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Pablo Soto released from prison

Soto earns medical release, serves fraction of 30-year sentence for '05 Storie murder

The family of a woman killed in 2005 is reeling this week after receiving the news that the man found guilty of her murder has been released early from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system.

Cruz Loya of Post, the daughter of the late Socorro Storie, said she received a call from the district attorney's office at about 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, advising her that the man responsible for her mother's death, Pablo (Paul) Torres Soto, was released from TDCJ custody Monday after having earned a medical release.

"It's been a shock for my brothers and for myself," Loya said. "It's unbelievable. We can't believe it. We still don't understand it. We still don't have any answers."

Loya and family members have made numerous phone calls in an attempt to find out more about Soto's release. Calls to the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles have not been returned, she said.

The answers Loya and her family hope to obtain are tied to questions they have about Soto's medical release. From what family members have learned, Soto was released from TDCJ custody because of a terminal illness; however, that illness, which Loya said is cancer-related, was disclosed as part of the November 2007 trial proceedings that resulted in Soto's first-degree murder conviction and 30-year prison sentence.

"It's devastating," Loya said. "We feel like we got a slap in the face.... There's people who die in prison every day, and we don't understand this."

Even more devastating, she said, is the fact that Soto's release, which came only six months after he went into the TDCJ, took place on the three-year anniversary of her mother's death.

District attorney Ricky Smith was unavailable for comment Wednesday on Soto's release.

A story in Thursday's Lubbock Avalanche-Journal indicated an arrest warrant for Soto was to be issued, but as of 9:30 a.m. Thursday Sheriff Cliff Laws said his office had no news about a warrant.

The sheriff said state officials had not contacted his office, but some sort of remedy was "in the works" late Wednesday. However, that attempt at a remedy has been compromised, Laws said, thanks to the story published in the Lubbock newspaper.

"Everything's down the tube. The irresponsible reporting of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal has jeopardized numerous lives and prevented law enforcement from doing their investigation in a timely manner where we could have gotten this situation taken care of without getting anybody hurt," the sheriff said. "When this paper hit this morning, we have no idea where (Soto) is. There's a good possibility that we'll never see this man again."

Laws said Thursday morning he has been busy conferring with state and district officials, hoping to get the situation rectified as quickly as possible. In the meantime, he and other law enforcement officers remain in a legal limbo.

"We're working as hard as we can," he said, "but what they put in the paper... has put us back beyond square one."

Soto, then 59, was arrested following a May 16, 2005, incident in the Terrace Cemetery that resulted in Storie's death at Covenant Medical Center on May 19, 2005.

According to reports published in The Post Dispatch, lawmen responded to a 9-1-1 call to find Storie, 60, and Soto in the cemetery. Each had sustained injuries from a head-on vehicular collision.

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Post ISD board gains new trustees, officers

The two newest members of the Post Independent School District's board of trustees, elected by voters earlier this month, were sworn in May 13.

After ballots from the election were canvassed, Randy Conner and Delton Osborn took their oaths of office, replacing longtime board members Mark Kirkpatrick and Barbara Hardin.

Once the new trustees were in place, the board was reorganized. Nominated as board president were Mike Holly and Alexa Collier. Holly received four votes to Collier's three to take over as president.

Holly's first act as president was to address the board, encouraging its members to act together as a team for the betterment of the school district.

Elected by acclamation to fill the offices of vice president and secretary were Collier and Diann Windham, respectively.

Following the board's reorganization, Paige Huckabee, president of the newly organized Parent Teachers Organization (PTO), addressed trustees. She thanked the board for its investment of time and recognized the Post ISD's faculty and staff as having played major roles in the successes realized recently within the school district.

The remainder of the meeting was led by Superintendent Marlin Marcum, who reviewed board protocol and training requirements.

An orientation session designed for new board members, but open to all trustees, was conducted May 15.



From Waco to Alaska

On a trip to Alaska with a stop in Post are Baylor University students participating in "Riding for Life Alive Campaign" for suicide prevention. Welcoming the students to Post are (back row) Post Area Chamber of Commerce members Judge Lee Norman (third from right), Thressa Harp and Shawnette Hinkle. Baylor students are (back row) Justin Brown, Kyle Ferguson, (front) Andi Nakasone, Alyson Erikson and Nathan Floyd. Staff Photo by Merika Strivens.

Baylor students head to Alaska on suicide prevention campaign

Five Baylor students rolled into Post at mid-day Tuesday as part of a 4,500-mile trek from Waco to Anchorage, Alaska, designed to bring awareness to suicide prevention and depression.

The students were on their fifth leg of their Alive Campaign, which grew out of a suicide attempt of a close friend of the group in November. As the students talked about what happened to their friend, they vowed to raise awareness about suicide prevention with a goal of reaching 250,000 friends via Facebook, an online social networking site.

In less than two weeks, the Facebook group had reached its quarter-of-a-million friends goal, and on May 15, the group began their "crazy" ride in hopes of drawing attention to the issue of suicide.

The team includes Justin Brown of El Paso, Alyson Erikson of San Antonio, Kyle Ferguson of Schertz, Nathan Lloyd of Itasca and Andi Nakasone of Okinawa, Japan. Prior to coming to Post, the group traveled through Gatesville, Brownwood and Abilene. Their journey eventually will take them through New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, the Yukon Territory and Alaska.

"What society needs is not to be told how to die, but shown how to live," said Brown, a Baylor senior and one of the co-founders of the Alive Campaign. "We are the richest country in the world, but studies have shown we are the saddest and most depressed. We are lonely with our riches, following the American dream. Go to school, get a job, get married, have kids and repeat. The illusion that our lives have limits causes our massive dependency on drugs, materialism and lusts. We are a society with nothing new to give."

This trek, this adventure to Alaska, is to prove that humans don't have limits. You can do anything you set your mind to."

Brown said the Alive Campaign has made it a priority to contact churches, schools, colleges and universities in each city to share information about suicide awareness. The ultimate goal is to establish a university chapter system to foster a peer support community and to continue spreading awareness and education locally, especially among high school and college campuses.

Early in the process of organizing the Alive Campaign, the students worked closely with Dr. Susan Matlock-Hetzel, staff psychologist at the Baylor Counseling Center. Through their friend's experience, they learned more about the prevalence of suicide and the importance of help-seeking and vowed to share this knowledge with other young people.

"They took it upon themselves to learn as much as they could about the topic of suicide in order to be better informed advocates for those who had no champion," Matlock-Hetzel said. "As they increased their knowledge, where others would have been overwhelmed with the enormity of the issue, these young leaders only became more inspired to make a significant contribution in giving hope to the hopeless."

On March 11, the Alive Campaign made a national appearance on mtvU, hosting the music video show, "Dean's List." There, they spoke about suicide prevention. They will host the show again, filming their segment this summer while on the road. On May 13, the Alive Campaign also received national recognition, when the Jed Foundation, the nation's leading organization working to prevent suicide and improve the mental health of college students, awarded the Baylor students with the 2008 Jerry Greenspan Student Voice of Mental Health Award, which includes a \$2,000 scholarship.

The Jed Foundation established the annual award to recognize students who are using their time, talents and voices to help increase awareness about mental health issues, decrease stigma around these conditions and encourage help-seeking in the college population. The award was created through a contribution made by Carol Ullman and the late Joseph Greenspan, in memory of their son, Jerry Greenspan.

"We are proud to announce that the 2008 award has been presented to a group of students from Baylor University who started

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Post Notes

Memorial Day Services

VFW Post 6797 will serve breakfast from 7-9 a.m. on Monday, May 26. All veterans and their families are welcome. The memorial service will start at 10 a.m. at the memorial in front of the courthouse. Boy Scout troops will be placing flags at the cemetery.

Buddy Poppy sale downtown Friday

Ladies Auxiliary Post 6797 will be holding their annual Buddy Poppy sale downtown on Friday, May 23 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at Wells Fargo Bank. The ladies will also be walking downtown. All donations will greatly be appreciated, as this is how they are able to do their charity work.

Auditions held for Harley Sadler show

"Last Tango in Pango Pango" an annual Harley Sadler show written by Eddie Cope, will be staged at 8 p.m. July 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26, and 2:30 p.m. July 27 at the Garza Theatre, 226 E. Main in Post. Direction is by Christy Morris. Auditions will take place from 7-9 p.m., Thursday at Monterey Church of Christ, 6111 82nd St. in Lubbock and from 4-5 p.m. on May 25 at the Garza Theatre in Post. Roles are available for five men and six women in their late teens and older. Also needed are vaudeville performers: singers, dancers, magicians, juggler, instrumentalists and comedians.

Post High School Scholarships

Post High School will present scholarship awards during the graduation ceremony on May 30 at 8 p.m. in Antelope Arena. If you or your organization would like to give a scholarship this year please contact the counselor, Terry Read, at 495-2770 for more details.

Benefit for Joe Sanchez family

Everyone is invited for BBQ Saturday, May 24 at the VFW hall on the Clairemont Highway starting at 10 a.m. Plates are \$7 each and will be available for take out orders. There will also be baked goods available for purchase. All proceeds will be used to offset medical costs for Joe's wife. For more information please contact JW Jolly at 620-0262 or Chuck Ratliff at 495-2026.

First Annual Middle School Awards Show

The public is invited to the First Annual Middle School Primetime End of Year Awards Show (FAMSPEYAS). The presentation will be held Friday, May 23 at 6 p.m. in the Elementary auditorium. Students will be honored for their accomplishments during the 2007-2008 school year.

Swimming pool opens June 3

Summer is almost here! The public swimming pool will be opening on Tuesday, June 3. Hours are 1-5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. If you would like to make reservations, or if you are a lifeguard please contact Trudy at 544-1862. Lifeguards need to call before May 30.

Mr and Miss Firecracker pageant planned

Mini Mr and Miss Firecracker and Little Mr and Miss Firecracker Pageant is scheduled for July 4th at the City Park at 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$25. Ages: Mini Division - 2-4 years old; Little - 5-6 years old. Your child must be 3 years of age by August 1, 2008. For more information and to pick up a questionnaire, contact Bunny Lynch at 620-0051 or Diane Poe at 495-2456. Deadline is June 23.

Garza Summer Recreation Program

Summer Recreation will begin Wednesday, June 4 and continue through Wednesday, July 2 from 8 a.m.-12 noon at the old Middle School gym. You may sign up any day of the month. Ages are K-12th grades. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the cafeteria. Come and have fun with us! If you have any questions call Lorie Rivera at 495-3253.

PCM Plans "Street Party" June 7th

Post City Merchants will have their 4th annual "Street Party" Saturday June 7th. Vendors are invited to come and sell their "wares". For more information, call Donna Degan @ 495-0888 or pick up a form at Plum Crazy 220 E. Main.

1981 & 1982 Class Reunion planned

The Post High School graduating class of 1981 and 1982 have scheduled a class reunion on Saturday, August 9 beginning at 12 p.m. at the VFW. RSVP by July 20. For more information contact Barry Morris at 495-2454, Chita (Mason) Hataway at 549-0732 or Laurie (Beliongia) Odom at 549-5323.

Marianne Hart honored May 28

A retirement party will be held Wednesday, May 28 at 3:45 p.m. in the Elementary School lounge honoring Marianne Hart. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Whitney McNeely and Kamdon Baker

Whitney McNeely and Kamdon Baker set July wedding in Post

Stanley and Sherry McNeely of Crosbyton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Whitney Bree, to Kamdon Ray Baker, son of Kelly and Donna Baker of Post.

The couple will be married July 12, 2008, in the First Baptist Church in Post.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Carter and Sybil White of Hale Center and Jerry and the late Dorothy McNeely of New Home, and the great-granddaughter of Beulah White of Post.

The prospective bridegroom's grandparents are Richard and Mildred Masse and Ed Ray and Beverly Baker, all of Post.

The future bride, a graduate of Crosbyton High School and Texas Tech University, is employed by Crosbyton Seed Company.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Post High School and is employed by the City of Post.

Following a wedding trip to Mexico, the couple will reside in Post.

Reports indicate new clinic construction is on schedule

Construction work on the new Garza County Hospital District's new clinic facility is on schedule, according to a report delivered May 15 to the district's board of directors.

Board president Wayne Edwards advised the facility's slab has been poured and some lumber has been delivered to the site. He reported the project is "going well" and everything appears to be progressing according to plans.

In other business, board members:

- Witnessed the swearing in of returning board members.
- Elected the same slate of officers to oversee the board of directors. Edwards will continue service as president, with Brandt Taylor serving as vice president and Edna Owen, secretary.

Selected board members Wyvonne Kennedy and Edwards to serve as the district's representatives to the Ambulance Board.

Received the clinic report for the month of April. Total revenues were reported at just under \$70,000, with expenses recorded at \$54,019. Visits totaled 921, while procedures were recorded at 1,768.

Received a report from PNS's Paul Acreman, who advised that the contract for the clinic's physician, Dr. Ben Edwards, would be up for renewal in August. PNS plans to sign him to a long-term contract, according to Acreman's report. PNS also plans to do the same with Angie Hannaway, PA, when her contract comes up for renewal.

Approved the sale of two foreclosed properties.

Discussed the 2007 Tobacco Settlement proceeds, but agreed that the board did not need to make any donations of the funds because of the current expenses related to construction of the new district clinic facility.

Received the indigent care report for the month of April. Fourteen clients were served by the program at a monthly expense of \$17,063, putting year-to-date expenditures at \$37,643. A total of \$62,356 remains in the indigent care budget for the current fiscal year.

Approved payment of monthly bills.

Approved minutes from the April 17 regular meeting.

The board's next regular meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. June 19 at the Citizens Bank Community Room.

Baylor students ...

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a national awareness program called the Alive Campaign," the foundation's representative stated. "For their tireless commitment, adventurous spirit and national impact on college mental health and suicide prevention, we congratulate the Alive Campaign on their efforts."

Along their way across the country, the team -- led by Baylor film and digital media majors Erikson and Nakasone -- will film a documentary on the "power of friendship, adventure and the stories of those who have battled depression and suicide," according to a campaign press release.

The team got an early start Tuesday morning following a long, hard ride the day before from Abilene to Snyder. They arrived in Post before noon where Post Chamber manager Shawnette Hinkle welcomed them. The team's housing arrangements were handled by County Judge Lee Norman.

For more information the campaign, visit www.alivecampaign.org. To follow the group's progress online, go to alivecampaign.blogspot.com.

Soto released ...

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Testimony at Soto's trial indicated that Storie also had been physically assaulted following the collision.

Storie, who had at one time lived with Soto, had been visiting her son's grave prior to the incident, according to reports.

Loya said she and family members have launched a letter-writing campaign, which will include queries to the governor and other state officials. She urged anyone else concerned about this situation to contact state officials.

"We won't ever forget what happened, but we will learn to live with it," Loya said. "I might not be able to change anything, but they will hear me. I have to speak out. If I don't do it, my mother was nobody. And she definitely was somebody very special."

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Tandi Humble honored at bridal shower

Tandi Humble, bride-elect of Dr. Joseph Young, was honored with a bridal shower from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. May 18 in the home of Donna Stelzer.

Guests were served assorted cookies, strawberries, nuts, mints and punch from a table featuring an arrangement of fresh flowers in the bride's colors of purple and pink.

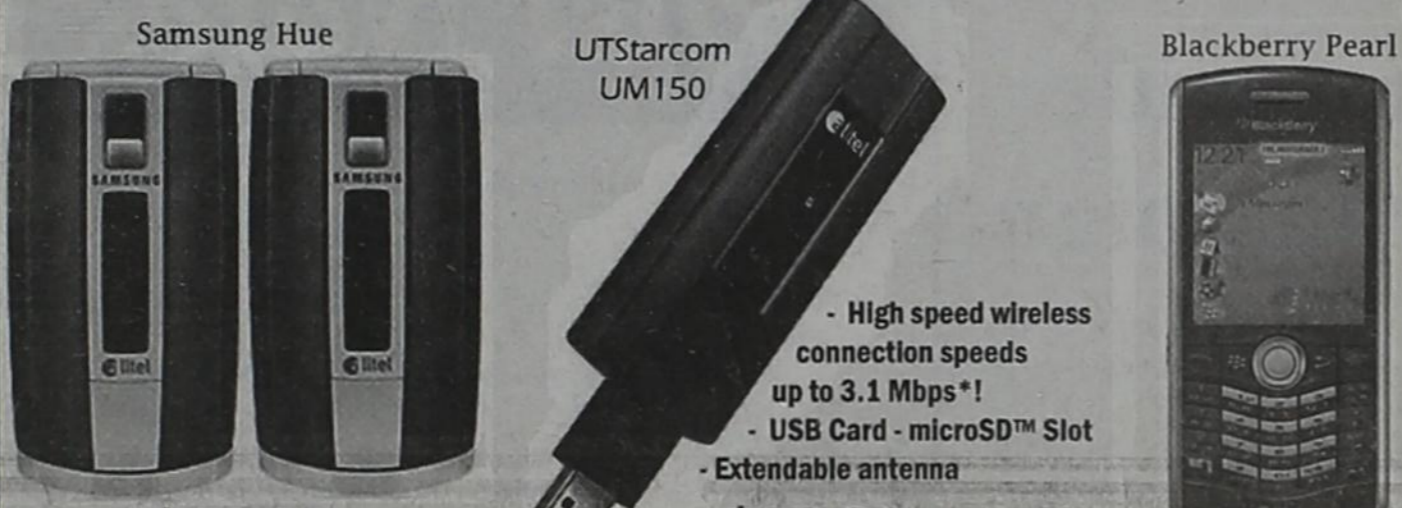
Special guests included the bride-elect's mother, Pam Humble of Post; her grandmothers, Ruby Carpenter and Patsy Humble of Post; the prospective bridegroom's mother, Kathy Currie of Rockwell; and his grandmother, Mary Nell Young of Odessa.

The hostesses presented the couple with cookware.

Hostesses included Stelzer, Jane Odom, Pixie Grisham, Mary Edwards, Earline Bagby, Carol Williams, Alexa Collier, Delores Redman, Carolyn Black, Shanda Kelso, Joyce Tatum, Doris Giddens, Kathie Rankin, Christi Daily, Susan Strawn, Melanie Morris, Sheila Gregory, Marge Tannehill, Channa Jones and Jan Bartlett.

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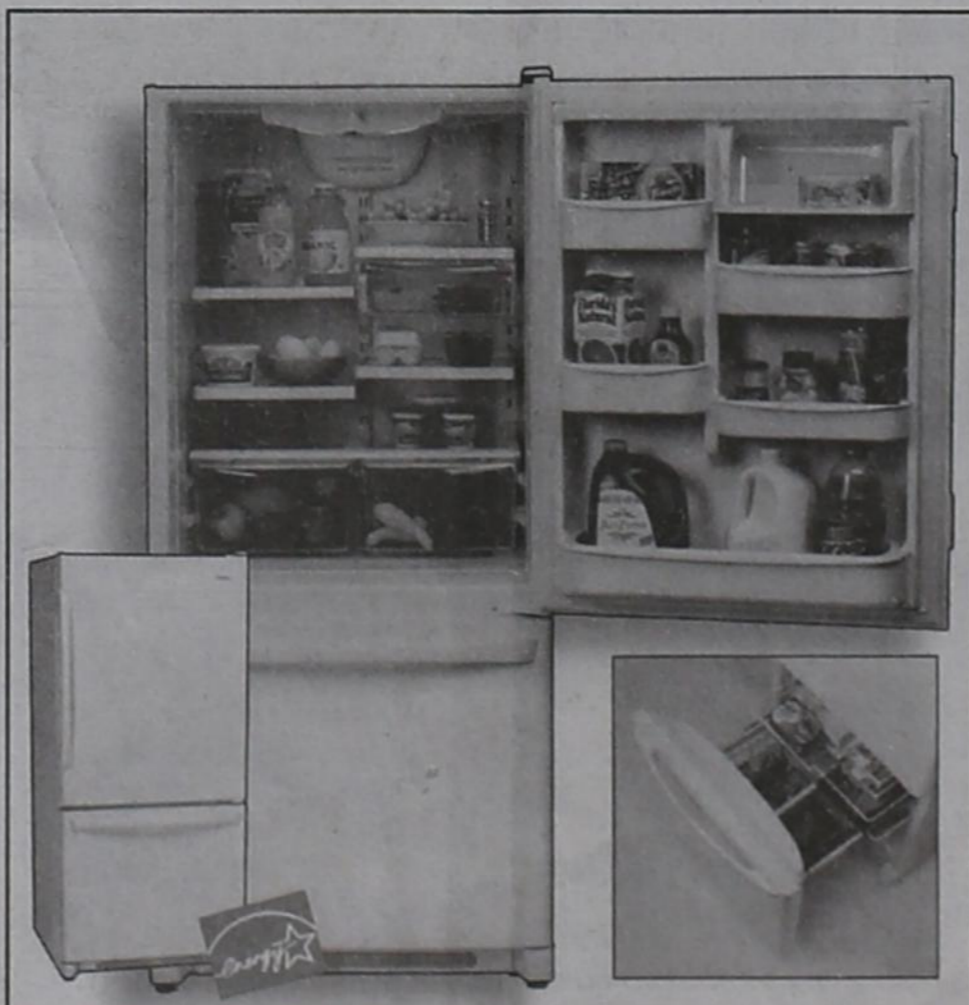
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4th Annual Street Party set downtown June 7

by Donna Degan
 Post City merchants invite the public to the 4th Annual Street Party on June 7. The sidewalks of Post will be filled with vendors from all over and sidewalk sales from various businesses, plus the Starving Artist Sale at the Algerita Hotel. The Women's Division will hold their first Stuff Sale on Main Street. There will be antique dishes - that unique, one-of-a-kind item among the treasures. The Garza Theatre will have the play that night at 8 p.m. The play of the month is "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland." The Post Art Guild will be doing out their infamous nachos and iced tea to fund their art exhibit and show to be held in August. You will also find a unique shopping experience in the downtown and Broadway areas - everything from sterling silver jewelry, antiques, giraffe and zebra bags too, that wonderful, one-of-a-kind gift in the little gift shops all along East Main. Each store will offer something - sidewalk or in-store sales, door prizes,

contests, etc. Many stores will be open late so shoppers can enjoy extra shopping time. For a booth, call Donna Degan at 495-0888 or come by Plum Crazy at 220 E. Main to pick up a form.

South Plains CAA recognizes volunteers at annual banquet

Leonard Rodela, Michelle Salas, Karen Jones and Myra York were recognized as a volunteer at the Annual South Plains CAA Volunteer Recognition Banquet conducted May 10 in Lubbock.

The banquet featured Matthew Brown as keynote speaker. Brown, a coach at Idalou High School and a Para-Olympian in shot put and discus, took the Olympian theme to reality. His life experiences are a testimony of overcoming limitations to reach goals.

Head Start encourages children and families to reach their goals. The Windham Head Start program services children up to four years of age.

Head Start is currently enrolling children for the Fall 2008 term.

For additional information on volunteer opportunities with Head

Start or to pre-register a child for the Fall, contact Mary Cleckley or Callie Pope at 495-2544.

Post trio earn honors at ASU

Three Post-area students were recognized as part of the Dean's List for the spring semester at Angelo State University.

According to a university press release, honorees included Kelli D. Heckaman, Terrica T. Taylor and Luis C. Zubia.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled full-time at Angelo State and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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Official Court Reports

The following cases are matters of public record; information was provided by the Garza County Sheriff's Department:

Garza County Court

May 8

• Juan Antonio Ortiz, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to no jail time. Fined \$300 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.
 • Jerrad Ryan Hair, charged with deadly conduct, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to 12 months of probation. Fined \$600 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs.

Grand Jury Indictments

April 22

• Sammy Gomez, charged with aggravated assault, a second-degree felony. Bond set at \$50,000.
 • Sammy Gomez, charged with aggravated sexual assault, a first-degree felony. Bond set at \$125,000.
 • Richard Curtis, charged with assault/family violence, a third-degree felony. Bond set at \$15,000.
 • Hank Berkley, charged with possession of a controlled substance in a jail facility, a third-degree felony. Bond set at \$10,000.
 • Lisa Welch, charged with failure to appear (possession of a controlled substance), a third-degree felony. Bond set at \$45,000.
 • Severino Martinez, charged with aggravated assault, a second-degree felony. Bond set at \$50,000.
 • Severino Martinez, charged with aggravated assault, a second-degree

felony. Bond set at \$75,000.

• Severino Martinez, charged with retaliation, a third-degree felony. Bond set at \$25,000.

• Severino Martinez, charged with aggravated assault, a second-degree felony. Bond set at \$50,000.

• Dione Michael, charged with prohibited possession of food stamps, a third-degree felony.

• Steven Espinoza, charged with failure to appear, a third-degree felony. Bond set at \$45,000.

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The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 requires the Housing Authority of the City of Post, Texas to prepare an Annual PHA Plan and Five Year Plan covering the operations of Public Housing. The Board of Commissioners for the Post Housing Authority will conduct a public meeting on July 15th, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be at the office of Housing Authority, 709 Caprock Drive, Post, Texas.

The PHA Plan is available to the public for viewing at the office of Housing Authority. Plans will be available for public comments for 45 days. Comments will be received on the documents during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8-12 and 1-5.

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It's the sexism, Stupid

by Bill O'Reilly

Could it be possible that Democratic voters are discriminating against Sen. Hillary Clinton simply because she's a woman? Is sexism the reason she is losing to Barack Obama? Say it ain't so, Gloria Steinem.

But Gloria says it is so, and so do some other female pundits. Writing in the ultra-liberal Boston Globe, a woman named Michal Regunberg claims that the mainstream media "has) a tough time with Clinton and criticized everything from her pantsuits to her laugh ..."

Ms. Regunberg goes on to say: "They would not excoriate a man for (these things). What's worse, they get away with it. They use her as a punchline." Four words: "Are you kidding me?"

Presidents Bush and Clinton are not used as punchlines? Come on. Did Ms. Regunberg miss Barack Obama being mocked incessantly for bad bowling? What was that — manism?

This is just nonsense. The reason Hillary Clinton is running behind Barack Obama is that he is perceived to be more liberal than she is, and the committed left dominates the Democratic primaries. Among other things, Sen. Clinton's Iraq war resume has rankled the far left who, early on, enthusiastically threw in with Obama.

In addition, because much of the media has moved dramatically to the left and, above all, is ardently politically correct, Sen. Obama's candidacy was greeted with great joy by many press people. They love him simply for being him. Is it a sexism deal? No. It's an Obama-mania deal with the press.

If John McCain had a shrill laugh, "Saturday Night Live" would surely use it as a mocking device. If McCain wore polyester leisure suits (I know where to get some), he'd be hooted. The truth is that any trademark, tic or idiosyncrasy will be used as a satirical tool against those in the public eye. Pantsuit jokes are easy, Letterman's writers love them. It has nothing to do with womanhood, it has to do with fabric.

Before Reverend Wright battered his image, Barack Obama was perceived to be more likable and more energetic than Hillary Clinton. He remains the new kid in town, as the Eagles sang, and everybody's talking.

No doubt, Sen. Clinton is disliked by some for her aggressive demeanor, but so am I. Is that Irish-ism? Some folks like type A's, some don't. Both genders get scrutinized for feisty behavior.

Finally, 22 percent of West Virginia Democrats said race was a factor in their vote, which gave Hillary Clinton a huge win. That, I believe, is a real concern. No vote should ever be cast for racial or for gender reasons.

But sexism didn't seem to matter in the Mountain State. Did it? Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the book "Culture Warrior." To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. This column originates on the Web site www.billoreilly.com.
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The economy: another casualty of war

by Congressman Ron Paul

This week, as the American economy continued to suffer the effects of big government, the House attempted to pass two multibillion dollar "emergency" spending bills, one for continued spending on the war in Iraq, and one increasing spending on domestic and international welfare programs. The plan was to pass these two bills and then send them to the president as one package. Even though the House failed to pass the war spending bill, opponents of the war should not be fooled into believing this vote signals a long term change in policy.

At the end of the day, those favoring continued military occupation of Iraq will receive every penny they are requesting and more as long as they agree to dramatically increase domestic and international welfare spending as well.

The continued War in Iraq and the constant state of emergency has allowed Congress to use these so-called "emergency" bills as a vehicle to dramatically increase spending across the board — including spending that does not meet even the most generous definition of emergency.

For example, the spending proposals currently being considered by Congress provide \$210 million to the Census Bureau and \$4 million for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. \$4.6 billion is requested for the closing of military bases, but not any of the more than 700 bases overseas — but bases here at home!

Another \$387 million would go to various international organizations and \$850 million more just in international food aid — all this when food prices are skyrocketing here and American families are having a hard time making ends meet.

Because this spending will be part of "emergency" measures, it will not count against debt ceilings, or any spending limits set by Congressional budget resolutions, and does not have to be offset in any way.

Explosive growth of government is just another tragedy of this war. The "bipartisan" compromises made in Washington are at the expense of the taxpayer, not in the interest of fiscal responsibility, or peace. The taxpayer loses and government grows.

The bottom line is that our dollar is falling, the economy is in rough shape, and government spending is wildly out of control. Congress argues over relatively minor details, instead of dramatically changing our flawed foreign policy. We need to bring our troops home, not only from Iraq and Afghanistan, but from South Korea, Germany, and the other 138 countries where we have troops stationed. Our foreign policy of interventionism is not only offensive to others, inviting further terrorist attacks, but it is ruining our economy as we tax, borrow and print the money to pay the bills of our empire.

The economy and ultimately the American people suffer because Washington is refusing to adopt more sensible and constitutional policies.

Squabbling between those who favor increased welfare and those who favor increased warfare has giving the American people a temporary reprieve from having to bear the burden of yet another dramatic increase in government this

Opinions



Control criminals, not guns

by Walter E. Williams

Every time there's a highly publicized shooting, out go the cries for stricter gun control laws, and it was no different with the recent murder of Philadelphia Police Sgt. Stephen Liczbinski. Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, in a letter to the state congressional delegation demanding reenactment of the federal assault weapon ban, said, "Passing this legislation will go a long way to protecting those who put their lives on the line every day for us. ... There is no excuse to do otherwise."

Gun control laws will not protect us from murderers. We need protection from the criminal justice system politicians have created. Let's look at it.

According to former Philly cop Michael P. Tremoglie's article "Who freed the cop-killers?" for the Philadelphia Daily News (5/8/08), all three murder suspects had extensive criminal records. Levon Warner was sentenced in 1997 to seven and a half to 15 years for robbery, one to five years for possessing an instrument of crime and five to 10 for criminal conspiracy. Howard Cain was convicted in 1996 on four counts of robbery and sentenced to five to 10 years on each count. Eric Floyd was sentenced to five to 10 years in 1995 for robbery, rearrested in 1999 for parole violation and later convicted in 2001 for two robberies. If these criminals had not been released from prison, long before they served out their sentences, officer Liczbinski would be alive today. So what's responsible for his death: guns or a prison and parole system that released these three criminals? Tremoglie cites other examples of criminals, with convictions for violent crimes ranging from robbery and assault to murder, who were paroled and later murdered police officers.

A New York Times study (4/28/06) of the city's 1,662 murders in 2003-2005 found that 90 percent of the murderers had criminal records. A Massachusetts study reported that on average, homicide offenders had been arraigned for nine prior offenses. John Lott's book, "More Guns, Less Crime," reports that in 1988 in the 75 largest counties in the U.S., over 89 percent of adult murderers had a criminal record as an adult.

A few days after the murder of Liczbinski, Governor Rendell told a news conference, attended by state elected officials and top law enforcement officials, "The time has come for politicians to decide. You have to decide whether you're

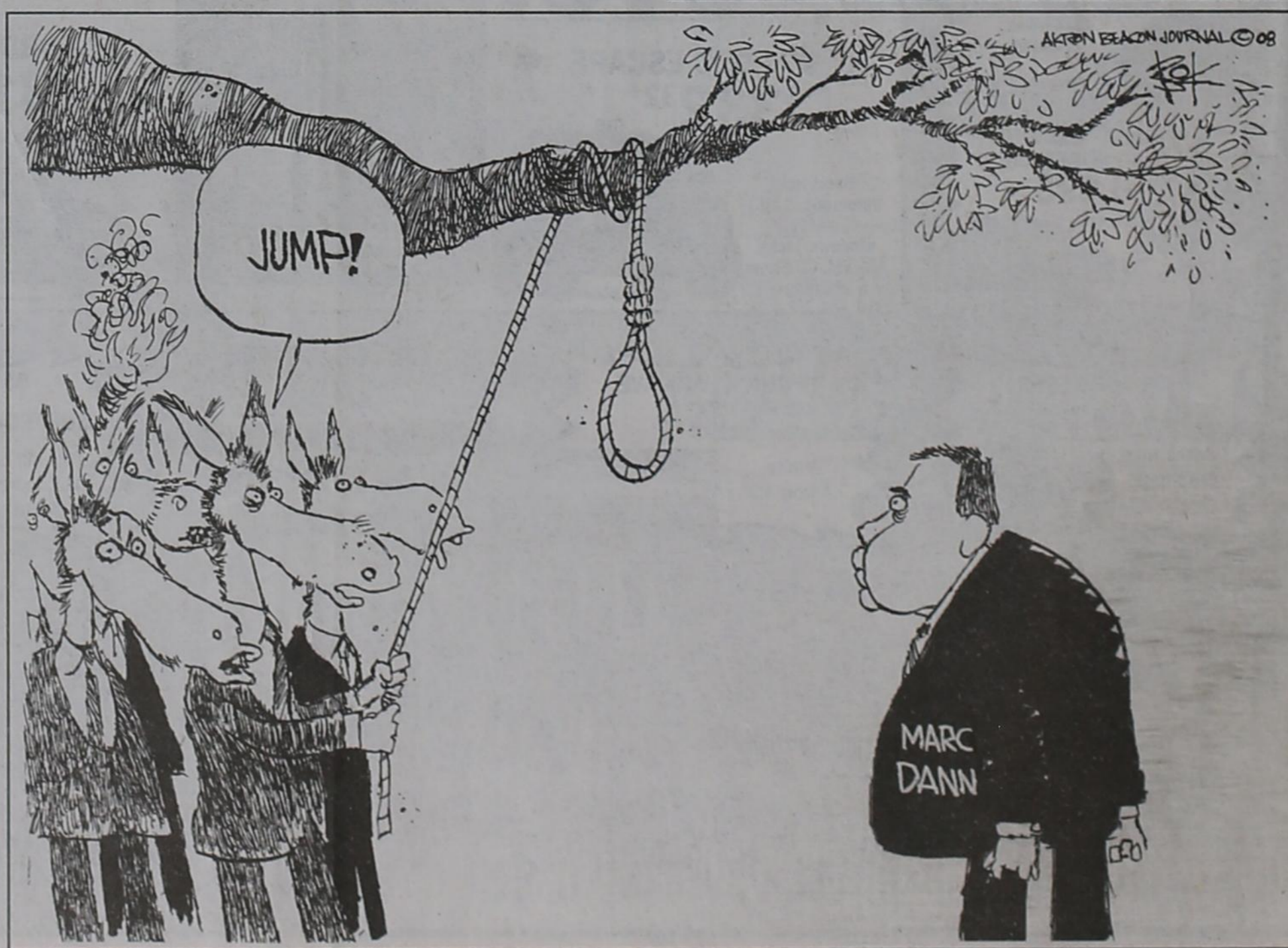
on their side — the men and women who wear blue — or whether you're on the side of the gun lobby." Instead of saying "whether you're on the side of the gun lobby," Rendell should have said "whether you're on the side of the criminal and the courts, prosecutors, prisons and parole boards that cut soft deals with criminals and release them to prey upon police officers and law-abiding citizens."

If there is one clear basic function of government, it's to protect citizens from criminals. When government failure becomes so apparent, as it is in the murder of a police officer, officials seek scapegoats and very often it's the National Rifle Association and others who seek to protect our Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. We hear calls for stricter gun control laws when what is really needed is more control over criminals.

There are many third-party liability laws. I think they ought to be applied to members of parole boards who release criminals who turn around and commit violent crimes. As it stands now, people on parole boards who release criminals bear no cost of their decisions. I bet that if members of parole boards were held liable or forced to serve the balance of the sentence of a parolee who goes out and commits more crime, they would pay more attention to the welfare of the community rather than the welfare of a criminal. You say, "Williams, under those conditions, who'd serve on a parole board?" There's something to be said about that.

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Post FFA, Junior FFA enjoy successful year

The Post FFA and Junior FFA members marked another successful year, attending several shows and taking awards and honors in numerous competitions.

Shows attended included a number of jackpot events, the Garza County Junior Livestock Show, San Antonio, San Angelo, Austin, Houston and Lubbock's South Plains Fair.

Post FFA and Junior FFA members exhibited six breeding gilts at major shows and had five finishes in the Top 5 and one 13th place lamb at the Houston Livestock Show.

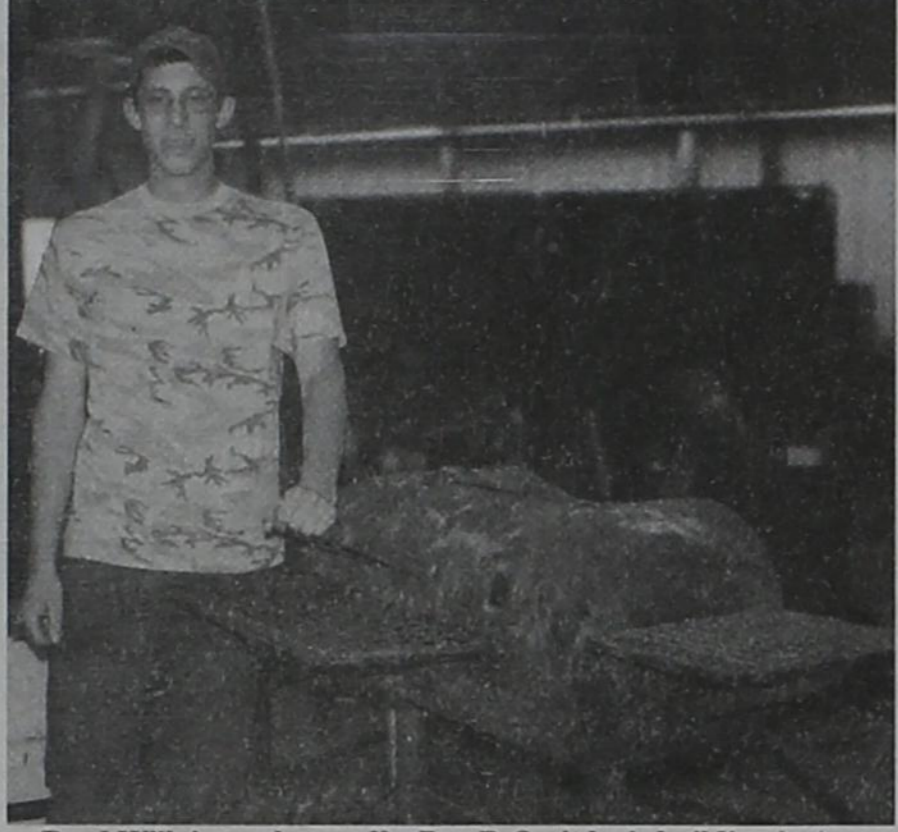
In Garza County, club members had two grand champions, three reserve grand champions, three showmanship winners and an overall sportsmanship award winner.

A total of 47 percent of the sale total from the Garza County Junior Livestock Show & Sale went to Post FFA members.

The Post FFA Horse Judging Team earned a third-place finish in the Mesa District contest.

The Post FFA Christmas float won Best of Show in the community's Annual Lighted Christmas Parade.

All Post Independent School District students, grades 3 through 12, are eligible to sign up to participate in next year's events.



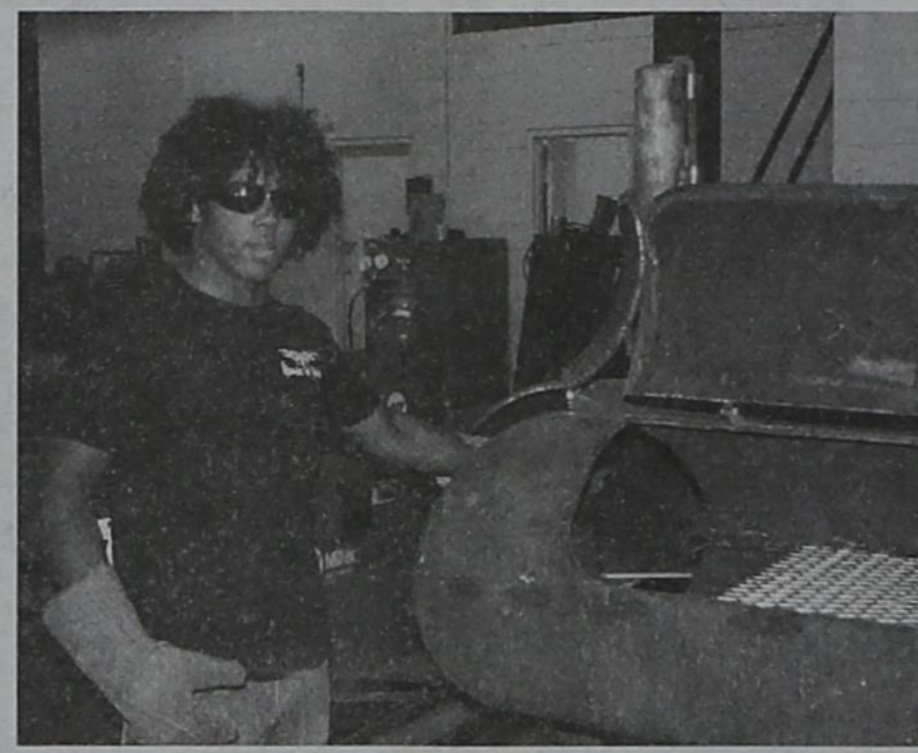
Reed Willoiams shows off a Bar-B-Q pit he is building in Ag Metal Fab Class at PHS. He is also rebuilding a 1954 walk-behind tractor. (Photo by Merika Strivens)



Giles Dalby (left) and Nick Rodriguez are rebuilding a Bar-B-Q pit and repainting as part of their Ag class at PHS. (Photo by Merika Strivens)



J.D. Young shows his pair of spurs he has built during Ag Metal Fabrication Class at Post High School. (Photo by Merika Strivens)



Kevin Griffin puts the finishing touches on a Bar-B-Q pit which he is building in Agriculture Structures Class at PHS. (Photo by Merika Strivens)



Nick Rodriguez (left to right), Heath Palmer, MJ Wynne and Trent Laurence helped put a metal floor in a 32 foot flatbed gooseneck trailer. They are enrolled in Ag Mechanics classes at PHS. (Photo by Merika Strivens)

In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

The weather has been about the same except for it is getting really hot, which is good for getting the crops started, but we do need some more rain so keep on hoping, praying. They say we may have some this weekend.

It is that time of year when everybody is outside enjoying the warm weather, so that means it's time for me to start complaining about the speeders. We have tried and tried to get TXDOT in Lubbock to change the speed limit coming through here and they won't do it. So to keep everyone safe we are going to have to take it upon ourselves to slow down. Please, please reduce your speed.

Dena Watson and her daughter, Brandi Pleasant, and friends took a trip to Las Vegas last week to attend the Academy of Country Music Awards as well as the after-party. While in Vegas, Dena got to attend the Military Ball with her son, Kyle Gunn, who lives there. Kyle is in the National Guard and ROTC and attends UNLV.

Childs News: Lois had several visitors last week -- her brother-in-law, Harold Childs, and his daughters, Cindy and Mandi, came. They also visited with Harold's sister-in-law, Lagayluah McReynolds of Post, while they were here. Most of Lois' clan was here also doing some work around the house for her. We also want to send out our sympathies to Jim and Nedra Ellis and family for the loss of Jim's mother, Vye Jester. Her funeral was in Lubbock on Tuesday.

We want to also send out our thoughts and prayers to the Johnny Collozo family.

Johnny is a nephew to Mike and Eva Gonzales and a cousin to Danny and Susan Gonzales and Tino and Linda Alaniz all of Close City.

Visitors: Sylvia Winder came by on Tuesday. Sylvia comes down often to check on her land and always stops by the gin to say hi and get a drink of water.

Get Wells: Update on Joe Reno. He is awake and joking with everyone. They are hoping to move him to rehab this week. Joe had a motorcycle accident a couple of weeks ago and is in a Fort Worth hospital. He is doing better every day. Remember our folks in the nursing homes -- Doug Tipton, Ruby Carpenter and Mary Ethridge. Keep our troops in your daily thoughts and prayers!

Birthdays

- May 23 - Derek Winn
 - May 24 - Kale Yarbro
 - May 25 - Marsha Norman
- 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.

Letters ...

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Thanks for all the help

Triple C Boys' Ranch would like to thank Post City Lodge, Twins Fashions, Plum Crazy, First Baptist Church and all of our friends in Post, and

surrounding areas, for their help with our yard/bake sale this weekend. We had a great turn out and we would not have been as successful if it had not been for your help and support. Thank you!

Cross earns high marks in judging

Cody Cross, a sophomore at New Home High, and his FFA adviser, James Tabor, are proud of the success they experienced at the state cotton judging contest conducted recently at Texas Tech.

Cross tied for fourth place individual out of 203 area competitors. He was also on the second team livestock judging team, traveling with the senior team to Clarendon, Canyon, Levelland, Weatherford and Lubbock.

The senior team won the state contest at College Station.

Cross is the grandson of Juanell B. McMellan of Slaton and Billie Jean Cross of Post.



Post High School students earning college credits are (back row, left to right) Cheree Conner, Morgan Williams, Siera Hodge, Tiffney Pearson, Leah Perez, Alyssa Morrow, Brian Osborn, Audra Johnson, Cassidy Pitts, Madison Davis, Chess Postell, Brandon Martinez, Ivan Saucedo, Jose Esparza, Ryan Belongia, Zach Rivera, (second row from back) Jesse Vera, Caitlin Cravy, Miranda

Hair, Tanisha Paiz, Taylor Joy, Cheyenne Morris, John Bocko, Gary Washington, Solomon Abraham, Allen Duran, Jordan Aguilar, Adrian Basquez, Steven Contreras, Coby Crispin, Sufyan Almorla, (third row from back) Blaise Lester, Allie Hair, Alex Tuttle, Raquel Lopez, Jayta Whitehead, Amber Wilson, Lana Kitten, Alexandra Lang, Jill Thompson, Karina Lopez, Crystal Hernandez, Byron Soto, Cesar Ceja, Nick Rodriguez, Jonathan Jurado, (fourth row from back) Justin Boren, Colt Deen, Mitchell James, Alex Cruz, John Vasquez, Lauren Gonzales, Pat Reiter, Keagan Soto, Mercedes Enriquez, Tori Zapata, Kelly Chapa, Aaron Norell, (fifth row from back) Trent Laurence, Reed Williams, Lewis Duran, Zachery Davis, Justin Moses, Ayda Lopez, Erika Ortiz, JoAnna Menjares, Jeremy Short, Dylan Davis, Nathan Jurado, (front row) J.D. Young, Katelyn Redman, Samantha Hoover, Brenna Postell, Cheyenne Miller, Sydnee Jones, Danica Williams, Kati Deel, Sandrijn Van Der Noortgate, Susan Littrell, Zach Nava, Madison Mason and Chloe Mason.

(Photo by Merika Strivens)

Chamber Corner

by Shawnette Hinkle

• Business of the Week - PACC Platinum Member United Supermarkets. United is located at 123 N. Broadway. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

• Spring Job Fair - The Post Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with WorkForce of the South Plains, hosted a job fair on Monday. We had about 10 employers participating and a good showing of prospective applicants. Thank you to all employers who participated, making this job fair a success. Thank you, Trailblazers, for making those awesome cookie bars. If you did not catch it, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

did a nice article in the May 20 edition of the paper. The article is located in the Business section, page D6.

• Memorial services May 26, 10 a.m., Courthouse Lawn - This year the memorial services will be at the Courthouse instead of at the cemetery. The VFW will serve breakfast free of charge from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the VFW Post on the Clairmont Highway. Everyone is invited to attend.

• Mark your calendars - The next PACC Membership Lunch will be June 5 at noon. New Silver Member Postech Solutions and Platinum Member Post Auto Parts will be sponsoring lunch. We meet at the chamber office located at 131 E. Main

St. (Algerita Arts Center). Our guest speaker will be Lisa Brooks from Congressman Randy Neugebauer's office. She will outline services provided through her office and speak on legislation related to business issues.

• Chamber of Commerce member benefits - Business contact information on the chamber's Web site is a benefit for our Non-Profit, Silver, Gold, and Platinum members. Over the next few months our goal is to update and improve our Web site, postcitytexas.com. If you have ideas you think might improve or make the Web site better please contact the office at 495-3461 or e-mail them to chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com. We are open to suggestions.

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Contact Information: Applications are available on our website www.spcaa.org. You may pick them up at 1946 Ave. Q in Lubbock or Garza County Community Action Center S. Highway 84.

Obituaries

Johnny Collazo

Services for Johnny 'Goose' Collazo, Jr., 29, of Post, were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday May 21, 2008, at the First Baptist Church with Charles McCook officiating, with Travis Sweet, Post Church of Christ, and the Rev. Vincente Villalon of the Assembly of God assisting. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



He died on Sunday, May 18 at his home.

Born on April 25, 1979, to Johnny and Linda (Sanchez) Collazo Sr. in Lubbock, he was raised in Post and graduated from Post High School in 1997. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He returned to Lubbock to work. While living in Lubbock he played with several bands. After his health prevented him from working any longer he returned to Post.

Survivors include one son, Julian Pequeno-Collazo of Midland; his mother, Linda Collazo of Post; his maternal grandfather, Mike Sanchez of Post; his maternal grandmother, Angelita Banda of Littlefield; two brothers, Michael and his wife Jenny Collazo of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Jamie Collazo of San Antonio; one sister, Regina Collazo of Post; two nieces, Maigen and Macyn

Collazo of Oklahoma City; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Goose, as he was called by his family, was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Collazo Sr., on Sept. 19, 1997.

Pallbearers were Michael Collazo, Jamie Collazo, Charles Sanchez, Freddy Martinez, Orlando Castillo, Emilio Moreno, and Steve Gonzales. Honorary pallbearers were Mike Sanchez, Adrian Collazo, Jessie Collazo Jr., Jessie Collazo III, Lee Collazo, Roy Collazo, Steve Collazo and Ricky Quinonez.

The family has suggested memorials be made to an intestinal transplant center or research center.

Glen Stanley

Graveside services for Glen Stanley, 76, of Post were conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 21, 2008, in the Spur Cemetery with Ted Williams officiating. The Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Saturday, May 17, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born March 1, 1932, in Spur to O.D. and May (Garner) Stanley, he was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean War. He drove a truck prior to his retirement.

Survivors include one son, Shawn Stanley of Hamilton, Ind.; two daughters, Dawn Stanley of Hamilton and Pam; two sisters, Velda Patrick of Fort Worth and Neva Calvert of Muleshoe; and seven grandchildren.

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Jose A. "Jochy" Payano

Jochy's family would like to thank everyone for the amazing outpouring of sympathy during our recent loss.

To the many people who came to pay their respects, for the numerous floral arrangements, prayers and acts of kindness, we are most grateful. We are blessed in knowing that Jochy was part of a community where so many kind people share their love and support at a time when most needed.



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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
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Fruit of the spirit ... Peace

"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace..." (Galatians 5:22). As the fruit of the spirit, peace is understood to be that which is from within each individual person. It is important to see the distinction between peace on earth and peace from within each person.

Jesus Christ said that he did not come to send peace on the earth, but to send a sword (see Mathew 10:34). This could be subject of another study. In short, true peace will never exist on the earth as we know it. There will always be strife and wars between people and nations while the current earth is in existence.

At the same time it is possible for individual people to walk with true peace within their minds and hearts. David spoke of peace in the following verse, "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep. For you, Lord, only make me dwell in safety" (Psalms 4:8).

Peace is in direct opposition to strife. The apostle James wrote, "Where there is envy and strife, there is confusion and every evil work." Strife is included in the list found in Galatians 5:19-20.

The earlier Greek word for peace was eirene and meant tranquility, freedom from the rage and havoc of war, harmony and without fear. What a wonderful blessing it is to spend lots of time in God's word studying true peace!

The context of peace related to the spirit of God is about peace that is available in each person as a result of walking with God by His spirit in all trust and confidence toward Him. The above words from David drove in that point in that he could sleep peacefully knowing without a doubt that God was able to keep him safe from his enemies. And David truly had many crafty and deceitful enemies all around him. Yet, he could sleep in peace knowing that only God could truly make him to dwell safely.

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Breakfast: No School
Lunch:
May 27
Breakfast: Donut, Sausage Link, fruit, milk

Lunch: Pigs-n-blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, orange pineapple salad, milk

May 28
Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk
Lunch: Chicken Fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk

May 29
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk
Lunch: Managers Choice

May 30
Breakfast: Summer vacation
Lunch:
May 31
Breakfast: No School
Lunch:

Southland ISD
May 26
Breakfast: No School
Lunch:
May 27
Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, juice, milk

Lunch: Chili Cheese burritos, beans, salad, pudding, milk

May 28
Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch: Pizza, green beans, salad, jello, milk

May 29
Breakfast: Biscuits/gravy, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch: Sack lunch

May 30
Breakfast: Toast, cereal, juice, milk
Lunch: Sack lunch

TRAILBLAZERS
May 26 Taco salad, Mexican hominy, fruit, PB cookie bar,
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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago
May 21, 1998

A formal presentation of petitions for calling an election to dissolve the Garza Hospital District was made this week in 1998 at the GHD regular monthly meeting.

Cara Cash of Post was recognized as Most Valuable Member of Women's Golf at Cisco Junior College.

Brandi Melton, a seventh grade student at Post Middle School, was selected as the first place winner for the Texas Municipal League Region 3 "If I Were Mayor, I Would" essay contest. There were over 5,000 entries and only 15 regional winners.

Post Middle School students participating in the St. Jude's Marathon were Mirta Gomez, Sara Alaway and Brice Easterling. They collected \$251 for the charity.

Duquesne University awarded Cameron Miller of Post with a Presidential scholarship. This scholarship, in the amount of \$5500 was for undergraduate studies and was based on merit.

20 Years Ago
May 22, 1988

Tammy Weaver, of Southland High School was named Valedictorian and Michelle McGehee was named Salutatorian.

Eric Reece, graduating Post High School senior, signed papers for a Performance Scholarship, from the Department of Music at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Angela Cruse, 17 year old daughter of Marion and Pat Cruse, and a Junior at Post High School, was selected by Caprock Girls Scout Council to attend an international encampment of Girl Scouts in Echol Valley, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Six students from Post were among a record number of 659 persons who received degrees or certificates during South Plains College's 30th commencement exercises. Post Graduates were Stacy Bell, Eddie Gannon, Rhonda Adams, Samuel Binford, Alicia Pettyjohn and Diana Carrasco.

30 Years Ago
May 25, 1978

A Post Sheriff's posse was formed with Jim Jackson elected as president. Other offices elected were Billy Greene, vice president; Jim Boles, secretary-treasurer. Tina Greene served as queen for the organization.

Post adult graduates receiving diplomas in the external high school program were Julie Mason, Glenna Reiter, Linda Sweeten, Beatriz Mesa, Joy Roedel, Delfina Castillo, Debra Reiter, Janet Cheshire and Anita Tidwell.

Garza County Tax Assessor-Collector T. H. Tipton submitted his resignation to the Garza County Commissioner Court. Tipton, who was 79 told The Dispatch that "failing health" brought his decision to resign.

Deb McKee, Garza Memorial Hospital employee, was named "May Employee of the Month." Deb, an LVN, had been with the hospital for the past two years.

40 Years Ago

May 23, 1968

Jimie Johnston and Emily Potts were valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, of the graduating class at Post High School.

Post's first Band Boosters organization in several years was organized at a meeting of some 30 parents. Elected as officers were: the Rev. Curtis Lee, president; Bill McBride, vice president; Mrs. Maxine Cummings, secretary; Mrs. Bob Collier, treasurer, and Mrs. V. L. Peel, publicity chairman.

Cheerleaders elected for the new school years were Seniors, Delbert Rudd and Donna Stewart; Junior, Don Collier; Sophomore, fun-off between Sue Eubank and Sherry Bird; and Freshman, Nancy Cook.

Two drum majors and four twirlers for the 1968-69 Post High School band were chosen following tryouts in the high school gym. David Hamilton and Nancy Norman were selected as drum majors to succeed Mike Petty. Chosen as twirlers were Janice Gordon, Patti Peel, Karon Windham and Sharon Windham.

50 Years Ago
May 22, 1958

The Justiceburg Reservoir had reopened to public fishing after having been closed for several years. In 1955, the Santa Fe Railroad deeded the reservoir and surrounding land to the Justiceburg Independent School District. Lee Reed, lake keeper announced that a daily fishing fee of \$1 would be charged.

Mrs. Pearl Nance served as chairman of the cowgirls sponsor committee for the annual Post Stampede Rodeo, which opened this week in 1958.

Mrs. Lucille Morris and Rev. W. L. Porterfield were honored at a buffet dinner as outgoing worthy matron

and worthy patron of the Post Order of the Eastern Star.

The Post school trustees set a \$159.58 tuition charge for transfer students for the 1958-59 school year. The district had some 36 transfer students the past year, most of them from the Close City district.

60 Years Ago
May 20, 1948

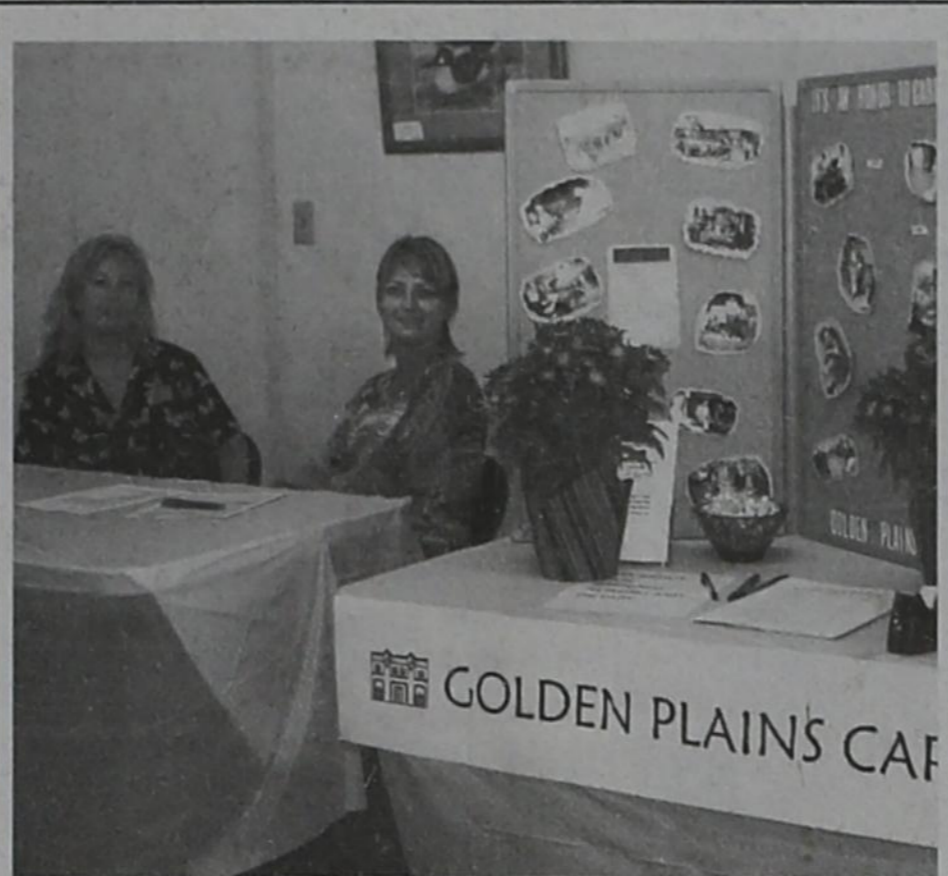
A feature of the Post Antelope Band's first appearance at the Post Stampede and Rodeo parade was the Majorettes, consisting of Frances Benson, drum major, and Nelda Floyd, Barbara Norris, Glenda Young, Jeanette Stewart and Theona Beauchamp, baton twirlers.

Claudia Ticer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oman Ticer, was winner of

the 1948 Rotary Club scholarship, which was awarded on a basis of ambition, scholarship, citizenship, deportment and amiability.

Mrs. Homer Gordon sold the Gordon Flower Shop to C. W. (Bill) DeWalt of Houston who assumed management this week in 1948. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and children, Janice and Dale, who made their home at the Flower Shop, bought the Fred Bucklin home on West Main Street.

"Post Folks at Work" featured Bob Warren of Warren Drug Store. The son of the late Dr. J. W. Warren of Snyder, pioneer West Texas physician, Bob moved here in 1913 and, with his brother, Allen Warren, opened and operated the drug store.



Windy Mathews (left) and Wendy Nelson (right) assisted applicants at the job fair earlier this week. The event was hosted by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Workforce of the South Plains. Staff Photo by Merika Strivens

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- "enjoy it while ___"
- Plainview's county
- "celebration" south of the border
- TXns ___
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- TXism: "let '___ rip"
- TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't ___ in Texas"
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- TXism: "he's crooked as a dog's hind ___"
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- Huntsville's Sam Houston statue weighs 30 ___
- TXism: "___ his sabre" (bluffing)
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- TXism: "as much chance as ___ a ___ packing plant"
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THE NOT JUST FOR KIDS PAGE

Tantalizing Tarantulas

Tarantulas are big, hairy, deadly spiders. True or False?

Well, the big and hairy parts are true but the deadly part, not so much. Tarantulas are peaceful creatures. If provoked they may bite, but it will hurt no more than a bee sting. The spider's bite can kill an insect instantly, but would take 3 days to kill a small bird or lizard. Humans are just too big. So, where did this "deadly" myth start? Read on...

The unfair reputation of the "terrible tarantula" started in the Italian city of Taranto. During the Middle Ages, a bite from the large wolf spider was thought to cause sadness. It was believed that to prevent melancholy the victim would do a wild dance called "tarantella". Another story reports around 1300, dancing was forbidden in parts of Italy. If someone were caught "cutting a rug" they would claim they had been bitten by a spider and were just trying to sweat out the poisonous venom.

When Italian immigrants came to America and saw a similar large hairy spider they began to call it a tarantula after the Italian city and dance.

Public Enemy Number One

If you are a tarantula you do not want to meet up with the large hawk wasp. It is eat or be eaten. The hawk wasp will sting the tarantula, permanently paralyzing the victim. Then the wasp will lay eggs on top of the powerless spider. The baby wasps will eventually eat the live fresh meat. Yuck!

The Mexican red knee tarantula has become such a popular pet; the numbers in the wild are beginning to dwindle.

ACROSS
3 Big, hairy spider
5 Knee color of popular spider
6 Number killed by tarantula
7 Country where myth began

Tarantula Number Knowledge

- Number of people killed by tarantulas: 0
- Number of legs: 8
- Life span, in years, for a female: 25
- Number of eyes: 8
- Number of eggs laid: 100-1000
- Weight in ounces of Goliath Tar.: 4
- Size across, in inches, of Goliath Tar.: 10
- Milligrams of venom in a tarantula bite: 1.5
- Milligrams needed to kill a human: 12
- Number of species of tarantulas: 700
- Number of species found in Texas: 14

DOWN
1 Used in web making
2 Tarantella
4 Another name for poison.

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Post Middle School Tennis teams

Post Middle School tennis team members (left to right) Julie Boren, Macie Merritt, Morgan Staggs and Torie Whisenant compered this year in the 7th grade girls doubles events.



Post Middle School tennis team members (left to right) placing first in district competition are 8th grade girls singles Katelyn Elmore, 7th grade boys singles Tavish Soto and 7th grade girls singles Haily Berry.



Post Middle School tennis team members (left to right) Justin Hodge placed second in 7th grade boys singles and Audree Williams, placing third in 7th grade girls singles.



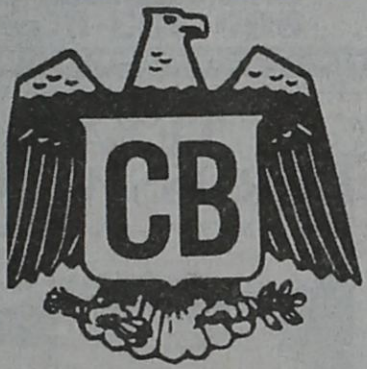
Post Middle School tennis team members (left to right) Kambry Mason and Madison Cash placed second at district competition in the 8th grade girls doubles.

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