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A nasty storm cloud roared into Post late Tuesday afternoon, bringing with it pea to marble sized hail in town, along with heavy rains and wind. As of press time, there were no reports of damage. Rainfall was widespread as the storm watch continued through the evening hours.

PHS graduates benefit from area scholarships

Members of the Post High School Class of 2003 earned numerous scholarships. Scholarships awarded to local seniors included the following:

- * U.S. Marine Corp Semper Fidelis - Adam Nobles.
- * Amity Study Club - K'Leigh Babb, \$500; Jessica Mason, \$500.
- * W.F. and Maury Shiver Scholarship - Kenny Ratke.
- * Post Rotary Club - Kyzandre Harper, \$250; Amanda Workman, \$250.
- * Larry Haynes Jr. Memorial Scholarship - Brice Easterling, \$500; Kenny Ratke, \$500.
- * Derrick Dunn Memorial Scholarship - Chase Miller, \$300.
- * J.E. and Mayme Durrett Scholarship (given by Maxine Earl in memory of her parents) - Rye Mason, \$500; Luis Zubia, \$500.
- * Jim and Helen Cornish Memorial Library Scholarship - Russell Eaton, \$500.
- * Women's Division of Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau - Jessica Mason, \$500.
- * Masonic Lodge - Jordan Nelson, \$150; Jessica Mason, \$150; Kenny Ratke, \$150.
- * Post ISD Benevolent Fund - Jessica Mason, \$500; Traven Smith, \$500.
- * Danny Foster Memorial Scholarship - Seth Redman, \$500.
- * Xi Delta Rho - K'Leigh Babb, \$300.
- * Post Women's Culture Club - Kenda Josey, \$500.
- * 1st Generation Scholarship Grant - Jon Eilenberger, \$1,000; Kyzandre Harper, \$1,000.
- * Sonny Gossett Memorial - Ronnie Parrish, \$300.
- * Barbara Reece Memorial - Amanda Workman, \$500.
- * Student Council - Kenda Josey, \$250.
- * Candace Boling Honorary - Adam Nobles, \$500.
- * Garza County Rodeo Association - Traven Smith, \$1,000.
- * Career Colleges and Schools of Texas - Seth Redman, Justin Raymundo, Jordan Smith and Jason Estrada.
- * East Texas Baptist University Christian Leadership Award - Jarrett Vickers, \$1,000.
- * South Plains College - Levelland - Kenda Josey, valedictorian award (full tuition and fees for one year); Chase Tatum, salutatorian award (full tuition and fees for one year).

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PHS graduating seniors receiving scholarships at the recent awards ceremony were (left to right) Amanda Workman, Kenda Josey, Kyzandre Harper, Jessica Mason and K'Leigh Babb.



PHS graduating seniors receiving scholarships at the recent awards ceremony were (back row, left to right) Russell Eaton, Seth Redman, Traven Smith, Brice Easterling, (middle row) Jarrett Vickers, Ronnie Parrish, Adam Nobles, Kenny Ratke Jr., (front) Tye Mason, Chase Miller and Jon Eilenberger.

Traffic code selectively enforced

by Wesley W. Burnett
 We don't normally report on individual traffic code violations, but recently we discovered a case which warrants public exposure to what appears to be favoritism in the enforcement of the code.

We have emphasized for several years the subjective and selective enforcement of the code, pointing out that if it were really a law, there would be no exceptions to violations of the code. It is widely speculated that enforcers of the code exercise preferential and discriminatory judgment when it comes to enforcing the traffic code.

This case is an example of that kind of selective enforcement. On March 15 at about 12:44 p.m., Garza County Constable's Deputy William Robert Kimmons was stopped on U.S. Hwy 84 between Post and Justiceburg (Mile 372) by DPS Trooper Phil Mathews.

Kimmons was cited for speeding (80 mph in a 70 mph zone) and for "fail to change address." According to sources familiar with the case, Kimmons admitted that he late getting to Lake Alan Henry and did not deny the speeding charge.

According to court records, the case was filed in Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 court, but later that day Mathews requested that the case be dismissed. After a review by the county attorney, JP Dee C. Justice formally dismissed the charges.

Informed sources familiar with the case told The Post Dispatch that apparently a county official placed a call to DPS Sergeant Ruben Garcia in Crosbyton, complaining that Mathews had singled out Kimmons for retribution, based on a personal feud.

Whatever the reason for the dismissal, it raises some serious questions about the enforcement of the traffic code. It appears to be true, as many folks have come to believe, that those Texans wearing badges or holding public office get special, preferential treatment when it comes to issuing citations.

The question about retribution also hits a raw nerve with many Texans ... those who dare to challenge or question the ones wearing badges. Those who are targeted know that they are being targeted.

This case points out that enforcement of the code is in fact subjective and selective, and that is a direct violation of the oath of office of those charged with the duty of upholding the constitutions of Texas and the U.S., and of enforcing the laws of the state and nation.

Now we have to wonder, how many other similar situations are there that we don't find out about?

Post Notes

Ladies' Auxiliary VFW meet Monday
 Members of the Post VFW Ladies' Auxiliary will meet Monday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. There will be no meal.

Warning sirens tested first Saturday
 The Garza County Sheriff's Department has announced that sirens will be tested the first Saturday of each month. Sirens in Southland will be tested at noon, with Post sirens being tested at 2 p.m.

Donations accepted for Relay for Life
 Garza County Relay For Life is accepting donations for door prizes and silent auction items for the June 13 and 14 event. Call Michelle Rasberry at 495-0040 for more information.

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 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.

Father/Daughter softball tourney
 The First Annual "Whose Your Daddy" father/daughter softball tournament will be held Saturday, June 21 with a \$100 entry fee per team. Each team will consist of five daughters and five fathers. Deadline for registration is June 18. For more information contact Ysabel Overton at 806-543-3603 or Christina Jones at 629-4092. All proceeds benefit the Girls' Little League softball team.

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.

MAD DADS youth center summer hours
 The MAD DADS youth center summer hours are Monday, noon to 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Friday and Saturday nights the youth center will open 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Additional hours will be announced following summer baseball.

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.

Colgate Country Showdown talent lined up for June 28 show

The Colgate Country Showdown, set for 7 p.m. Saturday, June 28 at the Garza Theatre, will feature The Guthries as backup band, along with talent from all over West Texas.

The nation's most prestigious professional country music talent show begins with local showdowns, where future country music stars seek to hone their skills and compete for \$100,000 in prize money and recording contract.

KPOS Radio will again this year host the only Colgate Country Showdown on the South Plains. "This is our third year," KPOS Radio managing director Wes Burnett says, "and we anticipate another sell out at the Garza Theatre."

Tickets for the event are only \$5 per person. Reserved seating tickets may be ordered by calling the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005.

"We're particularly pleased that Vance Guthrie has agreed to provide backup band support for our talented contestants," Burnett added. Guthrie was a contestant in last year's showdown.

Cathy Whitten will serve again this year as Mistress of Ceremony. "Cathy knows how to keep things moving and she's such a delightful and talented entertainer in her own right," Burnett emphasized.

This year's talent for the show includes the popular "Country Boys," who perform all over West Texas. Members of the Country Boys are O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson, Billy Cork and Tinker Carlen.

Other contestants are Lubbock singers Debbie Nelson, Keith Sanders, Karla King, Tammy Gibson; Megan Cheek of Abilene, Katelyn Hobson of El Paso and Ashley Rene Hatley of Post.

The show will feature each of the acts performing two musical selections in two sets. Each act will perform one song, followed by a 15 minute intermission, then a second set will include each act's second selection.

A team of five impartial judges will determine the winner, using a weighted formula provided by the event national coordinators.



Garza County recently got title to a 1996 Toyota Camry courtesy of the U.S. Immigration Service following the vehicle's seizure related to immigration violations. The auto will be used by the Victims' Assistance Program. Joining in the title transfer ceremony last week were (left to right) Sheriff's Deputies J.W. Jolly and Tommy Binford, Sheriff Kenny Ratke, Victims' Assistance director Jayta Cravy, Garza County Commissioners Mason McClellan and John Valdez, Sheriff's Deputy Robert Walters and his son (front) Bubba.

Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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Choose the Colors of Health

Eating 5 or more servings of colorful fruits and vegetables a day is part of an essential plan for healthier living. That's because deeply hued fruits and vegetables provide the wide range of vitamins, minerals, fiber, and phytochemicals your body needs to maintain good health and energy levels, protect against the effects of aging, and reduce the risk of cancer and heart disease.*

Low-fat diets rich in fruits and vegetables and low in saturated fat and cholesterol may reduce the risk of heart disease and some types of cancer, diseases associated with many factors.

Choose the Colors of Health—It's all about color. Blue/purple, green, white, yellow/orange, and red and the power of colorful fruits and vegetables to promote good health. So when you're grocery shopping, planning your meals or dining out, think color. And for variety, make it 5 A Day, the color way!

BLUE/PURPLE—Boost the level of BLUE/PURPLE in your low-fat diet to help maintain: 1. A lower risk of some cancers. 2. Urinary tract health. 3. Memory function. 4. Healthy aging

Beat the Effects of Aging—Blue/purple fruits and vegetables contain

varying amounts of health-promoting phytochemicals such as anthocyanins and phenolics, currently being studied for their antioxidant and anti-aging benefits. Get blue/purple every day with foods such as blueberries, blackberries, dried plums, purple grapes, raisins, purple cabbage, and eggplant.

GREEN—Add GREEN to your low-fat diet to maintain: 1. A lower risk of some cancers 2. Vision health 3. Strong bones and teeth

Go Green. Go Healthy. Go green every day with fruits and vegetables like avocados, green apples, green grapes, honeydew, kiwi, limes, pears, artichokes, broccoli, asparagus, cucumbers, lettuce, okra, peas, sugar snap peas, and zucchini.

WHITE—Working WHITE into your low-fat diet helps maintain: 1. Heart health 2. Cholesterol levels that are already healthy 3. A lower risk of some cancers

White, tan, and brown fruits and vegetables helps the body stay well. Get all the health benefits of white by including foods such as bananas, dates, cauliflower, garlic, mushrooms, onions, parsnips, potatoes (white fleshed), shallots, turnips, and white corn.

YELLOW/ORANGE—Make YELLOW/ORANGE a part of your low-fat diet to help maintain: 1. A healthy heart 2. Vision health 3. A healthy immune system 4. A lower risk of some cancers

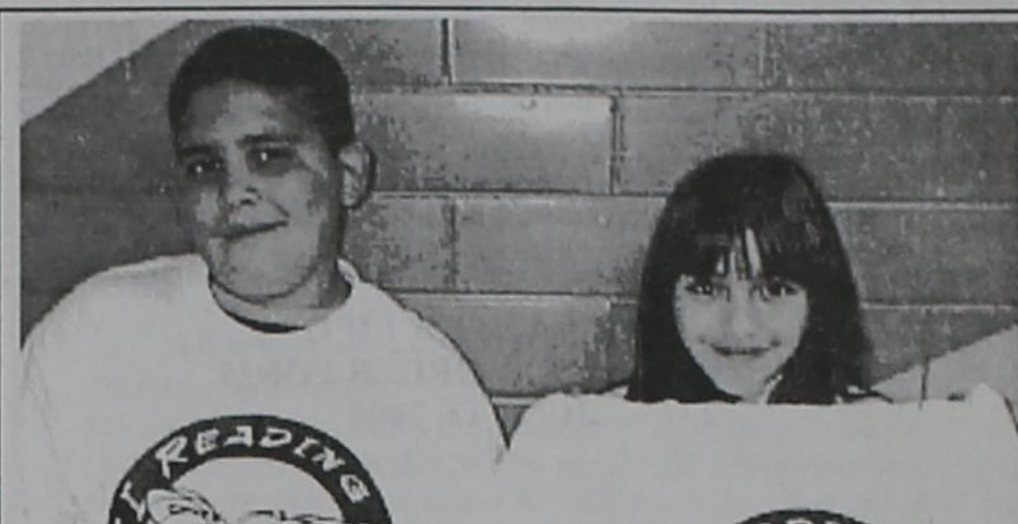
Orange and yellow fruits and vegetables contain varying amounts of antioxidants such as vitamin C. Every day, include orange and yellow fruits and vegetables like these apricots, cantaloupe, grapefruit, lemons, mangoes, nectarines, oranges, pineapple, peaches, tangerines, butternut squash, carrots, yellow peppers, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, and yellow winter squash.

RED—Be sure to include RED in your low-fat diet to help maintain: 1. A

healthy heart 2. Memory function 3. A lower risk of some cancers 4. Urinary tract health

Red-hot and Healthy—Get your reds every day by eating fruits and vegetables such as red apples, cherries, cranberries, red grapes, pink/red grapefruit, raspberries, strawberries, watermelon, beets, red peppers, red onions, red potatoes, and tomatoes.

Source: http://www.5aday.com/html/colorway/colorway_home.php "Why 5 a Day, the Color Way"



Post Elementary School students Martin Vera (left) and Patti Lopez received t-shirts for completing the most perfect lessons during the 2002-2003 school year. The award was part of the CEI Reading Lab presented at the school's awards ceremony. (Photo by Peggy Graves)



Jeremy Rohan and Melanie Valdez

Rohan, Valdez to wed June 7

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.

A June 7, 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.

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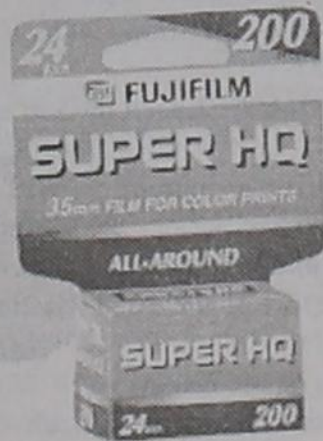
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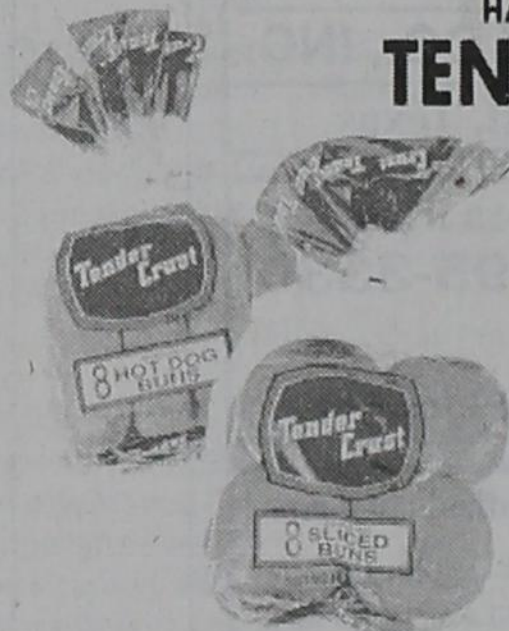


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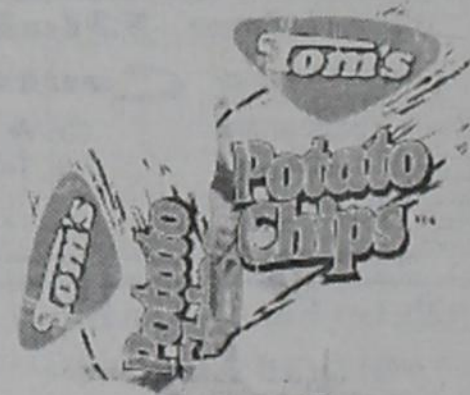


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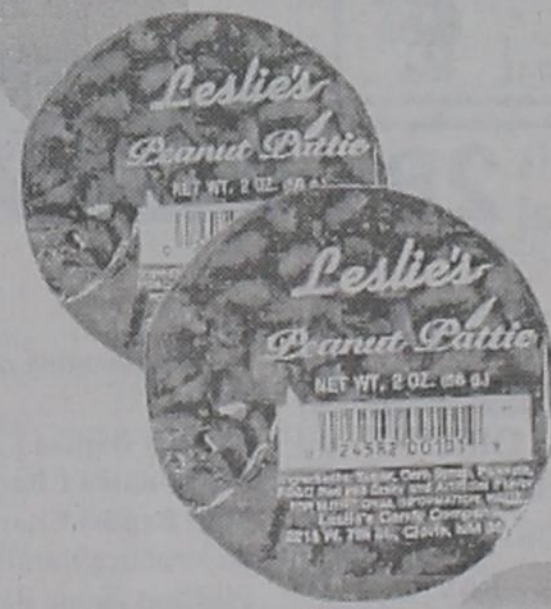
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Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor Policy: We require all letters to be signed. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar and punctuation. Opinions expressed in Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect those of The Post Dispatch nor its staff.

Can you believe it? MAD DADS has been active in Post for more than five years now to be exact.

MAD DADS began in June 1997 with the opening of the chapter. Then in October 1997, I, Rodney Tidwell, starting working full-time. Then in December 1997, MAD DADS opened the first teen center in years, all with help and support of the community through donations and in-kind contributions.

I know there is now way MAD DADS could have lasted as long as it has without your help. One thing that I try not to use is the word "I." Because this is a "we" effort

and just like in teamwork, there is no "I."

Things have been extremely tough many times. Due mostly to burnout and financial problems, I have wanted to quit several times. But when I come in and see the number of young people that would miss out or maybe just be out on the streets, I would have a mind change and hang in there.

What makes me most want to stay is when I have someone who graduated back a few years ago come up and tell me how much they appreciate the work that we do. It all becomes worth the time away from home and a normal life.

Some things you may not know about our youth center. This past March, we allowed children ages 7-11 to come to the teen center after school and on weekends. One reason for this was the number of times we would get calls from parents of younger kids asking if they could bring their children up here. These children have to leave the center by 10 p.m. Their parents have to sign them in and out and no one gets to "just walk home."

The center is still opened 'til midnight and students grades six and up get to stay and have the whole place to themselves.

Now we have about 30 younger kids and 75-100 older kids coming to the youth center each Friday and Saturday night. The number of kids coming after school ranges from 5-20.

We have also been fortunate to be able to hire a teenager through the Texas Workforce Commission. This is Crystal Crawford. She keeps the snack bar and helps the younger kids with homework. During the summer months, she will be doing office work as well as helping watch the youth center when the kids come in.

Our summer hours will be posted in the newspaper next week.

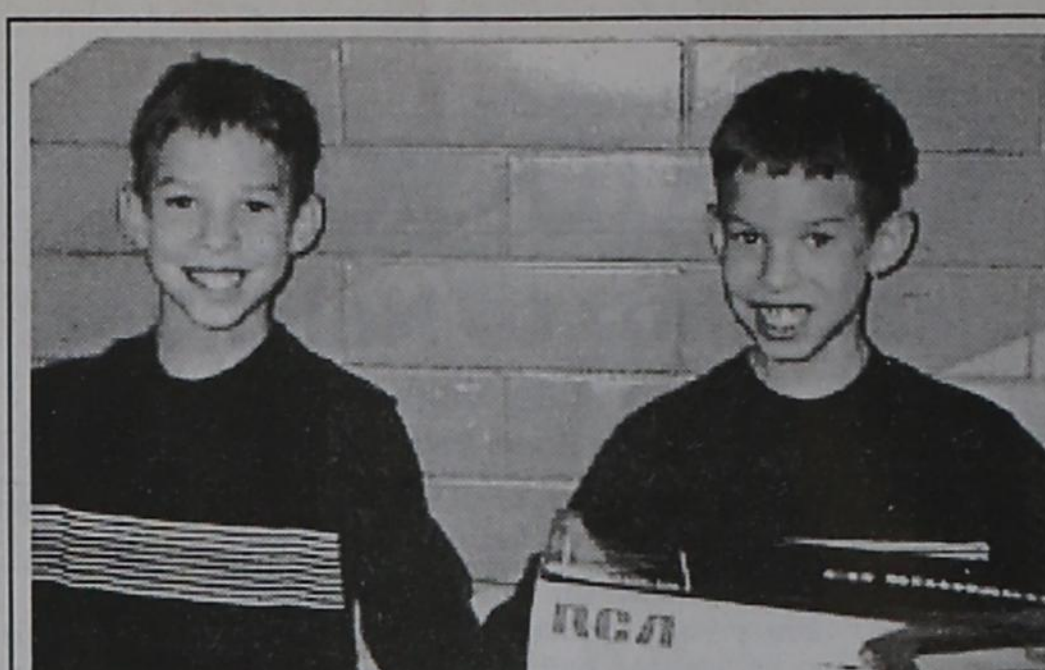
In 1997, we started the youth center with 12 free-play video games, one pool table and a 19-inch TV. Now we have three pool tables, one is broken, four working free-play video games, a big-screen TV, three computers with games, one Super Nintendo that works occasionally. We are in desperate need of funds to purchase new equipment.

In the game room, we would like to be able to put in a drop ceiling with insulation. We have been given a heat and refrigerated air unit, but without the ceiling and insulation our electric bill would be too high and we would have to close just trying to keep cool.

We also need operational funds. Our expenses for each month including salary, regular bills and snack expenses is just over \$4,000. Our income on average is \$2,000. It does not take long to use up any extra donations we receive, so please, come by and see what we are trying to accomplish for our young people, to give them a safe and fun place to hang out with their friends. If you like what you see, send a donation to be used the way you earmark the check (equipment or operations will be your choices). MAD DADS is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organizations. All donations are tax-deductible.

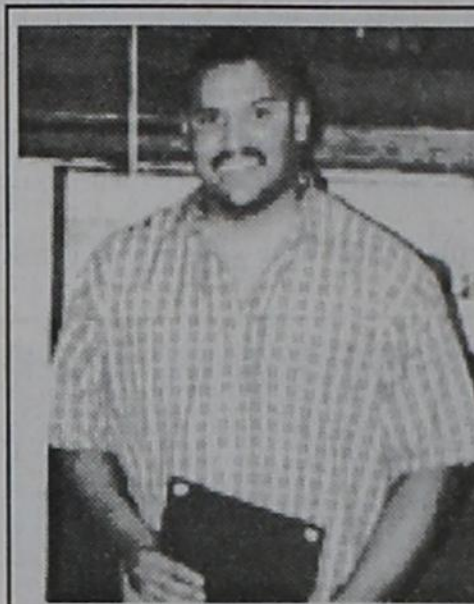
To leave you with one thought: In 1997, it cost \$15,000 for six months to keep one juvenile in a youth detention center. We serve much more than that for less than that. Our goal is to keep them out of the detention center by giving them an alternative. This is their "choice."

Thank you.
Rodney Tidwell MAD DADS



Post Elementary School 2nd grade students Tavish Soto and Taylor Soto received CD players for completing the most perfect Copy-Write activities during the 2002-2003 school year. The awards were part of the CEI Reading Lab presented at the school's awards ceremony. (Photo by Peggy Graves)

Pete Aguilar earns TxDot safety award



Pete Aguilar

Post maintenance technician Pete Aguilar received a five year safe operator award recently at the Texas Department of Transportation's annual awards day luncheon in Plainview.

Also recognized was Post maintenance supervisor Danny Sappington, who was awarded a 15 year safe operator award.

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LEVITES, THE DESCENDANTS OF LEVI, ONE OF THE SONS OF JACOB, WERE TRADITIONALLY CHARGED WITH THE CARE OF THE SANCTUARY. IN THE TRIBE OF LEVI THERE WERE THREE TRIBAL FAMILIES: GERSHON, KOHATH, AND MERARI. MOSES AND AARON WERE LEVITES OF THE HOUSE OF AMRAM AND FAMILY OF KOHATH (EX. 6:16-26). THE DERIVATION OF THE NAME LEVI MEANS A PERSON GIVEN IN PLEDGE TO A TEMPLE FOR A DEBT OR VOW. THUS SAMUEL WAS VOWED BY HIS MOTHER AT SHILO BEFORE HE WAS EVEN BORN. AARON AND HIS SONS WERE SET APART FOR THE PRIESTHOOD AND THE OFFICE WAS MADE HEREDITARY. IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THE CARE OF THE TABERNACLE AND ITS SERVICE WAS GIVEN ON A NOBLE SCALE. THE CARE AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE COSTLY SANCTUARY AND THE PREPARATION OF MATERIALS FOR THE ELABORATE SERVICE, ENTAILED LABORS TO WHICH NO ONE MAN OR EVEN ONE FAMILY WAS EQUAL. THIS IS THE ONLY WORK OF THE ENTIRE TRIBE OF LEVI WAS CARING FOR THE TABERNACLE AND GIVING SERVICES AS PRIESTS.

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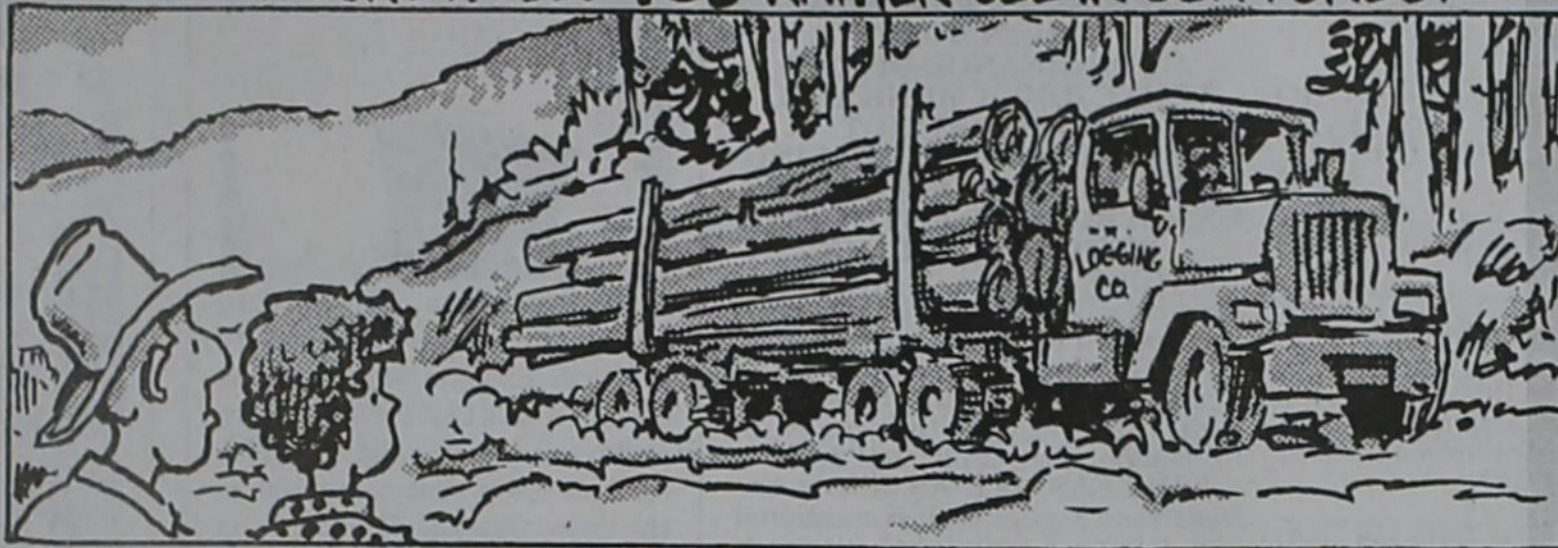
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Teed Off

by Bill O'Reilly



A lot of middle-aged white guys are teed off because Annika Sorenstam got to play golf in a recent PGA event. At first, I couldn't figure out the angst. Surely, Annika is nicer to look at than most of these golf guys who often dress in green pants and yellow shirts. Are there no mirrors in the clubhouses?

I mean, here's a trim young woman walking around smiling and hitting the ball. So what's wrong with that? Well, there's plenty wrong with it, as I found out.

Based upon dozens of conversations with male golfers who take their hobby very seriously, I can now report that Annika's foray into the world of men's golf was looked upon as an intrusion into the very essence of maledom. The guys sense a threat to their fairway hegemony, and they don't like it one bit. Let's take it step by step.

Golf is boring; there's no question about it. You just whack a little ball and drive the cart and whack the ball and drive the cart... I'm sure you get the picture. But while driving and whacking, guys talk. And what they say is not meant for women to hear. The entire golf dynamic in the USA is built around guys yakking amongst themselves, much like the ladies' lunch deal. And trust me, most American women do not want guys at their lunch table, even if they do happen to be Swedish.

So it really wasn't about Annika's golf game; it was about Annika being on the course at all. Once the dam breaks, many guys feel that women will swarm the tees, and all macho camaraderie will cease. The golf course is a refuge for the beleaguered American man who has to behave at home, at work and most other places. Out on the fairway he can curse and tell dirty jokes. He can scratch and snort and scream, and then drink what he wants in the clubhouse bar. He gets out of the house for five hours, and nobody's giving him directions in the golf cart.

So Annika Sorenstam ran into a male cultural buzzsaw that I believe she's clueless about. In Sweden, it's too cold to play golf most of the year. But here in the USA, the golf course is a primary male sanctuary. Even though some women have succeeded in taking up the sport, the guys generally don't like it. You think Bill Clinton wants Hillary on the green with him? You think George W. wants Laura in cart? WELL, THEY DON'T!

To be fair, I must tell you that I do not play golf. I did as a kid, and I was rotten at it. I have no patience for the game, and it's harder than it looks. Plus, I was a bachelor for many years, and there were few ladies on the links, so why waste my time? Standing around telling putter jokes and hearing about Big Len's monster drive held absolutely no appeal for me.

So I cannot feel the pain of male golfers, but I am beginning to understand it. American men today are under enormous pressure on all sides. Playing golf with the guys is a release, a therapeutic session where boys can be boys and get away from the demands of domestic bliss and the chaotic workplace. In that respect golf is good. If the guy can come home refreshed and happy, everybody around him benefits. Hey, it's better than a strip club!

Annika Sorenstam didn't make the cut in the tournament, and millions of guys cheered, albeit some silently. Annika stumbled upon something primal, emotional and crucial for many men. The boys need time away from the girls, and the golf course is a convenient escape. It's nothing personal, Annika, and please don't take it to heart. But the simple truth is, some guys simply don't want you around.

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FFF THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"It is indeed probable that more harm and misery have been caused by men determined to use coercion to stamp out a moral evil than by men intent on doing evil." — Friedrich A. Hayek "History shows that great general prosperity occurs only where something approaching a free economy has been reached, and that prosperity always diminishes as government economic regulation increases. A free economy alone offers unlimited opportunity to all." — Thomas H. Barber

Affirmative action grading

by Walter E. Williams



Dr. Mike S. Adams, an associate professor of criminal justice at University of North Carolina's Wilmington campus, has given me an excellent idea for grading students, which appeared in his commentary in the web-based Agape Press newswire. For 35 years, I've taught economics and graded students on the racist, culturally biased standards of individual performance. In today's America, that's unfair and insensitive.

Starting next fall semester, in the interest of diversity and multiculturalism at George Mason University, I'm going to change the way my students are assigned grades. In my Ph.D. microeconomics class, students must complete three or four problem sets, plus an essay midterm and final examination. In the past, weights were assigned and total points computed. Ninety percent of the course work and above earned the student an A, 80 to 89.9 a B, and so forth.

Next fall, assignments, graded work, weights and computation of student grades will be the same as in the past. In the interest of promoting diversity and multiculturalism, there'll be one difference: I will compute averages by race. I'll compute a class average for white males, and another for white females. Group averages won't be computed for black male and female students, and other non-white students.

Having computed the class grade average for my white students, affirmative action — or you might call it compensatory — grading will be a breeze. Say the class average for my white male students is 80 and a particular white male earns a 92 score for the course. In the past, being insensitive to the goals of diversity and multiculturalism, I'd assign that student an A. But having seen the importance of diversity and multiculturalism, next fall I'll simply subtract twelve points from that white student's score and add it to a black student's score, leaving the white male student with the white male class average of 80.

You might ask: "What if the black student had a 95? Would you still

employ compensatory grading?" The answer is yes, of course. With 12 points added to the black student's score, he'd have an A-plus.

Initially, compensatory grading might seem unfair. Some might make flimsy excuses such as that white student never held slaves, engaged in the mistreatment of blacks or even discriminated against blacks; his parents might have marched in the civil rights struggles of the '50s and '60s. They might also say, "Williams, the black student that you gave the 12 points to might have a father who's a dentist and has a family income much higher than the white student from whom you subtracted points."

At best, such arguments are simply cover for anti-diversity and anti-multiculturalistic attitudes. The overriding principle of the matter is that a white student need not have ever engaged in discrimination to have points deducted and a black student need not have ever been a victim of discrimination to receive the white student's points. This is widely accepted political thinking, plus it's settled law. After all, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, in an affirmative action case now before the U.S. Supreme Court, upheld the constitutional policy of University of Michigan's race-based law school admissions policy, agreeing that a race-neutral policy was no way to achieve the state's compelling goal of diversity. Therefore, meritocracy must yield to broader social concerns.

Creating an advantage for one American by creating a disadvantage for another American, based upon race, has become an entrenched feature in our age of racial enlightenment. I'd be very interested in hearing any objections to my new grading procedure from politicians, university administrators and civil-rights experts. Of course, by fall, before my new agenda gets off the ground, the U.S. Supreme Court might rule it unconstitutional.

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If they hadn't been breaking the law, this wouldn't have happened

by Jacob G. Hornberger

The federal government's response to the deaths of 18 illegal Latin American immigrants in South Texas was predictable because it's the same response that it makes every time such a tragedy occurs.

The government's response: criticism, condemnation, and prosecution of either the immigrant for illegal entry or the transporter of the illegal aliens for transporting illegal aliens. The federal mindset is: "If they hadn't been breaking the law, this wouldn't have happened."

Make no mistake about it: This is not the first time that immigrants have died in an attempt to seek a better way of life in our country. The history of ever-tightening immigration controls on our southern border is filled with the deaths and injuries of multitudes of innocent people, either in arid deserts, in the trunks of cars, in locked railroad cars, from the bullets of federal agents or vigilantes, or of course in the backs of tractor-trailers.

Nothing — not even the virtually impregnable Berlin Wall — has ever kept people from attempting to better their lives by moving to places that provide greater freedom and opportunities for themselves and their families.

What never ceases to amaze me about immigrants is how they continue to come to our country despite all of the adversity that they know that they're going to encounter — prejudice, abuse, ridicule, harassment, prosecution, and persecution.

Yet still they come. And they not only pay to come, they risk their lives to come.

Immigrants generally are among the most impressive people in the world. Every time I get into a conversation with one, I can't help but ask, "What made you leave your country to come to ours?"

U.S. border controls are no different from any other government interference with free markets. Always and inevitably, such interference causes human beings to adjust their conduct, even to the extent oftentimes of producing a black market, but even that doesn't stop them from trying to achieve their original aim.

For example, consider drug prohibition. The purported purpose of drug laws is to prevent people from ingesting drugs. The law, however, doesn't cause very many drug users to stop using drugs; instead it simply causes them to adjust their conduct, say, by buying the drugs from a black-market drug lord rather than from the local pharmacy.

When the drug user dies from consuming adulterated drugs or when he is killed by a disgruntled drug dealer, government officials inevitably blame the victim and the drug seller. "If they hadn't been breaking the law, this wouldn't have happened."

But despite all their protestations, federal officials share moral responsibility for those deaths because but for the drug laws, those deaths would not have occurred.

The reasoning is the same with respect to the federal government's decades-old, failed and bankrupt immigration policy. The ever-increasing enforcement along the southern border has obviously not stopped people from continuing to do what they have done for centuries — move here in the hope of bettering their lives. It has simply caused them to alter their conduct in such a way as to achieve their goal.

For example, when the feds built America's counterpart to the Berlin Wall in southern California, illegal immigrants began entering the United States further east, which has caused many of them to die from thirst and dehydration on Arizona's arid deserts.

Of course, the federal government blamed those deaths on the victims. "If they hadn't been breaking the law, this wouldn't have happened."

Anyone who is familiar with markets would have accurately predicted that stricter enforcement of border controls would inevitably give rise to entrepreneurs who would be willing to transport illegal immigrants into the United States. Since we're dealing with a black market, it also wouldn't surprise a free-marketeer that black-market transporters are generally unsavory characters, much as drugs lords tend to be. The result has been that over the years, many illegal immigrants have died at the hands of those transporters.

Of course, the federal government has always blamed those deaths on the victims and on the transporters. "If they hadn't been breaking the law, this wouldn't have happened."

What such reasoning fails to recognize, however, is that a government that enacts immoral and perverse laws, such as drug laws and immigration laws, shares moral responsibility for the deaths that result, either directly or indirectly, from the enforcement of those laws. "If they hadn't passed the law, this wouldn't have happened."

After all, let's not forget that people who attempted to cross the Berlin Wall were breaking the law. And let's also not forget who bore moral responsibility for the deaths of those who were caught breaking that law.

No matter how powerful a government might be, it cannot repeal the laws of supply and demand, and when it attempts to do so, it shares moral culpability for the perverse consequences.

Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Virginia.

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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.

Naves: 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 14 arrests

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

On May 27, a 39-year-old male was jailed for contempt of court.

On May 28, a 39-year-old was jailed for assault/family violence.

Two arrests were made May 30, including that of an 18-year-old picked up for Hockley County and a 21-year-old jailed for possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

Four arrests were logged May 31. They included that of a 38-year-old man for driving while license suspended; a 19-year-old for DWI/second; an 18-year-old for public intoxication; and an 18-year-old for DWI/first.

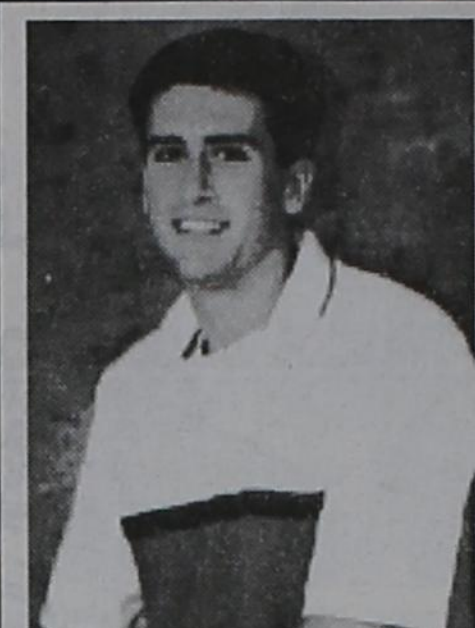
Six arrests came on June 1. They included a 39-year-old female for DWI/first; an 18-year-old for disorderly conduct; a 19-year-old male, commitment; a 45-year-old for DWI; a 21-year-old for Bexar County warrants and possession of dangerous drugs; and a 72-year-old for DWI.

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PHS 1999 graduate Jay Gorman graduated from the University of North Texas in May. Jay was on the Dean's List for Academics and was a member of the UNT football team that competed in the New Orleans Bowl. Jay is the son of Richard and Pam Gorman. He begins his teaching and coaching career this fall in Plano.



PHS 2000 graduate Justin Gorman proudly displays his senior boots at Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Final Review ceremony held in College Station last month. Justin is a member of Squadron 8, the largest corps unit on the campus. He will hold the position of Athletics Officer and Public Relations Officer for the 2003-2004 school year. Justin is the son of Richard and Pam Gorman.

PHS graduates honored at hot dog cookout

Whitney McNeely of Crosbyton and Jessica Mason and Tye Mason, all 2003 graduates, were honored with a hot dog cookout at the Graves' tank Sunday evening.

Hosting the celebration were great-aunts and great-uncles Ronnie and Diane Graves and Noel and Orabeth White.

Those in attendance included the honored guests, their parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McNeely of Crosbyton, Mr. and Mrs. Brad Mason and family, Mr. and Mrs. Brent Mason and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carter White of Hale Center, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mason and Mrs. Quannah Maxey.

Others attending were Austin of Crosbyton, Mr. and Mrs. Mark West and family, Keitha Wright and Avery, all of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Bart Mason and family, Mrs. Russel Graves and sons of El Paso, and the hosts.

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Exhibiting Grand Champions at the Garza County Jr. Livestock Association Horse Show Sunday at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena were J. C. Stelzer, III and Tandi Humble. Stelzer won Grand Champion Mare honors with his first place young mare, while Humble's first place Young Gelding took Grand Champion Gelding honors.

Dustin Ammons, a 1989 graduate of Post High School graduated Saturday, May 15 from Texas Tech University with a B. A. degree in Political Science and Russian Language. Ammons, the son of Don and Allane Ammons of Post graduated Summa Cum Laude with a grade point average of 3.97.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Steven C. Tidwell, son of Wesley G. Morris of Post recently reported for duty with Fighter Squadron 124, Naval Air Station, Miramar, San Diego.

You are invited to attend a Piano Recital featuring the students of Jan Bartlett. Students, Adley Peralta, Joseph Sanchez, Jerica Tyler, Paige Lott, Tiffany Tidwell, Mandy Terry, Jordan Peralta, Marisa Armendariz, Andrea Armendariz, Meagan Mills, Keri Holly, and Asia Alomari will start performing at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 23, at the First United Methodist Church.

20 Years Ago
May 18, 1983

Outstanding band and choir members were recognized at Thursday evening's combined Post High School band and choir banquet at the community center. The John Philip Sousa award went to band member Fred Mullings and Frances Cendalski was named outstanding choir student.

The Post Antelope 400 meter relay team broke what may be a school record in the state track meet Friday evening, although they placed seventh in the race. The team of Tim Tannehill, Will Kirkpatrick, Irvin Price and Milton Williams posted a 42.6 time in the contest.

Dawn Marie Bilberry announces the birth of her brother, Christopher Jeremy Bilberry, born April 11. Christopher's mother is Jeannie M. Bilberry and grandparents are Ms. Edna Bilberry and John Huffman.

Luann Kennedy, a 6-0 transfer post from Western Texas College, has become the fourth women's basketball player to sign a letter of intent to attend Sam Houston State University.

30 Years Ago
May 17, 1973

Mrs. Ruby Lobban, who is retiring as a mathematics teacher here, was honored by the Garza County unit of the Texas State Teachers Association. She has taught school for 32 years, 19 of them in Post.

Mrs. Mamie E. Jackson, who at 99 is Garza County's oldest mother, was presented a bouquet of roses and a special gift on behalf of the First National Bank by its president, J. B. Potts.

Scotty Clinesmith and Judy Tanner were named winners in the Mu Alpha chapter's annual "Little Mr. and Miss Post Contest," with Lisa Brown and Lex Dunn taking home the honor of "Mini Mr. and Miss Post."

Miss Donna Kay McBride and Bradley J. Lott exchanged wedding vows, Saturday, May 12 in the Post Church of Christ.

Earl Chapman and Jim Strawn have formed the corporation of Strawn-Chapman Transportation & Acid, and have purchased the oil field trucking equipment from D. C. (Billy) Hill of Hill & Hill, Inc. Basketball sweethearts have been elected, they are Reginald Moore and Pam Feagin.

40 Years Ago
May 16, 1963

Game Warden William D. "Bud" Howell hinted that the net is tightening on the "Catfish Comancheros." Howell, who with other game wardens in the area has been at work almost night and day on the illegal practice of fish poisoning in Garza county, said yesterday "we have some good clues and we are after them."

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hays are the parents of a daughter, Marinette, born at 3:30 a.m., May 10, in Garza Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Anna Shelnett was honored as "Mother of the Year" during the morning worship services at the Church of the Nazarene last Sunday. Miss Cerretha Jones was chosen as princess.

Miss Shelia Morris, bride-elect of James Melton, was honored with a miscellaneous shower Monday night at the Community Room.

R. T. Smith, whose resignation as superintendent of the Post schools becomes effective July 1, recommended to the school board Monday night that: (1) Junior High School graduation exercises be de-emphasized; (2) That the ban against girls wearing blue jeans to school be extended to the junior high school, and; (3) That in the future the summer baseball program is not allowed to start before the end of the school term.

50 Years Ago
May 21, 1953

Margaret Welborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Welborn, and Linda Mills Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis M. Mills, have been named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of this year's Post High School senior class.

A two-mile long parade, featuring at least a dozen floats and probably as many riding troupes, will wind through Post's downtown section at 6 p.m. Wednesday to officially open the annual Post Stampeded Rodeo.

O. L. Weakley of Post, will be the speaker at commencement exercises for the eighth grade class of the Graham School. Members of the graduating class are: Allan Brown, Carrol Davis, Dee Parrish, Daymon Ethridge, Bill Stephens, marie Howard, Barbara Sue Stone, Albert Long, Gloria Lofton, Frances Mason, Eulanda Goad, Orabeth maxey, Genoa Goad, Oletha Oden and Auvy Lee McBride.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Basinger are parents of a daughter, Laura Lynn, born May 18, in Taylor Hospital in Lubbock.

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Post Middle School students recognized at awards event

Several Post Middle School students were recognized during the school's end-of-school awards ceremony.

Students who earned a "commended performance academic recognition" on the TAKS tests included Stacy Bocko, reading; Braden Courtney, reading and math; Zachary Davis, reading and math; Angle Duran, reading; Kevin Griffin, math; Alex Hart, reading; Chad Miller, reading and math; Amber Moss, reading; Zachary Nava, math; and Travis Rasbeary, reading.

Also, Suhani Bhakta, math and writing; Amber Bustoz, writing; Alan Heckaman, reading; Samantha Hoover, reading, writing and math; Meagan Howard-Griffis, reading and writing; Randall Jewell, reading; Brenna Postell, reading and writing; Tamara Raymond, writing; Jeremy Safran, reading; Joseph Segovia, reading and writing; Jeremy Short, reading; Steven Short, reading and writing; Timothy Wilson, reading; and Cal Windham, math.

Others recognized included Marcos Ayala, reading and social studies; Allison Blevins, reading; Wilson Cash, reading, math and social studies; Colter Creech, reading and social studies; K'Nell Dalby, reading, math and social studies; Jay Dihenia, math; Kylie Easterling, reading, math and social studies; Edgar Garay, reading and social studies; Steven Hair, reading; Claire Kirkpatrick, reading and math; Sarah Kirkpatrick, reading and social studies; Ana Macias, social studies; Kelli Martin, reading and social studies; Wes Mason, reading and social studies; Steffi Norman, reading; Chelsey Read, reading and social studies; Ricky Vergara, reading; and Josie Whisenunt, reading.

Those recognized for perfect attendance in the 2002-2003 school year included Klent Baker, Brandon Crawford, Zachary Davis, Adam Meredith, Jay Dihenia, Bertha Gonzalez, Andrew Elmore, Alejandro Lopez and Shantana Marie.

High point students in Accelerated Reading were Zachary Nava, sixth grade; Meagan Howard-Griffis, seventh grade; and Mary Huffman, eighth grade.

Top sixth grade students by subject were Chad Miller, science; Zackary Davis, history and math; and Braden Courtney, language arts.

Top seventh grade student by subject was Suhani Bhakta, taking awards in science, history, math and language arts.

Top eighth grade students were Kylie Easterling, science, history and language arts, and Wilson Cash, math.

Jake Bustoz earns promotion

Jake Bustoz, a 1990 Post High School graduate, was promoted to captain in the U.S. Army May 30.

Capt. Bustoz began his Army career as an enlisted infantryman in the Texas Army National Guard from 1989-1992. In 1992, he joined the active army as a combat medic and was sent to Korea where he initially served in the 18th Medical Command as an ambulance driver. In 1993, he was promoted to specialist and reassigned to the 2nd Armored Division at Fort Hood. While there he served as an evacuation NCO for the 1st Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment.

In 1996, he was promoted to sergeant and reassigned to Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, where he served as an emergency treatment NCO in the emergency room.

In 1997, he was awarded an Army Green-to-Gold scholarship and attended Texas Tech University, graduating magna cum laude in 1999 as a Distinguished Military Graduate with a bachelor's degree in public health. He was then commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army's Medical Service Corps.

In April 2000, he graduated from the Army Medical Department's Basic Officer Course and was assigned to the 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood. His assignments while there included platoon leader, 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment (Buffalo Soldiers) and executive officer, E Company, 704th Division Support Battalion.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), the Army Achievement Medal (5th Award), the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal (2nd award), the Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, the overseas ribbon and the Expert Field Medical Badge.

CPT Bustoz is assigned as the aide to the commanding general of the Southeast Regional Medical Command and Dwight D. Eisenhower Medical Center at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Huffman gets special June 7 birthday party
An 80th birthday celebration for John Huffman will be held from 3-4 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at City Park. Cake and ice cream will be served, and the community is invited to attend.

"Your presence is your gift," said the event's organizers - C.J., Joni, Judi and Dian, their children, grandchildren, Dawn and M'Keison. "Hope to see you there."

Huffman was born June 6, 1923, in Coleman to W.E. and Lela Mae Huffman.

Tosha Smith and Armondo Martinez plan June 14 wedding

The parents of Tosha Diane Smith and Herman Armondo Martinez are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children.

The couple will be wed at the Post Nazarene Church at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 14, 2003, with the bride's uncle, Mike Taylor, officiating. A reception and shower will follow in the church's fellowship hall.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dana Tanner of Post, Berry Tanner of Slaton and Wayne Smith of Alaska and the granddaughter of Diana Poe of Post, Joe Poe of Wilson, Teddy and Lisa Jackson of San Angelo, Edna Smith of Post and Mary Jo and Don Tanner of LaGrange, Georgia.

She is the great-granddaughter of Marietta Pruitt of Post. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mary and Raymond Martinez of Morton.

The couple plans to make their home in Slaton.

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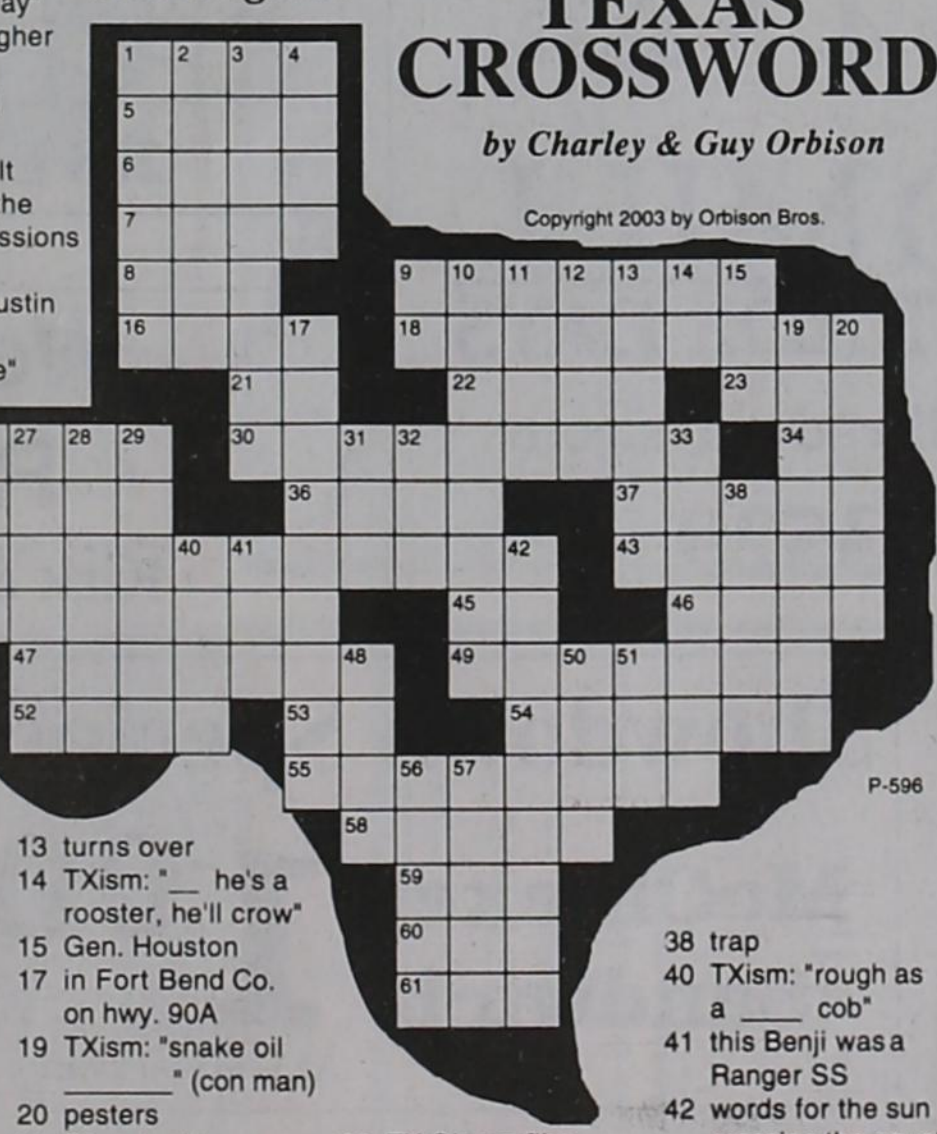
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- 27 TXism for "also" (2 wds.)

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- 40 TXism: "rough as a ___ cob"
- 41 this Benji was a Ranger SS
- 42 words for the sun crossing the equator in Mar. and Sept.
- 48 look intently
- 50 OK town
- 51 TXism: "bath day" (abbr.)
- 56 unborn baby
- 57 "I taut ___ puddytat"

Garza County 4-H Shooters take trophies

Garza County 4-H shooters competed in the West Texas Junior Olympic Trap Competition Sunday at the Palmer Gun Club. Kyle Kirkpatrick placed first in the J2 division with a score of 97 out of 100 targets and won High Overall Shooter with a score of 120 out of 125 targets. Trent McDonald placed second in the division with a score of 96 and third in the overall competition with a score of 118.



Kyle Kirkpatrick (left) won first place overall at recent 4-H Shooter competition while Trent McDonald (right) won third place. (Photo by Lisa Kirkpatrick)

Kaleb Crutcher took second in the J3 division with a score of 91 and sixth in the overall with a score of 115.

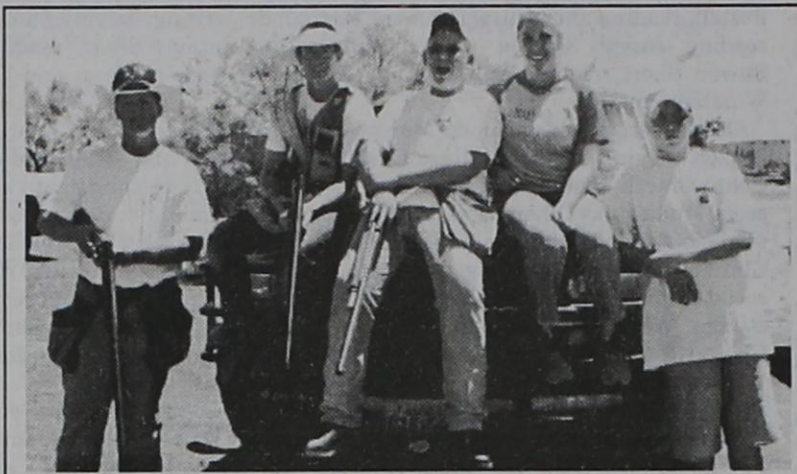
After completing a two-day invitational camp hosted by Garza and Howard counties, 16 shooters competed for invitations to the Junior Olympic Championship in Colorado Springs, Colo., in the fall. Shooters will compete for the Junior USA National Team.

USA Army team member Ryan Hadden coached the camp. Hadden has been competing internationally for four years.

The competition was shot on a modified trap, shooting targets traveling 65 mph. Junior shooter competed in three divisions based on year of birth.

Scores from the West Texas JOSC will be compared to scores of other shooters participating in the only other Texas competition to be held in College Station later this month.

Representing Garza County were Kirkpatrick, McDonald, Breann Heckaman, Crutcher and Brent Furlow. Other competitors represented Lynn, Gaines, Terry and Howard counties.



Competing in the recent Garza County 4-H shooter competition were (left to right) Kyle Kirkpatrick, Trent McDonald, Kaleb Crutcher, Breann Heckaman and Brent Furlow. (Photo by Lisa Kirkpatrick)

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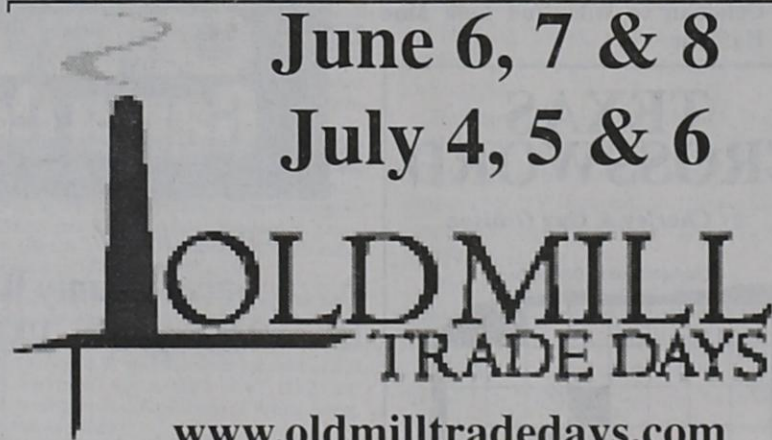
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