United Methodist Church Young Adults Sunday School Class), (left to right) Travis Rasbeary (Garza County Probation Dept.), Tori Hampton (Wayne Carpenter Memorial Scholarship - Linda and Larry Waldrip) and Ericka Cravy (Garza County Probation Dept.). Not available for photo: Alex Hart (Excel Energy).



8th Grade S.T.A.R.S. scholarships - (back row, left to right) Wes Mason, Preston Ortiz, Edgar Garay, Adrian Nava, (front) Allison Blevins, Rachel Gray, Gabby Paiz and Becca Striblin.



Stacy Boeko (Woman's Culture Club), (left to right) Adriana Ceja (Macy Ranch), Jackie Hays (First United Methodist Church Patfinders Sunday School Class), Meagan Howard (Amity Study Club), Lauren Hair (Frances Camp and STARS) and Whitney Williams (Mark and Lisa Kirkpatrick)



Brandon Crawford (back, left), Dedra Adams (First Presbyterian Church), John David Boren, Jakelin Del Gadillo and Madison Mason.



Jim Wilson of Kansas City, Kansas surveys a newly decorated suite at the Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast during the recent anniversary celebration. Wilson was in Post visiting Pat and Wes Burnett.



# 'Lopes win Regional Quarterfinal Trophy, advance to semifinal round

by Ernest Fox

In the second game of a Saturday doubleheader, Post (27-10) hammered three Colorado City pitchers for 12 hits and 14 runs to beat the Colorado City Wolves 14-4 in the winner-take-all third game at Moffett Field in Snyder to win the regional quarterfinal championship.

Colorado City's Fidel Silva mowed through the Post batters in the games' first two innings with leadoff batter Kenny Ratke the only Antelope to reach base — and that on a passed ball after striking out.

On Saturday, Post was good enough to overcome a nine-at-bat third inning by the Wolves that led to an early 4-0 deficit in his final game. Bryan Looney lit the fuse for the Antelopes, yanking a two-RBI single up the middle to plate Brody Robertson and Jett Lott, who doubled and singled respectively, leading off Post's half of the third inning.

When the game came down to crunch time, Ratke stepped to the plate, bases loaded with the score knotted at four-all. Baseball convention says wait for a pitch that can be driven to a gap. Consider Ratke, a master student of the game — Post's number-one hole hitter lined a bases-loaded, two-run double up the middle off Colorado City's relief pitcher Daniel Salazar for the 'Lopes' fifth and sixth runs of the inning.

As the Antelope leadoff batter, Ratke's role is to get on base via a walk or hit and to let Coach Kattwinkel's big bashers bring Ratke in. With the season perilously close to ending, Ratke showed he can step out of that role and be a run producer with the stick. Ratke's heroics followed Cody Fox's RBI-triple and Randon Blacklock's RBI-single, tying the game at four-all. Number eight hole batter Robertson's four-ball walk knocked out starting pitcher Silva with Lott preceding Ratke with a single up the middle.

While Ratke's bolt of lightning provided the eventual game winner, the heroics were spread up and down the Antelope lineup. Post batters actually drew more walks (six) than strikeouts (five) in the 38 at-bats with an on-base percentage of .632 on 24-for-38 appearances.

The Antelopes tacked on a single run in the fifth as Colorado City pitcher Salazar, attempting to catch Robertson out in a rundown, threw the ball into right field, allowing Blacklock to score from third with Robertson legging all the way to third. In the sixth inning, nine Post batters came up, scoring the six final runs in the 10-run rule 14-4 victory.

Fox (9-2), Saturday's final starting pitcher, bore down to retire nine of the last 12 batters he faced. Fox finished with just nine strikeouts but proved to be a model of efficiency, as did the Antelope infield defense, logging seven outs. So dominant was the Post defense that only two putouts were recorded by the outfield — CF Luis Zubia's catch and right fielder David Lee Rivera's running catch.

The rubber-match win kept the Antelopes' season streak of not losing two-consecutive games alive. Season-wise, Post has now 10-run ruled 12 opponents and has scored in double-digits in 20 games.

Post now advances to play District 7-AA Holliday Fighting Eagles, the state's number one-rated team in the Class 2AA regional semi-finals.

Hitting for Post were Ratke, double, two RBIs; Mitchell Mills, two singles, three RBIs; Looney, two singles, one walk, two RBIs; Zubia, one on-base by hit batter; Jon Eilenberger, one walk; Fox, one triple, one single, two RBIs; Blacklock, two singles, one walk, one RBI; Robertson, one double, one single, one walk, one on-base by hit batter, one RBI; Lott, two singles, two walks, one RBI.

Pitching for Post were Fox (9-2), going for six innings with three hits, five walks, no hit batters and nine strikeouts. His pitching count showed 49 strikes and 48 balls with 118 total pitches.

In game two, Colorado City scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth and followed with a two-run fifth to rally past Post 5-2 in the second game of the regional quarterfinals series.

Post took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third when Ratke singled leading off and was plated by Looney's RBI single, but couldn't muster up any more firepower until the Antelopes closed out their scoring at the top of the seventh on Ratke's double to left field with Mills getting the RBI on a 6-3 putout to first.

Looney (10-5) was able to cruise for three innings, throwing a one-hitter on a total of 26 pitches, going one batter over the minimum. Colorado City broke loose in the fourth and fifth innings, on five hits, two errors and one walk. Looney's pitch count totaled 21 and 20 pitches for the fourth and fifth innings, respectively. Post's defense sandwiched third- and sixth-inning double plays around the troublesome fourth and fifth inning defensive breakdowns.

Post's normally explosive offense, while actually outitting the tepid Colorado City offense seven to six, was handcuffed by weak at-bats, stranding seven Antelope runners.

Of 21 Post outs, only three were lined to the outfield, with nine strikeouts and other assorted infield outs.

Hitting for Post were Ratke, one single, one double; Mills, one walk, one on-base by hit batter, one RBI; Looney, one walk, one single, one RBI; Zubia, one single; Eilenberger, one single; Fox, one single; and Lott, one single.

Pitching for Post was Looney, going six innings with six hits, two walks, one hit batter and four strikeouts. Looney's pitching count totaled 32 strikes, 28 balls and 82 total pitches.

### Friday's First Game

In the first game of the series Blacklocks' pitching approach may not have been the most basic, but it's sure hard to argue with the results.

Blacklock scattered three Colorado City hits, four walks, two hit batters and limited the Wolves to just one run. His teammates executed when they had to in an 11-1 victory at Moffett Field in the opening game of

the regional quarterfinals at Snyder Friday.

With the win, Post took a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three series.

Blacklock (8-2) wasn't overpowering against Colorado City — 28 strikes and 44 balls — but the sophomore right-hander did everything he could to keep the Colorado City lineup guessing. He relied mostly on junk to offset the Wolves' bats and coming in with fastball strikes to induce the Wolves' batters into seven flyball or popup outs spread among four strikeouts. The Antelope defense even threw in a double play for good measure.

Colorado City scored its lone run in the top of the second but the only effect was to awaken the potent Antelope offense.

Post, playing for a little payback for the 2002 playoff loss to the same Colorado City team, answered that run by sending 15 batters to the plate while scoring 10 times to pile up all

the offense it needed.

Post rolled through two Colorado City pitchers for a 63-pitch count second inning and loading the bases on four separate occasions. Also, Post batters struck out only seven times in 29 at-bats.

Mills punctuated the affair, leading off the Antelope fourth by walloping a leadoff homerun over the center field Green Monster wall for an estimated 420 feet.

Hitting for Post were Ratke, one single; Mills, one walk, one homerun; Looney, one double, one single, two RBIs; Zubia, one single, one RBI; Eilenberger, one walk, one single; Fox, two singles, one walk, two RBIs; Blacklock, one walk, one double, one RBI; Robertson, one on-base by hit batter, two walks; and Lott, one double, two RBIs.

### Post Antelopes vs. Holliday Eagles

KPOS Radio will broadcast all of the Regional Semifinal Championship series between the Post Antelopes and Holliday Eagles, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday from Wichita Falls at Hoskins Field.

The two teams meet again Saturday in Lubbock at the Westerner Field (North University Avenue) for a 2 p.m. opening. If a third game is needed, it will begin 30 minutes following the second contest.

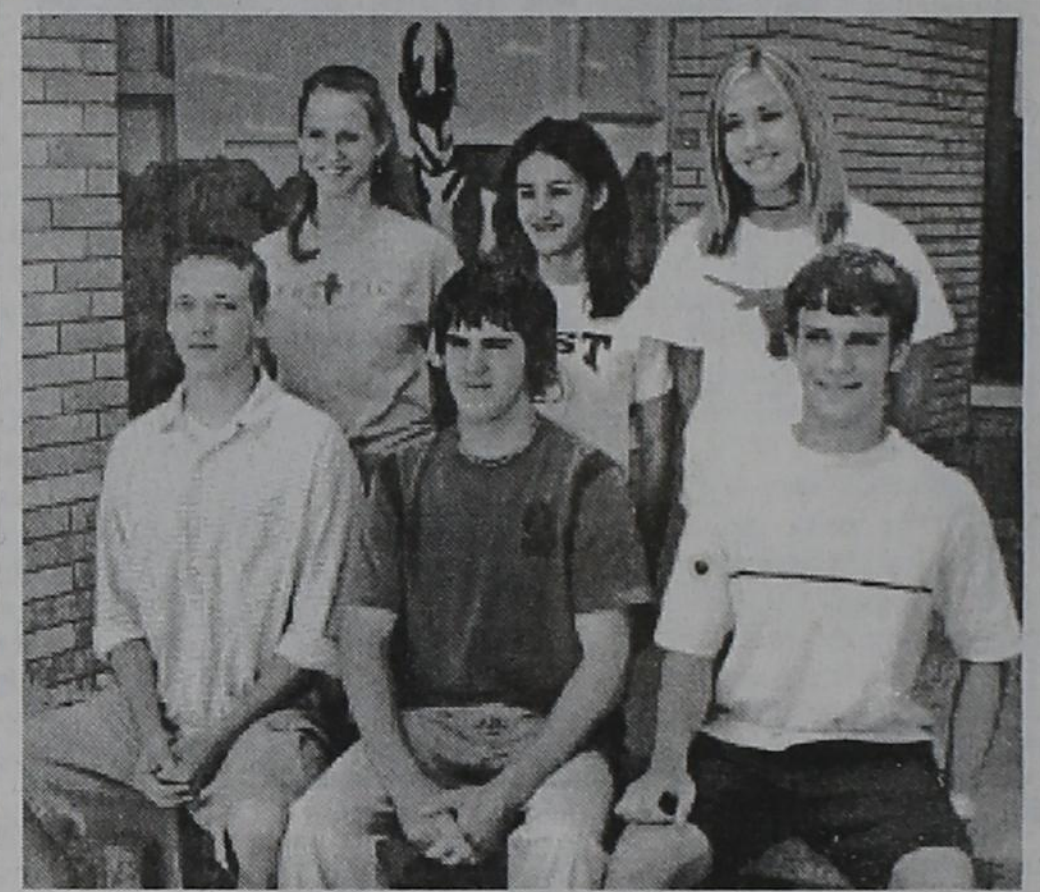
Holliday will be the home team Friday night, with Post labeled home team in the second game Saturday. A coin toss will determine the home team for the third and final game if needed.

The winner of the best two-out-of-three series will advance to the Regional Finals against the winner of Sonora vs. Eastland. The winner of that series will then advance to the state championship tournament in Austin, June 5 and 6.

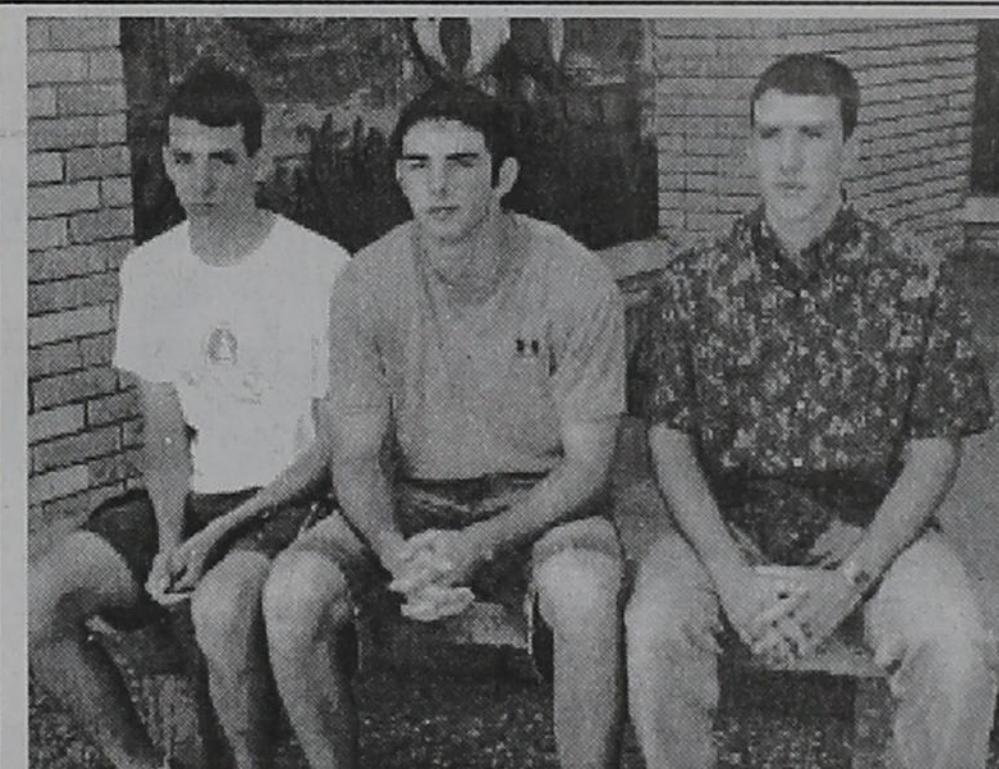
KPOS Radio broadcasts at 97.7 FM (Post only) and on Classic Cable Channel 12.



All District Academic Baseball - (back row, left to right) Brody Robertson, Kenny Ratke, CoCo Valdez, Mitchell Mills (front) Coby Jones, Bryan Looney, Luix Zubia and Jonathan Eilenberger.



All District Academic Golf - (back row, left to right) Tana Starkey, Meagan Hoover, Kaycee Gorman, (front) Jerrad Grisham, Jonathan McGregor and Sterling Smith.



All District Academic Tennis - (left to right) Cole Easterling, Jarrett Vickers and Brice Easterling.

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- Lake del Rey
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All District Academic Track - (back row, left to right) Brittney Courtney, Kayla Dunn, Laurel Tatum, Kaycee Gorman, Lyndee Strawn, Meagan Hoover, Amanda Workman, Christina Zellmer, (front) Christine Collier, Ryan Babb, Zane Marts, Mark McCallister and Donae Dalby.

**Post ISD summer food service program**

The Post Independent School District will sponsor a summer food service program Mondays through Fridays beginning June 2 and continuing through June 27.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the school cafeteria at 309 W. 8th St. behind the elementary school from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m.

Children ages 18 and younger are eligible to participate and will not be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political belief, according to school district officials.

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by Lana Comer  
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# Yesteryears

10 Years Ago  
May 12, 1993

Reversing their order of finish from regional competition, Sara Hodges and Brad McDonald both placed in spelling in the state UIL meet held in Austin. Hodges came in just ahead of McDonald to claim third place at state and earned a bronze medal. McDonald finished in fourth. Just two weeks earlier, McDonald edged Hodges in regional competition held in Abilene, finishing second, one place ahead of Hodges.

Bunny Miller and Toger Allen Lynch, Jr. announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Miller is the daughter of Bob Palmer of Post and the late Barbara Palmer. Lynch is the son of Roger and Doris Lynch, Sr. of Milford.

All-American and National Women's College Basketball Player of the year Sheryl Swoopes from National Champion Texas Tech Lady Raiders will be the featured guest speaker at the Post High School all-sports banquet.

Winning third place in the Junior 2 overall competition in the District 2 4-H rifle contest held recently included Garza County team members Marcus Lopez, Braden Conner, Seth Pennell, and Kipp Wilks. Coaching the team are Bruce Ledbetter and Kim Wilks.

The Post High School choir recently performed in San Antonio at the American Classic Music Festival's Bluebonnet Classic. The choir earned a superior rating for their concert performance and an Outstanding in Class for their overall performance.

20 Years Ago  
May 11, 1983

In recent tryouts, held April 26, Junior Varsity Cheerleaders were chosen for the school year of 1983-84. Chosen were Alicia Pettyjohn, Kerry Hart, Laura Crenshaw and Tyra Alexander.

Post Antelope 400 meter sprint relay team will compete in the state 3A championship track meet this weekend in Austin, along with Tim Tannehill competing in the long jump. Members of the regional championship team are Milton Williams, Will Kirkpatrick, Tim Tannehill and Irvin Price.

Luann Kennedy and Mario Reyna of Post were among the students receiving recognition at the annual Western Texas College Awards Day. Miss Kennedy received the special Road Runner award from health and physical education, with Reyna being cited as an Outstanding Sophomore Student in Golf Course Operations and Landscape Technology.

There have been a number of recent improvements at the Garza Memorial Hospital with continuing efforts by the staff, doctors and hospital board members to meet the medical needs of our community. Among the improvements, the hospital is now able to perform certain surgeries, and has added a cardiac monitor. The newly enlarged emergency room, new waiting room for emergency patients and a new OB examination room are a few of the improvements.

30 Years Ago  
March 10, 1973

Jim and Arthur "Bo" Jackson, owners of Jackson Bros. Food Locker, won ribbons on a variety of their products at the annual convention of the Texas-Oklahoma Meat Processors' Assn.

Senior and junior chapter

sweethearts of Future Farmers of America were presented their sweetheart jackets by the presidents of their respective chapter. Becki Dalby and Andy Williams of the senior chapter, and Patricia Bilberry and Ricky Shepherd of the junior chapter.

Junior Stelzer, Phyliss Kennedy and John Johnson of Garza County won first place in the range and pasture grass identification contest at Texas Tech University on Saturday.

Ben Clyde Miller and Paula Turner Miller graduated from Texas A&M University on Saturday, May 5.

Scotty Clinesmith and Judy Tanner won the "Little Mr. and Miss Post" titles and Lex Dunn and Lisa Brown the "Mini Mr. and Miss Post" titles in the annual contest.

Members of the Graham Methodist Church which burned Jan. 7, met Sunday for a groundbreaking ceremony for their new church building.

40 Years Ago  
May 9, 1963

Two members of the Post High graduating class have tied for top academic honors with a grade average of 94.35 each for the past two years and are co-valedictorians of this year's class. The two top students are Delton Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robinson, and Marianne Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones.

Joyce Teaff received her pin as "Girl of the Year" of Mu Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority with Miss Maxine Durrett presenting the pin.

Wedding vows for Miss Nancy Hambrick and Lt. Gary Espy Welch were read Saturday, May 4, at the First Methodist Church in Ballinger.

Almost all farming areas of Garza County received a "cotton planting rain" Sunday afternoon although most of the county didn't receive the 2.34 inch deluge which flooded Post's streets and knocked some 300 telephones out of service. After a five month drought in this area, the afternoon showers dumped from on the three inches on various portions of the county.

The old Verbena church, now in use as a community building, has received a Texas Historical Medallion, which was presented to a group of former Verbena residents by Mrs. A. C. Surman.

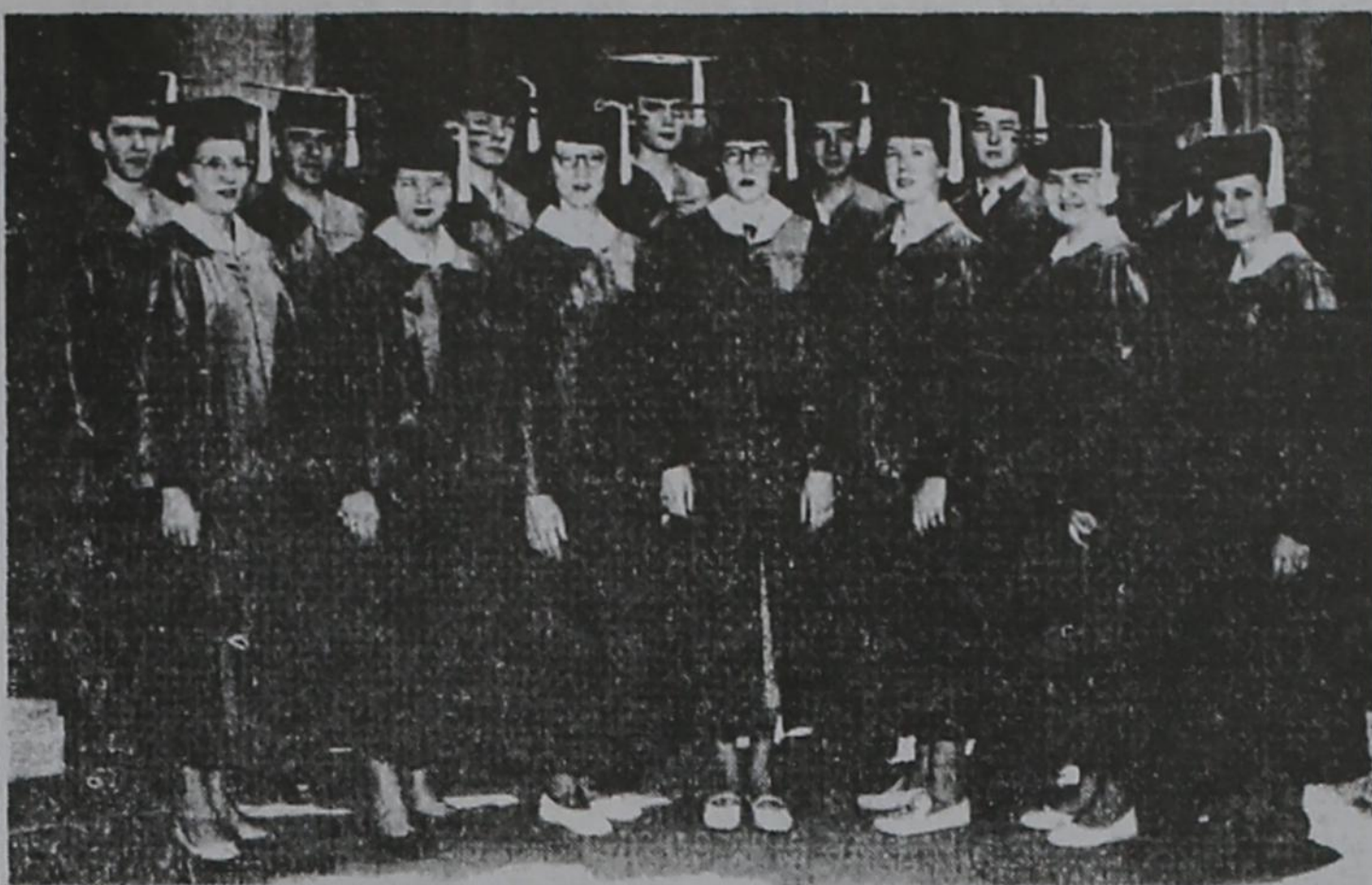
50 Years Ago  
May 14, 1953

A step toward the solution of Post's congested school problem was taken Tuesday night when the board of trustees employed a Lubbock architectural firm. The new school would be constructed on the vacant lot just across the street east of the high school building - between the high school and grade school. It would include from 12 to 14 classrooms, a gymnasium and a band hall, according to tentative plans.

Loading on one of two chartered buses, the Post High School seniors are getting a big send-off on their class trip to Colorado Springs. They return late Sunday night after spending two days at the Star Ranch.

Improved telephone service after July 1 and possibility of a dial system within the next two years were promised the Post City Commission by officials of General Telephone Co. Ason, James Loyd, was born to Mr. and Mrs. James F. McBride in Garza Memorial Hospital.

All but one of Mrs. J. N. Gossett's children were present for a celebration in observance of her 79th birthday May 7.



**HONOR STUDENTS** — Shown above are the 14 top students in this year's Post High School graduating class. They are, front row, l. to r., Linda Mills Rogers, salutatorian; Lillian Dulaney, Joyce Short, Mary Ann Shults, Janyce Lobban, Margaret Welborn, valedictorian, and Buena Welch. Back row, l. to r., Bobby Rogers, Darrell Stone, Gaylord Anderson, Ross Morrow, Charles Bird, Jimmy Ferguson and David Pennington. Shown at the left are the four honor students of the eighth grade graduating class. Seated is Connie Marie King and standing are Howard Jones (left), valedictorian; Lexa Acker, and Kenneth Mills, salutatorian. — (Post Dispatch Photo).



## Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

### Watch Pets for Ticks

Tick season is here according to the number of calls concerning ticks. Here is some practical information for pet owners.

Ticks are common in our area, but they prefer to spend their time in places with some protection from intense sunlight, but which give them a good chance of grabbing a host if it should walk by. Yards with high grass, un-raked leaves, large shrubs, or other vegetation that provides shelter from direct sunlight are especially hospitable for ticks. Ticks are moved around in the environment by the animals on which they feed, including deer, rodents, dogs, and birds. Eventually, ticks arrive in our yards and infest our pets.

We usually notice ticks first on our pets because the pets are out in the yard walking around in the places ticks like to rest and wait for their blood hosts. If you find one or more ticks on a pet, then consider a comprehensive approach to tick control on your property. Comprehensive control relies on eliminating ticks from the yard, our pets, and from within our houses if necessary. It does little good to simply eliminate ticks from our pets, and then allow them to become re-infested in the yard.

Tick control in the yard is not too difficult. Mow all tall grass, cut hedges back as much as possible, rake leaves, and generally eliminate tick hangouts as much as is practical. These actions will reduce the number of ticks in the yard, but insecticides will most likely be needed as well. The EPA has eliminated Dursban and Diazinon, common tick pesticides we used to use, but homeowners have access to some newer products. These include the relatively new synthetic pyrethroid insecticides that can be recognized for the most part by how the last part of the active ingredient name is spelled. If the active ingredient name ends in the letters "rin", then the product is a pyrethroid. For example, the product Bayer Advanced Lawn & Garden Multi-Insect Killer has the active ingredient cyfluthrin, a synthetic pyrethroid. Carbaryl (Sevin) is still available for outdoor use as well.

Be sure to read the labels for any pesticides you plan to use. Your pets and children will be exposed to these products in the yard. It is often not necessary to treat the entire yard with a pesticide. It may be better to treat only those areas preferred by ticks.

Tick control on the pet is not as difficult as it once was. Veterinarians now possess many different, safe insecticides for control of ticks on pets. It is no longer necessary or advisable to dip pets in vats of insecticide. Less-toxic approaches are available and it is certainly worth a few minutes on the telephone to get a good recommendation from your veterinarian. Various factors like your pet's age, health problems or allergies, etc. should be considered before making a tick control or prevention recommendation.

Of course you should remove ticks from your pets. Timely removal of ticks is very important in preventing the transmission of disease. There are numerous "folk remedies" for tick removal, but the important thing is to get the tick removed quickly (before it can transmit disease) and without spilling the contents of the tick's body into the wound. Always wear rubber or latex gloves when removing ticks. Remove as much of the tick as possible from your pet by grasping firmly at the base of the tick's mouth (where it attaches to the skin) with a tick removal tool or a tweezers. Pull gently but firmly. Try to allow some time for the tick to loosen its grip on the skin. After the tick has been removed, disinfect the bite area with rubbing alcohol.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.



Robby Willborn and his son Ryan caught this whopper at Two Draw Lakes recently.

## Sheriff reports 3 arrests last week

Three arrests were recorded in the Garza County Jail log during the past week, according to information supplied by the sheriff's department.

On May 16, a 24-year-old male was arrested for driving without a license.

Two arrests were made May 18, including that of a 19-year-old male, commitment, and a 26-year-old male for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

## Post SPC students earn departmental awards

Two students from Post received departmental awards during South Plains College's recent Student Awards Assembly.

Students were selected by faculty in their college departments for outstanding academic accomplishments and contributions to the classroom. Armando Rodriguez received an award for Outstanding Accomplishments at the State Skills USA/VICA Leadership Conference. He is the son of Susan and Armando Rodriguez. He received a silver medal in the opening and closing ceremonies at the State Skills USA/VICA Leadership Conference. He is a member of the SPC Skills USA/VICA chapter.

Ricky Alvarez received a Campus Ambassador award. He is the son of Raymond and Betty Garza. He has been named to the Dean's Honor List, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and Who's Who at SPC 2003. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and the STAR Center and serves as secretary of the Campus Ambassadors.

"These students are among the best of the best at SPC and have been very involved in the life of the campus," said Terry Isaacs, associate professor of history and a co-master of ceremonies for the assembly May 8.

## Tidwell, Metsgar earn honors at TTU paramedic class

Two Post EMS members graduated May 9 with top honors from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Paramedic Class.

Rodney Tidwell received the class Leadership Award. It was presented by Mike DeLoach, BS, NREMT-LP, lead instructor for the class.

Christopher Metsgar received the Medical Directors Award. Metsgar's award was presented by Dr. Fred Hagedorn, MD, LP, medical director for South Plains Emergency Medical Services.

Each has done his paramedic internship at UMC, Lubbock, and field rotations with Lubbock EMS. As part of the field rotations, each worked with a Lubbock EMS truck every third day for 17-hour shifts to attain a total of 221 hours apiece. Also, a specified number of "critical runs" were required.

The men, members of the first TTUHSC class to be required to test national registry, will be testing in July.

Tidwell is the Post EMS Club president, while Metsgar serves as club secretary.

Tidwell volunteers several shifts with the Post EMS each week and is director of the local MAD DADS program. Also, he serves on the Garza County Dive and Rescue Team at Lake Alan Henry and is a member of the Post Volunteer Fire Department.

Metsgar, a Lubbock resident, attends Texas Tech and works full-time at Covenant Medical Center. He volunteers with the Post EMS on his days off.

The graduation ceremonies were held at the County Line restaurant in Lubbock.

Local residents on hand for the graduation were Tidwell's wife Reshea; daughters Jacie and Ragin; his parents, Wesley and Anita Morris; brother Chase; sisters Cheyenne and Chelby; and grandmother Marietta Pruitt. Metsgar is the son of Ronnie and Tricia Metsgar.



Hildegard Marlin provided guided tours of the latest improvements at the Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast during the hotel's recent anniversary celebration.




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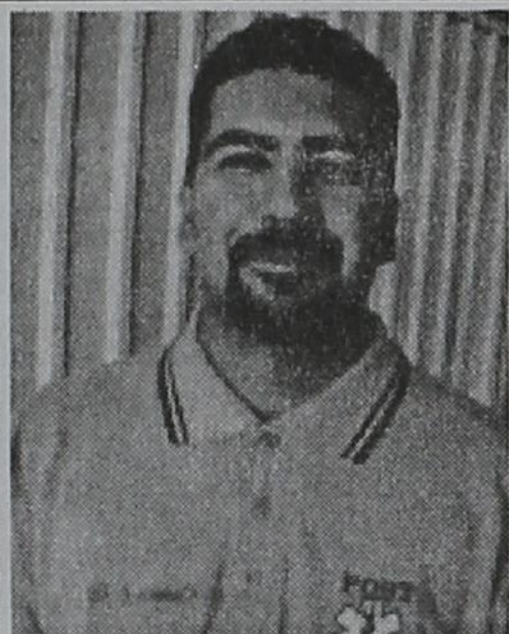
# We salute our volunteer EMTs!



Post-Garza County EMS - (left to right) Wayne Thomas, Rodney Tidwell, Reshea Tidwell, Betty Posey, Tina Pewitt, Kelly Baker, Ronnie Metsgar, EMS interim administrator Terry Bartlett, Jason Powell, Bradley Cimental, Dawne Stone and Joseph Sanchez. (Not available for photo: Gene Solis, Gina Palmer, Christopher Metsgar and Trudy Basquez.)



Kelly Baker



Bradley Cimental



Ronnie Metsgar, Intermediate



Tina Pewitt, Paramedic



Betty Posey



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