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The Post Dispatch

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Site inspection gets JDC project moving

County commissioners spent a large portion of their meeting time Monday discussing the planned inspection of the juvenile detention center site, which is located north of Post on the Spur Hwy.

The inspection, which includes representatives of the city and county, the development corporation and the investors, was to be conducted today.

According to County Judge Giles W. Dalby, most of the preliminary work required to get the 48-bed juvenile detention center project off the ground has been completed. The survey was scheduled to be completed on Monday and the plat was to have been finalized by Tuesday. The only pending item required to complete the deal is a waiver of surface rights, which is currently being pursued.

County officials plan to close the deal on the project by the end of the week, Dalby said. The money earmarked for the project will be placed in escrow until the waiver of surface rights is obtained. Once that document is in place, the funds will be released from escrow and the project will begin.

"Everything has been done right down the line," the judge said. "I've made sure they're not waiting on us for anything.... I think we're ready."

"It's going. I think we're in great shape. I'm just anxious to get it started."

Plans call for the facility to be built on a 43-acre site which straddles the city limits just off of FM 651. The \$3.5-4 million project, which has been in the works for the past 18 months, will be financed through the sales of about \$4.5 million worth of revenue bonds. Capital Management of Dallas is the primary financial group handling the project and the Chicago Corporation, an investment firm, is coordinating the investors.

To purchase the property east of town, the county will draw an advance on the monies to be generated by the revenue bonds.

Overseeing the construction and annual budgets of the juvenile center will be a five-member board appointed by the county commissioners. Board members for the non-profit corporation include Sherri Pollard, Victor Ashley, Janie Lopez, Drew Kirkpatrick and Bob Macy, chairman. Daily operation of the juvenile center will be contracted out to a private agency.

Construction is expected to begin in January or February and take from 8-10 months. County officials involved in the project have requested that the project's contractor use local labor and resources as much as possible.

Once completed, the center will provide space for long- and short-term housing for juvenile offenders from throughout the South Plains and possibly other Texas counties. Revenues collected from other counties housing juveniles at the facility will be used to repay the revenue bond debt. County officials expect the facility to fill up fast and remain at capacity.

Once all debt on the facility has been satisfied, ownership of the facility will revert back to Garza County. Payoff could be completed in 15 years.

The opening of the juvenile center is expected to add 35-40 jobs to the local economy.

In other business, commissioners:

* Postponed action on a proposal to hire a part-time secretary for the Department of Public Safety.

* Approved the installation of an alarm in the probation office.

* Approved the purchase of a recently-wrecked sheriff's department patrol unit for salvage. Cost to the county will be \$1,887, but Sheriff Kenny Ratke told commissioners that many of the vehicle's parts are still usable.

* Approved accounts payable for the month.

* Reviewed minutes from the prior meeting and received reports from various county offices.

Jerry Smith gets life for murder

by Sheri Lewis

Forty-nine-year-old Jerry T. Smith of Post received a life sentence last week after being found guilty in the murder of Edna Laverne Blodgett, a Post woman who has been missing for more than three years.

District Judge George Hansard handed down the sentence Wednesday afternoon after a three-man, nine-woman jury determined Smith was guilty of murder. Smith, prior to jury deliberations, was given the option of having either the judge or the jury determine his sentence in the event of a guilty verdict.

"I'm not dealing with one act but many acts against Ms. Blodgett before you killed her," the judge said in handing down the sentence. "It's inexcusable. There's only one way to protect individuals and society."

Following the verdict, James Napper of Lamesa, court-appointed attorney for Smith, said his client has already asked him to file an appeal in the case. Napper didn't specify when that appeal would be filed but indicated that notice of intent to appeal must be filed within 30 days.

District Attorney Ricky Smith of Lamesa, who handled the bulk of the state's case against Jerry Smith, said he was "very appreciative of the jury's verdict" and noted that deciding such a case was a "difficult job."

Blodgett, who was 76 at the time of her disappearance, was last seen on or about June 3, 1993, walking along a dirt road off of U.S. 84

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'Little Women' continues at Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre's rendition of Louisa May Alcott's "Little Women" continues in performances set for Dec. 13-15 and 20-22.

Curtain times are 7:45 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. for the Sunday matinees.

Several Garza Theatre favorites are slated to participate in this production, which is being directed by Christy Morris. They include Emily Hataway, Linda Ellis, Anne Sims, Ruth Longtin Bryant, Amber Conoly, Bill Lyon, Trey Stoffregen, Mike Morgan, Anna Wilson and Marlee Plummer.

New faces to the theater's stage will include Jeff Connor, Micaela Eagle, Jenny Conoly, Jennifer Hubble, Terry Sackett, Briann Wilson, Lacey Hodges, Linda Self, Daisy Breedlove, Jerrica Tyler and Nicole Gray.

Tickets to the family show are available at the Garza Theatre box office Monday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., except on show weekends when tickets may be purchased from noon until curtain time. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12.



Garza Theatre cast members are playing to large audiences in the current production of "Little Women." Cast members are (back row, left to right) Terry Sackett, Anna Wilson, Jeff Connor, Mike Morgan, (second row from back) Trey Stoffregen, Bill Lyon, Emily Hataway, Anne Sims, Briann Wilson, (third row from back) Scott Parker, Amber Conoly, Jenny Conoly, Micaela Eagle, Jennifer Hubble, (front row) Jerrica Tyler and Nicole Gray. Not available for photo are cast members Daisy Breedlove, Linda Ellis, Ruth Longtin Bryant, Lacey Hodges, Linda Self and Marlee Plummer. (Photo by Charles Wallace)

Post Notes

Children's Christmas Party

The Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW is pleased to announce that their annual Children's Christmas party will be held Saturday, December 14 at 5 p.m. in the VFW Hall. We would like to extend an invitation to all the children and parents of Post to attend. There will be "goodies" for the children and refreshments for all.

Pool tournament to benefit food drive

An 8-ball pool tournament will be held Sunday, December 14, at the Hitchin' Post. The entry fee is five cans of food for the U-Can Share Food Drive. The tournament is open to the public (age 21 & over). The first place prize will be a two-piece pool stick with carrying case that was donated by Lovell Company of Lubbock. You may enter up until the time of the tournament.

GCJLA holds corn bread & bean supper

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association will have a corn bread and bean supper on Tuesday, December 17, to be held in the high school home economic lab. The supper will be served from 5-8 p.m. For more information call 495-4013. Come eat before going to the basketball game and help support the GCJLA.

Retirement party for Joyce Tatum

A retirement party honoring Joyce Tatum will be held Monday, December 16, at the First Christian Church fellowship hall from 4-5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Widows supper to be held

The widows supper will be on December 16 this month. Bring a covered dish and inexpensive gift. After the meal and exchanging of gifts there will be games and visiting.

Benefit for Steve Davila

A benefit dance will be held on behalf of Steve Davila on Saturday, December 14, 1996 at the Post Community Center. Music will be provided by Mi Gusto Conjunto. Proceeds from the benefit will go towards a liver transplant for Davila, who is the brother of Rosemary Tuck, Martha Martinez and Dora Rodriguez. For ticket information call 495-2631.

Revival continues at Nazarene Church

The Nazarene Church of Post is still holding revival this week through December 15. Evangelistic Rev and Mrs Pat Burkhalter can be heard weeknights at 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Ladies Auxiliary to hold bake sale

The Ladies of the VFW is proud to announce the annual Christmas bake sale to be held Saturday, December 21 at United Supermarket from 9 a.m. til whenever. A portion of sale items will be dedicated to a diabetic menu. The proceeds raised go to help defray costs for Christmas baskets. Plus a basket for food items to be donated to Meals on Wheels will be available. In addition cash donations are accepted.

Booster Club selling sweatshirts, caps

The Antelope Booster Club is now taking orders for Post basketball sweatshirts in adult large and extra-large sizes only. Cost of the sweatshirts is \$21.52 and will be expected upon delivery. There are also a few Post basketball caps left for \$10 each. These will make Christmas gifts for your Antelope fan along with showing support for Post schools and the athletes. To order your shirt or to pick up a cap call 495-4154 or 495-2344 after 5 p.m.

Trail Blazers to have singing, party

Due to the holidays we are combining our singing this month and our Christmas party. There will be refreshments and lots of fun and games. Bring an inexpensive gift to be exchanged. Be looking for you on Thursday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Post Office to have extended hours

Postmaster Roy Willis has announced that the Post Office will have extended hours for Christmas mailing. The office will be open Saturday, December 14 and Saturday, December 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for your convenience.

Commodities date set for December

The commodities will be given out a week early this month because of the Christmas holidays. The date for distribution is Friday, December 20, 1996. The commodities for Post and Southland will be given out at the Multi-Purpose Barn on the Snyder Highway from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dispatch holiday schedule

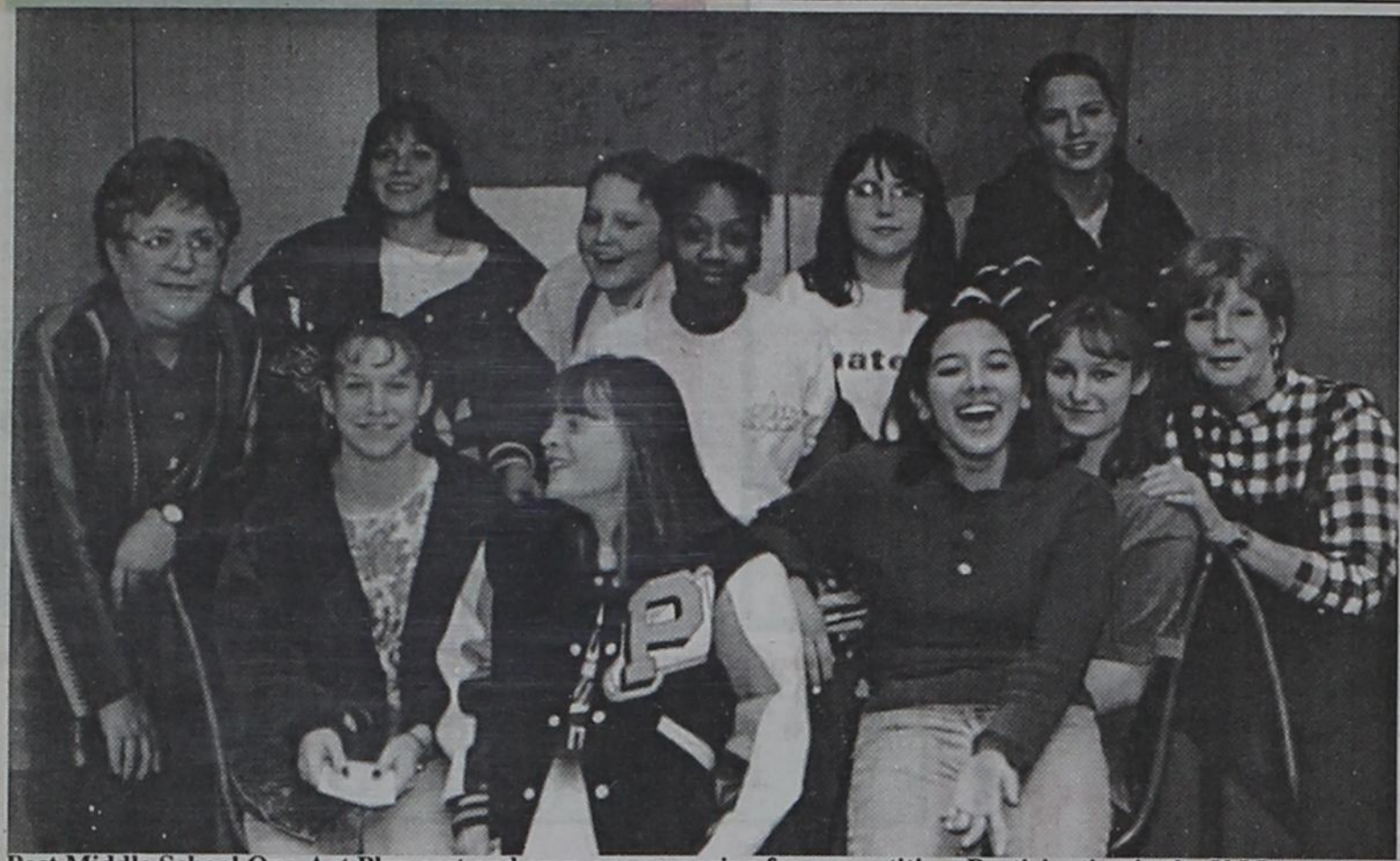
The Post Dispatch 'Merry Christmas' edition will be Tuesday, December 24 with a Friday, December 20 at 5 p.m. deadline. Monday noon, December 30 is the deadline on for the Thursday, January 2, 1997 edition.

Deadline for Santa letters for Dispatch

Letters to Santa Claus for the Post Dispatch must reach our office by Friday, December 13 in order to be included in our 'Merry Christmas' edition that will be published Tuesday, December 23.

Constitution committee meets Tuesday

Texans interested in helping write a new Texas constitution will meet again Tuesday in Lubbock at the Home Plate Diner on University Avenue south of Loop 289. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and is open to any who wish to participate. The South Plains committee meets the first and third Tuesdays every month and is developing a draft constitution for consideration at a Texas Constitutional Convention July 4, 1997. For more information call Charlie Duncan at 495-4164.



Post Middle School One-Act Play cast and crew are preparing for competition. Participating in the U.I.L. event are (back row, left to right) director Wanda Osborn, Lindsey Rudd, Ashley Mason, Dianna Williams, Miranda Palmer, Amy Pedersen, (front row) Kelsey Wimmer, Laci Williams, Diane Morales, Camille Blevins and director Kathie Rankin. (Photo by Barbe Bevers)

PMS One Act Play receives first

by Laci Williams, Diane Morales and Kelsey Wimmer
On Saturday, November 16, the District 4-2A One Act Play contest was held. Towns competing were Crosbyton, Ralls, Abernathy and Post.

Post received 1st place in this contest. They performed "Dear Papa", a play by Jack Blacklock.

The cast consisted of Amy Pedersen who played Alana Harper; Camille Blevins who played Miss Huxtable, Ashley Mason playing Edna Trimble; Dianna Williams playing Emmaline Trimble; and Lindsey Rudd who played Esther Trimble.

Crew members were Laci Williams, Diane Morales,

Miranda Palmer, Kelsey Wimmer and Naomi Gonzales.

Post cast members receiving All-Star cast were Dianna Williams and Lindsey Rudd.

Cast members receiving Honorable Mention were Amy Pedersen, Camille Blevins and Ashley Mason.

Music was done by Naomi Gonzales, lights by Kelsey Wimmer and curtains by Diane Morales.

Directors were Kathie Rankin, Wanda Osborn and Robert Wilson.

Riedel graduates from academy

Sheri Riedel graduated from the Lubbock Hair Academy and took her state finals in November. She is currently employed evening's at Master Cuts in South Plains Mall.

Sheri and her husband, Jerry have been residents of Post for the last thirty-three years.

Post ISD band student takes 1st in competition

Bryony Martin, Post High School freshman, competed in the Texas Music Educators Association Region 16 All-Region Band and Orchestra tryouts Saturday, December 7, at Friendship High School against 28 other high school flutists from the South Plains.

Bryony received 1st chair in both the Honor Band and All-Region Orchestra. Her placement in this event qualifies her to advance to the TMEA Area A competition held in Odessa on January 11, 1997. If she places in the top 5 at Odessa, she will then qualify to participate in the TMEA All-State Convention in San Antonio during February of 1997.

Bryony stated, "I'm thrilled

with the results of Saturday's performance and I am very proud to represent Post High School Band in the All-Region and Area events." Furthermore, Bryony says she will continue to work hard in preparation for the tryout that could allow her to advance to the All-State Convention in San Antonio.

Earlier in the year, Bryony participated in the Houston Flute Club's Young Artist's competition, where she earned second place out of 35 other participants from around the state. This competition consisted of a qualifying round and a finals round that allowed the top five soloists to perform for judges in front of a live audience.

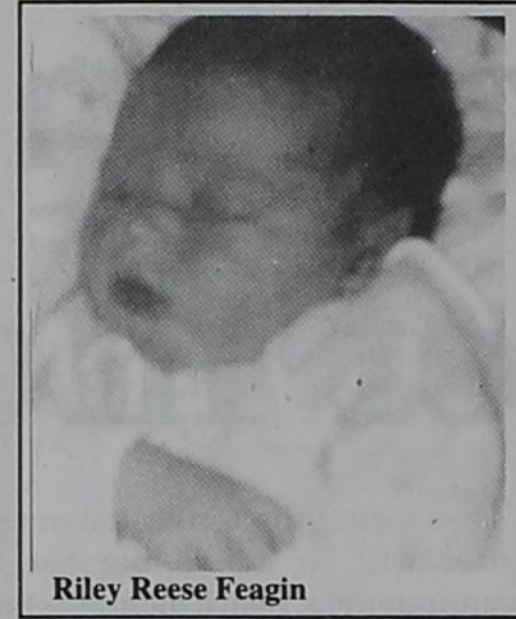


Bryony Martin



Darryl Smith

Births



Riley Reese Feagin

Riley Feagin

Riley and Katina are proud to announce the arrival of their baby boy, Riley Reese Feagin. He was born Friday November 29, 1996 at 9:31 in Methodist Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 20 1/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Leslie and Linda Davis of Post. Maternal great grandparents are Juanita Justice of Lubbock and the late Howard Justice and T.F. and the late Ruby Nell Davis of Post.

Paternal grandparents are Robert and Sally Feagin of Post. Paternal great grandparents are Damon and Markey Stotts of Macadoo.

Area youth receive top 4-H award

Forty outstanding youths from across the South Plains were honored in Lubbock Monday night, November 25 at the 39th annual South Plains District 4-H Gold Star Banquet.

The Gold Star Award is the highest honor which can be earned by 4-H Club members at the county level.

Four-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, an arm of the Texas A&M University System.

This year's event at the Koko Palace, brought to 1,519 the number of young leaders honored in the district. Some 14,000 guests—family members, community leaders and officials from the 20 county area—have honored the recipients at the banquets.

Receiving the Gold Star award from Garza County was Jennifer Josey of Post. Jennifer is the daughter of Kyle and Diane Josey of Post.

Smith to receive degree

Darryl Roberts Smith of Wichita Falls, TX will receive the Doctor of Ministry degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary during fall commencement ceremonies December 14.

President Kenneth S. Hemphill will award over 400 degrees in Southwestern's school of theology, religious education and church music.

Smith is the son of Ray and Sandra Smith of Wichita Falls. He is married to Amy Smith of Wichita Falls.

Smith serves as pastor at First Baptist Church in Post.

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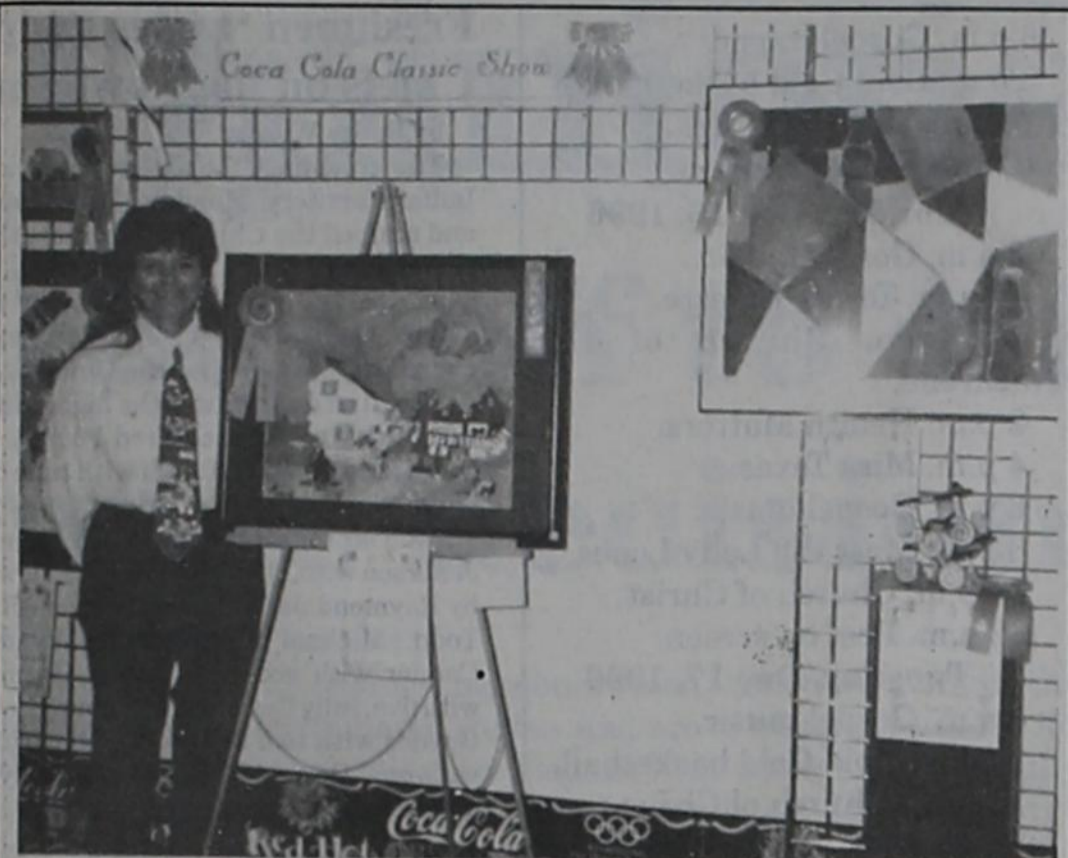
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Linda Puckett at the Garza County Historical Museum with the "Coca-Cola Classic Show." (Photo by Sheri Lewis)

Kids 'N' Art focus of special exhibit at Historical Museum

The Garza County Historical Museum is currently playing host to a Kids 'N' Art art show and exhibit which drew almost 100 entries from area youths.

The exhibit, carrying out the theme "Coca-Cola Classic," features the works of about 40 young artists from Post, Lamesa, Stanton, Midland, Tahoka, Lubbock and O'Donnell. The show includes oil, acrylic, pastel, mixed media, graphics, watercolor, sculpture and photography works.

The exhibit will be on display to the public through Saturday. Sidelining the exhibit is a collection of Coca-Cola collectibles.

Judged Best of Show winner was the "Coca-Cola USA" work by Shane Berry, age 11. Best entries in each age division included "Furr's Cafeteria" by Dustin Cramer, Age 6 Division; "Coca-Cola Elfin Express" by Xane Mason, Age 7-10 Division; "All American Gulp" by Jerod Clopton, Age 11-13 Division; and "Coke A La Mode," Julia Howell, Age 14-18 Division.

The People's Choice Award will be selected this Saturday by popular vote.

Winners in each medium, first through third places, included:

Pastel - (7-10), Eric Green, Kade Benson and Drew Fumagalli; (14-18), Julia Howell. **Ink** - (7-10), Eric Green, Skylar Owens; (11-13) Courtney Smith; (14-18), Julia Howell.

Oil - (11-13), Josh Balderas; (14-18), Patti Lopez.

Acrylic Still Life - (7-10), Sarah Hernandez, Bonnie Kendall, Joddi Brisen, Kirby Benson (honorable mention); (11-13), Shane Berry, Victor Hernandez.

Acrylic Portrait - (7-10), Charlie Anderson.

Photography - (11-13), Courtney Shofner (winner of first, second and third places).

Paper Art - (6), Rachel Seiwert; (7-10), Joseph Cramer and Brady Askew, Victoria Hampton, first place, Victoria Hampton, Lynsie Sanchez and Kami Owens, second place, and Josh Hawthorne and Tyler Hawthorne, third place, and Andrew Villigas, honorable mention; (11-13), Miranda Gomez.

Oil Structure - (7-10), Brady Askew, Eric Green and Lynsie

Sanchez (second place), Monte Jolly (third), and Jakie Diggs, Tyler Hawthorne and Kami Owens (honorable mention); (11-13), Miranda Gomez, Jenny Teague.

Oil Animals (7-10), Lynsie Sanchez, Eric Green, Monte Jolly; (11-13), Miranda Gomez.

Sculpture (7-10), Xane Mason.

W/C Structure - (6), Dustin Cramer; (7-10), Joseph Cramer.

Color/B&W Graphics - (6), Victoria Hampton (first and second places), Dustin Cramer and Rachel Siewert (honorable mention); (7-10), Eric Green and Madison Mason (first place), Meredith Pittman and Eric Green (second place), Joseph Cramer and Sarah Box (third place) and honorable mentions Josh Hawthorne, Jerrad Grisham, Erin Wartes, Madison Mason, Dajuan Hill, Skylar Owens, Andrew Villigas, Cacey Anderson

and Sarah Box; (11-13), Jerod Clopton, Jenny Teague and Miranda Gomez.

Juror for the show was Terri Hill, a representative of the Southwest Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Lubbock.

Sponsors for the art show and exhibit are the Southwest Coca-Cola Bottling Company and the Post Art Guild/Kids 'N' Art.

The awards presentation for the show is set for 2 p.m. Saturday.

Hettie Dudgeon honored on birthday

Hettie Dudgeon was honored last Sunday, December 8, with a celebration of her 90th birthday at the Hospitality House in Lubbock.

Celebrating with her were her daughter and son-in-law, Lois and C.W. Ramsey; grandson Dale Ramsey and wife Hattye; great grandsons, Scott and Chad Ramsey; Erta Hooper and Ruth Smith, all of Lubbock.

Also attending from Sudan were stepdaughters, Thelma Lewis and Oleta Reese, Peet and Cliff Shupe, and Winona Dudgeon.

Virginia Babb, Evelyn Jones, Fleta Walls, Doris Riddle and

Ruth Hill from Post came to add their birthday greetings.

Two sons, Doyle Taylor of Keizer, Orgeon and Charles Taylor of Alexandria, Virginia and their families were unable to attend, but sent greetings, as did many other relatives who were not able to be here.

Hettie has a daughter and two sons, two step-daughters, 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren. She is also the head of five generations of girls.

Hettie lived in Post most of her life, having moved to Lubbock in February. She is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Post.

Xi Delta Rho meet at Edwards

by Mary Edwards

On December 9, the Xi Delta Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Mary Edwards. The meeting was hosted by

VFW Ladies

Auxiliary meet

by Lana Comer

The monthly ritual meeting was held Monday night December 9. The dates set for our annual nursing home Christmas parties were set for Twin Cedar at 2 p.m. December 18, then December 19 at 7 p.m. for Golden Plains. The Christmas party for the VFW hospital in Big Springs will also be December 19, and our Ladies Auxiliary will be sending a donation and boxes of house slippers for the patients.

Another new business item the members voted on was to send a donation to our National Home for Disabled American Veterans for Christmas stickers, which they provided.

Discussed and voted on was a toy to be decorated with buddy poppies and brought to our District meeting to be held February 23 at Brownfield. The toy will then be distributed to the Childrens Protective Service after the poppies are removed. In addition a handcrafted item is to be brought to the meeting for our state project.

A donation from our post 6797 will be sent to the "Eyes of Texas". This will go to the VA clinic in Lubbock to provide glasses for those in need.

Presented to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Post 6797 was a 1996 Community Service Award from Post Volunteer Fire Department for our active interest in fire safety education to our community.

The meeting was brought to a close with our prayer. Members present were Janet Ratliff, Ruth Walls, Shirley Williams, Alva Shepherd, Lana Comer, Rosemary Stelzer, Dena Morgan, Jo Ella Sparlin, Jo Ann Stelzer, Maleecy Johnston, Faye Stone and Melvis Taylor.

Edwards and Melinda Mason. A meal of Italian food was served with hot spiced cranberry cider.

In addition to the hostesses members present were Vickie Walls, Johnnie Francis, Amy Morris, Gina Palmer, Jody Whisenhunt, Karen Palmer, Celia Mason, Alice Bell, Dana Babb, Penny Mason, Angie Babb, Susan Boren, Jan Acker and Trevah Yarbro.

Following the business meeting with a discussion about helping a needy family during the holiday season, the members exchanged Secret Sister Christmas gifts.

The program for the evening, presented by Mary Edwards, included the making of Christmas tree ornaments out of cinnamon sticks and strips of fabric.

Tax 'n Facts

by Terri Cash, CPA

Accelerate Income Or Defer?

In an ordinary year, it's generally smart to put off income until next year. Wait another month, say, and gain an extra year's use of the money until it is taxed. But if you may be subject to the alternative minimum tax (AMT), all the rules get turned around.

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It's vital to figure taxes both ways to find out if AMT status is likely. It may pay to save deductions for another year and even accelerate income into this year.

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Planting grees and shrubs good management

A tree standing alone adds a certain aesthetic quality to rural living. But the systematic planting of trees and shrubs in a windbreak becomes a management tool that effects every aspect of the farm or ranch. Whether around a homestead, near cattle or bordering cropland, multiple row windbreaks act as a silent partner to Garza County landowners, naturally protecting their investments.

Utilizing windbreaks as a conservation tool is not a new concept. Millions of shelterbelts were planted across the rural Great Plains in the 1930's and 40's to reduce the winds and hold down the soil. And sixty years later many are still reducing erosion today.

Windbreaks, in addition to reducing soil erosion, increase land value, crop yields and reduce livestock weight loss and mortality. But producing a high performance windbreak requires more than "just" planting a line of trees.

Prior to planting a greenbelt it is essential to establish: the protection need, specie adaptability to the planting region, and the dimensions of the break, be it of a homestead, livestock, field or wildlife windbreak or a living snow fence.

Generally, each tree row should be planted 20 feet apart, with 10 to 20 foot spacings between each

tree within a row, according to the Texas Forest Service (TFS), Lubbock. Proper spacing prevents crowding, which reduces stress and therefore decreases insect and disease susceptibility while extending the life of the windbreak.

The TFS also recommends multiple rows in windbreak design. The purpose of the windbreak will dictate the number of rows required.

Multiple-row windbreaks have distinct advantages over a single line of trees. First, specie composition can be diversified to ensure that the integrity of the planting is not diminished if one row of trees becomes infested with an insect or disease. Generally, insect and diseases are confined to a species.

For example, if a pine row became infested with tip moth, junipers and deciduous trees and shrubs would not be affected and protection would continue. Also, should a pine die from the infestation, a gap would not remain because of the backup provided by the additional rows.

The second advantage is the early protection faster growing species provide. Deciduous trees are faster growing than evergreens. A row of green ash will provide initial protection while the slower growing pines or junipers, the backbone of windbreaks, become established.

Multiple-rowed windbreaks also exhibit a diversity in tree species and the unique, aesthetic characteristics of their flowers, leaves, fruit and color.

The height and density of the species included in a windbreak is an important consideration as well, according to the TFS. The protected distance beyond the windbreak is directly proportional to the height of the tallest trees and barrier density.

A single row of trees may suffice for a period, but a multiple-row windbreak established with the recommended dimensions can serve a lifetime. Seedlings to produce such a conservation tree planting are produced by the TFS West Texas Nursery and available for ordering this fall through Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District. Contact your local district for more information or the TFS (806) 746-5801.

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Channel 31

Thursday, Dec 12, 1996

- 8 a.m. Gospel Music
- 10 a.m. School Board
- 12 noon Sky warn weather.
- 2 p.m. Commissioner's Court.
- 4 p.m. 8th grade basketball.
- 6 p.m. Gospel music.
- 8 p.m. Bold Gold basketball.
- 10 p.m. 1st Baptist Church.
- 12 a.m. Post on screen.

Friday, Dec 13, 1996

- 8 a.m. Gospel music.
- 10 a.m. Tower theatre.
- 12 noon Gospel Music.
- 2 p.m. J.V. basketball.
- 4 p.m. Flag Football.
- 6 p.m. Gospel music.
- 8 p.m. Miss Texas.
- 10 p.m. Gospel music.
- 12 a.m. Post on screen.

Saturday, Dec 14, 1996

- 8 a.m. Gospel music.
- 10 a.m. J.V. basketball.
- 12 noon Train rides.
- 2 p.m. Bold Gold basketball.
- 4 p.m. Freshman basketball.
- 6 p.m. Gospel music.
- 8 p.m. Meet the Lady Lopes.
- 10 p.m. Flag Football.
- 12 a.m. Post on screen.

Sunday, Dec 15, 1996

- 8 a.m. Gospel music.
- 1 p.m. Church of Christ.
- 2 p.m. Church of the Nazarene.
- 4 p.m. 1st Baptist Church.

- 6 p.m. Gospel music.
- 8 p.m. Bold Gold basketball.
- 10 p.m. Gospel Music.
- 12 a.m. Post on screen.

Monday, Dec 16, 1996

- 8 a.m. Gospel music.
- 10 a.m. Tower Theatre.
- 12 noon Church of the Nazarene.
- 2 p.m. Health Matters.
- 4 p.m. Miss Texas.
- 6 p.m. Gospel music.
- 8 p.m. Meet the Lady Lopes.
- 10 p.m. Church of Christ.
- 12 a.m. Post on screen.

Tuesday, Dec 17, 1996

- 8 a.m. Gospel music.
- 10 a.m. Bold Gold basketball.
- 12 noon Church of Christ.
- 2 p.m. Women's Culture Club.
- 4 p.m. Flag Football.
- 6 p.m. Gospel Music.
- 8 p.m. Harley Davidson Motorcycles.
- 10 p.m. Post on Patrol.
- 12 a.m. Post on Screen.

Wednesday, Dec 18, 1996

- 8 a.m. Gospel Music.
- 10 a.m. City Council.
- 12 noon 1st Baptist Church.
- 2 p.m. Bike Safety Rodeo.
- 4 p.m. Kid's Special.
- 6 p.m. Gospel Music.
- 8 p.m. Meet the Lady Lopes.
- 10 p.m. Church of the Nazarene.
- 12 a.m. Post on Screen.

Freshmen 'Lopes scalp Chiefs on their own turf

by Becky Warren
The freshmen 'Lopes traveled into Indian territory Monday, December 9 and scalped the Chiefs in a contest that ended 48-28.

At the end of the first quarter the 'Lopes were ahead 17-2 and it went downhill from there for the Chiefs.

"The first quarter was the highlight of the game," said Coach Fred Postell. "It was a good job by the team with nine out of ten players scoring.

Lead scorer for the game was Johnny Jefferson with 11 points. He was followed by Raymond Jefferson with seven, R.T. Todd, Michael Saldivar and Braden Conner with six each, Justin Gorman with five, Billy Crawford with four, Scotty Gaydos with two and Bobby Benaridez with one. Dominic Pequeno also played but did not score.

8th grade Lady 'Lopes beat Crosbyton

by Becky Warren
The 8th grade Lady 'Lopes whipped Crosbyton Monday, December 9 outscoring Chiefettes 34-18.

In the first quarter Crosbyton went ahead with a 6-5 lead. Post won the second quarter 7-1 making the halftime score 12-7. The Lady 'Lopes carried the rest of the game with Crosbyton having a hard time making the rim count for them. In the third quarter Post outdid Crosbyton 15-4 and tied with them in the fourth 7-7.

Lead scorer for the game was shared by Davida Gregory and Kenda Looney with eight points each. They were followed by Jenny Jones with five, Jamie Dawson and Vondi Gradine with four each, Brailey Feagin with three and Lindsey Rudd with two. Others playing but not scoring were Yvonne Lopez, April Line, Brandi Gunn, Mandy Terry and Ashley Mason.

"This was a great job, real hustle by all," said Coach Bill Gordon. "Our press and defense was the difference in the game."

7th grade Lady 'Lopes beat Crosbyton

by Becky Warren
The 7th grade Lady 'Lopes sent Crosbyton home with a loss in their pockets in a contest played Monday, December 9 by a score of 49-16.

In the first quarter Post outscored Crosbyton 13-2 and 14-5 in the second making the halftime score 27-7. The Lady 'Lopes continued their slaughter of the girls from Crosbyton in the third 12-2 and 10-7 in the fourth.

Lead scorer for the game was Manuela Hernandez with 14 points. She was followed by Emily Smith with 12, LaRinda Ledbetter with nine, Kelly Moore with six, Meagan Mills with four and Meranda Hernandez and Stacy Morris with two each. Others playing but not scoring were Heather Palmer, Tracy Morris and Tandi Humble.

"This was a great job by these girls," said Coach Bill Gordon. "It's great for them to have this type of game again and see them win."

Safety awareness special project

With Christmas holidays upon us safety awareness should be paramount in all of our minds, especially on our roadways. With this in mind the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW, the Department of Public Safety and the Sheriff's Department have decided to do something special this year. This being in the form of a special decorated tree at the courthouse with white lights.

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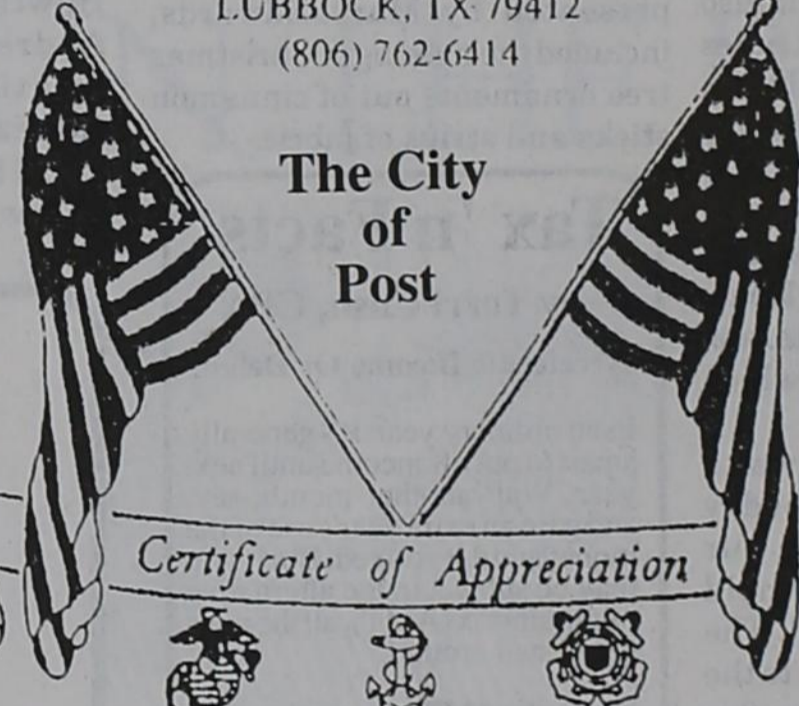
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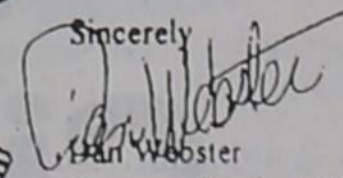
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Opinions

Hats off to city council for wise decision on curfew

by Wesley W. Burnett

All five Post City Council members voted last week to reject the proposed age discriminated curfew and are to be congratulated for their individual and collective wisdom. This matter was carefully studied by the council for more than three months, debated at large by citizens, and was found to be, among other things, an unwise and potentially harmful piece of legislation.

I am personally pleased to note that council members had the integrity and common sense to change their minds and their votes following the narrow approval of the ordinance at its first reading in November. It is not easy nor always popular to take a stand in favor of something, then change when discovering new information. Actually, it took real courage and character for these elected officials to admit their error in approving of the ordinance in the first place.

However, before those who oppose this intrusion of liberty and freedom need to keep a constant vigil... for we have learned that even before council members left city hall after the December 3 meeting that there was some discussion about bringing up the curfew matter in a different form later.

All of those citizens who expressed their opposition to the measure had already left the meeting, and may be unaware that shortly before adjournment, Mayor Jim Jackson, in answer to a question from Mr Gary Bilbo, admitted that the curfew was still being considered.

Those who would take away the liberties of others continue to stoke the fire of fear, and it is not unlikely that some altered form of a curfew will surface once again. Even though there is absolutely no

evidence that a curfew would have any positive affect on criminal activity in Garza County, fear of our young people and their freedom continues to drive reason out the door.

As our Sheriff has confirmed, people over the age of 18 are responsible for 98 percent of all crime in Garza County. More importantly, putting the burden on the Sheriff and his deputies of "selective" enforcement of a curfew is not only unlawful and unconstitutional, it is downright discriminatory in its very nature.

And you may be assured that any curfew, no matter how it is written, no matter how many exceptions, will be selectively enforced... there are not enough deputies in Garza County to enforce this ordinance against every single violator. So, there will be a few who feel the brunt of enforcement, while the vast majority will go unnoticed as peace officers turn the other way.

It is just downright common sense to put this whole curfew idea into the trash heap where it belongs, and we urge the city council to concentrate its resources on real problems... like looking for ways to reduce government intrusion in the private and commercial lives of its citizens, not increasing it.

They that can give up an essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

Benjamin Franklin

Clinton's continuing deceit in Bosnia

by Stephen Chapman

While Bill Clinton is reshuffling his Cabinet and his White House staff, he should look for someone to fill the role of Big Daddy in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." He would sit in on policy-making sessions, and whenever the president showed the urge to dissemble, he would stand up and bellow, like Burl Ives: "What's that smell in this room? Didn't you notice it, Brick? Didn't you notice a powerful and obnoxious odor of mendacity in this room?"

Big Daddy's nostrils would have been curling last week when Clinton made a speech explaining his latest Bosnia policy. A year ago, he sent 20,000 troops to Bosnia to help implement the Dayton peace accords. He assured a skeptical American public that the soldiers would be home within a year. Now, the president says a substantial American force will have to remain in Bosnia for another 18 months.

Clinton's original commitment could hardly have been more emphatic. One high-ranking official after another swore on a stack of Bibles that one year was the absolute limit of our stay.

"The missions are, according to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, very clearly achievable within one year," said national security adviser Anthony Lake. Clinton himself insisted that the mission was "precisely defined, with clear, realistic goals that can be achieved in a definite period of time."

Even last spring, the administration scoffed at any talk of an extension. "The president has given a very clear commitment on the 12 months," declared Richard Holbrooke, the architect of the peace agreement, shortly after resigning his post. "That is our policy. That will remain our policy." A Pentagon spokesman in Tuzla said, "We're giving the Bosnians the best shot they're going to get. Let's hope they don't blow it, because on Day 365, we're outta here."

As the year neared its end, the president and his aides continued the fraud, pretending they had given no thought to the possibility of keeping American troops in the Balkans beyond the deadline. Only after the election was safely behind him did Clinton admit the truth. As Richard Nixon's press secretary Ron Ziegler once said of some of his boss' statements that had suddenly become obsolete, Clinton's promises on Bosnia are now inoperative.

This really comes as no surprise. Back when Clinton made the commitment, he was widely criticized for an unrealistic timetable. A stable and secure Bosnia was not going to be built in 12 short months.

But he knew he would face considerable resistance from Congress and the public if he proposed sending U.S. troops for two or three years. One year was all he could get away with. But he also knew that once the troops were there, it wouldn't be hard to extend their mission.

And he's right. The amazing thing is not that the American people were cynically deceived but that they don't seem to mind that they fell for such a crude bait-and-switch tactic. Only one American soldier has been killed in action in Bosnia, and as long as the mission remains crushingly dull, the public is probably in danger of forgetting that we are even in Bosnia.

Besides, we have gotten accustomed to being sandbagged by our leaders on military commitments. In the 1940 campaign, Franklin Roosevelt vowed to stay out of the European conflict even as he was looking for an excuse to enter the fight against the Axis powers — something Pearl Harbor provided. Lyndon Johnson pledged in 1964 that he wouldn't ship American boys off to Vietnam, only to dispatch 165,000 the following year. George Bush waited until two days after the 1990 congressional elections to reveal that he was sending to Saudi Arabia a force big enough to evict Iraq from Kuwait.

The presidential impulse may be understandable, but it shows something less than a deep respect for public opinion and it neatly hobbles the accountability that democracy is supposed to provide. No power wielded by the president is more grave than the authority to put American forces in harm's way. But none is subject to fewer checks. The president can't spend a nickel without congressional authorization. But he can send thousands of men and women to their deaths on a petty whim.

Congress didn't like the decision to intervene in Bosnia, but it declined to overrule it. The issue was totally ignored during the presidential campaign. In practice, Clinton, like presidents before him, has an almost totally free hand to use military force.

He is still not being honest about Bosnia. Creating an environment that would allow NATO forces to leave without precipitating the resumption of the Balkan war will almost certainly take longer than another 18 months. If you want to know how much longer, take a look at Cyprus. United Nations forces went there to keep the peace between Greece and Turkey. Thirty-two years later, they're still doing it.

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The dumb leading the dumber

by Walter E. Williams

Employers wonder why many college graduates can't write memos, perform simple computations or just plain think. Here's a tiny portion of the answer about what's happening to education from my university.

George Mason University's Center for Service-Learning & Student Leadership sent invitations to its "Hunger Banquet." The event was billed as educating "the GMU community on the dramatic effects of world hunger." The meal dramatizes the unequal distribution of resources that can contribute to world hunger. Furthermore, the evening would contribute to student development of "critical, analytical and imaginative thinking to make well-founded ethical decisions." Unable to attend, I asked a Ph.D. student to go and give me a report.

After donating either two cans of soup or \$3, each student drew a color-coded ticket that decided his category that evening. Students who drew "First World" tickets, 16 of them, were escorted to their table by a well-dressed host. They ate their four-course meal on a linen-covered table adorned with fresh-cut flowers while being entertained by a flute and oboe duet. They were told they represented wealthy Americans — 15 percent of the population. Thirty students drew "Second World" tickets. They had hamburgers, sodas and veggies and sat at bare tables and ate with plastic utensils. They were told they were the 25 percent of our population who were just barely making it. The 140 students drawing "Third World" tickets were handed about 3 ounces of water and half a cup of rice that they ate with their hands while seated on the floor. They were the impoverished, representing 60 percent of Americans.

A speaker from the Coalition for the Homeless said hunger and homelessness were caused by lack of affordable housing, lack of jobs paying living wages and lack of affordable health care. He told the

students that we have plenty of resources to combat poverty but choose to spend it on defense. The event was little more than propaganda, indoctrination and lies for young minds already brimming with mush. Even more insidious, it was the kind of event that fosters class envy. To give the bulk of the students water and rice and say they represented 60 percent of America is hideous.

The facts are: Fourteen percent of Americans are poor, not 60 percent. Obesity, not emaciation, is more of a nutrition problem for America's poor. America's poor have more meat and housing space than average-income Europeans. In 1993, federal, state and local poverty expenditures were \$324 billion; national defense was \$291 billion. Since 1965, the nation has spent \$5.4 trillion on poverty. That's enough money to buy all manufacturing equipment, every office building, the entire maritime fleet and every airline, railroad and trucking company, TV and radio station, power company, hotel, retail and wholesale store in the nation.

Topping off the evening's propaganda, Canada's socialized medicine was held up as a shining example of what Americans should have. Nary a mention was made of Canadian patients going to U.S. hospitals in droves, women queuing for three months for a pap smear, and any major U.S. city having more MRI and CAT scan machines than all of Canada.

George Mason's Center for Service-Learning & Student Leadership "Hunger Banquet" is simply a small part of widespread indoctrination, propaganda and mis-education at America's universities that misleads and confuses our young people and promotes class envy. It happens for at least two reasons: The '60s flower children are in administrative positions, and members of boards of trustees, whose duties are to direct and oversee, are derelict.

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Return to the Welfare State

Vin Suprynowicz

Let's not pretend to be surprised.

President Clinton managed to campaign for re-election by claiming credit for the modest Republican "welfare reforms" which he reluctantly signed under election-year pressure in September, while at the same time promising his core supporters — unionized government welfare workers — that he would promptly "fix" the bad parts of that law once he was re-elected.

What needed to be "fixed"? The president was pretty frank about that, too, proclaiming more than once that if the hard-hearted Republicans

were serious about requiring some recipients of government charity to actually do a little "work," it was clearly now the job of government to create enough make-work "jobs" to keep them looking busy.

And we'd better throw in some new federally-funded day care, too.

The voters evidently bought this, judging by the vote Nov. 5. So it should come as no surprise that the Associated Press reported Nov. 27 "The White House may ask Congress to restore about \$13 billion in welfare spending that was axed in a bill signed by President Clinton last year to overhaul the welfare system."

"One proposal under consideration by White House staff would restore food stamp eligibility for many legal immigrants who have not become citizens," reports Ron Fournier for AP in Washington.

"Another idea would increase the number of food stamps given to families with high housing costs," while "A third proposal would relax the tough work requirements for able-bodied adults who have no dependents. ... The Congressional Budget Office says 800,000 to one million people could lose food stamps under this provision."

Yep, President Clinton actually signed on to a plan that could have reduced the number of people on the dole, and (eventually) the size of the tax-hungry office cadre assigned to hold their hands every step of the way. And he actually stood by that plan ... for nearly two months.

We can all let out our breaths now. That was a close one.

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Common in the "woman at the mall" interviews these days is the annoyed assertion that our representatives in Washington should stop their partisan bickering so they can get down to the serious business of legislation.

The follow-up question which never seems to get asked: With so many thousands of unread statutes already in effect, lying there ready to ensnare the unwary, why do we need more?

One vital piece of legislation which was rushed into place back in 1978 was the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act, passed during a brief panic over reports that stealthy foreigners might be buying up loads of prime United States real estate, for purposes unknown.

And so the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service has continued to keep dozens of highly paid federal bureaucrats at work, year in and year out, quietly churning out annual reports as required by this Act.

This year, for instance, the service reports that scurrilous foreign interests have managed to acquire a whopping 1 percent of America's agricultural land.

Maine suffers the worst ignominy, with 16.4 percent of her private lands in the hands of scurrilous foreigners — mostly Canadian timber interests, while 4.7 percent of Nevada's private land has now been surreptitiously acquired by inscrutable foreign nationals, most of it pastureland or mining claims up Elko way, held by a Canadian corporation or a firm out of the British Virgin Islands.

These facts are essentially meaningless. Foreign investors enjoy no extraterritorial right to bring in strange alien customs, as foreign traders were once excused from obeying local laws in 19th century China. No hiker in the Humboldt has yet been oppressed by a gang of mean-spirited Mounties.

The West was opened in large part through British investment in the cattle companies of the late 19th century; this doesn't seem to have resulted in schoolchildren being taught to sing "God Save the Queen" in the public schools of Laramie or Bozeman.

Anyway, that 4.7 percent is only 4.7 percent of the approximately 13 percent of Nevada which isn't already owned by the federal government. If Nevadans — or anyone in the West — really want to look for a massive landholder not subject to local regulation, which has seized (without making any known payments, getting the permission of the Legislature, or even registering its "titles" at the local county seat) and removed from the tax rolls vast stretches of our lands, we need shift our gaze no further than Washington City.

In truth, most nations actively seek foreign investment, because it brings in more wealth for development. The citizens of the United States are the single largest group of land-holders in foreign nations — we can only suffer if we join in this absurd paranoia about "foreign control."

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Bexar District Court meets Saturday in Lubbock

Texans interested in learning more about the common law are invited to the Bexar District Court of Common Law Pleas, which meets Saturday in Lubbock at 1 p.m. at the Lubbock County Precinct One Clubhouse, 5012 50th Street.

In addition to discussion and potential decisions about important procedural and administrative court rules, citizens in attendance will also hear from court justice Larry R. Preddy of Amarillo explaining the difference between "in-law" and "at-law" and how those terms affect citizens.

The Bexar District Court is open to any resident of Texas and conducts its court sessions the second and fourth Saturdays monthly, although due to holidays will meet the second Saturday in December and January.

8th grade 'Lopes win All Saints Tourney

by Becky Warren
The 8th grade 'Lopes competed in the All Saints Tournament December 5-7, bringing home a first place trophy.

On Thursday, December 5 the boys faced Lubbock Trinity and defeated them 36-33.
In the first half Trinity outscored them 20-9 at halftime but the 'Lopes came back and really put the ball to the net in the second half.

Lead scorer for the game was Raul Ortiz with 11 points. He was followed by Tyrone Jefferson and Ryan Wulfen with 10 points each, Jamie Collazo and Justin Norman with two each and Eric Smith with one point.

Crosbyton

On Friday, December 6, the boys faced Crosbyton and barely escaped a scalping by the Chief in a contest that ended 35-32.

The first half ended with Post leading 22-13 and their lead didn't stop there.

Lead scorer for the game was Raul Ortiz with 18 points. He was followed by Tyrone Jefferson with 11 points, Ricky Halford with four and Ryan Wulfen with two.

Lubbock Cooper

In the championship game played Saturday, December 7, the 'Lopes barely made it past Lubbock Cooper in overtime play 37-36.

In the first quarter the 'Lopes were ahead 8-5 and managed to keep their lead at halftime 20-14. But at the end of regular play the game was tied 35-35, but the 'Lopes came back and decided to put an end to the game and outscored Lubbock Cooper 2-1.

Lead scorer for the game was shared by Raul Ortiz and Tyrone Jefferson with 11 points each. They were followed by Eric Smith and Ricky Halford with four each, Jamie Collazo with three, and Aaron Cooper and Ryan Wulfen with two each.

Others playing were Kevin Hart, Brant Whisenhunt, Eugene Bell, Steven Montoya, Jeremy Payne, Brooks Conner and Gabriel Silva.

Chiefs scalp young 'Lopes

by Becky Warren
The Crosbyton Chiefs put the hurt on the 7th grade 'Lopes Monday, December 9 in a contest that ended 31-18.

In the first quarter the Chiefs outscored the 'Lopes 10-5 but Post came back in the second quarter and tied Crosbyton 8-8. But it was downhill from there for the 'Lopes. In the third quarter Crosbyton outscored Post 4-1 and again 9-4 in the fourth quarter.

Lead scorer for the game was Barrett Scrivner with seven points. He was followed by Miguel Torres with four, Vic Patel and Michael Huff with two each and Roland Casteneda with one.



Post Middle School 8th grade boys' basketball team members celebrate winning the All Saints tournament. Team members are (back row, left to right) Clinton Curtis, Raul Ortiz, Eric Smith, Gabriel Sylva, Eugene Bell, Stephen Montoya, Ryan Wulfen, Brooks Conner, Aaron Cooper, Ross Babb, (front row) Tyrone Jefferson, Ricky Halford, Jamie Collazo, Justin Norman, Brant Whisenhunt, Kevin Hart and Jeremy Payne. (Photo courtesy of Jamie Cooper)

Lady 'Lopes win consolation trophy at Aspermont Tournament

by Becky Warren
The Lady 'Lopes came home from the Aspermont Tournament with the consolation trophy for all their hard work this past weekend.

In the first game on Thursday, December 5, against Hamlin, the girls lost by a score of 48-56.

The girls came out strong in the first quarter 10-8 but then Hamlin outscored them in the second 6-13 making the halftime score 16-21. Hamlin then came out in the third 10-16 but Post outdid them in the fourth 22-19 but not enough to capture the win.

Lead scorer for the game was Arimy Gradine with 15 points. She was followed by Natalie Pollard with 12, Kasey Hardin with eight, Rachelle Jones with five, Cassie Short with four, Jody Hawkins with two and Macee Mills and Becca Stelzer with one each. Others playing but not scoring were Erica Gomez, Jennifer Strawn and Kristen Webb.

Munday

In a contest on Friday, December 6, the girls edged Munday, 35-33.

The Lady 'Lopes led the first quarter 10-6 but Munday came back and outscored Post 7-11 in the second quarter making the halftime score 18-17. The third quarter found the teams tied 9-9 but Post came back in the fourth and outscored Munday 9-7 to secure the win.

Lead scorer for the game was Arimy Gradine with 18 points. She was followed by Kristen Webb with nine, Jody Hawkins with six and Cassie Short with two. Others playing but not scoring were Macee Mills, Becca Stelzer, Erica Gomez, Jennifer Strawn, Natalie Pollard, Rachelle Jones and Kasey Hardin.

Crowell

In a game played Saturday, December 7, the Lady 'Lopes defeated Crowell 61-55 to capture the consolation trophy.

In the first quarter Crowell outscored Post 9-7 but the Lady 'Lopes with

determination under their belts came back in the second quarter and outscored Crowell 29-14 making the halftime score 36-23 in favor of the 'Lopes.

Crowell came back in the third quarter in an attempt to put the 'Lopes back and outscored them 14-10 and again outscored them in the fourth quarter 18-15 but the second quarter score was just too much to make up.

Lead scorer for the game was Cassie Short with 13 points. She was followed by Kristen Webb with 12, Natalie Pollard with nine, Rachelle Jones and Becca Stelzer with five each, Jennifer Strawn and Arimy Gradine with four each, Erica Gomez with three and Jody Hawkins with two. Macee Mills also played but did not score.

"The girls played well during the tournament," said Coach Shana Matthews. "The Hamlin game was a set back, but the girls held their heads up and won their next two games. Each girl contributed. Arimy Gradine was selected to the All-Tournament Team for her efforts. Natalie Pollard, Cassie Short and Kristen Webb also played key roles at the post position. Macee Mills and Kasey Hardin ran the team at the point guard position. Rachelle Jones and Erica Gomez played great defense, stealing the ball and confusing the opposition. Jennifer Strawn played well by coming in and making a sudden impact offensively and defensively. Jody Hawkins and Becca Stelzer contributed with their rebounds. It was a total team effort."

'Lope and Lady 'Lope basketball schedule

The following is the basketball schedules for the coming week.

- Varsity
Dec. 17 - hosts Aspermont.
- Junior Varsity
Dec. 17 - host Aspermont.
- Freshmen
Dec. 16 - (B-H, G-T) Ralls.
- Middle School
Dec. 16 - Boys hosts Ralls; Girls at Ralls.

'Lopes win two-out-of-three in Aspermont Tournament

by Becky Warren
The 'Lopes competed in the Aspermont Tournament last weekend and came home after winning two-out-of-three in the contest.

On Thursday, December 5 the 'Lopes lost to Hamlin in overtime by a score of 29-31.

"This was frustrating game because Hamlin wanted to bring us out of our 2-3 zone," said Coach Ritchie Thornton. "When we would fall behind, we would have to come out and play man-to-man defense. We had problems matching up with them and they were effective against our main defense. We decided to stay in our 2-3 during the third quarter and they stood and dribbled at half court."

Lead scorer for the game was Josh Grisham with eight points. He was followed by Jerry Crawford with six, Jeremy Josey with five, Jamie Hernandez with four, Jake Loreda, Todd Terry and Seth Pennell with two each.

Munday

On Friday, December 6, the 'Lopes defeated Munday 42-38.

"This was a great defensive game by the Antelopes with a balanced scoring attack," said Coach Thornton. "We struggled again with our shooting percentage (16 of 48) for 30%. Jeremy Josey led all scorers with nine points on 3-6 from the floor and 3 of 5 from the free throw line." Kris Kagey ignited the team during the fourth quarter in his varsity debut. Jamie Hernandez had seven defensive rebounds and continues to improve.

8th grade Lady 'Lopes win 2 of 3 in tournament

by Becky Warren
On Thursday, December 5, the 8th grade Lady 'Lopes beat Cooper in the All Saints Tournament 42-38.

In the first quarter the Lady 'Lopes took Cooper 10-9 and also in the second quarter with the halftime score in favor of the 'Lopes 20-18. Cooper tried to come back in the second half outscoring Post in the third quarter 7-9 but the Lady 'Lopes had their minds set on a victory and came back in the fourth quarter 15-11 to put the icing on the cake.

Lead scorer for the game was Kenda Looney with 23 points. She was followed by Davida Gregory with eight, Brailey Feagin and Vondi Gradine with four each, Mandy Terry with two and Jenny Jones with one. Others playing but not scoring were Yvonne Lopez, April Line, Brandi Gunn and Jamie Dawson.

Trinity

On Friday, December 6, the young Lady 'Lopes lost to Trinity 29-31.

Lead scorer for the game was Davida Gregory with 16 points. She was followed by Kenda Looney with eight and Vondi Gradine with five. Others playing but not scoring were Yvonne Lopez, April Line, Brandi Gunn, Brailey Feagin, Jenny Jones, Mandy Terry and Jamie Dawson.

Christ the King

On Saturday, December 7, the Lady 'Lopes won the game for third place against Christ the King by a score of 38-21.

Lead scorer for the game was Kenda Looney with 11 points. She was followed by Brailey Feagin with 10, Jamie Dawson with six, Vondi Gradine with four, Davida Gregory with three, Yvonne Lopez and Mandy Terry with two each. Others playing but not scoring were Brandi Gunn, April Line and Jenny Jones.
"The girls had a good tournament and I'm very proud of all of them," said Coach Bill Gordon.

JV 'Lopes win consolation at Cooper

by Becky Warren
The JV 'Lopes took consolation honors in the Cooper Tournament last weekend at Lubbock.

In the first game on Thursday, December 5 the boys faced Littlefield in a contest that ended 42-64 in favor of Littlefield.

Lead scorer for the game was Russ Moore with 16 points. He was followed by Sam Woods with 11, Joey Ward with five, Michael Ulm with four and Jerry Graham, Slade Bevers and Jay Gorman with two each.

"Overall the team did a fine job of playing aggressive defense," said Coach Rio Hernandez.

Slaton

On Friday, December 6, I was present when the JV 'Lopes beat the Slaton Tigers at Cooper in a contest that ended with the 'Lopes winning 52-47.

During the contest the 'Lopes kept the Tigers running into the wall trying to make the baskets but to no avail.
At the end of the first quarter the score was tied 17-17 but Slaton never did have a chance after that.

Lady 'Lopes lose to Seagraves

by Becky Warren
The varsity girls from Seagraves beat the Lady 'Lopes 61-66 Tuesday, December 3.

The first quarter went to Seagraves 15-14 as did the second quarter 16-13 making the halftime score 31-27. The third quarter was claimed again by Seagraves 14-8 but the Lady 'Lopes made an effort to gain the lead in the fourth 26-21 but it was not enough for the win.

Lead scorer for the game was Jeremy Josey with nine points. He was followed by Kris Kagey with eight, Jerry Crawford with seven, Josh Grisham and Jamie Hernandez with six each, Todd Terry with four and Kip Wilks with two.

"I think we played excellent defense to shoot 30% from the floor and win," Thornton said.

Crowell

On Saturday, December 7 the 'Lopes stomped Crowell 75-50.

"We finally put our offense and defense together in a game," said Coach Thornton. "We shot 28 for 55 (50%) from the floor. Josh Grisham, Todd Terry, and Jerry Crawford all finished in double figures. Our defense led to several baskets in transition. Our guards did a good job of getting the ball inside to our big guys. Todd Terry was 5 of 5 (100%) from the floor and (7 of 8) from the free throw line."

Josh Grisham was the lead scorer with 25 points, six steals and seven assists. He was followed by Jerry Crawford with 21 points and eight offensive rebounds, Todd Terry with 17 points, four steals and seven assists, Jamie Hernandez with four points and eight defensive rebounds, Seth Pennell with four points and Jeremy Josey and Kris Kagey with two points each.

"I thought our guards played excellent. They improved their assists and eliminated turnover. The two tournament wins should give us some confidence and help this weekend in Borden County Tournament."

This is the first time in many years that the JV have beaten Slaton.

Lead scorer for the game was Russ Moore with 15 points. He was followed by Jay Gorman with 13, Sam Woods and Slade Bevers with seven each, Jerry Graham and Joey Ward with four each and Josh Bustos and T.J. Gaydos with two each.

"Our aggressive defense forced many turnover and kept Slaton from getting into their offense," said Coach Hernandez.

Cooper

In the third game of the tournament the JV 'Lopes outscored Cooper 64-57 in overtime and brought home the consolation trophy for their hard work.

Lead scorer for the game was Jay Gorman with 19 points. He was followed by Russ Moore with 14, Sam Woods with 12, Joey Ward with 10, Marcus Sapp with three and Jerry Graham, Michael Ulm and Billy Dozier with two each.

"The highlight of the game was the Antelopes dominating the overtime period to win consolation," said Coach Hernandez.

Lead scorer for the game was Rachelle Jones with 19 points. She was followed by Cassie Short with 14, Kristen Webb with eight, Becca Stelzer with six, Arimy Gradine with five, Kasey Hardin and Jody Hawkins with four each and Macee Mills with one. Others playing but not scoring were Erica Gomez, Jennifer Strawn and Natalie Pollard.

"The girls are playing well, we just can not seem to get in the win column," said Coach Shana Matthews. "I am extremely proud of their effort. They are getting better with each game. I see a lot of improvement in each girl. Cassie Short has come off the bench and given us quality play. Rachelle Jones has been steady shooting from the outside. We got beat on rebounds. They out rebounded us 3 to 1."

'Lopes lose to Seagraves

by Becky Warren
The 'Lopes traveled to Seagraves, Tuesday, December 3 and came back with a loss of 33-40.

"We played better defensively and led at the half 20-17," said Coach Ritchie Thornton. "We had a let down in the third quarter that cost us the game. Jamie Hernandez had his best game of the year scoring 10 points on five of five shooting. Jeremy Josey pulled down 13 rebounds and added five points. We made 15 out of 42 shots and we must improve this shooting percentage."

Lead scorer for the game was shared by Jamie Hernandez and Josh Grisham with 10 points each. They were followed by Jerry Crawford with six, Jeremy Josey with five and Jay Childers with two.

"This was the first team that ran a zone and we struggled offensively," said Thornton. "I was pleased with our defense, but we must improve on rebounding and shooting percentage."

Bulldogs keep Lady 'Lopes from the rim

by Becky Warren
The Tahoka Bulldogs kept the varsity Lady 'Lopes from the rim in a contest on Tuesday, November 26. The Bulldogs pulled the win in a 44-42 decision over the Lady 'Lopes.

The Bulldogs came on strong in the first quarter 13-10 but the Lady 'Lopes came back in the second quarter 16-12 making the score 26-25 in their favor at halftime. They kept the score in their favor in the third quarter 5-2 but just couldn't hold it together in the fourth with Tahoka outscoring them 17-11.

Lead scorer for the game was Rachelle Jones with 12 points. She was followed by Arimy Gradine with eight, Cassie Short with six, Macee Mills and Jody Hawkins with five each, Erica Gomez with four and Natalie Pollard with two each. Others playing but not scoring were Becca Stelzer, Jennifer Strawn, Kristen Webb and Kasey Hardin.

"We just let the game slip away from us. The girls played hard. I was proud of them and it was a learning experience," said Coach Shana Matthews.

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Community Calendar

Friday, December 13, 1996
7:45 p.m. - Garza Theatre
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Saturday, December 14, 1996
7:45 p.m. - Garza Theatre
"Little Women"

Tuesday, December 17, 1996
12 noon - Rotary, Rotary Room Community Center.

Wednesday, December 18, 1996
12 noon - Women's Division C of C

Thursday, December 12, 1996
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The Flu and You

Health providers recommend that all elderly people (over the age of 60), and those who suffer from a chronic illness such as, asthma, emphysema, diabetes, anemia, heart or kidney disease receive a vaccine against the flu. But it's not a bad idea for the young and healthy, too!

Complications such as dehydration and pneumonia can result from the flu. Even the most robust immune system needs three months to fully recover from the beating it takes from the influenza virus.

The flu season is from December through February, give or take a few weeks. You should get your vaccination as early in the season as possible as it takes up to 30 days to build up maximum protection.

Some commonly asked questions about the flu are:
How often should I get a flu shot? Annually, new vaccines are made up yearly, so they contain influenza viruses expected that year. Smaller children may need two vaccines, a month apart.

Can I get the flu from the vaccine? Someone vaccinated cannot get influenza from the vaccine. Most people have little or no reaction. One in four may have a mild, local reaction at the injection site. A much smaller number, more children than grown-ups, might also develop a slight fever within 24 hours and may have chills, a headache, or feel a little sick.

Where can I get a flu shot? Almost all health providers offer the vaccine, in addition to the health department and most senior citizen organizations.

How much does it cost? The vaccine usually runs between \$10-\$20. Many organizations that run vaccination days, offer it at discount group rates.

Healthcare has advanced a thousand fold since the flu epidemic of 1918 when thousands were taken ill in the United States, many of which, did not survive. Although a cure for the flu is still out of reach, the influenza vaccine is available. Why take a chance?
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Yesteryears

by Pat Burnett

December 10, 1986 10 Years Ago

The home of Mr and Mrs Jerry Riedel was chosen last week as Best Decorated Home in the Post Merchant's Association sponsored contest.

Mr and Mrs Bernie Jones celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception November 30. Jones and the former Evelyn Sanders were married December 4, 1936 in Snyder.

Some recent births were Lathan Chance, son of Jim and Dee Dee Brinker, born November 16, 1986; Rachel Nicole, daughter of Dale and Fenny Redman, born December 1, 1986 and Koby James, son of Mr and Mrs Kelly Baumann, was born December 4, 1986.

December 9, 1976 20 Years Ago

Melanie King was named Winter Festival Queen at South Plains College recently.

Happy Birthday today goes to Truett Fry, Mrs Bud Odom, J.M. Bayless, Gene Peel, Dean Robinson, Alex Webb, Mrs Lee Beard and Blair Lamont Didway.

Norma Baumann and daughter, Jerri, visited in Petersburg Sunday with her parents, Mr and Mrs J.D. Saffel. Jackie Blacklock, a South Plains College student placed fourth in bull riding in the recent Cat Daddy Rodeo at Levelland, sponsored by the South Plains College Rodeo Club.

December 8, 1966 30 Years Ago

Jerry Hitt, talented young Post pianist and vocalist has just had his second record released. It's entitled "New Hitts Wright from Dallas".

Mrs A.C. Surman was named one of the state's 20 outstanding county historical survey committee chairmen at the state meeting in Fort Worth last week.

Southland Cub Scout Den 9 sent a box recently to Pfc. Manuel A. Cardenas, who is in Viet Nam. Mrs Joyce Odom, den mother, received a letter from Cardenas thanking the scouts for the box.

Little Jay Norman is on the sick list this week. He seems to have a virus. We hope you fell better real soon, Jay.

December 13, 1956 40 Years Ago

Funeral services for W.R. Young were conducted Monday afternoon, December 10, in the Church of Christ.

The Rev. Clinton Edwards, First Presbyterian Church minister, was elected president of the Post Ministerial Alliance.

Mr and Mrs F.M. Reep of Andrews, formerly of Post, are moving back here Saturday. Mr Reep will be employed by the county.

Mrs Buck Harrison entertained Monday with a party honoring her daughter, Margie Ann, on her 11th birthday. Guests attending were Linda Rogers, Carol Billings, Linda Pennell, Marilyn Minor, Linda Cowley, Betty Jo Hill and Sue Harrison.

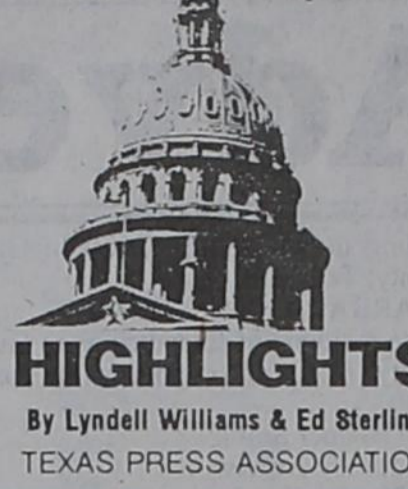
December 12, 1946 50 Years Ago

Several citizens of the Southland community joined in the hunt for Billy Tolison, 5 year old son of the Ray Tolisons. The lad became lost while hunting with his dad east of Southland. When located, the youngster and his dog were found to be heading for their home.

Mr and Mrs Jones, operators of the Algerita Coffee Shop entertained the football boys and coach and Mrs Bingham.

Maudie Fay Ray went to Quanah with her cousin Raleigh Ray, and wife to see her great grandmother Saturday.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush's call for property tax relief could negatively affect funding of public education in Texas, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney said last week.

Bullock compared the present funding system, in which property-rich school districts send money to property-poor districts, to a house of cards.

"You remove one card and the whole house may fall down," he said.

"Property taxes and (the school-funding formula) are joined at the brain. Any changes in one will unquestionably change the formula itself," Bullock told incoming legislators at an orientation meeting.

Laney agreed with Bullock and said he is waiting for Bush to release a plan that can be studied and assessed.

The governor has made cutting the \$10 billion homeowners and businesses pay in school property taxes a priority for the 1997 legislative session, which will convene Jan. 14.

Sharp Calls for Cuts, Savings

State Comptroller John Sharp last week delivered his fourth Texas Performance Review report, calling for more than \$3.5 billion in taxpayer savings over the next five years.

"Once again," Sharp said, "we've scoured state government for outdated programs and new ways to save Texans money."

Annette Coates, a spokeswoman for the Texas State Teachers Association, told the *American-Statesman*, "There will definitely be a lawsuit filed if (Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses) allows it to proceed."

Other Capital Highlights

A state audit released last week said the Lone Star Card, which debuted about a year ago, is working well. More than a million Texas welfare recipients use the plastic cards, which resemble credit cards, to receive welfare benefits electronically.

Regulators at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission are considering a crackdown on industrial polluters that have operated under a "grandfather" clause in the 1971 Texas clean air law. A report is expected in about a week.

The report, titled "Disturbing the Peace: The Challenge of Change in Texas Government," presents 428 detailed proposals for saving taxpayers more than \$1.2 billion during the 1998-99 biennium and more than \$3.5 billion by the end of 2002.

Sharp proposed cutting 6,600 fully funded but unfilled state jobs, saving more than \$470 million during the next biennium.

He proposed cutting 1,720 current state jobs over the next two-year period through an early retirement incentive plan and other mea-

asures. And among other proposals, he called for:

- Abolishing the Texas Department of Commerce and shifting the agency's duties to a new non-profit public/private entity; and
- Issuing Texans lifetime driver's licenses, with free-of-charge updates required every 12 years.

About three-quarters of the savings recommended in Sharp's previous performance reviews have been adopted by the Texas Legislature.

Private Schools, Public Funds

Lake Travis Independent School District board member Fred Walker, who sponsored a proposal to use taxpayer dollars to pay for private school tuition, is busy with plans to open a new private school that could benefit from the plan.

The *Austin American-Statesman* reported Walker is proposing the Parents as Partners Scholarship Program, a tuition reimbursement plan for the district of 2,900 students.

At the same time, he and his pastor at the Lakeway Ecumenical Church are working to build support for the construction of a Roman Catholic school adjacent to a 20-acre site where a new Catholic church is to be built next year in this community a few minutes West of Austin.

Supporters say vouchers would give parents more control over their children's education, but critics say a voucher system would take tax dollars away from public schools.

Lions Club reports success with toys

The annual Post Lions Club "Toys for Tots" campaign is wrapping up its 1996 season, providing toys for children of less-fortunate families. Commitments should boost the campaign to its financial goal, according to Paul Jones, Lions Club member helping with the project.

"We're not needing any more toys," Jones said Tuesday, "and we've got enough money to get what we need."

"We really appreciate those who donated to this year's campaign."

The program, which has been operating locally for about a dozen years, will serve 42-44 families this year, or about 109 youngsters. The deadline for application to receive gifts through the Toys for Tots program has already passed.

Toy distribution will be conducted sometime in the next few days, possibly around Dec. 20, Jones said.

Grandparents' Corner



"Grampy" Lamar Jones shows his granddaughter, Sydnee Jones, the art of blowing bubbles. Sydnee is the daughter of Lane and Christina Jones of Post.

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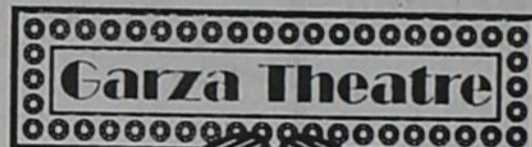
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- St. Claire
- TXism: "fence" (gossip)
- TX Crowell wrote "I Gain Control Again"
- TXism: "a hog needs a packing plant"
- Jim _____ Creek
- player traded by Mavs to Rockets in '93
- Dallas Co. was named for this VP (init.)
- Palestine FM radio describing a great shot by 19-across (2 wds.)
- TXism: "corker"
- TX Dabney Coleman TV show: "The Maxwell Story"
- Fiesta Texas theater: Lone Star _____
- Pepper
- famous song about a TX town (3 wds.)
- TXism: "too irons in the fire"
- TXism: "fits like ugly on an _____"
- TXism: "comfortable _____ boot"
- Cowboy zealots
- TXism: "tall _____ the trough" (VIP)
- Texas' has a Lone Star on it

DOWN

- this Sam won '45 Dallas Open
- TXism: "chew a while" (think about)
- Mexican laborer
- TXism: "crooked as _____ hind leg"
- Rangers traded this Robb to Marlins in '93
- "The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader-Morn"
- belief in God
- siestas
- TX Bush once ran this agency
- in New Braunfels: Prince Sorns _____
- TXism: "welcome as a skunk _____ picnic"
- TXism: "the tooth" (aging)
- TXism: "mad as _____ on rooster"
- "can stay under like a _____ fish"
- Houston took a bullet in the _____ at San Jacinto
- Rangers postpone-ment: rain
- TX film: "A _____ to Bountiful"
- Ballinger sculpture: "The Cowboy and _____ Horse"
- necessary auto accessory in TX
- TX outlaw Ketchum robbed these in 1890s
- Cowboy Hall of Famer Bob
- troubles
- ex-Astro Caminiti
- TX vegetable: _____ black: _____
- Lampasses FM
- TXism: "trapped like a _____ possum"
- TXism: "mad as _____ -armed paper hanger"
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- political slogan (24): "Me for _____"
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- TXism: "sneaky as _____ sucking dog"
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Obituaries

Rufus Irvin Scarbrough

Services for Rufus Scarbrough of Corrigan were held Sunday, December 8, 1996 at 2 p.m. in the Corrigan Funeral Home Chapel with Rev Royce Pennington officiating.

Graveside services were held Monday, December 9, 1996 at 2 p.m. in the Terrace Cemetery in Post under the direction of Corrigan Funeral Home of Corrigan, Texas.

Mr Scarbrough was born July 22, 1913 in Brownwood, Texas to Rufus and Katie Scarbrough, and he died Friday, December 6, 1996 in Pinehaven Nursing Home in Lubbock. He grew up and attended school in Lubbock. He lived in Post many years, then moved to Houston and later to Corrigan. There he married Estell Moore on October 8, 1985, who preceded him in death. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 50 years, and he was a retired carpenter and was a Baptist.

He is survived by his daughter, Ann Bishop of Lubbock, a step-daughter, Linda Manry of Alvin; a brother, Milton Scarbrough of Dallas; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or your favorite charity.

Ronald Ogle

Funeral services for Ronald Wayne "Ron" Ogle, 52, of Lewisburg, Tenn., were held Friday, December 6, 1996 at the East Commerce Baptist Church of Lewisburg, Tenn.

Burial was in the Temple Cemetery of Lewisburg, Tenn. with arrangements by Lawrence Funeral Home.

Mr Ogle died Wednesday, December 4, 1996 at his residence. He was born July 10, 1944 in Spur and had lived in San Angelo. He was a radio disc jockey and was a member of various musical groups.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Ogle of Lewisburg; his father and step-mother, Wayne and Mary Ogle, his mother, Faye Ogle, and his brother, Sid Ogle, all of San Angelo; three sisters, Jo Ann Stelzer of Post, Laquetta Romero of Phoenix and Marsha Edwards of Slaton; four children, Kevin, Shannon, Tara and Sherrie; six grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Helen Richards

Funeral services for Helen Richards, 89, were held Wednesday, December 11, 1996 at 2 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church with Rev Jerry Koch, pastor, officiating.

Graveside services will be Thursday, December 12, 1996 at 1 p.m. in Roselawn Memorial Park in Denton, Texas with Dr Charles Somerville, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Grandbury, officiating.

Burial will be under the direction of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs Richards died Monday, December 9, 1996 at Golden Plains Care Center. She was born March 21, 1907 in Soddy, Tennessee to Luther Lee Roy and Mary Viola (Coleman) Wilson, and graduated high school in Dallas. She attended Simmons University in Abilene. She married Hubert Ray Richards on June 12, 1938 in Lake Charles, Louisiana. They lived in New Orleans and Lake Dallas. She worked in Dallas and for Flow Memorial Hospital in Denton. Mr Richards preceded her in death on July 19, 1969. She moved to Post in 1970 to be near her relatives. She worked as a pink lady at Garza Memorial Hospital and had also worked at the courthouse for the County Attorney and the Extension Office. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Jim C. Wilson.

Survivors include cousins, Annie Laura Francis, Johnnie Francis, Maurice Bush and Maurine Griffin, all of Post and Gwen Boren of Snyder and a great-niece, Leslie Childress of Minnesota.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church.

Menus

Trail Blazers

Friday, December 13, 1996

Chicken fried steak, white gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, gelatin, choice of beverage.

Monday, December 16, 1996

Pepper steak, rice, squash, tossed salad w/thousand island dressing, wheat roll, pineapple upside down cake, choice of beverage.

Tuesday, December 17, 1996

Brisket, potato salad, turnip greens, cornbread, peach cobbler, choice of beverage.

Wednesday, December 18, 1996

Turkey and dressing, green beans, tossed salad/Thousand Island dressing, hot roll, cranberry sauce, apple cobbler, choice of beverage.

Thursday, December 19, 1996

Chicken fried steak, baked potato, brussel sprouts, white gravy wheat roll, apricots, choice of beverage.

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Friday, December 13, 1996

Breakfast: Cereal, homemade bread/toast, honey, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Ham 'n gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, pears, homemade roll, milk.

Monday, December 16, 1996

Breakfast: Donuts, sausage link, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Open-faced hot sandwich, salad, carrots, frozen yogurt, milk.

Tuesday, December 17, 1996

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Corn dog, French fries, mixed vegetables, cobbler, milk.

Wednesday, December 18, 1996

Breakfast: Muffins, sausage

link, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Tacos, pinto beans, tossed salad, corn bread, peaches, milk.

Thursday, December 19, 1996

Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, homemade bread/toast, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Chicken nuggets 'n gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, homemade roll, pudding, milk.

Sheriff's office

receives 65 calls

by Becky Warren

On Thursday, December 5 a 29 year old male was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was committed to Big Spring State Hospital.

On Friday, December 6, a 36 year old male was arrested for public intoxication. He paid his fine by serving time.

On Saturday, December 7 a 29 year old male was transferred back to Garza County from Big Spring State Hospital and is still being held. A 28 year old female was arrested for disorderly conduct and family violence assault. She was released on a \$2,500 bond. Also a 28 year old male was arrested for disorderly conduct and family violence assault. He was released on a \$2,500 bond.

The office received 65 calls during the past week.

The Post Dispatch will not be responsible for photos left at the office more than 30 days.

Jury convicts Smith in Blodgett murder

(Continued from Page 1)

northwest of Post. She was declared missing in mid-June 1993 after Mental Health and Mental Retardation employees, during a routine check, were unable to locate Blodgett, who had been diagnosed as being in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease.

Her body has never been found. Following Blodgett's disappearance, Jerry Smith allegedly attempted to cash a \$100 check on the missing woman's bank account. In April 1995, he was convicted of forgery in the check cashing incident and was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

In September 1995, a grand jury indicted Jerry Smith for Blodgett's murder following an investigation by the local sheriff's department and state lawmen. Last week's murder trial was handled in three days, with the verdict coming after a two-hour deliberation by the jury.

The prosecution called several witnesses Tuesday to paint a picture of Jerry Smith, Blodgett's live-in boyfriend, as a violent man. The state's case relied heavily upon the testimony of a former Fort Worth police officer, John Yarbrough, who said Jerry Smith told him he put Blodgett's body in a 55-gallon drum and burned it. Yarbrough, a convicted murderer, said Jerry Smith told him of the killing while they were both serving prison time.

The jury heard testimony from Jerry Smith's ex-wife, who detailed an incident in which her ex-husband beat her and put a gun to her head. Evidence was also presented to support Jerry Smith's guilty plea in an assault against his elderly father.

The defense countered with testimony from local resident Darrell Jones, who said he saw Blodgett walking east near the roadside park on Highway 84 one day in early June 1993. Although he couldn't pinpoint the exact date, he did indicate he talked briefly with her and confirmed she was Edna Blodgett. "She was fine," he said. "We carried on a conversation."

Alla Mae Smith, Jerry Smith's sister-in-law, testified that the defendant unexpectedly showed up at her Arkansas home on June 3 or 4. He "acted like Jerry," she said, and asked to use the telephone to call Blodgett. "He did not get a hold of her," she said.

In his closing statement, Napper agreed the jury had heard some "pretty harsh things" about Jerry Smith but that those statements fell short of proving

the defendant was guilty of murder.

"No one has been able to prove that (Edna Blodgett) is dead," Napper said. "Is there a reasonable doubt Ms. Blodgett was alive and seen walking around after Jerry Smith left for Arkansas? Yes."

Napper pointed to a letter produced as evidence during the trial and noted that in it, Jerry Smith wrote that he wanted to marry Blodgett.

"It doesn't sound like he wanted her dead. He had every reason to want her alive so he could continue to live with her and borrow money from her," the defense attorney said.

"Jerry Smith is not a model citizen.... He committed a forgery and is serving a penitentiary sentence for it. He committed injury to an elderly person (against his father) and served a sentence for that as well. None of that means he did what he is charged with here today."

"History, it repeats itself over and over again," prosecuting attorney Ricky Smith said in opening his closing statement. "The beating (Blodgett) got this time was the beating she couldn't survive.... "He was about to lose it all.... You know what happened. She didn't just walk off, just disappear. And if she did, why wasn't Jerry Smith, this loving man that had every reason for her to be alive, knocking on the sheriff's door... looking for her?"

The district attorney also advised the jury that if it chose to acquit the defendant, it was sending the message that "... a murderer can so dispose of a body that he can get away with murder in Garza County."

After handing down its verdict, the jury was dismissed and the judge heard brief statements from both sides before handing down the sentence.

Alla Mae Smith produced evidence of her brother-in-law's military service in Vietnam, honorable discharge and Bronze Star medal.

"He's had a rough life but that's no excuse for what he's done," she said. "I know he's done wrong.... He changed after Vietnam.... Sometimes he's high-tempered, off-the-wall."

"I don't mean that hateful, Jerry. I love you," she said to her brother-in-law. The defense attorney asked that Jerry Smith not be given a sentence "that he will die in prison."

"Anything less than a life sentence in this case is surely a death sentence to any elderly person that comes across his path," said Assistant Defense Attorney Andrea Handley.

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I'd like to challenge you to stop and consider the real meaning of Christmas. What is it? It is God sending his son into this world. Jesus is God's gift to you. But why did God send Jesus? Because he loves you. But that's not all the story.

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You see, Christmas is all about God giving himself, in human form, to a world that he loves so much. Why did God come to earth as a man? Here's the rest of the story that far too many have missed. 1 John 3-8 "For this purpose the son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the Devil".

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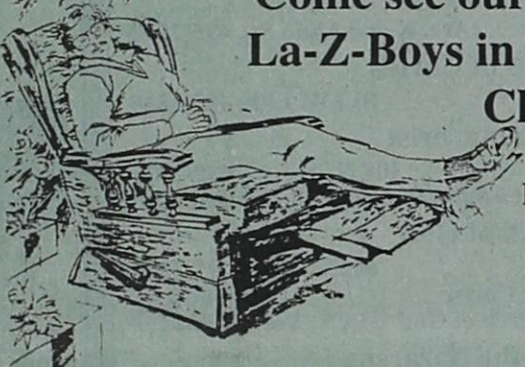
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