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# The Post Dispatch

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# White River drying up...

by Wes Burnett

After hearing a report that Post may be without water within the next 12 months, The Post City Council approved a resolution Tuesday night to pursue alternate water sources.

Mayor Archie Gill and city manager Fred Stephens emphasized that White River is just about out of water. "We've got to take action right now to avoid shortages and rationing," Gill said. Council members agreed, and instructed Stephens to immediately contact Slaton city officials to determine if water can be purchased there.

A pipeline from Slaton to Post, using U.S. Hwy 84 right of way, would have to be constructed if Slaton has enough available water rights and is agreeable to selling water to Post.

"It could be similar to the agreement Slaton made with New Deal," city attorney Harvey Morton said. He told the council that Slaton has an annual allotment of 528 million gallons of water per year from the Canadian River Authority.

"We're not going to know until we sit down and talk with Slaton," Gill added, "and we're going to see about getting on their agenda for their meeting next week."

Stephens also suggested that other sources be considered, such as wells. "We need to have more than one or two sources to secure our water future," he added.

When asked about water from Lake Alan Henry, Stephens ex-

plained that the cost is prohibitive. "It'll cost about \$1 million per mile for the pipeline and pumping and rights of way, remember, it's 22 miles all up hill. Then we'd have to install treatment facilities, so it'd be about \$30 million or more."

In other matters, the council heard a request for Steve Qualls of Merkel regarding the purchase of water for the Caprock Golf Course. He has entered into an agreement to purchase the now closed golf course from Durwood Bartlett, but contingent on availability of water.

Qualls asked the council to consider selling water at the city's cost (\$1.45 per thousand gallons) to get the course into shape. Gill explained that the current water situation makes it difficult to consider such a proposal, suggesting that within a month the council should have a better idea about the future.

No action was taken on a request by Post ISD superintendent Bobby Bain to pave the remaining one-half of two blocks on 4th Street near the new gymnasium. Gill said the city would need to get cost estimates prior to making a decision. Property on both sides of the street is owned by the school district. Curbing is being installed as part of the gymnasium project.

Stephens reported that Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad is negotiating for the closing of the crossing at 12th Street. The project would include

paving and constructing a truck by-pass on East 8th Street turning at the old depot building and connecting to East Main Street near the tracks.

*Editor's note: The following are comments by Fred Stephens to the City Council concerning future water needs:*

Without significant rainfall, cities relying on White River Lake for their water supply — including Post — could find themselves high and dry.

City Manager Fred Stephens said White River officials have indicated to him that in slightly more than 12 months, the lake will be unable to furnish water to Post, Ralls, Crosbyton and Spur except through a limited number of water wells.

That is, of course, if no substantial rains fall in the lake's watershed area. Post stands to be one of the major losers in such a situation, as White River officials say that the city uses approximately 40 percent of the total water used by the four member cities.

"As you know, in 1997 and '98 each of the four cities got grants totaling \$1.2 million to develop an alternate water supply," Stephens said.

"This program drilled several wells — 15 or so — in the Crosby County area and tied them all together to serve White River customers should (the) lake become dry. "Those wells are designed to provide enough water for only basic needs, such as drinking and bathing....

There will be no watering of trees, lawns, flowers, no car washing.... Everything will be on hold. No new houses will be built, no new commercial development... no sales of existing homes.

Probably a decrease in our tax base — fewer sales/less sales tax," the city manager said. Such problems could easily damage the city's reputation with regard to economic development, Stephens said. "This will be hard to overcome.

It will discourage citizens from coming to Post to live and work. It will dishearten folks who live in Post now. No one will want to buy a home or build or expand a business if there is no predictable supply of water," he said.

The water wells drilled a few years back were designed as an emergency source of water and were not intended for long-term use.

"So the basic question to us is this: Do we want to sit tight until sufficient rainfall occurs... or do we want to pursue other sources?" Stephens said.

The city manager and the mayor have discussed this issue on numerous occasions, and the mayor said he would prefer for the city to have a supplemental source of water, even if White River was full, in the event of a long-term water line or storage problems were to occur, Stephens said.

"I am told that Post Lake, if or when it really happens, is 7 to 9 years away from completion," the city manager said. "So that's no help in the near term." Five alternatives that Stephens said city officials might want to explore include:

- Irrigation wells near the county line on US 380 west.
- The purchase of water from Lake Alan Henry, although this option could prove to be quite costly.
- Water from the City of Slaton,

which is furnished by the Canadian River Water Authority through a pipeline. This, too, could be an expensive option, although it might be the most time efficient.

• Water for the City of Tahoka is furnished by the same water authority as used in Slaton but is treated in Lubbock prior to be-

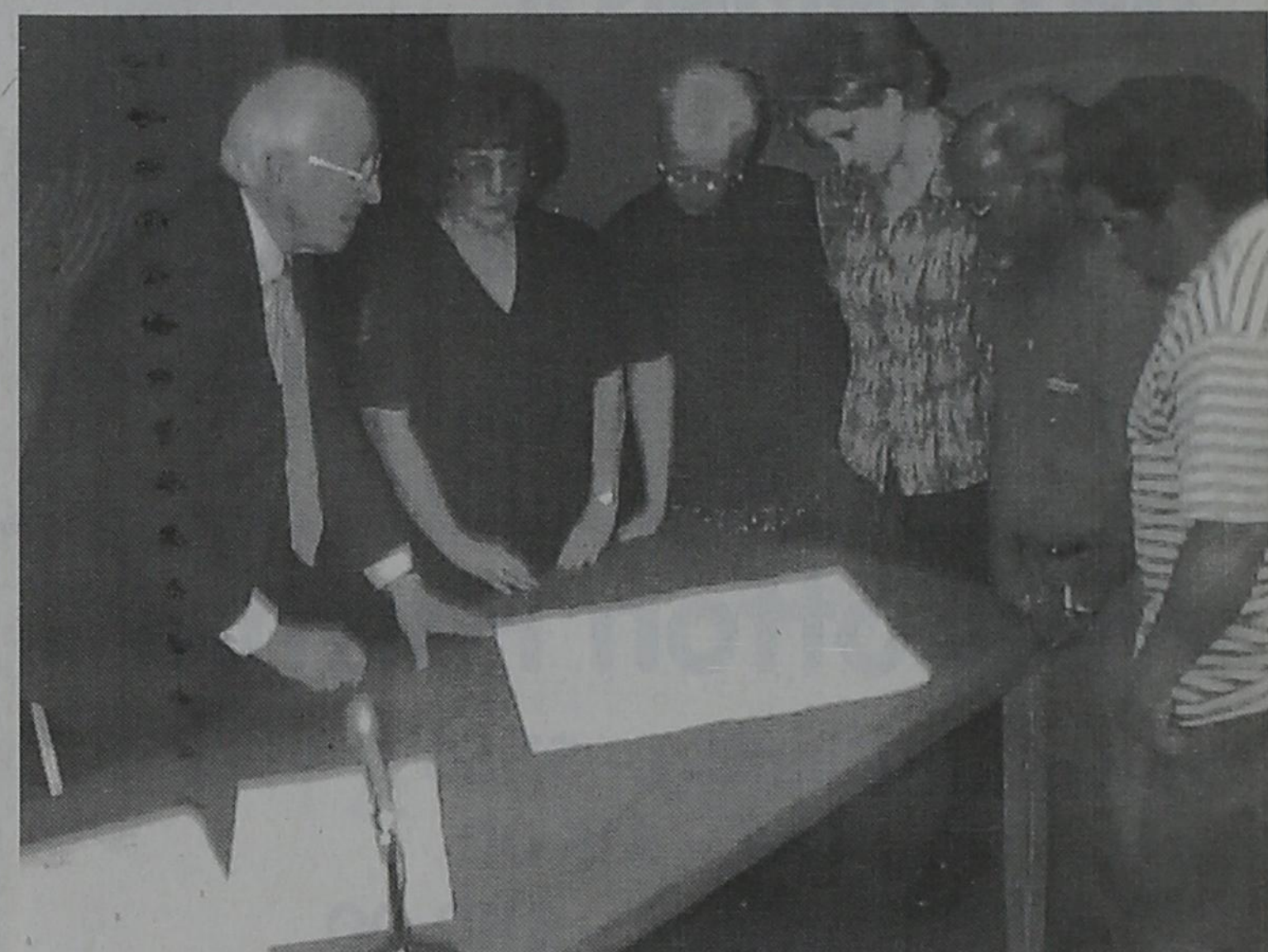
ing piped to Tahoka, O'Donnell and Lamesa.

• Developing a process to "cleanse and blend" treated waste water from the city's third lagoon with White River water.

"I don't necessarily think we should abandon White River, but it would seem prudent at this time to have an alternate water

supply to use in conjunction with whatever water White River can offer," Stephens said.

"Everything we do will be expensive. But doing nothing will be more expensive. It will be difficult for us to maintain our present population without an additional water source, much less have any economic growth."



City attorney Harvey Morton (left) explains redistricting proposals for city elections to committee members (left to right) Betty Posey, Wilma Williams, Jana Bullard, William Scott and Robert Lopez. The committee met Tuesday night to review various proposals for redistricting for upcoming elections.

## Celebrate America set for October 16

by Wes Burnett

The Garza County Commissioners Court is spearheading a special county-wide "celebration of the spirit of America," which will bring together all citizens interested in expressing themselves following the national events of September 11.

A committee of volunteer citizens has been organized, setting October 16 at the Post Community Center at 6 p.m. for the event. "This will be a time of prayer and reflection," Judge Giles W. Dalby emphasized, "and a time for all of us to celebrate

the greatness of our nation."

The committee will announce details next week.

The discussion about the celebration was aired at the Thursday, September 27 commissioners court meeting.

The court approved redistricting plans for upcoming elections, submitting the plan to the U.S. Department of Justice for review and approval.

The court also approved a centralized voting box in the City of Post for the November constitutional amendment election. All

other voting boxes will be open.

Sheriff Kenny Ratke presented a "Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan" to the court. The proposal allows county employees who choose to participate. Ratke pointed out that hepatitis and other bloodborne diseases can be spread from something as simple as a paper cut.

The court also approved a tax rate of \$.316 per \$100 evaluation and a budget for fiscal year 2001-2002.

## Miller reports on critical access designation here

Garza Hospital District board member Leon Miller reported at a recent board meeting that he attended the 3rd Annual Critical Access Hospital Workshop in Austin.

Miller said the meeting was conducted by the Center for Rural Health Initiatives to assist hospitals with programs designed to help rural health care facilities succeed.

A Critical Access designation provides small rural hospitals with an alternative funding model that is more favorable in Medicare reimbursement, he said, and also could provide vital capital funding assistance in reopening the clinic as a rural hospital.

Garza County meets the requirements of the Critical Access designation by being the only

hospital in the county and in a medically under served area with a shortage of professional health workers and services, Miller said.

The Center for Rural Health Initiatives has offered assistance in providing the hospital district with their Community Economic Development Program package, which would include personnel and economic grant assistance to assess community needs and match health care programs to meet them, according to Miller.

The program also offers assistance through the Rural Health Facility Capital Improvement Program to provide grants and no-interest loans that require only partial repayment.

David Pearson, director of operations for the Center for Rural Health Initiatives, announced that their organization considers the Garza Hospital District an ideal candidate for their programs, and they plan to make a formal offer of assistance by mid-October.



**Celebrate America**  
October 16, 2001  
6 p.m.  
Post Community Center

## Post Notes

### Teen dance Friday night

MAD DADS Inc. is sponsoring a "Teen Dance" Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight in the youth room at the Post Community Center. The "DJ" dance is open to middle school and high school youth, \$3 per person.

### Church youth host bake sale

Youth of the Post Church of the Nazarene will host a bake sale at United Supermarket Friday from 4-7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit youth programs at the church.

### "Jesus Video Project" seeks funds

All churches participating in the "Jesus Video Project" are urged to submit funds for the project no later than October 22. Call Bill Smith at Trinity Baptist Church, 495-3038 or 806-885-2249 for more information.

### Sheriff's dept. offers alcohol program

The Garza County Sheriff's Department is offering a "Shattered Dreams Program" (alcohol awareness) Thursday, October 4 at Post High School. The program will include a mock crash scene at 10 a.m. There will be an assembly Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the elementary school auditorium, which is open to the public.

### Benefit to assist Ayala family

A benefit to assist Pat and Anita Ayala will be held Saturday, October 6 from 5-7 p.m. at the Post Community Center. The event features BBQ brisket meal with donations to help with family and medical expenses. The benefit is sponsored by the First Baptist Church Men's Ministry.

### Retirement shower set October 13

Friends and family of Mary Margaret Norman are hosting a "Retirement Shower" on Saturday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (east entrance). Contact Nancy Gordon at unclenancy@aol.com for more information.

### Booster Club Hamburger Supper Oct. 19

The Post Antelope Booster Club will offer a hamburger supper on Friday, October 19 (Sundown game) 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the school cafeteria - \$4 for hamburger, chips, drink and dessert.

### FSA county committee election

The Garza-Borden Farm Service Agency County Committee is accepting nominations for the County Committee election, which will be held December 3. This year's election will be held for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 3, which is now represented by Joe Belew. Nominations will be accepted through October 29. Ballots will be mailed November 21 and must be postmarked by December 3. Nomination forms are available at the FSA office in Post.

### FCS set youth rally October 7

The Fellowship of Christian Students (FCS) has set Sunday, October 7 at 4 p.m. for a Youth Rally. The event will be held at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena, there will be no admission charge. Middle School and High School students are invited to participate. The rally will feature the Sudan FCS band "Above the Limit," First Baptist Church Praise Worship Band and a special appearance by Ray Perryman with music and words of inspiration. The event is hosted by Post MADD DADS Inc. and Kellie Macy.

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**Births**

**Tucker Dayne Craft**

Tucker Dayne Craft has arrived. Born September 29th at 3:40 A.M., weighing five pounds, six ounces and measuring 18 and 1/2 inches long, he has made his mark.

Paving the way for Tucker was his parents, Toby and Melony, Brothers Cody and Garrett. His maternal Grandparents, Jack and Iva Ready of Levelland and great grandmother Nina Davis of Lubbock.

His paternal grandparents, Buck Craft of Aspermont and Wynelle Craft of Post. His cousins Macee, Heather, Meagan, Bryan, Mitchell and Ashley. What more could a little guy ask for?

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Alejandro and Beatriz Mesa

**Mr and Mrs Alejandro Mesa celebrate 40th anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Alejandro (Alex) Mesa celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 2, 2001, with a renewal of their vows during Mass at the Holy Cross Catholic Church.

The couple are the parents of Teresa Diaz of McAllen, Texas, and Willie Mesa of Post. They have four grandchildren. Mesa and the former Beatriz Salinas were wed Sept. 2, 1961, at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in Post.

A reception was held at the Wells Fargo Community Room for family and friends. Approximately 70 guests enjoyed chips, dips and vegetable platters served alongside wedding cake and punch.

**Amity Study Club plans busy year with community service**

by Louella Bilberry

Tuesday, Sept. 25, was the beginning of a new club year with old friends at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

Our hostesses, Patsy Bilbo, Jane Davis, Jo Ann Miller and Ruth Ann Young, had prepared a baked potato "pile on." A U-shaped table was set for us with small vases of flowers at each place setting.

We sang "My Country 'tis of Thee" and them we "piled on." Our dessert was a choice between two delicious, decadent cakes.

Patsy presented us with a word game. She gave us two words — friends and fellowship — and we were to use the letters from those words and make as many three-, four-, five- and six-letter words as we could. Anne Sims blew us away!

Our hostesses, who also were the yearbook committee, gave us our new yearbooks and a short overview of

programs to begin the new year ahead. JoAnn told us we would be making a Friendship Quilt. She had prepared the quilt blocks and told us how we needed to embroider our names.

Our club projects remains the same: the scholarship, Lion's Club Toys for Tots, Victims of Crime Assistance, Middle School STARS, MAD DADS, Garza Theatre and the nursing home. It will be a good year.

Other members in attendance were Sandra Alexander, Barbara Babb, Margaret Bull, Joy Dickson, Suzanne Hudman, Naomi Matsler, Janey Middleton, Edna Owen, Joy Pool, Barbara Reece and Marian Wheatley.

On behalf of the members of Amity, I express our deep sorrow and our sincere sympathy to the family of Marian Wheatley. Marian was a longtime member of Amity and served as club president 1970-72. We will miss her so.



Corby Windham

**Corby Windham earns graduate honors**

Corby Windham, a 1987 Post High School graduate, recently earned Cum Laude honors at the University of Texas law school. Windham also was named to the Law Review for two years.

He holds a degree in philosophy, graduating from the University of Texas in 1994.

Windham is now employed by the Houston law firm of Vinson & Elkins, L.L.P.

He is the son of Mr and Mrs Jerry Windham of Post and Lubbock, grandson of Mr and Mrs Everette Windham and the late Nell Windham of Post and the late Mr and Mrs Lee Thompson.

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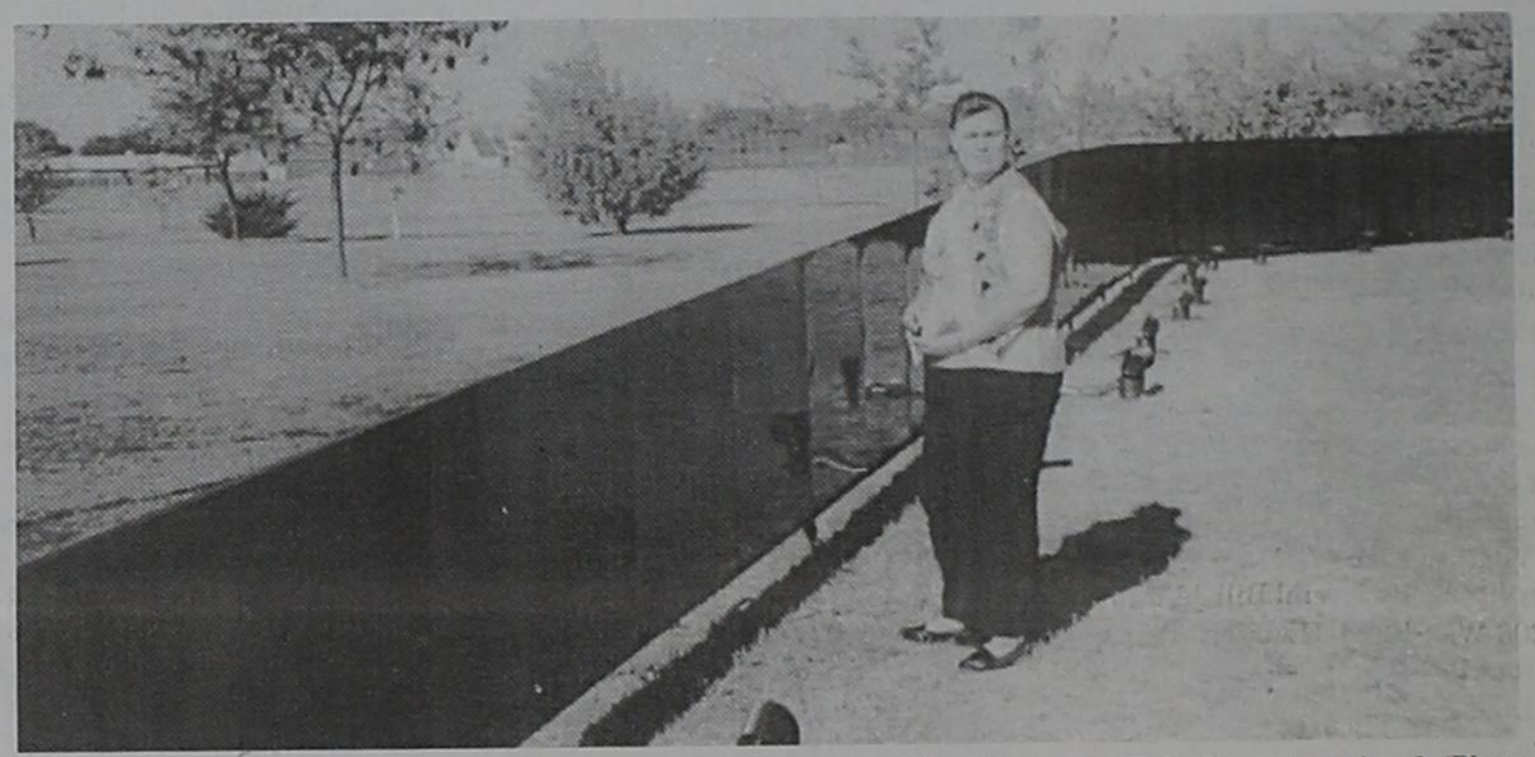
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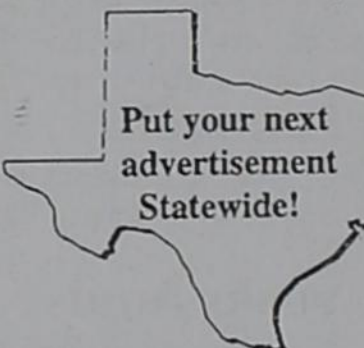
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Lora Yoder views the "Healing Wall" traveling Vietnam War memorial on display in Plainview last weekend. (Photo by JoAnn Stelzer)

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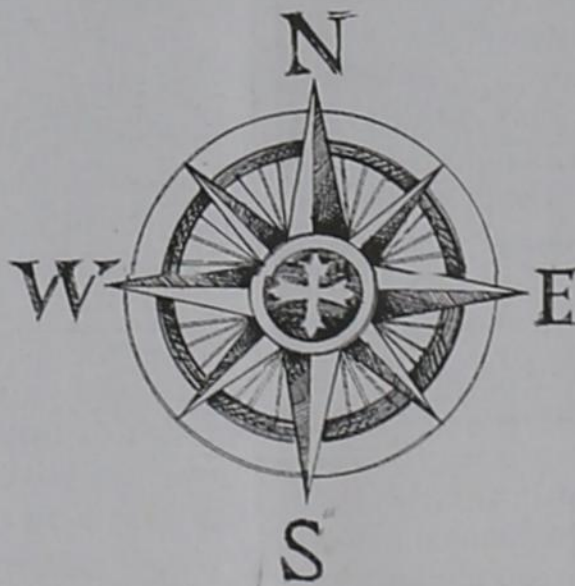
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Morning Worship--10:15 AM - 11:45 AM

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON:**

Women's Support Group — 4:00 PM

Adult Choir — 5:00 PM

Prayer Meeting — 5:00 PM

Sunday Evening :

Worship — 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Children's Choir and study —6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

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6:00 PM - 7:30 PM — Children: TeamKID: Bible study, missions and recreation time for all children  
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Youth Worship: 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up. They could meet on or off campus

Adult Discipleship: A variety of discipleship classes to meet a variety of needs in the church and community.

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# Obituaries

## Marion Wheatley

Services for Marion Wheatley, 80, of Post, will be held Saturday October 6, 2001 11:00 AM at First United Methodist Church in Post. Burial will be at the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wheatley died on Sunday September 30, 2001 at her residence.

She was born on January 14, 1921 to Boone and Eula(Spence) Evans, here in Garza County. She attended Post Schools and graduated. She later attended West Texas State University and received her BS degree.

She lived overseas and returned to Post and later taught in Post schools, until her retirement in 1986. She married Henry Wheatley March 2, 1967 here in Post. He preceded her in death August 4, 1986. Her son Charles 'Bill' Duncan joined her in death on Monday October 1, 2001

She was very active in the Post Amity Club and the Garden Club. She was a life long member of the First United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her Brother, Jack Evans of Amarillo; sisters: Nedra Jo Foster of Houston and Joyce Tyer of Hale Center.

Memorials are suggested to the Marion Wheatley College scholarship fund through the Post Amity Club in care of Suzanne Hudman, Rt. 2, Box 20, Post, Texas 79356 or to the First United Methodist Church of Post.



## Charles 'Bill' Duncan

Services for Charles 'Bill' Duncan will be Saturday, October 6, 2001 11:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church in Post. Burial will follow at the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.

Mr. Duncan died on Monday October 1, 2001.

He was born on February 5, 1947 to Charles and Marion(Evans) Duncan in Lubbock.

He attended school overseas and graduated from Post High School. He attended Texas Tech and received his Masters degree and trained as a clinical psychologist. He worked as a caseworker/counselor for the Child Protective Service. He returned to Post in 1986 to be with his mother. She preceded him in death Sunday, September 30, 2001.

He is survived by his Uncle, Jack Evans of Amarillo, aunts: Nedra Jo Foster of Houston and Joyce Tyer of Hale Center.

Memorials are suggested to the Marion Wheatley College Scholarship fund Through the Post Amity Club in care of Suzanne Hudman, Rt. 2, Box 20, Post, Texas 79356 or to the First United Methodist Church of Post.



## Rebecca Foster-Manry

passed away Monday, October 1, 2001, in Houston, Texas. Becky was born August 9, 1949, daughter of Don and Nedra Jo (Evans) Foster.

A devoted mother leaving sons, Brandon Cain and Eric Manry. Surviving family: sister, Lisa Foster (Houston); brother, Dr. Michael and Joan Foster; niece, Lindsey Foster; nephew, Taylor Foster; step-niece, Robin Prosser; step-nephew, Chris Prosser (Austin, Texas); aunt and uncle, Gene and Joyce Tyer (Hale Center, Texas); and aunt and uncle, Jack and Jackie Evans (Amarillo, Texas).

Graduate of Memorial High School and Stephen F. Austin State University, Ms. Manry worked as a social worker for the State of Texas, as well as a mechanical draftsman. She was a lover of animals and a life supporter of children's charities.

Visitation the eve of October 3, 2001, at Waltrip Funeral Directors. Service by Reverend Bill Jenkins at the Terrace United Methodist Church, 1203 Wirt Road, Houston, Texas, where Ms. Manry was a member, will be Thursday, October 4, 2001, at 2 p.m.

Donations in lieu of flowers to the Terrace United Methodist Church, the ASPCA, or the charity of your choice.

Gravestone services will be Saturday, October 6, 2001 at noon, along with her Aunt: Marion Wheatley and Cousin: Charles 'Bill' Duncan at the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home, on Saturday, October 6, 2001.

## Orvel R.C. Horton

Services for Orvel R.C. "Dude" Horton, 71, of Kingston, Okla., were held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, 2001, in the Watts Chapel in Kingston with Stacy Escoe officiating. Burial followed in the Kingston Cemetery under the direction of the Watts Funeral Home.

He died Sept. 19 at his home. Born Oct. 2, 1929, in Cross Cut, Texas, to Henry Lee Horton and Bessie Pearl Hudson Horton, he was reared in Texas and moved from Brownwood, Texas, to the Kingston area in 1989.

He married Juanita Gayle Adams Aug. 27, 1990, in Gainesville. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Gayle Horton of Kingston; four children, Tim and Tammie Brown of Kingston, Mike and June Stephenson of Madill, Okla., Dan and Debbie Foster of Madill, Okla., and Ron and Lois Stephenson of Leonardtown, Maryland; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Sherry Jo Short

Services for Sherry Jo Short, 55, of Throckmorton, Texas, were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2001, in the Church of Christ with Claude Broom of Abilene and Larry West of Monroe, Louisiana, officiating. Burial was at 4 p.m. in the Hale Center Cemetery in Hale Center under the direction of the Merriman-Archer Funeral Home of Throckmorton.

She died Sept. 26 at her home. Born March 7, 1946, in Clovis, N.M., she was a retired public schoolteacher, having taught for 20 years in Texas, New Mexico and Nebraska. She held an associate's degree from Lubbock Christian University, a bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University and a master's degree from Eastern New Mexico University.

She was a member of the Church of Christ for more than 45 years. A singer, she enjoyed performing with the Meistersingers, A Capella and Lubbock Christian Alumni Hallelujah Choruses.

Survivors include her husband, Silas E. Short of Throckmorton; her parents, Arthur and Doris Moorman of Clovis; a daughter, Vanessa Ellis of Clovis; five sons, Zack and Terri Short of Canyon, Mark and Carol Short and Bill and Mary Short, all of Post, Zane Holloway of Red River, N.M., and Shiloh Joseph Short of Throckmorton; one brother, Dale Moorman of Ruidoso, N.M.; and 10 grandchildren.

The family has requested memorials be made to Sunset International Bible Institute, 3723 34th St., Lubbock, TX 79401.

## Ruby Young

Services for Ruby Young, 71, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2001, in the Sunset Church of Christ. Burial followed in the Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of the Resthaven Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Oct. 1, in Lubbock. Born April 29, 1930, in Post to T.A. Pierce and Lema Curb, she attended Post schools and was a Post High School graduate. She married D.L. Young Feb. 1, 1950, in Post and worked for Frito-Lay for 20 years prior to her retirement in 1985.

A member of the Sheriff's Auxiliary and the Sunset Church of Christ, she enjoyed doll making.

Survivors include her husband, D.L. Young of Lubbock; two sons, Richard Young of Lufkin, Texas, and Terry Young of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; one daughter, Cathie Breunig of Lubbock; three sisters, Edna May Owen of Post, Alarah Russell of Lubbock and Gay Bailey of Fresno, Calif.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Research Association and the Diabetes Association.

## Ruth Hall

Services for Ruth Hall, 86, of Post will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001, in the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church with the Rev. Kenneth Winchester officiating. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Oct. 1, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Born July 4, 1915, in Nolan County, Texas, she married Willard (Buddy) Hall July 2, 1938, in Clovis, N.M. A graduate of Texas Tech, she was a Delta Kappa Gamma member and a school teacher in Southland until her retirement.

She and her husband moved to Post in 1988.

Survivors include her husband, Buddy, of Post; one son, Joe Hall of Graham; one sister, Jonnie Brestrup of Kerrville; two grandchildren, Dana Burgess of Graham and Amy Hall of Fort Worth; and two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Burgess and Ben Burgess, both of Graham. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Todd Hall, on March 1, 1986.

## Living on the Edge of the Caprock

by Greg Jones, CEA-AG

### Avoid fraud in times of turmoil

With the destruction of the World Trade Center in New York City and the attempted destruction of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 11, the world changed. A lesson to learn from these recent events is to never let our guard down, in more ways than one.

Although Americans as a whole are pulling together to recover and rebuild from this tragedy, con artists don't let an opportunity to make a quick buck pass them by. Knowing most Americans want to help in any way possible, schemers are using telephone, e-mail and personal contacts to solicit contributions to support victims of these events. Instead of helping the victims of this tragedy, these thieves are keeping the donations for themselves.

To ensure donation dollars benefit the people and organizations who need it: - Contribute only to funds with well-known local community links or funds listed in locally or nationally recognized news sources. Never send money or give credit card numbers to a charity which contacts you by telephone unless you personally know it.

Ask for written information, including the charity's name, address and telephone number, and proof that contributions are tax deductible.

Tax-exempt organizations don't have to pay taxes, but the organization's tax-exempt status doesn't mean donations are tax deductible. If deductibility is important, ask for a receipt showing the amount of your contribution and stating it is tax deductible.

Ask for the name and telephone number of the charity the donations are being solicited for. If the caller refuses, hang up. Call the charity which was named. Find out if the organization is aware of the solicitation and if they have authorized the use of their name.

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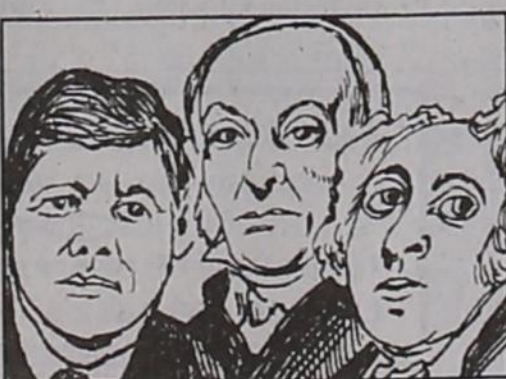
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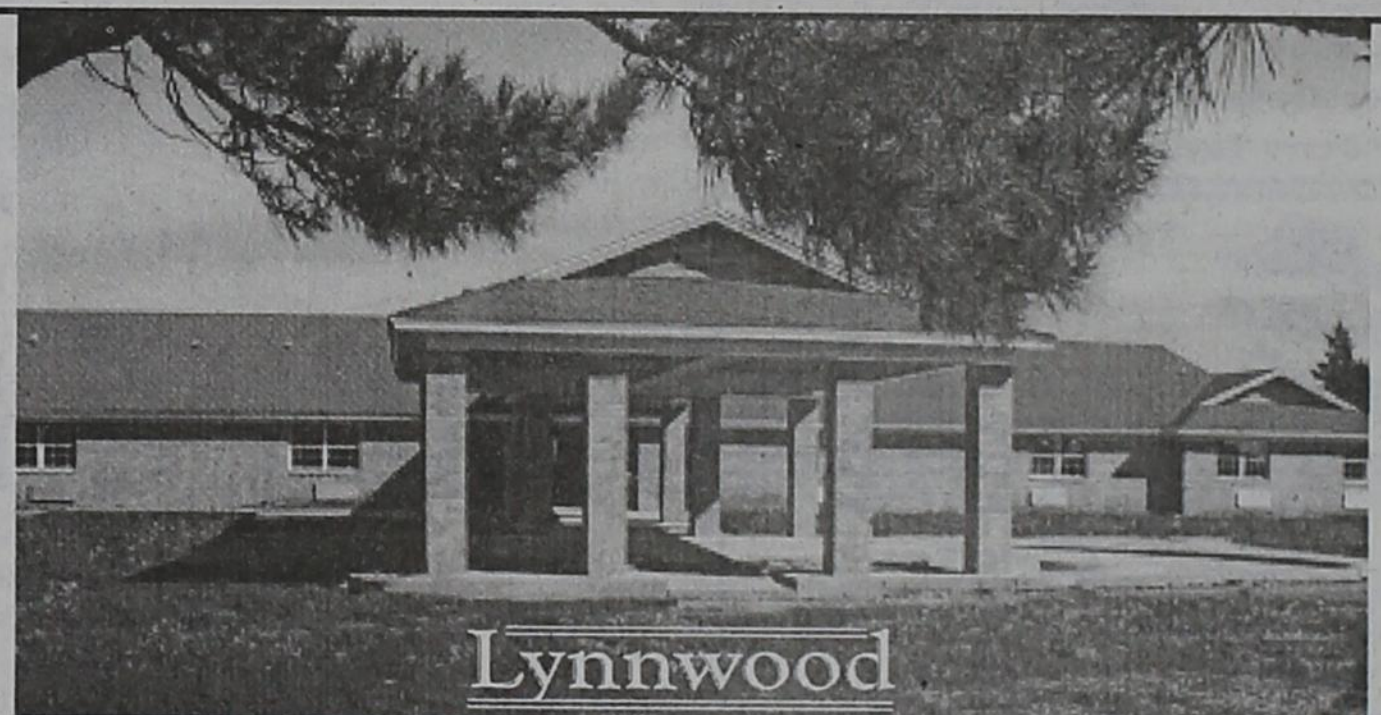
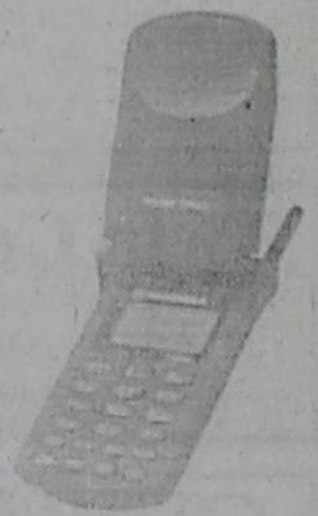
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Goat Division: Lt. Wt. Class - Patrick Reiter, 11th.  
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## Post City Radio



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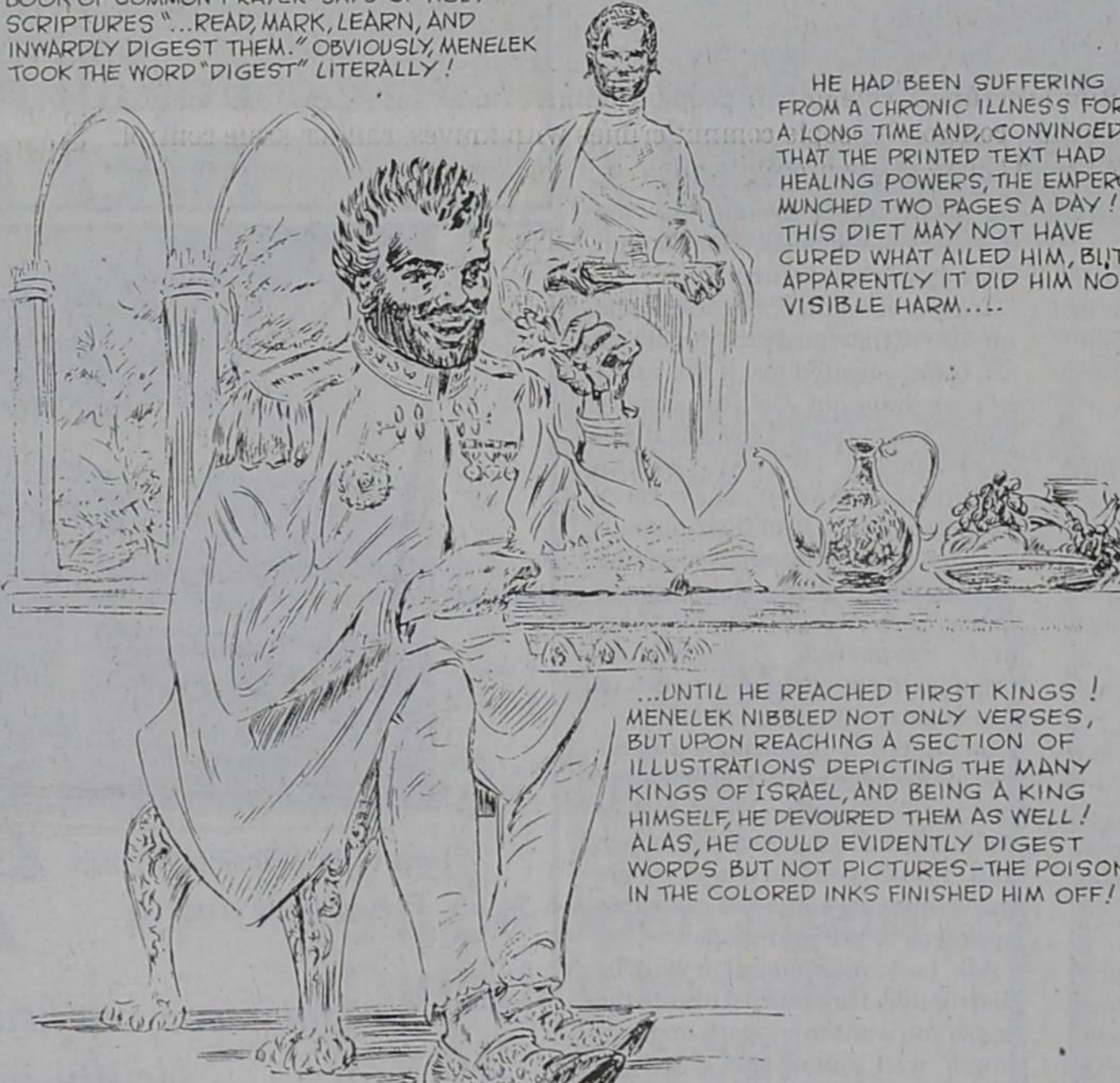


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## What do so-called conservatives really stand for?

by Jacob G. Hornberger, president, The Future of Freedom Foundation  
 Conservatives are fond of preaching the importance of taking "individual responsibility" for one's actions and beliefs. But when you ask them whether they're willing to take responsibility for the robberies and muggings that their beloved decades-long war on drugs have produced, they always and inevitably respond with, "Oh, no. We don't intend our policies to result in those things and therefore we're not responsible for them. Only robbers and muggers, with their lack of respect for liberty and private property, are responsible for their actions and beliefs."

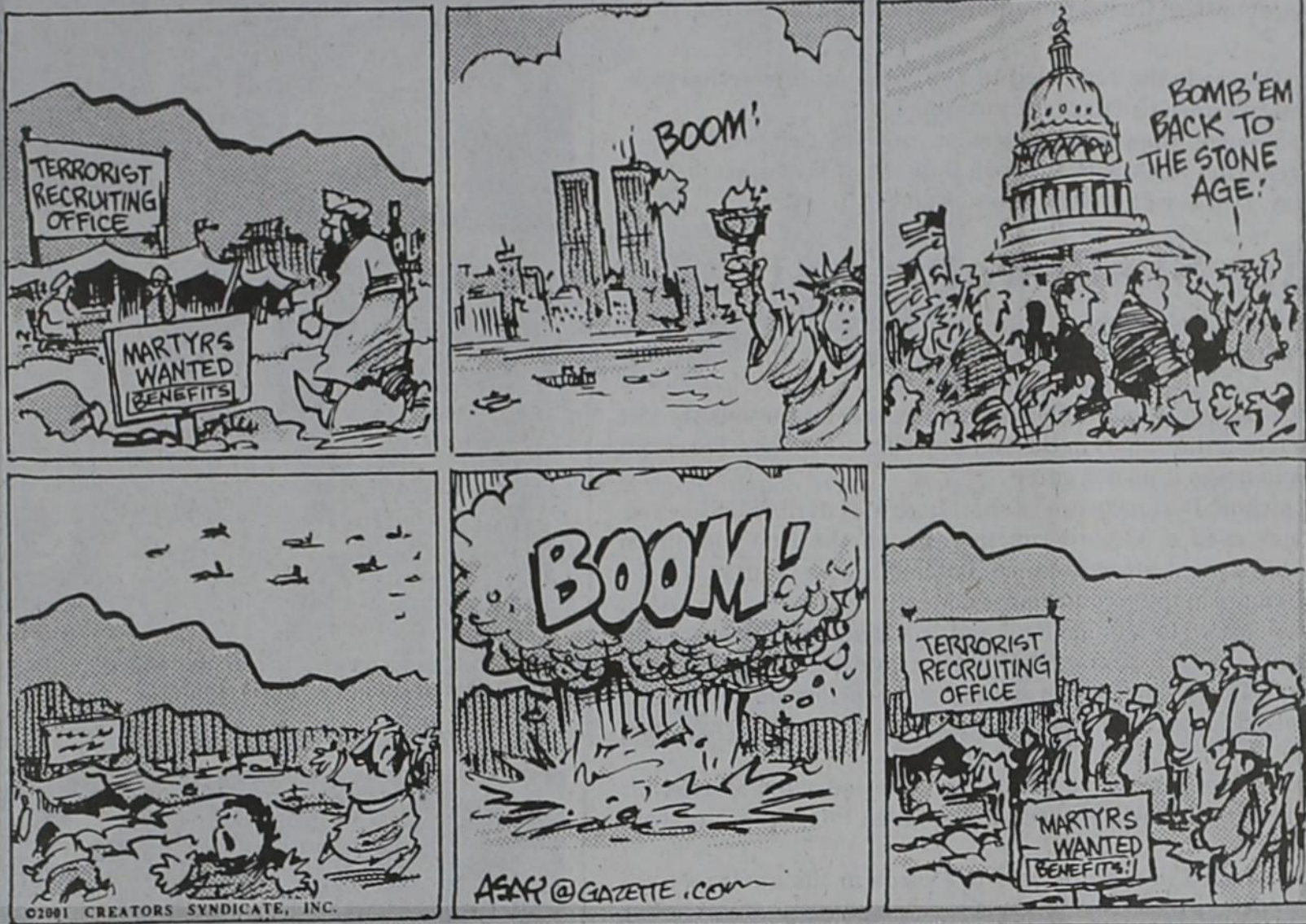
Today, when you ask conservatives whether they're willing to take responsibility for their beloved decades-long foreign-aid program and interventionist foreign policy that have produced so much enmity, hatred, and perverse consequences for our country, their response is, not surprisingly, the same:

"Oh, no. We don't intend our policies to result in those things and therefore we're not responsible for them. Only terrorists, with their lack of respect for liberty and private property, are responsible for their actions."

Question for conservatives: With respect to welfare programs, do you still feel that good intentions don't matter and that advocates of the decades-long war on poverty should take responsibility for its destructive consequences, or do you now feel that only the food-stamp mother in the grocery-store line is responsible for her actions and beliefs?

**"Wherever the standard of freedom and independence has been or shall be unfurled, there will be America's heart, her benedictions, and her prayers. But she does not go abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is the champion and vindicator only of her own."**  
 —James Monroe

### THE PROBLEM WITH MASSIVE RETALIATION



## And thereafter, airport safety regulations

by Walter E. Williams

Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta, Czar Norman, has ordered new, ill-thought out, oppressive airline regulations in the wake of recent terrorist attacks. Among them: a ban on knives — plastic or steel — anywhere in the airport and on airplanes, even in kitchens, no curbside check-in, restricted carry-on luggage, no visitors beyond security checkpoints and who knows what else.

Has Czar Norman gone far enough to protect us? I've watched "Investigative Reports" and the "History Channel" documentaries about supermax prisons. Taking away plastic knives is not enough for real security. Knife-like weapons can be fashioned out of plastic forks and spoons, toothbrushes, ballpoint pens, razor blades, eyeglass lenses and glass utensils. That means if Czar Norman is serious about protecting us, he should ban all these items on airplanes and from airports.

Even if all items that can be used to produce knives are banned, I know from watching documentaries about supermax prisons, such as California's Pelican Bay, simply passing people through metal detectors and patting them down is not enough. Weapons can be secreted in various body cavities. To ensure total air travel safety, Czar Norman can't allow indelicacies such as mandated body cavity searches to impede American safety.

But there's a potential problem. Given American litigiousness, I can easily see where body cavity searches might produce numerous suits for sexual harassment. But technology offers an alternative. Some supermax prisons have equipment, that the FAA might consider, that employs a tidier method of body cavity search. The prisoner is strapped to an X-ray chair and a picture taken.

If Czar Norman thinks that a ban on plastic forks and spoons, toothbrushes, ballpoint pens, razor blades, eyeglass lens, glass utensils and even fingernail clippers is impractical, and body cavity

searches a bit too intrusive, a substitute would be to order that passengers be handcuffed to their seats during flights save for necessary bodily functions, and then escorted to the lavatory.

Being knowledgeable about World War II, I can suggest another way to deal with hijacking threats. Say there are a thousand planes flying from the East Coast to western destinations. Just have them take off, group up in a formation and then have squadrons of F-15s provide escort. If one plane deviates from the flight plan without permission, one of the F-15s could force it to land or shoot it down.

By now you should realize the potential for ridiculous air-safety measures. Also, you should realize that some mandates (such as banning knives) won't improve air travel safety by one iota. The reason why is that terrorists will never use knives to hijack an airplane again. The reason why knives were successful this time was that passengers thought that the hijacking simply meant that they'd wind up in Cuba or some other destination. If they knew that the hijackers were going to take them all to their death, knives wouldn't have stopped them from trying to subdue the hijackers.

The new air safety regulations are consistent with today's anti-crime strategies: If people commit crimes with guns, call for gun control; if people commit crimes with knives, call for knife control. Current law prohibits pilots from having guns to protect their crew and passengers. That law should be changed.

Instead of meekly going along with the FAA's new, costly, oppressive and stupid safety regulations, Americans should rebel against them. Are we so timid and feminized that we'll accept anything politicians do in the name of safety?

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## Big spenders dance on pile of corpses

by Vin Suprynowicz

Even the \$15 billion "bailout" of the American airline industry following the savage attacks of Sept. 11 is hardly an unalloyed example of economic wisdom and common sense.

Already economically troubled, "Lucky were the airlines to be a convenient and plausible object of pity just as Washington was casting around for a way to seem in charge and armed with bottomless resources from saving the economy," mused Holman W. Jenkins Jr. in his "Business World" column in Wednesday's Wall Street Journal.

"What are our policy makers thinking in handing over our hard-earned billions to airlines without at least some rollback of the huge wage increases and other imprudent management decisions" which had them on the ropes even before Sept. 11, asks former Fortune Assistant Managing Editor Paul Weaver, author of a forthcoming book investigating management-labor collusion in the employee buyout of United.

The perceived problem on Sept. 12, of course, was that one or more airlines might be forced into bankruptcy by lawsuits from the survivors of those who died both on their aircraft and in the Pentagon and World Trade Center on Sept. 11. Well, don't those survivors have a right to seek compensation for their losses, and let the courts decide whether anyone exhibited gross negligence? Isn't that part of the "American way" we now go to war to defend?

They had fair notice. Test after test had already demonstrated the so-called "airline security system" leaked like a sieve.

It's widely reported that federal law makes it illegal for pilots, air crews, and passengers to carry self-defense firearms on American commercial flights — firearms which could have made quick work of the madmen of Sept. 11. But that's not true. Title 14, Chapter I, Part 108 of the Code of Federal Regulations (Federal Aviation Administration) not only allows virtually any federal or other government employee to travel armed, it also allows the "certificate holder" (airline) to "authorize other persons to carry arms" in free exercise of their Second Amendment rights, providing only that said persons have "successfully completed a course of training in the use of firearms acceptable to the (FAA) Administrator."

Had United and American airlines sought clarification as to which passenger training courses would be acceptable? Would any NRA firearms safety course — or evidence of past police or honorable military service — have sufficed? Had these airlines, at the very least, sought approval from the FAA to honor the concealed-carry permits of passengers from states which issue them?

If no readily available safety course has been so approved "by the Administrator," then the FAA regulation in question is probably void for setting a requirement no one can figure out how to meet, one successful local trial attorney tells me. So why didn't the airlines challenge it in court? Might not American and United stand doubly responsible for the fate of passengers whom they arbitrarily and capriciously rendered defenseless despite this federal regulation ... and in violation of the Bill of Rights?

Many airlines have successfully operated in bankruptcy, and plenty of entrepreneurs stand ready to buy the gate assignments and equipment of those that fail. Since it succeeded in saving numerous troubled 19th century railroads — without government bailouts or takeovers — through the innovation of "equity receivership," American bankruptcy law has remained the best in the world at protecting firms confronted with unexpected disaster.

So why should these carriers be "let off the hook" rather than allowing the free market to take its course — creating a strong incentive for their surviving competitors to restore the right of their passengers to go armed, promoting liberty and increased deterrence to criminals at the same time? (Why is it that terrorists — any criminals, for that matter — rarely attack police stations or active military bases? Why has John Lott of Yale discovered that violent crime rates drop markedly in neighborhoods where citizens are allowed to re-arm?)

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But of course, it now turns out the airlines were just the beginning. "Now the insurance industry is asking for a bailout," Mr. Jenkins reports. "The travel agents have put in a request for \$3 billion. What about hotels, restaurants, and fishing guides?"

Amtrak, America's struggling subsidized passenger rail line, bellied up to the bar a few days after the terrorist assaults and asked for \$3 billion to improve and expend service, and ... oh yeah, that's right, "augment security," as well.

(Americans, regardless of their Ninth Amendment right to travel, will now be asked to show a "government-issued photo ID" before boarding a train. Why? Didn't the Sept. 11 hijackers all have and show photo IDs? Is there a concern that Shi'ite hijackers will now seize a train and take it to any destination other than the one to which its tracks lead?)

After a few days of stunned silence — how do you issue the rote call for more "gun control" when the terrorists used nothing but knives, apparently pre-positioned by contract caterers? — Washington's big spenders finally seem to have regained their equilibrium and spotted an opportunity here to fill their own pre-positioned Santa sacks.

In a "spending panic," Congress has "encouraged everyone from insurance, steel, hotels and restaurants to hold out their hands," the Wall Street Journal editorializes this week. "Ideas are also flowing fast to push money for unemployment benefits, raise the minimum wage, and undertake a whole new national effort for schools, roads, bridges and waste disposal."

Are the mullahs of the Taliban really upset with us because the counter clerks at Wendy's are underpaid? Will they be defeated by improving garbage pickups at Cabrini Green? What, no "anti-terrorism" angle to justify expansion of the bee and mohair subsidies?

The American economy has indeed been catching its breath after the ill-considered dot.com exuberance, but a Keynesian grab-bag of tax-funded "economic stimuli" will only end up loading more debt on the shoulders of the very person whose renewed confidence and spending

is now so desperately sought: the American taxpayer.

Such bailouts weaken economic discipline by creating the expectation that the federal helping hand will always be there ... before we even consider the strings which come attached to all such federal "help," leaving government regulators with powers of oversight over private sector decision-making which would have made Mussolini's fascist bureaucrats faint with envy.

The federal government does have a few important obligations in such an emergency — primarily those directly involved with "providing for the common defense." New outlays for sky marshals, security checks for the janitors who sweep out our planes at night, firearms safety training and courtesy pre-fragmented ammo to top off the magazines of law-abiding American travelers? Fine. Seeking out those who backed and funded the perpetrators of the events of Sept. 11 for personalized, .308-caliber recognition?

Yes, these are the legitimate tasks and duties of the federal government.

But proposing that Washington fund and run the entire economy? Cynically taking cover behind the tears and pain of a grief-stricken nation as they fill their own pork pails?

Where's the House Un-American Activities Committee when we really need it?

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# 'Lopes hold off pesty Mustangs 19-14

by Wes Burnett

The Post Antelopes racked up their third straight win last Friday night at Shallowater, managing to stave off a last minute attack by the Mustangs to preserve a 19-14 victory.

In another "come from behind" win, the 'Lopes took a 13-7 lead at halftime and increased the spread to 19-7 midway through the fourth quarter.

The Mustang offense didn't give up, responding with a 13 play drive and with 5:25 in the game, put another seven points on the board. When the Post offense couldn't get a necessary first down to run out the clock, the Mustangs put pressure on the Post defense.

Getting to the Post 41 yard line, the Mustang drive fizzled out on a fourth down conversion attempt when Post's Jonathan Curtis blew past would-be defenders, knocking the ball loose from quarterback Kiel Kitchens. Michael Huff, lined up on the outside of the defensive line, roared into the backfield and fell on the football for the 'Lopes with 50 seconds remaining in the game.

Two plays later the buzzer brought a loud cheer from the Post sidelines.

The Mustangs scored first, following an eight play Antelope drive that ran out of steam on fourth down at the Shallowater 21. It took the Mustangs seven plays to score, getting the last 43 yards on a screen pass from Kitchens to Johnathan Marburger. The extra point put the Mustangs in front 7-0 with 7:02 left in the first quarter.

Another potential scoring drive by the 'Lopes ate up a lot of time off the clock, but was nipped on a fourth down pass attempt in the end zone, turning the ball back over to the Mustangs at their own 15 yard line.

The Post defense found its keys after giving up two first downs, forcing the Mustangs to punt on fourth down. A key defensive play came on second down when Eric Morris was trapped behind the line of scrimmage. Then on third down Jonathan Eilenberger forced Kitchens to fumble, which was covered by a Mustang at the Post 42 yard line.

A short punt set up the Post offense at their own 37 with 10:23 left in the second quarter. Nine plays later the score was tied at 7-7 when Huff ripped over left guard into the end zone from one yard out.

The touchdown drive featured hard running by Jonathan Curtis and Mitchell Mills, behind a solid offensive line effort. A key play came on second down from the Shallowater 37 when Huff threw the ball high near the end zone, where Allan Bell brought the ball down just inside the three yard line.

The pass play was one of the game's big highlights, with the ball just out of the reach of the defender, and Bell concentrating on catching it, and staying inbounds as he came down.

Mills took the ball to the one and Huff faked the handoff inside and rolled to his left behind great blocking into the end zone.

The 'Lope defense smothered the Mustangs on Shallowater's next possession, with big plays by R.C. Curtis and Justin Acevedo. The punt went to Lance Curtis who set up the 'Lopes for another touchdown drive at the Post 41 yard line.

Mills blasted over left tackle to the 47, Jonathan Curtis ripped over the left side inside Mustang territory to the 41 and Huff broke through tacklers to the 34. Left side offensive line blocking came from Bryan Looney, Eilenberger and Mark McCallister.

A first down incomplete pass set up a second and 10, with Curtis breaking through defenders to the 22 yard line for another first down. Then Curtis took a pitchout around the right side, dodging tacklers to the 16.

Huff rammed over left tackle to the 11 and again to the four. With 39 seconds left in the half, the 'Lopes called time out. Huff came back to the huddle and the left side offensive line opened a hole for the quarterback into the end zone. With 34 seconds on the clock, the 'Lopes led 13-7. A muffed snap for the extra point left the score at 13-7.

Two plays later the Mustangs were stopped short as time ran out and the two teams went to the lockers.

The second half opened up with an aggressive drive by the Mustangs, pushing the Antelope defenders back to their own four yard line. The final four plays of the drive were snuffed by Eilenberger, Brandon Bell, Mills and Huff.

The 'Lope offense took over at their own six yard line, and were forced to punt on fourth down from their own 15. The punt died at the Post 36. The Lope defense shut down the Mustangs, with key plays by Kris Hernandez, R.C. Curtis, Bryce Easterling and Seth Redman.

Easterling and Redman sacked the quarterback on fourth down, giving the ball back to the offense at the Post 46 yard line with 1:02 left in the third period.

It took the offense 12 plays to reach paydirt, with Mills, Jonathan Curtis, Huff and Lance Curtis sharing running chores. A key third down conversion came with Jonathan Curtis plunging over left guard to the 22, followed by a face mask penalty against the Mustangs two plays later, setting up a first down at the 12.

Mills lowered a defender to clear Huff, who rammed is way to the 1/2 yard line. Jonathan Curtis got a few inches, then Huff tried right guard for no gain and on third down Jonathan Curtis ran untouched around his left end to the end zone.

With 7:58 left on the clock, the 'Lopes led 19-7. A two point conversion pass attempt from Huff to Lance Curtis went incomplete.

The Mustangs scored on their next possession, and the rest is history. The Antelopes rest this week with an open date. They will open district competition Friday, October 12 with a trip to Ralls.

## J.V. whips Shallowater 40-14

The junior varsity 'Lopes logged a W in their first game of the season, taking the victory from a Class 3A competitor. Post downed Shallowater by a score of 40-14.

The team's first score exploded when a 60-yard pass from Russell Merritt to Mark Norman found the 'Lopes in the end zone. The extra point was run in by Coby Jones to make it an 8-0 game.

On the ensuing kickoff, Post recovered a short high kick at the Shallowater 33-yard line. Jones used a 33-yard run to score on the first play from scrimmage. The extra point attempt failed, putting the score at 14-0.

Post scored twice more in the second quarter. Merritt made a six-yard dash into the end zone, followed by a failed PAT, and Justin Raymundo scored on a 10-yard run. Again, the PAT was no good, leaving the score 26-0 at the half.

In the third period, Merritt sneaked in on a two-yard run for the Lopes' next touchdown, followed by a good extra point run by Raymundo. The score stood at 34-0.

Post's final score of the game came in the fourth period when Merritt hit Zane Marts on an 80-yard touchdown pass. The failed PAT made the score 40-6.

Post racked up 235 yard in rushing and 167 yards in the air for a total offensive showing of 402 yards. Raymundo led rushing with nine carries for 84 yards, while Jones had nine carries for 79 yards.

Merritt carried the ball 11 times for a total of 63 yards and completed four out of six pass attempts. Norman had two receptions for 70 yards and Marts had one for 80 yards.

Jones' lone reception was good for a 17-yard boost in yardage. The Post defense held Shallowater to 109 total rushing yards and 54 yards in passing for a total of 163 yards in offense.

## Shallowater edges 7th graders

The Post seventh grade football team fell behind to Shallowater last Thursday in a 28-14 loss. "The team did a good job against a much larger opponent," coach Brian Davenport says. "They played extremely hard down to the wire, and Wilson Cash threw the ball well."

Zach Perez scored the first touchdown on a 28 yard scamper and got the two point conversion. Zach Dissinger picked up the other touchdown with a 16 yard run.

## 8th grade hammers Shallowater

The Post eighth grade football team overwhelmed Shallowater 46-6 last Thursday at Shallowater. "The team played really well," coach Brian Davenport reports.

"The offense scored on its first pla of the game, behind excellent blocking," the coach adds. Offensive linemen are Jace Pollard, Eric Reyna, Fernando Soto, Israel Beggs, Adrian Zubia and Johnathan McGregor.

"Running back Isreal Barbosa and quarterback Sterling Smith had big games as well," Davenport says.

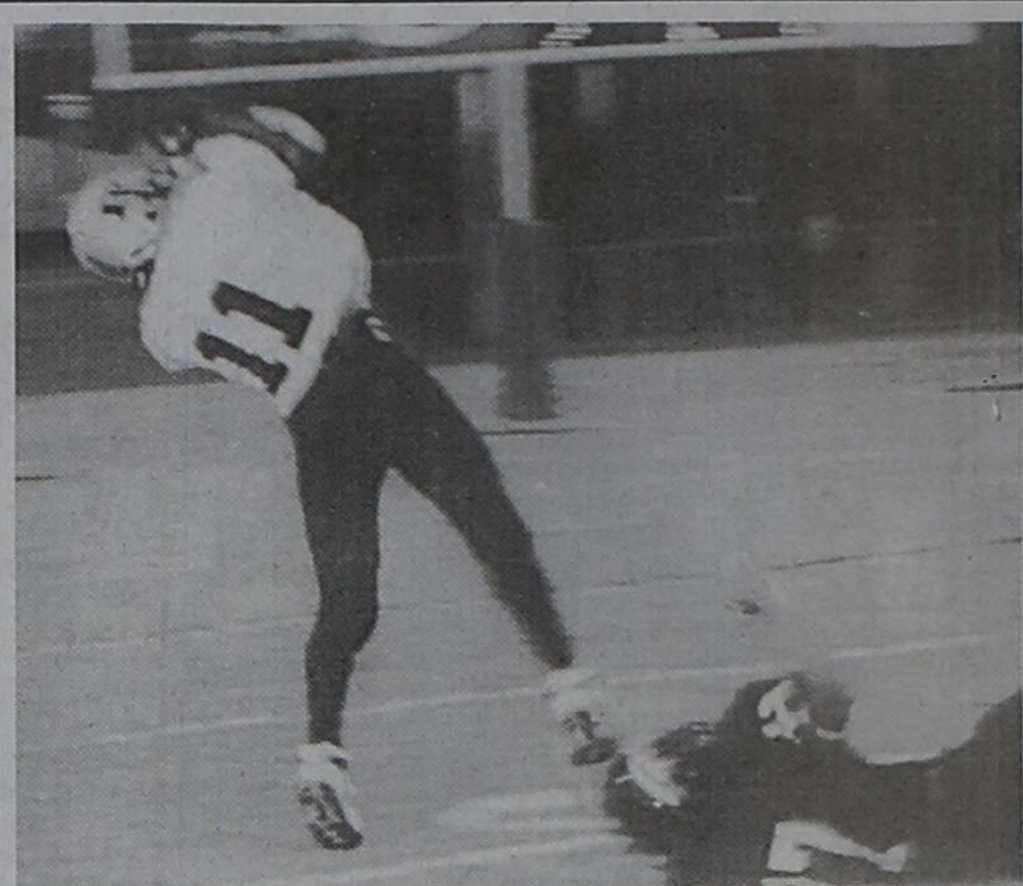
Barbosa opened the game with a 56 yard touchdown run, with the two point conversion coming on a Smith pass to Robert Apolinar.

The second touchdown drive was capped by a 16 yard pass play from Smith to Kenny Garay, and a two point conversion run by Barbosa.

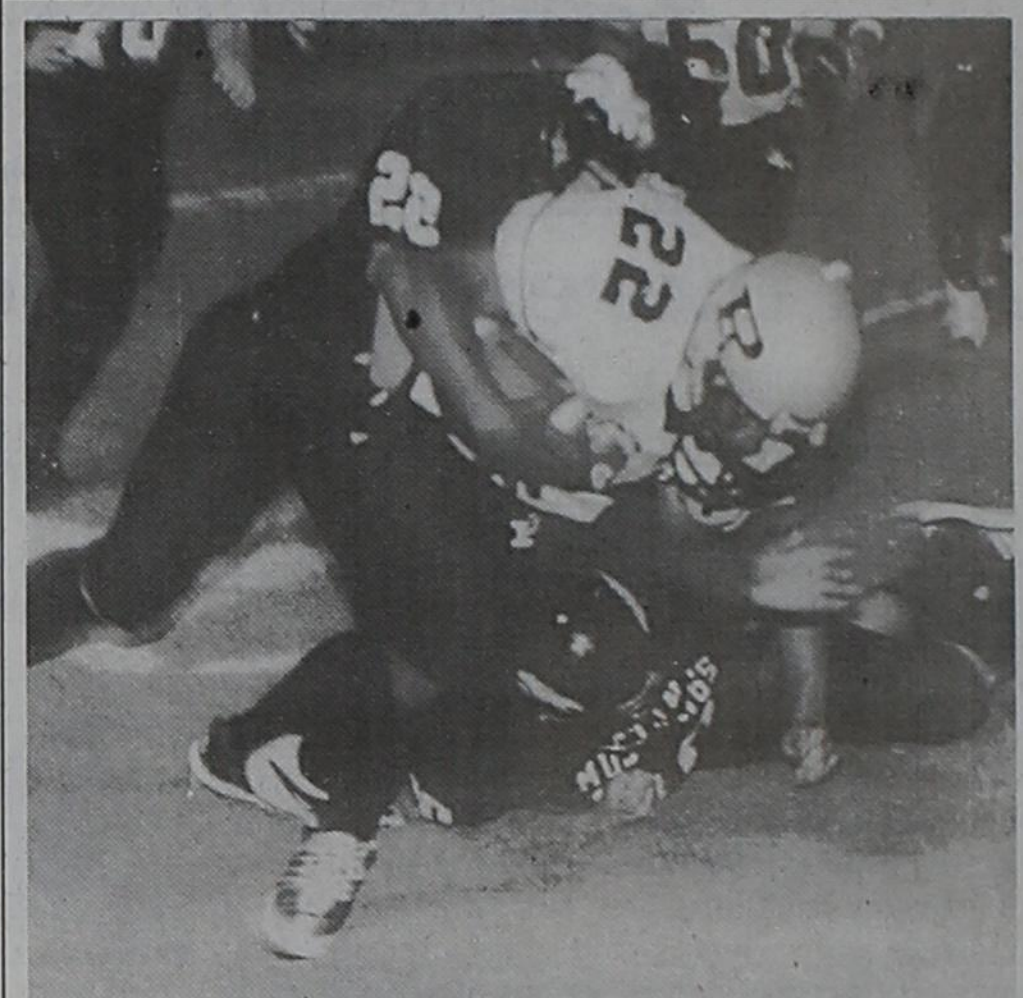
Barbosa finished off the third score with a five yard run to the end zone, followed by Chris Reed getting the two point conversion.

Barbosa put another six points on the board when he recovered a Shallowater fumble and ran the ball 50 yards to the end zone. Shawn Merrit ran the ball in for the two point conversion.

Smith picked up the final two touchdowns, one on a 26 yard run and another on a 99 yard dash.



Allen Bell concentrates on catching a pass during last Friday's 19-14 win at Shallowater. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jonathan Curtis (22) carries tacklers on the way to another Antelope first down at Shallowater last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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6. Applicants must provide all information and documentation which is requested.

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8. Applicants have the right to appeal denials.



Jonathan Eilenberger (62), Hector Reyna (7) and Lance Curtis take down Shallowater's Johnathan Marburger during last Friday's Post Antelope win at Shallowater. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



The Post Antelope offensive line were operating on all cylinders during the 19-14 win at Shallowater last Friday. On the line are (left to right) Patrick Gonzales, Noah Gutierrez, Mikey Gonzales (65), Bryan Looney (center), Jonathan Eilenberger (62) and Jarrett Vickers (35) with Michael Huff (12) calling the signals (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



PHS Class of 1946 - Enjoying the class reunion here last weekend were (back row, left to right) Vernon McNabb, R.L. Simpson, Paul Duren, Joe Stokes, Percy Parsons, (second row from back) Jimmy Bird, Bobby Graves, Billie Windham, W.C. Carlton, Irmie Beavers, Robbie Sharp, Lola Ledbetter, Louella Bilberry, (third row from back) Harriet McBride, Juanita Taylor, Faye Maddox, (front row) Vera Borden, Alarah Pierce, Tommy Woods, Jay Day and Dorothy Smith. (Photo courtesy Faye Maddox)

### PHS Class of '46 enjoys reunion

The Class of 1946 observed its 55th reunion from 3-10 p.m. Sept. 15, 2001, at Chapa's Restaurant. After visiting and catching up, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal. The party room was decorated with black and gold tablecloths, and Coke bottles holding small mums were used as accents.

Snack tables also featured tablecloths with the school's colors. A cake created by Jimella Simpson was enjoyed by everyone, and cookies, rolls, dips and chips also were served.

Percy Parson conducted a brief business meeting, reporting on class members unable to attend. A letter from Gene Ashley was read, sharing his regrets at being unable to attend due to air travel.

The class decided to meet again in 2003.

Twenty-two classmates attended, including Juanita Taylor, Nora

Richardson, Alarah Russell (Pierce), Vera Jean Borden, Tommy Woods, Robbie Sharp, Harriett McBride, Louella Bilberry, Jimmy Bird, Paul Duren, R.L. Simpson, Percy Parson, Bobby Graves, Jo Stokes, Vernon Ray McNabb and W.C. Carlton.

Spouses attended included Herman Taylor, L.J. Richerson, Thurman Maddox, Donald Windham, Glen Day, Happy Beavers, James Lee Smith, Jim Russell, Mack Ledbetter, Joyce Duron, Jimella Simpson, Margaret Parsons, Barbara Stokes and teachers Coach Jiggs King, Maxine Durrett Lewis and her companions, Ruth and Bill Bennett.

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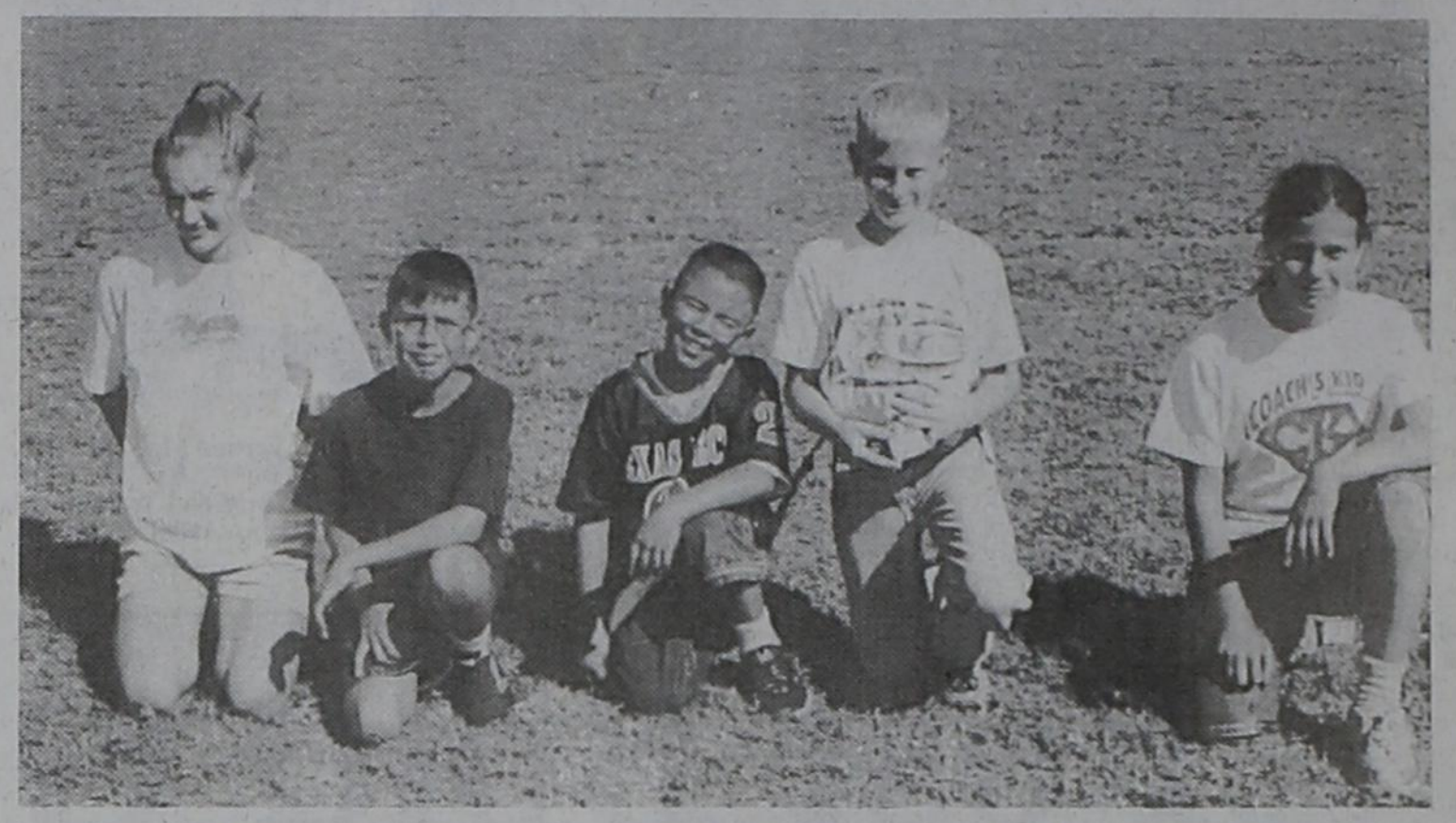
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Punt, Pass & Kick winners in the recent competition here are (left to right) Ashely Wilson, Allen Duran, Ernest Saldívar, Timothy Crenshaw and Misty Ayala. Brooke Morris was not available for the photo. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

## Local youth earn PP&K awards

Six local youths captured honors at the MAD DADS and Texas Cooperative Extension-sponsored NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick Competition held Sept. 25 at Antelope Stadium. Earning first places in their age/gender group, as well as their cumulative total of one punt, one pass and one kick, were:

- Girls 8-9 — Brooke Morris of Post, 70'4"
- Girls 10-11 — Misty Ayala of Post, 105'3"
- Girls 12-13 — Ashely Wilson of Post, 168'6"
- Boys 8-9 — Allen Duran of Post, 157'
- Boys 10-11 — Kamron Shumard of Post, 254'8"
- Boys 12-13 — Timothy Crenshaw of Post, 132'1"

The six winners are

eligible to compete in the sectional competition to be held Oct. 20 in Lubbock.

There, they could qualify for the team championship competition to be held at Texas Stadium in conjunction with the Dallas Cowboys/Philadelphia Eagles National Football League game. More than 40 participants too part in the contests.

## Lunch Menus

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**Monday, October 8**  
Spaghetti, zucchini, cucumbers and onions, garlic bread and apple crisp.

**Tuesday, October 9**  
Brisket, potato salad, turnip greens, sliced tomatoes, cornbread and peach cobbler.

**Wednesday, October 10**  
Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, spinach, salad, wheat roll and spice cake.

**Thursday, October 11**  
Hamburger steak, brown gravy, baked potato, carrots, hot rolls, apricots and oatmeal cookies.

**Friday, October 12**  
Chicken fry, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, wheat roll and jello.

**Post ISD**

**Monday, October 8**

Breakfast: Muffins, sausage link, fruit and choice of milk.  
Lunch: Frito pie, Ranch Style Beans, broccoli, corn bread, fruit cocktail and choice of milk.

**Tuesday, October 9**

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, sausage, fruit and choice of milk.  
Lunch: Chicken fried steak, gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, hot rolls, pear halves and choice of milk.

**Wednesday, October 10**

Breakfast: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit and choice of milk.  
Lunch: Burrito, salad, peaches, Snicker Bar and choice of milk.

**Thursday, October 11**

Breakfast: Donut, sausage link, fruit, and choice of milk.  
Lunch: BBQ on bun, pinto beans, salad, ice cream and choice of milk.

**Friday, October 12**

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, grape juice and white milk.  
Lunch: Chili dog, French fries, mixed greens, cake and choice of milk.

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**Monday, October 8**

Breakfast: Biscuit, gravy, sausage, juice and milk.  
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, peas, rolls, baked apples and milk.

**Tuesday, October 9**

Breakfast: Muffins, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Hot turkey sandwich, brown gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, and milk.

**Wednesday, October 10**

Breakfast: Breakfast taco, fruit and milk.  
Lunch: Ham sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, carrots, chips and milk.

**Thursday, October 11**

Breakfast: Cereal, Graham Crackers, juice and milk.  
Lunch: Chili cheese burritos, beans, salad, pineapple and milk.

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# Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit by Tumbleweed Smith

## The only Grizzly ever killed in Texas



"Everybody thought it was just another bear. But the dogs knew different. The hair on their backs wasn't acting right."

I have interviewed people who knew about the grizzly bear killed near Fort Davis, but I'm always hesitant to use third person stories (he or she did this or that). I like stories that begin in the first person: "I did this or that."

Then I met Jean Flint of Alpine. Her grandfather, C. O. Finley, was the man who shot the bear. Mr. Finley wrote a narrative of the hunt, which occurred in 1900 between Fort Davis and Valentine.

The story of the hunt was first published in 1902. Jean and her husband Bob sent me the story, which I'll paraphrase and pass on here. It is a fabulous pioneer West Texas story.

"In the early 1890's, ranching families in the Davis Mountains started having huge bear hunts which

became annual events. Friends from all over Texas joined the week-long hunts. The hunting party ranged from forty to seventy people and included men, women and children.

"We had from 100 to 150 saddle horses and three or four chuck wagons with plenty of good cooks. We hardly ever failed to get a bear and sometimes two or three every day.

"On the third day of November, 1900, we traveled eight or ten miles, over country is very rough, full of canyons, bluffs and lots of timber from shinary oak thickets and pine trees fifty feet high. The dogs picked up the scent of something and they went after it. John Means and I followed the dogs. It turned out to be a dead cow. Part of her had been eaten. Suddenly, this big bear stepped from a thicket. We weren't close enough to get a shot, so we went down the mountain as fast as we could. When we got there, the bear was gone.

"We followed the dogs about a mile and a half and saw the bear standing there with his face toward us. We began pouring lead into him with our .30-30's. We evidently got him on

the first volley of shots because he started to pitch and bellow like a wild bull. When we got to within 100 feet of him we saw that he was so big we couldn't carry him. We used our cowhorns to signal to some of the group and eight men showed up. We took the hide off, complete with feet and head, and put it on the biggest, strongest horse we had. We estimated the bear weighed 800 pounds, since the hide weighed 400 pounds.

"We took the feet and head off and gave the hide to L. S. Thorn, a railroad superintendent. I took the head home, put it in a big washpot and boiled the meat off of it. I scraped

and cleaned it up good and hung it over our front door outside and never did expect anything to be done with it other than to be seen and admired by our guests.

"But a biologist from Washington came to the mountains and ended up staying with us. He heard about our hunt and saw the bear head hanging over our door. Soon after he left, I got a letter from Washington asking me to send the head. They examined it and said it was a grizzly, the only one ever recorded in Texas."

This most rare specimen is now in the Smithsonian Institute of Natural History.



Post Flag Football Patriots (left to right) working the football during last Saturday's action are (left to right) Cody Dean and Jake Wischkaemper with a Gladiator reaching for the flag. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want and if they can't find them, make them.

—George Bernard Shaw

## More than dozen arrests...

More than a dozen arrests were logged in the records of the Garza County Jail during the past week, according to sheriff's department reports.

Three arrests were made Sept. 25, including those of a 20-year-old male and a 22-year-old male, each for possession of marijuana/under two ounces, and a 32-year-old on bond forfeiture.

On Sept. 26, a 45-year-old male was picked up for possession of a controlled substance.

Four arrests were made the following day, including that of a 21-year-old male for driving while license suspended; a 24-year-old for possession, under two ounces; a 40-year-old female on a Lubbock County warrant; and a 33-year-old for driving while license suspended.

A 34-year-old male was picked up Sept. 29 for no driver's license. Other arrests made on that date included that of a 27-year-old male for driving while license suspended and a 17-year-old male, criminal trespassing at Old Mill Trade Days.

On Sept. 30, a 23-year-old male was arrested on two warrants and possession of marijuana, under two ounces, while a 21-year-old male was jailed for possession of marijuana, under two ounces.

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## Letters to the Editor

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### "What'cha know?"

I don't know... Occasionally when I meet someone at the store, or wherever, the person will say to me, "What'cha know?" I operate some sort of Caterpillar equipment almost every day on my job.

Anyone who has ever spent a day on a John Deere tractor of hours and hours on a horse looking for a lost cow surely knows what I'm talking about. We done all kinds of thinking, because we had plenty of time being totally alone, except maybe for God.

We have sung songs, told ourselves stories, figured out how to straighten the world out and fix anything. I stopped at a convenience store at another town the other day on the way out to a mesquite grubbing job.

A fellow there at the store said,

"What'cha know?" I said, "I don't know nothin'," then my old alcoholic thinking popped up and I thought to myself, "It ain't none of your damn business what I know."

Nevertheless, I went on to the job site. I spent the day grubbing mesquite, just me, God and a Caterpillar excavator. All day I researched in my mind, "What-cha know?" (Know... to perceive or understand as fact or truth; to understand from experience or practice — Webster's).

I discovered I have a shortage on actually "knowing" a lot of things. I know when it's daylight or dark. I know I can count to 10, but there is an unlimited amount of things I don't know.

I think the government intelligence people knew that terrorism has been lurking just over the horizon for quite

some time, but I know that. I discovered in my personal research was that I don't know very much and that I take almost everything for granted. (Take for granted... to assume without question — Webster's).

I think the government intelligence may have gotten a bit lax. Maybe they were just procrastinating. I think they probably "knew" that one day this might happen (Sept. 11 tragedy). I don't "know," but maybe they were like me.

I took it for granted that something like that probably would never happen on American soil. Somehow I have always felt that sort of thing would eventually happen to our great America. But I guess I'm like everyone else, I "took it for granted" that the Sept. 11 thing would never happen on American soil.

Now I "know" that it can, 'cause it did. I'm really bad at taking things for granted. I take my job for granted. I got to work every morning, but I don't know if we have a job to do or not. I take it for granted that the boss has that part taken care of, but I don't "know that."

When coming through town at 50

mph, I take it for granted that the cross traffic will stop. Hell, I don't know. Their light may be green too, but I take it for granted that it's probably red. I take it for granted that the sun is gonna come up in the morning.

It has been for millions of years, but I don't know that it's gonna come up tomorrow. And speaking of taking for granted, taking God for granted is a easy one for me. I hate to admit it, but I probably take God for granted several times a day.

We are really close, but He just makes it too easy for me to take Him for granted. Wouldn't it sound weird if people quit saying, "What'cha know?" or "How ya doin'?" and started saying, "How ya been takin' ever thing for granted?"

Dern, I think I'm just gonna say "hello" or "hi." I don't guess it's necessary that I know "what'cha know?" or "how ya doin'?" I'll just take it for granted that you know plenty, and that you are doin' OK. Have a good day.

O.L (Ferg) Ferguson



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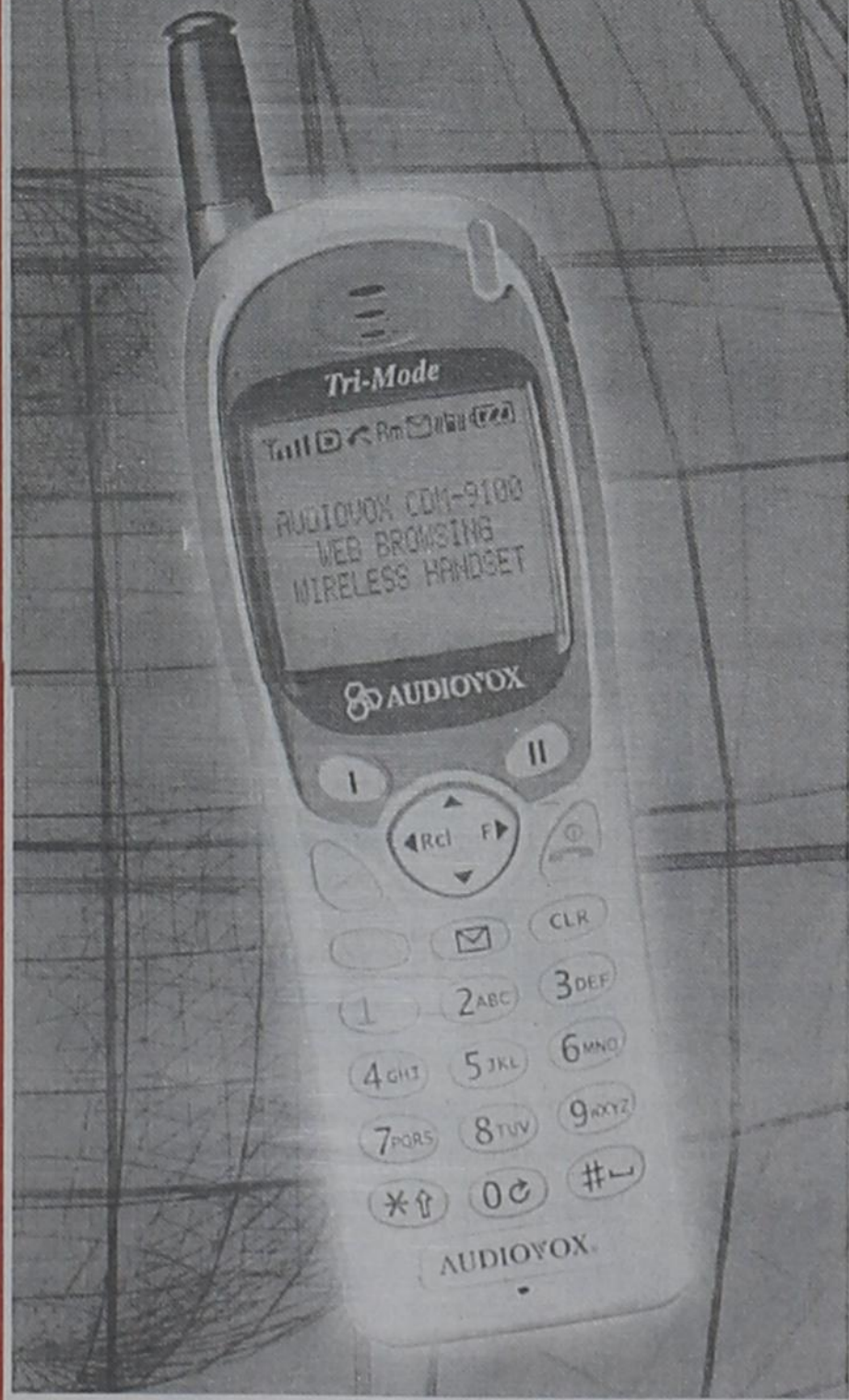
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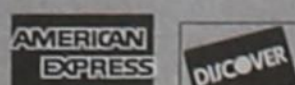
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