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High winds take down big tree

Last week high winds ripped a giant tree out of the ground at the home of Donny and Donna Stelzer's at the corner of North Avenue S and 10th Street. The tree had been a fixture on the property for more than 30 years. Wind gusts were reported as high as 60 mph on Thursday, June 5. (Photo by Merika Strivens)

Post Notes

Flag retirement ceremony postponed

The flag retirement ceremony normally held on June 14 at the VFW Post 6797 on the Clairemont Highway will not be held due to the burn ban. The event will take place at a later date.

Rabies clinic to be held June 21

The City of Post will sponsor a rabies clinic on Saturday, June 21 from 1:30 until 3 p.m. at Avenue H & east 7th street, by the city's dog pound.

Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be held Saturday, June 21 from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on US 380 and two miles south on FM 399. There is no admission charge; a hat will be passed for donations to help with upkeep on the center. For more information contact Noel White at 495-3261.

Garza Summer Recreation Program

Summer Recreation continues 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 provided by the cafeteria. Come and have fun with us! If you have any questions call Lorie Rivera at 495-3253.

20 year reunion for Class of 1988

The Post High School Class of 1988 will be hosting a 20 year class reunion the weekend of July 4. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Jayta (Ticer) Cravy at 629-4070 or Trevah (Bush) Yarbro.

"Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"

Garza Theatre, 226 E. Main proudly present "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland", directed by Heather Rushing. Seven performances only: June 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 at 8 p.m. and June 22 at 2:30 p.m. Admission - \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, students, military (with ID), and \$8 children 12 and under. Call 806-495-4005 for tickets and reservations.

Mr and Miss Firecracker pageant planned

Mini Mr and Miss Firecracker and Little Mr and Miss Firecracker Pageant has been scheduled for July 4th at the City Park at 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$15. 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 or pick up a questionnaire contact Bunny Lynch at 620-0051 or Diane Poe at 495-1207. Deadline is June 23.

2008 summer food service program

Post I.S.D. announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program to be held Monday-Friday, began June 4, and will continue through July 2. Breakfast and lunch will be provided at the school cafeteria, 211 S. Avenue K. Breakfast will be served from 8-9 a.m. with lunch being served from 11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. Children 18 years of age and younger are eligible to participate in the program.

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 (Belongia) Odom at 549-5323.

PTO reading program set at public library

Post PTO "Reading for Tomorrow" program begins Monday at the Post Public Library. Interested parents and kids come June 16 at 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. for more information.

Community Ice Cream Supper June 28

A Community Ice Cream Supper is planned for Saturday, June 28 at 108 N. Avenue M beginning at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Post Church of Christ. For more information call 495-2326.

County approves reimbursement to City of Post for airport project

During their regular Monday meeting, Garza County commissioners agreed to pay the county's share of a joint airport project earlier approved by county officials.

County Judge Lee Norman advised that the county's participation in the runway-resurfacing project earned the approval of commissioners in 2006.

Commissioners agreed to pay the county's share of the project -- \$10,751 -- by transferring the funds from the Murder Trial Expense line item. The move received the unanimous approval of the court.

be upgraded from analog to digital by 2015. The South Plains Association of Governments has set aside \$1 million for upgrading systems in the region; however, the first stage of the local project will cost Garza County \$7,500 and should be included in the 2008-2009 fiscal year budget.

Budget development under way in Post ISD

Trustees for the Post Independent School District discussed budget development during their May 20 meeting.

Revenues, projected revenues and expenses based on payroll projections were the primary topics discussed, according to Superintendent Marlin Marcum. A portion of the discussion focused on what plans trustees have for payroll for the coming year, he said.

School board members also reviewed the Texas Education Excellent Grant application to be submitted on behalf of the middle school. The grant is designed to provide funds used for "incentive pay" on campuses that attain 'recognized' status, Marcum said.

In other business, trustees approved the sale of a piece of property confiscated for back taxes; hired teachers for the coming school year; purchased a used Outlander van to transport staff when needed; and discussed the possibility of contracting with an athletic trainer at Covenant Medical Center. No action was taken following the trainer discussion, and the matter will be reconsidered at the board's next regular meeting on June 17.

Also discussed during the meeting was funding for projects shared jointly between the county and the City of Post.

The county judge advised that the most recent written agreement between the two entities is dated Oct. 1, 2002. The entities jointly operate law enforcement, the airport, the fire department and the landfill.

It was noted that the court would meet with the Post City Council on Tuesday, June 10, to further discuss joint ventures.

No action was taken. The court also handled what was described as a "non-agenda discussion item" in the draft of the meeting's minutes. In that discussion, Michael Isbell, the emergency management coordinator, advised that a federal mandate has decreed that all radio communications systems

The county judge also discussed the need for a county cell phone policy.

In other business, commissioners:

- Postponed appointments of nominees to the Post/Garza County Airport Board. Two nominees -- one for a single-year term and one for a two-year term -- are needed.

- Opened three itemized bids for the provision of food for the Garza County Regional Juvenile Center Food Nutrition Program. Bids were received from Ben E. Keith, U.S. Food Service and Watson-Sysco. The court agreed to have the county judge's office evaluate the bids; the contract will be awarded at the court's next regular meeting.

- Approved an extension of sick leave for Garza County employee Marinette Tyler, who has depleted her sick leave, vacation and personal time during treatment of her cancer. Tyler needs additional time for outpatient treatments. The court approved the extension of sick leave through the month of June.

- Agreed to waive the penalty and interest on one of two May tax notices. The tax assessor-collector told commissioners that two May notices, which are sent out to inform individuals who have not paid their taxes that a 15 percent penalty will be added in July, have generated requests that penalties and interest be removed. With regard to one notice, the property owner claimed she did not receive the original notice; however, the county attorney noted that failure to receive notice is not a defense to payment of taxes according to the property tax code. The request to waive the \$90.26 penalty and interest

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Team North Texas

Playing in the ninth annual King Kamehameha Pigskin Classic in Honolulu, Hawaii July 1 - 8, are (left to right) Post Antelope football players John Vasquez, Jeremy Short, and James Griffin. For more information, see Elis Sports International at www.esifootball.com (Photo by Mark Short)

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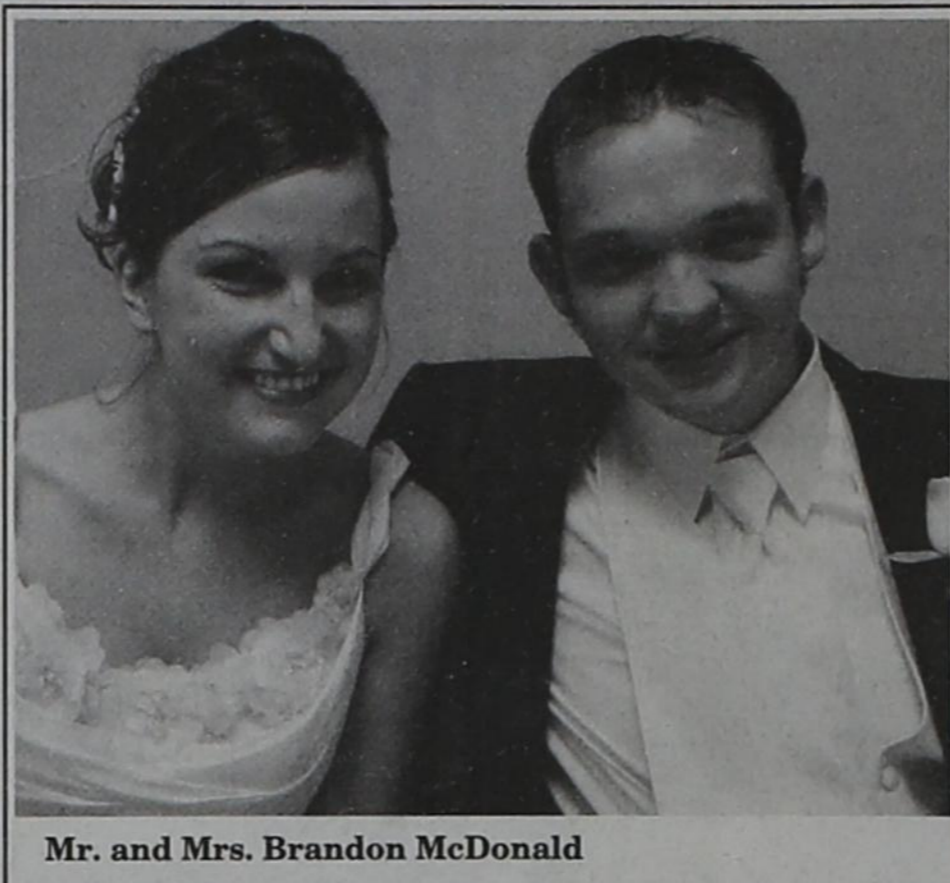
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Mr. and Mrs. Brandon McDonald

Bowne, McDonald wed May 10 in Kansas City

Megan Elaine Bowne and Brandon Layne McDonald, both residents of Kansas City, Kansas, were wed in a 4:30 p.m. ceremony on May 10, 2008, in the Nall Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City. The Rev. Josh Hancock, brother-in-law of the bride, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Elaine Bowne of Sharpville, Ind., and the granddaughter of John and Eva Higgins, also of Sharpville.

The groom's parents are Wayne and Carol McDonald of Post. He is the grandson of Nora Meares of Lamesa.

The church was decorated with double candelabras surrounded with votive candlelights. A bouquet of roses, calla lilies, delphiniums and daisies was centered on the communion table. The pews were marked with bows and flowers.

The bride and groom were given in marriage by their parents, brothers, sisters and families.

For her wedding the bride wore a floor-length candlelight cream gown accented with a row of satin buttons down the back. A blushing veil adorned her hair. She carried a bouquet of roses, calla lilies, delphiniums and daisies tied with ribbon.

Serving as matron of honor was the Rev. Mendy Bowne Hancock of Kansas City, the bride's sister. Maid of honor was Andrea Bowne of Sharpville, sister of the bride, and Beth Long of Bloomington, Ind., served as bridesmaid.

The bride's attendants wore dresses of ice blue and chocolate with wrap sashes. Each carried a bouquet of roses and calla lilies.

Flower girl was Abigail Cherie McDonald of Lubbock, the groom's niece. Her dress was accented with satin flowers in the back. She carried a basket of rose petals.

Best men were the groom's brother, Brad McDonald of Euless and Brent McDonald of Lubbock. Groomsman was Todd Terry of Lubbock.

Ring bearer was Caleb McDonald of Lubbock, the groom's nephew. Bell ringer was another nephew of the groom, Bobby McDonald of Euless.

The groom's attendants wore formal dark brown tuxedos, cream-colored shirts and bow ties.

Ushers for the ceremony were Montague Williams, Jake Edwards, Brian Schafer and Scott Savage.

Katie Savage attended the guest book.

Candle lighters were Jon Hart, Josh Smithson, Brian Lee, Damien Mitchell, Scott Shellenburger, Brian Day, Eddie Couchenour, Mike Coblenz, Michelle Shires Poppe, Diane Richardson, Audrey Richardson, Lindsey Czechowicz, Rachel Black, Missy Price, Hayley Tarrent and Roz.

Music for the ceremony included, during the candle lighting, "Canon in D," "Nickelcreek" and "You Being You" by Steph Jeck. "Wedding March" was played upon the bride's entrance to the church, while "The Lord's Prayer" was featured during the communion and family prayer by Lindsey Czechowicz. "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" served as the recessional.

Following the ceremony, a reception was conducted at the church.

The room was outfitted with tablecloth-topped round tables featuring glass bowl centerpieces. Each bowl was filled with water and fresh flowers and was flanked by bowls of coffee beans and flowers.

An Italian buffet was served to guests. Punch, a tiered wedding cake decorated with chocolate icing and blue polka dots and a German chocolate groom's cake were served from the bridal table.

Guests from Texas included Ray and Earlene Bagby and Rick and Julie Calvert, who were seated at the groom's parents' table.

Members of the house party included Heidi and Mark Elmore, Angela McDonald, Jerry Selvidge, Kim Tharpe, Jerry Nielson and Jeff and Becky Moore.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents, was conducted at the Trinity Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City. Jack Stak Bar-B-Q was served on tables covered with cream-colored cloths and decorated with bowls of coffee beans and blue candles placed on mirrored squares. Trails of blue and brown M&Ms meandered across the tables for guests to enjoy.

Following a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple is at home on Booth Street in Kansas City.

The bride, a 2002 graduate of Tri-Central High School in Sharpville, graduated from Olivet Nazarene University in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is employed as the public health nurse in the Family Planning Division of the Wyandotte County Health Department.

The bridegroom, a 1997 Post High School graduate, graduated from Southern Nazarene University in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in environmental science and from the Nazarene Theological Seminary in 2007 with a master's degree in intercultural studies. He teaches at Earthworks.

The couple will be feted with a family wedding shower on July 5 at the Grassland Nazarene Church. The community is invited to attend.

Airport funding ...

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was denied. The second, which involved a payment that was returned to the taxpayer when it was determined that the payment included school taxes, was approved. The \$110.46 penalty and interest was waived.

- Approved three line-item transfers and budget amendment requests, including one for Constable No. 1 and the Lake Alan Henry Fire Station budgets, \$2,929; one for \$200 for the Agrilife Extension Agent office; and one for \$600 for the treasurer's office.

- Took no action on the 2008-2009 budget workshop included on the agenda.

- Waived the opportunity to inspect the new county jail site. The county judge informed the court that the exterior walls of

the facility have been erected.

- Took no action on the proposed purchase of additional election equipment with Help America Vote Act funds. The county has more than \$48,500 in funding available for general HAVA compliance, but the funding will no longer be available after Dec. 31. The county clerk requested that the item be tabled until an updated quote from the equipment provider, Election Systems and Software, is received.

- Approved precinct and county-wide accounts payable for that period from May 29 through June 9.

- Received and approved written reports as presented.

- Approved minutes from the May 28 regular meeting.

White River Lake Weekly Report June 10, 2008

Gauge reading: 2341.80
 Feet below spillway: 30'8"
 Rise - 0"
 Rainfall (past week): 0"
 Rain to-date: 6.32"

Rainfall 2004: 43.58"
 Rainfall 2005: 15.57"
 Rainfall 2006: 28.85"
 Rainfall 2007: 24.19"

White River Lake has 879,471,859 million gallons left available at the intake - 10 percent capacity or 2,699 acre feet. Subtract 42,577,864 MG for evaporation this week, leaving 836,893,985 MG available.

White River's daily average demand for 2007 was 1.26 million gallons per day.

The well field wells will produce 1.90 million gallons per day.

The oil company using water for mining has been stopped until the lake level rises.

White River Municipal Water District is in Stage 1 of its Drought Contingency Plan.

Source: Mickey Rogers, general manager, WRMWD

Attn: Golfers
 Have fun and help raise funds for the **Cogdell Memorial Hospital Foundation**
 "Nite Golf" Tournament
 2-person Scramble
 Friday, June 27, 2008
 Sammy Baugh Golf Course at Western Texas College
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AGENDA:

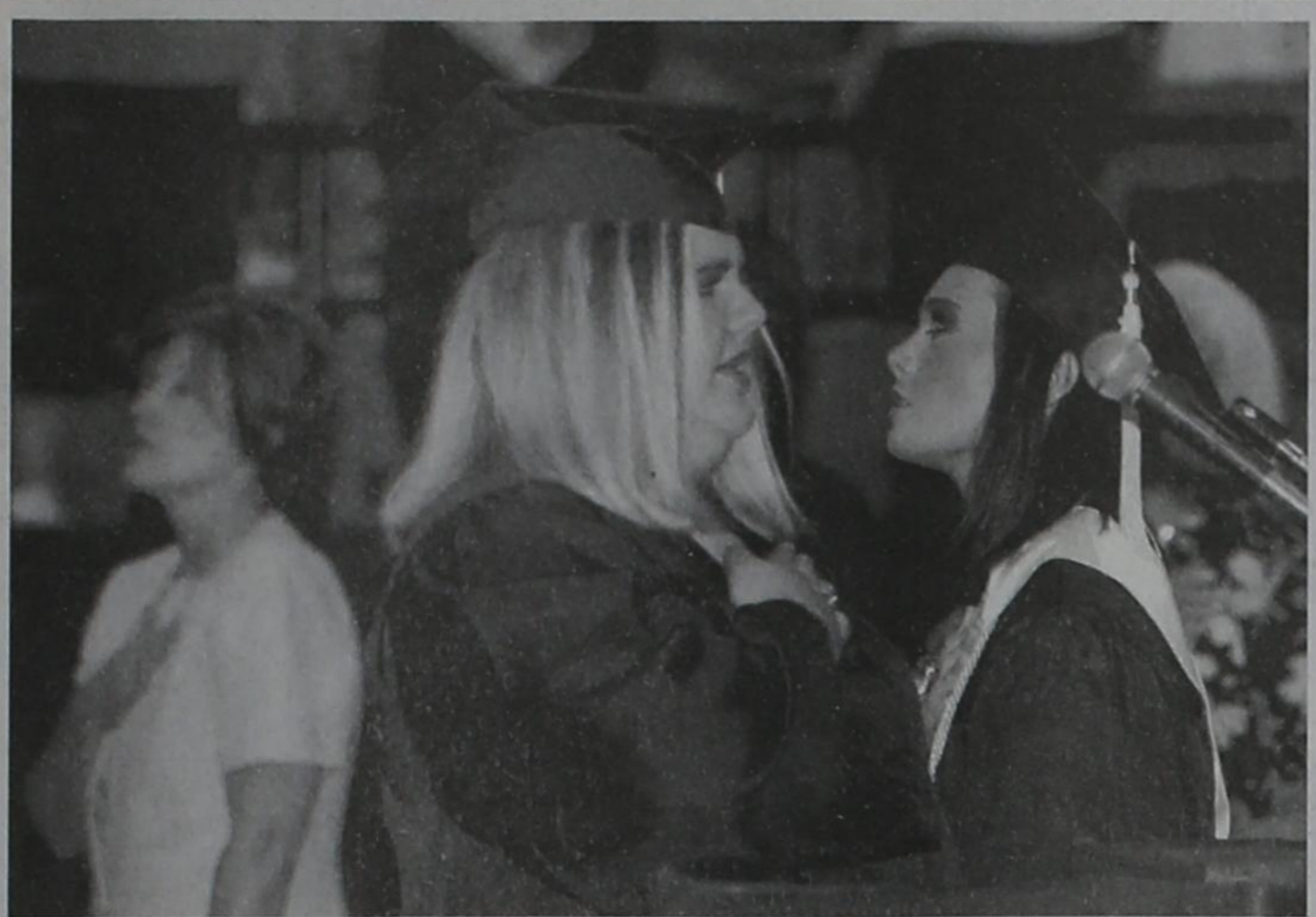
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 - (2.) Certification of 2008 Appraisal Roll
 - (3.) Certification of Supplemental Records for 2007

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Last month at the PHS Award ceremony students performed to John Denver's "Thank God I'm a Country Boy." Singing is John Bocko and dancers are (left to right) Jackie Slaugh, Alan Heckaman, Meagen Howard-Griffis and Call Windham.

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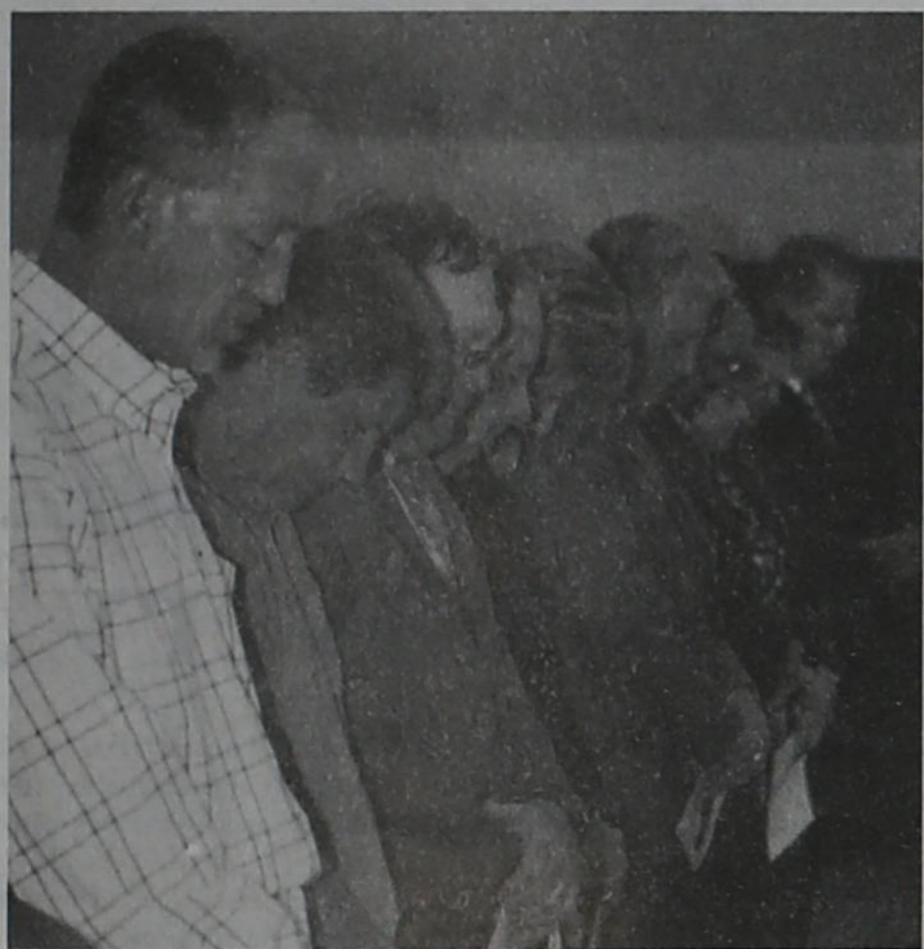


Reciting the pledge of allegiance are (left to right) Kim Mills, Kristen Moses and Kelsey Sanderson.

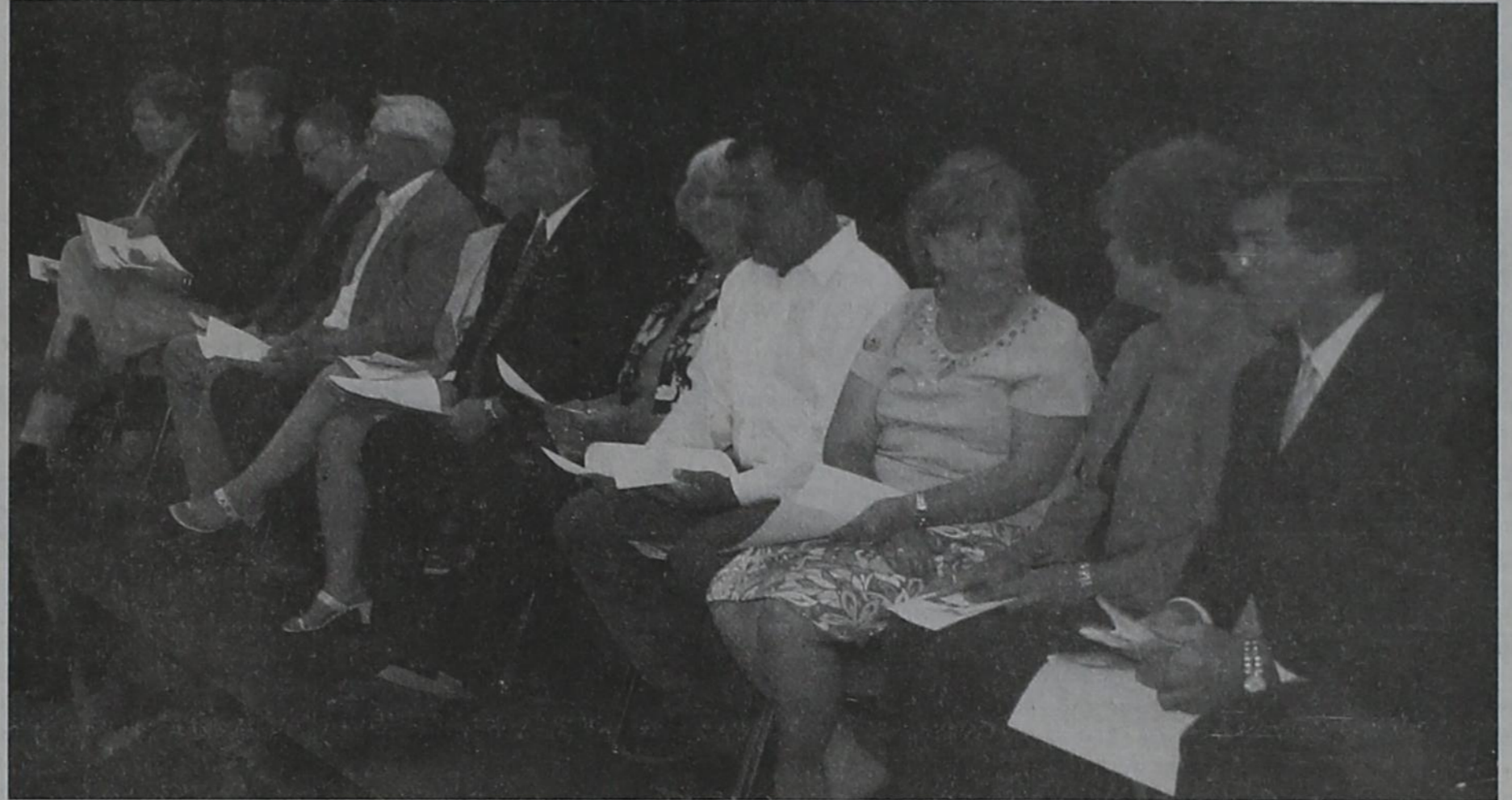


PHS graduates sing the Post Antelope Anthem

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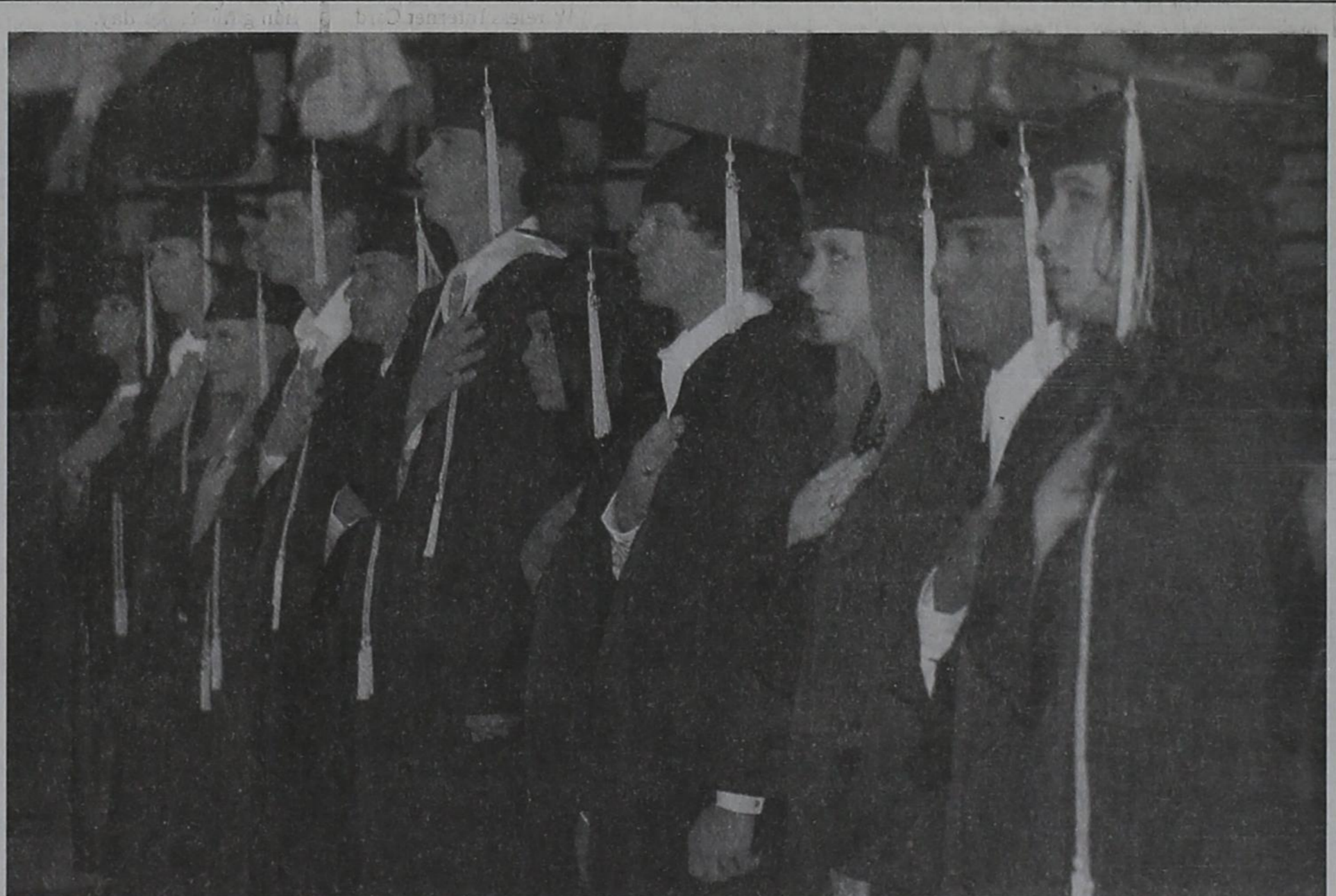
With heads bowed are Post ISD board of trustees members and staff (left to right) Randy Conner, Delton Osborn, Milton Williams, Billy Max Gordon, Diann Windham, Mike Holly, Fred Postell (retired), Terry Reed, Zach Gibson and John Berry.
Staff photo by Merika Strivens



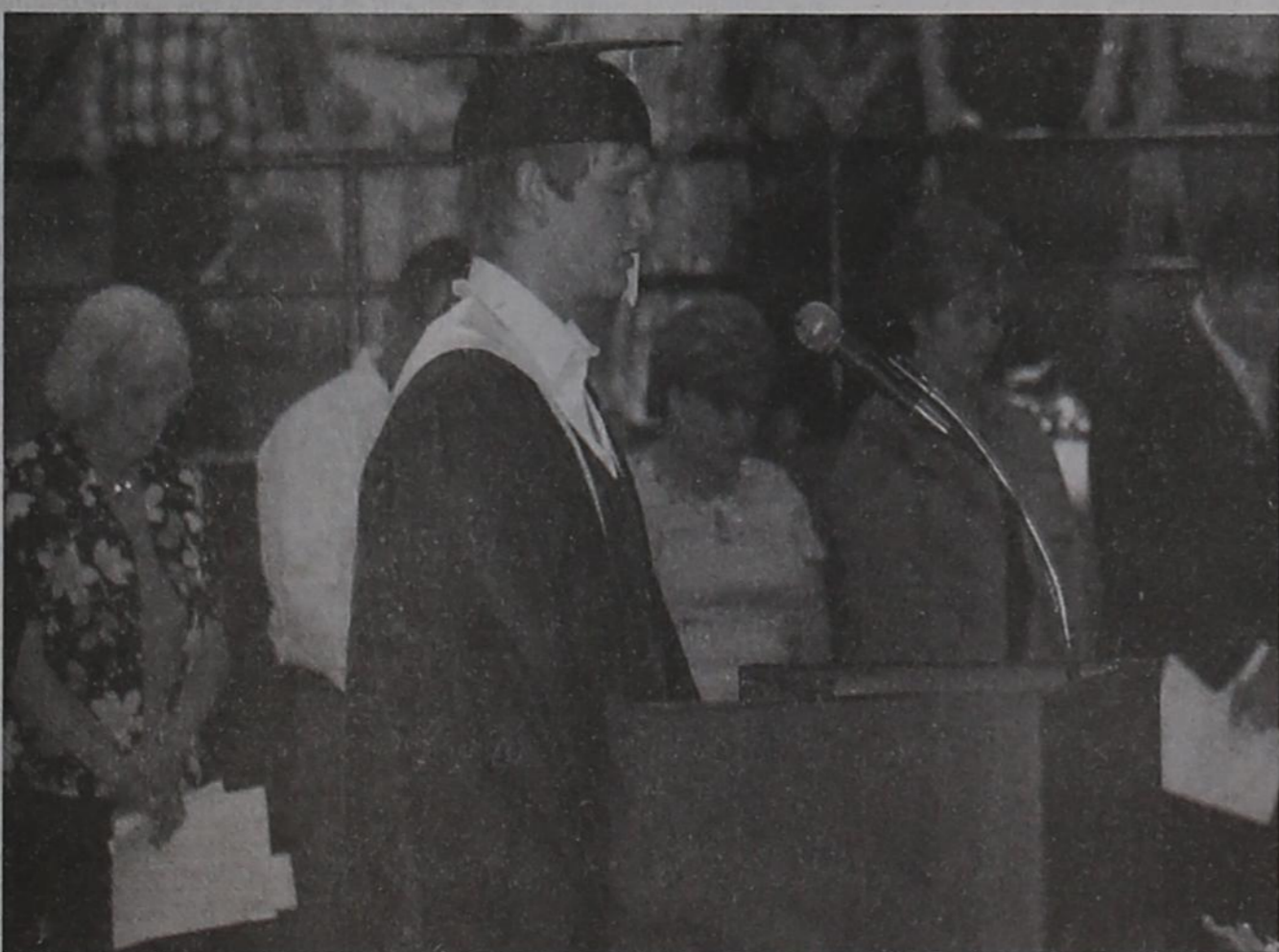
Presenting scholarships at this year's PHS graduation ceremony are (left to right) Dave Tyler, Brent Taylor, Lance Dunn, Roy Josey, Kim Mills, Kerry Dixon, Marie Neff, Jimmy Valdez, Melonie Morris, Delores Redman and Dale Redman.
Staff photo by Merika Strivens

Photos by Merika Strivens

POST HIGH SCHOOL 2008 GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE POST ANTELOPE ARENA



Reciting the pledge of allegiance are PHS graduates (left to right) Suhani Bhakta, Samantha Hoover, Meagen Howard-Griffis, Timothy Wilson, Steven Short, Call Windham, Marisa Basquez, Ryan Belongia, Paige Bullard, Steven Contreras and Erica Cravy.
Staff photo by Merika Strivens



Timothy Wilson leads the graduates in a prayer at the opening of this year's PHS graduation ceremony. Marie Neff, Jimmy Valdez, Melonie Morris, Delores Redman and other guests (back) join in the prayer.



An emotional moment is shared by John Vasquez and Dale Redman following Redman's presentation of the Jimmy Redman Scholarship at the recent PHS graduation ceremony.

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Judicial corruption starts at the top

by Wesley W. Burnett

Last week I read an article which quoted Texas governor Rick Perry as saying that he supported government agents who violated constitutional rights of hundreds of parents at their ranch in Schleicher County.

Perry said that the "fine points" of the law should not interfere with "protecting" children, and he applauded the action of state agents forcing children at gun point from their parents.

The state appeals court and the Texas Supreme Court ruled that the district judge "erred" by issuing an "invalid" warrant to remove more than 400 children in the name of "protecting" them from religious indoctrination and "forced" marriages.

The entire episode was brought about by an anonymous phone call accusing a man at the ranch of abusing young girls. The call was dismissed by Colorado and Texas authorities as a hoax.

Based on that single phony telephone call, county officials seized the opportunity to convince the district judge to issue a warrant which was so broad that it included the entire community of adults at the ranch.

Hundreds of county and state armed agents swarmed the peaceful facility in what could only be likened unto the event a few years ago in another religious community near Waco.

Only this time none of the victims were armed and the only opposition was mothers' and fathers' tears and pleading.

The state agents kidnapped the children, separated them from their parents and siblings and sent them to foster homes or other facilities all over the state.

Meanwhile the district judge held a series of circus hearings in San Angelo, completely ignoring the lawful evidence presented in defense of the parents.

Even though the Texas Supreme Court threw out the district judge's ridiculous warrant on strong constitutional grounds, Governor Perry lamented the decision.

His rejection of our constitutional rights is grounds for impeachment ... for he has openly defied the rights of individuals, insisting that the state can take whatever action it feels is necessary in order to "protect the children."

With that kind of attitude, there can be no rule of law, no due process.

Perhaps there has been abuse at that ranch ... if so then the state should go about finding the evidence of the criminal activity and prosecuting those individuals named in a warrant.

Other impeachments should be aimed at all the armed agents who eagerly enforced the unlawful warrant. As far as we are aware, not a single one opposed the action.

It is reminiscent of the constitutional violations in Garza County by our district and county judges. They have such little regard for our constitution that they continue to this day justifying their unlawful action last November as being a necessity for "security."

What was the threat to security at the courthouse on November 8, 2007? News media cameras.

It is interesting to note that District Judge Carter T. Schildknecht was originally appointed by Governor Perry. If there was ever an example of corruption starting at the top and flowing down hill ... this is certainly one to remember.

Respect for our constitution is mandatory for elected and appointed officials. Anything less is simply not acceptable.

Governor Perry's continued abuse of his oath of office makes him unqualified to hold public office.

Energy prices and the falling dollar

by Congressman Ron Paul

Oil prices are on the minds of many Americans as gas hits \$4 a gallon, and continues to surge. How high can prices go? How can we solve these problems? What, or who, is to blame?

Part of the answer lies in understanding bubbles and monetary inflation, but especially the Federal Reserve System. The Federal Reserve is charged with controlling inflation through interest rate manipulation, however, many fail to realize that creating money, and therefore inflation, is really its only tool.

When the Federal Reserve inflates the dollar as drastically as it has in the past few decades, the first users of the newly created money go in search of investments for their dollars. They must invest this money quickly and aggressively before it loses value.

This causes certain sectors to expand beyond what would naturally occur in the free market. Eventually the sector overheats and the bubble bursts. Overinvestment in dotcoms eventually led to a collapse of the NASDAQ.

Next we had the housing bubble, and now we are seeing the price of oil being bid up in the creation of another new bubble. Investors are now looking to commodities like oil, for stability and growth as they pull capital out of real estate. This increased demand for investment vehicles related to oil contributes to driving up the price of the actual product.

If the Fed continues with its bubble blowing policies of the past, the new commodities bubble will continue to grow, gas prices will continue to go up, as the value of your dollars go down. We will see an overinvestment in these commodities as solutions are desperately sought for a supply shortage, which is only part of the problem.

Make no mistake, though, this is not the free market at work. Government manipulations have added levels of complication and unintended consequences to the marketplace.

This is not the time for members of Congress to take political potshots at each other, or to imagine that the free market is somehow to blame. This is the time to understand and fix problems.

That begins with making sure the decision makers have a firm grasp on the causes of the problems and possible effects of their decisions. This is absolutely crucial if we want to get it right this time. That is why I am in the process of calling for hearings on Capitol Hill on how the falling value of the dollar affects energy prices.

Governments need to get out of the way and let the people get back to work so that we can get our economy back on stable footing. Our destructive regulatory environment, confiscatory tax policies, and managed, rather than free trade have

Opinions



Are American pro-slavery?

by Walter E. Williams

Let's do a thought experiment asking whether Americans are for or against slavery. You might say, "What are you talking about, Williams? We fought a war that cost over 600,000 lives to end slavery!" To get started, we might find a description that captures the essence of slavery. A good working description is: slavery is a set of circumstances whereby one person is forcibly used to serve the purposes of another person and has no legal claim to the fruits of his labor.

The average American worker toils from January 1st to the end of April, and has no legal claim to the fruits of his labor for that period. Federal, state and local governments, through the tax code, take what he produces. A small portion of the fruits of his labor is used to provide for the constitutional functions of government. Most of what's taken, up to two-thirds, is given to some other American in the forms of farm and business subsidies, Social Security, Medicare, welfare and hundreds of other government handout programs. As in slavery, one person is being forcibly used to serve the purposes of another person.

You might ask, "Williams, aren't you a bit off base? Slavery means that you are owned by another person." Who owns a person is not nearly important as who has the rights to use that person. In other words, a plantation owner having the power to force a black to work for him would have been just as well off, and possibly better off, not owning him. Not owning him means not having to bear medical expenses and loss of wealth if the slave died. During World War II, Nazis didn't own Jews, but they had the power to force them to labor for them. Not owning Jews meant that working and starving them to death had little cost to the Nazis. The fact that American slaves were owned, with prices sometimes ranging from \$800 to \$1,300, meant that owners had a financial stake in the slave's well-being and they were not worked and starved to death.

You might argue that my analogy is irrelevant because unlike American slaves and Nazi concentration camp inmates, we can come and go as we please, live where we want, buy a car, clothes and other things with the money left over after the government gets four months' worth of our earnings. But, does that make much of a difference?

During slavery, visitors to the South often observed "a great many loose negroes about." Officials in Savannah, Mobile and Charleston and other cities complained about "nominal slaves," "virtually free negroes," and "quasi free negroes" who were seemingly oblivious to any law or regulation. Frederick Douglass, a slave, explained this phenomenon when he was employed as a Baltimore ship's caulker: "I was to be allowed all my time; to make bargains

for work; to find my own employment, and to collect my own wages; and in return for this liberty, I was ... to pay him (Douglass' master) three dollars at the end of each week, and to board and clothe myself, and buy my own caulking tools."

There are some benefits to being a quasi free person such as Frederick Douglass. There are two ways U.S. Congress might force me to serve the purposes of another American. They might force me spend a couple of hours each day actually working, without compensation, for another American. Or, they might forcibly take a portion of my earnings so that American can hire someone. I see myself as being better off with Congress doing the latter — taking a portion of my earnings and giving it away.

Some might be put off by my thought experiment and consider it an illegitimate use of the term "slavery." At what point should we consider ourselves a quasi free American — when government takes two-thirds or three-quarters of our earnings?

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War and Obama

by Bill O'Reilly

Cutting through all the fog, there are two primary reasons behind Barack Obama's stunning victory over the Clinton machine: authenticity and the war in Iraq.

As amply demonstrated, there is simply no comparison between Obama and Hillary Clinton as far as public speaking is concerned. He is eloquent and natural, talking directly to the folks. She is more stilted and rehearsed, talking at the listener. Sen. Clinton comes across as the typical politician, while Sen. Obama seems like a genuine human being.

He also outflanked her on the Iraq war. In the beginning of the campaign, Obama bolted from the starting gate flashing his anti-war cred. From the jump, he had been against the action. And now he was the guy who would pull the USA out of the Iraq swamp.

Clinton was immediately put on the defensive, as she initially supported the use of force to remove Saddam Hussein. Also, her entire outlook on confronting Islamic fascism was far too bullish for far-left America. So the Net roots, as they call themselves, flocked to Obama and provided him with vast amounts of money via the Internet. By the time Hillary rallied Democratic moderates, it was too late.

Now Obama has achieved the nomination, but his winning primary strategy on Iraq could come back to haunt him in the general election, when the far left becomes rather insignificant. Already John McCain is painting Obama as a terror appeaser who would snatch defeat from the jaws of victory in Iraq.

And McCain has some heavy ammunition to back up his attack. In May, American casualties were the lowest since the Iraq war began in 2003. In addition, Iraqi oil production is now at its highest level since Saddam fell. Even the liberal Reuters news agency calls the current situation in Iraq a "dramatic turnaround."

Of course, you won't hear much about that in the American press, as the liberal media have much invested in a U.S. defeat in Iraq. But there is no question that the war there can now be won. It's not a lock, but it's certainly a possibility.

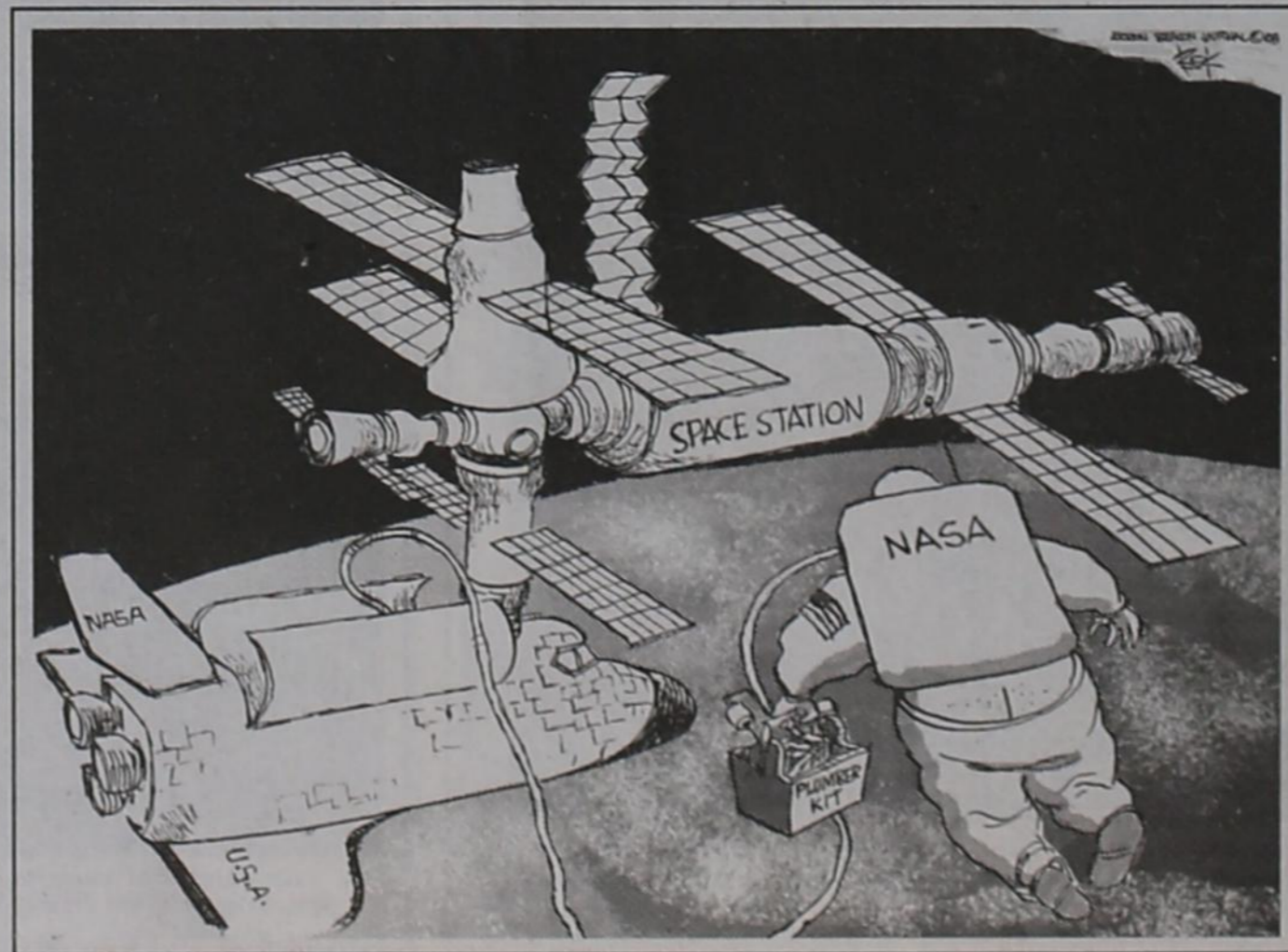
McCain must make the case that a victory in Iraq, which means the country stabilizes and becomes an ally against Islamic terror and Iran, means a much more secure United States. For the past few weeks, McCain has been spotlighting Iran's villainy; pointing out its support of terror groups like Hezbollah and its outright killing of our forces in Iraq.

Quietly, McCain is setting Obama up for a hard right to the jaw. If the U.S. pulls out of Iraq too quickly, the pressure on Iran immediately lightens and the potential for aggression by the bitterly anti-Jewish and anti-American Mullahs rises dramatically. Does Obama understand that? Does it matter to him? McCain will confront his young challenger with those questions.

Obama's advisers know the Iraq scenario is changing fast. They also understand that the media will ignore the good news for as long as it can. But word will get out and, after years of frustration, Americans could be staring at a success story after all.

Not good news for Obama.

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CRP permitted for use for livestock feed needs

The USDA has authorized certain acreage enrolled under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to be available for hay and forage after the primary nesting season ends for grass-nesting birds, according to an announcement by Victor Ashley, executive director of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Garza-Borden County.

"This action will provide much needed feed and forage while maintaining the conservation benefits from the nation's premier conservation program," said Ashley. "Eligible farmers and ranchers will be able to plan for harvest of forage after the end of the primary nesting season this summer."

Prices for most field crops have advanced to record or near record levels in recent months, reflecting strong demand, tight supplies and competition for acres. The increased demand for commodities and resulting higher prices has impacted the livestock industry in particular.

More than 24 million acres of land enrolled in CRP will be eligible for this critical feed use program. USDA estimates that this program will make available up to 18 million tons of forage worth \$1.2 billion.

"In authorizing this critical use of CRP acres for forage, USDA is also taking strong measures to preserve CRP's environmental benefits," said Ashley.

Eligible land may not be hayed or grazed until after the end of the primary nesting season.

Also, some of the eligible land or forage of the land must be reserved for wildlife and any land that is used under this authority must have a conservation plan. In many instances, the removal of some of the grass cover will increase the diversity of the stand and provide long-term benefits for wildlife. Further, the most environmentally sensitive land enrolled in CRP will not be eligible. The land will be subject to a site inspection to ensure compliance with the conservation plan. No rental payment reduction will be assessed on contracts being utilized for this critical use. However, a \$75 fee will be charged to process the required contract modification.

Sign-up for interested CRP participants began June 2 at local

Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices. This modification for critical feed use is only for 2008. All forage use must be completed no later than November 10.

Under CRP, farmers and ranchers enroll eligible land in 10- to 15-year contracts with USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC). FSA administers CRP on behalf of CCC.

Participants plant appropriate cover such as grasses and trees in crop

fields and along streams. These plantings help prevent soil and nutrients from running into regional waterways and affecting water quality. The long-term vegetative cover also improves wildlife habitat and soil quality.

Additional details including fact sheets, maps and statistics are available at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation>.



Standing in front of the newly poured cement at the corner of 8th Street and South Ave I, Krishna Bush happily watches the construction progress of the Post Skate Park. (Staff photo by Merika Strivens)

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Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA

Salmonella Outbreak Update

You might have seen signs up around supermarkets or any food establishments the last few days with a warning about a multi-state Salmonella outbreak.

According to U. S. Food and Drug Administration officials, there is a Saintpaul strain of

Salmonella connected to eating raw red plum, red Roma, or round red tomatoes or consuming products made with these types of tomatoes. Most of the removal or non-use of tomatoes at this time is precautionary. The contaminated tomatoes are thought to have been shipped from Mexico.

Salmonella bacteria are found naturally in the intestines of animals and some people. The bacteria can

also be found in the environment. People contracting salmonella can become ill with salmonellosis.

Salmonella can be present in a variety of food items. Precautionary measures to limit your exposure to this and any bacteria is to use common sense cleanliness and safe cooking practices while preparing food items.

The following four-point plan to defeat salmonella:

- Clean -- Clean hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds prior to handling food items and again before switching from one food item to the next. Sanitize countertops, cutting boards and utensils.

- Chill -- Bacteria can grow between 40 degrees and 140 degrees Fahrenheit, so keep cold food cold. Refrigeration slows bacteria's

growth but does not stop it. Zero degrees can stop bacteria's growth, but only proper cooking will kill it.

- Separate -- Do not cross-contaminate raw meat, poultry and seafood with other food items.

- Cook -- Cook food items to a minimum of 140 degrees Fahrenheit or 60 degrees Celsius.

Currently the FDA is advising consumers to limit their raw tomato consumption to cherry tomatoes, grape tomatoes, tomatoes sole with the vine attached and tomatoes grown at home. To date, there have been 56 confirmed cases of Salmonella connected to the contaminated source in Texas since mid-April. The investigation is in its early stages but the consumption of raw tomatoes have been implicated as the likely source of infections.

Symptoms of salmonella infection include headache, stomach pain, diarrhea, nausea and sometimes vomiting. The illness usually lasts for four to seven days and most people recover without treatment. The most likely to be affected are infants, the elderly or those with impaired immune systems.

Health officials recommend to:

- Cook tomatoes at 145 degrees F or at least 15 seconds to kill salmonella.

- Avoid purchasing bruised or damaged tomatoes and discard any that appear spoiled.

- Thoroughly wash all tomatoes under running water.

- Refrigerate within two hours or discard cut, peeled or cooked tomatoes.

- Keep tomatoes that will be eaten raw separate from raw meats, raw seafood and other raw produce items.

- Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils and countertops with hot water and soap when switching between types of food products.

- Wash hands thoroughly and often with warm water and soap.

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

SS Ticket to Work program see changes

The Social Security Administration issued final rules designed to improve the Ticket to Work program. The changes will improve the effectiveness of the Ticket program in assisting beneficiaries with disabilities who want to work.

"These rules outline a new and improved Ticket to Work program and are based on learning from our experiences, listening to input from interested parties, and responding to their suggestions," said Michael J. Astrue, commissioner of Social Security. "Beneficiaries with disabilities will have greater flexibility and expanded choices in obtaining the services they need to attain their employment goals."

The new Ticket to Work program rules:

- Include more beneficiaries under the Program -- The population of individuals eligible for a Ticket is expanded to include beneficiaries who are expected to medically improve.

- Increase incentive payments for Employment Networks (ENs) -- The new rules modify the EN payment systems to create greater financial incentives for service providers to participate, which will improve beneficiary access to services and expand the pool of quality providers available to serve beneficiaries.

- Increase the value of the Ticket -- The rules for Ticket assignment are changed to enable beneficiaries with disabilities to take advantage of a more effective combination of services from both State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies and ENs.

- Synergize efforts--The new rules promote better alignment of

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District 2 4-H Horse Show

Garza County has three 4-Hers who are registered to compete in the District 2 Horse Show to be held in Wolforth on June 16-17. Best of luck to Lana Kitten, Cheyenne Morris and Dakota McDonald.

District 2 Entomology & Horse Tours

On June 19, District 2 will hold an Entomology & Horse Tour in Lubbock. Anyone who wants to participate in this fun, one-day event, please let the Extension office know by June 17.

District 2 Trap and Skeet Shoot

The District Trap portion of the Shoot will be hosted by Garza County 4-H at Palmer's Gun Club June 27. The District Skeet and 5-Stand will be held in Gaines County. Come out and support District 2.

Prime Time '08 I & II

The Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood is the place for Prime Time '08. Sessions I and II will be held in July. Registration continues on 4-H Connect until July 7.

State Steer Validation

Monday, June 23, we will hold State Steer Validation at Syd Conner's. It begins at 9 a.m. and validation cost is \$10 per head. If you will not be able to attend, please call the Extension office prior to that date.

Youth Board Meeting

There will be a Youth Board Meeting on June 30. Members will receive a notice in the mail.

Shotgun Project

Shotgun practice will be held Mondays at 6 p.m. at Palmer Gun Club. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

July 18 is deadline for LCP enrollment

Livestock producers have until July 18 to enroll in the 2005-2007 Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), according to Victor Ashley, executive director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Garza-Borden County.

Sign-ups began on Sept. 10 for the program that provides aid to livestock producers who suffered eligible livestock feed losses between Jan. 1, 2005, and Dec. 30, 2007, because of a natural disaster.

The LCP provides payments to eligible livestock owners and cash lessees who suffered feed losses or increased feed costs because of a natural disaster.

More information about LCP is available online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>. For more information on FSA programs, visit the local USDA Service Center or the agency's Web site, <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Still dry, hot and windy. What is up with the wind this year? I don't remember it being this windy for days on end before. You would think we would be used to it by now, but I'm not. I don't guess we ever will be.

Grant Bright and his son, Doug, of Albuquerque, N.M., were in town this past week. Grant is the nephew of Doug and Claudine Tipton. They are passing through on their way to visit with Grant's mom and stopped to visit with Doug and Claudine.

Susan Boren and her kids, Justin and Julie, traveled to Longview last weekend to attend Susan's nephew's high school graduation.

Post High School Class of 2008 Memories and Plans



Suhani Bhatka
Valedictorian

by Suhani Bhatka

It has often been said that we are a product of our surroundings. Our interaction with everyone we meet supposedly leaves a permanent mark in our unconscious by creating a miniature data bank in our mind. We draw on these little memory banks every day and we become shaped and build character from our surroundings, which makes us who we are.

I feel very lucky because for the past seven years, I've been surrounded by you.

I moved to Post, Texas, in the sixth grade and after the first week of school I wanted to move back to Abilene. I begged my parents to move back, but I'm glad my parents did not say yes or I would not have gotten to meet and know some of the funniest, most caring and talented people which are now my friends.

High school is summed up by one of my favorite quotes; it's an anonymous quote that says, "I cried because I had no shoes, then I met a man who had no feet." You see, as human beings, we have a natural tendency to dwell on what we don't have or would like to have and often forget about the talents we've been blessed with and the importance of sharing them with those around us who might be worse off than we. I'm referring to things like taking time out to tutor that struggling classmate, volunteering for community service within and outside the school, organizing charitable causes, being a student leader or simply just being there when a friend needs a listening ear or some encouragement.

I found myself surrounded by such giving and hardworking people who were definitely a source of encouragement.

The quote also reminds me of the importance of being thankful. Whatever your situation in life is, it is essential to give thanks. We are gathered here today to celebrate our accomplishments, and we should be thankful that we were able to wake up this morning to witness this beautiful day and occasion.

You have been given this opportunity because you were in pursuit of higher education. Opportunities will not be given to you; you must seek them out and seize them by deciding who you want to be and what you want to accomplish by following through forcefully. You are like an artist with a clean, smooth white canvas in front of you, and with every decision you make you add color and life to your painting. You have the opportunity to create something beautiful. Decide what you want to accomplish and choose to pursue it with your entire being.

Parents, friends, family, teachers and all others who are with us today: We cannot begin to thank you for all you have done for us. We stand here now, ready to turn the page of a new chapter in our lives because of your love, instruction and prayers. And we know these will continue to go with us. Thank you for being with us to celebrate today.

Class of 2008, my friends who have meant so much to me, I leave you with the words of my close friend and his depiction of his many experiences in college. He told me, "Suhani, life is like a rollercoaster. You will encounter hills and drops along the way or twists and loops, but don't hesitate to get on the ride because those hills, drops, twists and loops are what make life interesting."

What he was trying to say, my friends, is that life will take many unexpected turns, many good things will happen and many bad things will happen as well, but don't be disappointed when unfortunate events occur. Push yourself up and learn some encouragement.

A few of our Ragtown kids went on their annual camping trip last week. JD Young, Reece Belongia, Trent Laurence and Colt Deen camp out the weekend after school is out each year. Justin Boren and Reed Williams normally go, but they didn't get to attend this year. They all had a great time and got home safely.

Dana Morris Carter and her daughter, Laura, have been here visiting with family and friends. Dana is the daughter of Jack and Jean Morris. Mike, Dana and Laura live in Longview.

Ronnie and Andra Dunn had a full house over the weekend. Three of their grandchildren were here visiting from Lubbock. Taryn, Brayden, Gage always have a good time when they are here.

Visitors -- Mackey Sappington came by the gin last week. Jill Renea Davis came in on her way to Lubbock to visit her mom, Sherri. Jill is also the daughter of Robert Davis, who used to drive a truck for the gin several years. David Sparlin came by on Monday. Joyce Overton dropped in for a cool drink on Tuesday.

from your mistakes. You may be torn between two important decisions, situations where you will question yourself, but don't be afraid to take those risks. Don't be afraid to follow your dreams.

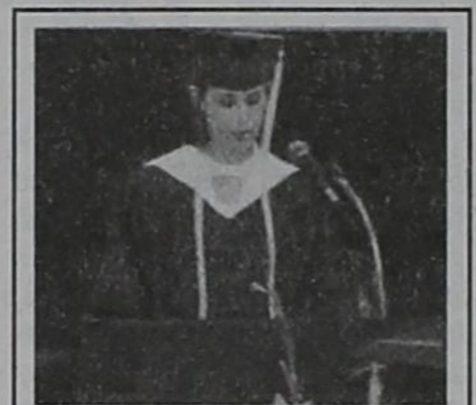
What seemed like a long time on the ride now feels like only a few seconds. Just like our seven years together. I had a fun ride, and I hope you guys did, too.

Now let us take the college ride, but be cautious of the many hills and drops and turns and twists that you encounter along the way. The ride may seem never-ending and you may want to get off before it stops, but persevere and finish because after you get off it will feel like it only lasted for a few seconds.

So, friends, are you ready to ride?

Congratulations, Class of 2008, and good luck!

Thank you.



Samantha Hoover
Salutatorian

by Samantha Hoover

Today, after going through elementary, middle and high school, we are finally graduating and leaving behind a lifetime of memories and friends.

Throughout those years, while we have learned about mathematics, science, English and history, we have also learned about each other. The memories we made with each other will always stay with us. After all, how could we forget when we all got soaked during Field Day? I'm still pretty mad about that, and I think so is Mr. Gibson. Or the time when Jeremy accidentally hit Madison with a stick? She still has not been able to let go after all these years. These memories and many others will stay with us forever.

I hope you keep them and cherish them. I also hope that

you continue learning in order to stimulate your schemata, which Mrs. Marcum would always tell us.

I hope that you will always have faith in yourselves. After all, faith is the key to success.

I hope that your failures are equal to or less than your successes because you have to fail in order to succeed. Therefore, I hope your determination is at the highest level possible.

I hope in your future, when something doesn't go your way, you'll stick with it and pull through anyway.

There will be times when you have happy and sad moments, and I hope you have both in order to grow and become stronger.

I hope that with those precious moments you will have friends with which to share them. Don't listen to the cliché about keeping your friends close and your enemies closer, because when your enemies turn on you again, your friends might not be there to pick you up. Friends are much more important than your enemies, so don't risk losing them.

I hope that you'll never hold grudges and will be able to live your life without being angry at others; therefore, Madison, just let it go. Jeremy really didn't mean to throw a stick at you. And in doing so, your integrity with outshine everyone else's.

You may slip occasionally, but I hope that you don't regret your actions, because there is always a reason why it happened.

I hope you take with you the lifetime of memories that were made here, even though we didn't always want to be here.

Forrest Gump said, "Life is like a box of chocolate. You never know what you're gonna get." Therefore, I want you to live your life to the fullest because you never know what kind of chocolate will be in your box.

It's been such a pleasure being a part of this class. I couldn't have asked for a better class to graduate with.

As I conclude my speech, I would like to leave you with the words from a song that we all know: "As we go on, we remember all the times we had together, and our lives change, come whatever, we will still be friends forever."

Congratulations, Class of '08. I hope you had the time of your life!



Meagen Howard-Griffis
Class History

by Meagen Howard-Griffis

• Kindergarten -- Post High School's Senior Class of 2008 started off in 1996 with Marisa Basquez, Paige Bullard, Stephen Contrares, Ericka Cravy, Kristopher Crenshaw, Dylan Davis, Marsela Diaz, Jose Esparza, Stephanie Garcia, Lauren Gonzales, Tisha Hair, Allen Heckaman, Samantha Hoover, Kelsey Hays, Lori Jones, Zachery Kocerek, Madison Mason, Tyler Mechaca, Lydia Mendoza, Maria Medoza, Tyler Odum, Brenna Postell, Crystal Price, Bradley Reed, Pat Reiter, Alexis Saiz, Kelsey Sanderson, Jeremy Short, Steven Short, Kamron Shumard, Sheriuka Thurman, Cherakee Ybarra and Mariela Zubia.

• First grade -- (nothing listed)

• Second grade -- (nothing listed)

• Third grade -- AshLeigh

Josh Bush came by to say hi to his uncle Jerry. They had a really good visit. Josh and his family live in Wharton.

Get wells -- Fannie Ballentine is at home in Post and doing well. Welcome home, Nana.

Remember the nursing home folks and keep praying for rain and that our troops come safely home.

And to all the fathers, I hope you have a great Father's Day! Birthdays

OK, to all of you very observant people, I know Amanda's birthday is in December, not June. Sorry for the misprint last week.

- June 13 -- Flora Gonzales
- June 16 -- Steve Norman
- June 18 -- Sammi Jo Freeman

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.

Harris joined us for a period of time during our third-grade year.

• Fourth grade -- Shelly Gearhart became a member of our class in fourth grade. This was also the first year that the boys of our grade began to take interest in the girls of our grade. Several gentlemen here remember the time that Cass Tatum, who was once a member of our class, wouldn't allow Call Windham to play basketball with him. And Call, unable to stand the injustice, told him, "You won't let me play just because I like Samantha and you do too!" He then proceeded to cry and run away.

• Fifth grade -- Jonathan Vasquez and I moved here from the big town of Spur in the fifth grade. Both of us were pretty excited about the move because we were finally part of the "big" city. Ryan Belongia also joined our class this year.

• Middle school -- As we made the transition into middle school, there are a couple of people and events that are the dearest to our hearts. Let's begin with Coach Seago. I don't think there is a single girl here who doesn't remember Coach Seago quite fondly. On the other hand, Mr. Coletrain is quite possibly the most intimidating part of the junior high experience. He taught us all how to write a complete essay! Then there was Mr. Brownlow, who dressed up like a ballerina, and Mrs. Adams, who took some of us on the trip of our lives to Washington, D.C., and let us vandalize Post with red ribbons every year.

• Sixth grade -- In sixth grade we welcomed Suhani Bhatka and Byron Soto. This year was also the first time Tyler Odum began to expose his true self to the world. He mooned Kelsey and Brenna and suffered terribly for it!

• Seventh grade -- Nathan Jurado joined us in the seventh grade. This was also the year that Kelsey decided to be a track star. However, this dream was short-lived. After her first attempt to leap a hurdle, she managed to fall on it and bend it, so she never played around on the track ever again.

• Eighth grade -- And James Griffin and Blaise Lester came during our eighth grade year. Also during our eighth grade year, a few of us began developing talents that would see us through high school. Zachery Kocerek was a huge hit in the play "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay," and he continued to use this acting ability all the way through to his senior year when he was Jourdain in "The Would-be Gentleman." Madison Mason and Pat Reiter also began enhancing a certain skill of their own: the ability to get into trouble. The two of them battled our last year of middle school to see who could get the most swats. (By the way, Madison won by 10!) Finally, Lauren Gonzales began truly honing her beauty pageant looks our eighth grade year. She surprised us all by coming as Ms. America to the Halloween dance. She was gorgeous then, and, well, some things never change!

• Freshman year -- Freshman year was definitely a scary time for us all. We all remember our first day, and the first time we heard those haunting words, "Make tracks!" Now, here we stand, two principals and vice principals later, yet who here doesn't still wake up at night after dreaming that Mr. Postell was chasing you down a hallway?

• Sophomore year -- Our sophomore year we gained Jake Hopper and Kati Dee. When we walk across later, everyone get our your binocular to see Kati. It's not that she's short, "she's just fun-sized." Our sophomore year we also came to realize what a true American

hero Kelsey Sanderson is. She stuck up for another classmate in need and beat up Leonard Lopez with her purse.

• Junior year -- Junior year was possibly made the most memorable by prom that spring. I don't think anyone here will ever forget Mariela's impressive hypnotic trance of Suhani's impersonation of Britney Spears. Who would have thought our valedictorian has such impressive skills with a feather boa? Junior year I also discovered that Steven Short was not meant to be a father. Not only does he want to have 12 kids with Madison, but when I let him be the father of my electronic baby for PCD, he played catch with him and gave it head trauma. Our junior year was also the year that our varsity baseball team decided to bleach their hair. Ell, the whole team except Pat. He's a rebel by not rebelling sometimes.

• Senior year -- Sandrijn Van Den Nortgate joined us our senior year, all the way from Belgium. Also, please don't try to hug her after this, though; she thinks that's tacky. This year several of us have become saddened by Post High School's lack of wrestling team. But if you ask Mrs. Marcum she will tell you that the CX Debate team has some moves. Call, Timothy, Suhani and I were constantly in trouble for wrestling and fighting in the computer lounge. (And by the way, Mrs. Marcum, no, we probably won't ever stop hitting each other. It's the best way to end an argument.) Anyway, as many of you know, seniors Jeremy Short, John Vasquez and James Griffin have been chose to play football in Hawaii in July for the King Kamehameha Pigskin Classic in Honolulu. Jeremy has also been chose to play for the South Team in the West Texas All-Star Classic Football Game in June. While we are all proud of the trio's football prowess, we realize that there is always a drawback. This year we found out that Jeremy might be just a little too aggressive for civilized society. If you don't understand, go find a Mr. Edward Singleterry and ask to see his eye. He and Jeremy, were horsing around in the bathroom this year, and Jeremy, being the Incredible Hulk that he is, accidentally knocked Mr. Singleterry unconscious. From what I understand, though, there are no hard feelings. Finally we should all take a few seconds and be thankful for Ericka Cravy's life today. For those of you who don't know, she is quite the big game hunter. To date she has managed to hit a deer, a hog and a cow with her car and live to tell the story. Personally I think that's quite the accomplishment.

Well, that is the history thus far by this senior class. It's up to each of you to go now and create new stories of your own. So go out and make them good ones!

We Salute the Class of 2008

Post-Garza County EMS Report

Date and Time of Call	Pt Residence City	Age	Sex	Chief Complaint/ Nature of Injury	Pt general condition	Destination Hospital
4/1/08 14:24	Post	51	M	Chest Pain	Guarded	UMC
4/1/08 11:15	Post	83	FM	Chest Pain	Serious	Lubbock Heart
4/2/08 20:15	Post	59	M	Hypertension	Guarded	CMC
4/2/08 21:04	Post	47	FM	Respiratory Distress	Guarded	CMC
4/3/08 18:55	NA	NA	NA	Fire Standby	No patient	
4/4/08 5:24	Lubbock	54	M	Seizure	Serious	Southwest Medevac
4/4/08 13:52	Post	59	M	Fall	Guarded	UMC
4/4/08 20:18	Post	71	FM	Leg pain	Guarded	UMC
4/4/08 19:58	NA	NA	NA	Fire Standby	No patient	
4/4/08 20:30	Post	46	FM	Fever	Guarded	CMC
4/5/08 12:48	San Angelo	41	M	Fall	Guarded	CMC
4/5/08 18:27	Post	77	FM	Respiratory Distress	Treat-No transport	
4/5/08 22:45	Post	77	FM	Respiratory Distress	Guarded	UMC
4/6/08 11:48	Post	2	FM	Seizure	Guarded	CMC Pedi
4/7/08 2:03	Post	63	FM	Chest Pain	Serious	Lubbock Heart
4/7/08 7:34	Post	72	FM	Altered LOC	Serious	UMC
4/7/08 22:11	Cleburne, TX	20	FM	MVC	Serious	UMC
4/8/08 9:15	Post	69	FM	Chest Pain	Serious	Stanton EMS
4/8/08 10:34	Post	58	M	Chest Pain	Serious	UMC
4/8/08 19:24	Post	74	FM	Altered LOC	Treat-No transport	
4/9/08 18:59	Post	81	FM	Chest Pain	Guarded	UMC
4/9/08 20:38	Post	58	M	headache	Guarded	UMC
4/9/08 22:40	Post	48	FM	Respiratory Distress	Guarded	CMC
4/10/08 18:20	Post	21	FM	Ab pain	Guarded	UMC
4/11/08 15:15	Post	76	FM	Hypertension	Serious	UMC
4/11/08 19:59	Post	78	FM	Respiratory Distress	Guarded	CMC
4/11/08 20:12	Post	15	mon	Fever	Guarded	CMC Pedi
4/12/08 5:18	Post	44	FM	Leg pain	Guarded	Lynn County
4/12/08 10:00	NA	NA	NA	Rodeo Standby	No patient	
4/12/08 18:55	Post	44	M	Eye pain	Refusal	
4/13/08 15:33	Post	57	M	Altered LOC	Serious	UMC
4/14/08 13:38	Post	81	M	Altered LOC	Serious	UMC
4/14/08 22:16	Post	9	M	Respiratory Distress	Guarded	CMC Pedi
4/14/08 22:19	Post	48	FM	Chest Pain	Serious	CMC
4/15/08 18:30	Post	20	M	Altered LOC	Treat-No transport	
4/15/08 19:33	Post	9	M	Shoulder Pain	Refusal	
4/15/08 22:27	Post	57	FM	General Weakness	Guarded	CMC
4/16/08 3:01	Post	20	mon	Respiratory Distress	Treat-No transport	
4/16/08 9:32	Post	20	mon	Respiratory Distress	No treatment	
4/17/08 8:08	Smnyder	41	FM	MVC	Guarded	CMC
4/17/08 8:05	Post	18	FM	MVC	Refusal	
4/17/08 11:20	Post	20	M	Seizure	Refusal	
4/18/08 17:07	Post	28	M	Ab pain	Serious	CMC
4/19/08 9:51	NA	NA	NA	No treatment	No treatment	
4/19/08 21:55	Post	21	FM	Assault	Refusal	
4/20/08 6:48	Lubbock	20	M	MVC	Refusal	
4/20/08 10:04	Post	28	FM	Ab pain	Guarded	CMC
4/20/08 17:55	Post	51	M	Diabetic problems	Critical	UMC
4/21/08 11:00	Post	46	M	Diabetic problems	Treat-No transport	
4/22/08 12:29	Post	27	FM	Fever	Guarded	UMC
4/22/08 19:49	Post	11	M	Ab pain	Guarded	CMC Pedi
4/23/08 11:35	Post	53	FM	Respiratory Distress	Guarded	CMC
4/24/08 14:38	Lubbock	28	FM	MVC	Guarded	UMC
4/24/08 14:38	Post	20	FM	MVC	Refusal	
4/25/08 10:58	Post	62	M	Kidney Problems	Guarded	CMC
4/25/08 16:48	Post	6	FM	MVC	Guarded	CMC Pedi
4/25/08 23:40	Midland	25	M	Boating Accident	Serious	UMC
4/25/08 23:40	Midland	39	M	Boating Accident	Guarded	UMC
4/25/08 23:40	Midland	11	M	Boating Accident	No injuries	
4/26/08 15:37	Post	22	M	Eye pain	No treatment	
4/26/08 21:56	Post	8	M	Fall	Treat-No transport	
4/27/08 23:66	Post	20	M	Assault	Guarded	UMC
4/27/08 0:36	Post	35	M	Assault	Guarded	UMC
4/27/08 17:11	NA	NA	NA	No injuries	No injuries	
4/28/08 14:44	Post	29	M	Ab pain	Critical	UMC
4/28/08 16:17	Post	70	FM	Nausea and Vomiting	Serious	UMC
4/29/08 21:00	Post	58	M	Respiratory Distress	Treat-No transport	
4/29/08 22:13	Post	78	FM	Fall	Assist	
4/29/08 23:17	Post	NA	NA	headache	Guarded	UMC
4/30/08 6:53	Post	27	M	headache	Guarded	UMC
4/30/08 16:35	Post	NA	NA	Fire Standby	No patient	

Obituaries

W.E. 'Mose' McCook

Services for W.E. "Mose" McCook, 91, were conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2008, in the University Church of Christ in Abilene with Dr. Eddie Sharp officiating. Burial followed in the Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of the Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

He died Friday, June 6, in Post. Born Jan. 23, 1917, to Billie (Willis) and Joseph Roy McCook in Goldsboro, he graduated from Abilene High School in 1934 and Abilene Christian University in 1938 and received his master's degree from Texas A&M in 1949. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and married Mary Alice Leathers in Anson on July 4, 1938. After having lived in McCamey, the couple returned to Abilene in 1952. He was a coach/teacher in Brownfield, Ozona and McCamey; a principal; and a sporting goods dealer. In 1952, he started and managed The Athletic Supply, which he co-owned, until 1969. In February 1993, he was honored by ACU by being named to the university's Hall of Fame for his football and track contributions.

Survivors include two sons, Charles Lee McCook of Post and William Frank McCook; a stepsister, Joe Jean Pummill of Dallas; four grandchildren, Leigh Ashlyn McCook Rhyne, Jay Bryan McCook, Matt Collin McCook and Charles Colt McCook; and nine great-grandchildren, Hunter Rhyne, Ashlyn Rhyne, Taylor Rhyne, Carter Rhyne, Gage McCook, Garrison McCook, Grant McCook, Collin McCook and Katie McCook.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Billie and Joseph McCook; his wife, Mary Alice McCook, on Sept. 17, 1997; his brother, Dale McCook; and his stepmother, Betty Jean McCook. The family has suggested memorials be sent to Abilene Christian University, 1600 Campus Court, Abilene, TX 79699. To view and sign the guestbook, visit www.mem.com.

Letters ...

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Thin air just ahead

It would be my guess that there is several million people in the United States that has Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD). This is a lung problem that cannot be cured and cannot ever be successfully treated. It only progresses slowly 'til the end comes.

In only the last several weeks, we have lost some of our good friends to COPD. About the only things that will even help a little bit is expensive inhalers and oxygen. My inhalers are about \$150 per month, and oxygen don't seem to help me much, so I don't use it. Maybe someday it will. The oxygen equipment, equipment maintenance and the oxygen itself is very expensive.

Nine out of 10 people that needs the above cannot afford it without insurance or Medicare.

I read an article in another newspaper that stated after Jan. 1, 2009, Medicare is no longer going to pay for oxygen equipment or oxygen. I have heard this from other sources, so it must be true. I don't know for sure.

But if our stupid politicians in Washington, D.C., does this to our helpless people with lung disease, then the useless Bush administration is even a lot worse than I thought.

If this Medicare thing becomes a law, then the ambulances, emergency rooms and even the funeral homes might as well get ready. COPD and people with other lung ailments cannot survive without the expensive oxygen and the equipment that administers it.

If this law goes into effect, I hope everybody that has any kind of authority in the White House comes down with COPD. Then maybe they won't be so proud of their new law.

I would like to suggest that we all e-mail or write our congressman, senators and anyone else involved in the White House and protest and complain about this evil

move they are making. As I see it and my opinion only. Everyone have a good day. Someone said: If you think things improve with age, attend a class reunion. O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson Post

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On God's Word

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Fruit of the spirit...faith

One of the ways the spirit of God bears fruit is by faith. To have faith is to believe with the heart unto receiving anything from God. In context of the administration of the grace of God, it refers to the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel records have Jesus Christ teaching his disciples about faith. Here, the context involved others believing that if Jesus Christ gave the word, they would get the promised results.

A great example is found in Mathew 8:5-13. Jesus encountered a Roman army officer who asked him to heal his servant. Even after Jesus offered to come heal the servant, the centurion answered, "I am not worthy that you should come under my roof. But speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed" (verse 8).

After the centurion finished talking Jesus spoke the following words to his followers, "Verily I say to you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel" (verse 10). Later he told the centurion that as he believed, it would be done unto him. The servant was healed during the same time.

The centurion believed without doubt that Jesus only needed to give the word and his servant would be healed. Jesus used him as a great example of believing. The Gospel records are full of examples of people benefiting from faith.

Jesus Christ not only taught others about believing, but he also demonstrated believing. After he was anointed with holy spirit, he began spent the next year walking by the spirit of his Father, doing good works by believing. He believed God by allowing himself to face mock trials, be brutally beaten for nearly three days and finally crucified.

Because of Jesus' believing, it later became available for anybody to be filled with the righteousness of God in the name of Jesus Christ. It says in Romans 3:22, "Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe..." Being made the righteousness of God was the intended result. Once this is accomplished, people can start living by the faith of Jesus Christ (Galatians 2:20). This is talking about the faith of Jesus Christ is he currently rests in heaven.

Faith is listed as a way to profit from the manifestation of holy spirit (1 Corinthians 12:9). A more extensive study of this list will show that two of a different kind from the other seven. They were faith and speaking in tongues. These two were not available prior to the time of Pentecost recorded in Acts 2:4. The other seven were available throughout the Old Testament times and to the present.

The record of Acts 2:4 describes the first time people started living by the faith of Jesus Christ. They were already believing with their hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead, so that when the holy spirit was poured out, they were immediately filled with it and started speaking in tongues.

With the spirit of Jesus Christ, people can continue to build up their most holy faith by praying often in the Holy Ghost (see also Jude 1:20). Praying with the spirit of God is understood by examining 1 Corinthians chapter 14 where it refers to speaking in tongues (see Corinthians 14:14-15).

By the faith of Jesus Christ people become true children of God (Galatians 3:26). They can live their lives as God's children, doing truly good works by the spirit. A great example of this is found in Acts 3:16, "And his name [Jesus Christ] through faith in his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes! The faith which is by him [Jesus Christ] has given him [the man] this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."

The man believed, grabbed the hand and began to raise himself up. In so doing, all the power and authority in the name of Jesus Christ healed him. God's servant was walking with the active and present faith of Jesus Christ and the man believed with his heart to receive the healing. He enjoyed the spiritual fruit of faith. Praise God in heaven!

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Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work is to be done.

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VA Announces Innovative Pilot Initiative to Expedite Evidence Gathering for Claims

Acting Under Secretary for Benefits Patrick W. Dunne announced today that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has initiated an innovative pilot program that involves a collaborative partnership with the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) to improve the processing of veterans' disability claims.

"Veterans counselors from TVC will use their unique understanding of VA claims processes to assist veterans in more quickly obtaining the evidence needed to support their claims," said Acting Under Secretary Dunne. "Put simply, faster receipt of the evidence will result in more timely decisions for veterans." The Waco VA Regional Office and TVC were selected for participation in this special initiative because they are well known for working together with exceptional effectiveness. Using their special expertise while working full-time at the Waco VA Regional Office, the TVC veterans counselors will help streamline evidence gathering - which is normally the most time-consuming stage in the entire VA claims process.

Veterans counselors will directly contact veterans, health care providers, and other organizations to expedite the gathering of evidence. They will also utilize electronic sources to obtain documentation supporting veterans' claims. By researching for evidence effectively, the TVC veterans counselors will enable VA claims processors to concentrate on their essential decision-making responsibilities.

Throughout the pilot test period, the effectiveness of this new cooperative effort will be evaluated. This initiative is anticipated to become a prototype for similar programs in other states. VA coordinated closely with local officials in the development of this innovative pilot program. Key contributors to planning the initiative include Waco VA Regional Office Director Carl E. Lowe II, TVC Executive Director Jim Nier, and Jim Richman, TVC's Director of Claims Representation and Counseling.

The Waco Regional Office serves over 942,000 veterans, as well as their family members, in the 164-county area that comprises the northern two-thirds of Texas. Each year, more than \$1.9 billion in VA benefit payments are issued to Texas veterans and their survivors based on awards processed by the Waco Regional Office.

TVC provides claims counseling and preparation, representation, and outreach services to veterans and their families throughout the state of Texas.

The Waco VA Regional Office and TVC work cohesively to ensure that all servicemembers, veterans, and their families receive all of the benefits and services to which they are entitled under federal and state laws.

For more information about VA benefits and services, go to www.va.gov or call 1-800-827-1000.

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Post ISD

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Lunch: Tacos, salad, pinto beans, pears, milk

June 18
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit cocktail, milk

Lunch: Ravoili, salad, rosy applesauce, garlic bread, milk

June 19
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, peaches, milk

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Lunch: Chicken burger, lettuce & tomato, tater tots, peaches, milk

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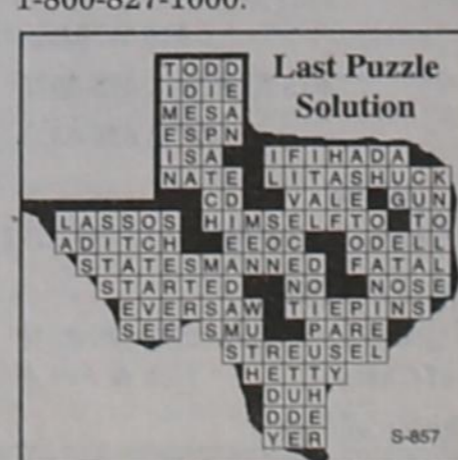
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Yesteryears

Compiled by Donna Jones
From The Post Dispatch archives

10 Years Ago June 11, 1998

Freda Kelley, RN, Branch Agency Director of Total Home Health Care in Post was granted Certified Home/Hospice Care Executive by the National Association for Home Care, signifying that she had met home care and hospice industry voluntary standards for executive leadership.

Kelli Collier of Post participated in the Spirit Wind 98, the Northwest Texas United Methodist Youth Choir.

Three Post High school students traveled to College Station where they attended a computer technology workshop at Texas A&M University. PISD Technology Coordinator James Easterling accompanied the trio - Josh Fumagalli, Matt McAllister and Luke Williams to A&M.

Ryan Langerhans, grandson of Donald and Billie Windham and great-grandson of Mary Cowdrey Peel of Post, was expected to sign with the Atlanta Braves later in the summer.

Mayor Jim Jackson read a proclamation at the City Council meeting, recognizing Brandi Melton for her Texas Municipal League regional essay award, "If I Were Mayor for a Day."

20 Years Ago June 8, 1988

Ms Jeanette Ticer, of Post, announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Jayta, to Eric Cravy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cravy of Post.

Post Mayor Giles C. McCrary was presented a Doctor Humane Letters degree from the Texas Tech University Health Sciences center during commencement exercises in Lubbock.

Garrett Lester announced the birth of his brother, Roby Lynn. Roby was born May 20 and weighed eight pounds nine ounces and was 22 inches long at birth. Gregg and Marsha Lester of Lubbock are the proud parents.

Michael Shane Bartlett of Post was among 690 high school seniors chosen as recipients of academic scholarships at Texas Christian University.

Kelli Bevers, bride-elect of Ronnie Bilbo, was honored with a bridal shower in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

30 Years Ago June 15, 1978

Tina Greene served as Queen for the newly organized Garza Sheriff's Posse. Tina, an eighth grade student at Post Middle School is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Billy Greene.

The Meals on Wheels program moved to a new location. The meals were originally prepared in the community center under the direction of Joann Blacklock. The program was moved to the Lorenzo Alexander Community Center.

T. C. (Tommy) Head of Post was recognized by the Texas Farmers Union Green Thumb program as the oldest Green Thumb worker in Garza County. Head served as the mini-bus driver.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Voss announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Voda Beth, to Ronnie Gradine.

Danna Giddens received a I in flute in the state competition for voice and band state qualifiers. This was only the second I Post students had received in instrumental in state competition, with David Morrow receiving the other in 1977.

40 Years Ago June 13, 1968

Expressing her pleasure at having been invited to Post for the occasion, Mrs. Marjorie Merriweather Post of Washington, D. C., "unveiled" the historical markers honoring herself and her father, the late C. W. Post, before a crowd of approximately 250 on the Garza County courthouse lawn. Mayor John Hopkins presented the "key to the city" to Mrs. Merriweather Post at the dedication ceremony.

A giant thunderstorm, which centered its fury in northern Garza county, dealt the community and area its most devastating weather blow in history. Dumping up to seven inches of blinding rain and hail in the

Pleasant Valley area and near six inches at Southland, the storm: Literally washed away half of Garza County's 1968 cotton crop, turning hundred of acres into vast field lakes; Closed US 84 to traffic for the night; Did an estimated \$40,000 damages to county roads and bridges; Severed Post's 16-inch concrete pipeline to the White River Lake with floodwaters from the Salt Fork of the Brazos River and Washed out the north approach to the bridge over the Salt Fork of the Brazos on FM 651, thus closing the direct highway link to the White River area.

Donnie Hays won the annual Postex plant's Scotty Samson Handicapp Golf Tournament with a net score of 135 for 36 holes.

50 Years Ago June 12, 1958

First place winner Jackie Payne and second place winner Linda Lane Livingston was presented checks for the essays they submitted in the West Texas Chamber of Commerce essay contest on "What My Town Can Do to Attract More Industry."

Lee "Jody" Byrd, long time resident of Garza County, celebrated his 81st birthday when his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Byrd of Midland, and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benson gathered at his home for a birthday dinner.

Four Postites planned to attend the 5th Young World Conference in Toronto, Canada. Mrs. Morris Neff, Miss Leslie Nichols, Miss Linda Wilks, and Miss Ann Scarborough would attend the five-day conference, with 68 countries being represented.

Truett Babb, son of Mrs. Nellie K. Babb of Post, was named principal of Slaton High School, where he had taught vocational agriculture for four years.

60 Years Ago June 10, 1948

Percy Parsons, graduate of the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science, joined the staff of the Hudson Funeral Home this week in 1948. The company's formal opening in the historic home of C. W. Post was planned in a couple of weeks.

The City Commission decided to head off the polio epidemic which had broken out in south Texas by engaging a power machine to spray the city's alleys, garbage cans, outhouses, cow pens, pig lots, etc., with DDT. Announcement was made by county health officer, Dr. D. C. Williams, and City Commissioner Glenn Kahler.

Graham Gossip: The Rev. Ray Cox was the new pastor of the Graham Methodist Church; The community welcomed new teacher, Mr. C. E. Johnson and his wife, Melba McClellan and Doris Mason spent the night with Joy Mason.

Mrs. R. E. Josey, a bride, was honored with a miscellaneous gift shower in the home of Mrs. Elmer Cowdrey. Mrs. Jake Sparlin was co-hostess.

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21 TX Kelly Clarkson recording medium
22 "valley" poetically
23 TXism: "keep your _____ greased" (be prepared)
24 ropes cows
30 TXism: "he'd walk _____ death in a revolving door" (inept)
34 TX Audie film: "_____ Hell and Back"
35 TXism: "she could talk a wagon out of _____"
36 TX Bush named Naomi Earp as head of this agcy.
37 1st president of Rice: Edgar Lovett
39 old name: "United Spacecraft Center" causing death
44 TX-born Debbie film: "It _____ With a Kiss"
45 TX-born Linda Darnell film: "_____ Way Out"
46 TXism: "sniffer"
47 TXism: "beats anything I _____"
49 necktie ornaments
52 TXism: "never let 'em _____ you sweat"
53 Dallas Univer.
54 reduce in size
55 German pastry
58 former TX town named for the "Witch of Wall Street"
59 comment on a stupid statement?
60 TX-born Ike (init.)
61 TXism for "your _____"
DOWN
1 TX Doughboys hit: "When It's Roundup _____ Heaven"
2 Ector Co. seat
3 Post newspaper actor Martin in "4 for Texas"
9 birth state of TX captive Cynthia Parker (abbr.)
10 Houston Christian acoustic group: "_____ Stand"
11 typeface for emphasis (abbr.)
12 TXism: "got _____ a mind to"
13 Father's Day gift: _____ tools
14 batting specialist for the Rangers (abbr.)
15 birth mo. of TX-born Steve Martin (abbr.)
17 actress in "Racquet" with TX Lynda Day George
19 sword or Olds
20 TX dairy bidness: _____ Jersey
24 TX "_____ Quinta Inn"
25 money makers for TX newspapers
26 TXism: "he _____ tall in the saddle"
27 "S" of U.S.
28 TX Roy sang in a 4- _____ range
29 actress North in "Breakout" with TX-born Quaid
31 TXism: "hombres"
32 TX Tierney film: "_____ of Fury"
33 Gov. "Pappy"
38 old English school
40 TX "Mr. Sam" (init.)
41 "Don't _____ with Texas"
42 TX Charley Pride's "Where _____ Memory"
48 "Foat _____ I Luv Yew"
50 "piece of cake"
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56 "I Am Woman" Helen
57 short music piece

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INCREDIBLE ICE-CREAM
Emperors, kings and presidents all have played a part in ice cream history.
Roman Emperor Nero sent servants up to the mountain tops to bring back snow for Nero's favorite treat: snow mixed with crushed fruit, wine and honey. The unpopular King Charles was said to have obtained the secret formula for "cream ice" from Marco Polo. He swore his cooks to secrecy "on pain of death" and only served the dessert to a select few. Records show George Washington spent \$200 on ice cream during the summer of 1790. Dolley Madison served the first known strawberry ice cream at her husband's inauguration. Today, the USA produces 1.6 billion gallons of ice cream products per year!

WORD SEARCH: Find seven favorite ice cream flavors.

1904 World's Fair
An ice cream vendor at the 1904 St. Louis fair ran out of paper bowls. A near by waffle maker offered his "zalabia", (waffle) folded into a cone as a bowl substitute. It was an instant hit and the birth of the ice cream cone!

Because ice cream had to be stirred or shaken for over an hour to create, it was unavailable for most people until 1843 when Nancy Johnson invented the hand crank freezer.

RIDDLE
Newspapers and a [ice-cream] cone both want this ____? To find the answer complete the word search then, list the first 6 uncircled letters.

1. Vanilla
2. Chocolate
3. Chocolate chip
4. Cookies & cream
5. Mint chip
6. Strawberry
7. Butter pecan

Never on Sundae
By the 19th century ice cream was widely available and ice-cream sodas were the rage. During the prudish Victorian era sucking through a straw was thought to be vulgar so towns like Evanston, Indiana banned the selling of the "sinfully" rich sodas on Sunday. This led to an alternate ice cream concoction: scoops of creamy cold stuff covered with syrup with no soda. This new treat was called "Sundays". The spelling was eventually changed in deference to the Lord's Day.
The banana split was invented in 1904 at Tassell Pharmacy in Pennsylvania.
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SS ticket to work...

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the Ticket to Work Program, the Work Incentives Planning and Assistance Program, the Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security Program and other Social Security work incentive initiatives.

"Thus far, the results of the Ticket to Work program have been less than everyone expected and clearly less than Congress intended," Astrue said. "We need to monitor the results of today's regulation closely, but it is highly likely that Congress will need to revisit the statute in the next few years in order to achieve the goals that Congress intended."

In preparation for the new Ticket to Work program, Social Security is undertaking a major recruitment effort to increase the number of organizations functioning as ENs. Social Security also is initiating targeted outreach to promote the Program to more beneficiaries and to encourage their participation. In addition, Social Security is presenting at national and state conferences and bringing beneficiaries and ENs together at local Work Incentives Seminars (WISE events) throughout the country.

The Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999 established the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program. The purpose of the Ticket to Work program is to expand the universe of service providers available to beneficiaries with disabilities who are seeking vocational rehabilitation, employment and related support services. These service providers are available to assist beneficiaries in obtaining, regaining and maintaining self-supporting employment. Available in all 50 States and the US territories, the Ticket to Work program is an important component in a coordinated series of work incentives and initiatives that are designed to help overcome barriers to employment often experienced by beneficiaries with disabilities.

The final rule can be accessed through the Federal Register online at www.regulations.gov.

For general information about the Ticket to Work Program, visit Social Security's Web site -- The Work Site: www.socialsecurity.gov/work.



Nita and Bobby Terry's home at 901 6th Street is this week's "Yard of the Week" recognized by the Women's Division of the Post Area Chamber of Commerce. The Terry's had their home built before their marriage and have lived on this corner for 53 years. (Photo by Merika Strivens)

Chamber Corner

- Business of the Week – PACC Gold Member Post/Spur Insurance Agency, located at 128 E. Main St.

- PACC Membership Lunch – We had approximately 20 members present at last week's PACC lunch. Thank you Postech Solutions and Post Auto Parts for the wonderful meal. Bubba, what do we have to do to get your secret recipe for that awesome chicken? Our guest speaker was Lisa Brooks from Congressman Randy Neugebauer's office. She touched on Neugebauer's views on issues in legislation. Brooks also touched on services you can obtain through your congressman's office, like booking tours in Washington, D.C., obtaining flags flown over the state capital, military academy nominations and internships. If you would like more information, the chamber office has Brooks' business cards and brochures. The next PACC Lunch will be July 3.

- Digital Sign – There is light at the end of the tunnel. Thressa Harp ordered RF antennas for the sign and Joe Cooper ordered a motherboard, so hopefully the sign will be up and running by the end of next week.

- Post Visitors Guide -- If you haven't seen them yet, the guides are out. They are really nice and informative. If you are in need of brochures come by the office, I have plenty.

- Promote Post City, Texas -- With the summer/travel season here, Post is seeing more and more travelers stopping in our great little town. I am doing my best to keep the brochure holders stocked. FYI, I go through a large number of local brochures as well as area brochures such as Travel-Host Magazine and Texas Plains Trail. If your business has brochures that you would like me to add to my route or if you think your business might me a good stop for me to add brochures, please give me a call at 495-3461.

- If your business has any information you would like posted in the chamber's weekly newsletter, please e-mail it to chamberofcommerce@postcitytexas.com or call Shawnette at 495-3461.

- All you gentlemen with children, have a happy Father's Day!



Saturday at the Post City Merchant "Street Party" shoppers came from all over Texas to purchase interesting items from local vendors. (Staff photo by Merika Strivens)



Pistol Babb

Pistol Babb qualifies for state Riding Club finals in Bowie

It's not the NFR, High School Finals or AJRA Finals, but to Pistol Babb qualifying for the AASP&RC State Finals is just as big.

The American Association of Sheriff Poses and Riding Clubs State Finals are conducted each year the third week of June in Bowie. To be eligible to attend the finals a rider must be able to make qualifying runs in eight events: barrels, poles, pylons, double bucket flags, straight-away-barrels, baseball, spur and the flying 'W.'

Babb made all of the qualifying times mid-way through the district's season.

Babb is the son of Doyle and Cindy Babb of Post and the grandson of Joe and Goldie Brown of Sonora, formerly of Sanderson.

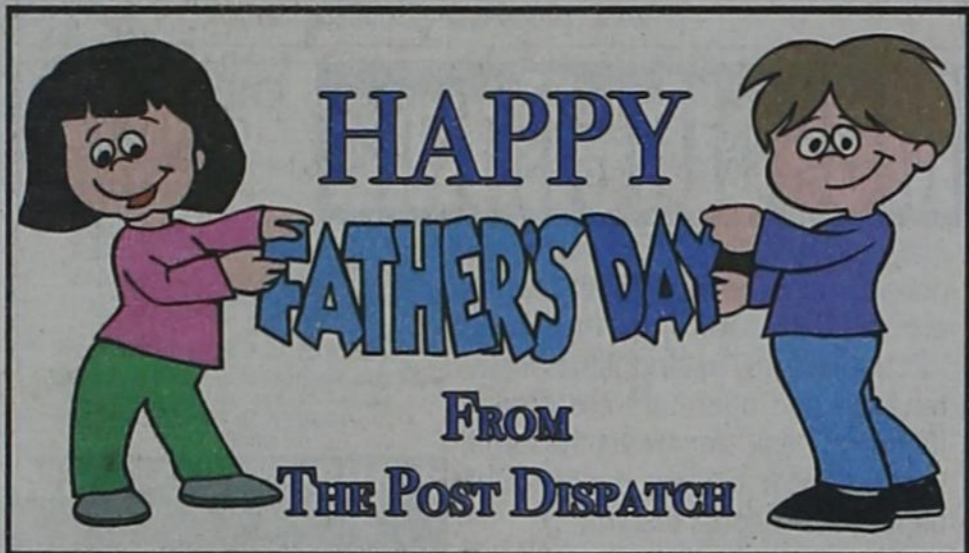
"We are very proud of his accomplishments," his parents said. "He currently has six buckles, a saddle and is in the standings for two more buckles this year."

Babb will attend the state finals in Bowie June 16-21 where he will compete in two events per day for four days, carrying with him the hope to bring home another first-place saddle or second-place buckle.

"I will be taking a new horse named Shorty that I just got and, of course, my favorite Ladybug just in case something happens and Shorty can't run," Babb said. "Shorty is older, but used to run barrels and poles in the AJRA rodeo's and my mom trained and usually runs on Ladybug."

Riding horses is nothing new to Babb, who started at the age of 18 months following his dad on a ranch south of Ozona. His first horse was a Shetland mule named Belle Belle. It was on her that Babb started making the playdays in San Angelo, Ozona and Sonora in 2003.

In 2004, at the age of three, he won his first buckle on Belle Belle doing "barrels, pole, flags and other stuff." In 2005, Belle Belle "was turned out to pasture 'cause she was getting old and I started riding Grandma. It was on her that I won my saddle and a couple of buckles, but she was old and got sick and died this year. I been having to ride Ladybug for a while now and she is good, but Mom likes to ride her 'cause she is real fast. Now that I have Shorty, who is real fast, I am hoping to win another saddle at the finals with him."



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