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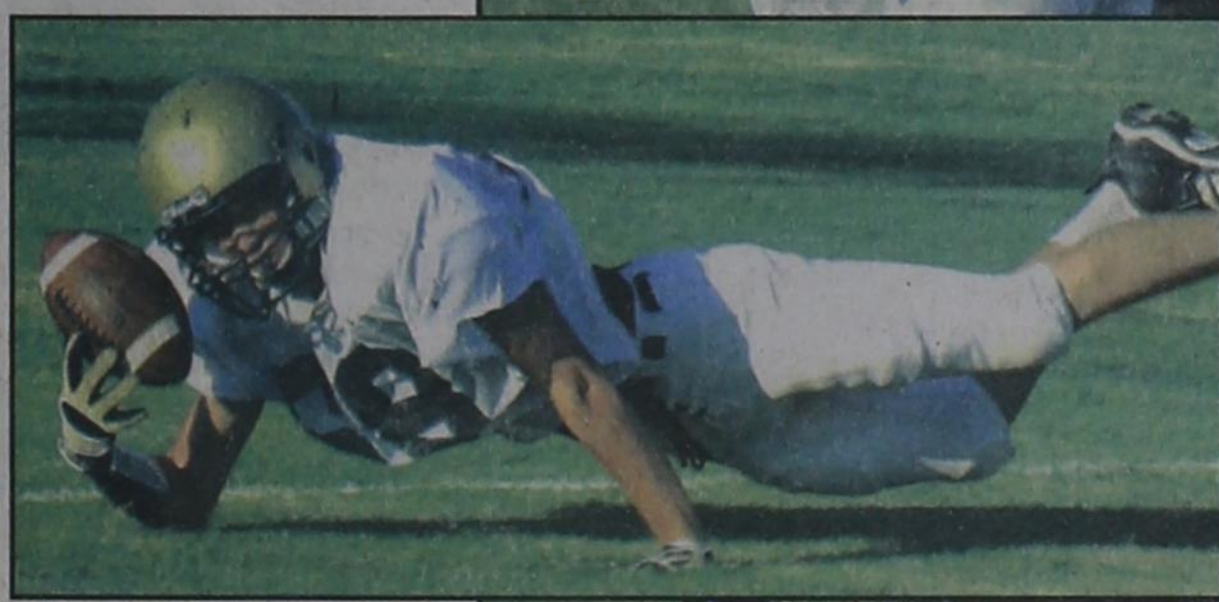
Friday, August 29, 2008

Go Bold Gold



It's time for the Post Antelopes to kick off the 2008 football season. The team's first game is tonight at Sundown starting at 7:30 p.m. Above, the Post High School cheerleaders run on to the field Tuesday night for "Meet the Antelopes." Right, Giles Dalby and Clint Windham take down a Tahoka player last weekend in a scrimmage. Below, Jarrett Blevins tries to make a catch against Tahoka.

Photos by Merika Strivens and Mitch Holly



More than 100 children attend health fair

By Rosa Latimer
Correspondent

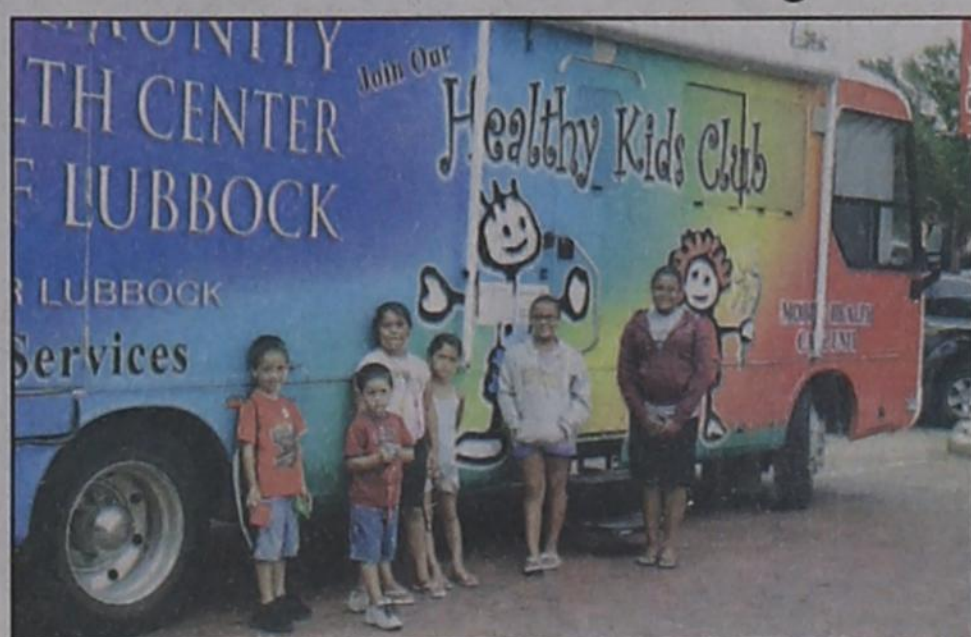
It's been a long time (if ever) since we had a teal & pink bus on Main Street in Post. However, recently, the bright Community Health Center of Lubbock mobile unit was a colorful reminder of the Health Street Fair at Main & Avenue I. Over 100 children attended the event sponsored by Rural Community Organizing of Post.

Approximately a dozen area organizations who provide opportunities and services to children of Garza County participated in the Street Fair. Post ISD distributed information to help parents & students prepare for

the new school year. The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW handed out packets for students that included information about the Pledge of Allegiance and the American Flag. The Auxiliary also provided details about scholarship opportunities for Middle School and High School students. The Boy Scouts and Golden Clover 4-H distributed information about their organizations. The local Wells Fargo Bank & Catholic Family Services of Lubbock also participated in the event.

Most participants handed out information about health care and Medicaid/Medicare programs available to Garza County resident children.

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Pictured in front of the Community Health Center of Lubbock Medical and Dental Mobile Unit are (l. to r.) Erick Mendoza, Aldo Mendoza, Alexis Ortiz, Vanessa Mendoza, Ashlee Graves, and Taylor Graves. The mobile unit was one of 20 organizations represented at the Health Street Fair on Main Street last Friday. The event was sponsored by Rural Community Organizing.

Commissioners propose tax rate

By Rosa Latimer
Correspondent

The Commissioners Court of Garza County met Monday, August 18 in a special meeting. Judge Lee Norman, Commissioners Gary McDaniel, Charles Morris, John Valdez and Mike Sanchez; Jim Plummer, Clerk; Leslie Acker, Attorney; Judy Bush, Tax Collector/Assessor; and Ruth Ann Young, Treasurer were present.

Public Hearings Set

The proposed tax rate is .309 cents per \$100 property valuation, which does not exceed the roll back rate. A motion to approve the proposed rate was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The court voted to have two public hearings on the proposed tax rate: Thursday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Garza County

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center and Monday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m. at the Commissioners Court Room in the

County Courthouse.

The court discussed the purchase of a pickup for the Garza County Emergency Management Coordinator. The vehicle current-

ly used by the coordinator continues to need repairs. As decided in the last commissioner's court meeting, a rental pickup is being used while the county vehicle is being repaired. The court requested the EMC to obtain more quotes for the possible purchase of a replacement pickup and present these at the next meeting. No action was taken.

Funds in the amount of \$15,000 were moved from the elevator line item to the renovation of the current sheriff's office. The space will be used for a probation office and victims' assistance services office.

Billie Williams of Post was introduced as a new employee in the county judge's office. Williams will fill the position left vacant when Angela Massey resigned to take a job with the City of Post.

Telephone Service Agreement Approved

The Commissioners Court of Garza County met Monday, August 25 in a regularly scheduled meeting. Minutes from the August 18 meeting were approved. Reports were approved and are on file at the Clerk's office. The precinct and county accounts payable for August 12 through August 25 were reviewed and

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Post Notes

Flag football registration

It's time to sign up for Post Flag Football, grades 1st thru 4th. Signups will be held on Tuesday, September 2 and Wednesday, September 3 in the elementary school gym from 3:35 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in coaching, we will have a coaches meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3 in the elementary school gym. For more information, contact Randy Britton 777-5296 or Russel Benham 781-6749

Labor Day "Fun Day" set at Trailblazers

Come out and enjoy games and eat hot dogs on Monday September 1 (Labor Day) at the Garza County Trailblazers Senior Center. Games will begin around 2 p.m., with hot dogs available beginning at 5:30 p.m. Games will be played until everyone leaves. Don't miss this event!

Ragtown Theatre closed this weekend

Ragtown Theatre will not be having any performances over the Labor Day weekend. Performances will resume the following weekend.

Church youth sponsoring hot dog supper

Calvary Baptist Church youth will host a hot dog supper fundraiser on Saturday, August 30 from 5-8 p.m. It is \$5 for ages 7 and up. \$3 for ages 2-6 and free for kids under 2 years. We will serve 2 hot dogs or chili dogs with chips, dessert and a drink for ages 7 and up. For ages 6 and under we will serve one hot dog or chili dog with chips, dessert and a drink. All funds will go to repair our parsonage fence. The meal will be served in the fellowship hall of the church located at South Avenue H & East 6th Street. For more information, contact Alicia Graves at 495-1029 or Judi Martin 990-1018.

Senior citizens' bake sale August 30th

Trailblazers will hold a bake sale Saturday, August 30, at United Super Market. This will be a good opportunity to stock up on home baked items for the Labor Day weekend.

Farewell reception honors Payano family

Jose and Felicia Payano of 17 years in Post, at the Church of God of Prophecy invite the community to a special service of appreciation and farewell on Sunday, August 31 at 10 a.m. A reception will follow. Everyone is welcome and God bless!

Jose y Felicia Payano 17 años en Post La Iglesia de Dios de la

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Post City, Texas ... Home of OS Museum

Health fair ...

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First Care Health Plans representatives distributed Medicaid and CHIP information at the Health Street Fair in Post.

These included the Texas Star Program, First Care, Texas Health Steps, Superior Health Plan and the Community Health Center of Lubbock.

Many of the organizations also passed out goodies to the children such as backpacks and pens, but the response from our community was greater than expected so most ran out of "giveaways" by mid-morning. Rural Community Organizing plans to have this event again next summer and will most likely have an even larger attendance. Hopefully everyone will be better prepared and the bright teal & pink bus will not only mark the spot of the street fair but will be open for medical and dental services.

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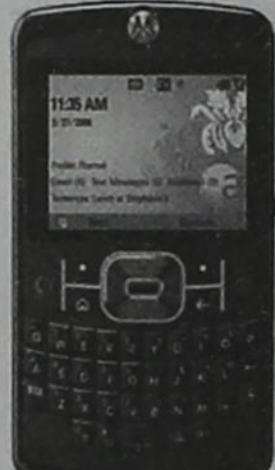
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Births

Addison Claire Elliott
James and Dianne Elliott of Granbury are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Addison Claire Elliott.

Addison Claire was born Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008 at Harris Methodist Southwest Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds and was 19 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Ronny Ammons of Sunset and Janie Ammons of Wichita Falls. Maternal great-grandparents are James "Tooter" Ammons of Post and Elisa Perez of Childress.

Paternal grandparents are the late Joel and Linda Elliott.

Post Notes

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Profecia invigta a la comunidad al servicio especial de Despedida y agradecimiento abra una recepcion. Todos invitados a las 10 a.m. domingo 31 de agosto. Dios los Bendiga.

2008-2009 Post PTO meeting

The Post PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization) will meet on Tuesday, September 2 from 6-7 p.m. at the cafeteria. All parents and friends who wish to be involved with your child's education at the Post Public Schools including elementary, junior high and high school should attend. For more information contact postpt@aol.com or call Paige Huckaby at 263-4068.

"Great Women of the Bible"

The Church of Christ, located at 10th and Avenue M, continues its annual summer series of speakers thru September 3. Guest speakers: August 27 - Larry Marshall, September 3 - Ron Bontrager. Please come and join us as we hear inspiring lessons on "Great Women of the Bible". All meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

Fundraiser for mission trip

Unchained Life Ministries will be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a 26" RCA flat screen TV with surround sound, DVD and entertainment stand. Tickets are 3 for \$20. The drawing will be held on Labor Day, September 1. You need not be present to win. You may purchase tickets at The Post Dispatch and Holly's Drive-In.

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Holy Cross Catholic Church will have a Jamaican Festival Sunday September 7th on the church grounds. Food, games, music, bingo and raffle will start at 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. The kitchen will be selling mexican plates inside.

Homecoming brisket dinner

The PHS Pride of Post Band will be having their annual homecoming brisket dinner before the football game on September 5, 5-7 p.m. Plates are \$6 each and will include brisket, sausage, potato salad, beans and a desert. See any band member for tickets. Take out plates will be available. This is our largest fund raiser of the year and we would like to thank you all in advance for your support.

Homecoming mums for sale

As a fund-raiser, Calvary Baptist Church is making Homecoming mums for the September 5th homecoming game for Post Antelopes. Small mums are also available for guys and small children. Prices vary from \$7 for a small mum to \$40 for a large mum. These can be purchased already made, or they can be pre-ordered. No orders will be taken after Wednesday, September 3. All mums need to be picked up no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, September 5th. To purchase or pre-order your mum, please call: Alicia Graves 495-1029 or Judi Martin 990-1018.

Post PIP startup camp

Registration for PIPs (Players in Progress) will be Tuesday, September 2, 5:30-7 p.m. at the school cafeteria and on Tuesday, September 9, 3:35 - 4:30 pm in the hall of the elementary by the front doors. The cost is \$60 per child due at registration, which goes to the National PIP Organization. The fee includes membership, basketball, t-shirt, shorts, and certificate. Please note that the charge is the same. Weekly practices will be Tuesdays from 3:45-5 pm in the elementary gym beginning Tuesday, November 4. For more information contact: Kim Lott 629-4340 or 789-6755 or email ulazysranch@aol.com.

Homecoming dance at community center

The Post Dance Club will be hosting a dance following the homecoming game on September 5, 2008 at the Post Community Center. Music will be provided by Texas Mesquite and the dance will be from 9-12 p.m. Cost is \$20.00/person. Everyone is welcome! Great place for your class reunion!

Ag Booster Club's first meeting set

There will be organizational meeting for the Ag Booster Club on Tuesday, September 9 beginning at 7 p.m. in the Ag building.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Garage Sale

VFW Post 6797 Ladies Auxiliary will have a garage sale Saturday, September 13th from 8 am - 3 pm at the post on the Clairemont Hwy. Please no early birds. There will also be spaces and tables for rent. For more information call Janet at 806-495-2026 or Shawnette at 806-283-2812. All proceeds benefit our many charities.

Ralls Chamber seeking vendors

Ralls Cotton Boll Festival is looking for craft vendors for September 13, 2008 show, Call Terrie Acker chamber manager at 806-253-2342.

Moms In Touch

Moms and grandmothers are invited to come learn more about Moms In Touch International, a Christian prayer ministry where women gather to pray for children and schools. We meet every Monday from 8:15-9:15 am at the First United Methodist Church junior high youth room. For more information or to send prayer requests, call Tonya Kirkpatrick at 629-4054, Kelli Egan 495-0255, Kellie Macy 495-2861 or Kim Lott 629-4340 or visit the MITI website at www.MomsInTouch.org.

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T-Ball Yankees: (back row, from left) Coach Meagan Howard, Coach Jason Porter, Coach Liza Taylor, (middle row, from left) Jonah Menchaca, Audrey Moreno, Nathan Taylor, Chloe Cimental, (bottom row, from left) Drew Porter, Lachlan Prather and Kristopher Gibson.



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T-Ball Angels: (top row, from left) Dean McCarty, Debbie McCarty, Garrett McCarty, (middle row, from left) Colton McCarty, Aaron Gomez, Anselmo Rodela, Jayden Bustoz, (bottom row, from left) Rashawn Curtis, R.C. Curtis, Ryan Mathis, Ethan Fox. Not pictured: Javin Diaz, Jayden Diaz and Isaiah Alvidrez.



T-Ball Braves: (top row, from left) Coach LaRinda Ledbetter, Jadon Hair, Shawn Ledbetter, Devon McClain, Angelique Ellison, assistant coach Marc McClain, (bottom row, from left) Jeremiah Norris, Chelsea Thomas, Trent Lewis and Madison Guthrie. Not pictured Cutter McNeely and Michael Dean.



T-Ball Rangers: (top row, from left) Coach Alicia Graves, Coach Becky Justice, (middle row, from left) Jacob Isbell, Ryleigh Graves, M.J. Luna, Cordell Benham, (bottom row, from left) Hagen Hodges, Haddie Flannigan and Sterlin Self.



T-Ball Royals: Coach David Quintana, Coach Quincey Quintana, Coach Jo Ann Rathbun Coach Aaron Rathbun. (Middle row, from left) Ryan Rathbun, Andrew Quintana, Caitlyn Silva, Nicolas Quintana, (front row, from left) Coller Smith, Izaiah Landa and Casey Britton.

Minor League Mets: Coaches: Brad Swaffer, Curt Greer, Joe Mason and Chuck Morris. Players: Dylan Cimental, Carson Mason, Dylan Morris, Landon Greer, Russel Wilks, Brooke Swaffer, Cade Prestad, Adrian Rogers, Lorenzo Rogers, Alondra Vazquez, Dolton Huffman and Justin Farris.



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The Paperboy

By CHRISTOPHER BLACKBURN

I think the Barack Obama campaign dropped the ball with the selection of Sen. Joe Biden as his running mate.

Had Obama picked New York Senator Hillary Clinton, I think it would have guaranteed him the White House. Now, depending on who Sen. John McCain picks, it will be a dogfight.

Listening to the political talking heads, of which there seems to be no end, the Clintons have several problems with Obama. Likewise, I doubt Obama has much regard for the Clintons. We may never know.

It would be fun to be a fly and the wall and hear what the two camps have to say about each other. You know it gets heated.

At the end of the day, Democrats feel their best chance to win is to show the country how "unified" the party is and what a great opportunity for "change" their ticket is.

McCain now must pick wisely. He does not have the luxury of picking someone too polarizing nor can he ignore the Republican base.

I think McCain's best pick would be a woman, but unless he pulls a major surprise, that won't happen.

Of course, unless McCain can find a way to break through the Obama-media love affair, it may not really matter...

Readers can now comment on this column at <http://thenewbastion.blogspot.com/>. I have joined the "blogosphere" and now readers can post

comments about this and other things I may write on at this Web site.

Please feel free to check out "The Paperboy" online and comment or enter a discussion.

The only thing I ask is to watch the hate. We see enough hate every day in our society and I think we can all agree it's counterproductive.

There is something about the fall and football season. You've heard the saying, "it's in the air." It certainly is!

Whether you like high school, college or pro football, there is plenty to go around. It's strange that a game where the goal is to cross a line for points, can be taken so seriously by so many, but that is exactly the case.

Football in America brings communities together and sometimes rips them apart. It can build pride and it can make you want to hide your head in the sand.

The great thing about football or any other sport is that it fuels the fire to compete. Regardless of what allegiance to what team you may have, it's good to get fired up occasionally. Just remember, when the final whistle sounds, the game is over and sportsmanship should be the rule rather than the exception.

Christopher Blackburn is the President of Blackburn Media Group, owner of this publication.

Feel free to comment on this column at <http://thenewbastion.blogspot.com/>.

Opinions



What would world history be without categories?

Some are clever - like different ages named according to the tools people have used over time. I'm guessing a man thought up that system and that we're probably now in the declining years of drop forged.

Wouldn't it be just as valid to go with clothes washing systems? We could have the don't-wash-clothes age, then the wash-clothes-in-the-river age followed by the wash pot age and the washing machine age, in that order, the later divided, of course, into wringer and non-wringer.

I would throw in top-loading and front-loading, but we seem to be going in circles on that one.

OK. Either way, tools or laundry, both systems smack of sexism.

So, to please all genders and keep things simple, let's just divide history into two great ages: pre-rebate and rebate. We now live in the rebate age.

If you've never filled out a rebate form, you're living in the

past. I don't blame you. These are difficult times.

That said, modern woman that I am, I just deposited three rebate checks. They totaled \$110 - almost enough to cover the time and effort it took me to earn them. I'm feeling smug.

I am also feeling lucky I even opened the envelopes with the checks within. Deep in my heart, I think the sender didn't want me to.

For one thing, the backside of each of the three long-awaited envelopes was a \$10-off coupon. Clever disguise. It's a wonder I didn't just treat the mailings like the coupons they were and tuck them away for future use in some dark niche, like the glove box, to expire with others of their kind.

Sometimes I just glance at all the fine print on such coupons and discard them immediately, sparing them time in the morgue. But, for whatever reason, I neither tossed nor stashed the three coupon-envelopes concealing my checks. I opened them.

It would have been helpful if

White River Weekly Report Aug. 25, 2008

Gauge Reading	2340.90	Rainfall for 2004	43.58"
Feet below spillway	31'7"	Rainfall for 2005	15.57"
Rise	0"	Rainfall for 2006	28.85"
Rainfall Past Week	.12"	Rainfall for 2007	24.19"
Rain to Date	17.48"		

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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.

Remember that the Water District is there for you if we can assist you in any way let us know.

Source: Mickey Rogers GM White River, general manager, WRMWD

"Check Enclosed" or "Here's Your Rebate" or "Do Not Discard" had been written on the address side. On the other hand, it's usually markings of that sort that make me toss mail automatically. Are you rebate folks listening? Just write "Important" on your stuff. Then we'll throw it away as a matter of course.

Call it reverse mail psychology - how to make real mail look like junk mail. The backside coupon ploy was a step in the right direction. Follow it through with in-your-face advertising and bold directives on the address side. Who would want to open such

Certainly not anyone smart enough to have filled out a rebate form.

As this rebate scenario unfolds before my visionary eyes, the rebate-givers are no doubt a step ahead, in league with powers of darkness and junk mail designers. No doubt some "really clever person will soon figure out that John is talking about rebates in certain passages in Revelation.

Here's a comforting thought: No description of Heaven mentions rebates.

That said, I don't mind thinking there might be coupons.

A legendary Texan at the Helm

by US Senator John Cornyn



Naval Academy, commanded the submarine USS Harder and sank five Japanese destroyers in four days. His fearlessness, which eventually accounted for 16 sunken enemy vessels, earned him the Medal of Honor.

Cleto L. Rodriguez from San Marcos and San Antonio, a rifleman in the U.S. Army, became the first Mexican-American GI to win the Medal of Honor in the South Pacific. Army pilots Horace S. Carswell, Jr. of Fort Worth and Col. Neel E. Kearby from Wichita Falls also earned the Medal of Honor for their bravery in the Pacific.

Heroism on Iwo Jima resulted in a Medal of Honor for Texans Jack Lummus and William G. Harrell, U.S. Marines. Harlon Block of Weslaco was one of the Marines immortalized in the iconic photograph when he helped raise the U.S. flag on Iwo Jima.

Another inspiring story is found in the wartime bravery of Doris "Dorie" Miller of Waco. When he joined the Navy, African-

Americans filled non-combat positions. He was gathering laundry when his ship was bombed in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. After moving his wounded captain to safety, he began firing an anti-aircraft gun at enemy planes. Admiral Nimitz presented the Navy Cross to Dorie Miller.

Valor sometimes comes in groups. Members of the 2nd Battalion, 131st Field Artillery of Texas' 36th Division became known as the "Lost Battalion" when they endured nearly four years as POWs in Southeast Asia, along with survivors of the USS Houston.

The determination and courage of women in WWII expanded opportunities for future generations to serve in the armed forces. Texan Ovetta Culp Hobby served as the first director of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. Women in the nurse corps tirelessly treated soldiers wounded at the front lines. Women pilots trained near Sweetwater flew planes stateside, freeing more pilots for overseas

duty. It is fitting that the National Museum of the Pacific War is located in Fredericksburg, hometown of Admiral Nimitz. His life and career are tributes to the Texas spirit of patriotism, dedication to duty and perseverance in the face of daunting odds.

After the enemy attack on Pearl Harbor, Admiral Nimitz was chosen to reassemble America's Pacific Fleet. Over the next four years, he directed the counterattack that culminated on V-J Day.

The Texas spirit exemplified by Admiral Nimitz springs from cities, small towns, farms and ranches. Texas men and women serving in the military today superbly carry on this proud tradition.

The September anniversary of one of America's greatest victories, the war in the Pacific, is another opportunity to honor all who have served in the armed forces. Their service and sacrifice provide all the rest of us with the gift of freedom.

Election Corner

Garza County

November 4, 2008

General Election

CANDIDATE INFORMATION:

Friday, August 29th is the last day to withdraw as a write-in candidate.

VOTER INFORMATION:

Voter Registration: October 6, 2008 is the last day a person may submit an application to register to vote in the November 4, 2008 General Election. Also, October 6, 2008 is the last day for a voter who has moved to a different election precinct within the county to submit a change of address to be eligible to vote in the precinct of his or her new residence. Call the Voter Registrar for information: 495-4448.

Early Voting: Monday, October 20 through Friday, October 31, 2008 (weekdays) from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Garza County Courthouse, 1st floor.

Election Day Polling Places (Tuesday, November 4, 2008, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM):

- Voting Box (Precinct) 1-Presbyterian Church
- Voting Box (Precinct) 2- Post Community Center
- Voting Box (Precinct) 3-Citizens Bank
- Voting Box (Precinct) 4-Wells Fargo Bank
- Voting Box (Precinct) 5-Southland School
- Voting Box (Precinct) 6-Lake Alan Henry Fire Station

For more election information, go online to www.GarzaCounty.net and click on the VoTexas icon or call the Clerk's office at 495-4440.

Information provided by Jim Plummer, District and County Clerk, Garza County.



Kay Bailey Hutchison

UNITED STATES SENATOR, TEXAS

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

I recently embarked on a 600 mile bus tour along the magnificent Gulf Coast of Texas, stopping to meet with many hundreds of constituents, over 75 elected officials - both Republican and Democratic - and scores of local leaders in 16 communities. This region is blessed with great treasures, including abundant energy sources, a pristine environment, and sites commemorating our state's rich heritage.

Over the course of my journey, I was privileged to see many of these places and meet the Texans who help make this part of our state so unique and prosperous.

In Wadsworth, I witnessed firsthand how South Texas is confronting the energy crisis by leading the American nuclear renaissance. At the South Texas Project (STP) Electric Generating Station, I met with plant executives and local officials and toured the facility, which is an industry leader in safety, reliability, and efficiency. The plant's two reactors produce 2,700 megawatts of electricity annually, which can power more than one million homes and businesses in South Central Texas. STP has been awarded the nuclear industry's highest honor, the "Best of the Best" trophy. This facility is in the process of doubling its capacity with two new reactors, which will be the first built in the U.S. in three decades.

Another clean, renewable fuel source that can be harnessed is wind energy. I support the Lone Star Wind Alliance - a consortium of state agencies, universities, and energy companies - and its plans to build a wind turbine testing lab in the coastal city of Ingleside.

Additionally, the port of Corpus Christi is in negotiations with private industry for the construction of 20 wind turbines to be operational by early 2009.

Producers are looking to the winds generated in the Gulf of Mexico, as well. Texas has leased 11,355 acres off the coast of Galveston for a 50-turbine offshore wind farm that could be operating within the next few years. Together, the projects will bring new jobs to the region, boost our economy, and advance Texas' leadership in pursuing a total energy solution.

As renewable forms of energy, such as nuclear and wind power, are increasingly folded into our energy portfolio, domestic oil production must, and will, remain a critical component in the short term. Texas leads the nation in oil refineries - 16 of the 26 refineries in our state are situated on or near the Gulf Coast. On the bus tour, I was privileged to help break ground at Valero's \$2.4 billion refinery expansion at Port Arthur. This project is expected to boost the facility's overall capacity to 415,000 barrels per day and will make it one of the nation's largest refineries.

I was proud to champion tax benefits in Congress to help spur this new growth in refining capacity and ease prices at the pump.

Simultaneously, the Gulf Coast is an energy powerhouse and a tourism hotspot. This region provides indisputable evidence that these industries can coexist - and flourish.

In 2006, Gulf Coast tourism yielded more than \$15 billion in spending and generated

over \$1 billion in state and local tax receipts. Almost 50 million Americans annually flock to the region to see some of the cleanest and most scenic beaches in the nation and other regional highlights. On my visit, I had the pleasure of visiting the pristine beaches of Rockport, Corpus Christi, Galveston, and Port Lavaca. Tourists are also drawn to Texas' rich natural resources and unique heritage which are preserved in an array of historical sites, nature preserves, and museums. I was privileged to visit with citizens and local officials at several of these special places.

At the San Jacinto Battleground and monument, I was honored to stand on the very ground where Texans fought and won our state's freedom. In Rockport, I helped celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Texas Maritime Museum, which preserves and exhibits Texas' rich marine history dating back to the Karankawa Indians.

At the Texas State Aquarium in Corpus Christi, I saw the important work being done to share the wonders of Gulf aquatic life with visitors and to promote ecological education in Texas. Finally, on High Island, I toured the Houston Audubon Society Birding site, which is part of an internationally known system of natural sanctuaries.

As I made my way through these 16 unique Texas communities, I was reminded how blessed we are as Texans to live in this wonderful state that provides so much economic opportunity and natural beauty. I will continue to work in the U.S. Senate for these 16, and the other 238 counties of Texas, to ensure they have the opportunity to grow and prosper.



The Post High School marching band is ready for the season football opener tonight at Sundown starting at 7:30 p.m.

Ayala graduates from basic training in San Antonio

Air Force Airman Marcos Ayala has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Ayala is the son of Jackie Ayala of S. Avenue I, Post.

The airman is a 2007 graduate of Post High School.



Marcos Ayala

County tax rate ...

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approved for payment. Six line items were submitted to the court and approved.

Pending the review and approval of County Attorney Leslie Acker the court voted to enter into an agreement between Garza County and Conversant Technologies Phone Services for inmate phone services at the new jail. The agreement provides for installation of the telephone system and payment by Conversant to the county amounting to 40% commission on the calls made by inmates.

The court appointed Ronald Thuett as Garza County's nominee to fill a vacancy on the Garza County Appraisal District Board.

Election of the nominee will require a majority vote of the appraisal district board members.

Resolution 350 from the City of Post was presented for information purposes only. According to the resolution, the City of Post will reduce its annual contribution to the law enforcement budget by \$50,000 per year over the next five fiscal years until no money is contributed. The city has budgeted \$250,000 for the 2008-2009 budget.

In this meeting, the court once again considered the options available for purchasing a replacement pickup for the Garza County Emergency Management Coordinator. The EMC's pickup is still not operational and will require a new motor. During this time a rental truck is being used. A motion was made to purchase

a new Chevrolet short crew truck from Robert Hall Chevrolet for \$27,050 before trade-in, one of six options considered for purchasing a replacement truck. The motion died for lack of a second. The court will continue to look for a viable option.

The court received a request to include \$5,000 for MADD Dads in the 2008-2009 county budget. The group received \$2500 in the 2007-2008 budget year; however, the request from this organization came late to be included in next year's budget

planning. A motion was made by Commissioner McDaniel and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve that \$2500 be taken from the elevator fund to accommodate this request in the 2008-2009 budget. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A special meeting is set for Thursday, August 28 at 5:30 p.m. A public budget hearing will follow at 6:00 p.m. Both of these meetings will be at the Trailblazers Senior Citizens' Center, 205 E. 10th Street.

Dissinger graduates from basic training

Army Pvt. Daryl L. Dissinger has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of

various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

He is the son of Daryl Dissinger, and brother of Marty Dissinger, both of Post, Texas.

Dissinger graduated in 2003 from Post High School.



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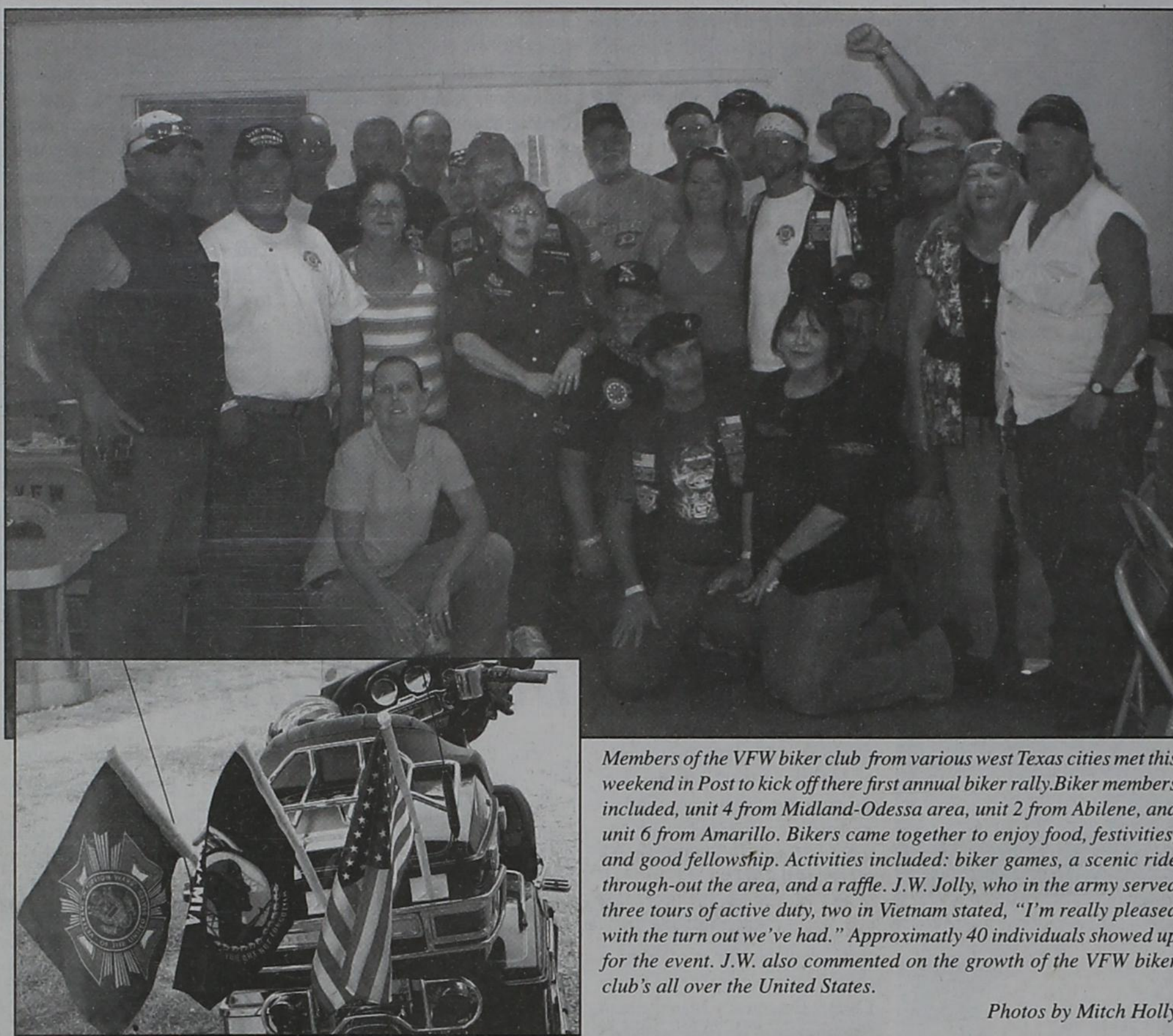
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VFW bike rally



Members of the VFW biker club from various west Texas cities met this weekend in Post to kick off their first annual biker rally. Biker members included, unit 4 from Midland-Odessa area, unit 2 from Abilene, and unit 6 from Amarillo. Bikers came together to enjoy food, festivities, and good fellowship. Activities included: biker games, a scenic ride through-out the area, and a raffle. J.W. Jolly, who in the army served three tours of active duty, two in Vietnam stated, "I'm really pleased with the turn out we've had." Approximately 40 individuals showed up for the event. J.W. also commented on the growth of the VFW biker club's all over the United States.

Photos by Mitch Hilly

South Plains cheerleaders complete camp

The 2008-09 South Plains College cheerleaders recently completed a four-day camp that was hosted by AmeriDance of Cincinnati, Ohio. During the course of the camp, the Texan Cheerleaders learned new dances and pom routines that will be performed during the upcoming basketball season. They also took home several awards. The SPC Cheerleaders won the Superior Squad trophy, the Spirit Stick and the Progress Award. In addition, freshman Marina Garza of Levelland was named Outstanding Cheerleader. bThe 2008-09 Texan Cheerleading squad will include three returners and 10 newcomers. Returning to the squad will be Yvette Carrasco of Hart,

Steffi Norman of Post and Kristen Vela of Brownfield. Newcomers to the squad will include Miranda Adams of Petersburg, Sarah Bednarz of Slaton, Miranda Casas of Littlefield, Shandria Few of Roby, Marina Garza of Levelland, Paige McCain of Crane, Desiree Mesquias of Levelland, Jazmin Mojica of Sudan, Lauren Pruitt of Whiteface and Denika Swoopes of Lubbock. In addition to learning exciting and creative dance material, the camp provided the squad the ability to bond, make new friendships and learn from each others' strengths and weaknesses.



The 2008-09 South Plains College Cheerleaders include (left to right), front row: Miranda Adams, Kristen Vela, Shandria Few, Yvette Carrasco, Denika Swoopes and Paige McCain; back row: Jazmin Mojica, Miranda Casas, Desiree Mesquias, Marina Garza, Steffi Norman, Sarah Bednarz and Lauren Pruitt.

"AmeriDance camp programs create confident dancers and cohesive teams," said SPC Director of Cheerleading Linda McCulloch. "The choreography was superb, the staff was

friendly and professional and my squad really benefited from the technique sessions which allowed for personal growth."

The SPC squad was selected for the AmeriCheer and AmeriDance All-American Spirit Team. As a

member of the Spirit Team, they earned the chance to perform at the McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade in Chicago, Ill., and the Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

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Back Row: Byron Garrison (Director), Cres Merrell (Teacher), Shand Kelso (Diagnostician), Gennie Hamilton (LSSP), Ofelia Hoover (Speech Pathologist), Michelle Simmons (Secondary Lifeskills Teacher), David Baker (Sp Services Administrator) Front Row: Kimberly Ellison (Special Services Aide), Caroly Cruse (Special Services Aide), Karen Jones (Special Services Aide), Stephanie Smith (Elementary Lifeskills Teacher), Rosie Bell (Special Services Aide), Julie Wilson (Special Services Aide), LeAnn Hudson (Teacher), Sandra Jones (Elementary Inclusion/Resource Teacher). Not pictured: Misty Winkle (Redirector) Cathy Sawyer (Sp Services HS Inclusion Teacher) Peggy Smith (Sp Services Inclusion Teacher) Kimberly Greer (Jr High Resource Teacher). The special education program and staff are new additions to Post schools.

Drive clean across Texas contest offering new car

(Austin, Texas) - The Drive Clean Across Texas campaign encourages all Texans to sign up to win a brand-new Ford Escape Hybrid SUV.

In light of sky-high gas prices, the benefit of owning a fuel-efficient hybrid is clear, plus driving a low-emission vehicle is one of the best steps drivers can take to reduce air pollution.

Entering the online sweepstakes is easy at the campaign's website at www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org, where Texans can pledge to do their part to reduce air pollution. The deadline to enter for a chance to win the hybrid SUV is Sunday, Aug. 17.

Drive Clean Across Texas, the nation's first statewide air quality public education campaign, encourages motorists to implement no-cost and low-cost changes in their driving and vehicle maintenance behaviors to reduce harmful vehicle emissions, which affect air quality.

Keeping cars and trucks well maintained tops the list of their clean air suggestions. Campaign organizers at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality say that by regularly changing a vehicle's oil, keeping tires properly inflated and replacing filters, motorists

can reduce their vehicle's tailpipe emissions and improve gas mileage by up to 5 percent, saving as much as 35 cents per gallon at today's gas prices.

A poorly maintained vehicle can release as much as 10 times the emissions of a well-maintained one.

"Every driver can contribute to cleaning up the air in Texas," says TxDOT's Richard Goldsmith.

"Simple changes to driving behaviors, like keeping tires properly inflated, driving the speed limit, and avoiding idling at drive-thru windows can make a big difference."

Drive Clean Across Texas also recommends choosing a hybrid or low-emission car or truck when it's time to purchase a new vehicle. Not only do these air-friendly vehicles save money on gas, they significantly reduce harmful tailpipe emissions.

At least one lucky driver will be able to heed this advice when the campaign hands over the keys to a new hybrid SUV later this month. To enter, drivers must have a Texas driver license and be at least 18 years old.

To sign up for a chance to win a 2008 Ford Escape Hybrid and get more tips on how to "drive green," motorists can visit the campaign's website at www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org.

TxDOT hosting meetings starting today

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) currently has four opportunities open for Texans to shape important discussions about the future of mobility.

At 11 a.m. on August 29, TxDOT will hold a public hearing in Austin to receive comments on the draft Statewide Public Involvement Plan for transportation planning. The draft plan outlines the practices to be used by TxDOT to obtain public input during the next year's transportation planning process.

"This plan may be a technical requirement of federal law, but we think it can be a starting point for much more," said TxDOT executive director Amadeo Saenz. "Based on the Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendations and a hard look at our own internal efforts, we know we haven't been as effective in engaging the public as we need to be. This hearing and the public comment period are our opportunity to say, 'This is what we have now; please help us make it better.'"

Individuals unable to attend the hearing have until September 12 to submit comments to the GetInvolved@dot.state.tx.us e-mail address or mail comments to James L. Randall, P.E., Director, Transportation Planning and Programming Division, 118 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704.

The draft Statewide Public Involvement Plan is available for viewing online by visiting http://www.dot.state.tx.us/about_us/public_hearings_and_meetings/transportation_planning.htm.

TxDOT invites the public to provide comments and feedback on its proposed strategic plan for 2009-2013. The agency's new strategic plan is available for public comment through September 15 so that Texas residents may weigh in on the agency's direction over the next four years.

The public version of the plan is intended to explain to the public, TxDOT partners, and policy makers the department's mission and the transportation challenges facing the state. The public is welcome to submit comments on the strategic

plan until September 15 via postal mail, fax or e-mail. The Texas Transportation Commission will consider formally approving the plan, once the public comment period has closed, during its September 25 meeting.

To view the draft strategic plan or to find details on how to submit comments, visit http://www.txdot.gov/services/government_and_public_affairs/strategic_plan.htm.

On December 21, 2007, Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, a member of the Texas Senate's Transportation and Homeland Security Committee, asked TxDOT to perform a study that looks at the state's transportation needs across modes and at the different options to pay for them. The draft report has been compiled, but TxDOT needs to hear from other Texans before finalizing it.

This draft needs report is considered an interim step in assessing the state's broader transportation needs and funding options while the independent 2030 Committee works on a more thorough assessment due by the end of 2008. The funding report outlines select options for paying for needs. Sen. Shapleigh has asked that we put these draft studies out for review and to consider public comments before the final reports are issued.

To view the draft Texas Transportation Needs Study or to submit comments, visit http://www.txdot.gov/services/government_and_public_affairs/transportation_needs_study.htm.

The 2030 Committee is holding six public hearings across the state in order to give Texans the opportunity to share their perspectives on the state's transportation needs in the coming decades.

The purpose of the independent 12-member committee is to present an assessment of the state's transportation requirements through the year 2030, in the context of today's economic reality. The committee will issue a report estimating the resources necessary to meet those needs in December 2008. Public comment from across the state is essential to develop recommendations that address the transportation needs of all Texans.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

I always try to start out with the weather around here for our out-of-town readers but there is nothing really to say, it's been about the same everyday I think they got some rain in town but we didn't on top of the cap. School has officially begun, I hope all the kids and teachers had a great first week.

It's hard to believe, but it will be fall before we know it, I am ready for the cooler temps!

Grant Bright and his wife Mona came down this past weekend to visit with his aunt and uncle, Doug and Claudine Tipton. Grant always brings us "goodies" when he comes, this time

he brought fresh peaches and pears. I froze mine so that I could use them during the holiday season. Thanks a lot Grant and Mona!

Danny, Susan, Rob and I rode to the rally in Lubbock over the weekend. When we arrived there were not a whole lot of people there, but it slowly picked up. We had a great time and a nice ride.

We want to welcome some new neighbors to our community. Steven and Angel Nelson along with their children have moved a new home on to the old Nelson place northeast of the gin. Steven is the grandson of Arlie and

Quova Nelson, Angel is the daughter of Gary and Jaquita Blevins. We are glad ya'll are here!

The Contreras family had an unexpected visitor Monday night. They killed a rattlesnake measuring approximately 4 foot long. We don't see many rattlers up around here; they are mostly close to and below the caprock. For those of you who don't know, the Contreras family live on the old Ritchie place.

Visitors.....Ronnie Gradine brought his granddaughter, Addie in to get a snack and visit a little while.

Get Wells..... We send a big

get well out to Delwin Fluitt and Diane Graves who both had knee surgery. Delwin is still in the hospital, Diane is home. My dad, Jerry Bush had a procedure done early this week; he is home and feeling great!

Don't forget our folks in the nursing homes; Doug and Claudine Tipton, Fannie Ballentine and Ruby Carpenter in Post and Mary Ethridge and Carmen Abraham in Lubbock. Keep our troops in your daily thoughts and prayers.

Birthdays this week...

August 29th - Cecilia Contreras
August 31st - Robbie Freeman
August 31st - Mikey Gonzales

September 4th - Jolie Page
Anniversaries this week...

September 1st - Danny and Susan Gonzales
September 1st - Pop and Carolyn Freeman

September 4th - David and Melinda Quintana
Remember, you don't have to be a farmer to come out and drink coffee with us, come see us anytime!

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

Weekly Inspirations

God is in Control

By: Michael F. Taylor

I slowly walked into the now almost completely empty room where once the walls were covered in homecoming mums, princess and homecoming queen banners, and frilly girl decorations.

I reached to turn off the light and the overpowering realization that I was about to deliver my baby girl to adulthood -and Angelo State University- hit me full strength. A tear came to my eye!

Yes, my head tells me that this is the natural order of things and this is the goal that my child has been striving to reach for the last fourteen years (Pre-K through High School), but my heart is telling me something else.

Screaming something at me like-Don't do it, Dummy!

But of course, just as so many of you have done in the past, her mother and I loaded up all of her things in our mini-van and headed to college to allow our eldest child to embark upon her future.

And, as exciting I know it was for her, it was at least that scary for me.

Before leaving the house, I had to return to the solace of the inside once again, so she wouldn't see me cry. Her mother joined me a few moments later.

I looked at my wife and half-heartedly asked, "It is going to be a rough day, isn't it?" It was! But more importantly, it was also a day that we could rejoice in the Lord, Jesus Christ for what He has done in the life of our child. Proverbs 22:6 assures us, "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." NIV

We have watched her grow from a small tiny baby, to a crawling toddler. From the first day in Pre-Kindergarten to the first day in High School, we have watched her grow in the physical and we have also seen her flourish in the spiritual. I will never forget the day she came and told me that she had accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior! And now, this day has arrived.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 tells us, "1-There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under Heaven: 2- a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, 3-a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, 4- a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, 5- a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, 6- a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, 7- a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, 8- a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace." NIV

Throughout my life, I have read that scripture many times. Today, it seems so pertinent to what God is doing in my life as well as my child's. I know that the planting is now done, and a time of uprooting is upon us.

And even though it was a time to weep, it was also a time to laugh. I cannot remember a day that I have felt closer to her than on that day. We laughed, we cried, we embraced and we loved. And God was in the midst of it all because He appoints the time and the season.

I can't help but think of all of my friends who have told almost an identical story this very week of sending their young adult into the world to experience God's plan in their lives.

I can't help but give you these words of encouragement; God is in control. He has set a natural order for this time and this season.

I am so excited for each of those young people who are setting out on a wonderful, new journey in life. This week I pray that as you set sail, Christ will provide the winds to guide your paths.

And for all you parents, hang in there, the Lord has great plans ahead for your children!

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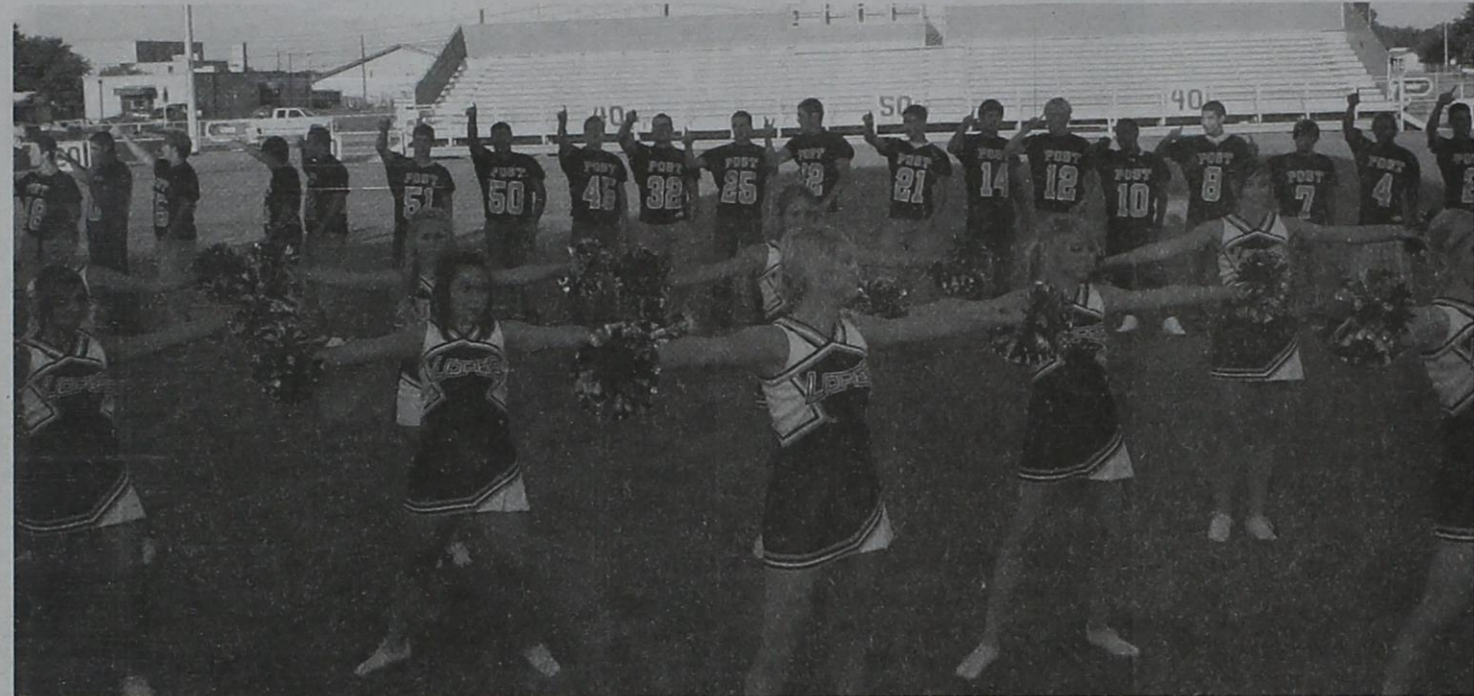
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Post Antelope Coaches: (left to right) Bryan Parks, Ken Roberts, Mike Scott, Kevin James, Billy Hardin, Jay Hellums, Rick Compton, Billy Kelso. Not shown Athletic Director, Chris Jones. Staff photo by Merika Strivens



Meet the Lopes

At the Jimmie Redman Memorial Stadium Tuesday, after all the introductions, everyone joined the athletes in the Post school song. Staff photo by Merika Strivens

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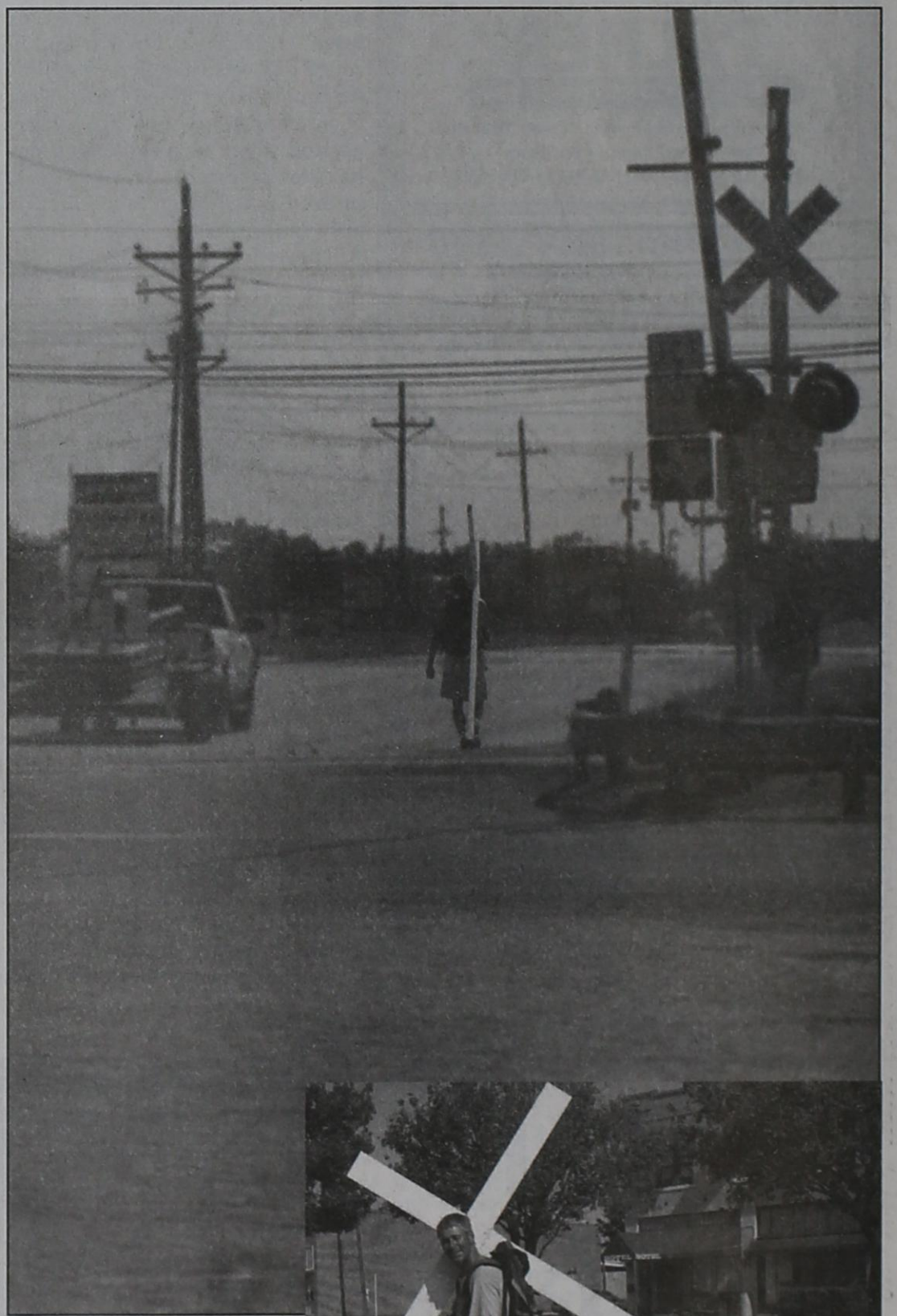
Chuck Johnson, 46, started his journey in 1987 when he had asked Jesus into his life and in March of 2000 felt that God had placed him on a mission to remind people that they need Jesus in their life also.

His original cross was of solid wood and weighed 86lbs. He now carries a plastic cross on wheels that weighs 10lbs. "God told me that as I continue to carry my cross the weight of it will get lighter, just like in my life, things will get easier to bear." He laughs.

Chuck also says that he has not been sick in over 20 years. He has traveled all over the United States, except for Alaska and Hawaii.

Something he has noticed over the years is that when he started this, "...within 1-2 miles many more folks would stop to give me a ride or offer me something to eat or drink..." where as now, he can go for 10 - 20 miles without one car stopping.

He smiles as he remembers a ride he once got from a man on a Harley Davidson motorcycle. "The cross just hung off the end of the bike, while I still had it on my shoulder."



Chuck doesn't take a day off, he continues 365 days a year, rain, sleet or snow, never stopping. As he puts it, "I am storing up my treasures in heaven."

Extension Extras

September 1, 2008

Anyone who wants to show rabbits at the Fair or the 2009 Stock Show, meet at the Show Barn on Monday, September 1, 2008 at 3:00. For more information call Barbara Palmer at 470-1295.

Rabbit Project Meeting

There is a meeting scheduled for September 4, 2008 at the Extension office 4:00 and 7:00. Barbara Palmer, Rabbit Project Leader, will share information about the project.

GCJLA Fun-Raiser

Garza County Jr. Livestock "Fun-Raiser" will be held September 6 in the Post ISD Cafeteria. Brisket dinner. Cash prizes awarded. 4-H members are asked to bring desserts. Anyone who wants to help decorate, meet at 4:00 on Saturday, September 6 in the Cafeteria.

4-H Food & Nutrition Project

The first meeting for the Food & Nutrition Project will be held September 8, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in the Food Lab at Post High School. For more information call the Extension office at 495-4400. Come and join the fun!

4-H Awards Banquet

The annual 4-H Awards Banquet will be held Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at Garza County Trailblazers 6:30.

4-H Meeting

The first Garza County 4-H meeting is scheduled for September 16, at the Extension office 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided.

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October 5-11 National 4-H Week.

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Obituaries

Bill Davies

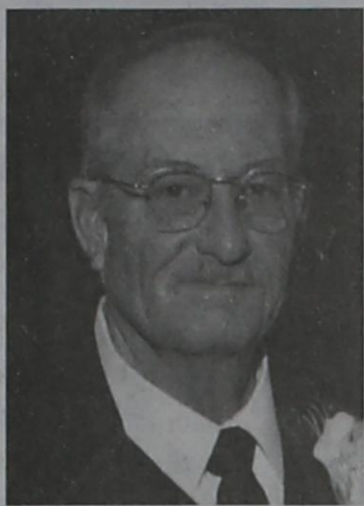
Services for Bill Davies, 62 of Slaton were 10 AM Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at Slaton's First Baptist Church with Rev. Steve McMeans officiating. Interment will follow in Southland's Resthaven Cemetery and under the direction of Englands Funeral Service in Slaton.

Mr. Davies was born June 29, 1946 in Slaton. Bill died Monday, August 25, 2008. He grew up in Southland and graduated from Southland High School in 1964. Bill attended San Angelo State and Texas Tech.

Bill had been a resident of the Slaton area since 1962. He was a cotton farmer and raised PBR rodeo stock.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth Davies on December 10, 1984 and stepson, Jacob Williams in 2005.

Bill's survivors include Dana of Slaton, son; Hays and wife, Kenda Davies and daughter; Averi and husband, Pat Lewis, stepdaughters; Hannah and Jordan Williams all of Lubbock, his mother; Gloss Davies, brother; Arthur, sister; Kelly Sparkman all of Slaton and sister, Linda Stewart of Colorado City, TX, grandchildren; Kellyn and Blaze Davies and Thatcher Lewis.



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Post Antelope Football Schedule

Varsity

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 16	Coahoma (scrimmage)	Home	10:00
Aug. 22	Tahoka (scrimmage)	Away	6:00
Aug. 29	Sundown	Away	7:30
Sept. 5	Lamesa (Homecoming)	Home	7:30
Sept. 12	Open		
Sept. 19	Floydada	Home	7:30
Sept. 26	Lubbock Roosevelt*	Away	7:30
Oct. 3	Abernathy*	Home	7:30
Oct. 10	Idalou*	Away	7:30
Oct. 17	Shallowater*	Home	7:30
Oct. 24	Denver City*	Away	7:30
Oct. 31	Slaton*	Away	7:30
Nov. 7	Littlefield*	Home	7:30

* District Games

Junior Varsity

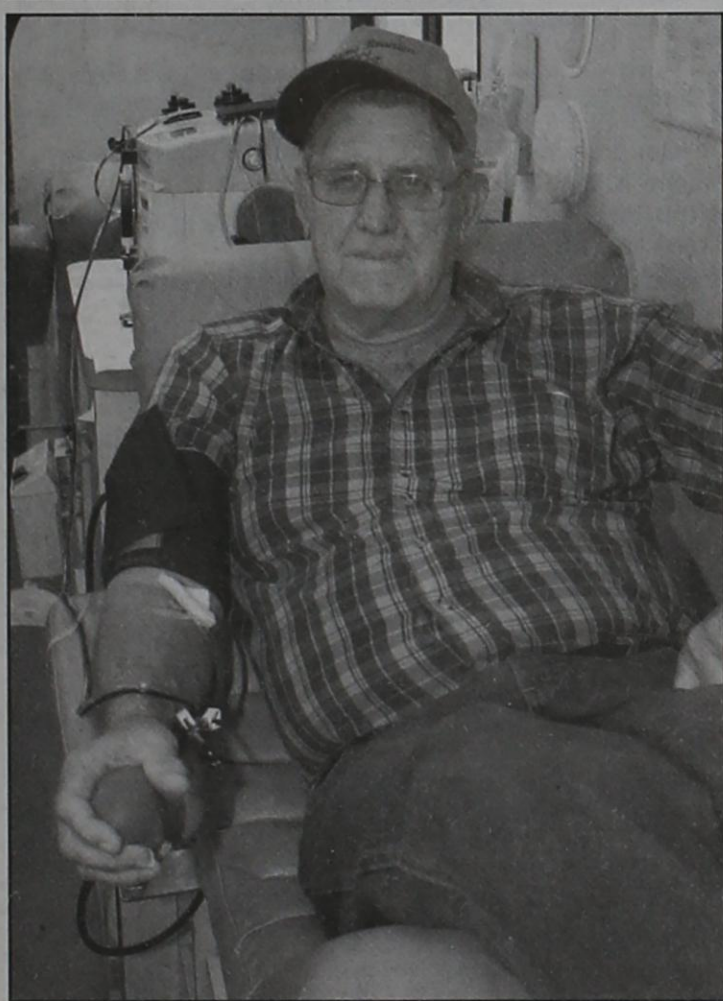
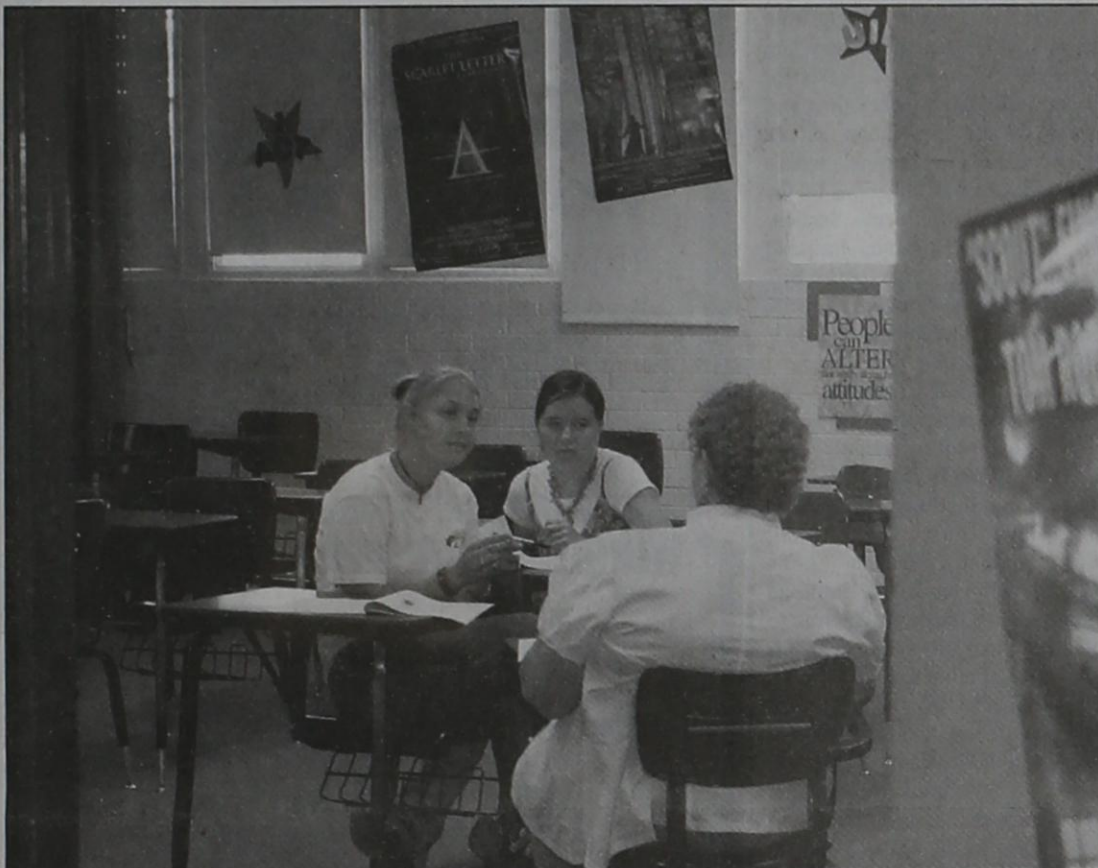
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 28	Sundown	Home	6:00
Sept. 4	Lamesa	Away	6:00
Sept. 11	Open		
Sept. 18	Floydada	Away	6:00
Sept. 25	Lubbock Roosevelt*	Home	6:00
Oct. 2	Abernathy *	Away	6:00
Oct. 9	Idalou*	Home	6:00
Oct. 16	Shallowater*	Away	6:00
Oct. 23	Denver City*	Home	6:00
Oct. 30	Slaton*	Home	6:00
Nov. 6	Littlefield*	Away	6:00

7th & 8th Grade

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 11	Open		
Sept. 18	Floydada	Home	5:00
Sept. 25	Lubbock Roosevelt*	Away	5:00
Oct. 2	Abernathy *	Home	5:00
Oct. 9	Idalou*	Away	5:00
Oct. 16	Shallowater*	Home	5:00
Oct. 23	Denver City*	Away	5:00
Oct. 30	Slaton*	Away	5:00
Nov. 6	Littlefield	Home	5:00

Back to school

Susan Littrell and Alexandra Rodriguez are focused on listening to the advice of teacher Sterline Marcum the first day back to school on Monday, August 25th.



Blood Drive

United Supermarkets sponsored a blood drive at the parking lot of the store, Tuesday. Billy Williams, above, has been giving blood since he was 18 years old and believes everyone should too.

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Personals

Post Group Alcoholics Anonymous

Meets on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. Closed meetings, except for last Thursday of every month. For info, contact: 806-781-1156 or 806-495-5371 10th & Ave K, behind United Supermarket.

Post Al-Anon

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Lost and Found

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Legal Notices

Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

Burk Royalty Co., LTD., P.O. Box 94903, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, Southeast Garza Unit lease, Well Number 804. The proposed injection well is located 3.5 miles Southeast of Post in the Garza Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2716 to 2883 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

ORDER OF GENERAL ELECTION

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 4, 2008 in Garza County, Texas for the purpose of electing the following county and precinct officers as required by Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution: Sheriff, County Attorney, Tax Assessor/Collector, Commissioner-Precinct 1, Commissioner-Precinct 3, Constable-Precinct 1 and Constable-Precinct 2.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Garza County Courthouse, 1st Floor, 300 W. Main, Post, TX, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 20, 2008 and ending on October 31, 2008.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Terri Laurence
Garza County Early Voting Clerk
PO Box 366
Post, TX 79356

Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 28, 2008. Issued this 25th day of August, 2008.

Lee Norman, County Judge, Garza County

ORDEN DE ELECCION GENERAL

Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una eleccion el 4 de Noviembre 2008 en el Condado de Garza, Texas con el proposito de elegir los siguientes oficiales del condado y del precinto como requerido por el Articulo XVI, Seccion 65 de la Constitucion de Tejas: Sherife, Abogado del Condado, Asesor-Collector de Impuestos, Comisionado-Precinto 1, Comisionado-Precinto 3, Condestable-Precinto 1 y Condestable-Precinto 2.

La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en el Palacio de justicia de Condado de Garza, primer piso, 300 W. Main, Post, TX, entre las 8:00 de la manana y a las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 20 de Octubre, 2008 y terminando el 31 de Octubre, 2008.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:
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Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 28 de Octubre,

2008.
Emitida este dia 25th de Agosto, 2008.
Lee Norman, Juez del Condado de Garza

Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

Legacy Reserves Operating LP, P.O. Box 10848 Midland, Texas 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Lower Clearfork formation, Stoker, K. Et Ux "C" lease, Well Number 22D. The proposed injection well is located 5 miles Southeast of Justiceburg, Texas in the Rocker-A- Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3385 to 4050 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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Notice of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

The George R. Brown Partnership L.P., 4700 First City Tower, 1001 Fanmin, Houston, Tx 77002 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, Post Estate lease, Well Number 16, 22, 27, 43. The proposed injection well is located 2.5 miles south from Post, Texas in the Garza Field, in Garza County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3000 to 3215 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR OIL AND GAS WELL PERMIT CITY OF POST, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that The George R. Brown Partnership, acting under and pursuant to Ordinance No. 238, which Ordinance Amended Ordinance No. 89, passes on February 14, 1950, and relating to the drilling for, mining, or in any manner engaging in operations for the purpose of extracting oil, gas or other Petroleum products from The City of Post, and correcting Exhibit B in Ordinance No. 89, and allowing additional drilling within the Territorial limits of The City of Post as same existed on February 14, 1950: made passed and entered on the 29th day of March, 1966 filed with the City Secretary of The City of Post an application for a permit to drill a well for oil and/or gas upon lot Number section 1227 of the town of Post, Garza County, Texas according to the map or plat of said town of record in Volume 13, page 1. of the deed records of Garza County, Texas, reference to which is here made: such well to

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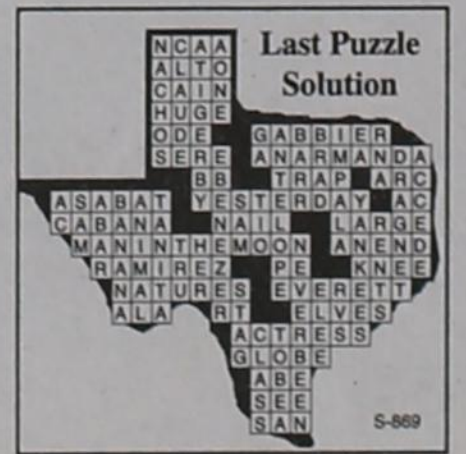
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Yesteryears

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10 Years Ago
August 27, 1998

Garza County United Way directors Carol Tobias and Jerry Tyler recognized outgoing directors Jacky Harp, Jim Plummer and Rheba Propst at a monthly meeting. New members joining the board were Clay Mercer and Linda Self.

Lacy Williams was recognized with the Gold Star award at the annual 4-H banquet. She was joined by Casey Williams, Junior Progress award and Jennifer Josey, Senior Progress award.

Sonny Mason was honored with a "Surprise Birthday Party" in the back yard of his home. The party was hosted by his children, Chita, Crystal and Ron Mason. Oh!!! By the way, Sonny turned "60".

The family-owned and operated Hudman Funeral Home marked its 50th anniversary as a part of Post and Garza County this month. The business opened its doors in 1948 when Victor Hudman and his brother, the late Marvin Hudman, purchased the historic home at 615 W. Main built by the community's father and founder, C. W. Post.

20 Years Ago
August 31, 1988

The 1988 Post Antelope coaching staff included Dewayne Osborne, Bill Gordon, Chili

Black, Darrell Radle, Fred Postell, Mitch Rasberry, Bart McMeans and Lane Tannehill.

New faces decorating the stage in 'The Seven Year Itch' at the Garza Theatre were Stacy Nolan and Pam Workman. Other locals were veterans Allison Crawford and Cheryl Thompson.

Bingo in Post celebrated its first anniversary and in that one year, 11,945 players had attended the regular Tuesday night bingo games at the Post Community Center.

L'Shea Lyn Clary proudly announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her mother, Karen Taylor Clary, to Mark Allan Greenlaw.

30 Years Ago
August 31, 1978

Superintendent Bill Shiver presented Mrs. Jim Hundley with a plaque during the "Meet the Antelope" night at the Antelope Stadium. She in turn presented it to the senior football boys to hang in the field house. The plaque read: "In memory of Jim Hundley, Win or Lose, Post No. 1 fan for 50 years." Accepting the plaque were Rex Cash, Jeff Williams and Dale Redman.

Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Tipton retires this week in 1978 following 21 and 22 years respectively in the Tax Assessor-Collector's office. Susan Troxell, bride elect of

Danny Gonzales, was honored with a miscellaneous wedding shower in the bank community room. Special guests for the occasion were Mrs. Paul Troxell, mother of the bride-elect and Mrs. Mike Gonzales, mother of the prospective bridegroom.

40 Years Ago
August 29, 1968

Jim Jackson was the third president of the post Chamber of Commerce for 1968. He succeeded A. C. Cash, who resigned, Cash had taken over early in the year for Ansil O'Neal, Pioneer Natural Gas manager who was transferred to Slaton.

Post school enrollment, which had been on the decline for the several years, appeared to have leveled off for 1968. Total enrollment for the 12 grades was exactly 1,200 students, which was 17 more than the 1,183 total of the first day the previous year. Billy Light of Post joined radio station KKAL at Denver City as chief engineer and country music disc jockey.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. (Shorty) Duncan returned to Post after spending the summer in charge of the kitchen at Camp Blue Haven, a church youth camp located 17 miles west of Las Vegas, N. M.

50 Years Ago
August 28, 1958

The Graham grade school did not be opened for the fall term and the 27 eligible students in the Graham Community enrolled in the Post grade school. This decision was made by Post Independent School District

trustees, by an unanimous vote at a special meeting. The action was taken because board members felt operation of the Graham school as a two-teacher school with only 18-22 students was not financially feasible.

The city council approved a plat for Sunset Addition, Bryan J. Williams' new housing development. The addition would contain the first curved residential street in Post - Sunset Drive - and would provide for building sites for 14 new homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hudman announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Carolyn, to Travis Polk, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Polk.

60 Years Ago
August 26, 1948

Post Antelope 1948 squad members were J. W. King, Charles King, Jerry Odom, Roy Teaff, Horace Tyree, Billy Lee Smith, Ronald Joe Babb, Jack Kirkpatrick, Kay Kirkpatrick, Bobby Pennington, Gene King, George Pierce, Don Tatum, Cordell Custer, Jack Schmidt, Roy Pharris, Charlie Williams, Jackie Hays, Junior Odom, Edward Teal, F. M. Reep, Eugene Ford, Maurice Fluitt, Giles Dalby, Jim Ruth Norman, Jimmy Smith, Charlie McGuire, Fred Davidson, Buddy Hays, Roy Davis, Billy Ramage, Mack McCullough, Calvin Storie, Roy Wade, Jimmy Puckett, Junior Malouf, Carter White, Ronnie Bouchier, Donald Carpenter, Barry Ford, and R. E. Josey.

The 14 residents of the Hartford

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ACROSS
1 athletic org. for colleges (abbr.)
5 Monte ____ TX
6 Adam & Eve's first born
7 TXism: "big enough to burn diesel"
8 TX Robby film: "____ to Billy Joe"
9 even more talkative
16 dry, arid
18 TXism: "coasts ____ leg"
21 air gun ammo
22 TXism: "mobile mouse ____" (cat)
23 welding method
24 TXism: "blind ____"
30 TX-raised Erin Cummings film: "Tomorrow's ____" ('06)
34 summer savior in TX (abbr.)
35 TX-based chain: "Taco ____"
36 TXism: "fought tooth and ____"
37 T-shirt size
39 with "The," '91 film of TX-raised Emily Warfield (4 wds.)
43 "it's just a means to ____"
44 a Ranger catcher, Max
45 school exercise (abbr.)
46 TXism: "slapper" (funny)
47 flowers: ____ way of saying "love"
49 Cowboy safety Thomas for '93 Super Bowl

DOWN
52 pie ____ mode
53 TX-born actor Rip (init.)
54 Santa's helpers
55 profession of TX-born Renee Zellweger
58 Odessa has replica of Shakespeare's Theatre
59 LBJ appointed this Fortas to Supreme Ct.
60 TXism: "take a look ____"
61 ____ Benito, TX
14 he was "Mingo" when TX Fess was "Daniel" (init.)
15 cell nucleic acid
17 first name of town of Alamo, TX
19 TX Dabney Coleman '87 film
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38 leases
40 one-man play based on Truman Capote
41 TXism: "no flies on ____" (attractive)
42 TX Pride's "____ So Loved"
48 male deer
50 CSA general: Robert ____
51 Winnebagoos
56 TX-native Quaid film: "Curse of the Starving ____"
57 TXism: "he'd have to study up ____ half wit"

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THE NOT JUST FOR KIDS PAGE
Slither into Snakes!
VOL 22
Yikes! It is a snake!
Calm down! Unless you happen to be a mouse or a frog; (in other words: lunch); you have nothing to fear from a snake. These shy reptiles tighten and relax muscles in their long bodies (up to 32 feet!) to move as fast as they can, (5-8 mph), away from humans. Snakes keep losing their natural habitat to buildings and homes. Because of this, humans, along with eagles, raccoons and badgers, are the snake's worse enemy. Yes, some snakes are poisonous and all wild animals should be left alone, (check out the Golden Rule), but once you get to know them they are ssssuper. These cold-blooded animals have lungs to breath air, but unlike mammals, they have scales instead of fur or hair. Smooth dry scales, or scutes, are made of keratin, just like our fingernails. Colors and markings on these squamate reptiles are uniquely designed for protection and defense. Very brightly colored snakes are often poisonous to warn predators to stay away. Some harmless snakes, like the Scarlet King snake (right), mimic the deadly Coral snake (left), to trick the enemy into leaving it alone. Dark color-

ing helps the cold-blooded snake to store the warmth of the sun and to better blend into the forest floor. The stripes on snakes help them slither through the grass undetected! Snakes have a few other tricks too. Their tail may look like their heads. The enemy will go for the "head", while they get a head start in the opposite direction. Snakes may only eat 2-6 times a year so they need some big meals. Since they do not

Your Mom or Dad may have learned how to spell this state using this little limerick.
Can you figure out the state?
M...straight letter,
crooked letter,
crooked letter,
straight letter,
crooked letter,
straight letter,
crooked letter,
humpback,
humpback,
straight letter!

Word Wonders!
Crooked letter = Snake letter (S)
Figure out the words hiding among the snakes!
1. Snips, snips, cut! S-S-S-S
2. You have 5 of them S-S-S-S-S
3. You did it! S-S-S-S-S
4. Something is fishy: S-S-S-S-S
5. On the edge of your seats: S-S-S-S-S

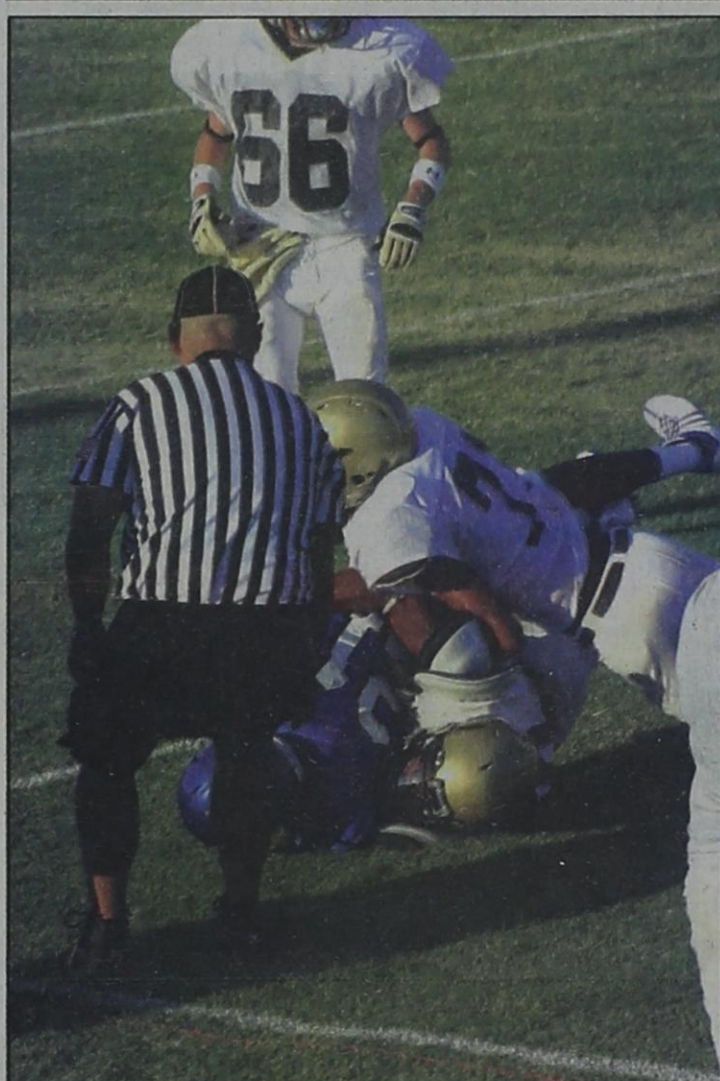
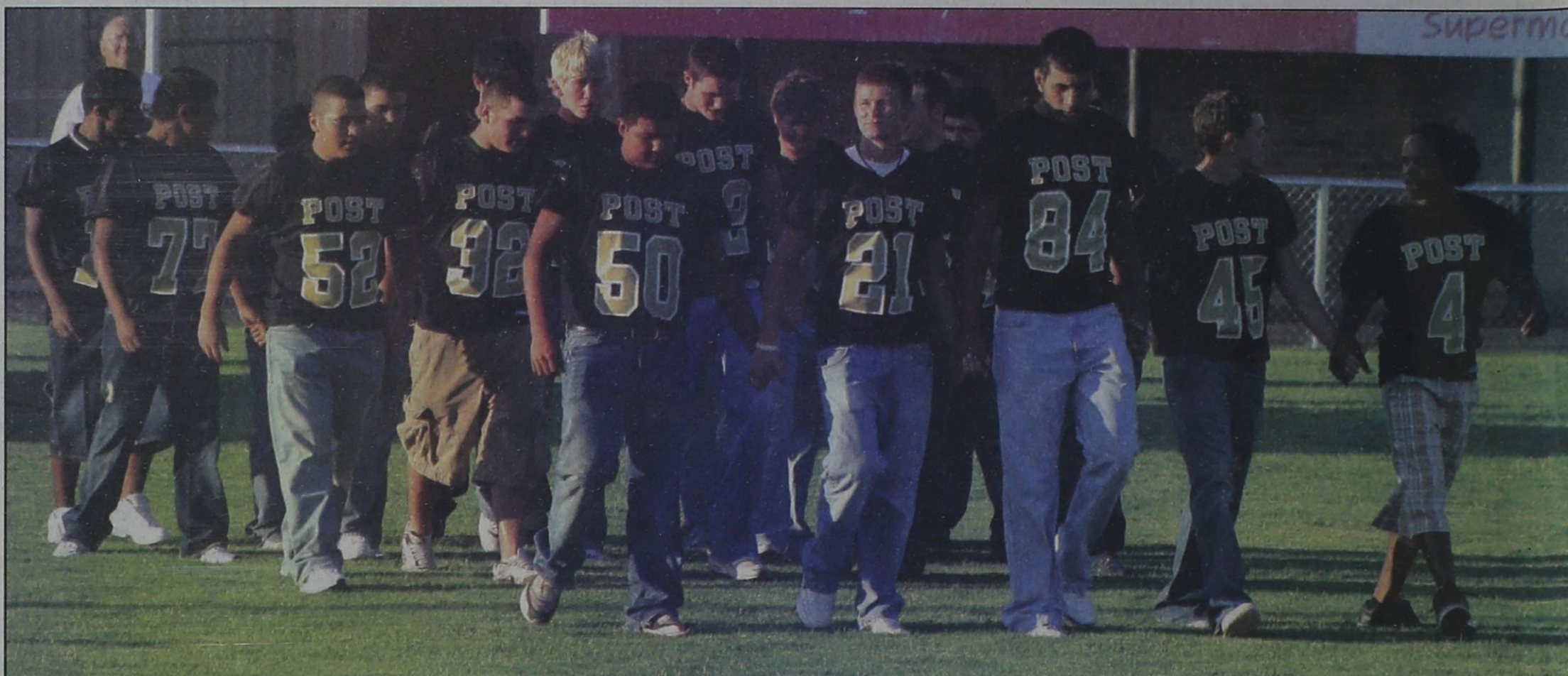
ANSWERS: 1.scissors, 2.senses, 3.success, 4.suspicious 5.suspense

hinged jaw allows the jawbones to separate
area of the vomer glands
heat sensor
nostril
breath to cover fangs
fangs
windpipe
jawbone extends to allow for large prey
lower jaw teeth

chew, they swallow their meals whole. Hinged jawbones separate to allow that tasty rabbit, pig or fish to work its way down. Don't make a face! Before they swallow their meal whole they kill it by injecting it with paralyzing poison or suffocating it in its strong grip. Snakes are a useful part of the ecosystem and rid our fields and farms of rats, mice and other pests. Ssssnakes are ssssssimply a sssssssential sssssspecies!

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The Post Antelopes were introduced Tuesday night at Jimmy Redman Memorial Stadium (above). Left, the Lopes compete against Tahoka last week where it racked up more than 500 yards of total offense in a scrimmage. Below, left, Trent Babb runs for a gain against Tahoka. Post takes on Sundown tonight on the road starting at 7:30 p.m.

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We want to thank you all for allowing us to serve your spiritual needs in Post. We would especially like to thank our members and friends at the Church of God of Prophecy, who have supported us for almost seventeen years. We have been appointed to pastor a church in Houston, TX. We love you all and will miss Post, Texas. God bless you all!

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