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Seniors bid farewell to high school years Post Notes

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in Beaumont.

Post, Southland and Borden County schools will conduct commencement exercises Thursday and Friday evenings in each of their respective communities.

Post

Post ISD will graduate 41 seniors this year. Commencement will be at 8 p.m. tonight at the Antelope Arena.

Audree Williams, daughter of Keith and Janece Williams, said been named valedictorian of the Class of 2013.

A member of the Pride of Post Band, Williams has received the Patrick S. Gillmore Band Award for the last two consecutive years. The award recognizes outstanding achievement among high school band leaders.

In addition, Williams has participated in numerous UIL events throughout her high school career and also is an active member of the Garza County 4-H. She also has been a member of the school's tennis team.

Williams plans to attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon and major in agricultural business.

Kayla Comeaux, daughter of Michael and Keely Comeaux, has been named salutatorian. She has attended Post High School since her sophomore year.

An avid athlete, Comeaux was active in most all sports throughout her high school tenure, including basketball, volleyball, softball and track. She also has been a trainer for the varsity boys football team.

For her academic endeavors, Comeaux has been named to the Academic All-District football, volleyball, basketball and softball teams. She also is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council.

She was honored with the title of Ms. Post High School her senior year.

Comeaux plans to attend Lamar University

Southland

Southland ISD will graduate four seniors this year including Jaden Binford, who has been named the valedictorian for the Class of 2013, and Julia-Marie Kidd who has been named the salutatorian.

Also graduating will be Danny Martinez and Samantha Dorman.

Graduation will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Southland High School Gym.

Binford, daughter of Tommy and Monique Binford, attended k-12 entirely at the Southland school.

She has participated in basketball, cross-country, track and cheerleading. She also was in FFA and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Binford is a member of the National Honor Society and was editor of the school newspaper.

Jaden plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall and major in animal nutrition.

Kidd, daughter of Stephen Kidd and Dianina Kidd, has attended Southland High School all four years. She participated in cross-country, FFA, FCCLA, yearbook and was on the school's newspaper staff.

Kidd plans to attend South Plains College to get an associate degree and then transfer to get certified to be a sonographer.

Borden County

Borden County ISD will graduate 15 seniors during a ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday at the Borden County ISD Auditorium.

Shea Burkett, daughter of Mike and Donna Burkett of Lamesa, has been named valedictorian of the Class of 2013.

Burkett is a member of the National Beta Club and is a Distinguished Achievement graduate.

Burkett was active in the athletic program,

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Audree Williams



Kayla Comeaux



Jaden Binford



Julia-Marie Kidd



Shea Burkett



Steellie Sanders

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

Post Jackalopes

The summer track team will have a bake sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at United Supermarket in Post. For information call Marcie Oden at 806-781-3247. Team practice is from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through July 23.

4-H Play Days

The Garza County 4-H will have its annual Play Days on Saturday and also June 15 at the Lonesome Pine Equestrian Center. For information, contact the Extension Office at 495-4400 or Danya Peterson at 520-405-0221.

Summer Splash

The annual Summer Splash event at the City Pool will be from 6 to 9 p.m. June 11. Admission is free, but children must obtain a wristband from the Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Ave. C. Free wristbands will be made available beginning June 1 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For information, contact the CRC at 495-3173.

Summer Rec Program

Registration for Summer Rec Program begins Monday and continues through June 28. Participants must be registered prior to joining in the activities. Sign ups will be held at the middle school gym. Program runs from 8 a.m. to noon, and breakfast and lunch will be served. Parents are asked to pick up their children between 12:30 and 12:45 p.m. For information, contact Lorie Rivera at 495-3253 or 441-8465

Genealogy research

The Borden County Museum will conduct genealogy research from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 22 at the Borden County Museum. Cost: Pre-registration \$10 per person deadline June 17, at the door cost: \$20 per person. Registration forms can be found at The Post Dispatch, Post Public Library or email bordencohistory@gmail.com to request an electronic form.

Summer camp

4-H Power Camp will be June 28 to July 1 at Cloudcroft High School. For information, call the Extension Office at 495-4400

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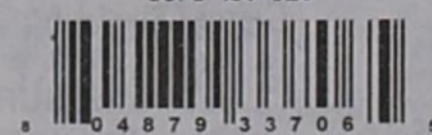
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Perry signs landmark water legislation

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday signed one of two pieces of legislation that will begin to lay the foundation of meeting the state's water future needs.

House Bill 4 provides for active, full-time governance at the Texas Water Development Board; creates a new funding mechanism to support water-supply project implementation over the next 50 years; and directs local, regional and state officials to prioritize

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Springer casts vote against state budget

By Wayne Hodgins
The Post Dispatch

The Texas Legislature adjourned the 83rd legislative session on Monday only to learn they would be back the next day to begin a special session on redistricting.

The Texas House of Representatives passed its budget for the biennium this past Sunday, with 31 representatives, including Rep. Drew Springer, R-Muenster, voting against the measure.

"I could not support a budget that dramatically increased spending while at the same time failed to adequately fund our top three priorities: education, water and transportation," Springer

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Memorial Day



Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch

Last Saturday, more than 40 volunteers, including the 20 Girl Scouts from Post troops, placed American flags at each veteran grave at Terrace Cemetery in recognition of Memorial Day. Pictured here are members of Troop 6864, including Averil Graves, Ryleigh Graves, Caitlyn Silva, Patyn Robinson, Alicia Graves, along with veteran J.W. Jolly of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797, who helps organize the annual Memorial Day celebration in Garza County. Additionally, the local VFW post has worked during the last two weeks in placing more than 500 U.S. veteran markers at graves throughout the cemetery.

Veterans honored, remembered for service

By Anna Gibson
The Post Dispatch

Garza County residents came together Monday to honor all military veterans past and present during the annual Memorial Day tribute organized by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

After serving a breakfast earlier that morning to local veterans and their family, members of the VFW Post 6797 conducted a memorial service in the plaza at the Garza County Courthouse.

This year's speaker, Dr. Bernhard Mitemeyer, professor of urological surgery at the Texas Tech

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Deaths

Winifred Clarence Carpenter

Winifred Clarence Carpenter was born Oct. 11, 1924, in Tahoka, Texas. He passed away on May 25, 2013, at the age of 88.

Family and friends knew him as "Bo," a nickname that he received at the age of 6 and carried throughout his life.

He attended Post High School. He served his country as a Navy sailor during WWII in the Pacific Theater. After the war he attended Texas A&M for two years but was needed at his parent's farm, so college was put on hold. He was joined in matrimony to Margi Nell (Russell) Carpenter in Lubbock on December 16, 1948. They had three children, Steve, Charles, and Brenda. He farmed in New Home for many years and later started Bo Carpenter Painting, which he operated until 2009.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margie; his daughter, Brenda; his parents, Dan and Edna Carpenter; brother, Jimmy Carpenter; sisters, Anna Jean Carpenter-Corbell, Mary Carpenter-Herbst



WINIFRED CLARENCE CARPENTER

and Sue Carpenter-Hudman.

He is survived by two sons: Steve Carpenter, his wife Pam, and their children, Caleb, Dustin, Jordan; and Charles Carpenter, his wife DeLores, and their children, Derek, Daniel, Cynthia, Carpenter-Willingham and Angela Carpenter-Watson; and a grandson, Brenda's son, Taylor Carpenter (who he raised like a son); his wife Deana, and their children, Devan, Tavia, and Quinn; along with 11 great-grandchildren: Joshua, Jasmine, Faith, Eva, Ayden, Merrin, Nick, Micah, Evan, Devan, Tavia, and Quinn.

He was professing Chris-

tian and has gone to meet His Lord. He was loved by countless family and friends and will be greatly missed. He will be laid to rest beside his wife, Margie Carpenter, of 54 years, and amongst family including parents Dan and Edna Carpenter, brother Jimmy Carpenter, daughter Brenda Carpenter, and sister Mary Carpenter-Herbst in Terrace Cemetery.

A special thanks to family and his friends who have continued with him during a very difficult finish, God bless you.

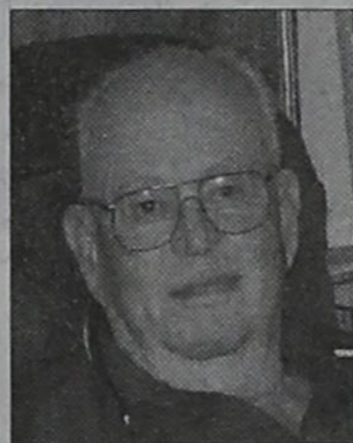
There will be a 10 a.m. viewing and registry at Hudman Funeral Home in Post, Texas, on Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

The funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. in graveside "cowboy style" (weather permitting) at Terrace Cemetery, the way Daddy like it; Rev. Charles Carpenter will be officiating. Family will receive friends and registry at Hudman Funeral Home, 615 w. Main Street, Post, TX, one hour prior to funeral services. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Bill Harp

Bill Harp, 83, passed away May 22, 2013 at home surrounded by his family. Visitation will be Thursday, May 23, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Hudman Funeral Home. Services will be at First Baptist Church in Post at 10:00 AM, May 24 with Brother Jack Maddox, Bo Jackson and Marvin Self officiating.

Bill was born January 10, 1930 in Dimmit, TX to the late O.L. & Bertie (Robinson) Harp. He graduated



BILL HARP

from Dawson at Welch, TX. Bill accepted Christ as his Savior in 1941, loved his church, and served as Deacon in 2 churches. He had over 65 years of happiness with Movelda Gray. After working for Cities Service Oil Co. for 34 years, they had many years of traveling and fun.

Bill is survived by his

wife, Movelda, daughter Linda Self and husband Marvin of Post, TX, daughter-in-law Thressa (Harp) Baker and husband H. of Slaton, TX, 8 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. One sister, Audine St. Clair of Lubbock, TX.

Preceding Bill in death was his beloved son Jacky; one brother and four sisters.

The family would like to give special thanks to Odyssey Hospice for their compassionate care.

Those wishing to make charitable donations in Bill's name may make them to Odyssey Hospice or First Baptist Church of Post.

Pet of the Week



Janice Plummer/For the Dispatch

This is Cutter, the newest addition to Post Animal Refuge Center. He is a smart, energetic young dog and with a little work and a lot of love would be a very loyal companion. For adoption information, contact the shelter at postarc@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Post Arc.

Cotton farmers battle drought, Farm Bill issues

By Mary Jane Buerkle
Special to the Dispatch

It's been an eventful week for the cotton industry, with activity increasing everywhere from cotton fields across the High Plains to the floor of the United States Senate.

Producers have been planting cotton at a more rapid pace over the last week after cool spring temperatures delayed progress by as much as two weeks. Some counties report planting progress at more than 50 percent, and numbers will rise significantly over the next week as northern and western counties in the Plains Cotton Growers region face today's deadline final plant date for federal crop insurance purposes.

The central part of the region has until Wednesday, and southern portions of the area have until June 10. Some areas south and east of the Caprock have until June 20 to finish planting.

Moisture remains an issue across the region, but spotty rains have benefited some fields. On Thursday evening, showers and thun-

derstorms brought much-needed precipitation to areas south and east of Lubbock, along with some damage, unfortunately.

As the drought lingers, so do Farm Bill negotiations, although the Senate continued their swift handling of the bill this week as amendments moved across the floor.

For the most part, the Senate has heeded the original recommendations of their Ag Committee and defeated harmful amendments.

Unfortunately the Durbin/Coburn Amendment 953, which would reduce premium support if adjusted gross income is more than \$750,000, passed 59-33.

PCG, along with the National Cotton Council and the Southwest Council of Agribusiness, actively opposed this amendment.

"We greatly appreciate everyone who has contacted our senators in this process, and your support has been beneficial in keeping this vital piece of legislation intact with most of the harmful amendments being deflected so far," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "That being said, we still have work to do after the Memorial Day recess when the debate resumes and more harmful amendments come up for consideration."

One of those harmful amendments has been offered by U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas. Amendment 1083 would prohibit mandatory or compulsory checkoff programs.

"Checkoff programs are not taxes; they are producer-funded and established by referendum where the producers get to choose whether or not they want to continue the program," Verett said. "If it were not for these programs, we would not be able to conduct the research and promotion activities that have advanced agriculture by leaps and bounds."

The Senate will not vote again until June 3. The House is expected to begin their floor debate of the farm bill in mid-June.

Clay Miller

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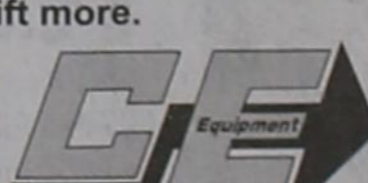


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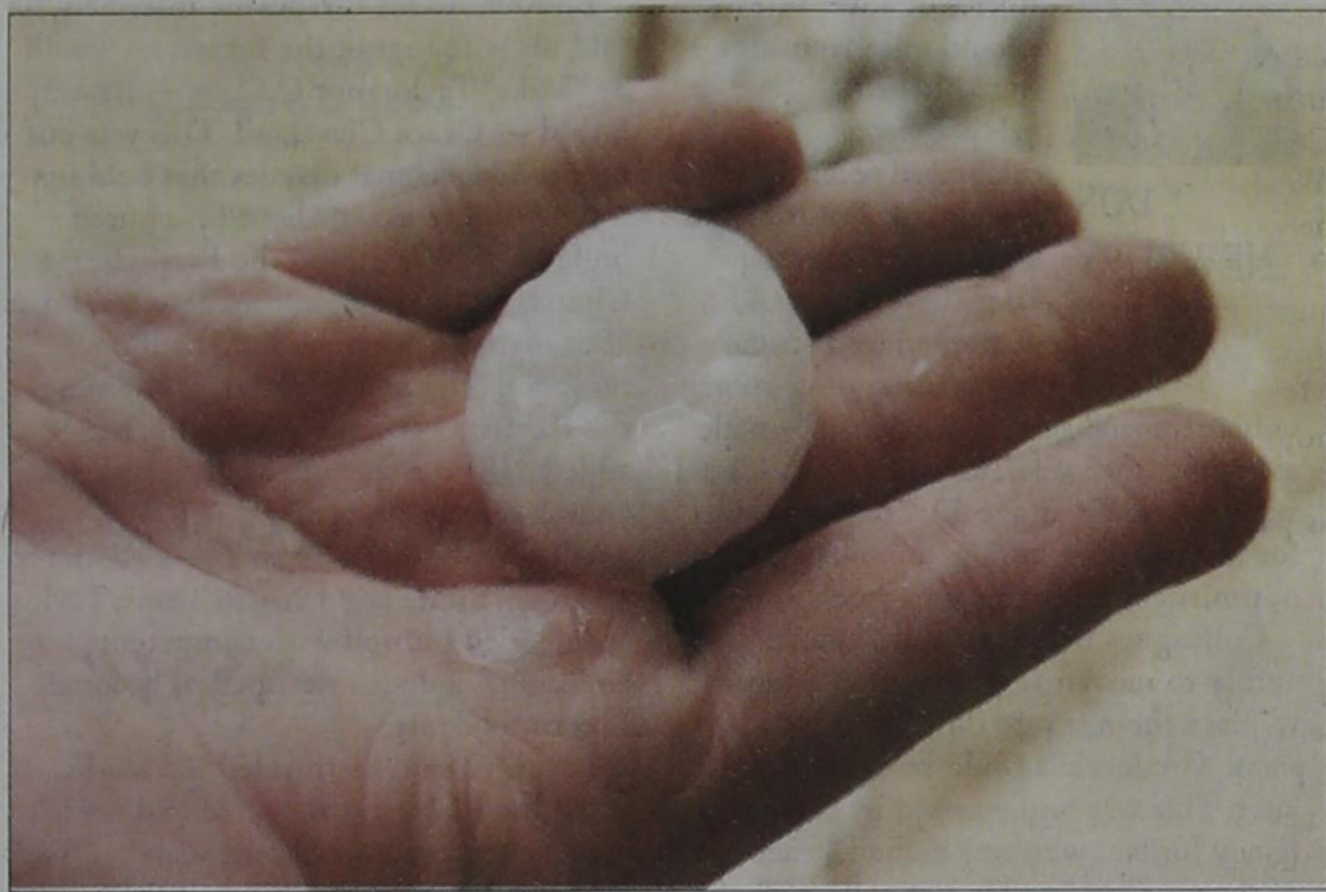
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Prekindergarten students at Post Elementary School sing "Can't Catch Me" on Tuesday morning during the elementary award program at the school.

Spring weather



Quarter-sized hail hit Post when an evening thunderstorm rolled through the area about 6:30 p.m. Monday. National Weather Service officials said there were reports of pea- to baseball-sized hail in other areas throughout the region. The city of Post notched about .03 inches of rain, and White River received about .07 inches. No rain was reported at Lake Alan Henry, NWS officials said.



Garza County's Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Gordon Terry, left, presents retiring Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Dee Justice with a plaque for his 32 years of service in the position during a reception recently at the courthouse. County commissioners have appointed Angela Massey to fill Justice's unexpired term, which ends December 2014.

Local judge attends seminar

The Post Dispatch

Judge Angela Massey completed the 20-hour justice of the peace stage three seminar held May 14-17 in San Antonio.

The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University.

This seminar is one of three held for newly

appointed justices of the peace throughout the state so they can fulfill their continuing education requirements of 80 hours of training within the first year of taking office, as mandated by state law.

The seminar addressed many topics including: docket management, evictions, improving traffic safety and the new justice court rules.

Burn ban continued for 90 days

By Anna Gibson
The Post Dispatch

Garza County commissioners renewed the burn ban another 90 days ahead of the measure's expiration of June 10.

Commissioners, meeting May 24 in special session because Monday's regular meeting would have fallen on Memorial Day, said the renewal

would ensure the ban remained in place throughout the July 4 holiday.

As it has been for the better part of the last year, the ban remains in effect from one mile west of the Caprock eastward to the Kent County line.

In other business Friday, commissioners tabled a request by Sheriff Terry Morgan to enter into lease-purchase agree-

ments with a firm that will allow the county to buy patrol vehicles at government rates.

The item was put on hold in order to garner more information for commissioners. Post city officials have indicated they might be willing to foot half the cost of the program, since sheriff's personnel also respond to calls from city residents.

The Paperboy

Class of 2013 has seen its share of world events

As bad as some of us hate to admit it, times have changed a lot from the time we graduated from high school. As the Class of 2013 takes to the stage for commencement, think of the differences from the time you graduated until now.

This generation has had a wild ride thus far. They are the digital generation, armed with incredible technology and an understanding of the vast potential open to them.

Today's seniors were born in the mid-90s.

I thought it would be interesting to take a look at some national and world events that have taken place since they were born.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

- 1995: Russian space station Mir greets first Americans (March 14). U.S. shuttle docks with station (June 27).

- 1996: FBI arrests suspected Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski (April 3).

- 1997: Hong Kong, which had been under English control, returns to Chinese rule (June 30).

- 1998: Europeans agree on single currency, the euro (May 3).

- 1999: The world awaits the consequences of the Y2K bug, with more drastic millennial theorists warning of Armageddon.

- 2000: Vicente Fox Quesada elected president of Mexico, ending 71 years of one-party rule by the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) (July 2).

- 2001: Terrorists attack United States. Hijackers ram jetliners into twin towers of New York City's World Trade Center and the Pentagon. A fourth hijacked plane crashes 80 miles outside of Pittsburgh (Sept. 11). Toll of dead and injured in thousands. Within days, Islamic militant Osama bin Laden and the al-Qaeda terrorist network are identified as the parties behind the attacks.

- 2002: The United States and Russia reach landmark arms agreement to cut both countries' nuclear arsenals by up to two-thirds over the next 10 years (May 13).

- 2003: Space shuttle Columbia explodes, killing all seven astronauts (Feb. 1).

- 2004: Gay marriages begin in Massachusetts, the first state in the country to legalize such unions (May 17).

- 2005: Hurricane Katrina wreaks catastrophic damage on the Gulf Coast; more than 1,000 die and millions are left homeless. Americans are shaken not only by the magnitude of the disaster but also by how ill-prepared all levels of government are in its aftermath. (Aug. 25-30).

- 2006: Democrats gain control of both houses of Congress in the midterm elections (Nov. 7).

- 2007: The minimum wage increases to \$5.85, up from \$5.15. It's the first increase in 10 years. The wage will increase 70 cents each year through 2009, when it will be

\$7.25 an hour (July 24).

- 2008: Democratic Sen. Barack Obama wins the presidential election against Republican Sen. John McCain, taking 338 electoral votes to McCain's 161. Obama becomes the first African American to be elected president of the United States. Also in the election, Democrats increase their majority in the House and pick up five seats in the Senate.

- 2009: Scientists find water on the Moon (Nov. 13) during NASA's LCROSS mission. The LCROSS satellite, sent to look for water, was comprised of two parts: a satellite meant to crash into a crater near the moon's south pole, and a spacecraft that measured the findings of that crash. At least 26 gallons of water were found.

- 2010: The percentage of Americans living below the poverty line, or \$10,830 for an individual and \$22,050 for a family of four, reached a 15-year high (Sept. 16) in 2009, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. More than 44 million people, or 14.3 percent of Americans, are considered living in poverty. The United States is experiencing its worst economic period since the Great Depression.

- 2011: U.S. troops and CIA operatives shoot and kill Osama bin Laden (May 2) in Abbottabad, Pakistan, a city of 500,000 people that houses a military base and a military academy.

- 2012: The 2012 Summer Olympics open in London (July 27). More than 10,000 athletes from 205 countries participate in the games.

- July 31: Michael Phelps wins his 19th Olympic medal, becoming the winningest Olympic athlete of all time. He surpassed the record held by Russian gymnast Larisa Latynina.

When today's class was born, the world had 5.68 billion people. Now, the world has more than 7.1 billion.

Cell phones were in light use in the mid-90s. Today, half of the U.S. populace is carrying hand-held computers, aka smart phones.

The Class of 2013 seems to be more tolerant than any group I can think of. They also face their fair share of global challenges.

It is my hope our youth not only have the ability to have a positive impact going forward, but also that they teach us a lesson or two along the way.

If I could give a single piece of advice to graduating seniors, it would probably be: Don't waste time.

Why?

As you can see by the timeline above, things can change quickly. The world is full of opportunities. The only way to take advantage of an opportunity is to identify it and be ready to take advantage. You will quickly learn opportunities pass the idle by. Don't be idle in thought or action.

God bless and good luck.

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of The Post Dispatch and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.

USDA seeks members for minority farmers committee

Special to the Courier

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced it was accepting nominations for its Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers. Terms on the committee are two years.

"Members of the Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers play a critical role in helping USDA ensure modern and equitable service for all of our customers — a keystone of the Obama Administration's commitment to civil rights," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "I highly encourage the nomination of folks who are interested in serving their community by helping USDA continue our record accomplishments on behalf of all Americans."

This committee advises the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture on matters broadly

affecting socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, and considers strategies, policies and programs that enhance goals for assisting minority farming and ranching operations. The committee considers goals and objectives necessary to implement its recommendations, as well as methodologies that maximize participation of minority farmers in USDA programs.

The USDA is soliciting nominations from interested organizations and individuals from the ranching and farming industry, related state governments, tribal agricultural agencies, academic institutions, commercial banking entities, trade associations and related nonprofit enterprises.

An organization may nominate individuals from within or outside its membership; alternatively, an

individual may nominate himself or herself.

Nomination forms are available online at ocio.usda.gov. Nomination packages must include the nomination form along with a cover letter and resume or biographical description documenting the nominee's background and experience.

The deadline for submitting nominations is May 31.

Nomination packages mailed should be addressed to: Mrs. Kenya Nicholas, Designated Federal Official, USDA-OAO, 1400 Independence Avenue, Room 520-A, Washington, DC 20250-0170.

Nomination packages may also be faxed to the attention of Mrs. Kenya Nicholas using fax number 202-720-7704. Any inquiries may be sent via email to: ACMF@osec.usda.gov.



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End comes to Legislature's regular session

By Ed Sterling
For the Dispatch

AUSTIN — Texas lawmakers finally passed Senate Bill 1, a state budget for fiscal biennium 2014-2015, on May 26, the 139th day of the 140-day regular session of the 83rd Texas Legislature.

Next stop will be Gov. Rick Perry's desk for the \$197 billion budget — which came in at about \$7 billion more than the estimated budget for the current fiscal biennium. Perry had asked lawmakers to make about \$2 billion in tax reductions, but the budget he will be looking at brings in cuts totaling an estimated \$1 billion.

Various other legislation also on the way to Perry, for example, changes student testing requirements, benefits charter schools, increases Medicaid funding, allows issuance of campus "carry" permits and much more.

Among bills Perry already has vetoed was one that would have identified individual citizens who donate to so-called "dark money" organizations. The veto period will end June 16.

In passing the budget on the Senate side, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, credited his committee and each member of the Senate for producing a "fair and reasonable" document. House Appropriations Chairman Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, who along with Williams was the main architect of the budget on the House side, credited his committee for its work.

One of piece of legislation that passed in the final week of the session does not require any action by the governor is Senate Joint Resolution 1, a proposed amendment to the state constitution that will appear on the Nov. 5 statewide election ballot. Voters will decide if

they want to finance water infrastructure improvements by amending the constitution to create a state water implementation fund in the state treasury, outside of the general revenue fund.

The money, \$2 billion initially, would be withdrawn from the state's so-called Rainy Day Fund, a savings account built up primarily from natural gas tax and oil production tax revenue, that may be used to respond to emergencies such as those caused by wildfires, hurricanes and drought.

The transfer of funds out of the Rainy Day Fund requires enabling legislation, in this case, HB 1025.

Later Monday afternoon after the regular session of the Texas Legislature was gavelled to a close, Perry called a special session to address the state's redistricting issue that has been ongoing for the last two years.

Supplemental bill

House Bill 1025, the supplemental appropriations bill, covers various funding shortages in the current state budget until Aug. 31, the last day of the fiscal year. The bill, heavily amended in the Senate, is undergoing scrutiny in the House.

Authored primarily by Chairman Pitts and Chairman Williams, HB 1025 includes \$450 million to repair, maintain and improve state roadways in areas impacted by energy exploration and development, such as the Barnett Shale in North Texas and the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas. Money to repair county roads, however, is not included in the legislation.

HB 1025 also would put \$200 million in new money into public education. Combined with the education funding increases already in the budget bill, that works out to between \$80 and \$400 more per student in nearly every district in the state.

Lawmakers also passed HB 500 by House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville. The bill revises exemptions and deductions under the business franchise tax and expands the kinds of businesses that qualify for a reduced-tax rate for retail trade. HB 500 also excludes a number of expenses from being counted as revenue and revises "cost of goods sold" deductions.

Disasters proclaimed

In a disaster proclamation he signed on May 21, Gov. Perry certified the severe storms and tornado outbreak that occurred on May 15 have caused a disaster in Ellis, Hood and Johnson counties.

The proclamation directs all necessary measures both public and private as authorized by state law be implemented to meet the disaster.

On May 20, Perry renewed the emergency disaster proclamation he originally issued on July 5, 2011, certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas. The number of specified counties in this 30-day extension of the proclamation was 201, or nearly 80 percent of Texas' 254 counties.

Meanwhile, a federal, state and local investigation of the April 17 deadly fire and explosion at farm supply and fertilizer facility in the small town of West continues.

DPS patrols increase

Texas Department of Public Safety on May 21 announced plans to increase trooper patrols this past Memorial Day weekend.

Friday, May 24, through Monday, May 27, more troopers than usual were assigned to look for drunken drivers, speeders, seat-belt violators and other traffic violators statewide.

Idle American A champion for children

Folks were commonly born into poverty in the 1930s. For some, it was abject — daily bread was never guaranteed, and families were continually on the move in survival mode.

Dr. O.C. (Mike) Taylor, born to migrant farm workers, was subjected to life's most jagged edges after his birth in 1932. One of eight children and one of just three who survived early childhood years, he was a nomadic tag-along, accustomed to living in tents and at least once under a tree.

Fun-loving and frisky — yet fearlessly taking life by the throat — he was in schools from hither to yon before his folks found work at the Itasca Cotton Gin. It was there — where Itascans cheer

for the Wampus Cats — that the family settled in. Taylor was there for grades 7-12, and that's where his oft-repeated stories of adventures — and misadventures — were birthed.

His life was celebrated recently at the United Presbyterian Church in Cleburne after the 81-year-old was felled by a stroke.

It was a standing-room only memorial service for this self-made man who once was Texas' youngest school superintendent at age 32. He was known for his unflinching humor, unbounded optimism and mischievous spirit.

Colleagues marveled at his uncanny ability to recognize potential in educators to place them where they could best serve. Credentials could be dealt with later. This was underscored by eulogist Riney Jordan, who was named "teacher of the year" during his initial year in education as a fifth-grade teacher at Grapevine ISD.

Taylor, early in his 11-year tenure as Grapevine superintendent, shocked Jordan one day with this edict: "Come Monday, you're going to be principal of your school."

Jordan whined about lacking qualifications. Taylor, just short of fist-pounding, repeated the decision. Message received.

Another time, Jordan delivered neatly paper-clipped teacher evaluations to Taylor's office. Taylor scowled, "Next time, staple 'em in the upper left corner at an angle so the pages can be easily flipped." Clearly beyond eccentric at times, he enjoyed keeping colleagues guessing which times. Patty, his wife of

27 years, says he lived life "his way." She also thinks he completed most of his "want to's."

Dr. Taylor didn't look for fights, but didn't avoid them, either. Without his fierce determination, he'd have been a poor fit to guide a small school into metropolitan status mere years later with the world's largest airport opening in GISD's back yard.

He served there for 11 years before taking on racially torn Beaumont ISD for 13 years. There, he brushed off several threats made on his life. He held on tight, smiling through much, negotiating when possible and using an iron fist when he must.

They named buildings for him in both districts. He joked the letters in his name on the Grapevine/Colleyville school were "a little small." (A few years later, a board member at what is now G/C ISD, said his first mission was to get bigger letters!)

En route to his Grapevine interview, he told his wife that in the future, he would be "Mike" Taylor, not O.C. or — heaven forbid — Orace Cleveland. This was but one of his personal decrees that held up.

One trustee asked about his church preference. "We attend the Presbyterian Church," Mike said, noting zero response. "But my wife is Methodist." Still no response. "But we're thinking of joining the Baptists." After a long pause, he added, "If I get the job, we'll attend the church of your choice."

With two degrees from Texas Wesleyan and a doctorate from North Texas, Taylor surrounded himself with competent colleagues, a dozen destined to become superintendents.

In retirement, he traveled the world, skied the Matterhorn, golfed and read.

Failing eyesight in recent years interrupted much. Officiant at the service was the Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, the Taylors' minister who himself attended G/CISD schools.

Taylor died in contentment that his grandson, Chase, finished college a few days earlier. He was likewise proud of Baleigh, a junior in high school and her mother, Holley Hancock, now principal of a Beaumont elementary school. At age 17, she was hired as a BISD school receptionist.

Stories of this educational and community icon will be shared by colleagues for many years. There will be many smiles.

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, is a humorist and motivational speaker.



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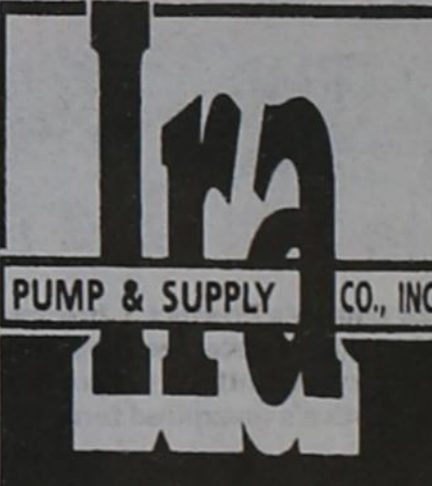
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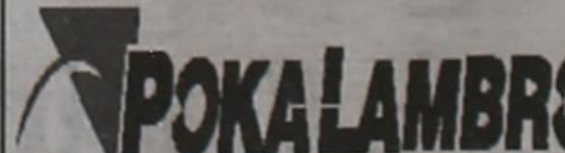


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10 years ago
May 29, 2003

Valedictorian Kenda Josey and Salutatorian Chase Miller will be among the Post High school seniors earning diplomas at Friday night's graduation ceremonies at Antelope Stadium.

PHS Honor Graduates recognized at last week's awards ceremony included Russell Eaton, Nicole Gray, Ronnie Parrish, Kenny Ratke Jr., Jarrett Vickers, Brice Easterling, Adam Nobles, Tye Mason, Chase Miller, Brody Robertson, Jon Eilenberger, Amanda Workman, Niebes Marin, Mirta Gomez, Kinda Josey, Kyzandre Harper, Teri Salas, Paige Lott, Jessica Ordonez, Mary Helen, and Luis Zubia.

City officials are in the early stages of a project that could serve as a contingency plan for the municipal water supply. City Manager Fred Stephens said he is trying to gather data from four Southland area landowners who have indicated an interest in selling well water to Post. City officials have been talking to the landowners for more than a year.

20 years ago
June 2, 1993

Post ISD Board member Jeff Lott delivered the commencement address to 51 graduating Post High School students Friday evening at Antelope Field. Lott told the students that without wisdom, the knowledge they gained while in school the last 13 years would be meaningless.

Filing opened June 1 for city council elections scheduled for Aug. 14 in Post. Candidates will have until June 30 to file for the five council seats and that of the Mayor.

30 years ago
June 1, 1983

"June is BUSTIN' out!" and Post merchants are planning the biggest sale of the year to celebrate. The big event, sponsored by the Post Chamber of Commerce, will be held Saturday. In addition to the sale, Post merchants are also offering \$350 in gift certificates to be given away in three different drawings starting at 4 p.m.

Fire Chief Delbert Rudd received a new fire truck purchased by the city of Post and

is to be used primarily on rural fires. The 1983 one-ton, four-wheel drive Chevrolet truck has a 450-gallon aluminum tank. The bed and grill on the front of the truck were built by Pewitt and Son Welding with all the labor building, installing and painting the bed and grill donated by Pewitt and Son.

40 years ago
May 31, 1973

"Considering the weather, we were well pleased with the crowd turnouts at our first Little Britches Rodeo Friday and Saturday nights," said Fred Myers, a member of the Garza County Junior Livestock Association, which sponsored the event.

"Our flag has many uses... it must carry the burden of hope for the best of all possible worlds," the Rev. George L. Miller, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, told a crowd of about 150 people at the annual Memorial Day service at Terrace Cemetery.

John J. Windlow, Postex Plant training manager since March 1972, has been promoted to plant personnel manager of Burlington Industries Hall Plant in Memphis, Texas. Windlow, who has been associated with Burlington Industries Postex Plant since June 1970, will report to his new assignment Monday.

50 years ago
May 30, 1963

Mrs. Nancy R. Davis, one of Garza County's oldest residents, celebrated her 94th birthday last Thursday at her home in Post.

Classes begin at the primary school Monday for non-English speaking youngsters who will be starting to school for the first time next September. Eighteen pupils had enrolled for the 40-day school through Tuesday and a few others are expected, said Noal Clemmons, primary school principal.

Six graduating Post High School seniors were presented with scholarship awards Friday night at graduation exercises at Antelope Stadium before they joined 46 of their classmates in receiving their high school diplomas.

Compiled by Anna Gibson

The 501 Davy Crockett powder horns don't belong on a cattle farm

If you were a child enamored of Walt Disney's Davy Crockett in the mid-1950s, you might have collected some of the memorabilia.

Somewhere among my souvenirs is a plastic billfold, a tail-less coonskin cap and a plastic rifle named Old Betsy. If they made little Davy Crockett dolls for us girls, I wouldn't have wanted one. I had other dolls. For an only child stuck in the middle of a farm, Old Betsy was the better toy. You can't shoot bears with a doll.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

No doubt I also asked my parents for a Davy Crockett powder horn. No doubt they said no. Back then, Herefords ruled, and they had horns. Polled Herefords were just coming onto the scene. We didn't have any. To rid our Hereford and Hereford-cross cows of their menacing horns, we had dehornings. My computer doesn't recognize the word dehornings if I put an "s" on it, but what else would you call multiple dehornings? Periodic dehornings were the closest thing to rodeos ever staged in our corral.

Bottom line, a farm kid in the age of horned Herefords could collect enough lopped-off horns to ply Davy Crockett, Daniel Boone and Kit Carson all at once. I kept my favorite horn stashed near my favorite pair of redbud trees.

If I'd bought one of those fake Davy Crockett powder horns, what would it be worth today?

E-BAY PAUSE.
Hmmm. Before we talk dollars and cents, here's some trivia. Davy Crockett's

powder horn had a name. I couldn't have guessed it. Maybe you can.

PAUSE FOR GUESSING.
It was Daisy. Are we really supposed to believe Davy Crockett named his powder horn?

For \$250, I can buy Daisy and the original box without having to go through the bidding process. I'll pass.

ANOTHER E-BAY PAUSE.
Remove that Daisy trivia from your brain. I looked again. Daisy is the name of the manufacturer — not the powder horn. I feel better.

As for dehorning, it still happens. Some cows still have horns and know how to use them. Note the bruise on my left arm. Longhorn Rio Rita is contrary by nature, but I think she was trying to zap a fly with her nose when she got me. Collateral damage.

I wouldn't have been standing so close, but hand-feeding her a few feed cubes was part of the overall strategy to get a different cow loaded to take to the vet for — you guessed it — dehorning.

Yep, one of our new heifers had a sizable nub of a horn growing into her skull. We theorize the cowboys who dehorned her and her peers must have had disabling hangovers. If there's anything uniform about our set of longhorn-Charolais heifers, it's their botched horn jobs, like bad nose bobs.

The vet took the offending horn off neatly with a nifty cutting wire. It was too ugly to make a good powder horn. Not that my grandson has every played Davy Crockett.

I think it's time for me to give him Old Betsy.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to The Knox County News-Courier.



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Legends

Part 3: Bracken shooting saga

Today I went to the Garza County Courthouse to do some research, and even paid a visit to the third floor where the old jail was located and the site where Bracken was shot and killed. The men's cell is now a redecorated law library. The women's cell is still there; a steel gray door locked and looking pretty scary.

While I was at the courthouse, I tried to do a little research on Bracken's original arrest in 1927. One entry, case 371, dated Oct. 18, 1927, was for assault on murder, and case 372, dated Oct. 20, was for unlawful sale of liquor. Cases 373 and 374 on that same date were unlawful sale of liquor capable of producing intoxication. It is noted that case Nos. 372, 373, 374 were dismissed on March

19, 1928, by District Attorney Gordon B. McGuire. Apparently the attempted murder charge stood.

Details on the opposite page are unclear if they are in reference to Bracken or someone else, but they read as follows.

"Case called October 18, 1927, and defendant at his request, only arraigned and pleaded not guilty. Then on November 11, 1927, case (#371?) was submitted to jury. A verdict of guilty with punishment of two years in the penitentiary-judgment according to motion for new trial overruled, which defendant only accepted and gave notice. Bail set at \$2500. Gordon B. McGuire, Judge presiding."

The documents regarding Mr. Bracken's arrest seem to be either missing or the records were just poorly kept. I hope to follow up with some research in Lamesa in the near future. Sheriff Cato was in

charge in those days, so who knows. I also wonder what happened to Horace (Dick) Redding, and what was his connection to law enforcement in Garza County.

James Bracken, known to most as E.L., was a man that stood over six feet and weighted about 300 pounds, according to his grandson, and his stature may have caused the shooter to fear him.

Mr. Bracken's family, including wife, Florence, and their three children were in the jail that fateful morning to say goodbye as he was about to be transported to Huntsville prison to serve out his conviction.

One of the children handed the jailer a package for their father containing some food and a pocket comb. The jailer, J.H. Ramsey, examined the package and put it in a large cage outside of the cell but did allow the older daughter to hand pocket comb to her father through the bars. Ramsey was careful to keep the cell door locked while he and the children were in the outside cage.

The cell was not opened until they were in the corridor outside of the cage, and safe from any danger of attack. Even then it was done by levers.

It was at this time that Bracken told Ramsey to go away and shut his mouth, "I would not harm a hair on your head if I was out and had a thousand guns, you damned old son of a (expletive deleted)."

At that time Bracken was washing a plate or reaching over to pick up the package when Ramsey turned and shot him through the bars of the steel cage. Bracken was shot in the abdomen three times by a .44-caliber revolver, causing his death almost instantly in the presence of his family.

The death of James Bracken continues next week.

Linda Puckett is director of the Garza County Museum and Historical Commission.



LINDA PUCKETT

Nancy's Notions

Extension issues water challenge to area residents

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County is strengthening its challenge to local residents to save millions of gallons of water annually as well as money on their monthly water bills.

The 40-Gallon Challenge is a nationwide program that calls on residents and businesses to reduce their average water use by 40 gallons per day.



NANCY MCDONALD

Diane Boellstorff, water resources specialist for the AgriLife Extension in College Station, became involved with the program in 2011.

Last November after working for a year on completing an economic impact study with Extension economist Dean McCorkle, Boellstorff's reported that Texas participants in the program were saving an estimated \$299,000 a year, based on an average of municipal water rates throughout the state in addition to the water savings.

"At the time we did the impact statement, we were able to count 80 programs from 89 counties, and

participation continues to increase," she said. "For example, the impact statement mentions 1,050 participating households saving 71 million gallons of water annually, but today's numbers are 1,152 participating households saving 80 million gallons annually."

This water resource conservation tool is one of many programs initiated and supported through the Southern Region Water Resource Project, funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute for Food and Agriculture. Mark McFarland, AgriLife Extension state soil fertility specialist in College Station, is the project director.

The 40-Gallon Challenge allows Texans to compete against other Americans who are taking the challenge in their states. At the program's website, 40gallonchallenge.org, Texans can pledge to adopt water-saving practices and see how many gallons of water they can expect to save.

The website also shows the most popular practices being pledged, the practices that are saving the most water daily, and counties and states that are pledging the most daily savings, Boellstorff said.

Currently, the top water savers in Texas are "reduce irrigation station

runtimes by two minutes," "use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks," and "fix a leaky toilet."

In Texas, the three counties registered to save the most gallons are Collin, Ellis and Dallas.

If you check the Texas map on the website it is beginning to change colors as more people sign up to participate in the 40-Gallon Challenge being issued by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

You will also notice that Garza County already has one family pledged, and they are saving 279 gallons of water daily. We all need to do more.

This month we will ask residents to start saving water and take the challenge, by going to the website and completing the checklist of water-saving practices. The checklist includes both indoor and outdoor water-saving tips.

Let's set a goal to save a million gallons of water every month!

Also, find us on Facebook at Garza 4-H and Extension or visit the Garza County AgriLife Extension website at Garza.agrilife.org, where I'll be posting water saving tips.

Until then: Let it rain. Let it rain. Let it rain.

Nancy McDonald is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.

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By Blair Farnsworth
Special to the Dispatch
With cattle restocking herds parts of Texas drought, experts ranchers to be bovine anaplasma infectious disease transmitted and by blood.
"Duetosustain in Texas, many erations have sized or depopulated. Dr. Tom Hairgrove, A&M AgriLife Extension Service program manager for livestock systems in Collin County, said. "With restocking on some carrier cattle where infection could be problem. Cattle can be infected with bovine anaplasma through red blood cells in a pasture grove, a veterinarian formerly had a Haskell County horse flies are mechanical, and the in on their mouth. The only way they the disease," he taminated instruments, surgical instruments while working can be a caution. Thoro instruments needles between as ticks, also ers. Pete Teel, AgriLife Res mologist at tion, said two ticks — the wi the American may serve as

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Cattle restocking



Blair Fannin/Special to the Dispatch

Cattle can become infected with bovine anaplasmosis through transfer of red blood cells.

Producers urged to be mindful of infectious blood disease in herds

By Blair Fannin
Special to the Dispatch

With cattle producers restocking herds in certain parts of Texas following drought, experts are urging ranchers to be mindful of bovine anaplasmosis, an infectious disease that can be transmitted among cattle by blood.

"Due to sustained drought in Texas, many cattle operations have been downsized or depopulated," said Dr. Tom Hairgrove, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program coordinator for livestock and food systems in College Station. "With restocking beginning on some operations, carrier cattle from areas where infection is common could be problematic."

Cattle can become infected with bovine anaplasmosis through transfer of red blood cells, said Hairgrove, a veterinarian who formerly had a practice in Haskell County.

"Horse flies and deer flies are mechanical carriers, and the infected blood on their mouth parts is the only way they can spread the disease," he said. "Contaminated ear-tagging instruments, needles and surgical instruments used while working cattle also can be a cause of transmission. Thoroughly clean instruments and change needles between cows."

Biological vectors, such as ticks, also can be carriers. Pete Teel, Texas A&M AgriLife Research entomologist at College Station, said two Dermacentor ticks — the winter tick and the American dog tick — may serve as both vectors

and reservoirs to sustain the disease in Texas.

"The winter tick attacks cattle and other large animals such as deer and horses from October to April," Teel said. "They feed as larvae, nymphs and adult ticks on the same host, but may be groomed off as blood-fed nymphs, which molt to adults and then attach to another host. If the initial host is an infected cow, and the second is not, transmission of the anaplasma agent may occur."

"The American dog tick attacks a wide variety of animals and feeds separately on three hosts, one for larvae, nymphs and adults, respectively."

"Small-, medium- and large-sized animals are included, often in a progressive fashion," Teel said. "However, cattle are known to be attacked by nymphs, which fall off when blood-fed to become adult ticks. The adult ticks can then transmit the agent acquired as a nymph to a non-infected cow. Spring and summer are the primary seasons of activity for the American dog tick. Thus, ticks are a year-round risk for transmission of the anaplasma agent."

For ranchers, the potential for the disease is greater when co-mingling non-infected cattle with those that carry the disease. Such an example is when ranchers introduce purchased cattle to those in an existing herd.

"The purchased cattle could be carriers," Hairgrove said. "On the flip side, introducing non-carrier cattle into a carrier herd could also be prob-

lematic." Cattle that survive initial infection become lifetime carriers of the infection and are important to disease epidemiology.

"Red blood cells have a 160-day lifespan and newly developed erythrocytes must be continually infected to maintain persistent infection," Hairgrove said. "Although all ages of cattle can become infected, the disease is usually not apparent in animals less than a year of age. Disease is more prevalent in cattle more than three to four years of age."

There are preventive aids that ranchers can use.

"Ranchers should use strict adherence to sanitation procedures when using needles, surgical instruments, ear taggers, etc.," Hairgrove said.

As an additional preventive measure, strategically feed Tetracycline during the vector season, he said. Beef producers can consult with their local veterinarian for additional control measures.

Overall, Hairgrove stressed there is not a widespread problem with the disease, but ranchers should become educated about bovine anaplasmosis.

"We are not saying the sky is falling, but if you have cattle that are carriers and then you start co-mingling cattle with those that aren't infected, that's when you have problems," Hairgrove said.

Copper Breaks State Park Starwalk at Copper Breaks State Park

QUANAH — The planet Saturn will dominate the night sky at the June 9, 2013 StarWalk at Copper Breaks State Park. The nationally acclaimed public astronomy program continues its eighteenth year with the presentation "Sensational Saturn," which will begin at sunset, around 9:30 p.m., in Big Pond Campground.

In addition to the after-dark programs, Sky Guide volunteers will again offer Sun Fun at 5:45 p.m. Sun Fun offers the public rare views of our own star, the Sun, through telescopes fitted with filters for safe viewing.

Nighttime observing begins after sunset. Program coordinator John Rudd will begin with a tour of the darkening sky—the original StarWalk. Blending science with history, legends, and lore, Rudd will take the public on a trip through major constellations, spotlighting bright stars, and introducing the "star-hopping" technique to find other interesting objects.

After the Star Walk, visitors are invited to view these various dark-sky objects through the park's binoculars and telescopes with the help of knowledgeable Sky Guide volunteers, who come from throughout Texas and Oklahoma to assist with the StarWalk program through the generous use of their own equipment.

The 2013 slate of StarWalks includes Saturday presentations set for July 6, August 3, September 7 and October 26, weather permitting.

Upon entering the park, StarWalk signs will direct visitors to Big Pond Campground and parking. The quarter-mile walk into the observing area is on lighted asphalt, and extra assistance for the handicapped is available from park personnel.

StarWalk and Sun Fun are continuing Campsite Programs offered by Copper Breaks State Park. For more information on park facilities or other programs, call 940-839-4331 during business hours.

National Trails Day at Copper Breaks

QUANAH, TX. — Guided trail hikes will highlight National Trails Day at Copper Breaks State Park. Park rangers will lead visitors on guided trail hikes at 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 1, 2013.

The hikes will be guided by park rangers who will point out wildlife, plant life, geological features, and discuss area history and folklore and tell stories.

Park Ranger Carl Hopper will draw tall tales, ranger stories, and outright lies from his experiences growing up in what is now called Copper Breaks. Park Manager David Turner will tell Native

American stories and a few ranger stories (or outright lies) himself.

The 10:00 a.m. hike will be a short hike designed for those who are less mobile and physically able. The afternoon hike will be longer and a little more challenging. All participants are urged to have comfortable walking shoes, a hat or cap, and plenty of water.

For more information on National Trails Day, or other park facilities or programs, contact the park daily during business hours at (940)839-4331. Copper Breaks State Park is located 13 miles south of Quanah and eight miles north of Crowell on State Highway 6.



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SENIORS

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where she was a state qualifier and third-place state medalist in tennis, a three-time regional qualifier in cross country, and a participant in basketball.

She has been a state qualifier in academic UIL, a participant in one-act play, Spanish Club, FFA and FCS.

Burkett will be enrolled in the Honors College at Texas Tech University in

the fall, where she will major in pre-medicine as she aspires to be a pediatrician.

The 2013 salutatorian is Steelie Sanders, daughter of Martin and LaWanda Sanders of Lamesa.

Sanders is a member of the National Beta Club and is a Distinguished Achievement graduate.

Sanders has been an active member of the Gail FFA, serving as chapter secretary for three years and participating in chapter conducting, livestock judging, and showing ani-

mals. She received the 4-H Gold Star Award, obtained her Lonestar and Chapter FFA degrees, and received the Senior Showmanship award at the county stock show.

She also participated in academic UIL events and was a member of the Spanish Club.

In the fall, Sanders will attend Abilene Christian University and major in communication sciences and disorders. She then plans to attain a master's degree in speech pathology.

VETERANS

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University School of Medicine, reminded those in attendance that America's freedom has always depended on the strength of its military.

"Our nation is indeed a land of many heroes. Today we gather to honor warriors, not wars," he said. "Our bridge of freedom, built over the past 236 years by those valiant men and women who served this nation in uniform remains as strong as ever today."

As surgeon general of the Army from 1981 to 1985, Mittermeyer was chief ex-

ecutive officer of the Army Medical Department and senior medical staff adviser to the chief of staff of the Army and the secretary of the Army.

Prior to his assignment as the Army surgeon general, Mittermeyer served as commander and CEO of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the military's largest tertiary care, research and teaching hospital.

Mittermeyer holds numerous military decorations and citations, including the Distinguished Service Medal, the Army's highest peacetime award, as well as the Distinguished Flying Cross and Bronze Star Medal for valor in combat. Non-military honors in-

clude an honorary Doctor of Law from Movarian College, an honorary Doctor of Science from William Jewell College and the Alumni Achievement Award in Health Policy from Temple University School of Medicine.

Mittermeyer closed his speech by reminding those in attendance that America's freedom is and continues to be protected by real heroes not Hollywood actors

"Memorial Day should serve to remind us that patriotism is not found in the back lots of Hollywood studios or in windy campaign oratory," he said, "but in quiet, small-town cemeteries on a day late in May and on the faces of old soldiers."

Memorial Day



Photos by Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch

Dr. Bernhard Mittermeyer, professor of urological surgery at the Texas Tech School of Medicine, gives Monday's keynote address during the annual Memorial Day observance at the Garza County Courthouse. The event is organized each year by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6797.



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Back in the summer, unwillingly, I would rise early and take a run to beat some of the oppressive heat that seems to smother us here in the South when the sun inches higher in the sky. Many mornings, I encountered something that would stick with me for the rest of the run.



RONDA RICH

Few cars were out so early on non-school mornings, but I often saw a rusty pickup, perhaps 25 years old, ancient according to today's need for new vehicles. A man, whose face was covered in gray whiskers, hunched over the steering wheel while a lanky, teenage boy slumped in the passenger's seat.

The bed of the truck had cattle railings around it and tied to the boards were rusty rakes, shovels and hoes. There was a push mower in the back and it, too, had seen better days and many yards.

The first time I saw it, I smiled. This is the South I love. The South unencumbered with keeping up with the moneyed class.

As is the tradition of Southerners, we always wave. Whether we know you or not. It's the neighbor-

ly thing to do. So, I would toss up a hand, and the man responded by flinging up a couple of fingers that were resting on the steering wheel.

After a few mornings of meeting the rusty truck and its passengers, I began to gain admiration. They were going to work. They didn't have much of the best things to work with — not even a shiny shovel — but what they had, pretty though it wasn't, worked. And so would they.

I stopped waving when I saw them. Instead, I took two fingers, touched my brow and saluted. For this is the America I love, the one I grew up believing in, the one where a man with a strong back and a willing spirit can feed and shelter his family.

I knew not this whiskered man or this young boy, and chances are never shall I know them, but I know all that is important: They are hard working, ingenious, resourceful and prideful in a good way. They will rise with the sun, toil in its relentless heat and be proud of the crumbled dollars stuck in their pockets at the end of the day.

Where, I wonder, are these kinds of people when we need something done around the house? Whenever a repair arises, my heart sinks. I think of all the calls I'll make before someone returns one, of the days I'll wait until that someone shows up and the out-of-market

kind of prices that will be demanded. Stubborn and frugal as I am, I will refuse to pay for such robbery and then set back through the trail of finding someone who will show up and do the work at a reasonable price. If it is a major repair, I will be in need of nerve medicine before it is finished.

Sure, we have a few folks to be counted on for dependability and fair pricing: Ronnie, our plumber; Doug, our septic tank guy; Allen, our cabinet maker. But they are the exception not the rule.

A few years ago, I needed a real estate attorney for a relatively simple matter. Three did not return my messages, so I called the assistant to the lawyer who handles contracts and such for me. "Please ask him to recommend a real estate attorney who will call me back," I instructed.

Two or three days later she called to say, "I asked him and he said that if you want one who will call you back, it's going to be very expensive."

I was speechless. Still am. But now I understand all the other folks who have quoted such high prices — returning calls and showing up makes a person valuable so they can charge more.

Ronda Rich is a Southern storyteller, humorist and best-selling author. Her latest book, "There's A Better Day A-Comin'," is available at rondarich.com.

PERRY

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projects to ensure efficient use of available resources.

The governor was joined by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Joe Straus, as well as bill authors Reps. Allan Ritter, Four Price, Eric Johnson, Doug Miller and Eddie Lucio III, and sponsor Sen. Troy Fraser at the signing ceremony.

"Water is an essential part of everyone's life, and ensuring adequate supplies means continued job creation, stronger communities and healthier families for decades to come," Perry said. "HB 4 will help secure our water supplies for generations, even through rapid population and economic growth, by creating new funds that will support local and regional projects and lower the cost of issuing bonds for much-needed water projects."

HB 4 is one of three pieces of legislation that, if approved, will form the financial backbone of the Texas State Water Plan, a dedicated funding source for water infrastructure to support the anticipated future rise in public water demand. The other is HB 1025, a supplemental appropriations bill that calls for funds to be transferred out of the state's Rainy Day Fund to help finance the

fund. The third crucial step in the plan is a statewide referendum to be held in November that will ask voters to approve the plan.

With voter approval of Senate Joint Resolution 1 this fall, this \$2 billion investment will fund up to \$30 billion in projects over the next 50 years. These measures will help address the increased demand population growth will have on our water needs now and into the future.

Lt. Gov. Dewhurst said the measure was an aggressive yet necessary step to ensure the state's infrastructure could sustain accompanying growth.

"This bill is part of an overall solution that combines great fiscal stewardship with citizen involvement and sound strategic planning to meet our state's water needs for the next 50 years," he said.

Speaker Straus said HB 4 was made a top priority throughout the legislative session.

"We have all seen the devastating effects that severe drought can have on our farms, our communities and our entire economy," Straus said. "In addition, we know that a reliable supply of water will help us remain the leading state in the country for job creation."

House Bill 4 becomes law on Sept. 1, 2013.

SPRINGER

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said. "The budget I voted for back in April was \$3 billion lower than the final version that came out of conference committee, with transportation left undressed."

Springer, whose representative counties include Stonewall, said it was imperative the state reduce expenditures that are not essential to the budget.

"Instead of finding ways to cut back on non-priority expenditures to fund our priorities, the final budget increased by \$3 billion and in addition uses \$1.75 billion in recurring expenditures from the Rainy Day Fund," Springer said. "Had the budget not passed, our state's funding would not have gone unaddressed. The governor would have simply called us back to draft a new budget that fit the state's needs while still living within our means."

The session ended Monday afternoon and by 5:30 p.m. the governor had called a special session on redistricting. The Legislature convened Tuesday morning to discuss the special session and set up the committee that will get to work immediately on finalizing the state's legislative map.

For the last two years, the U.S. Supreme Court and

two lower federal courts have refereed the state's redistricting battle between Democrats and Republicans.

Last August, a federal court in Washington, D.C., unanimously struck down the state's new congressional district map saying it was discriminatory by aiming to limit Hispanic votes.

The battle twice delayed the state's primary election, which finally was held May 29 — three months after it was initially scheduled — making Texas one of the last states in the nation to hold its primary.

So far, redistricting is the only item on the special session's agenda, which by law can only be called by the governor. It must end no later than June 26, 30 days after being gavelled into session.

Meanwhile, the Senate was in recess until Thursday and the House until Monday.

However, by Wednesday members of both redistricting panels, were expected in a San Antonio federal court for a 9 a.m. hearing.

On Monday, Speaker Joe Straus made 19 appointments to the House Select Committee on Redistricting for the special session, and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst appointed 15 to the Senate's counterpart, including Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, who represents local residents.

Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

Friday Sunny 99/70	Saturday Mostly Sunny 87/63	Sunday Mostly Sunny 87/66	Monday Mostly Sunny 92/67	Tuesday Mostly Sunny 94/66	Wednesday Sunny 96/68	Thursday Mostly Sunny 93/65

Local UV Index

0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 99°, humidity of 19%. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 103° set in 1998. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 70°. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph. The record low for tonight is 47° set in 1964. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 87°, humidity of 37%. Northeast wind 10 to 20 mph.

Weather Trivia

What meteorological instrument is used to measure wind speed?

Answer: In 1450, the anemometer was invented to measure wind speed.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	4:39-6:39	5:09-7:09	Tue	7:45-9:45	8:15-10:15
Sat	5:27-7:27	5:57-7:57	Wed	8:31-10:31	9:01-11:01
Sun	6:13-8:13	6:43-8:43	Thu	9:19-11:19	9:49-11:49
Mon	6:59-8:59	7:29-9:29			

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Weather History

May 31, 1990 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms developing along a warm front produced severe weather from northwest Texas to southeastern Louisiana. The thunderstorms spawned 16 tornadoes, including 13 in northwest Texas.

June 1, 1812 - Apple trees at New Haven, Conn. did not blossom until June 1, the latest such occurrence during the period beginning in 1794. Snow whitened the ground in Cleveland and Rochester, N.Y.

Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 5/31	Fri 6:37 a.m.	8:49 p.m.	1:39 a.m.	1:39 p.m.
Sat 6:36 a.m.	8:50 p.m.	2:15 a.m.	2:39 p.m.	
Sun 6:36 a.m.	8:50 p.m.	2:49 a.m.	3:37 p.m.	
New 6/8	Mon 6:36 a.m.	8:51 p.m.	3:23 a.m.	4:35 p.m.
Tue 6:36 a.m.	8:51 p.m.	3:58 a.m.	5:31 p.m.	
Wed 6:36 a.m.	8:52 p.m.	4:34 a.m.	6:26 p.m.	
Thu 6:36 a.m.	8:52 p.m.	5:14 a.m.	7:20 p.m.	

Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip
5/21	80	59	84/57	0.00"
5/22	94	53	84/58	0.00"
5/23	100	65	85/58	0.80"
5/24	84	60	85/58	0.00"
5/25	87	65	85/59	0.00"
5/26	95	65	85/59	0.00"
5/27	99	70	86/59	0.00"

Farmer's Growing Degree Days

Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
5/21	20	5/25	26
5/22	24	5/26	30
5/23	32	5/27	34
5/24	22		

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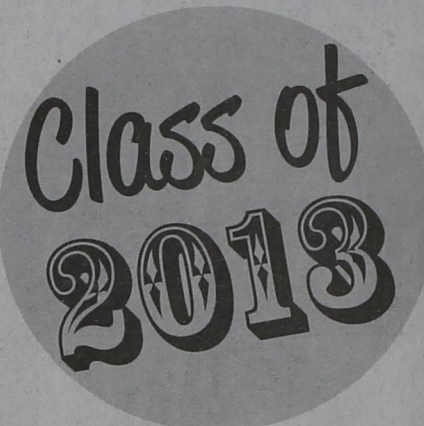






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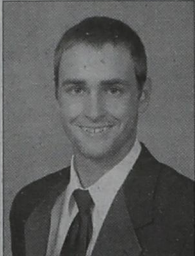

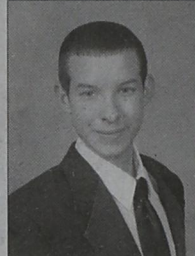
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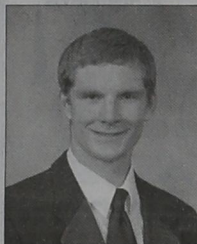


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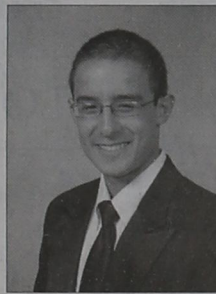
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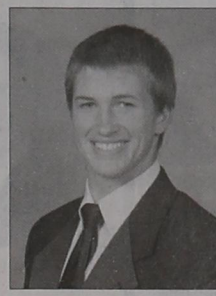
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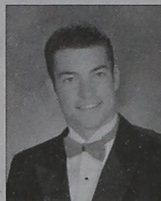
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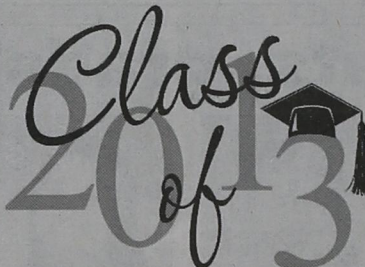
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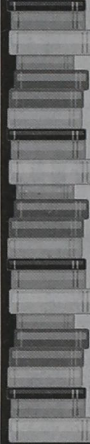


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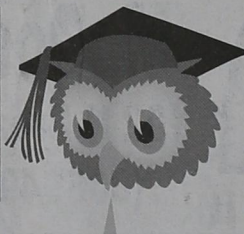
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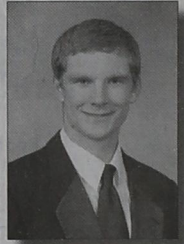
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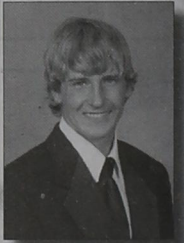



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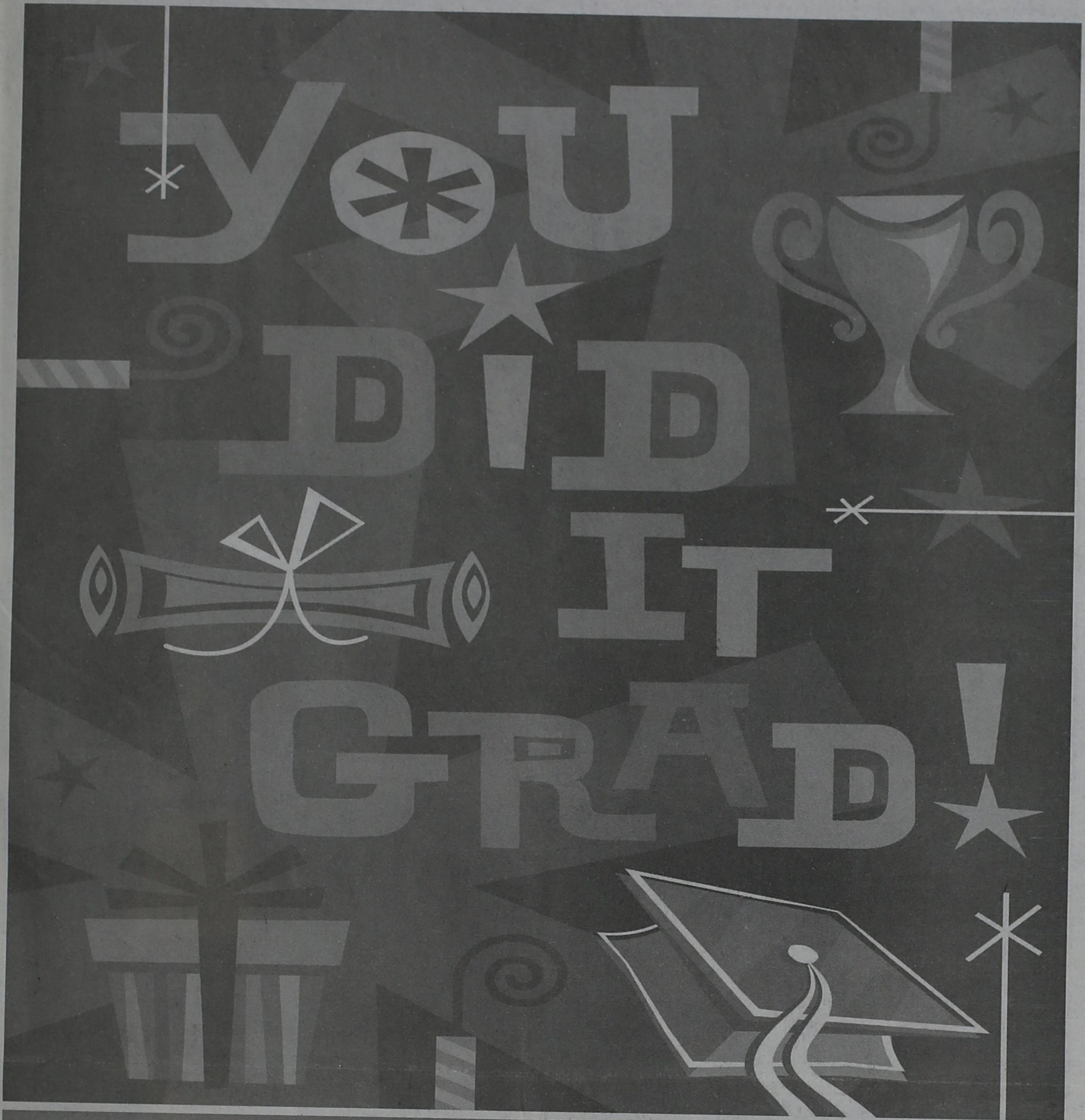



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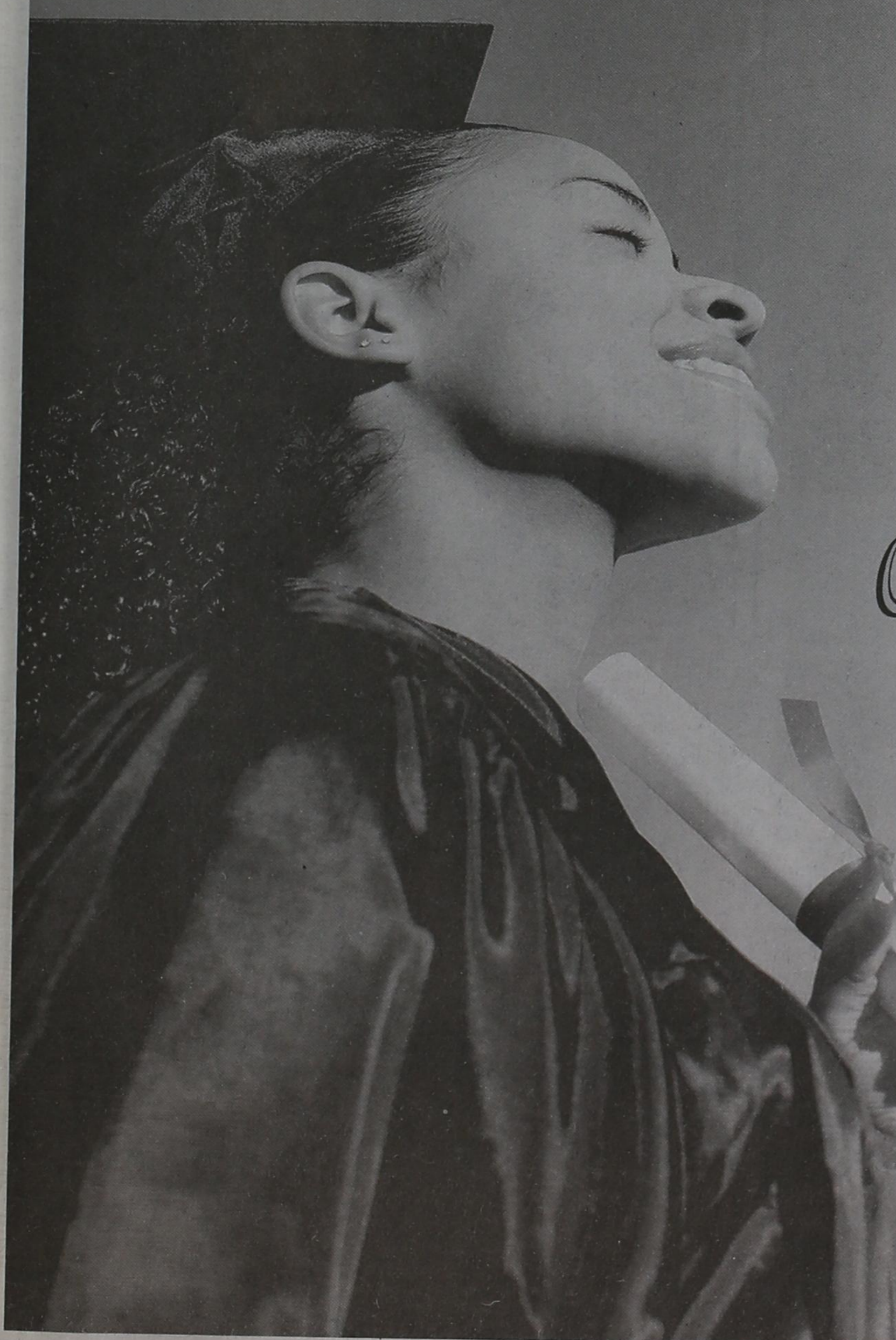
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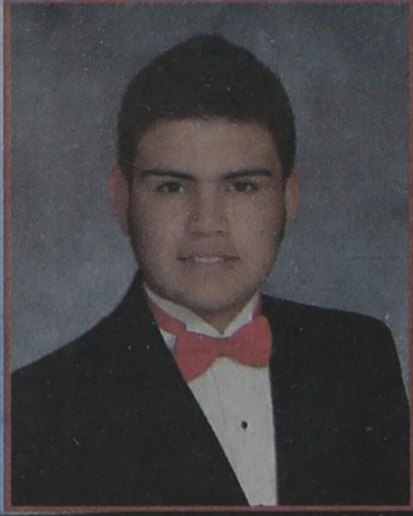


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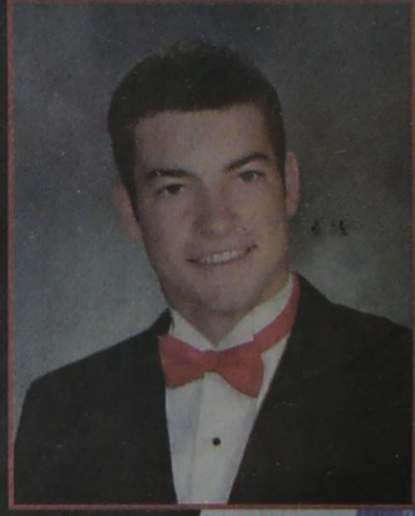
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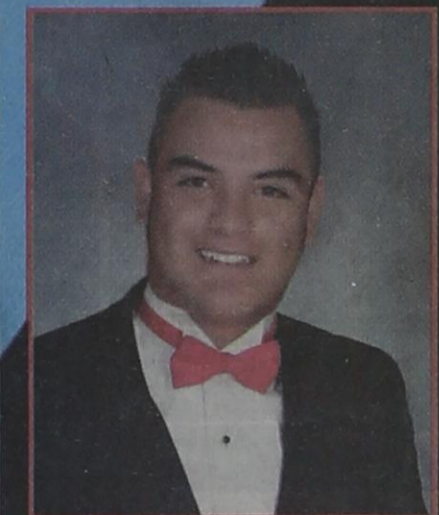
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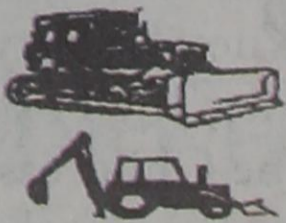
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