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Post ISD buys out remainder of Tim James' contract, Quisenberry named interim AD

by Sheri Lewis

The Post Independent School District is searching for a new athletic director and head football coach after district officials voted last week to buy out AD Tim James' contract.

By a 5-1 vote, members of the Post ISD Board of Trustees agreed to pay out the remainder of the athletic director's contract in an action defined by district officials as "administrative leave."

When an employee is placed on administrative leave, Superintendent Marlin Marcum said, he or she is "released from their responsibilities" and are no longer working for the school district.

James, whose employment with the Post ISD began in 2003, had a contract with the district that ran through the 2009 school year.

When asked what the buyout will cost district taxpayers, Marcum said he was unable to release the information. The Post Dispatch responded by sending a letter to the school district requesting the figure be released under the state's Public Information Act.

According to the information released late Tuesday, the district's settlement with James allows for the payment of \$5,858 per month for the remainder of the current contract year, and \$70,297.50 for the 2009 school year.

The decision to buy out James' contract came during a called meeting conducted at noon on Feb. 7 in the Post ISD Administration Building. Trustees went into executive session to discuss the personnel matter prior to returning to open session for the vote.

Trustee Milton Williams cast the sole dissenting vote; trustee Mike Holly was absent.

James did not attend the special session, Marcum said.

Following the meeting, the district released a press release that contained a brief statement about the board's actions. The release reads as follows: "Tim James and Post ISD have come to a mutually agreeable resolution regarding James' future employment with the district. Both parties agree that a separation was in the best interest of the respective parties."

For now, coach David Quisenberry will serve as interim athletic director.

Despite the abrupt change in leadership, Marcum said "virtually all of the assistant staff has indicated a desire to stay."

The process to determine a permanent replacement already is under way, Marcum said. Applications are being accepted, and Quisenberry is among the 46 applicants for the position, according to information provided by the school district.

Following a request from The Dispatch, the Post ISD released the following list of AD applicants late Tuesday: Tim Adams, Episcopal School of Dallas; Adam Archibeque, Midland High; Cody Barnes, Levelland ISD; Jerry Bass, Venus High, Waxahachie; Lonnie Burham, S&S Consolidated, Sadler; Jimmy Clark, Midland Lee High School; Lonnie Cook, Taos High, Taos, N.M.; Kodi Crane, Alice ISD; Billy Crawford, St. James College Prep School, St. James, Maryland; Darrell Daily, Lubbock Monterey High; David

Deaton, Clifton.

Also, Robert Ford, Oakland Raiders, Oakland, Calif.; Paul Frye, Alba-Golden ISD, Alba; Donny Funderburg, Lake Travis High School; Russell Gammell, Livingston ISD; Doug Getz, York Junior High, Magnolia; Doug Giles, Escalante High School, Tierra Amarilla, N.M.; James Gray, Booker T. Washington High, Houston; Robert Hernandez, Rocksprings High School; Dearn Holt, Richardson; Aaron Hungerholt, Stewartville Middle School, Stewartville, Maine; Fred Johnson, Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas; Randy Josey, Midland Christian/Midland Lee High School; and Luther Justus, Forest Hill High, Mascotte, Fla.

Rounding out the list are Brad Kjar, Salina South High, Salina, Kansas; William Kucera, Ranum High, Westminster, Colo.; Russell Lucas, Rotan High; Matt Nally, Frankston High School; Rob Paschall, Western Hills High School, Fort Worth; Melton Patrick, Royal High, Brookshire; Jason Pearce, Sonora High; Randy Perez, Lanier High, Austin; Torrey Price, Collinsville ISD; Seth Prince, Fairview High, Boulder, Colo.; David Quisenberry, Post High School/Post ISD; Stephen Robbins, Dallas Lutheran; Shannon Roberts, Dallas Lutheran; Kevin Sherrill, O'Donnell High School; DeWayne Singletary, Huntsville High School; Ken Stanley, Livingston High; Beau Thompson, Lazbuddie ISD; Chad Walker, Miami Dolphins, Davie, Fla.; Todd Watters, Tomball High School, Wynnewood, Okla.; Allen West, Huntsville ISD/Huntsville High; Roger Williams, Lamesa ISD; and Wade Wilson, White Deer ISD.

The Board of Trustees will be involved in the AD selection process, Marcum said, adding that he hopes to have a recommendation for trustees when they meet in April.

Radio personalities to host annual Chamber of Commerce banquet

by Rosa Latimer

Jane Prince Jones, radio co-host of "The Rick and Jane Show" on KQBR and Jacqui Neal, Morning Show co-host on radio station Z102, will host the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet and provide entertainment for the evening. Both women have appeared on stage at the Garza Theatre many times and have served in leadership positions with the local theater. Post Area Chamber of Commerce member sponsors for this event are MTC/Dalby Correctional Facility and Xcel Energy.

Jones has been involved in the broadcast industry for 30 years and holds the distinction of being the first female television news co-anchor when she was with KCBD-TV in Lubbock in 1976. She received undergraduate and graduate degrees in Theatre Arts from Texas Tech and directs and acts in regional theater. She is currently performing in a one-woman show "Tea at Five" at the Cactus Theater in Lubbock.

Neal has lived and worked in Lubbock for 18 years. Although she had performed on stage since age 5 through her college years, she credits Jones for getting her back in front of an audience when she cast Neal as Truvie in the play, Steel Magnolias. Since, Jacqui has performed at the Fair Theater in Plainview; The Cactus Theater and C.A.T.S Theater in Lubbock and The Garza Theatre in Post. Neal currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Garza Theatre. She is also known for her work on television/radio commercials and has appeared in a short film.

The annual Chamber banquet, "An All-American Tribute," is

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Earning awards during Saturday's 2008 Willy Awards are (back row, left to right) Stan Tucker, Ric Walton, Chris Davis, Mickie Klafka, Whitney Garrity, Holly Aiken, (front row) Rosa Latimer, Karen Dolter, Blair Wilson, Madison Bryan, Reagan Sudduth, Tye Basquez and Derick Longoria. Not pictured is Meagan Howard, Derek Guthrie, Christy Morris, Jared Horsford, Sutton Weaver and Natalie Weaver.

Walton, Dolter share Spirit Award at Garza Theatre's annual Willy Awards

Post city manager Ric Walton and Gerald Dolter of Texas Tech University received the Will McCrary Spirit Award at the Garza Theatre's 21st Annual Willy Awards gala last Saturday at the community center.

The event honored outstanding achievements of the 2007 theater season. Following a wine-and-cheese social hour, approximately 100 guests enjoyed dinner and entertainment and celebrated the evening's honorees.

Walton, who has appeared on stage at the Garza, is an ex-officio member of the theater's board of directors who has been deeply involved in the maintenance, renovation and plans for the theater facilities.

Dolter, director of Texas Tech University's Music Theatre and an associate professor of music, also received the spirit award in recognition of his work in obtaining grants and for his commitment to the further development of the theater.

Typically the award is presented to one individual who best exhibits the essence of theater founder Will McCrary; however, theatre officials said they were unable to single out a lone recipient when looking back on the contributions made over the past year.

"Both of these men have contributed so much that we simply couldn't choose only one," said Mitchell Britton, president of the theater board of directors.

Ten productions at the Garza during the 2007 season played to almost 4000 patrons, according to theater officials. The historical comedy, "Harvey Girls," directed by Jay Young, drew the highest attendance for the season during its seven performances in September.

"Cemetery Club," directed by Stan Tucker, was chosen Best Play for 2007.

Karen Dolter received Best Actress honors for her role in "Cemetery Club." The Best Actor award was presented to Stan Tucker for "Dial 'M' for Murder."

Blair Wilson won Best Adult Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Fay McFaye in the comedy "Faith County." Best Adult Supporting Actor was given to Jared Horsford for his role in "Wee Care."

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Post Notes

Fire Department's chili supper planned

The Post Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting the 13th Annual Chili Supper on Saturday, February 16 at the Fire Station. Chili will be served starting a 6 p.m. until chili is gone. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information contact Public Information Officer Bryan Looney at 535-9721.

Post Book Club meets February 16th

The Post Book Club will meet Saturday, February 16, 11 am at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The group will discuss "Vienna Prelude" by Bodie Thoene. The historic novel is set in Europe during World War II. The book is the first in the series "Zion Covenant." Anyone interested in reading is invited to join the book club. If you did not read the current book, please consider attending the meeting so you can help choose future selections. There is no cost for membership; however, each member is responsible for obtaining a copy of the club's reading selection. For more information, call 495-2665.

PISD Bad Weather Day re-scheduled

Due to changes in the testing calendar by the state, the Bad Weather day scheduled for April 28 has been moved up to Friday, February 18. Be sure to check with your child's teacher or campus to make sure before making any plans. If this date changes or any other changes take place it will be posted on the internet.

Annual Chamber Banquet set February 23

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Chamber banquet...

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set for 6:30 p.m., February 23, at the Post Community Center. Members of the local VFW and American Legion will be honored. Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year, selected by Chamber members, will be announced at the event.

The Garza County Soil & Water Conservation will present Conservation Rancher of the Year and recognize the outgoing directors of that organization.

The Garza County Cowboy Hall of Fame inductee will be announced and the Centennial Plaza Award will be presented. Recently honored Fireman and Rookie Fireman of the Year will be recognized.



Jane Prince Jones

Members of the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce will be introduced as well as the Board of Directors of the Chamber.

Jerry Osborn will cater the event providing a meal of bar-b-que brisket and sausage, cole slaw, potato salad, and beans. Special desserts will be provided by the staff of the Garza County Trailblazers.

Tickets for the banquet are \$20 each and may be purchased at the Chamber office located in the front of the Algerita Art Center, 131 E. Main. The office is open 1 - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. Members of the Board of Directors will also have tickets available. Directors are Don Bond, Wyvonne Kennedy, Thressa Harp, Jay Young, Naomi Matsler, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Gregg Tidmore, Rosa Latimer, and Jim Plummer.

For more information, call the Chamber office, 495-3461.

County considers extension of current ban on burning

During their regular Monday morning meeting, Garza County Commissioners considered an order amending and extending a current burn ban, but no action was taken by the court.

County Judge Lee Norman advised that a recent gubernatorial proclamation states that 152 Texas counties are, because of weather conditions and the recent lack of precipitation, currently under the threat of "extreme fire hazard." Garza County is one of several South Plains counties included in Gov. Rick Perry's proclamation, which was handed down earlier this month.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Gary McDaniel pointed out that Garza County remains in a 90-day burn ban previously established by the court. Norman said that adoption of a proposed order prohibiting outdoor burning would stand as an amendment to the existing burn ban.

No action was taken with regard to the proposed resolution.

- Accepted the report on the county's annual audit for the year ending Sept. 30. Independent auditor Joe Hayes highlighted the audit for commissioners and said the county received a "clean opinion."

- Approved Garza County's support of the VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) grant for Garza/Dickens counties for the 2008-2009 year. Grand funding includes \$39,172 from the Criminal Justice Department, the county's 20 percent match of \$10,199 and in-kind contributions (volunteer hours) of \$1,642.

- Approved the appointment of co-presiding judges and co-alternate judges to fill vacancies for the March 4 joint primary election.

- Written reports from the justices of the peace, the treasurer, the clerk and the extension agent were accepted as presented.

- Accounts payable for that period from Jan. 29 through Feb. 11 were approved.

- Were scheduled to meet with Dee Justice, Precinct 2 justice of the peace, concerning the Technology Fund; however, Justice was unable to attend the meeting, so no action was taken.



Jacquie Neal

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Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau staff donating for the Food Check-Out campaign recently are (left to right) Board President Michael White, Garza County Trailblazer director Lana McGee, agent Susan Boren, manager J.J. Fillingim, board member Ralph Huffaker, (back) board members Anthony Foerster and Jim Blakenship. (Photo by Merika Strivens)

Farm Bureau donates to Trailblazers

To celebrate Food Check-Out Week, February 4-10, the Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau donated food to the Garza County Senior Citizens Center in Post. The center provides

food for senior citizens in the county.

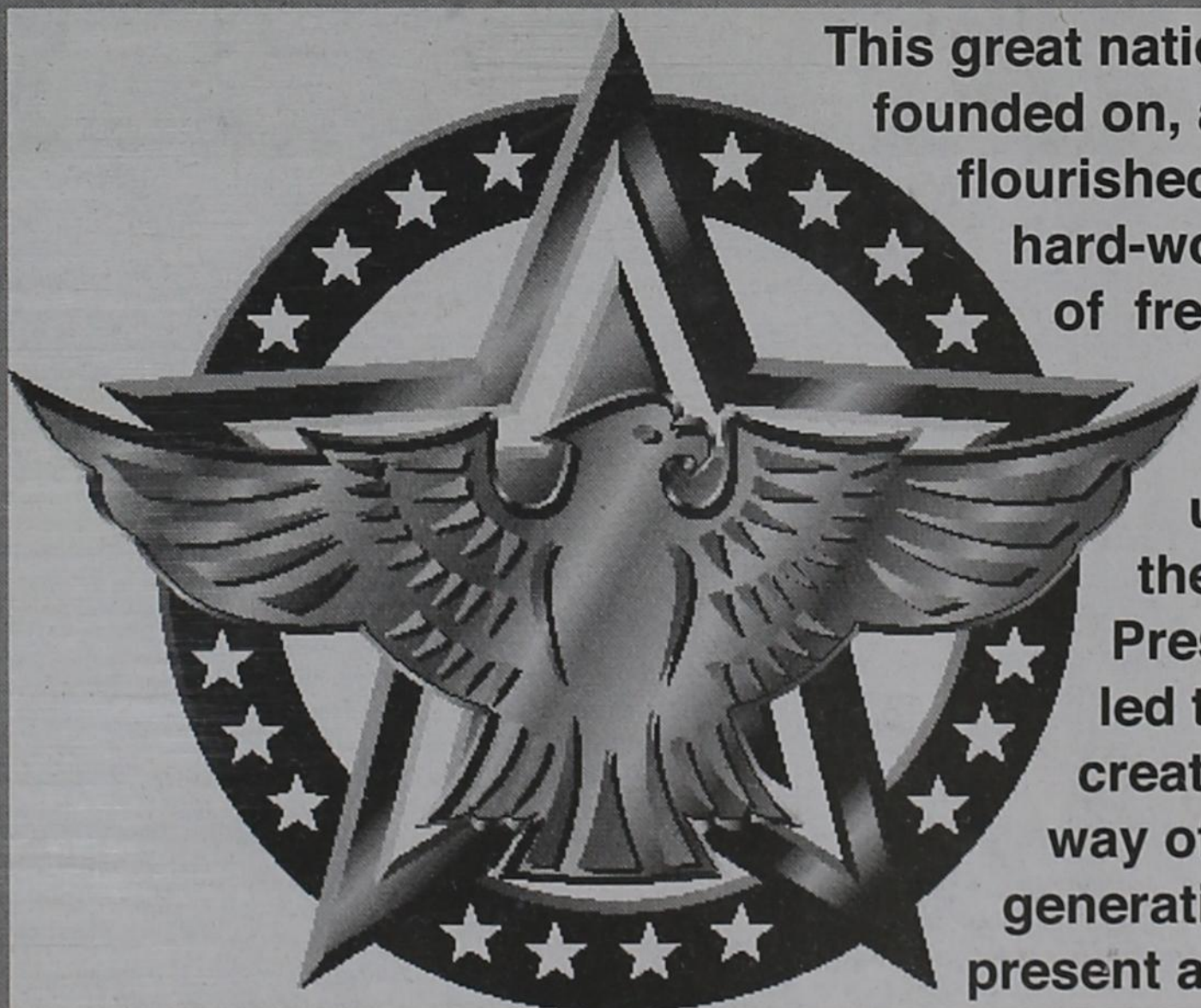
Farm Bureau provided \$200 worth of groceries for the Trailblazers at United Supermarkets.

"This day should hold meaning for most Americans," said Michael White, President of the Lynn-Garza County Farm Bureau. "As food producers, we are concerned that some

Americans cannot afford to buy the food they need, but we are proud of the role our farmers play in making our food supply more affordable for all."

"Food Check-Out Week is celebrated across the state in a number of ways, most involving donations of food or money to those in need in local communities," White said.

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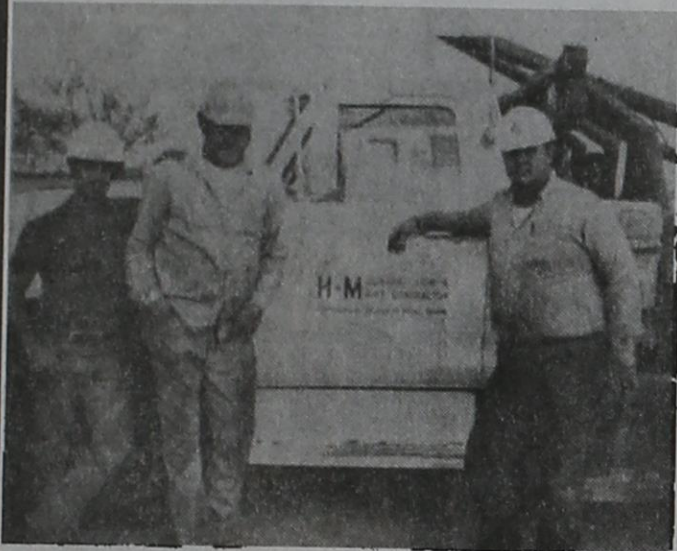
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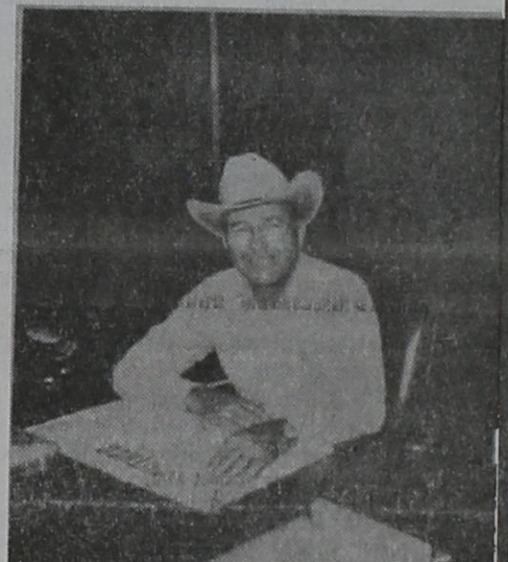
H&M Construction began with two men and one roustabout truck in 1967 and now in its tenth year has grown into a sizable operation of manpower and equipment as it continues to serve the Garza oil industry.

Not all of the firm's men or equipment are pictured here due to time limitations and the task of the photographer in trying to find them at their work.

Included among personnel not pictured are dozer operators Cliff Grigsby, Curtis Haynes and Antonio Martinez, and maintainer operator Ocie Bell, Sr., as well as loader operator Isidor Castro. Dump truck drivers Toby Torres and Charles Johnson are not shown either.

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RAY LITTLE, dirt construction supervisor, and Dale Hair, roustabout supervisor



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ROUSTABOUT CREW of Kelly Duren, Jackie Hair, and Doyle McCollan, on R. S. Anderson lease.



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JIM MASON, backhoe operator, building a tank pad on the Edwin L. Cox lease

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Vote for candidates who respect our constitution

by Wesley W. Burnett

As the March 4 primary elections loom upon us, here's some observations about the presidential options.

Democrats face a "win-win" situation. Their two remaining candidates are so similar it really doesn't matter which one gets the most delegates. Both of them are socialists (I say they are truly communists), promising more and bigger government, higher taxes, full government controlled medical "care." It's enough to bring a smile to any Marxist lover.

If either of them win the presidency in November, all of us are in for a very rough ride indeed... especially those of us believe in limited government, individual liberty and free market principles.

Republicans have a different set of options. The current leader is a liberal socialist wearing a Republican badge. The current second place candidate is an Arkansas socialist, trying to sell himself as a conservative.

Of those two, the Arkansas flash has at least a modicum of fresh ideas, as he touts what he calls the "Fair Tax." I wish I could tell him to his face that there has never been and never will be anything fair about any tax. No matter how he paints it, his idea of taxation just sets up another monster thief.

Both of them want to continue stealing earnings from hard working Americans and redistribute that wealth to others.

Might as well vote for the socialist Democrats, at least they don't pretend to be anything but socialists.

There is another option ... the only Republican candidate, I mean a real Republican. That man is Dr Ron Paul, who stands firmly on the principles that have historically set the Republican Party apart from the worn out, bankrupt American Socialist (parties).

Dr Paul has proven in his more than 20 years as a Texas congressman that he can be trusted to uphold the principles of liberty and freedom of our founders. Unlike the other candidates, he has steadfastly adhered to the constitution, and will not waiver in his dedication to those principles.

Under his leadership we will be free from the tyranny of the current income tax system, we'll be able to keep our earnings for ourselves. He will reject the assumption that government owns our money and our property.

I urge Garza County voters to consider the power they hold by voting for the only candidate who shares our belief in smaller government, individual liberty and real fiscal responsibility.

Take a look at Dr Paul's positions on important issues at his web site: www.ronpaul2008.com and you will agree that he is a true American patriot. His message about the value of our constitution is as refreshing as any you've ever heard.

Don't waste your vote on a socialist, vote for the candidate who will fight for your rights and defend our constitution from all enemies both foreign and domestic.

Your vote for Congressman Paul will send an important message to the powerful socialists who are determined to keep the status quo in Austin and Washington.

Paving Paradise

by U.S. Congressman Ron Paul

The Constitution guarantees Americans the right to be secure against all unreasonable seizures. My home state of Texas is unfortunately planning on some very unreasonable seizures of land with the monstrous Trans Texas Corridor highway project.

The TTC plans call for a highway to cut through about 4,000 Texas miles, and with separate rail lines for passenger and freight, a multi-lane highway with separate truck lanes, utility and cable easements, this highway could be as wide as 1200 feet across.

In the end this project would consume something like half a million acres of land in Texas. However, since the exact path of the road has not been determined, it is putting much more acreage in jeopardy, and in limbo.

Taking land is destructive enough. But the perpetual threat of taking an undetermined amount of land is hanging over the heads of millions of Texans and putting their lives at a standstill. Land is a store of wealth and a source of stability. This highway project is tragically threatening that for so many Texans.

The principle of private property is the cornerstone to a free and prosperous society. In situations where a colossal government land grab is a distinct possibility, investment or improvement becomes more risky with an uncertain future and tends not to happen.

How do you sell land that may or may not be taken by the government at some point in the not too distant future? Who would buy it? How do you cultivate or build on, or even near, land that may or may not be paved over and turned into a massive, noisy thoroughfare in a few years?

Even more insulting is the distinct possibility that, while the road will collect tolls and fees, making a private foreign firm billions of dollars in revenue, the costs of building it could be heavily borne by taxpayers. So the costs will be socialized and the profits privatized. Public-private partnership indeed!

From Washington I have voiced my staunch disapproval of taking these hard-working taxpayers' land for a private toll road, by introducing legislation (HR 5191) that simply states, "No Federal funds appropriated or made available before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act may be used by a unit of Federal, State, or local government to carry out the highway project known as the 'Trans-Texas Corridor'."

I am working hard in Congress to make sure that no Federal funding is used to undermine property rights in this way.

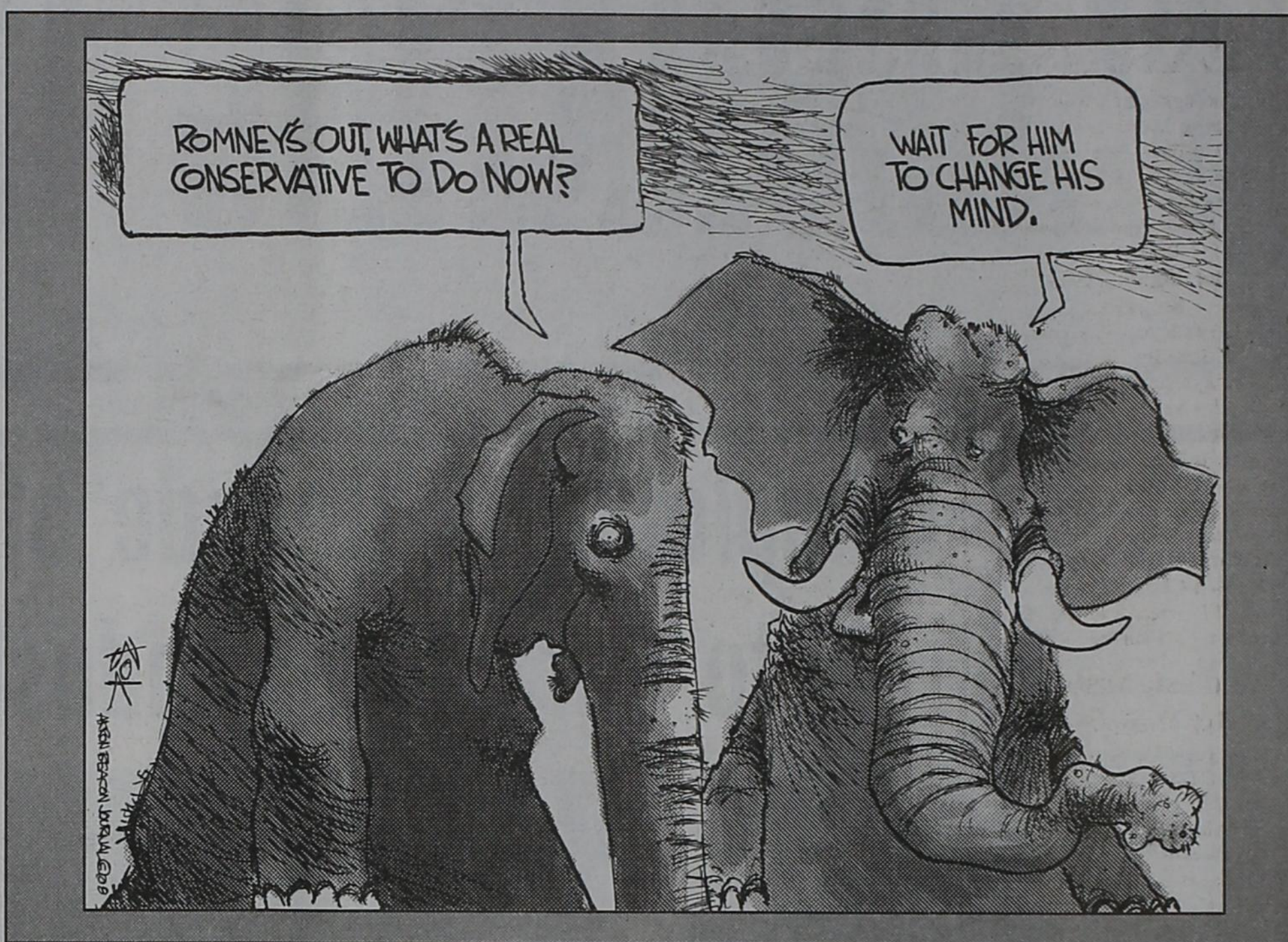
We should be focusing on guarding and securing our borders for the protection of the American people. Instead we are paving the way for more and more people to cross the border as comfortably as possible. And taking the family farm to do it. It is an absolute outrage.

A Dissenting Opinion

"Before placing its hand in the taxpayer's pocket, the Government must lace its finger first on the law authorizing its action."

Justice Thomas, with whom Justice Scalia joins, dissenting. *United Dominion Industries, Inc. v. United States*, 532 U.S. 822, 839, 150 L. Ed. 2d 45, 121 S. Ct. 1934(2001)

Opinions



They're coming after you

by Walter E. Williams

My February 2002 column, "They're Coming After You," warned that Americans who enthusiastically supported the anti-tobacco zealots' attack on smokers were, like decent Germans did during the 1920s and '30s, building the Trojan Horse that would one day enable a tyrant to take over. The whole issue of tobacco smoke nuisance is really a private property issue where the owner should decide how his private property shall be used, whether it's an office building, restaurant, bar or home. That's unless one group of people wishes to use the coercive powers of government, in the name of health or some other ruse, to impose their preferences upon others.

Anti-tobacco zealots don't have a monopoly on tyrannical designs. There are those who wish to control what we eat, and the successful attack on smokers has provided a template for their agenda. Chief among the food tyrants is the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI). These tyrants want taxes on foods they deem as non-nutritious. They've even proposed a 5 percent tax on new television sets and video equipment and a \$65 tax on each new car or an extra penny per gallon of gas. Why? They see watching television and videos, riding instead of walking, as contributing to obesity. Thus, in their view, just as tobacco companies were responsible for people smoking, television and video manufacturers are responsible for people being couch potatoes. Automobile companies are responsible for people riding instead of walking. The restaurant industry is responsible for American obesity.

Some people have told me that these tyrants would never get away with controlling what we eat. Here's the Mississippi Legislature House Bill 282, introduced this year by Rep. W.T. Mayhall, that in part reads: "An Act to prohibit certain food establishments from serving food to any person who is obese, based on criteria prescribed by the State Department of Health; to direct the Department to prepare written materials that describe and explain the criteria for determining whether a person is obese and to provide those materials to the food establishments; to direct the Department to monitor the food

establishments for compliance with the provisions of this act." The bill proposes to revoke licenses of food establishments that violate the provisions of the act.

You shouldn't believe that if this measure is successful in Mississippi that it will stay in Mississippi. Moreover, it will be expanded upon because most people who are obese don't become so by eating at restaurants; mostly, it's food eaten at home. Thus, the food tyrants won't be satisfied with restaurant restrictions, just as the anti-tobacco zealots weren't satisfied with warning labels on cigarettes. They will push for legislation restricting the sale of foods at supermarkets. Since an obese person can get a svelte person to do his grocery shopping for him, legislators might propose sting operations to fine or arrest people giving an obese person high-calorie food.

The food tyrants have a compatriot in the person of Yale University's Professor Kelly D. Brownell, director of the Center for Eating and Weight Disorders. He thinks Americans eat too many hamburgers and French fries. Professor Brownell, who is fat himself, wants government to tax fatty foods and those with little nutritional content and use some of the tax proceeds to build bike and hiking trails. Suppose not enough Americans bike and hike. I bet he and his ilk would call for legislation that mandated some form of exercise.

Most evil done in the world is done in the name of promoting this or that supposed good. Americans turning away from rule of law and constitutional government are following in the footsteps of other people around the world who discovered their liberties gone and recovering them was next to impossible. But, what the heck. You might be among those Americans who don't smoke and are not obese, so why sweat it?

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Have a heart for Dr Jarvik

by Glenn Jacobs

Since Barney Clark received the first Jarvik-7 artificial heart in 1982, more than 350 people have used the device, mostly as a temporary measure until they could receive a heart transplant. In addition to his totally artificial heart, Robert Jarvik, the inventor of the Jarvik-7, has developed a ventricular assist device (VAD), the Jarvik 2000, which augments the diseased heart's ability to regulate blood flow. Jarvik's company, Jarvik Heart, develops and manufactures medical devices for the treatment of congestive heart failure.

Indeed, Robert Jarvik should go down in history as a giant of modern medicine, a man whose ingenuity, whose ability to merge mechanical engineering and medicine have given hundreds of people a longer life and have improved the quality of life of many thousands more, including those who will benefit from the efforts of researchers who will build on Jarvik's work. As it turns out, however, Robert Jarvik is actually a dire threat to public welfare, or so Congress would have us believe.

In 2006, Jarvik began appearing in television and print commercials for Pfizer Pharmaceutical's cholesterol-lowering medication, Lipitor. Because of the scientific research that links heart disease and high cholesterol, as well as the fact that Jarvik is a scientist who has studied the human heart extensively, he would seem a perfect fit as a spokesman for Lipitor. U.S. congressmen John D. Dingell (D-Mich.) and Bart Stupak (D-Mich.), however, don't see it that way.

The congressmen believe that Jarvik appears to be giving medical advice in the ads, something which he is not qualified to do under current laws. Despite his medical degree, Jarvik is not a licensed physician but a medical scientist. One must wonder, however, what qualifies Dingell and Stupak to question the qualifications of anyone in the medical field other, of course, than their positions as U.S. congressmen.

However, the issues here are deeper than simply determining whether politicians are qualified to determine who should be giving medical advice and who should not. (By the way, Pfizer submits its advertising concepts to the FDA for review in advance of beginning its ad campaigns.)

Pfizer hired Jarvik not as a medical expert but as a spokesman. In the ads, Jarvik simply states what Pfizer, on the basis of scientific studies and research, claims Lipitor does. Moreover, Jarvik specifically states that consumers should consult with their personal physicians before using the drug.

Having Jarvik in the ads certainly carries more weight because of his status, but isn't that exactly what one would want in a spokesman? Someone who the consumer believes is credible and knows what he is talking about? In any case, unless Pfizer or its spokesman commits fraud by knowingly making false statements, what does it matter whom Pfizer employs as its spokesman? As long as the statements that Pfizer and its representatives make about Lipitor are not fraudulent, Pfizer's choice of spokesman is none of the government's business.

For the sake of argument, however, let us assume that Jarvik is giving medical advice in the Lipitor commercials. Does the fact that he is not a licensed physician inherently disqualify him from offering such advice? Using Dingell and Stupak's logic, a licensed general practitioner is more qualified to offer such advice than a research scientist who specializes in cardiac function and whose work is on display in the Smithsonian Institution.

All too often, licenses simply represent government sanction, nothing more. Despite what politicians claim, licensing laws are not designed to protect the public, but to eliminate competition by protecting those individuals and

companies already established in the specified field. This holds especially true in the heavily regulated world of medicine. Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman, for example, called the American Medical Association a government-sanctioned guild that drives up the cost of medical care by limiting the supply of physicians and reducing or eliminating competition from other medical practitioners, such as chiropractors.

Jarvik's plight, along with paternalistic and often corrupt practice of licensing laws, illustrates the attitude of modern politicians towards the relationship between the state and its citizens. While the Founding Fathers believed that government's main responsibility was to protect its citizens from external threats, too many current politicians believe that the government must protect us from ourselves.

Do Dingell and Stupak really believe that thousands of Americans are going to run out and start taking Lipitor just because they saw some guy on TV pitch it? While a small minority may do so, most people will not. In addition, most people do rely on their personal physician for medical advice. Perhaps Dingell and Stupak believe that doctors will swoon after seeing Jarvik on television and begin prescribing the drug like maniacs because they are awed by his celebrity. Are politicians then protecting us from our own doctors? Let's hope not.

There may be a political component at play here as well. Pfizer recently announced plans to close three plants in Michigan, Dingell's and Stupak's home state. Dingell's and Stupak's actions may be an attempt to punish Pfizer for that decision. However, whether it is political revenge or paternalism that motivates Dingell and Stupak, it is the nanny state that has empowered them. The government should treat Americans like grown-ups fully responsible for their own lives and decisions, not children who need to be watched over and told what to do. As C.S. Lewis said, "Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised 'for the good of its victims' may be the most oppressive."

Pfizer should be able to choose any spokesman it wants to promote its products. It is still the consumers' responsibility to educate themselves about the products. Fortunately, because it is in doctors' best interest to keep their patients healthy and happy, most competent doctors will research the benefits and risks of drugs and can usually give their patients expert advice. Can the politicians who seek to control our healthcare system say the same?

If liberty means nothing else, it means that individuals should be in control of their lives and therefore should be free to voluntarily associate with whomever they wish and to seek advice from whomever they wish. Instead, politicians and bureaucrats continually infringe upon these freedoms and force their will on us through government edict.

The fact that the government now has Robert Jarvik in its crosshairs just reinforces what many of us have long known. The State has no heart... and no head.

Glenn Jacobs is a writer residing in Tennessee

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Extension Extras

Photography Project

A tentative field trip to Art of Texas Gallery and Texas Tech is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 18. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Extension office. Please call Jaquita Blevins if you plan to go at 495-2517. Bring \$7 for lunch.

Clothing Project for Beginners

The next Clothing Project session will be Saturday, Feb. 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Extension office. This session is for beginners only. Bring a sack lunch.

Holiday Closing

The Garza County office of Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be closed Monday, Feb. 18, for President's Day.

4-H Club Meeting

All 4-H members and those interested in joining 4-H are

Fund established to assist Doug Smith

An account has been established to assist Doug Smith, a singer, songwriter, pianist and recording artist who has made numerous appearances in Post.

Smith is partially paralyzed following a July automobile accident.

Until his accident, Smith had gained a large following in Post, having provided entertainment for a holiday show and candlelight dinner conducted at the Hotel Garza each Christmas for nine straight years.

"It's been a real special event," said Jim Plummer, who owns and operates the hotel with his wife, Janice. "He was a big draw - huge."

To show their support for the injured performer, area musicians gathered for a Valentine's Day benefit at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Organizers hoped to generate funds to help with Smith's medical and rehabilitation expenses.

Individuals interested in helping the Smith family may make contributions to the Doug Smith Benefit Fund at First United Bank, P.O. Box 16500, Lubbock, TX 79490.

encouraged to attend the Golden Clover meeting Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office, 215 W. Main, Post.

4-Hers Participating at SA

We would like to wish our exhibitors the best of luck at the San Antonio Livestock Show next week. Those planning to attend are Jackie Milton, Kris Crenshaw, Michael Porter, Skylar Jones, Pake Jones, Ben Mason, Audree Williams, Reed Williams, Pat Reiter, Ja D Young and Lacy Williams.

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LAH tournament to benefit Cash family

A March 1 open bass tournament at Lake Alan Henry will benefit Clyde Cash and the family of the late Sue Cash. The event, which will take place regardless of weather conditions, will run from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Entry fee is \$50; big bass pot, \$10.

Registration will run from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 29 at the boat ramp and beginning at 5:30 a.m. the day of the event. Registration also may be completed at Brenda's Last Stop anytime prior to or during the tournament.

Immediately following the tournament, a benefit dinner and auction will be conducted at Brenda's Last Stop beginning at 5 p.m.

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Election Corner 2008

Garza County Republican (R) and Democratic (D) Primary Election March 4

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Early voting (in person): Tuesday, Feb. 19, through Friday, Feb. 29 (weekdays) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Garza County Courthouse.

Vote by mail: You may vote early by mail if you are: 1) 65 years of age or older; 2) disabled; 3) confined in jail, but eligible to vote; or 4) going to be away from Garza County on Election Day and during early voting. Last Day to apply for ballot by mail (received not postmarked) is Tuesday, Feb. 26. Applications or letter for a ballot by mail should be sent to: Early Voting Clerk, Garza County, P.O. Box 366, Post, TX 79356.

Election Day (in person) Joint Polling Places (Democratic, Republican voters):

- Voting Box (Precinct) 1 - Presbyterian Church
- Voting Box (Precinct) 2 - Post Community Center
- Voting Box (Precinct) 3 - Citizens Bank
- Voting Box (Precinct) 4 - Wells Fargo Bank
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- Voting Box (Precinct) 6 - Lake Alan Henry Fire Station

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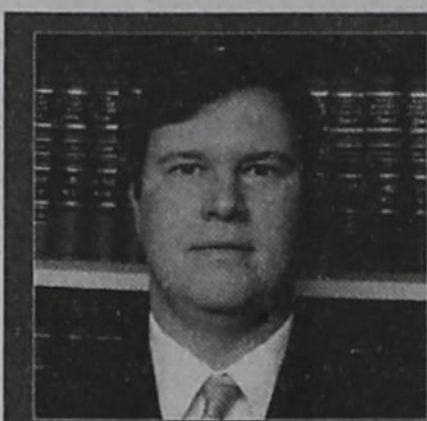
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Certified Texas Peace Officer. Lubbock County Sheriff Patrol Deputy.

Civil Litigation: Hammerman and Gainer, Austin, 1991. Lynch Chappell, Allday and Alsop, Austin, 1988-91.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

In and around Close City

• Things have really slowed down out here this week. I just have a handful of bales left to sell and deliver. The farmers are starting to prepare their fields for the next crop. Now we just all need to say a prayer for some moisture. The weatherman says maybe Friday, so hopefully by the time you all read this it will be snowing!

• I got back to the gin after lunch on Monday and had a cute note from Eddie Lockaby. Her daughter-in-law does our gin caps for us, and she came to deliver them. We were still at lunch and missed her. Eddie, the former Eddie Carpenter, grew up around here and now lives in Tahoka.

• We've had lots of visitors this week with Ragtown ties. Shane Johnson came in Tuesday afternoon. He is measuring some things at the gin for us. Shane is the son of Allan and Lea (Justice) Johnson. We had a nice visit with him.

• We want to congratulate Susan Boren on her new office. She and Lee Ann have moved into the old Hamilton Drug Building. I know they will enjoy all the room they will have and also being downtown.

• A big thank-you to Robert Craig for the wonderful oranges he brought us from the coast. I thought all oranges were alike, well...I was wrong! These really are the sweetest oranges I have ever tasted.

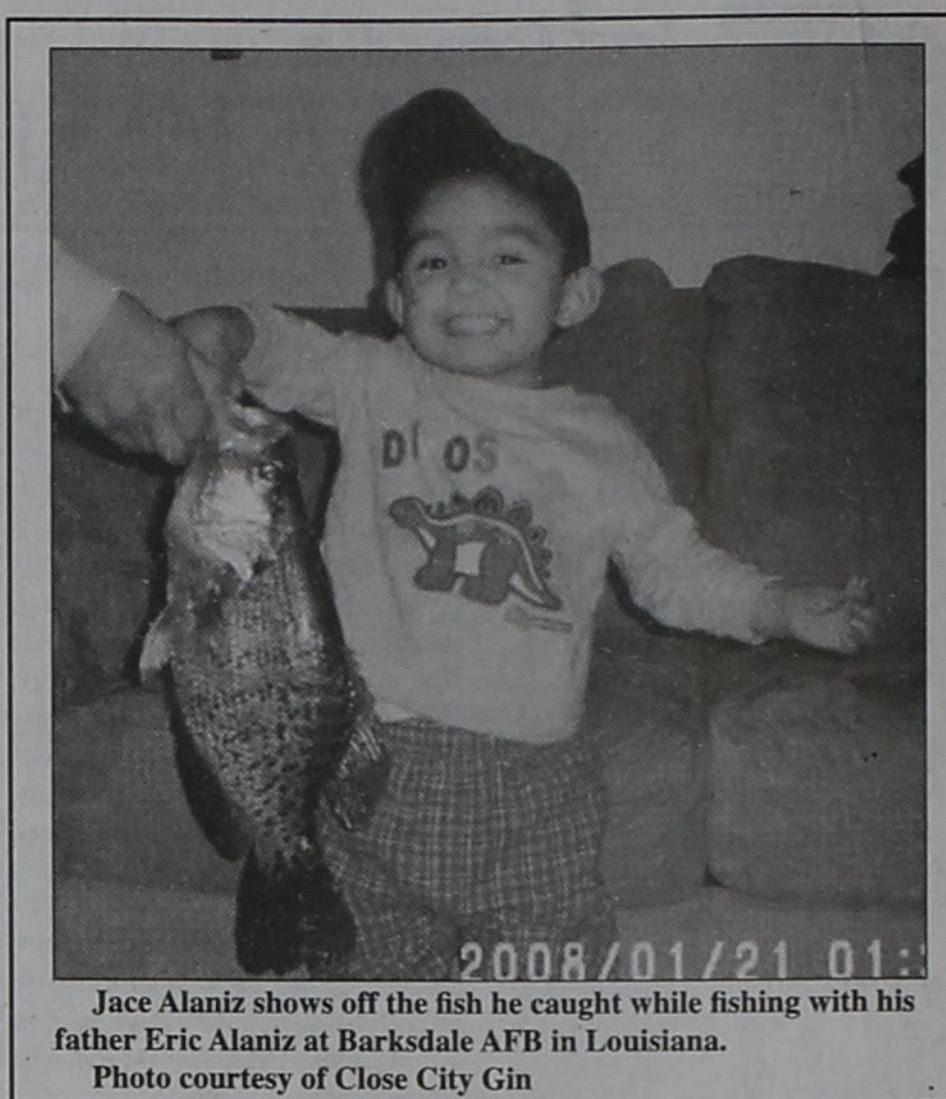
• Jerry Bush went to Lubbock on Monday and had lunch at River Smith's with his brother, Ricky. Ricky and his wife, Judy, moved to Levelland last year, so the brothers enjoyed visiting with each other.

• Remember to keep our troops and rain in your daily prayers. Get Wells

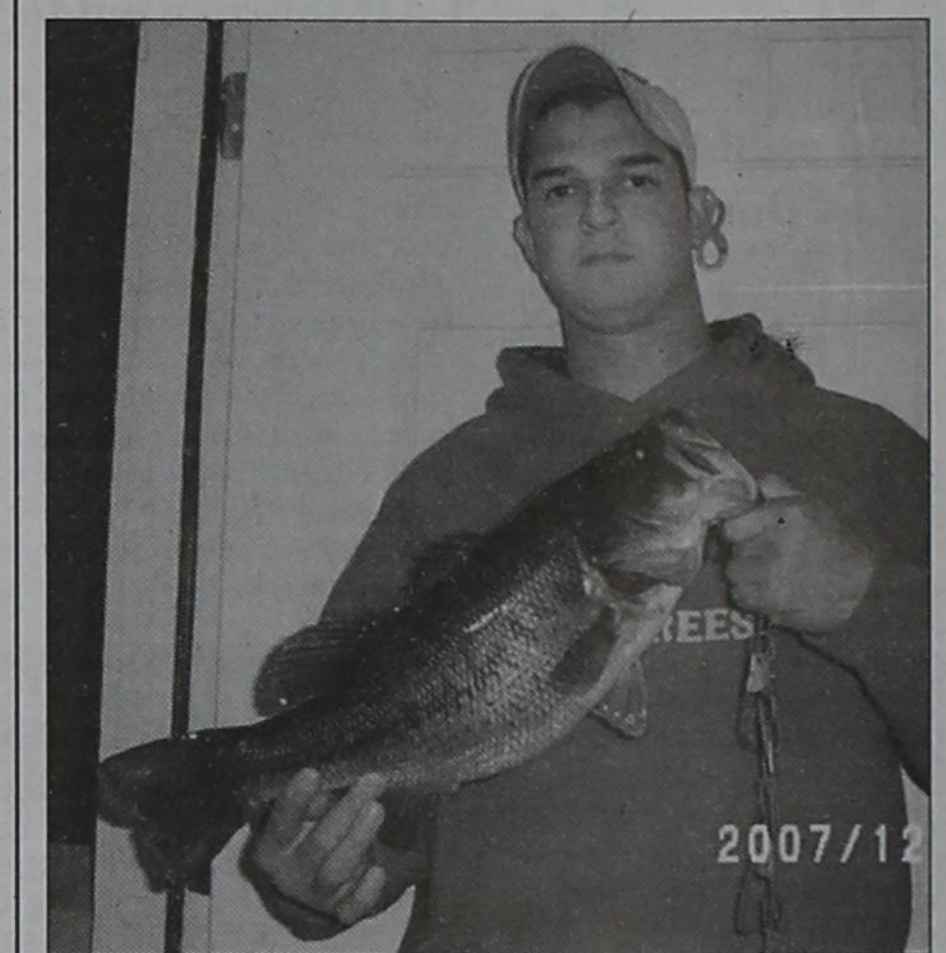
We have several get wells to send out this week. James "Pop" Aten has been in the hospital. As of Tuesday Mike said he was feeling well and should be home by the end of the week. Mike Gonzales has also been in the hospital. Danny said he should be home in a couple of days. Valerie Melton gave us all a scare last week. She spent a few days in the hospital, but is home and feeling much better. I even saw her out and about on Monday. Glen Norman had surgery and seems to be feeling really well.

- Birthdays
- Feb. 16 - Tommy Young
 - Feb. 16 - D'Lynn Young Barnhart
- Anniversaries
- Feb. 17 - Ronnie and Andra Dunn
 - Feb. 17 - Daniel and Trevah Yarbro

Be sure to call and let me know about any happenings going on, birthdays, anniversaries or anyone that may be sick. You can call me at the gin or e-mail me at close.city.coop@pcca.com.



Jace Alaniz shows off the fish he caught while fishing with his father Eric Alaniz at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana. Photo courtesy of Close City Gin



Eric Alaniz holds a six pound bass that he caught while fishing with his son Jace at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana. Photo courtesy of Close City Gin

Letters ...

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Journey of faith

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he departed from Haran. - Genesis 12:1-4, NRSV

Every journey begins with a starting point. Before we reach our desired destination we must first start at the beginning. If we don't we will never reach our destination.

The journey of faith is no different. It has a beginning point. This narrative that we read here in Genesis is the

beginning point of that journey of faith. This is the place where God called, or to put it another way, this is the place where God intruded and caused something new to happen. The biblical witness from the book of Genesis to the Book of Revelation is a story of God's intrusion which always bring with it new life.

The biblical narrative shares nothing about the personal life of Abram (which later God changes his name to Abraham). The only thing we know is that his wife, Sarai (which later God changes her name to Sarah) is unable to have children. It seems the text has no interest in anything that deals with their personal lives. Rather, the text focuses clearly, simply and abruptly on the new life to which God's intrusive speech calls them. In other words, new life is evoked from a single source (God) and requires only a single response (our obedience).

What is the source of this new life? It is none other than the intrusive speech of God that completely changes the terms of Abraham's existence. We read that change in verses 1 to 3. We see that Abraham goes from just another member in his father's household to being the father of a great nation. We read that Abraham will be blessed and all the families of the earth will be blessed through him.

It is amazing how God's new life changes all things. However, God's speech to Abraham requires something of Abraham. It requires Abraham to embrace newness, to go where he has never been, to depart all familiar markings and reference points. In other words, it requires Abraham to obey God's call and move from where he is to where God has called him. This becomes the starting point of the journey. In fact, in this God speech the whole biblical journey to a new Land of Promise is initiated. This intrusive speech of God makes people of faith habitually restless, ready to dare, trusting only in the promise and the One who speaks it. Faith is indeed the capacity to risk what is in hand for what is yet to be given by this intrusive speaker. God speaks a massive promise to Abraham, which envisions an existence not yet in hand. It invites Abraham to live in hope, to wait for fulfillment, to trust the promise maker to be a promise keeper.

This is our journey of faith. When God speaks and we obey His voice new life happens. In this moment a dimension of

possibility is introduced into our lives that never can be dispelled by ruthless power or circumstances that attempt to flatten and thin or past failures that immobilize us. When God speaks and we obey we begin this journey of faith which is a dynamic gift from God that promises God will "walk with us as we journey with him. If you wish to begin this journey of faith, then start at the beginning by listening to God's voice and obeying Him.

God's peace and grace, Pastor Kent Campbell Post Church of the Nazarene

Post ISD eyeing settlement...

As time moves along, we continue to see the presence of unqualified public servants and leaders. We are already tax bound to the max and now we gotta pay for two athletic directors for next season. I don't have any involvement with Post ISD, but I know for sure who helps pay the bills ... the taxpayer.

I don't have children in the PISD, and no doubt, I wouldn't

have either, as I hear more and more about how they operate down there (PISD).

The dismissal of Tim James, before the last year of his contract is expired, is nothing short of foolishness. Didn't this man lead the Post Antelopes to at least the playoffs ever year since he's been here?

In my view, if Mr James had no behaviors bad enough to get him fired, then why fire him?

I wonder if this isn't like a vendetta. Webster says vendetta is vindictive-blood feud, a prolonged feud marked by bitter hostility. It looks to me like that's what this all about.

I just don't see or know what he did that caused the uproar.

I would like to wish the best to Mr James and his family, and God be with them in their future endeavors. Good luck.

As I see it and my opinion only.

O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson, Post Everybody have a good day. Remember, "Anger" is only one letter from "Danger."

Obituaries

Juan Armendariz Sr.

Services for Juan Armendariz Sr., 58, of Post were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008, in the Church of God of Prophecy with the Rev. Jose Payano officiating. Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Monday, Feb. 11, at his home in Post. Born July 7, 1949, in Mexico to Matilde and Teresa Lujan, he married Isabel Guerrero in September 1970 in Post. He was a construction contractor.

Survivors include his wife, Isabel, of Post; two sons, John Armendariz of Post and Rene Armendariz of Post; one daughter, Marisa Vasquez of Post; his mother, Teresa Armendariz of Presidio; five brothers, Jorge Armendariz of Post, Pepe Armendariz of Andrews, Rogelio Armendariz of Seminole, Rolando Armendariz of Post and Hector Armendariz of Lubbock; five sisters, Carmen Castro of Andrews, Rosa Gonzales of Post, Librada Armendariz of Andrews, Maribel Armendariz of Post and Delma Armendariz; and six grandchildren.

Thurman Francis

Services for Thurman Francis, 94, of Post were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008, in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Lloyd Stice, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Quanah, officiating. The Rev. John Foster, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Post, and the Rev. James T. Egan of the First Baptist Church of Post assisted. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of the Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

He died Feb. 7 at Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock.

Born to C.C. and Amanda J. (Coke) Francis on July 25, 1913, in Tarrant County, he started school at Webb and attended Mesquite schools. He and his family moved to the Close City community to farm in 1930. He married Annie Laura Coleman on Oct. 16, 1941, at Snyder, and they moved to Grand Prairie and later to Arlington. During World War II he worked for the North American Aviation Co. as a line supervisor building planes.

In 1946 he and his family returned to Post and Garza County. He became a partner with Max Gordon in the Garza Tire Shop



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and later began farming in Garza and Lynn counties. He served on the Garnolia School Board, Grassland Co-op Gin and the Graham Co-op Gin and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Post. His special interests were family, fishing, learning, playing the harmonica, hunting and buying gifts for his wife and grandchildren. He also was a master domino player.

Survivors included his wife, Annie Laura of Post; one daughter, Jane George of Post; one brother, Travis Francis of Tomball; and a sister, Mrs. G.H. (Alyne) Clanton of Post; two grandchildren, Donna Craig and husband, Kevin, of Mansfield and Rodney George and wife, Susan, of Lubbock; seven great-grandchildren, Kelci, Kyle, Karah and Katie Craig of Mansfield, Morgan Hammond and husband, Keith, of Hilo, Hawaii, and Ben and Gage George of Lubbock; and one great-great-grandchild, Hanna Beth Hammond of Hilo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Burney Francis, on Jan. 14, 1987, and one son-in-law, Benny George, on Feb. 14, 1988.

Pallbearers were Rodney George, Kevin Craig, John Coleman Boren, Jim Boren, Neal Francis, Charles Clanton, Robbie Francis and Brent Mason. Honorary pallbearers were Kyle Craig, Ben George and Gage George.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Trailblazers or to the donor's church of choice.

Mae Haynes

Services for Mae Haynes, 60, of Post were conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, in the Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with

Mike Holly officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery.

She died Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Golden Plains Care Center. Born June 2, 1947, in Paris, Texas, to Edgar and Neola McClain, she worked at the Postex Cotton Mills and later for home health.

Survivors include one son, Scott Haynes of Post; two daughters, Kim Goodman of Ransom Canyon and Tracy Haynes of Post; three brothers, Charles McClain of Post, Wayne McClain of Cleburne and Kenneth McClain of Cleburne; one sister, Dorothy Christy of Cleburne; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Billy Ray Snow

Services for Billy Ray Snow, 53, of Monroe, Ga., were conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Monroe. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery in Post at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died in Monroe. Born Aug. 27, 1954, in Post to Lee and Overa Snow, he worked in oilfield construction. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Survivors include two sisters, Helen Long of Bossier, La., and Audrey Martin of Lawton, Okla.; three brothers, Michael Snow, Gary Snow and Bobby Snow, all of Monroe; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Ysabel Soto

Services for Ysabel Soto, 90, of Post were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Cruz Soto officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Feb. 8 in the Lynn County Hospital.

Born July 8, 1917, in Mexico, she married Gregerio Soto. He died in April 1983. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of God of Prophecy.

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Survivors include eight sons, Victor Soto of Post, Joe Soto of Lubbock, Juan Soto of Amarillo, Pablo Soto of Post, Cruz Soto of Granite Shoals, Greg Soto of Post, Pat Soto of Post and Jesse Soto of Post; six daughters, Patsy Gutierrez of Dumas, Anita Tarango of Post, Betty Golden of Post, Janie Garcia of Oklahoma, Julia Gomez of Oklahoma and Emily Ochoa of Oklahoma; 73 grandchildren; and a number of great- and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ray Soto, and by one daughter, Victoria Rivera.

Ima Lee Swanger

Graveside services for Ima Lee Swanger, 89, of Brownwood, formerly of Post, were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008, in the Terrace Cemetery with the Rev. Kent Campbell officiating. The Heartland Funeral Home of Early was in charge of arrangements.

She died Monday, Feb. 11, at Cross Country Healthcare. Born Oct. 20, 1918, in Clarksville to Claude and Stella Jackson, she married Weldon Swanger in Post on July 11, 1936. The two were married for 60 years before he died in 1996. She worked as a textile worker for Burlington Industries in Post. She was a member of the First Nazarene Church in Post and was active, teaching Sunday school and volunteering as a pink lady at the hospital. She was a lifelong resident of Post before moving in Brownwood in 1997.

Survivors include her son, Weldon Swanger and his wife, Donna, of Brownwood; one grandson, Ryan Swanger and his wife, Shay, of Frisco; and one granddaughter, Lacy Swanger of Dallas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; an infant daughter, Darlene; four sisters; and one brother.

Online condolences may be made through the funeral home's guestbook at www.heartlandfuneralhome.net.

On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
www.geocities.com/christinyous7/love.html

God protects His child...Matthew 2:12-23

Last week we looked at the arrival of the Magi so they could pay homage to the "King of the Jews." While en-route to Bethlehem they were filled with great joy because they saw "his star" (Jupiter) reach its highest ecliptic point just over where Jesus lived. Upon their arrival they saw the "young child" in a house with his mother Mary. As predetermined, they gave gifts to Jesus and paid him proper homage as a King.

We now continue with Matthew 2:12-23. "And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way." God is so loving and gracious to all who reverence Him. The Magi were not Israelites. Yet they were humble to the signs in the heavens.

They were meek to search out the scriptures and begin their journey to Jerusalem and ultimately to Bethlehem. Even their gifts of treasures were not held back. And they showed proper respect to the young child. God truly looks upon the heart.

Continuing with 2:13, "And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, 'Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and live there until I bring you word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.' When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 'Out of Egypt have I called my son.'" There should be no doubt that Joseph was a man after God's own heart. He put God and His word first on his list of priorities.

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men [Magi from the east], was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men."

There it is...right in God's word. Herod discovered that the child was around two years old when he questioned the Magi (recorded in verse 7). His choice of two years and under was not random, but a result of diligent enquiry into the Magi's astronomical observations. We can also note that this event was one of many spiritual attempts by the devil to kill the seed of the woman prophesied of in Genesis 3:15.

Matthew 2:17, "Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy [Jeremiah] the prophet, saying, 'In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.'" "But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.' And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, 'He shall be called a Nazarene.'"

Once again, Joseph received God's word and meekly moved. We can see throughout these accounts that God truly picked the best of His people to raise His beloved child Jesus Christ. They put God's will first in their lives. Their example of faithfulness and meekness was seen in Jesus' life when he said to his Father, "...nevertheless not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:37-46).

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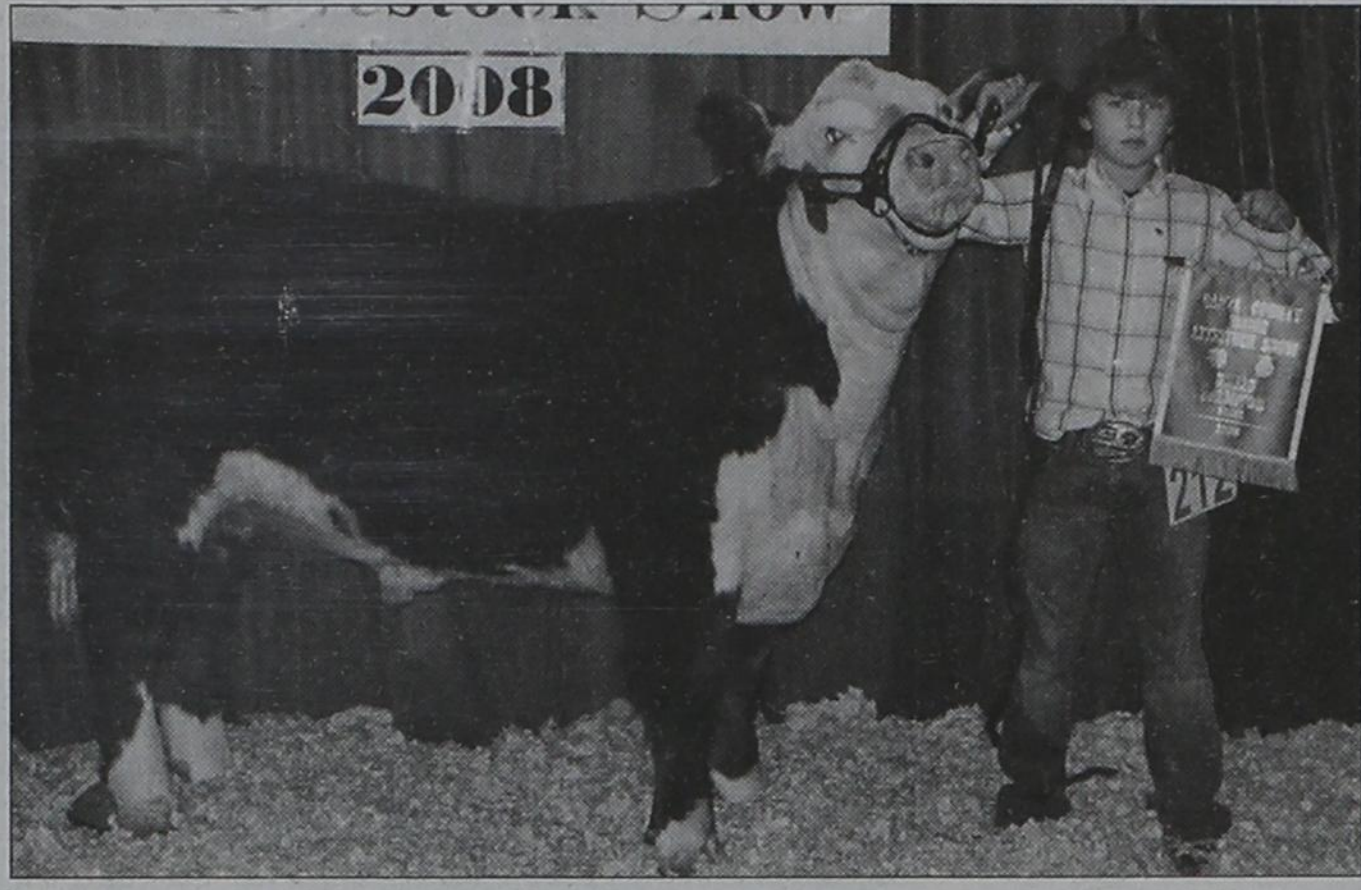
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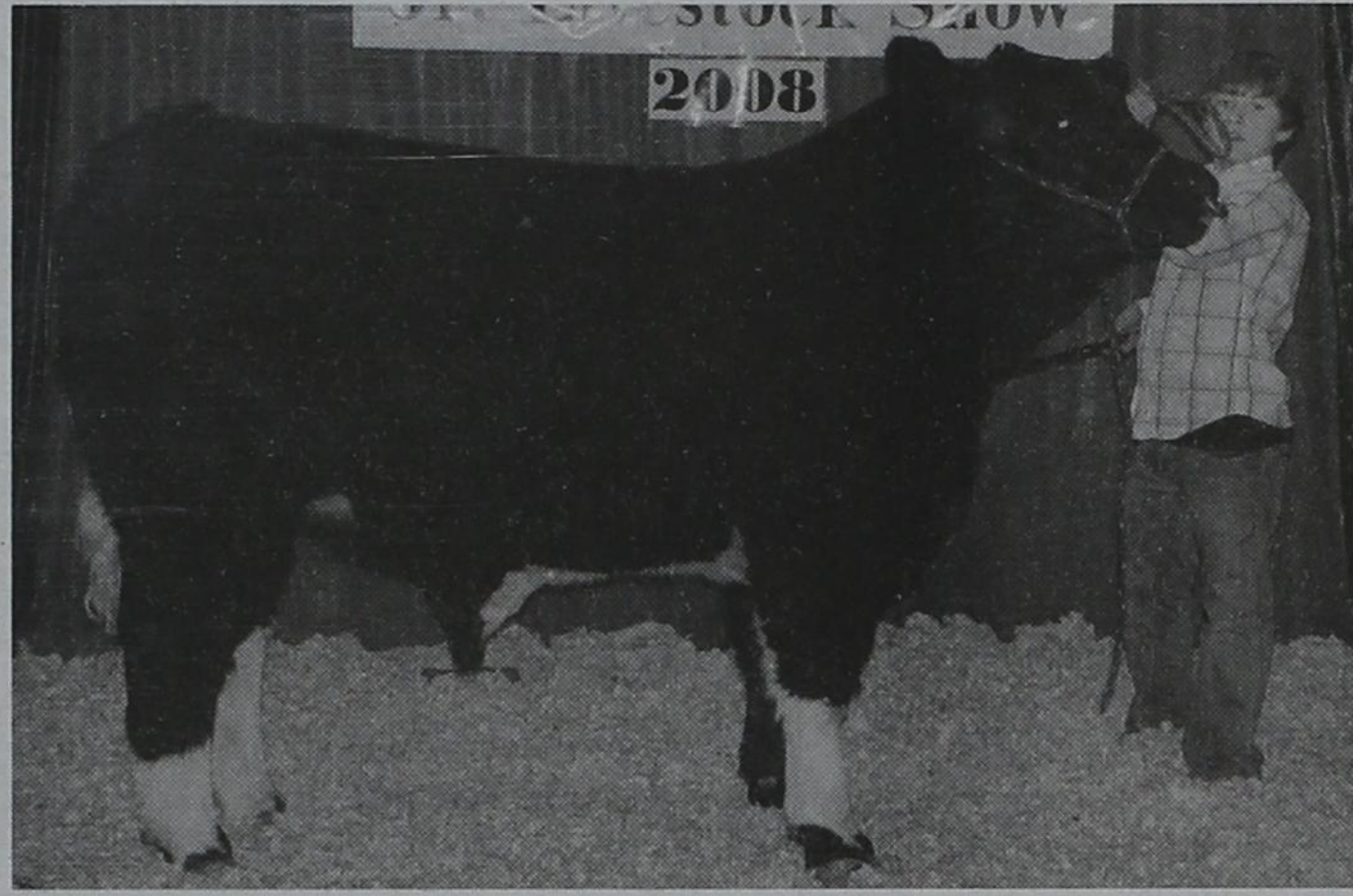
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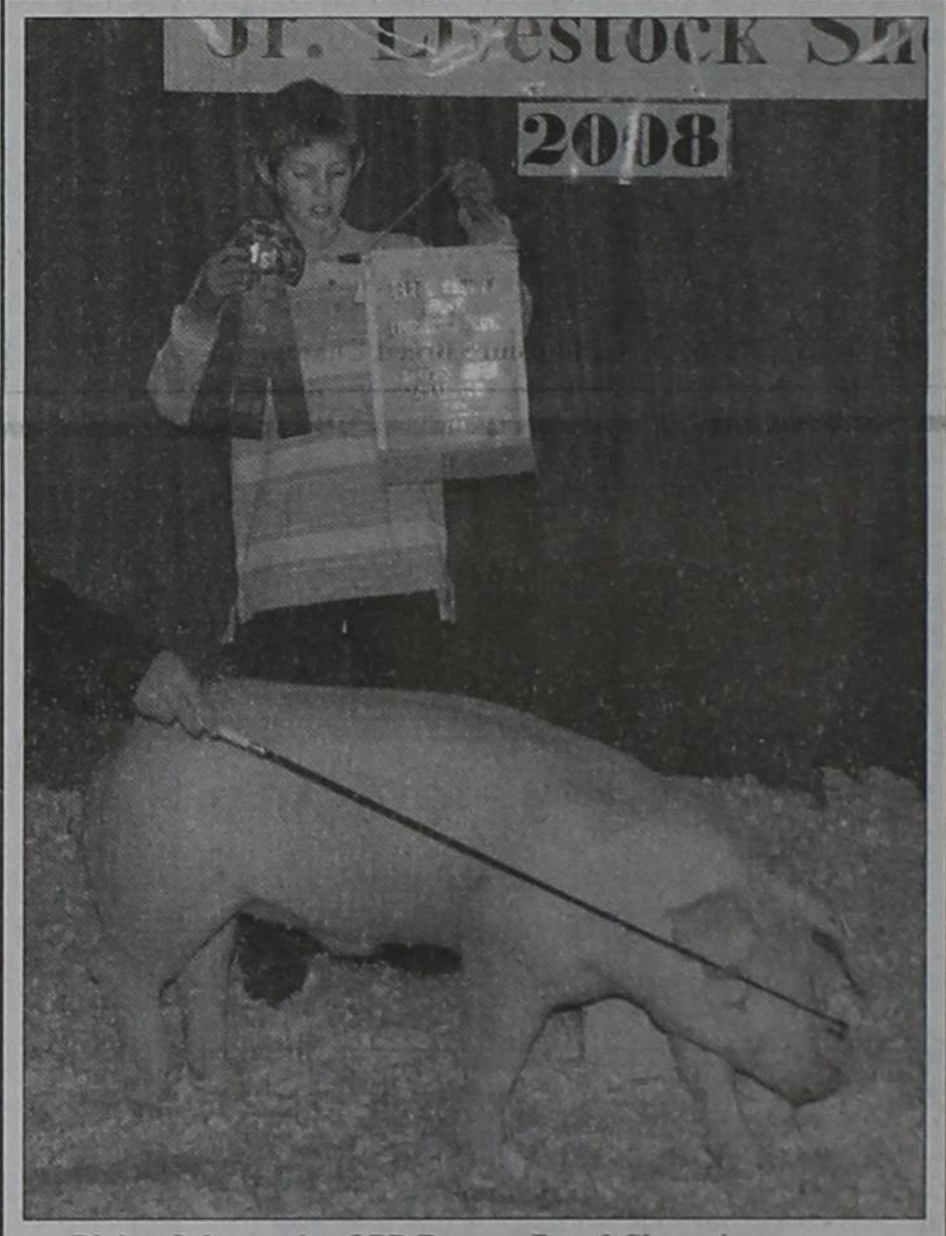
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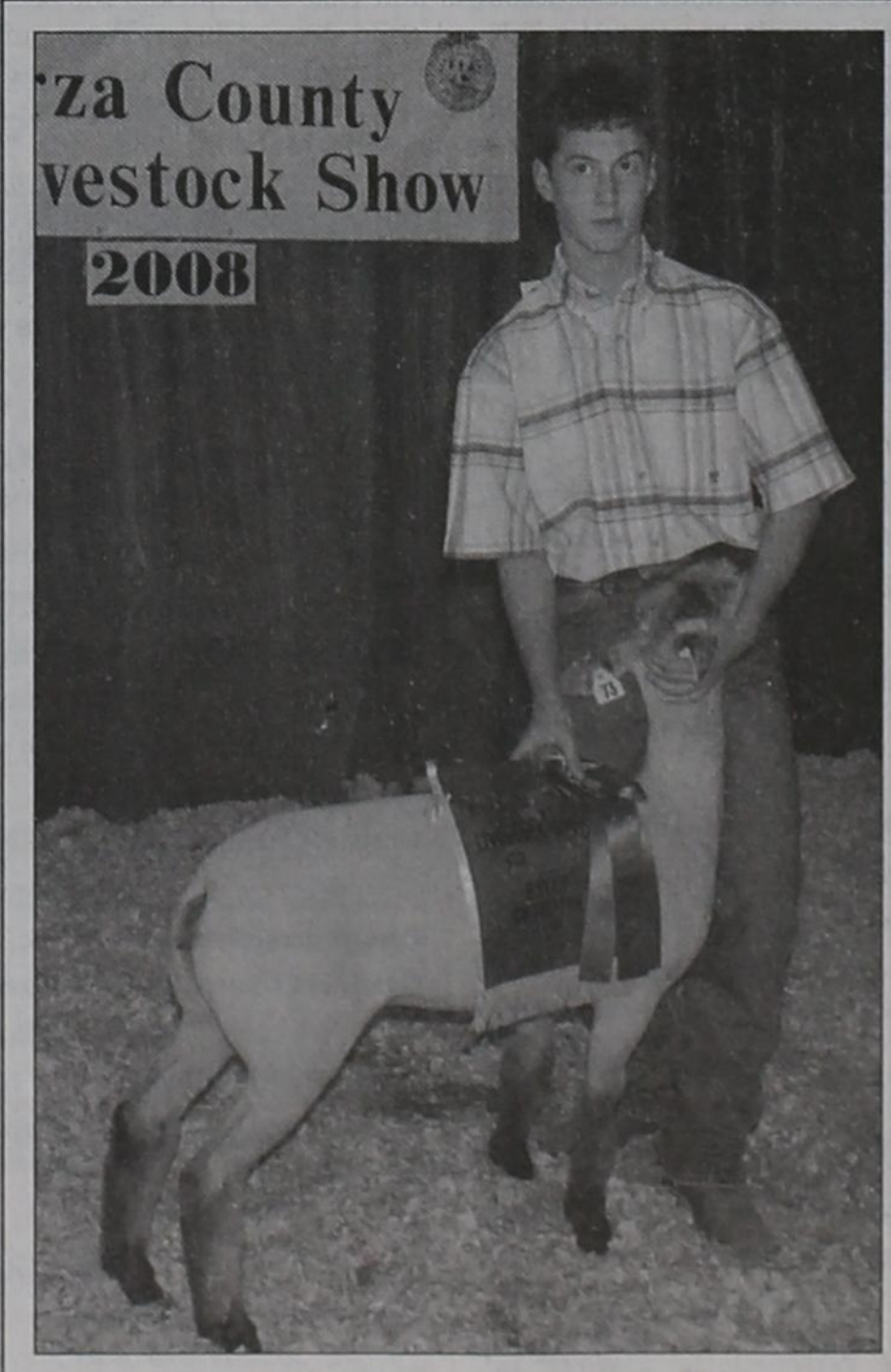
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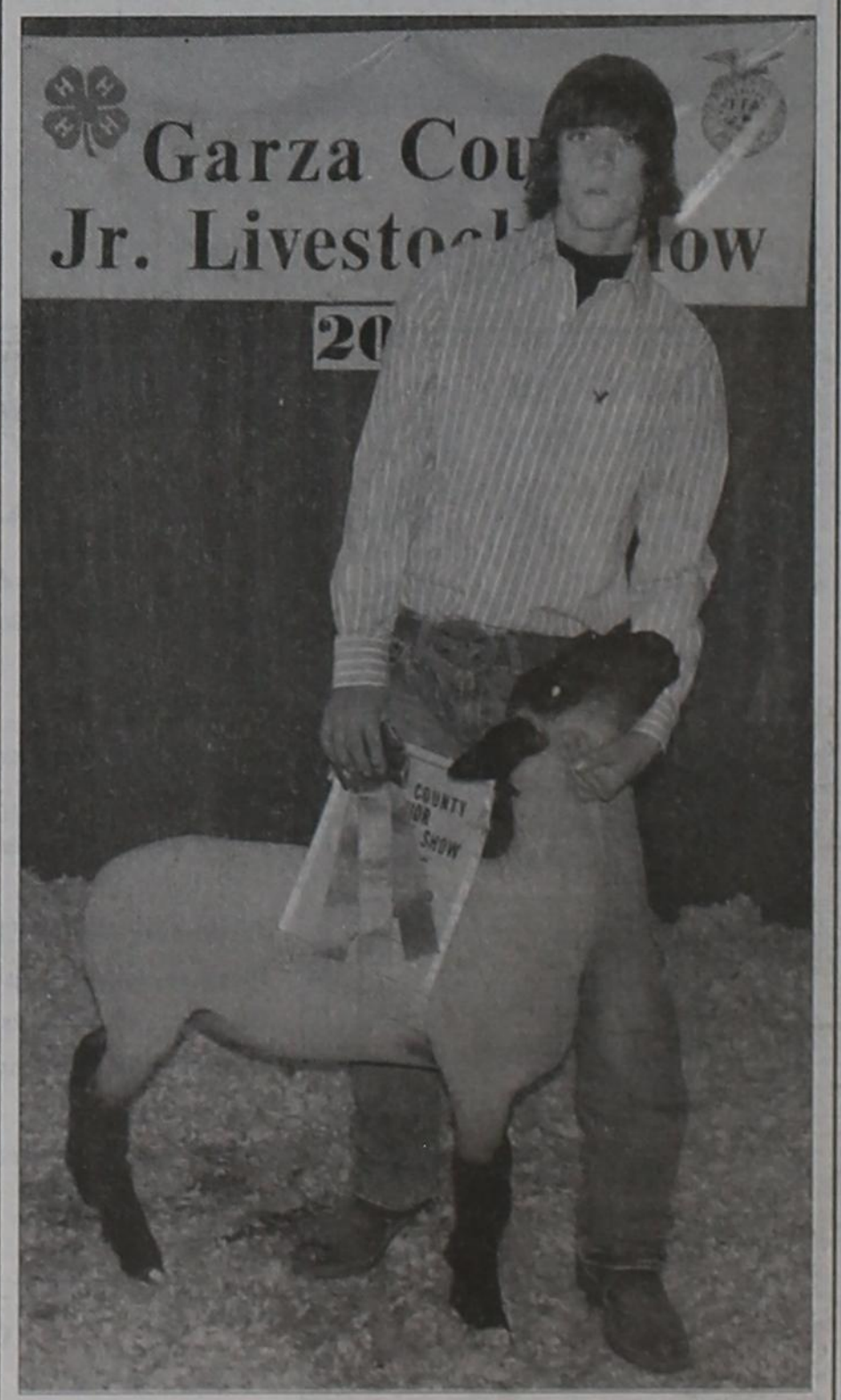
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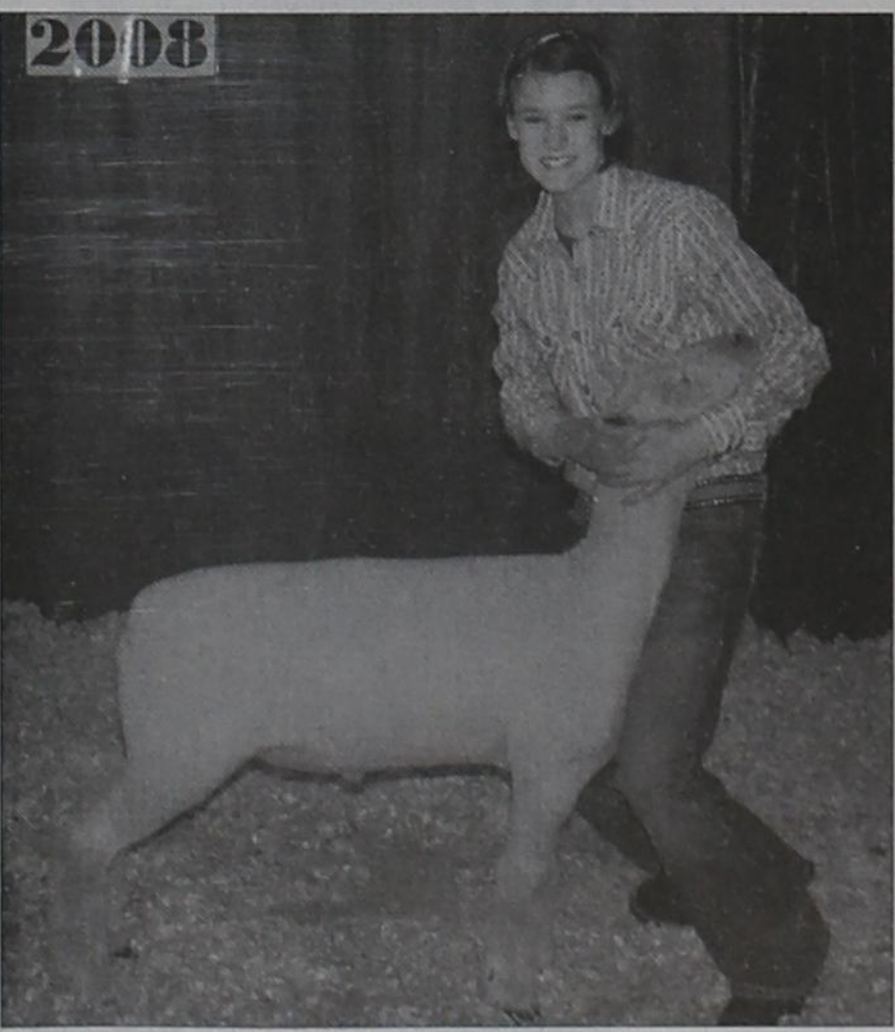
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Three PHS juniors join in Shadow Day

A trio of Post High School juniors participated in this year's South Plains Tech Prep-sponsored Groundhog Job Shadow Day on Feb. 6.

Zachary Rivera shadowed Angie Hannaway, physician's assistant, at the Garza County Health Clinic, while Jakelin Delgadillo shadowed a surgical nurse at Covenant Health System. Jaime Hernandez shadowed Joey Elinzondo, a physician's assistant at

the Lubbock Wound Care Center.

The primary objectives for the day are to allow students to observe first-hand the knowledge and skills required each day in the workplace, as well as witness and participate in work site activities.

There were more than 1,450 students from 48 area high schools participating in this year's Shadow Day in Lubbock and surrounding communities. More than 400 businesses participated in the event.

Southland News

by Brad Ellison

Congratulations to all of our coaches and players for a great year in basketball. We are certainly proud of all of their efforts and accomplishments this year.

Events for this Week

- Early release on Friday at noon. Staff will have a working lunch until about 1:30 p.m. We will then have elementary staff in-service with Michelle Hilton and the secondary staff with me in the cafeteria.

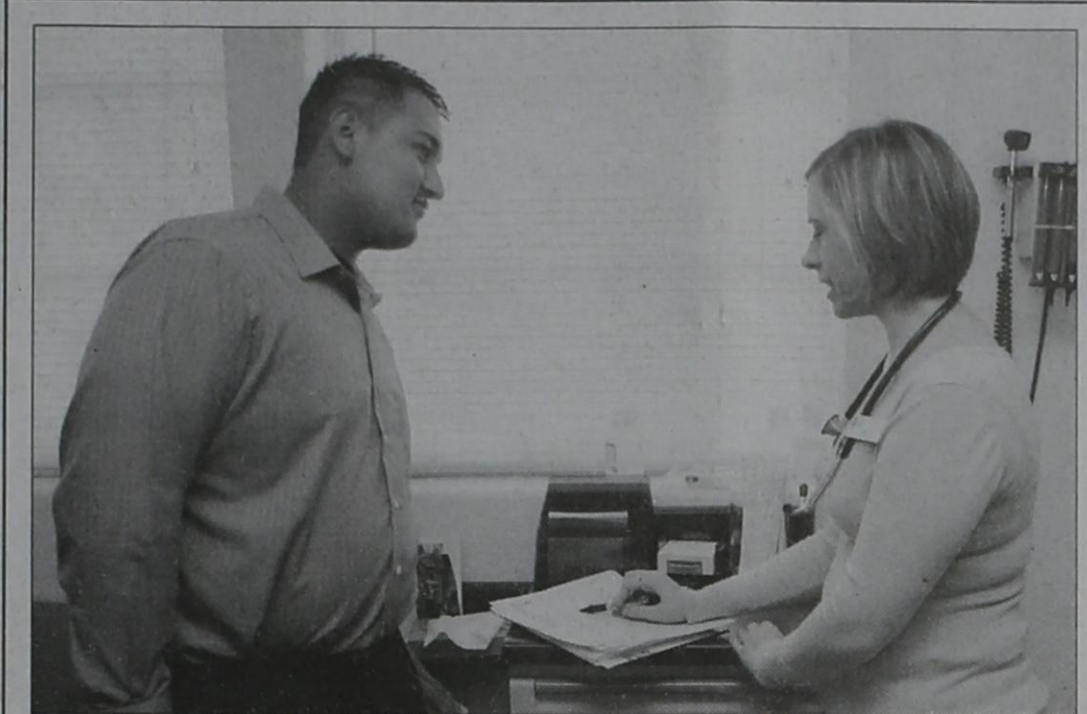
- Possible second round play-off game with Valley in Ralls or Floydada on Friday night.

Events for Next Week

- Students involved in the San Angelo Stock Show will be leaving on Friday and be gone a few days the following week. Mr. Miller will be getting more to us on that trip in the next few days.

Thought for the Week

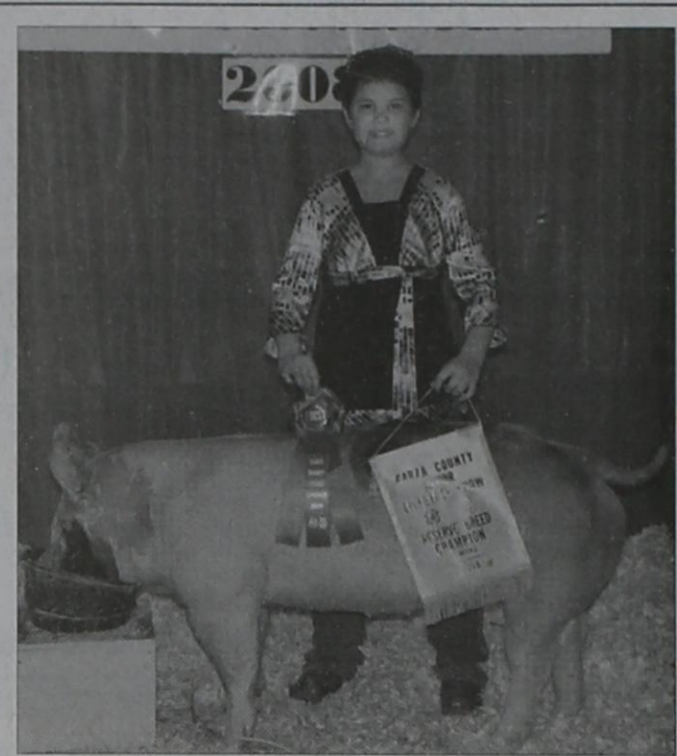
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Post High School Junior Zachary Rivera (left) shadows Angie Hannaway during the recent Groundhog Job Shadow Day in the Garza Hospital District's Health Care Clinic. The son of of Barbara Rivera, Zachary plans to study medicine at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

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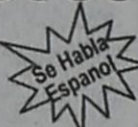
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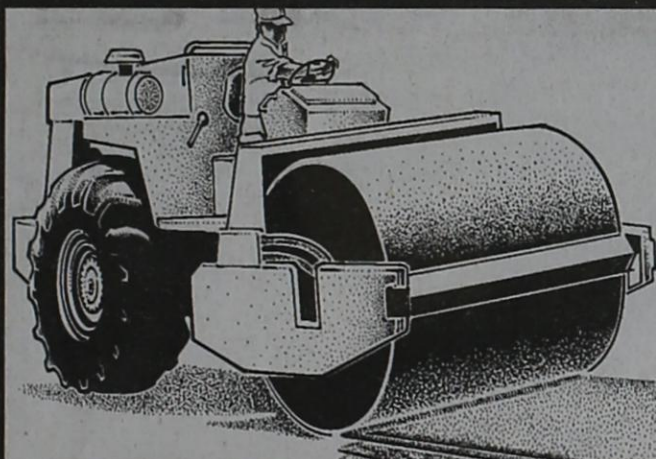


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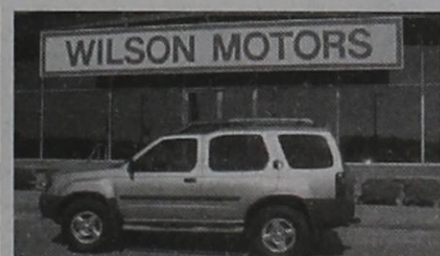
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Post Antelopes Jesse Vera (22) carries the ball down court during last Friday's game against Denver City in Antelope Arena. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Antelopes Tim Wilson (00) is positioned to pass the ball against Denver City during last Friday's game in Antelope Arena. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

'Lopes aim for playoff spot

The Post Antelope basketball team will get one more chance for a playoff spot Saturday, thanks to Denver City upsetting Roosevelt Tuesday night. The first part of the three-way tie is a game Friday between Slaton and Roosevelt. The winner of that game will play the 'Lopes at Saturday, 6 p.m. in the new Estacado High School gymnasium (Lubbock).

The 'Lopes dropped a tight contest with Slaton Tuesday night, setting up the three-way tie. The 40-39 Slaton win was an emotional final season game at Slaton.

Clint Windham led the team with 11 points, followed by Aaron James with eight, Jovann Garay with six, Call Windham with five, Jarrett Blevins with three and two each by Tim Wilson, Jesse Vera and Chad Miller. The 'Lopes were 27 percent on shots.

On Friday, February 8, the 'Lopes fell 49-42 to Denver City at Post Antelope Arena.

Clint Windham was high scorer for the 'Lopes at 16 points, followed by Call Windham with 12. Other scoring came from Aaron James (9), Tim Wilson (3) and Jarrett Blevins (2).

JV 'Lopes upended by Slaton, D.C.

The Post Junior Varsity basketball team closed out its season with losses to Slaton and Denver City. Last Friday the JV boys lost to Denver City 48-14, then Slaton took control Tuesday for a 62-26 win.

In the Denver City game Henry Apolinar was credited with three points with two each by Kyle Copelan, Quinton Valdez and John Bocko.

At Slaton Shiloh Short scored 10 points, followed by Apolinar with 5, Bocko (4), three each by Quinton Valdez and Reed Williams and one by Manuel Lopez.

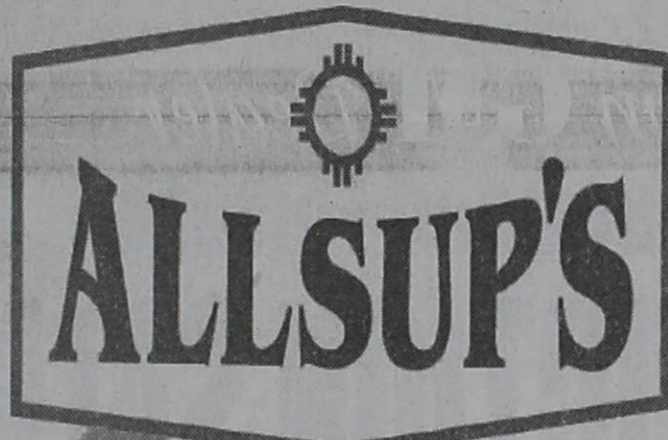
Post lifters earn top finishes at Floydada

Post High School powerlifters fared well at the Floydada meet Saturday. Kaylyn Villalon, Adrianna Barboza and Tianna Reyna each earned a first place finish in the meet, while the girls' team also took first place, according to information provided by the coach.

Josh Rodriguez took second place and Nick Rodriguez, fifth place. The boys' team took a ninth place finish.

The powerlifters are slated to compete again Feb. 23 at Sweetwater.

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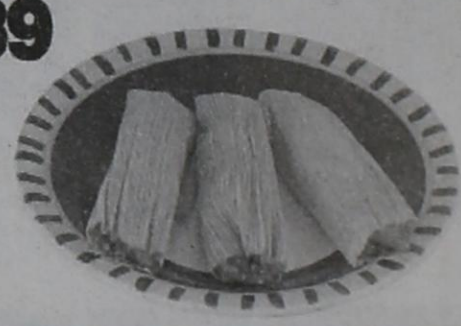
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Lady Lopes Kelsey Overton follows the ball into her glove from a Miranda Hair pitch, during Tuesday's game against Littlefield in Post. Littlefield won 11-5 after the Lady Lopes were faced with problems during the last four innings that forced changes in the positions of pitcher, catcher and base. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Lady Lopes Miranda Hair (5) winds up for a strong pitch to catcher Kelsey Overton during Tuesday's softball action against Littlefield in Post. Guarding third base in the back is Gabi Bergara. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

School board gets public comment on AD action

Although the topic was not on the agenda, a portion of Monday night's meeting of the Post Independent School District's Board of Trustees was dedicated to a discussion of the board's recent move to buy out Athletic Director Tim James' contract. Five local residents attended the meeting, some of them stepping forward to express individual concerns relating to the action on the athletic director's contract. Discussion focused on the trustees' use of funds to buy out the contract, as well as concerns over perceived conflicts within the school district that resulted from the district's action. Public comment went on for about 15 to 20 minutes before board mem-

bers moved on to scheduled agenda items. No actions were taken as a result of public input. In other business, trustees:

- Approved extensions to the contracts of all mid-management personnel and principals.
- Hired two new teachers to fill vacancies that occurred with mid-term retirements.
- Established the election calendar for the upcoming school board election.
- Ordered the school board election for May 10. Positions to be filled in the election include those currently held by Barbara Hardin and Mark Kirkpatrick. Both incumbents already have filed as candidates for the upcoming election.

- Approved the middle school principal's recommendation to change rules and regulations regarding the middle school cheerleading squad. The change will reduce the squad from 10 members to eight.
- Asked the superintendent to develop a sample policy regarding a new state requirement for the fingerprinting and criminal background checks of new employees.
- Increased travel mileage rates from .405 to .455. The state rate currently stands at .505.

- Approved Update Policy 82, which reflects legislative changes adopted during the last legislative session.
- Approved the Textbook Committee as presented.
- Approved a curriculum course description change.
- Postponed action on the sale of property.
- Received the mid-management campus and programs reports.
- Approved the consent agenda items as presented.
- Received the superintendent's report.

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Ashley Stenzell (back) makes a dash to home base for the Lady Lopes off of an RBI hit by Kelsey Overton (front) during Tuesday's game against Littlefield in Post. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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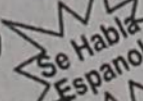
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Sincerely,
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(www.triplecboysranch.org)

The family of Thurman Francis would like to express our love and gratitude to everyone for their caring, compassion, and support during PaPa's illness and death. Many times PaPa would be in awe of all the concern and generosity shown on his behalf. He was deeply grateful for and humbled by such outpourings. We often told him it was a return on his investment in the lives of people. Thank you for the calls, expressions of concern, food, cards, prayers, and acts of kindness. We extend a special thank you to Neal and Jenny Francis for their care giving. We also express deep appreciation to Pastors Jon Foster, Lloyd Stice, and James Egan for officiating the service. Thank you also to Patty Kirkpatrick, Nancy Gordon and Jan Bartlett for the music and to the ladies who prepared and served the meal at the church. It is a blessing to be part of such a caring community.

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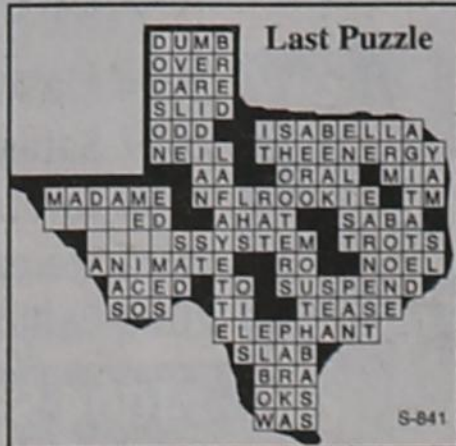


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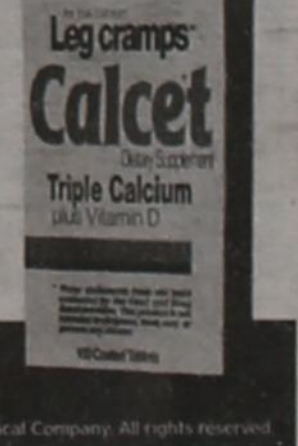
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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago February 19, 1998

A new service was added to Post Office box customers at the local Post Office. Parcel Post lockers would be used to deliver oversized packages. "When you have a package in your post office box that is too large, we'll put a key in your box, and you can go to the larger boxes and retrieve the package," postmaster Roy Willis explained.

The Garza County Pioneer Hall of Fame Award went to the family of Cecil Smith. Cecil was a long time resident of Justiceburg operating the general store and post office there. He was the father of "Skeeter" Justice and the grandfather of Dee Justice of Post.

Courtney Bratcher was crowned 1998 Post High School Sweetheart at the annual contest held in the elementary auditorium. Runners-up included Becca Stelzer, Jenny Conoly, Natalie Pollard and Macee Mills.

20 Years Ago February 17, 1988

Rene Craig was chosen FHA Valentine Sweetheart for 1988 from a group of finalists that included Christina Martinez, Angela Graves, Cheryl Thompson, Traei Bush, Sarah Williams, first runner-up, and Keitha White, second runner-up.

Ben Kirkpatrick signed a letter of intent to play football for the Texas Tech Red Raiders for the coming fall. Joining him at the signing was his parents Zoe and Jack Kirkpatrick.

The final plans for historic downtown, five-block Main Street Project landscaping had been presented this week in 1988 to the Texas State Highway Department by Melissa Cunningham, Main Street Project manager.

30 Years Ago February 16, 1978

Mrs. Maudie Pettigrew and Glenn Voss were chosen as the King and Queen of Hearts for 1978 when the Trailblazers observed Valentine's Day with a covered dish luncheon.

Peggy Jackson, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bo Jackson, was crowned FHA Sweetheart in the 16th annual contest. First runner-up was Danna Giddens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Giddens and second runner-up was Cindy Kirkpatrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Kirkpatrick.

Congressman Omar Burleson notified The Dispatch that the petroglyphs in eastern Garza County had been entered in the National Register of Historic Places. The site, originally located by Emmett Shedd in 1959 on one of his archeological surveys, is of an open campsite.

Marine Private Kenneth L. Price, son of Lee Price, completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. Price graduated from Post High School in 1973.

40 Years Ago February 15, 1968

The Garza County Commissioners Court named three men as hospital trustees for two-year terms. They reappointed Ed Sawyers, chairman of the hospital board for a new term, also Bill Pool, local car dealer, and Bob Tidwell, Justiceburg farmer.

Robert Craig was one of 26 Outstanding Young Farmer candidates competing at Snyder for state honors at the state OYF convention, at which Gov. John Connally was the featured speaker. Other Garza County OYF candidates were Wayne Carpenter, Jerry Bush, Jerry Thuett and Bob Baker.

Tom Johnson, an employee of Postex Mills, was presented

his 35-year service pin by Clyde Knowles, shop overseer. Mr. Johnson was one of the longer-length-of-service employees at Postex.

50 Years Ago February 13, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wrestler would hold open house for the public this week in 1958 at Post's newest motel - The Rocket - at 223 North Broadway.

Army Pvt. Troy R. Cartmill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Cartmill, a member of the 269th Field Artillery Battalion which had been reassigned to Germany. The battalion formerly was stationed at Fort Carson, Colo. The 19-year-old soldier graduated from Post High School in 1957.

Post had another new business open this week. L. L. Booth of

Lubbock opened the Post City Boot and Shoe Shop next door to the Ameen Hotel and right behind the Corner Grocery.

Pink and white, chosen colors of the honoree, were used in the decor when four hostesses entertained with a tea-shower in the home of Mrs. James Minor, honoring Miss Patti Lott, bride-elect of Kay Kirkpatrick.

60 Years Ago February 12, 1948

Garza County's 1947 cotton crop, almost 14 times larger than the 1946 crop, netted a total of 15,177 bales, which sold for approximately \$2,656,175.

A still life photograph by David Schultz, was selected by the Panhandle Professional Photographers Association for a traveling exhibit of outstanding pictures.

The Board of Trustees of the Post Independent School District, re-elected four administrative teachers for the 1948-49 year. They were Supt. G. R. Day, Coach V. F. Bingham, High School Principal S. D. Strasner and Grade School Principal E. E. Pierce.

The Post Volunteer Fire Department elected Lawrence Bilberry and Fritz Hester as members to fill the vacancies created by the resignation of Weldon Jobe, who moved to O'Donnell, and John Davis.

Menus

Post ISD

February 18
Breakfast: Bad Weather Day
Lunch:

February 19
Breakfast: Muffins, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch: Enchiladas, refried beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk

February 20
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk

Lunch: Teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, milk

February 21
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch: Taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownie, milk

February 22
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, & pickle, baked beans, baby carrots w/ranch, crispy cereal treats, milk

Southland ISD

February 18
Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, fruit cup, juice, milk

Lunch: Baked potato w/ham, broccoli & cheese, pretzel, cake, milk

February 19
Breakfast: PBJ sandwich, banana, juice, milk

Lunch: Lasagna, breadsticks, salad, green beans, pudding, milk

February 20
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, yogurt, juice, milk

Lunch: Enc. Casserole, salad, beans, jello

February 21
Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch: Fried chicken, cream potatoes, corn on cob, cookies, rolls

February 22
Breakfast: Muffins, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Chicken sandwich, fries, salad, ice cream

TrailBlazers

February 18 BBQ chicken, macaroni & cheese, asparagus, tossed salad, roll, fruit

February 19 Beef enchiladas, spanish rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, salsa, pineapple cake

February 20 Sausage & potatoes, boiled cabbage, tossed salad, cheesy biscuits, pears & cottage cheese

February 21 Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, English peas, tossed salad, roll, jello

February 22 Cheese burgers, lettuce, tomatoes-onions, baked beans, chips cobbler

Post High School Spring Sports Schedule

Post Lady Lope Softball

Varsity
Feb. 15-16 Coronado Tourny (TBA)
Feb. 19 @ Dimmit 5 p.m.
Feb. 21-23 Littlefield Tourny TBA

Junior Varsity

Feb. 26 Lamesa here 4:30 p.m.

Post Antelope Baseball

Varsity
Feb. 19 Colorado City (here) 7 p.m.
Feb. 23 Abernathy (Double Header here) 1 p.m.

Junior Varsity

Feb. 19 Colorado City (here) 4:30 p.m.

Tennis

Feb. 26 Snyder

Powerlifting

Feb. 23 @ Sweetwater

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- Rim State Park TXism: "flash in the (one time)
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- hooded jacket

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CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Lubbock
Contract 6170-34-001
for REPAIRS OF BRIDGE STRUCTURE in DAWSON County, etc will be opened on March 05, 2008 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$434,124.85.

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LOVE NOTES

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Okay, so it's not Shakespeare. But, around this time of year many people's thoughts turn to love notes. Although sending Valentines can be traced back to the Roman Empire, commercial cards did not begin production until the 1800's. Ten million of us will send e-cards for Valentine's Day. World wide the postal system will deliver one billion Valentines. Making it the second largest card sending holiday (Christmas wins with 2.6 billion greetings). Whether you express your feelings with sweet treats or poetry, everyone loves to get a Valentine.

Who sent the first Valentine?

One story is that 2,000 years ago a Roman emperor was enraged when soldiers did not want to leave their families to fight in some very unpopular wars. His solution was to outlaw marriage. A bishop named Valentine defied the ruling and secretly continued to marry couples. Alas, he was caught and imprisoned. While waiting to be executed, Valentine befriended the jailer's young daughter. The night before he was put to death he wrote the girl a note thanking her for her love and kindness. The note was signed:
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Four PHS students qualify for cross-ex meet in Austin

Four Post High School students have qualified to compete in the 2007-08 University Interscholastic League State Cross-Examination Meet in Austin.

Suhani Bhakta, Meagan Howard-Griffis, Tim Wilson and Call Windham qualified to the state competition following appearances at the district meet Feb. 6 at Denver City.

Bhakta and Howard-Griffis captured first place at district, while Wilson and Windham took second.

"UIL debate competition develops skills in our students that directly prepare them for real world situations by challenging their problem-solving and critical-thinking abilities," said Jana Riggins, UIL debate director.

This year's topic required students to research Africa extensively.

Through participation at the state meet, students qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided more than \$21 million to more than 15,000 students.

The state competition is set for March 10-15 on the University of Texas campus.

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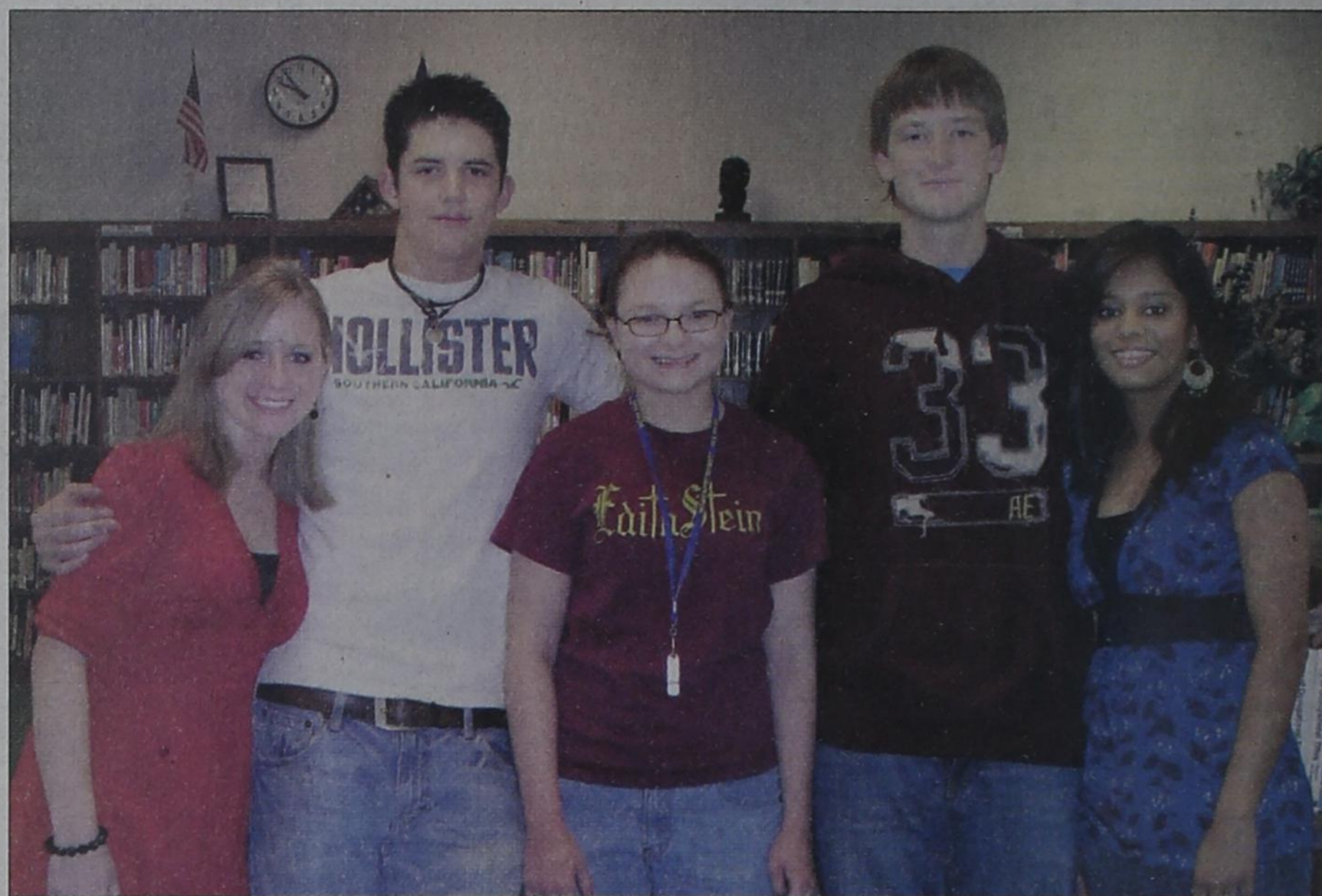
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Post High School students advancing to the State UIL contests in Austin are (left to right) Meagan Howard-Griffis, Call Windham, Jessica Quisenberry, Tim Wilson and Suhani Bhakta. Quisenberry is set to compete in the State UIL Vocal contest in May at San Marcos. Photo courtesy of Post High School



Mitchell Britton (right), President of the Garza Theatre Board of Directors presents the Youth Achievement Award to Madison Bryan (left) during Saturday's Willie Awards. Bryan was honored for her commitment and development in all facets of theater production.



Ric Walton accepts the Will McCrary Spirit Award from Mitchell Britton, President of the Garza Theatre Board of Directors. The award is presented annually to the individual who best exhibits the essence of theater founder Will McCrary.

Willie Awards...

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Other Willie Awards were presented to the following: Outstanding Adult Newcomer and Best Adult Cameo Actor, Whit Garity in "Lend Me a Tenor;" Best Adult Cameo Actress, Christy Morris in "The Cemetery Club."

Madison Bryan was awarded the Youth Achievement Award and Best Youth Actress. Reagan Sudduth won Best Youth Actor for his role in "A Christmas Story."

Other awards presented for youth performances were: Outstanding Youth Newcomer, Natalie Weaver in "Charlotte's Web;" Best Youth Supporting Actor, Sutton Weaver in "A Christmas Story;" Best Youth Supporting Actress, Holly Aikin in "Little Women;" and Best Youth Cameo Actor and Actress, Derick Longoria and Tye Basquez.

The Willy Award for Outstanding Production Crew Member went to Derek Guthrie for his contribution to several Garza productions during the 2007 season. Lori Holt won Best Costumes for "Sainly Hypocrites & Honest Sinners;" Mickie Klafka and Chris Davis won Best Set Award for "Lend Me a Tenor;" and Rosa Latimer-Bell won Best Program Cover Design for "Harvey Girls."

Youth employees who work in the theater's Serendipity Shop and perform other duties throughout the season were recognized. From that group, Meagan Howard was chosen Serendipity Employee of the Year.

Entertainment for the evening was presented by members of the cast of the musical "On the Air," the first production of the 2008 season at the Garza. Katy Baker, John Davis, Karen Dolter, Mickie Klafka, Ian Klotzman and Ronnie Miller, accompanied by Deobrah Gelber, performed several numbers from the play.

As the Willy Award celebration highlighted performances from the past season, the theater anticipates the beginning of another successful season, with 10 plays scheduled for 2008.

"On the Air" opens Feb. 22 and will run three consecutive weekends. Written by Peter Palame, with music by Neil Fishman and lyrics by Harvey Edelman, the comedy looks back to the 1940s with an emphasis on the war effort and commercial radio.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 for children ages 12 and under. Group rates are available. Visit www.garzatheatre.com or call the box office, 495-3529, for more information.

Post Notes

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for Saturday, February 23 at the Post Community Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Traditional awards will be presented and a delicious All-American bar-b-que dinner will be served. Tickets are \$20 each and may be purchased at the Chamber office located in the front of the Algeria Art Center, 131 E. Main. The office is open 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The last day to purchase tickets is Wednesday, February 20. For more information, Call the Chamber office at 495-3461.

Ornaments still available for purchase

The Post Women's Division still has a few of their great ornaments available. They may be purchased at Plum Crazy, 220 E. Main Street, 495-0888 and Garza County Historical Museum, 495-2207.

English classes available

English classes are being offered at Post High School. Interested individuals should call 495-2770 and leave their name and phone number. The instructor will return the call, providing them with information. Classes de ingles se estan ofreciendo otra vez en la escuela, Post High School. Si usted cree que beneficiar de esta instruccion, llame al 495-2770. Deje su nombre y numero de telefono y el instructor le devolvera su llamada provyendole con informacion sobre como puede comenzar.

PHS Dinner Theatre presented March 8th

The Post High School's annual dinner theatre has been planned for Saturday, March 8 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meal will be catered. Tickets are \$15 each.

Fast pitch tryouts for traveling team

The 12 & under fast pitch traveling team will be holding tryouts on Saturday, March 1. For more information call 325-573-2592.

Fishing tourney to benefit Cash family

An open bass tournament benefiting Clyde Cash and family in memory of Sue Cash will be held on Saturday, March 1 at Lake Alan Henry. Entry fee - \$50, big bass pot - \$10. Registration will be Friday, February 29 from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, March 1 at 5:30 a.m. at the boat ramp. You may also register at Brenda's Last Stop. A benefit dinner and auction will be held after the tournament. For information call John or Brenda at 629-4000 or 629-4026. Also, an account has been established at Citizens Bank in Post if you would like to make a donation.

Sample Ballots

Sample ballots and other information concerning the March 4, 2008 Primary Election are available on the Garza County web site at www.GarzaCounty.net. Information is also available in this issue of the Post Dispatch under Election Corner 2008.

GED classes to begin

GED classes have started again for the spring semester and are free to the public. Classes are conducted from 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Post High School at 495-2770 and leave your name and phone number. Your call will be returned by the GED instructor.

Catholic Church hosts fish fry Friday

Holy Cross Catholic Church will have a fish fry on Friday, February 15 from 5-7 p.m. Plate are \$7 each. The church will continue to sell fish plates for the next six weeks.

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