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New on Main Street

A new tree was recently planted on East Main Street to replace the fir that had slowly died. The tree in the median in the 100 block of East Main has traditionally served as the centerpiece for decorations during Christmas lighting. The planting was supervised by the City of Post.

Algerita building in need of major repairs to walls

City officials are hoping state grant money can help restore the deteriorating rock walls of the historic Algerita Hotel.

No action was taken, but during last week's City Council meeting council members agreed the city should seek state assistance in re-vamping one of Post's oldest buildings.

In a May 2 letter from representatives of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper (PSC), an engineering/architectural firm out of Lubbock, City Manager Fred Stephens was advised that a recent inspection of the building, as well as telephone conversations with the man who supervised the rebuilding of the structure's south wall about 15 years ago, indicate the Algerita's walls need to be rebuilt.

"We have concluded that the current need to rebuild the walls

would not be much different than the rebuilding of the south wall several years ago," the letter states.

When the south wall was rebuilt, workers shored up the building before removing the rock wall, according to the letter. The rocks were then cleaned, and the wall was reconstructed with a concrete block backup. The effort cost approximately \$17,000, with the supervisor, Jerry Osborn, donating his time and much of the materials.

"It is our speculation that similar work required on the west wall and minimal work on the east wall could easily double that amount, depending on how much architectural detail is restored on the west side," the PSC letter states.

While the Algerita is listed on the National Historic Register, it is not registered as a Texas Historical Site; therefore, there are not requirements that the building be restored to its original design, according to the PSC letter.

To achieve the reconstruction project outside of the direction of any historical groups, PSC estimates its fee through the bid phase of the project would be about \$11,500, as well as reimbursable expenses of another \$1,100.

The Algerita opened in 1908. In about 1968, the building became the property of the Garza County Heritage Association.

Over the years, the old hotel has seen several renovations, including one in the 1970s to that portion of the building that served the local senior citizens group; one in 1984 to the arts center; and the addition of a new roof in 2001.

Today, the Algerita houses the local arts center.



Niebes Marin, Post Lions Club Queen, was honored recently by members of the organization in recognition of her service to the club. The graduating PHS senior was third runner-up at the District Convention held in Levelland. She plans to attend TSTC in Brownsville, Texas to major in criminal justice with plans for a career as a U.S. Customs Agent.

City seeking options for water rights near Southland

City officials are in the early stages of a project that could serve as a contingency plan for the municipal water supply.

City Manager Fred Stephens said he is trying to gather data

from four Southland-area landowners who have indicated an interest in selling well water to Post. City officials have been talking to the landowners for more than a year.

The city may try to enter into 12-month options with one or more of the landowners to allow the municipality to "determine what direction the city should go in," the city manager said.

If the well water option appears feasible, the city could rely on the additional water source as a supplemental supply in the event there is some sort of break down or Slaton is unable to sell water to Post, Stephens said. However, the final decision on the project will be dictated by several factors, including cost, availability and the term the well water would be available.

County looks to Lubbock to share costs of diving team

A request to add two more divers to the Garza County Dive Team is on hold as county officials work to secure financial assistance from the City of Lubbock.

Constable Daniel Yarbro approached the Commissioners Court Monday with a request to bump the dive team up to a full six members.

"A full dive team consists of six fully-certified divers — two divers in the water, one safety diver, two divers who are suited up and ready to dive and one communication and timekeeper operator," Yarbro stated in a letter to the court. "We are only operating with two divers in the water and an operator. This poses a problem with the quality of the operation and the safety of everyone."

Yarbro said he has verbal agreements from two individuals who are willing to sign two-year commitments to the Garza County Dive Team. Additionally, these individuals have agreed to be on-call 24 hours a day.

Total cost for training and equipment is slightly more than \$3,000, according to Yarbro.

In the event either of the two new divers leaves the dive team during the two-year period, the individual will be required to refund the county for all expenses incurred.

Commissioner Lee Norman said

that while everyone would agree that the dive team's expansion would be beneficial, the City of Lubbock should be asked to share in the expense.

The bulk of the dive team's duties are carried out at the Lubbock-owned Lake Alan Henry.

In other business, County Commissioners approved an addition to the personnel policy regarding the use of county credit cards.

According to the new policy, no Garza County elected official or employee entrusted with a county credit card will use the card for "personal expenditures" or "any type of expenditure not reimbursable as a county business expense within existing county budget limitations."

Additionally, anyone using a county credit card will be required to turn in receipts from expenditures "as soon as possible after charging."

Rounding out the agenda, commissioners:

- Discussed the annual jail inspection reports from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. According to the report, the Garza County Jail was found within compliance, while the Dalby unit was found to have one minor violation dealing with the documentation of fire drills.

- Approved an amendment to the Garza County Subdivision Regulations concerning acceptance of roads for maintenance.

- Discussed the hiring of an audit firm for Garza County. The item was tabled and will be reconsidered at the court's June 10 session.

- Turned down an application for public assistance.

- Reviewed the county's drug and alcohol testing policy and procedures. No changes were made.

Post Notes

Thursday is final day of school

The last day of the 2002-2003 school year is Thursday, May 29. Classes will be dismissed at 1 p.m., and buses will run at that time. Parents picking up their children should pick them up at 1 p.m.

Youth group to wash cars Saturday

The Graham Church of Christ youth group will have a car wash Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. at United Supermarket. The event will benefit Relay for Life.

School, job opportunities available

Anyone with an agricultural work background over the last 12-24 months who is interested in job opportunities or going back to school is invited to meet with Joe Carrasco with MET on June 3. Carrasco will be at the Multi-Service Center-SPCAA at the Barn on South Highway 84 beginning at 10 a.m. to do intakes. Specialized training and other services are available.

Lady 'Lopes Hoops Camp slated

The Lady 'Lopes Hoops Camp will run June 2-5 at the Post Antelope Arena. The camp for students in grades 7-9 (fall of 2003) will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon, while the camp for students in grades 4-6 (fall of 2003) will run from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Cost will be \$40 per camper, and each participant will receive a camp T-shirt and basketball. Registration forms may be picked up at the PHS office, or call Randy Courtney at 495-1241 (home) or 495-2770 (office).

Summer Rec registration begins Monday

Registration for this year's Summer Recreation program begins Monday and will continue throughout the summer. Participants must be registered prior to joining in the activities. The program will operate from the Middle School gym this year, with the gym opening weekdays at 8 a.m. Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m., and activities will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be at noon, and parents are encouraged to pick up their children at the cafeteria parking lot between 12:15 and 12:30 p.m. Swim dates will be K-3rd, Tuesdays, and 4th and up, Wednesdays. Field trips will be scheduled on Mondays and Thursdays. For more information, contact Rodney Tidwell at 495-1244, 495-3960 or 620-0960.

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 pcr1@arn.net, or by mail to P.O. Box 490, Post, Texas 79356. Deadline for applications is May 31, 2003.

New play offered at Garza Theatre

The latest Garza Theatre production, "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe," will open June 6, 7 and 8. Based on the C.S. Lewis classic, the play is being directed by Mitchell Britton. Additional performances are set for June 13, 14, 20 and 21. Curtain times for Friday and Saturday performances is 8 p.m. The Sunday matinee performance begins at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children ages 6-12. For more information, contact the theatre's box office at 495-4005.

VFW to destroy old flags

Old flags that need to be discarded may be taken to Radio Shack. The VFW will pick up the flags and dispose of them properly as part of a Flag Day ceremony June 14 at 1 p.m.

Raffle tickets available

The MBFA Relay for Life Team is selling raffle tickets for a guaranteed guided wild hog and audad 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.



Valedictorian Kenda Josey (left) and Salutatorian Chase Miller will be among the Post High School seniors earning diplomas at Friday night's graduation ceremonies at Antelope Stadium. In case of inclement weather, the event will be staged at Antelope Arena.



PHS Honor Graduates recognized at last week's awards ceremony included (back row, left to right) Russell Eaton, Nicole Gray, Ronnie Parrish, Kenny Ratke Jr., Jarrett Vickers, Brice Easterling, Adam Nobles, (middle row) Tye Mason, Chase Miller, Brody Robertson, Jon Eilenberger, Amanda Workman, Niebes Marin, (front row) Mirra Gomez, Kinda Josey, Kyzandre Harper, Teri Salas, Paige Lott and Jessica Ordonez. Not available for the photo were Mary Helen Tienda and Luis Zubia.

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Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush



Hello, How did everyone like the rain? Thanks to our good Lord for providing it. It was wonderful to see and smell.

THANKS FROM ALISON

Our family wanted to use this means to thank all of you for your

many calls and prayers for Alison. For those of you who don't know, our granddaughter Alison, daughter of Stephen and Amanda Quisenberry of Lubbock, was assaulted last Tuesday in front of her home in Lubbock.

Apparently, there is a residential group home for the mentally ill in Stephen and Amandas neighborhood. One of the residents is an 18 year old who for some reason was out wandering the neighborhood.

Amanda was out front with Alison, 5 years and her brother, Ethan, who is two.

Alison was on her bike and Ethan on his jeep. Ethan rode down too far and Amanda went to get him and as she was bringing him back this girl knocked Alison off of her bike and assaulted her. She was taken to Covenant Childrens hospital. Thank our good Lord, physically she only suffered bruises, cuts and scratches, but I cannot imagine the scare she received. The girl is in custody at this time.

Anyway, so many have called to check on her and prayed for her and we all appreciate it so much. God bless all of you.

ALL THE MASONS I hear that Rick and I missed a really good time

Friday night. Some of the Masons got together (Dorothy's kids) at the Southland Cafe where Ferg's band, Country Cowboys, were playing. From what I hear that place was jumping!!

Dorothy's family attending were Katie and Roger O'Neal of Lake LBJ, Katie's mom and dad were the late Ray and Nita McClellan. Also present were Jodie and Helen Mason, Dorris Lester, Pat Kelly of Snyder, Francis and Royce Josey, Sonny and Rene Mason and Chris, Rene's brother, Buddy and Patti and Steve Babb with their boys Seth, Paden and Brady. They all said the music was wonderful, the steaks were great but the visiting was the best.

YOU MIGHT BE FROM A SMALL TOWN IF... You can name everyone you graduated with. You know what FFA is Your idea of a fun weekend was riding around in parking lots because that is where everybody is Everyone thought it was cool to date someone from the neighboring town. You had Senior skip day Directions are given using "the" stop light as a reference. Your "letter jacket" was worn after your 19th birthday. You decide to walk for exercise and 5 people pull over and ask if you need a ride. Your teachers remember when they taught your parents. The closest Taco Bell or Burger King is 40 miles away. So is the closest mall. You have a good laugh reading this because you know they are all true. (Thanks to my classmate and good friend "Chunky" Johnson for this)

BASEBALL BOYS I just wanted to say congrats to the baseball boys for a great year. You all should be very proud of yourselves.

BIG, BIG SENIOR PARTY Mr. Will Reed, son of Tommy and Jerri Reed and Mr. Jordan Nelson, son of Dan and Meg Nelson were honored with a graduation party Saturday night at Reed's RV Park at Lake Allen Henry. The party was given by the boys parents and their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Reed. Approximately 150 guests were served hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, beans, cake and ice cream.

Tommy Reed's band, Texas Mesquite, entertained the crowd during their meal and for a dance afterward. Other members of the 2003 senior class attending were: Seth Redman, Brady Roberts, Jessica Mason, Regina Collozo, Patrick Gomez, Byron Mason, Alex Moreno, Noah Gutierrez, Pabalo Perez, Justin Raymundo, Jason Estrada, John Eilenberger and Traven Smith. Guests attended from Lubbock, Snyder, Midland, Odessa, Levelland, Andrews, Wilson, Shallowater, Plains, Martin, Amarillo, Hobbs, New Mexico and Justiceburg.

ACTIONS TRULY SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS I was sitting a stop light this morning. The lady in front of me was going through papers on the seat of her car, and when the light changed to green she did not obey its command- NOT a suggestion.

When the light turned to red, and

she had still not moved, I began (with my windows up) screaming epithets and beating on my steering wheel. My expressions of distress were interrupted by a policeman, gun drawn, tapping on my window. Against my protestations of, "You can't arrest me for hollering in my car," he ordered me into the back seat of his.

After about two hours in a holding cell, the arresting officer advised me I was free to go. I said, "I knew you couldn't arrest me for what I was yelling in my own car. You haven't heard the last of this." The officer replied, "I didn't arrest you for shouting in your car. I was directly behind you at the light. I saw you screaming and beating your steering wheel, and I said to myself, "What a jerk. But there is nothing I can do to him for throwing a fit in his own car."

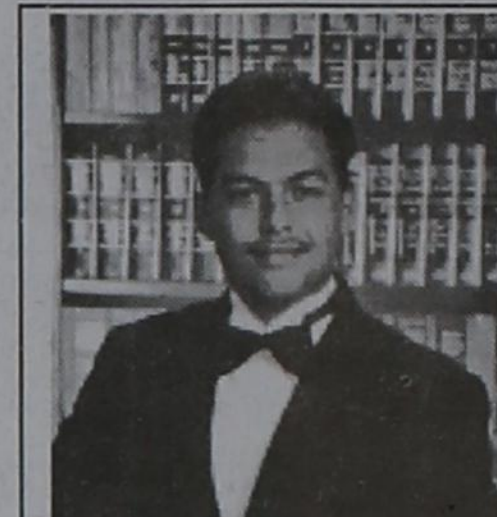
"Then I noticed the 'Cross' hanging from your rear view mirror, the bright yellow 'Choose Life' licence tag, the 'Jesus Is Coming Soon' bumper sticker, and the Fish symbol, and I thought you must have stolen the car.

Jason Haire earns honor at TTUHSC event

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.

TILL NEXT WEEK Hope all of you have a great weekend. Seniors, congratulations!!!! See you next week, and may God bless each of you. Judy



Ricky Abraham Alvarez has graduated at South Plains College, earning all A's this year. He will continue his education at Lubbock Christian University seeking a teaching degree.



Phillip Sweet, son of Travis and Jeanne Sweet of Post, graduated from Air Force Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas. Following technical training, he will be stationed at Spokane, Wash. where his wife Suzanne and daughter Abigail will join him. Attending the graduation May 9 were his parents, brother Mark Sweet of Arlington and sister Becky Sturgeon of Lubbock.

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Births

Stephen Ray Solis

Ericka Leslie Solis is happy to announce the birth of her brother, Stephen Ray, on May 15, 2003, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

The infant weighed nine pounds, five ounces, and was 22 inches in length.


Parents are Jimmy and Leslie Solis. Maternal grandparents are Ricky and Eva Quinonez, and paternal grandparents are Ruben and Sheila Solis. Maternal great-grandparents are Margarita Martinez and the late Andrew Martinez, and Paul and Pat Quinonez and the late Loida Quinonez. Paternal great-grandparents are Tom and Francille Sadler and the late Gene and Hilda Solis.

Justin Tyler Wilborn

Ryan and Haylee Wilborn are proud to announce the birth of their brother, Justin Tyler, at 1:19 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2003.

The infant weighed six pounds, 10 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth.

Parents are Robby and Latricia Wilborn. Maternal grandmother is Debbie Martin, and paternal grandparents are Lanny and Lera Wilborn.



Justin Tyler Wilborn



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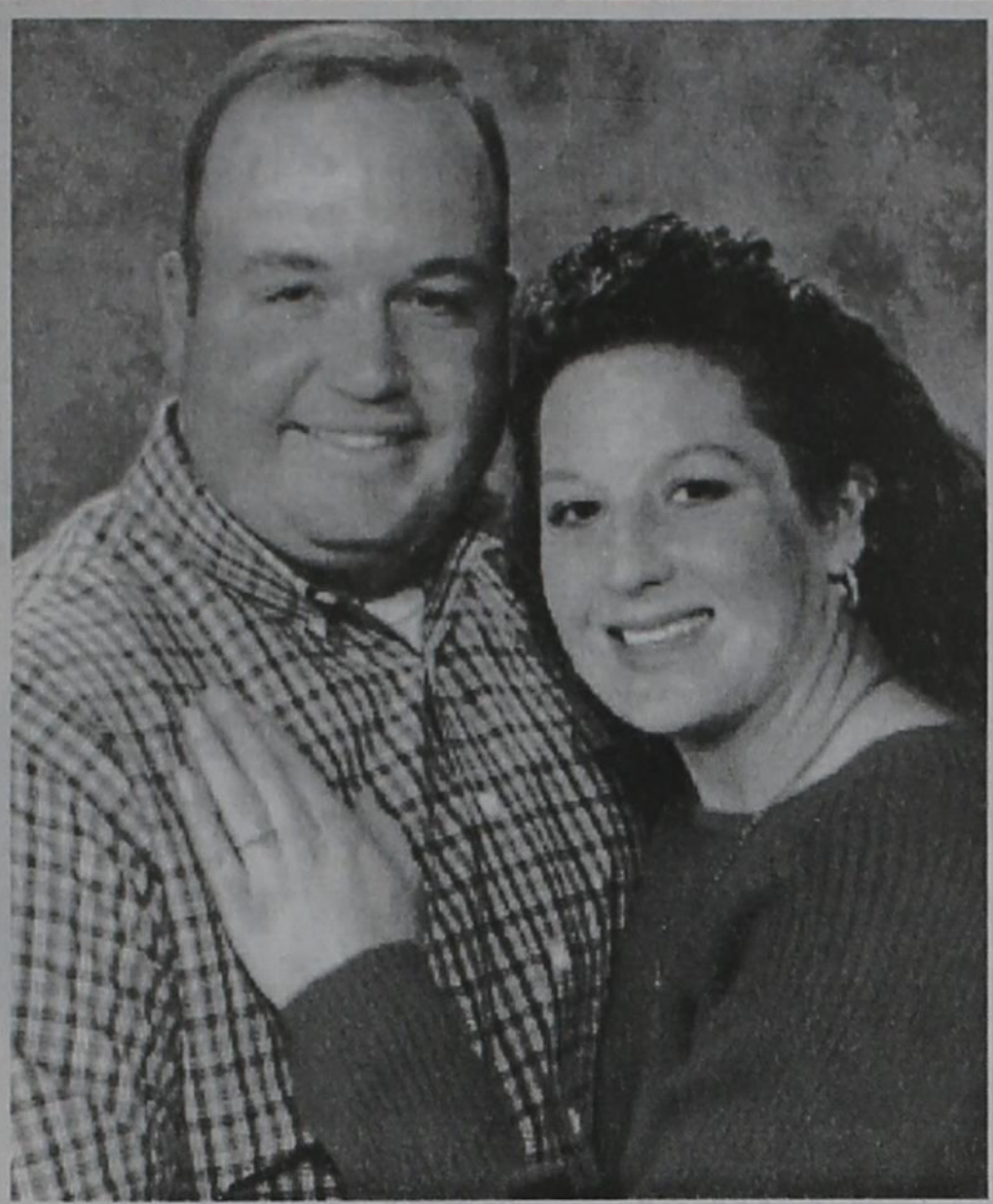
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Chad Williams and Jessica Hill

Williams, Hill announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. David Hill have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jessica Hill, to Chad Williams, son of Pam Workman of Post and Randy Williams of Snyder. The wedding is set for July 26, 2003, in Hereford. The bride-elect, a graduate of West Texas A&M with a degree in ag business and economics, is employed by Hill Cattle Co. The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of West Texas A&M with a degree in business. He is employed by Hughes Cleaning & Equipment of Amarillo. The couple plan to make their home in Canyon.

Line, Drummond plan August 27 wedding

Ivan and Debbie Line of Post are proud to announce the engagement of their son, James Kelly Line to April Leanne Drummond, daughter of Theresa and Troy Oliver of Ovalo, Texas and Lee and Brenda Drummond of Abilene. The prospective bridegroom is a 1994 graduate of Post High School and is currently employed by D&D Cable Services in Lubbock. The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene and is currently pursuing a degree at TSTC in Sweetwater for a vocational nursing license. An August 23 wedding is planned at the 4-H Center in Brownwood.



James Kelly Line and April Leanne Drummond

Burns, Redman set July 27 wedding date

The parents of Nadra Tennille Burns and Jeffrey Garner Redman are proud to announce the couple's engagement and approaching marriage. A July 27, 2003, wedding is planned in Vancouver, BC, Canada. The bride-elect graduated from high school at Ft. St. John, BC, and received a business degree from the University of Alberta. She was a bank financial advisor in Vancouver and now resides in Seattle where she is a personal trainer for Bally's Fitness Center. She is the daughter of Mary Burns of Vancouver and Jay C. Burns of Detroit. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Plainview High School and is a 2nd Class Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy. He is stationed on the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln based in Everett, Wash., and is completing a degree in nuclear technology from Thomas Edison State College. He is the son of Tonette Redman of Plainview and Mr. and Mrs. John Redman Jr. of Snyder and the grandson of Bobbie Brewster of Spur and Jane Redman of Post.

Beasley, Gradine announce engagement

Mr and Mrs Ronnie Gradine of Post are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Arimya Jane Gradine, to Dean Hesteande Beasley, son of the late Ms. Doris Beasley. The bride-elect is a graduate of Post High School and McMurry University. She is currently employed at the Taylor County Auditor's office. She will



Jeremy Rohan and Melanie Valdez

Rahan, Valdez to wed June 17

Mr. and Mrs. John Valdez have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melanie Rebecca Valdez, to Jeremy Wayne Rohan, son of Tom and Kathy Bartuska and Glenn and Carol Rohan of Longview. A June 17, 2003, ceremony is planned for 6 p.m. at the Church of Christ. Following the ceremony, a reception will be conducted in the Post Community Center.



Dean Beasley and Arimya Gradine

continue her education at Texas Tech University School of Law. The bridegroom is a graduate of Abilene Wylie High School. He is currently co-owner of Beasley Construction, where he is also employed. The couple plans an August 2 wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Post. They will reside in Lubbock.



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Obituaries

Wilma Lou Coleman

Services for Wilma Lou Coleman, 78, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Friday, May 23, 2003, in the First Baptist Church with Terry Bartlett officiating, assisted by Tom Watson. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died May 21 at her home. Born Dec. 29, 1924, in Liberty, Missouri, she married Raymond Coleman July 28, 1945, in Kansas City, Kansas. She and her husband lived in Lampasas for 15 years and moved to Post four years ago. A Baptist, she was a Bible study leader and a member of the Christian Women's Club.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond, of Post; four daughters, Lana Watson of Oceanside, Calif., Kenda Bartlett of Post, Rebecca Simunovich of Encinitas, Calif., and Linda Kay Baker of Novato, Calif.; three sisters, Jean Burgess, Pauline Godley and Colleen Pine, all of Kansas City, Missouri; one brother, Bill Sterling of Liberty, Missouri; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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DPS trooper calling an end to career

Editor's Note: Senior Corporal Gary Briley, a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper who had served in Garza County, will retire this month after 29 years with the highway patrol. He has been a DPS trooper in Anderson County since 1987.

by Mary Rainwater, Herald-Press
The Anderson County highways will soon become a little lonelier as long-time highway patrolman Senior Corporal Gary Briley retires from the Department of Public Safety (DPS) this month.

Briley, originally from Kilgore, entered the DPS training academy in Austin on June 11, 1974. He graduated from the academy on Oct. 11, 1974.

"I went to college with some troopers from Henderson," Briley said. "Next thing I knew, I was attending the academy."

Briley has many memories of his early years as a trooper. His first duty station was in Post, where he spent 13 years before coming to Palestine in May of 1987.

"Back then, they sent all the single troopers to West Texas," Briley said. "And I wasn't even old enough to buy ammunition — the State had to issue it to me."

As a trooper, Briley worked accidents, apprehended criminals and assisted the Anderson County Sheriff's Office as needed.

"My main job is to enforce traffic laws on rural highways," he said. "My secondary job is criminal law enforcement."

From paperwork to training, Briley has seen many changes in the DPS program in the past 29 years.

"Accident investigations are more advanced," Briley said. "And the amount of paperwork has increased."

"Also, training to be a trooper used to be 18 weeks," he said. "Now it is 27 weeks."

Briley said he enjoyed the freedom that came from being a trooper, and will miss the friends he has made on the job.

"I will miss the camaraderie with my friends at work," he said. "I do plan to stay in touch with them. I enjoy being around them."

According to his co-workers, Briley will be greatly missed as well.

"I am going to miss him," said fellow trooper and friend Jimmy Dunklin. "He is a really good supervisor and a quality highway patrolman."

Highway patrol secretary Melissa Wilbanks agreed.

"He has truly made my job a lot easier than it should have been," Wilbanks said.

"He has been a delight to work with, and I'm going to miss him."

After retirement, Briley plans to do some traveling during the summer months with his wife, Sara, a teacher at Palestine Middle School. He is also considering some future job opportunities.

"I'm still too young to just hang around and do nothing," he said. "But I won't be going back to work right away either."

Briley wanted to thank State Senator Todd Staples (R-Palestine) for his help in making connections and working out the details of his retirement. Briley's last day on the job is May 15.

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Dopey ideas and expressions

by Walter E. Williams



How many times have we applauded those who "made a difference in the lives of others" and been admonished to do the same? On the face of it, that has to be one of the more mindless generalities of our modern era. After all, didn't Hitler, Stalin, Pol Pot and Castro also make a difference in the lives of others?

A prominent politician once told me that it's up to Congress to save jobs. That's a sentiment with enormous appeal today, reflected in tariffs, quotas and other economic restrictions. Taken literally, saving jobs means lower wealth, and I'm against it. Let's think about it.

In 1776, farmers made up 90 percent of the labor force; today, farmers are about two percent. That's a lot of jobs lost. What should an earlier Congress have done to save those jobs? In my youth, icemen and milkmen delivered their wares in horse-drawn wagons. Those jobs have been lost, along with the jobs of stable keepers and wagon repairmen. Was it the responsibility of Congress to save those jobs? The destruction of jobs through natural market forces is, for example, a wonderful thing; it frees up labor resources to do other things, although a hardship on those displaced. After all, if 90, 60, or 30 percent of our labor force were farming, where in the world would we get workers to produce cars, computers, roads and ships? Many parents tell their children that anything worth doing is worth doing as well as possible. That's nonsense. I never tell my economic students they ought to try to get the best grade they can in my class. Why? Spending the resources to earn an A in economics means that those same resources can't be spent for other classes. For example, spending the time to earn an A in my class might mean a C in biology, a D in math and an F in chemistry. That translates into a grade point average of 1.75. If by spending less time learning economics, maybe earning a C, and spending more time on other classes so as to earn a C in each of

them, the student would have a higher grade point average.

What about statements like this: "It's advantageous to have reporters on the ground," or, we should "connect policy to people on the ground in developing countries." I sometimes wonder whether there's the alternative of, say, connecting policy to people in the air in developing countries. I personally grow weary of one reference or another, usually made by a reporter or politician, to people, equipment, food, this or that "on the ground."

I have generous office hours for students, but not every hour in my office is open to students. Quite often during non-office hours, a student or colleague will knock on my door. When I open it, they'll often ask, "May I disturb you?" That's an incredible question to which I frequently reply, mostly in a civil fashion, "You've already disturbed me; now what do you want?"

Dr. Martin Rosenberg, my high school English teacher, having had it with my classroom antics whilst he drilled us in English grammar, told me, "Williams, teaching you this material is like casting pearls before the swine." That was in 1952 before everyone became concerned about self-esteem, but it was precisely the kind of dressing down that I needed to challenge me and turn my high school academic performance around. Two years later, it was Dr. Rosenberg who proudly coached me with my salutatorian address for our graduation ceremony. I thank God that I received my education before educators and psychobabblers became concerned about self-esteem; I'm also thankful for having received it before it became fashionable for white people to like black people. It meant my grades were honest.

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Phony-Baloney Constitutionalists

by Sheldon Richman

Conservatives favor strict construction of the U.S. Constitution. How do we know? They never stop telling us so.

But judging by what they say about the late Iraq war, we may conclude that most conservatives are just phony-baloney constitutionalists. These politicians, such as Rep. J.D. Hayworth (R-Ariz.), and pundits such as Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh are as committed to the pernicious idea of the "living Constitution" as the so-called liberals they despise.

The "living Constitution" is the doctrine that the principles in the Constitution, which was supposed to limit government power and thereby protect individual liberty, must change with the times — without resort to the onerous amendment procedure specified in the same document. Thus when the Supreme Court during the New Deal upheld legislation that previous generations of Americans would have condemned as unconstitutional, big-government advocates invoked the "living Constitution" doctrine to explain why amendment was unnecessary.

It should be obvious why this is such a dangerous practice: it effectively repeals the Constitution. As Thomas Sowell put it: to say the Constitution is living is to say that it's dead. Or as Walter Williams suggests, those who like a "living Constitution" should think about what it would mean to play poker with a "living" rule book.

For these reasons, conservatives have led the charge against this pernicious doctrine. They have often been effective in pointing out its horrendous consequences. After all, it turns the Constitution upside down. The Framers made the amendment process difficult because a constitution that is easily amended is more likely to be changed casually. As the Constitution was written, the central government is permitted to exercise only those powers expressly delegated, which, as James Madison noted, were "few and defined." If a power is not listed, the government may not exercise it. If someone wants that power exercised, he has to undertake the burdensome task of amending the Constitution.

But under the "living Constitution" doctrine, the government can do anything as long as it is not expressly forbidden. Thus the burden of amendment is shifted from those who wish to expand government power, to those who wish to maintain liberty and keep government constrained. That directly subverts the system established by the Framers. It came about as a result of decisions by judges and so-called lawmakers.

How are conservatives guilty of embracing the very doctrine they claim to abhor? Look at what they say about President Bush's war in Iraq. Bush said he had to go to war to protect us from Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. He also justified the war on grounds that Hussein was brutal to the Iraqi people (which he was). As the war proceeded and no threatening weapons were found, Bush changed the emphasis to the liberation of the Iraqis, as foreshadowed

by the name Operation Iraqi Freedom. Now that the war has been over for weeks and still no weapons have been found, just about all we hear is how wonderful it is that "we" freed Iraq. Conservatives are at the front of the chorus singing George Bush's praises as the great liberator.

There's only one problem. There is no warrant in the U.S. Constitution for the president of the United States to launch a war in order to liberate people from a brutal government. You can look it up. Americans used to know that. In 1821, then-Secretary of State John Quincy Adams famously said, America "goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own."

This is not the only example of conservatives' embracing their adversaries' doctrine. The Constitution clearly says that only Congress can declare war. But Bush never asked Congress to declare war, and it did not do so. Instead, it illegally delegated the war-declaring power to the president.

But most conservatives wanted war, so they did not care. For them, the Constitution has to keep pace with the times. It has to "live." So they did their part to kill it.

Such is the bankruptcy of what goes by the name conservatism today. Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va., author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *Ideas on Liberty* magazine.

Democracies always destroy liberty

"A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government forever. It will only exist until the people learn that they can vote money for themselves from the treasury and the politicians learn that they can distribute that money, to buy votes to perpetuate themselves in power. Hence a democracy always collapses over weak fiscal policy - to be followed by a dictatorship."

(British historian Alexander Tyler, written over 100 years ago. He added that the average age of the world's great democracies between birth and death (or collapsing) was 200 years.)

The United States is 221 years old (from 1782).

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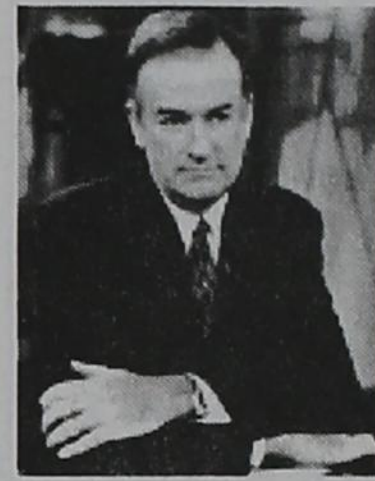
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The lynching of Bill Bennett

by Bill O'Reilly



We live in a spin-filled world, and it's getting worse. The sad case of Dr. William Bennett is a vivid example of that. His critics have hung him in the town square with a sign saying "hypocrite." But let's take a look at the big picture.

When President Clinton was exposed for having lied under oath in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, his defenders, mostly on the Left, screamed long and loud that lying about sex was permissible even under oath. Even though Mr. Clinton had taken the presidential oath to uphold the laws of the land, and perjury is included in that basket, the word hypocrite was never entertained by the Left.

When the Reverend Jesse Jackson, Mr. Clinton's spiritual advisor, was exposed for fathering a child out-of-wedlock and then paying the mother, his mistress, with tax-exempt funds, few on the Left said a word. And certainly the word hypocrite could have been applied in this situation.

But when Bill Bennett was found to have an expensive predilection for legal gambling, the author of "The Book of Virtues" was vilified by leftist pundits like Michael Kinsley and Frank Rich, who wielded the hypocrite description like a sledgehammer in an attempt to pound Bennett into dust.

You can decide whether Bill Bennett is a hypocrite or not, but the tactics used by the Left in this matter are surely disturbing. If you read Bennett's books, his main thesis is that parents and teachers should be good role models for children, and provide them with traditional moral values that engender respect for others and themselves. That is Bennett's basic message.

So why are Kinsley and Rich so thrilled that a messenger of this kind has been damaged by slot machines? I know Bennett is a conservative and blasted the moral tone set by President Clinton, but so what? His main crusade is to help children succeed in this hyper-competitive society.

Bennett's wife is the president of an organization called "Best Friends," which mentors inner city children from high-risk families. "Best Friends" does a tremendous amount of good, and the Bennetts donate their time and money to the cause without calling press conferences touting their largesse.

By contrast, Frank Rich, one of Bennett's main tormentors, entitled his New York Times attack on Bennett "Tupac's Revenge." Rich's unbelievably harebrained theme was that the rap music spawned by the late Tupac Shakur has prospered while Bennett, who has criticized gangsta rap, has been taken down. Rich is happy about this. Rich apparently believes that lyrics glorifying drugs, violence and the abuse of women are far more worthy than platitudes from "The Book of Virtues." Is this nuts, or what?

The lynching of Bill Bennett has been designed to send a clear message: If you dare to make judgments about personal behavior, watch out if you have any sins yourself. Of course, everybody has sins, and if the standard for making moral pronouncements is personal perfection, than no one would be able to make any.

And that is the goal of the secularists, a judgment-free society. They believe that there is no place in American society for standards of conduct based on moral principles. The secularists want a behavioral free-fire zone, and God, pardon the spiritual reference, help you if you disagree with that.

But most Americans do disagree with the secularists and want a society based on Judeo-Christian philosophy, nearly every poll on the matter demonstrates that. But the secularists, as Bill Bennett found out, hold enormous power, especially in the print media.

Bennett gave the witch hunters rope, and they hung him with it. But those of us watching this brutal display should think about its wider implications. The personal destruction of a man espousing the protection of children surely is devoid of any virtue. And the conduct of the people participating in that destruction is certainly unbecoming.

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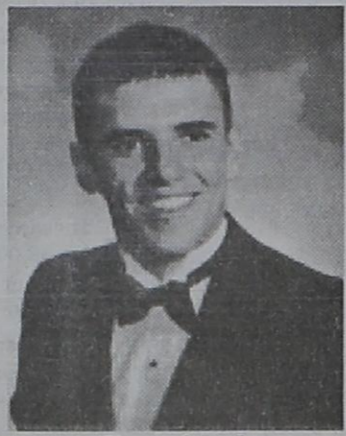
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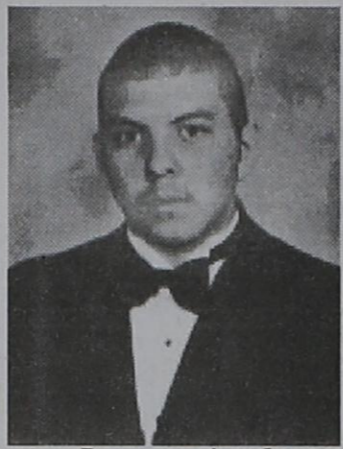
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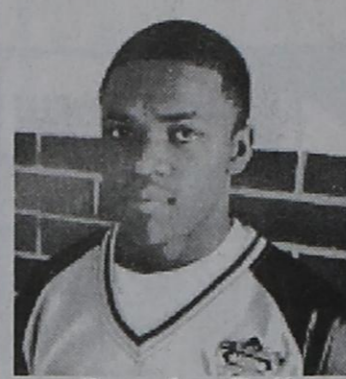
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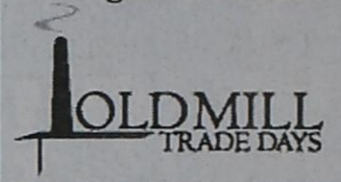
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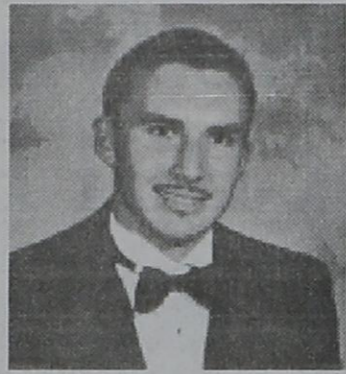
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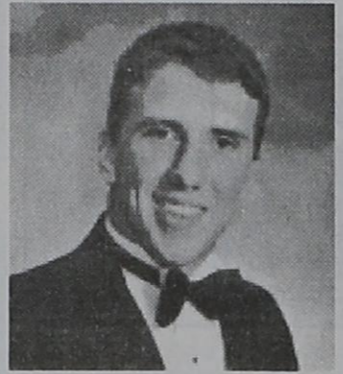
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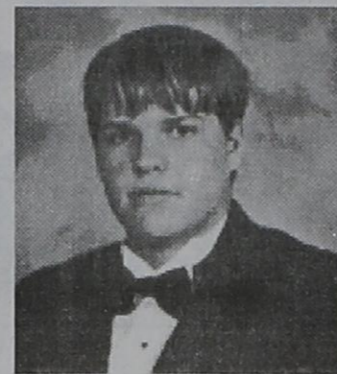
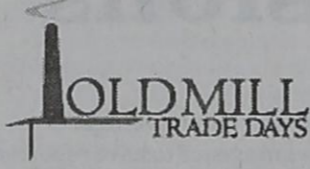
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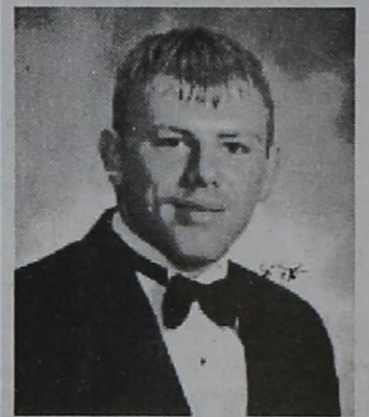


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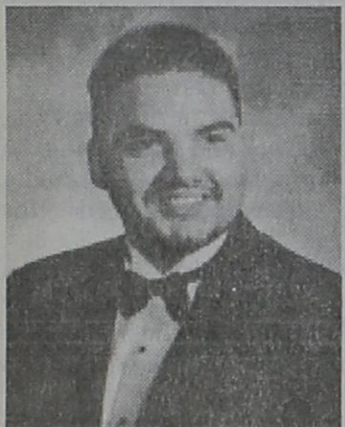
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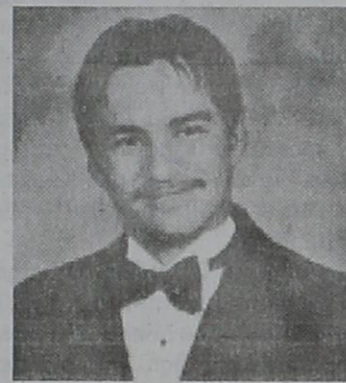
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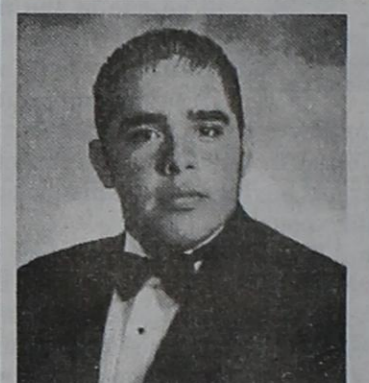
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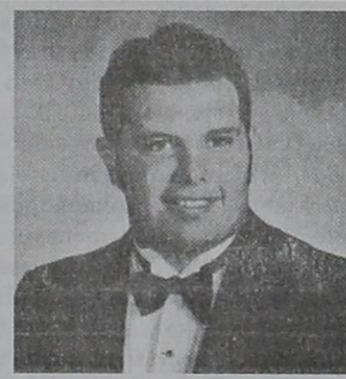
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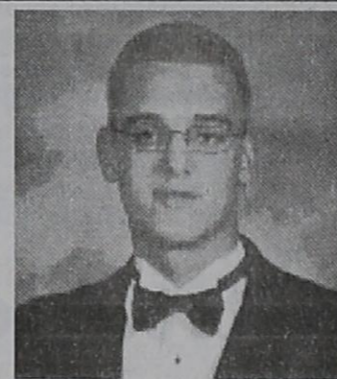
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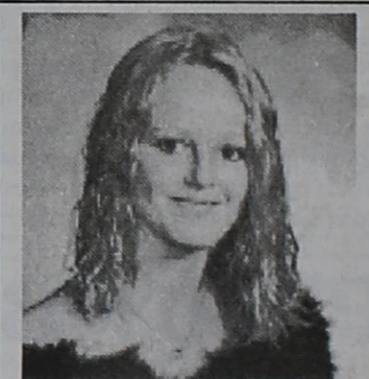
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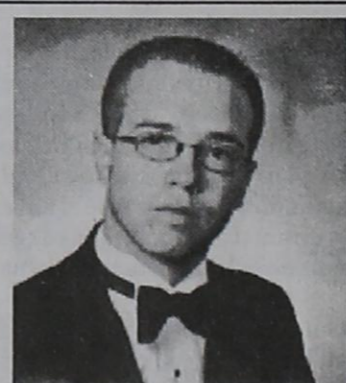


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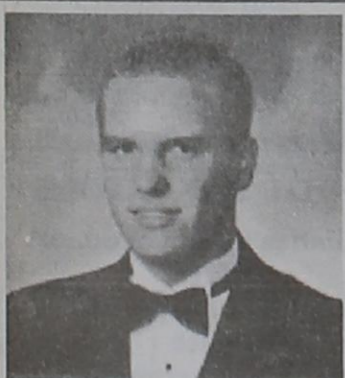
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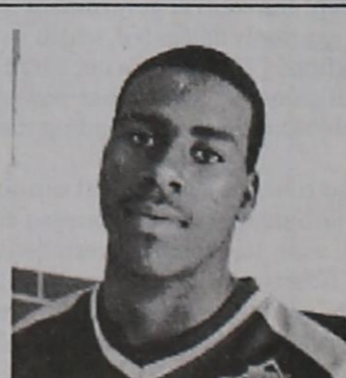


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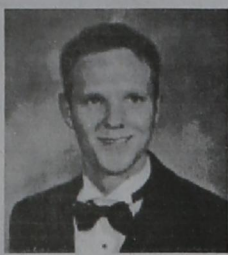
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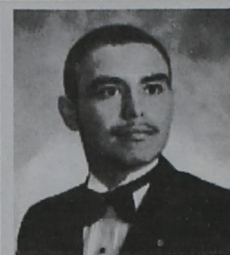
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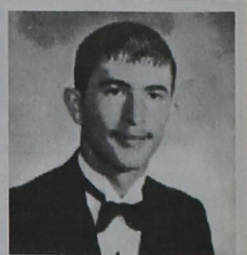
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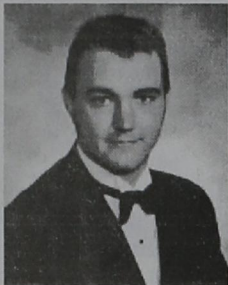
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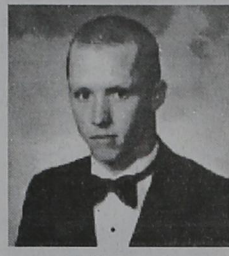
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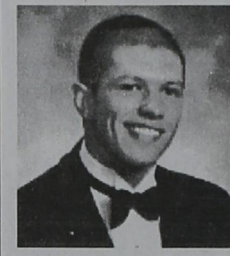
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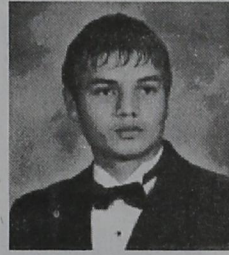
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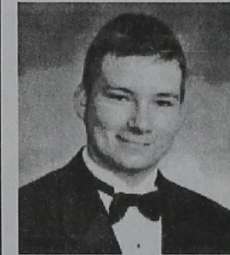
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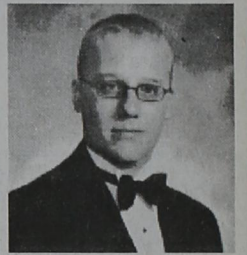
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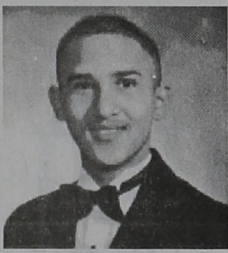
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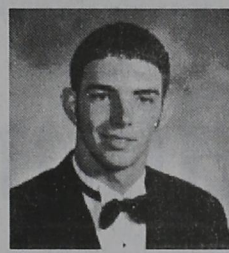
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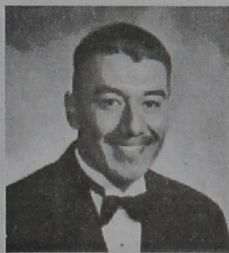
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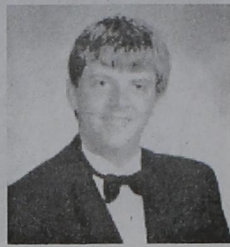
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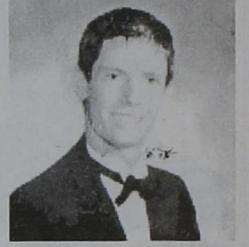
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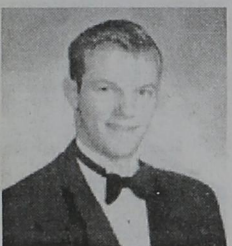
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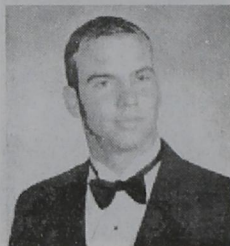
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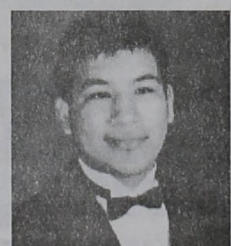
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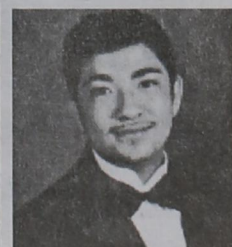
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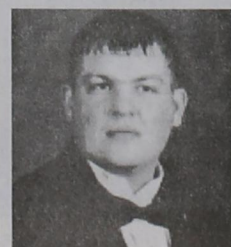
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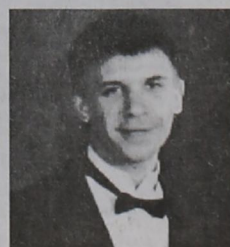
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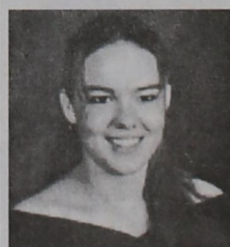
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ORDINANCE AN ORDINANCE OF THE WHITE RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT PRESCRIBING AND LEVYING FEES FOR PERSONS MAKING UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY INTO WHITE RIVER LAKE
WHEREAS, the White River Municipal Water District (District) was created by an Act under Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution comprising the territory contained

within the cities of Crosbyton, Post, Ralls, and Spur;

WHEREAS, said Act allows the District to regulate all recreational and business privileges along or around any reservoir or body of land owned by the District;

WHEREAS, the District has determined that it is necessary to increase the fee for persons making unauthorized entry into the District's property encompassing the White River Municipal Water District Lake (White River Lake).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Directors of the White River Municipal Water District, Texas, That:

SECTION 1: The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance as findings of fact.

SECTION 2: It shall be the duty of the designated peace officer(s) of said District to apprehend any person or persons who shall make unauthorized entry into White River Lake, either by entering the same in any manner at any place not designated for such entry, or by reason of failure to make payment of the prescribed fees or charges for such admission. Upon apprehending any such person or persons who shall make such unauthorized entry, any such peace officer is hereby authorized and directed to demand and receive from such person or persons, for and in behalf of said District, a permit fee which is hereby levied, a sum of money equal to four times the amount prescribed for the normal permit charge or fees for each permit fee or charge violation. Failure of any such person or persons to comply with such demand and make immediate payment of said admission fees in said amount, shall be considered a violation of this ordinance, and any person or persons so violating shall be subject to prosecution.

SECTION 3: All existing District Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 4: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance being introduced as a motion by Eric Swenson and seconded by Charles Morris. The motion carrying with its adoption of the Ordinance by the following vote.

Ayes: Bo Jackson, Bill Campbell, Compton Cornelius, Tony Edinburg, Heidi Hays, Eric Swenson, Charles Morris, Charles Gray, Davey Abell, Bob Wideman, David Stelzer.

Nays: None
PASSED AND APPROVED this 11 day of July, 2002
Bo Jackson
White River Municipal Water District
ATTEST:
Compton Cornelius, Secretary
White River Municipal Water District

Sheriff reports four arrests

Four arrests were recorded in the Garza County Jail during the past week, according to records provided by the sheriff's department.

A 26-year-old was jailed on Lubbock County warrants, a 28-year-old was picked up on a Department of Public Safety warrant and a 40-year-old was arrested on a Lubbock County warrant.

A 36-year-old was jailed for driving while intoxicated/second offense.

Erica Curry completes training

Erica Curry graduated from South Plains Radiology School on May 16.

Having received a degree in applied science, Curry plans to work as a radiologic technologist at Covenant Medical Center. Curry is the wife of Ryan Curry and daughter of Karla and Jim Scholler. She is the granddaughter of Theona Josey and the late Lester Josey.

Post students earn SPC degrees

Students from Post were among a record number of students who graduated May 16 from South Plains College. A record 832 students were awarded diplomas during SPC's 45th commencement exercises in Texas Dome.

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Recipients of the Certificate of Proficiency are Juanita Ayala, Child Development Administrators' Certificate, and Child Development, Child Care Certificate; Pamela Kay Aguilar, Vocational Nursing, and Susan Collazo, CIS Networking Certificate. Recipient of the Associate of Applied Science Degree is Erica Curry, Radiologic Technology. Recipient of the Associate of Arts Degree is Ricky Alvarez.

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Holliday bats overtake 'Lopes

by Ernest Fox
One thing can be determined after Post's heartbreaking 6-4 loss against Holliday Saturday in the second game of the best-of-three regional semifinal game at Western Field. In case there was any remaining doubt, the Antelopes served notice they will be a team to be reckoned with.

To Holliday's credit, the Eagles, currently No. 1 in Class 2A, battled

back in the sixth inning, seizing control to hold off a furious Antelope rally. Post struck against the Holliday Eagles, forcing the team to run through three pitchers after surviving with a strong pitching performance Friday by Blake Nixon.

Post ace Cody Fox (9-3) and the solid Antelope defense took control from the start and until the sixth inning, Fox pitched a solid game, holding the Eagles in-check with a

two-hitter after five full innings. Fox went to a three-ball count to only four batters, two in the first inning.

After failing to get much of anything offensively against Nixon Friday, the Antelopes got on board first at the bottom of the second inning. Leadoff batter Luis Zulia lined a 2-and-1 pitch for a seeing-eye single. Jon Eilenberger drew a full-count walk. After Fox and Blacklock went down on strikeouts, first baseman Brody Robertson punched out an RBI single, plating Zulia. Jett Lott hit into a 6-3 put out to end the Post inning.

Post, in dominating the Eagles defensively through five innings, was not as fortunate offensively, stranding seven base runners after Zulia's score against Holliday's pitcher, Eric Stubblefield.

In the sixth inning, Holliday broke through for their first score, tying the game at one-all with one out. The Eagles added five more runs, all with two outs on the books, with Joe Mike Fouts getting tagged out at second on a rundown to stop the landslide.

Post, showing the hearts of champions, chipped away in their half of the inning. Lott plated Blacklock on a RBI-producing 4-3 putout and Brody Robertson's steal of home on Stubblefield's wild pitch.

Seventh-inning action opened for Holliday with leadoff batter catcher Coletto Little hitting into a 6-3 putout for number one. Next batter, Lee Price, lined a first pitch grounder from Fox off shortstop Kenny Ratke's glove for a single. Ratke's knockdown of the liner kept the ball in the infield while next batter, Scott Flinn, poached a first pitch single to right center and ended Fox's day after 109 pitches on a hot, humid day.

Relief pitcher Bryan Looney, seeing his first action of the series, came on and induced Holliday's all-everything Nixon to hit into a liner back to Looney. Looney immediately fired the ball to Coby Jones at third, and Price, caught off base in a rundown, was tagged out by catcher Mitchell Mills at home plate for out number two. Looney, the savvy senior, then got Eric Stubblefield to pop out to Mills on one pitch.

The Antelopes, down to their last inning of the game, opened as Holliday's third pitcher of the game walked leadoff Antelope Mills on a full count. Looney then hit into a fielder's choice with Mills being forced out at second. Next batter, Zulia, then hit to second base for another fielder's choice with Looney also being forced out at second. After Zulia's steal of second and the season dangling with two outs, DH Eilenberger lined an opposite field single to right field for an RBI hit. Zulia, running on the play, scored easily from second to close the deficit to 6-4.

Fox lined a signal to right center to keep the Bold Gold hopes alive. Next batter, Randon Blacklock on a one-and-one pitch, with Eilenberger and Fox on third and second respectively, lined a grounder to the shortstop. With Eilenberger running to home, the shortstop hurried the throw to first, forcing the first baseman to

jump for the high throw. Scatback Blacklock and the first baseman landed on the base at approximately the same time. The first base umpire, sitting on top of the play, saw enough to call Blacklock out for the season-ending third out for the Antelopes.

Post's best-ever playoff run was now baseball history.

For first year Coach Max Kattwinkel, it also helped put the Antelopes into the high school baseball map and primed them to make another run next year.

Hitting for Post were Mills, one on-base by hit batter, one single, one walk; Looney, one single; Zulia, one single; Eilenberger, one walk, two singles, one RBI; Fox, two singles; Robertson, one single, one walk, one RBI; Patrick Gonzales, one single; and Lott, one RBI on a 4-3 putout.

Pitching for Post were Fox, going 6 1/3 inning with seven hits, one walk, one hit batter and eight strikeouts. Fox's pitching count showed 45 strikes, 34 balls for 109 total pitches. Looney closed out for two batters, with no hits, no walks, no hit batters, no strikeouts. His pitching count showed one strike and three balls.

In game one, Holliday's Nixon struck out 16 and limited Post to just two singles in a 6-0 Eagle victory, the first game of the semifinal series played at Hoskins Field.

With this win, Holliday has 26 consecutive wins, having outscored their playoff opponents 31-4.

Holliday notched one run leading off the first inning without a hit to get all the runs it needed. Post advanced five runners to second base and stranded six base runners in all, failing to dent the scoreboard.

Holliday didn't exactly help its own cause as the leadoff batter in five of six Eagle innings were retired for out number one under Antelope starter Randon Blacklock (8-3).

Collectively, Post's number one through three and number seven through nine hole batters went 0-17 with one walk.

Nixon upped his season strikeout total to 148. His only spot of trouble came in the fourth when he walked Zulia and Eilenberger, but they were stranded when Nixon got Fox to fly out for out number three to shallow right field. The senior pitched a complete game and faced just six batters more than the minimum.

Batting for Post were Zulia, E-6 hit, one walk, one single; Eilenberger, one walk; Fox, one single; and Blacklock, one walk.

Pitching for Post were Blacklock (8-3), going six innings with 92 total pitches, seven hits, two walks, three hit batters and one strikeout. His pitching count showed 29 strikes and 36 balls. He averaged slightly more than 15 pitches per inning, compared to Holliday's Nixon (12-0), going for seven innings with 112 total pitches, two hits, three walks, no hit batters and 16 strikeouts. His pitching count showed 60 strikes and 38 balls. He averaged 16 pitches per inning.

Editor's Note: Our deepest appreciation to Ernest Fox for his outstanding reporting of PHS baseball this season. We also thank Steve Mason for his professional play-by-play on KPOS Radio for our live broadcasts.

Letters to the Editor

Decoration day... come and gone

I remember in my childhood years, Decoration day was a very big event. People came from miles around or even hundreds of miles away for the big day. Seemed like we would walk miles listening to stories about who that was, or this was. There was always a big dinner at the old two room country schoolhouse where I went to gradeschool through the eighth grade.

Everyone had them graves in top notch condition, and always went back in the evening and made sure the flowers were in perfect order before they went home. In those days no one give a hoot about water ski trips, or a fishing trip. It was a community reunion and reminiscing about who was buried here or there. Some of the veterans would privately discuss some old stories, and sometimes we could ease up to them and listen. I can still picture in my mind of two old men that could play actual bugles.

At the flag ceremony one of the old guys would play "Taps," then in a few seconds the other old man would play the echo of "Taps" off down the hill somewhere. I will not ever forget the cold chills these old guys could put on me blowing their bugles.

I will always remember my Pop. I don't believe I ever seen him listen to "Taps" that he didn't have tears in his eyes. Pop was a WW-1 veteran.

In those days, I didn't know why Pop always got watery eyes, but after my friends started to come home from Vietnam in a box, God knows that I have full understanding of why now.

I attended the ceremony at the Terrace Cemetery this year. It was a bit of a blue day anyway. When "Taps" was played, I could not avoid getting a lump in my throat and a little bit watery-eyed.

I suppose as I grow older, I seem to have more and more respect for the veterans. I never served in the military, but I certainly have a high respect for the ones that served. I doubt if there is enough money to repay them for their efforts and misery.

In my opinion, the veterans that have served in foreign wars should have any request they ask for honored by the U.S. government. Whether or not the wars were fought to meet my opinions, these men and women deserve the best. They answered their wishes to fight for freedom and they have my thank you.

There is probably no doubt that somewhere along the way, some rogue, crazy country would have took America over by now had it not been for the veterans.

I cannot forget to mention the present day military people. I'm not sure what they are fighting for, whether it be for oil, money, power, greed or freedom. They certainly deserve our thanks and prayers. It really gives me the blues to know that some of them won't be coming home alive. I don't know, I guess wars have to be fought... but sometimes I sure wonder why.

I think Memorial Day sounds better than Decoration Day. It sounds more appropriate. I also believe we, or I, need to remember what it's for instead of fishing, hunting, ski trips, and etc.

My honest feelings about this day is thanks to them all for serving our country. God bless them and also the present day military people.

God bless America.
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Privilege to serve

It was a privilege to be a volunteer co-host for the Post Independent School Migrant Hot Dog Supper May 22, 2003. Approximately 45 parents and children met in the beautiful outdoor garden at Garza Hotel Bed and Breakfast.

Even though I could not communicate well in my limited Spanish, we did communicate in smiles, handshakes and hugs. These are some of the most gracious, friendly and truly grateful people I have ever met.

Many parents expressed appreciation for the school and the Post community. One father said he was very happy to have his children in a school that cared about them and in a community that valued them. One of his children is a gifted/talented student. He spoke highly of his employer, also.

Post ISD migrant program director and parent liaison Reyes Pequeno is truly a marvel, and we are fortunate to have her as an advocate for these families. She keeps watch over the children's performance at school, is an instructional aide, heads the parents volunteer program, makes home visits and performs many other tasks too numerous to mention. She presented awards to many of the children and presented door prizes. She spoke about Head Start, the migrant program, and asked for parental input and questions.

It was a delightful evening and again confirmed that there is no better place to live, attend school and raise a family than Post, Texas.

Marita Jackson Friend of Post ISD

PHS Junior Class says thanks

On behalf of the junior class of Post High School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals and businesses who supported our junior-senior prom with donations of items and cash for our auction.

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Thank you again.
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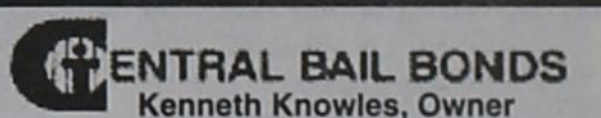
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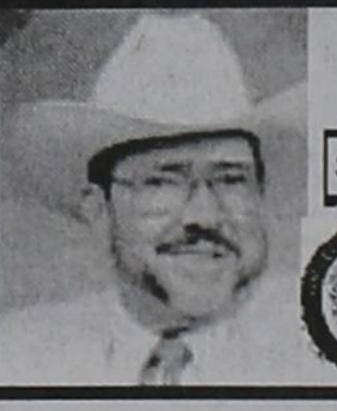
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