

Letters to Santa,
Merry Christmas
Edition
Next Week

Post Notes

Emergency shelter grant

South Plains Community Action Association (SPCAA) announces the receipt of Emergency Shelter Grants Program funds to assist the homeless in Garza County. The purpose of this program is to protect and improve the lives and safety of the homeless, with special emphasis on elderly persons, handicapped persons and families with children.

Church holds building fund-raiser

The Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th St., is offering beef or pork tamales on Friday, December 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at \$5 per dozen. The fund raiser assists with the church's building project. Call Lydia or Felicia at 495-3644 to place orders.

Grassland church Christmas Cantata

The Grassland Church of the Nazarene will present a Christmas Cantata (Light of the World) on Saturday, December 15 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, December 16 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will follow the Sunday evening service. Soloists are Steve Mason, Brenda McCleskey, Bev White and Joe Patterson. Steve Mason will also narrate.

Holy Cross offers gorditas

The Holy Cross Catholic church is offering gorditas and chili rellenos plates on Sunday, December 16 at the church from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The \$5 plate includes rice, beans and drink.

Come see Santa Saturday

The Post VFW will host "Santa" Saturday, December 15 from 2-4 p.m. at the VFW Hall. Refreshments for children and "goody bags" will be given away. The annual VFW Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas party will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.

Dance set for Friday at VFW

A dance, with music by Texas Mesquite, is set for Friday, December 15 at the Post VFW from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Merry Christmas greeting ads

The Post Dispatch is accepting holiday greeting advertisement orders for the annual "Merry Christmas" edition, which will be published December 20. A wide variety of greeting ads are available, call Judy Bush at 495-2816 or 495-0277 to select a greeting.

Share the Warmth project

Hannah Jackson is collecting coats for her home school winter project, "Share the Warmth." She is requesting new or used (but clean) coats for all children sizes. She hopes to collect at least 50 coats to share with children in need. Call her at 495-2367.

Toys for Tots pick up

Those who are eligible for the "Toys for Tots" gifts should pick up the items on Friday, December 21 at the Nazarene Church, 202 W. 10th. The program is courtesy of the Post Lions Club. No phone calls please.

Dispatch sets holiday deadlines

Deadlines for The Post Dispatch for upcoming holidays are Monday noon (December 24) for the December 27 edition and Monday noon (December 31) for the January 3 edition.

Brick sales for scholarship fund

Post ISD is accepting donations for "paving bricks" at Antelope Arena, with the \$50 donations being used exclusively to fund scholarships for PHS graduates. Contact the school's business office at 495-3855 to purchase bricks for the project.

Santa Letters due Dec. 14

The popular "Letters to Santa" will be published in The Post Dispatch in its Thursday, December 20 edition, with a deadline of Friday, December 14. Mail to P.O. Box 490, Post, Texas 79356 or bring letters to the newspaper office at 123 E. Main.

GCJLA Fund Raiser

The Garza County Jr. Livestock Associations' 1st. Annual Stock Show Fund Raiser will be held Friday, December 14, 7 p.m. at the Post Community Center. The evening will include a brisket dinner, entertainment, auction and cash jackpot. If you are interested in purchasing a Jackpot ticket, contact one of the GCJLA members or come by the Extension office. Everyone welcome to join the fun and support our local stock show!

City supports
Crosbyton proposal
on White River

Post City Council members, during their Dec. 4 meeting, informally agreed to support the City of Crosbyton in its list of options to be included in the new White River Municipal Water District contract.

According to the Crosbyton city proposal, which was authorized by that city council on Nov. 8, the following guidelines should be put into place:

- The four member cities - Ralls, Spur, Crosbyton and Post - must approve the White River Municipal Water District's annual budget.
- The cities retain the option of seeking alternative water sources.
- The well system should be addressed within the new contract.
- Under the operation/maintenance portion of the contract, the liability assumed by each member city should be re-evaluated and adjusted at a minimum of every five years.
- Upon legislative approval, the four member cities would retain the privilege of appointing an elected official to the White River Municipal Water District board of directors.
- Term limits should be established for White River Municipal Water District board members.
- Due to the fact that the water district has made several proposals, there is a need for an updated proposal, which should include a specific list of actions to be completed. Total cost of this project should not exceed \$3 million.



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Volunteer Fire Department to
get new Jaws of Life equipment

by Wes Burnett

The Post City Council approved its one-half share of a request by the Post Volunteer Fire Department to purchase new "Jaws of Life" equipment. The decision came at the regular council meeting Tuesday, December 4 following a presentation by fire department volunteers Kelly Baker and Ivan Line.

The current equipment is 20 years old and has been a continuing problem. The new equipment cost is split between the county and city at \$7,800 each.

The council also approved the new ward boundaries following a public hearing on the issue. There were no comments by any citizen at the public hearing. An approval by the U.S. Department of Justice is expected, with May 2002 elections to be held in accordance with the new boundaries.

Harper's death
considered
natural causes

Preliminary reports of an autopsy conducted on the body of 39-year-old Michael Dean Harper of Post, who was found dead Sunday in the Lubbock County Jail, point to natural causes.

According to reports released Monday, the medical examiner's office in Lubbock did not discover any signs of recent trauma to Michael Dean Harper. However, complete autopsy results will not be available for several weeks.

Harper, who suffered from pre-existing medical conditions, was found unconscious in his cell in the Lubbock County jail at about 7:45 a.m. Sunday. He was pronounced dead shortly after 8 a.m., according to reports.

In a report published in Tuesday's Lubbock Avalanche-Journal, Lubbock County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Paul Scarborough said jail personnel were aware of Harper's health problems and had transported the man to University Medical Center on Friday for medical attention. Harper was returned to the jail, and due to his health problems was subject to checks every 15 minutes.

No specifics regarding the type of health problems Harper faced were made available.

According to Garza County Sheriff Kenny Ratke, Harper was booked into the Lubbock County jail December 3 for revocation of probation related to charges of aggravated assault. He also faced a federal charge of a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

Reports indicate the Texas Rangers have been asked to assist in the investigation into Harper's death.

A former Garza County constable, Harper was a candidate for Garza County sheriff in 1996. Services for the Slaton native are scheduled for 10 a.m. today (12/13/01) in the Calvary Baptist Church, with burial to follow in the Terrace Cemetery.

County approves
plat for North
Ridge development

Garza County commissioners gave tentative approval to a plat for the North Ridge development of Lake Alan Henry, but tabled further action on the development plan.

The court approved the plat for the development project, subject to additional information, but followed the example of the zoning board and tabled action on the zoning of the lots. County Judge Giles Dalby said five of the lots in the development project are located within Garza County, while more than 40 of the lots are within the boundaries of Kent County. Local officials opted to allow Kent County officials to make their ruling on the area's zoning restrictions prior to any action taken by Garza County, the judge said.

The North Ridge development is a proposed residential and commercial area located on the north side of Lake Alan Henry.

In other business, the court:

- Received a report from Capt. Larry Thompson of the Texas State Guard in Lubbock. Thompson was requesting funds for maintaining the Lubbock battalion, which serves more than 30 area counties. Commissioners took no action on the unbudgeted request.
- Heard from Jake Montoya of American Public Life Insurance regarding supplemental health

care with the new boundaries.

Part of the new voting plan calls for a central voting location for all wards at the Post Community Center.

Council members discussed, but took no action, on recommendations by Oller Engineering concerning future water supplies. Rich Oller emphasized the importance of immediately installing storage facilities to improve water management.

Oller laid out a three prong plan to avert water shortages in the future: (1) immediately construct at least two, three million gallon storage tanks; (2) continue negotiations toward a contract to purchase water from and build a pipeline from Slaton to Post and (3) negotiate long term contracts for well water supply.

The entire water plan project is estimated to cost more than six million dollars, including two ground storage tanks, pipeline to Slaton and costs related to purchasing water rights to adequately producing water wells.

Oller said that the earliest date for brining on new water supplies would be in May 2003. "There's a lot of hurdles that have to be jumped to get from here to there," he said.

A special called meeting on the water issue was scheduled for Wednesday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

The council informally agreed to support positions for future contracts with White River Municipal Water District proposed by the City of Crosbyton (see related story).

Council also heard from a financial consultant about various methods for funding the water project, with no action taken.



The legendary Doug Smith pounded the keys with his special talent at a special concert earlier this month at the Hotel Garza Bed & Breakfast. Smith laces West Texas stories into his wide range of musical creations.



United Supermarket helps United Way

Garza County United Way president Rodney Tidwell (left) and Cynthia Williams accept this year's contribution from United Supermarket assistant manager Gabe Perez. United Supermarket employees contributed \$3,822, a 300 percent increase from last year. A contribution of \$997.54 was also made by United Supermarkets from the annual golf tournament.

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CCA recognizes individuals, organizations at banquet

The annual awards banquet of the Caprock Cultural Association was held at Chapa's Restaurant Dec. 4.

Following the meal, William Scott entertained with "Songs of the Season." Executive director JoAnn Mock and board president Jack Alexander provided a brief history and economic impact report and assigned presenters from each table of guests to assist with the presentations. Wearing "Santa" hats, presenters opened balloon-decorated Christmas bags to present cash and certificate awards.

The awards results from grant applications made by the Caprock Cultural Association to help continue the traditions of arts and history development in Post. Each award recipient gave an overview of upcoming activities.

Alvin Davis played Santa to the group and Mock announced funding for increased promotions and new educational projects, including plans for "After School Arts," creative learning and historical lectures as a new facility, "Little House."

R.L. Simpson played Santa, presenting the award to Garza County Historical Museum director Linda

Puckett for operational funding for a total of \$6,148 plus salary and facility support from Garza County. Davis commented on the outstanding job museum personnel do in their exhibits, comparing them to "big city museums."

Geraldine Butler also was Santa, presenting Garza Theatre board president Mitchell Britton with a total of \$4,299 to continue the tradition of quality stage plays at the theater. Mitchell announced a challenging 2002 play schedule of 10 productions, which is posted on www.posttexas.com.

Simpson played Santa to Kids 'n' Art director Puckett for total awards of \$400 for classroom expenses.

In all, the CCA presented awards totaling \$11,347 to help open the doors of opportunity of art and history development in Post. These awards are made possible through grants and awards from CCA applications to the Texas Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, the City of Post, Garza County and from the following donors: The Mathers Foundation, Eleanor Barzin, Dina Hartley, Ellen Charles, Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Foundation, Kenneth H. Montgomery Foundation and the Mosaic Foundation.



Giving and receiving awards at the recent Caprock Cultural Association annual event are (left to right) Geraldine Butler to Gladys Blair (Ms Senior Texas), R.L. Simpson to Linda Puckett (Historical Museum), CCA president Jack Alexander, Mitchell Britton (Garza Theatre) by Naomi Matsler, JoAnn Mock (CCA promotion and education projects) from Alvin Davis. (Photo by Jay Young)

Judge Dalby files or re-election

Giles Dalby, who has served as Garza County judge for 30 years, announced this week he has filed for re-election.

Dalby has served eight four-year terms, with a brief interruption a few years ago due to health considerations. He and a Loving County official are currently the longest-serving elected officials in the state.

In addition to the position of county judge, voters will fill the Precinct 2 and Precinct 4 commissioners posts; the two positions of justice of the peace; and the treasurer's office.

Filing for open county positions began last week and will run through Jan. 3.

Xcel Energy files for rate reduction

Xcel Energy will reduce prices of electric service to its retail customers in the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas for a second time within a month if the Public Utility Commission of Texas approves a request filed Dec. 6 in Austin.

The request asks for price reductions ranging from more than 10 percent - for service to homes - to almost 18 percent for service to some industrial customers. Approximately 297,000 Xcel Energy-served homes and businesses would see decreases beginning in January.

Those customers already have seen similar sized price reductions requested last month, according to Gary Gibson, Xcel Energy state vice president for Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas. The PUCT approved that request on an interim basis. The first round of price reductions went into effect Dec. 1.

Xcel Energy became the new brand

name of Southwestern Public Service Co. Oct. 26.

"This request, in combination with the decrease that began in December, will reduce the total price of a kilowatt-hour of service from Xcel Energy by at least 20 percent for every Texas retail customer," Gibson said. "For instance, an Xcel Energy-served home that uses 1,000 kilowatt hours of service monthly would see a price decrease of more than 20 percent, compared to November - a drop from a price of \$78.64 to \$62.85."

"Businesses and industrial customers will see similar, and even larger, percentage reductions in prices of service and power costs. Compared to November, total expected price reductions will range to as high as 23 percent for some commercial customers and 31 percent for some industrial customers."

The reductions reflect decreases in the costs of producing electricity at power plants fueled by natural gas. Regionally, Xcel Energy operates five gas-fueled power stations. During the past year, the costs of natural gas spiked, driving up the prices of electric service. Now, natural gas costs are significantly lower, so prices are being reduced.

Births

Alicia Jade Luna

Alicia Jade Luna was born to Hector and Lori Luna of Post, December 6, 2001 at Covenant Methodist Hosp. in Lubbock. Alicia weighed 7lbs. 6oz. and was 19 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Alicia Luna of Plainview and Todd and Darlene Pruet of Post. Alicia was welcomed home by older brother Justus.

Stuff I've Heard

by Josiah P. Alexander

My Presbyterian friends informed me that Giles McCrary was showing off his favorite cap in church Sunday ... it's got a very special "propeller" on top, you know, for the "man who has everything."

There's a dentist walking around town impersonating Sean Connery... at least that's what Doctor Charles McCook is telling folks who take a second look at McCook's handsome new beard... more than one feller said he looked like an anglo version of Salami... whatever Ferg called Bin Laden.

Hope he doesn't go the airport any time soon, it may get some special attention.

There may be a big surprise at the VFW Saturday when Santa Claus arrives... word has filtered around town that "Santa" might be wearing a skirt?

Now, I told you I don't have a telephone, no fax machine and no mailing address... but I do have a radio and I just broke down last month and got cable hooked up and found a used t.v. Why? 'Cause I didn't feel up to making those long trips to the football games, but I just had to find out how the team was doing.

I did hear a lot of conversations during the week about the Post Antelopes... I didn't hear a single negative comment, which is a bit encouraging. The last town I lived in was full of gripes and second guessing, I just tuned those folks out... but in Post, it's a whole different story.

I think I might stick around here for a while. It's a most interesting place to live.

County ...

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of a grant application for funding for the Crime Victims Assistance program operating locally. Dalby said the program has been "real successful," and the renewed grant could mean as much as \$41,000 for the program. The county hopes to hear from the state on the application in the next month or two.

- Approved a request from the Bright Co. of Dallas to locate an oil pipeline across CR 105.
- Approved \$50 worth of public assistance.



The highest temperature ever recorded—136°F—was at Al Aziziya, in the Libyan Desert.

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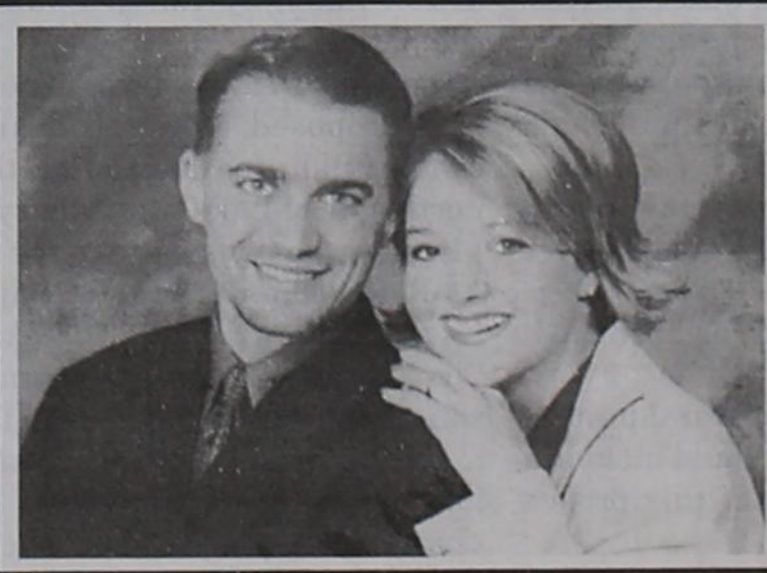
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Post Flag Football "Superbowl" champs this year were the 5th & 6th grade Replacements. They won over the Titans 33-29. Replacements team members are (back row, left to right) coach Joe Rasbeary, Dillion Davis, Randall Jewell, Luis Ceja, Head Coach Guin Miller, (front row) Travis Rasbeary, Jaime Hernandez, Chad Miller and Tyler Odom. Not available for photo: Patrick Martinez.



Courtney Short (left) and Teri Curtis bring the ball to the basket for the Post Lady Lopes junior varsity basketball team in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Logan Gregory (30) takes a shot for the Post Lady Lopes junior varsity basketball team during action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

8th grade girls nip New Deal

Post's eighth grade Lady Lopes squeezed past New Deal in a 30-29 nail biter Monday night.

New Deal grabbed an early lead, going up 8-5 at the close of the first period. Offenses ruled in the second quarter, with both teams putting up 14 points. The defense took over in the third period, with Post scoring two points and New Deal scoring three. It was in the fourth period the Lady Lopes managed to wrestle away the lead, outscoring New Deal 9-4.

"I am so proud of these girls," Coach Kristi Lowe said. "They came back from being down nearly the whole game and won. They showed a lot of heart in the last two minutes of the game. That, combined with Laurel Tatum's free throws, helped us win the game."

Tatum led Post in scoring with 15 points. Ashley Powell and Alana Zubia each had three points. Scoring two points apiece were Kayla Morris, Ashley Wilson, Rosanna Orna and Diann Heckaman. Jenee Lott added one point.

The team's next game will be at home tonight against Meadow, Meadow, Tahoka, Plains and Post will be competing in a middle school tournament Dec. 13-15.

8th grade boys lose to New Deal

New Deal slipped past the Post eighth grade boys Antelopes Monday by a score of 41-33.

Post fell behind in the first period 13-9, and New Deal maintained the halftime lead 23-15. The Lopes came out strong in the third period, outscoring their opponents, but New Deal pumped up its offense in the final quarter to take the win.

Leading scorer for the Lopes was Meredith with nine points. Garay and Smith each had eight points. Norman had four points, while Pollard and Barbosa had two points each.



Leslie Rutherford grabs the basketball for the Post Lady Lopes junior varsity team during action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

7th grade boys drop one

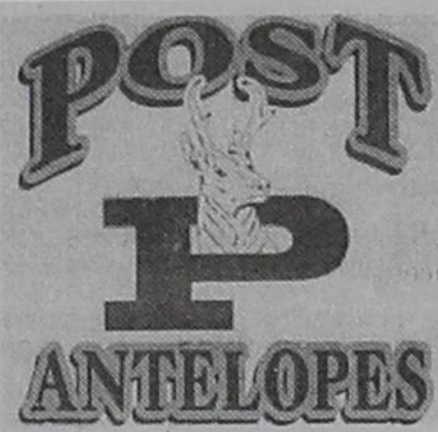
The seventh grade Lopes got dealt a heavy hand Monday in a 44-18 loss to New Deal.

New Deal jumped out to a 14-3 lead at the end of the first period and 24-9 at the half. The Lopes' opponents maintained the offensive upper hand throughout the game.

Creech, Perez and Nichols led scoring for Post with four points each, while Baiza, Cash and Garay each had two points.



U.S. Army Pvt. John Radle, PHS 2000 graduate, recently completed training from the Infantry Boot Camp at Fort Benning, Ga. and has been assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas, where he will train on the Bradley tank with the First Division, Mechanized Unit. Pvt Radle is the son of Darrell and Susan Radle of Post. His wife Theresa resides at Whiteface.



New Deal edges 7th grade girls

The Post seventh grade girls lost a close game to New Deal Monday, 25-22.

New Deal took the lead in the first period, outscoring Post 10-6. Scoring was close in the second and third quarters and Post led scoring in the final period, but came up a handful of points shy of the victory.

"It was a great game," said Coach Kristi Lowe. "Unfortunately we got off to a slow start."

"They played great defense in the second half, but couldn't put a shot in to win it."

Kylie Easterling led scoring with seven points, followed by Rachel Gray with six points, K'nell Dalby with four, Larissa Halford with three and Sarah Kirkpatrick with two points.

The team's next game will be today at Antelope Arena as part of the middle school tournament.



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Character Counts Conference

December 13, 2001, 9:00 A.M., Civic Center, Lubbock.. Public is invited to attend.

Golden Clover 4-H Christmas Party

December 18, 6:30 p.m., GCJLA Show Barn. Bring a Christmas ornament for tree. Optional to bring a new, unwrapped toy (no battery operated please) for Toys for Tots.

Showmanship Clinic/Livestock Quiz Bowl

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- 31 ex-Cowboy star White (init.)
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- 35 this Fortas was LBJ's choice for Supreme Court chief justice
- 36 regulating food
- 37 this Mark was UT chancellor in '91
- 38 Christian _____

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- 43 TXism: "_____ to"
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- 46 Russian space station
- 47 food shortage

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- 50 queen of Spain
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- 52 TXism: "sold _____ bill of goods"
- 53 TXism: "got more on his plate than he can _____ grace over"

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- 2 downtown Houston street: St. _____
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- 10 TXism: " _____ overcoat" (coffin)

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- 11 TXism: "clean _____ hound's tooth"
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- 15 Astro hitter goals
- 16 TXism: "slippery as an _____"
- 19 customer of DFW-based American
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- 22 duration of Cowboy punt (2 wds.)
- 24 dice shape (abbr.)
- 25 TXism: "fits like ugly _____ an ape"
- 26 TXism: "got an overdose of woe"
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- 28 aviator Earhart
- 29 fish propellers
- 30 TX capitol is made of _____ granite
- 33 TXism: "kick the _____"
- 34 Plano AM
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- 37 family possessions
- 38 TX-born Dwight _____ Eisenhower
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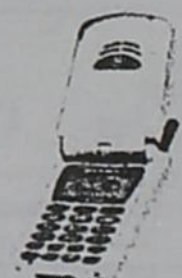
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Obituaries

Michael Dean Harper

Services for Michael Dean Harper, 39, of Post will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2001, in the Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Dale Dozier officiating. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, Dec. 9, in Lubbock. Born Oct. 14, 1962, in Slaton, he married Freda Halford April 3, 1982, in Post. He was a photographer and producer in the broadcasting industry. He also was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Freda, of Post; one son, Kenneth Harper of Post; two daughters, Gwen Estep of Rockport and Kyzandre Harper of Post; his father, Bob Harper of Post; one brother, John Harper of Post; his grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. Cephas Bilberry of Post; and one granddaughter, Alexis Estep of Rockport.

Pallbearers were Mike Holly, Joe Menchaca, Kenneth Bullard and Jerry Benham.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Donald Harper; and his mother, Joyce Harper.



Glenn Whittenberg

Services for Glenn Whittenberg were held at the First United Methodist Church in Gatesville. Burial followed in the Rest Haven Cemetery in Brady. He died at the Coryell Memorial Hospital in Gatesville Nov. 24, 2001.

Born to Harvey and Kate Hankins Whittenberg at Brandon in Hill County, Texas, on July 20, 1917, he graduated from Stoneberg High School in Montague County and graduated from North Texas State University in Denton. He was a schoolteacher and principal for 45 years.

His first teaching position was at Fairview in Wichita County. In 1941-42,

he taught industrial arts at Pascagoula, Miss. In 1942, he joined the armed forces of World War II, serving in the U.S. Coast Guard and graduating from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He attended engineering school at Cornell University and worked as an engineering officer aboard a landing ship tank. After serving 39 months, he returned to teaching and was principal at Forsan, Post and Gatesville.

He married Elsie Mae Kennedy in Kaufman, Texas, Aug. 24, 1941. Survivors include his wife of 60 years; one daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Virgil Middleton of Brady; two grandsons and granddaughters-in-law, Mark and Leslie Middleton of Lewisville and Paul and Jennifer Middleton of Denton; two great-grandchildren, Keenan and Caitlin Middleton; two sisters, Althea Coon of Austin and Laura Hastedt of Columbus; one brother, Horace of Austin; and many nieces and nephews.

The family has requested memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church, 2600 Main, Gatesville, TX 76528.



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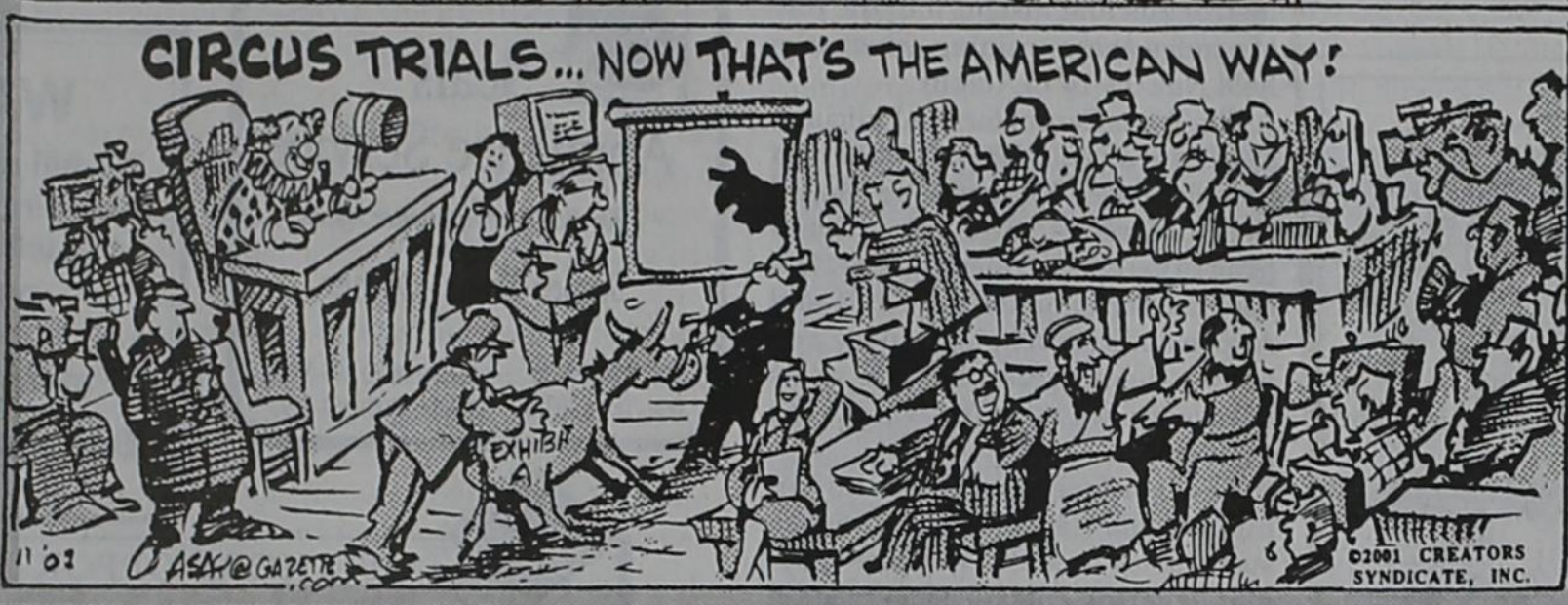
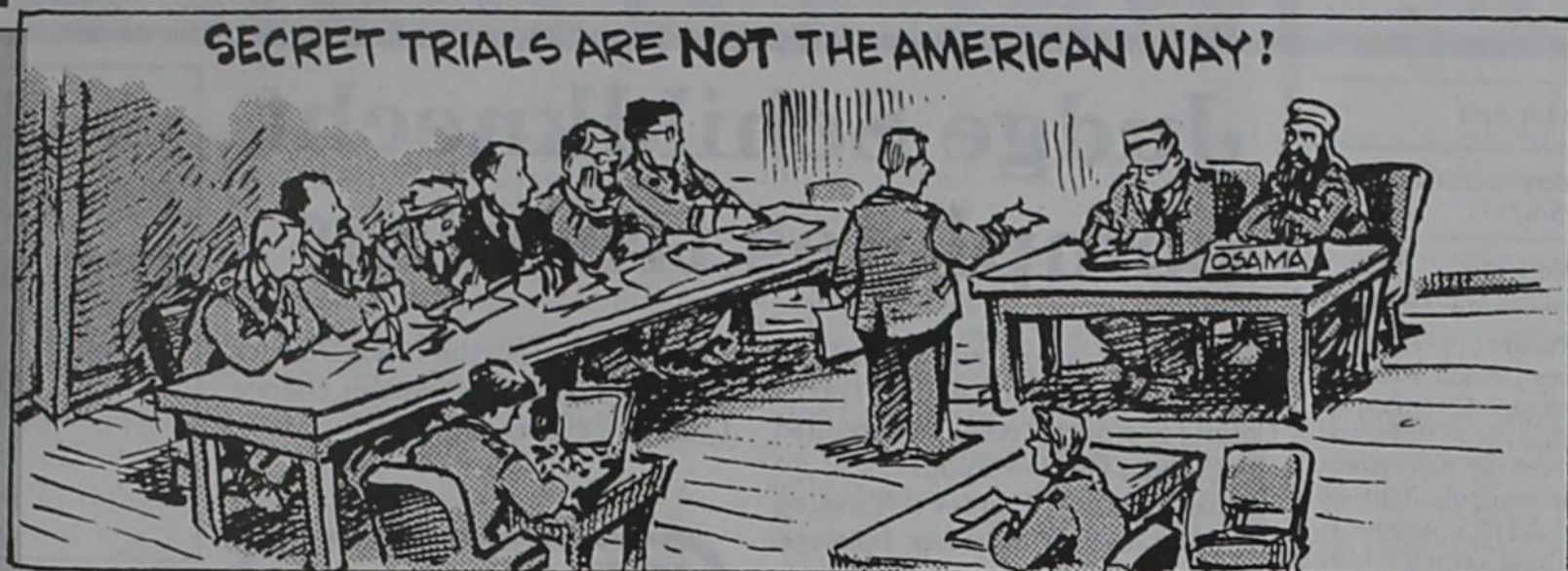
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War poisons liberty

by Richard M. Ebeling

More than 80 years ago, at the end of the First World War, an English classical liberal named E.S.P. Haynes said, "Liberty has never existed except in an atmosphere which has not been poisoned by war or fear of war." War necessarily results in the growth of the power of the state.

Political considerations in the name of "national security" are made to take precedence over all private and individual matters. Truth is sacrificed for purposes of building up the patriotic "spirit." The warlike "virtues" of physical prowess and brute strength are praised over purely intellectual and more delicate qualities in man.

Military cunning is placed above commercial reasoning. The human race is divided into "friends" and "enemies," instead of a community of individuals voluntarily collaborating to improve their circumstances through peaceful production and trade. The political authority grows strong and powerful, while the individual is made small and weak.

America is now at a crossroads that she has not had to face to the same degree since the Second World War. The country psychologically has been placed on a war footing. The devastating attack on September 11 by a handful of fanatical terrorists committed to mass murder and personal suicide has shaken the United States to its core.

The phrase "It can't happen here" now has a hollow ring. Not only has a large armada of military airplanes and sea vessels been sent off to fight those suspected of being behind or serving as accessories to the crime, an Office of Homeland Security has been created to centralize and supervise the watching of anything and everything suspicious within the borders of the United States.

It is sometimes said that the first casualty of war is truth. Much of the news about the war on terrorism now passes through a tacit filter of censorship by the major television networks and some of the printed media. Much of this news is strained through an implicit sieve that tinges all reporting with purified patriotic coloring.

The dissenter is treated as a pariah, a "thought traitor," who is threatening to weaken the national purpose and question the justice of the cause and the absolute rightness of "our" side. His words are potential aid and comfort to "the enemy." He is with "them" rather than with "us." In this environment liberty is greatly and dearly at risk. In war borders must be closed to prevent enemy infiltration.

The wealth of the people must be put at the service of the "national interest." Private and personal affairs are open to the scrutiny of the state, lest one of the "evil ones" move through the cracks and crevices and do his dirty work. We are all expected to be potential informers on each other. No man has a right to call his life and private business his own. We are at the mercy of the state — and all for our own good.

In the October 2001 issue of our journal "Freedom Daily" you most likely read President John Quincy Adams' address from July 4, 1821, in which he said that America "goes not abroad in search of monsters to destroy. She is the well-wisher to the freedom and independence of all. She is champion and vindicator only of her own. She will commend the general cause by the countenance of her voice, and the benignant sympathy of her example. She well knows that by once enlisting under other banners than her own, were they even the banner of foreign independence, she would involve herself beyond the power of extrication, in all the wars of interest and intrigue, of individual avarice, envy, and ambition, which assume the colors and usurp the standard of freedom. The fundamental maxims of her policy would insensibly change from liberty to force.... She might become the dictatrix of the world. She would be no longer the ruler of her own spirit.... [America's] glory is not dominion, but liberty. Her march is the march of the mind. She has a spear and a shield; but the motto upon her shield is, Freedom, Independence, Peace."

For more than a half a century, America has been in search of monsters to destroy around the world. She has enveloped herself in the interests and intrigues of others. She has forsaken being an example of freedom and self-government to others less fortunate around the world.

Through her military might and political reach, she has become a dictatrix in the world willing to use force in place of influencing others through the spirit and the mind. America has traded away a part of her inheritance of domestic liberty for the reward of global authority.

If this war on global terrorism takes as long and requires as much as the political leaders in Washington have said, when it is done and past it may very well be true that September 11 marked the day after which America was never the same again. Freedom may have been irreparably damaged.

Bringing the perpetrators of crimes to justice will be a hollow victory if we lose our liberty in the process and learn nothing from our own mistakes that have brought this tragedy to our door. Once our government chose the course of no longer limiting itself to securing the life, liberty, and property of its own citizenry from direct aggression within the territory of the United States, and, instead, went forth to set the world right and bring the "American way" to all others around the world, it placed itself in harm's way from people like those of September 11.

It entered into the affairs of other nations and took sides in disputes between political, ideological, and religious rivals in foreign lands. Those who were on the losing side in the contest for U.S. favor and support inevitably came to view the United States as the cause of their frustration and defeat. America, too, became their enemy.

The monsters America went out to slay have now come to devour us. And rather than ask ourselves why the monsters have come to our shores, our government set out on another crusade to rid the world of these malevolent creatures. And in the process, we now face the diminishment of freedom at home in a cause overseas that possibly may have no end.

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Cigarette Nazis on the March

by Walter E. Williams

Maryland's Montgomery County Council passed a measure whereby smokers whose neighbors are offended by the odor of cigarette smoke wafting from their homes would be fined up to \$750.

After the measure passed, County Executive Douglas Duncan promised to sign the bill giving Montgomery County one of the most restrictive anti-smoking measures in the nation.

Council member Isaiah Leggett explained the proposed measure by saying, "This does not say that you cannot smoke in your house; what it does say is that your smoke cannot cross property lines."

Less than a year ago, the Montgomery County Council, by a 5-to-4 vote, approved the outdoor smoking ban adopted by its nearby neighbor, the Village of Friendship Heights, Md. That ban prohibited smoking on or in sidewalks, lawns, parks, buildings or other areas owned by the Village. First offenses would be subject to a warning, and subsequent offenses subject to a \$100 fine.

Dr. Alfred Muller, the mayor of the village, justified the adoption of the ban saying there are residents who have health problems, such as asthma and emphysema, plus, "We are trying to change the social norm concerning tobacco use."

Last March, a judge found the Village of Friendship Heights' health claims ridiculous and threw out its outdoor smoking ban.

Douglas Duncan didn't wait for the courts. After he promised to sign the anti-smoking bill, six days later he reversed course and vetoed it. Duncan's decision had nothing to do with coming to his senses over the issue. It was the massive national ridicule heaped upon Montgomery County officials over their heavy-handed tactics.

The health arguments offered about the harmful effects of tobacco smoke crossing property lines are but so much bunk. Yes, there are some who have emphysema, asthma or allergies and are annoyed by cigarette smoke. These people may also be annoyed by other air borne products such as hair spray, after-shave lotions, perfumes, clothing softeners,



fireplace smoke, cooking odors and deodorants. Should they be able to make a complaint and have the police knock on their neighbor's door and tell them to cease and desist?

Should we change airport announcements that say, "In the interest of a healthy indoor air quality, smoking is not permitted in public areas."? Should a more health inclusive announcement say, "In the interest of a healthy indoor air quality, passengers are not permitted to smoke, wear perfumes, use hair sprays, deodorants or after-shave lotion, or wear clothing that's been rinsed in fabric softeners."? Or should we just have odor and odor-free seating sections on airplanes?

America's cigarette Nazis, like any other tyrant, cannot be satisfied. In the '60s, when they started out, they wanted no smoking sections on airplanes. Had they revealed their complete agenda: no smoking on airplanes, airports, restaurants, jobs, streets, not to mention confiscatory taxes, they wouldn't have gotten anything.

So for confiscatory taxes, cigarette Nazis are being challenged by one of my heroes — the smuggler. Some states, such as Washington and Michigan, have taxes that make a carton of cigarettes cost as much as \$48. Why is the smuggler my hero? It's easy. People want to and have the right to engage in peaceable, mutually agreeable, voluntary exchange, and a third-party — government — tells them no.

The smuggler thwarts the government's mission of interference. Before we go bad-mouthing smugglers, we might consider that a number of the men we celebrate each Fourth of July, including John Hancock, the first signer of our Declaration of Independence, were smugglers. At that time it was the British Parliament imposing confiscatory taxes; today it's federal, state and local governments.

Confiscatory taxes are an abuse of power regardless of what government levies them.

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Round two: Yasser Arafat

by Vin Suprynowicz

The mass murderers who toppled the World Trade Center on Sept. 11 seem to have done one other thing on a massive scale — miscalculated the likely results of their acts.

Apparently, they believed hundreds of thousands of Muslims would flock to the banner of their jihad against America and (rarely omitted from their list of grievances) against the very existence of the state of Israel. A pitifully weak and decadent America was supposed to "cry uncle," abandon its recognition of Israel, pull back its military and commercial presence from the world, etc.

Indeed, a few thousand misguided young Arab men do seem to have headed for Afghanistan (from places as unlikely as London) to help guard Osama bin Laden from the repercussions of his terrorism.

The result? Most of those foreign mercenaries are now dead or cringing in some cave. America has demonstrated the military might — and the will and resolve — to topple even the most remote and landlocked fundamentalist regime in a matter of weeks, with fewer "friendly" casualties than you can count on one hand.

And President Bush says we're just getting started.

One would indeed have to be suicidal not to stand in awe at this point, hoping their faces weren't recognizable on all those Sept. 11 videos that showed folks celebrating in the streets of Ramallah.

But instead of lying low, a gang of Palestinian murderers appears to have made an equally large miscalculation in recent days, deciding this would be a really fine time — what with a huge American military presence in the Middle East, coincidentally "looking for something to do" as the conventional war in Afghanistan winds down, and America in a mood to "get rolling" and mop up its terrorist enemies once and for all — to shout to the world, "Hey, what about us?"

Palestinian suicide bombers killed at least 26 people in Israel over the weekend. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared his own "War on Terror" Monday, as the White House tried one more time to press Yasser Arafat to crack down on the suicide bombers.

But that's a dead horse. Mr. Arafat has been handed his heart's desire since he signed the Oslo peace accords in 1993 — in exchange for nothing more than a promise to remove the "Jews into the sea" clause from the PLO's charter and some work around the edges to curb terrorism, he's been handed millions of dollars in U.S. taxpayer money and set up as virtual dictator over the West Bank and Gaza — even allowed to turn his personal gang of hoods into the area's uniformed "official police force."

The result? Not a single Palestinian terrorist under his jurisdiction has been sentenced to a prison term of any length — White House spokesman Ari Fleischer warning Monday that "The president thinks it's very important that the Palestinian jails not only have bars on front, but no longer have revolving doors at the back."

Meantime, eight years later, the "Jews into the sea" stuff has still not been excised from the PLO charter, nor has Mr. Arafat ever been

willing to make a clean break with the militant wing of Hamas nor its terrorist partner, Islamic Jihad. His spokesmen say he couldn't take on these terror gangs without touching off a Palestinian civil war.

So we are left with a pointless debate. Whether Arafat has the power to stop the suicide bombers and refuses to do so, or whether he lacks the power to do so without being overthrown, what good is he?

Mr. Arafat has done nothing to advance the causes of democracy, liberty or pluralism anywhere he holds sway — in fact, it benefits him and many another Arab strongman to keep "the Palestinian problem" permanently simmering, since peace would only allow their subjects to re-focus their attention on the failings of these home-grown fascist regimes.

Ever the hand-wringers, the Washington Post warns that "The past few months have demonstrated that tactics such as the invasion of Palestinian cities and the assassination of Palestinian militants, while weakening Mr. Arafat, do not stop terrorism or make Israelis more secure."

But that's precisely because these have been limited "demonstrations" from which Israel has always pulled back under pressure from the U.S., while continuing to recognize the PLO's legitimacy — precisely the kind of symbolic half measures long favored by the Clinton administration, the ineffectiveness of which may have contributed to the murderers' miscalculations on Sept. 11.

Do the Palestinian Arabs have legitimate grievances? Sure — though many might be better directed against their own Arab brothers, who find their ongoing plight so politically useful.

Do Americans and Israelis now care to make another effort to understand and work to solve whatever grievances motivated this weekend's suicide bombers?

No. Time's up.

Mr. Sharon is right to join America in the "war on terrorism." And State Department spokesman Philip Reeker seemed to indicate Monday that America would no longer play traffic cop, halting the Israeli response before anything effective can be accomplished, when he announced "This is not a game of green light, red light."

Let's hope he means it. Time to roll.

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The Texas Center for the Judiciary, a non-profit judicial education provider based in Austin, developed the conference. The educational program gives new judges the opportunity to analyze the role and responsibilities of being a judge and allows them to develop the skills necessary to be effective in the position.

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Judge Stephen B. Ables of Kerrville and Judge M. Kent Sims of Dallas, deans of the 2001 college, were joined by 11 of the state's most experienced judges and other professionals in conducting the educational sessions.

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- Wednesday, December 19**
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- Thursday, December 20**
Roast, potatoes, carrots, tossed salad, wheat roll and cake.
- Friday, December 21**
Christmas party: Turkey/dressing, green beans, macaroni and cheese, hot roll and plum cobbler.

- Post ISD**
- Monday, December 17**
Breakfast: Waffles, butter and syrup, sausage, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Nachos supreme, salad, pineapple tidbits, cookie and choice of milk.
- Tuesday, December 18**
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Fish, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, peas, hushpuppies, orange and choice of milk.
- Wednesday, December 19**
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding and choice of milk.
- Thursday, December 20**
Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, sausage link, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Manwich, salad, pinto beans, strawberry short cake and choice of milk.
- Friday, December 21**
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, orange juice and milk.
Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, peaches and choice of milk.

- Southland ISD**
- Monday, December 17**
Breakfast: Cheese toast, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, peas, cookies and milk.
- Tuesday, December 18**
Breakfast: French toast, sausage, juice and milk.
Lunch: Carne guisada, tortillas, beans, pineapple and milk.
- Wednesday, December 19**
Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Beef Stroganoff, salad, green beans, pudding and milk.
- Thursday, December 20**
Breakfast: Cereal, juice and milk.
Lunch: Corn dogs, macaroni and cheese, peaches and milk.
- Friday, December 21**
Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice and milk.
Lunch: Sandwiches, chips, fruit roll-ups and milk.



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Sports

First quarter blitz sinks Antelopes

by Wes Burnett

It is often noted that football games have two halves - the Post Antelopes and their fans would just as soon forget the first half of the Semifinal Championship game last Friday night at Coppell.

Worth remembering about the 29-14 loss to Van Alstyne's Panthers is the inspired second half, which featured a hard-hitting and tenacious defense along with two Antelope touchdowns in the third quarter.

In fact, the Antelope defense gave the offense two additional opportunities for scoring in the fourth quarter, but time simply ran out for this year's history making team.

The Panthers stopped Antelope scoring threats twice early in the game, and then surprised the Antelope defense with three quick touchdowns. Before the first quarter was over, the Panthers led 22-0. All three scores came on big runs by speedsters racing past Antelope defenders.

The Post offense couldn't manage it's traditional ground game in the first half, and was forced to punt twice, following great defensive stands by the Antelopes in the second quarter. A fourth down attempt by quarterback Michael Huff was snuffed at the Post 47 yard line with 55 seconds remaining in the half.

The Panthers mounted a four play drive to the end zone, and with three seconds on the clock, put up an almost insurmountable 29-0 lead. A long pass by Huff following the kickoff was intercepted by the Panthers and the teams took a halftime break.

Whatever transpired in the Antelope locker room at half time seemed to work well. The defense came out fired up and stopped the Panthers cold. The Post offense went to work as it had done all year, pounding away in a seven play drive, which featured great blocking and running. Jonathan Curtis, Brandon Bell and Huff shared the running chores, with the touchdown coming on fourth down at the six yard line when Huff threw a pass to Jarrett Vickers in the end zone.

Brody Robertson came in for the two point conversion, rolling to his right and throwing a pass to Huff in the end zone. With 6:34 left in the third period, the Panther lead was cut to 29-8.

Again the Post defense held its ground, with great plays by Jonathan Eilenberger, Justin Acevedo, Robertson, Bell and R.C. Curtis. On fourth down the Panthers punted, with Hector Reyna calling for a fair catch at the Post 34.

The nine play scoring drive included six carries by Jonathan Curtis, two by Brandon Bell and one by Huff. The Panthers were penalized 15 yards for face mask infraction, setting up a first down at the 24. A pass to Allan Bell was deflected, then Jonathan Curtis ripped over right guard, dodging tacklers to the nine.

Huff kept the ball around left end to the two, and then Curtis slashed

into the end zone behind Mark McCallister and Mitchell Mills blocking for the touchdown. The two point conversion pass attempt went incomplete.

With 37 seconds left in the third quarter, Post fans could feel an upset in the making. Trailing 29-14, one more touchdown would put the 'Lopes within reach of a major come-back victory. Momentum clearly had shifted in favor of the 'Lopes.

Once again the defense held steady, forcing another Panther punt. The 'Lope offense got the ball at their own 39 with 11:13 on the clock. The 14 play drive fizzled at the Panther 25. A pass to Vickers went incomplete, a second pass attempt was deflected and then on third down Huff rolled to his right, throwing to Vickers again for an incompletion. On fourth down Huff threw to Jonathan Curtis incomplete and the Panthers took over on downs with 5:56 remaining.

The defense did its job one more time, forcing a punt on fourth down. The ball rolled dead at the Post three yard line. A 13 play drive got the 'Lopes to the 18 yard line, where Jonathan Curtis was taken to the ground short of a first down and the Panthers stepped in to run out the clock.

However, Seth Redman recovered the quarterback's fumble, handing the ball back to the 'Lopes at the 21 yard line with 1:19 left in the game. Huff rolled to his left and threw the ball deep into heavy coverage near the end zone, where it was intercepted by a Panther defender, effectively ending Post hopes for a come back.

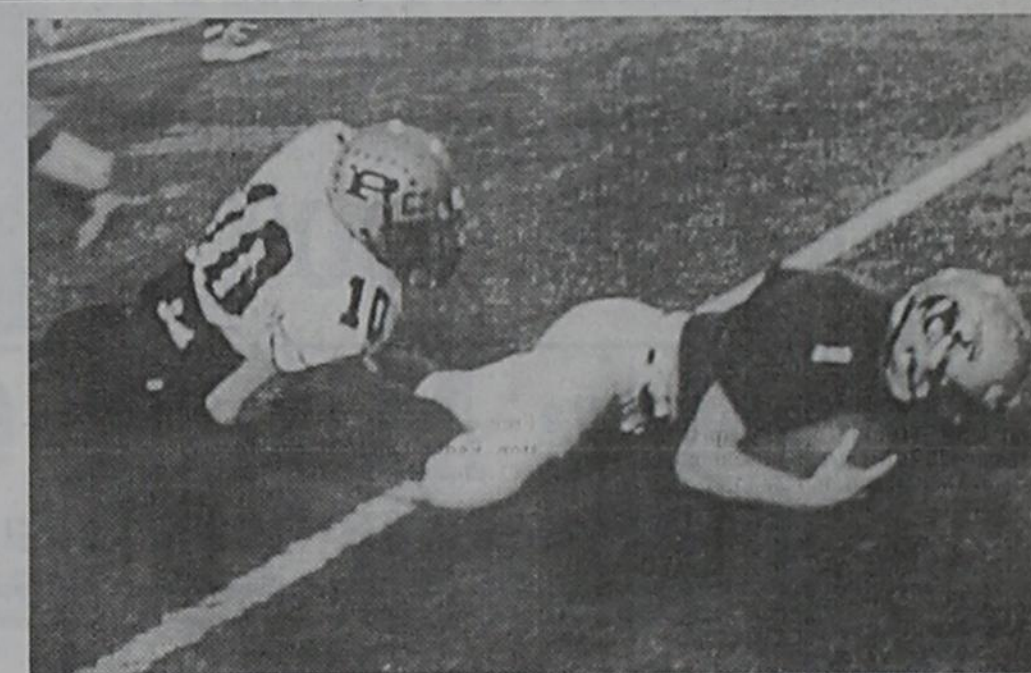
Three plays later VanAlstyne celebrated its first ever trip to the state final championship game while the Antelopes quietly accepted the final result. It was simply a great season for a great team.



Jonathan Eilenberger (62) grabs hold of Van Alstyne's speedster at the Semifinal State Championship game in Coppell last Friday night. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jonathan Curtis (22) gets blocking help from Mitchell Mills (40) during a long gainover for the Antelopes at Coppell last Friday night in the Semifinal Championship contest. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Brody Robertson (10) brings down a Van Alstyne's receiver during the Semifinal Championship game at Coppell last Friday night. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Post Antelope defensive players celebrate after recovering a Van Alstyne fumble during second during the Semifinal Championship game at Coppell last Friday. On the play are (left to right) Patrick Gonzales, Mitchell Mills, R.C. Curtis and Jonathan Eilenberger.

Lady Lopes dominate Lady Pipers 60-32

by Wes Burnett

The Post Lady Lopes put it all together in a 60-32 trouncing of Hamlin last week in a non-district contest played at Post's Antelope Arena.

"This was our first game where both offense and defense were

solid throughout," coach Ron Taylor says, "we played a very good basketball team, and our players simply dominated the court."

Emily Smith led with 24 points, followed by Manuela Hernandez with 12. Kelly Moore was credited with eight, LaRinda Ledbetter and Meagan Mills each got seven and Nikki Norman picked up two points.

"I'm please with the progress our team is making," Taylor added, "and it's encouraging to see them improving at the free throw line."

The Lady Lopes hosted Spur Tuesday and faces Ira here Friday, followed by another home game next Tuesday with Petersburg. After the Christmas break, the Lady Lopes host the Post Tournament December 27, 28 and 29.

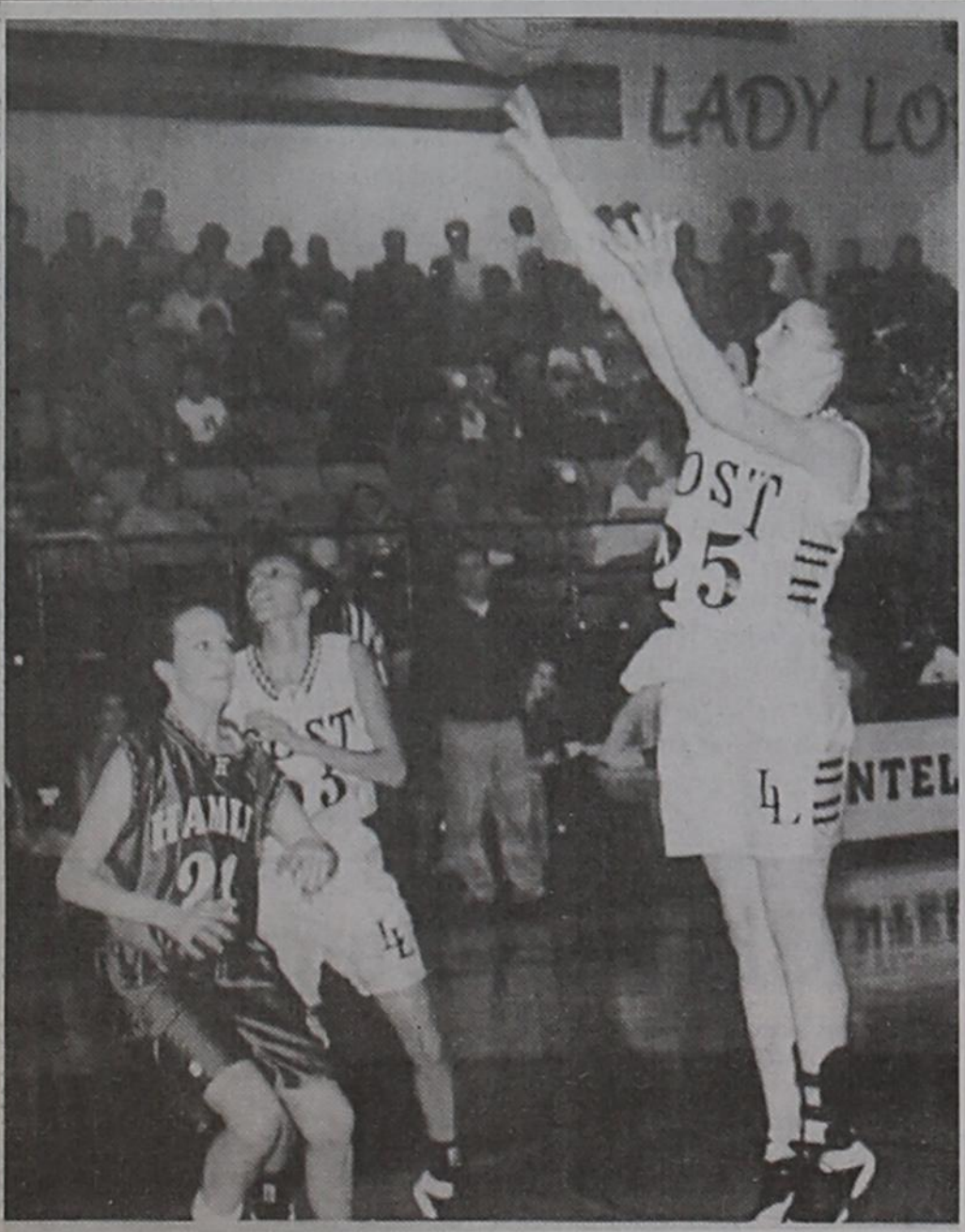
Post Antelopes open basketball season

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team opened its season Tuesday night against Spur.

Members of the team are Mitchell Mills, Jarrett Vickers, Jonathan Eilenberger, Hector Reyna, Brody Robertson, Brandon Bell, Brice Easterling, Kenny Ratke, Tye Mason and Lance Curtis.

The team hossts Ira Friday, then Petersburg next Tuesday. Following the Christmas holiday break, the Antelopes will host the Post Tournament December 27, 28 and 29.

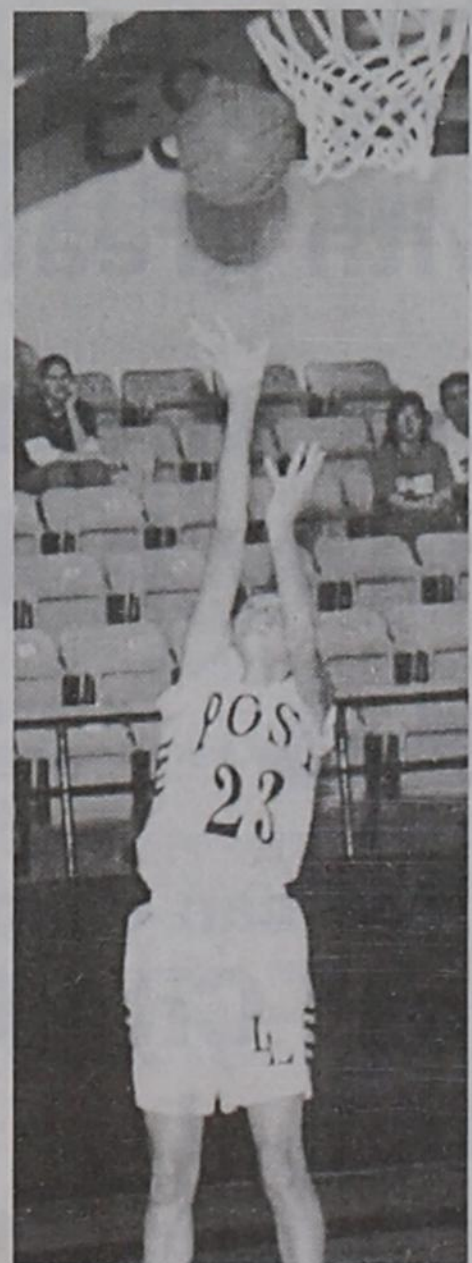
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Emily Smith goes over the top of Hamlin defenders for another two-pointer during action here last week. Manuela Hernandez (left) gets set for the rebound. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Meagan Mills scoots around Hamling defenders bringing the ball toward the basket for the Post Lady Lopes. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

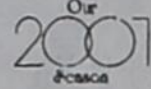
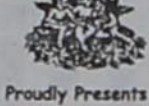
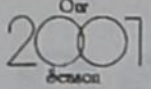


Manuela Hernandez reaches out for another two points for the Post Lady Lopes in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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Don't blame 'em...

I came in from work this evening, took a bath, fixed me a glass of tea and took into consideration, what could I do nice for my weenie dogs? So I lined the lil fellers up on the couch, got out an old world history book and commenced to reading to them what I considered things they needed to know.

I read to them, several pages of how their ancestors immigrated to America from Germany many years ago. I read to them about how their forefathers came to America so they could have freedom of religion, bark when they felt like it, draw a welfare check, and pick their favorite football team.

For the first time ever, they all went to sleep at the same time. I could tell right off they didn't give a hoot about how they got to America. All they wanted to hear was more about them Post Antelopes. Believe it or not, these lil guys would rather hear about the Antelopes than hunt little badgers any day.

So I proceeded to explain to them that Antelopes had been out and about

kicking a few butts. I told them about how Post had such a good bunch of kids and how well the Antelopes had their heart in the game.

Then the next morning I brought 'em all in and lined 'em up. O.k., fellers, they didn't win this one. (an immediate whimperin and whining session commenced) Look, you lil devils, them Antelopes done alright this year. Cain't win 'em all you know.

No, we ain't gonna start this "oughta done this or oughta done that." We ain't gonna be sayin "shoulda done this or shoulda done that." We just ain't gonna go there.

I understand that you lil fellers wanted to take it all, but you'll have to understand, both sides can't win. No, God didn't have nothin' to do with it. He is routin for both sides.

Besides, they got 'em a big ole trophy to put down there in the new building. See guys, seems to me like them Antelopes has done for the community, what a good cool spring rain will do. They have enlightened the whole county. Seems like good cool spring rain just makes the grass a little greener, the flowers glow a little brighter and the birds sing a little louder. Looks like everone goes to smiling.

Some of them seniors are gonna go on to bigger and better things, and you wish 'em luck wherever they may go.

But them Antelopes are still gonna have a big ole bunch of fine looking fellers comin back next year. Lets see if they can get a little higher on the totum pole. Now if you run across any of them Antelopes, you tell 'em they done a good job this year, and tell them ones comin back next year to make it like we're getting a good cool spring rain. Congratulations to all you Antelopes.

Me and muh weenie dogs,
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson



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Yesteryears

December 11, 1991
10 Years Ago

Last Saturday downtown Post was a beehive of activity... and another example of the power of people working together for the common good. Spearheaded by the Post Merchants Assc., the day was filled with family fun, highlighted by surrey rides, photos with Santa and a humdinger of a lighted Christmas parade after dark.

First 911 call gets a rapid response. The second 911 call received by dispatchers on the newly installed system was a prank caller. Sheriff Freddy Cockrell reminds citizens that the 911 system must be free to accept emergencies only, "a few seconds can make the difference between life and death," he emphasized.

Post High School choir members Radley Nichols, Sara Hodges and Shelly Haney recently qualified for the All-State Choir Auditions to be held in Levelland January 4th.

Golden Capps, bride-elect of Scott Nettles of Brownfield, was honored with a bridal shower Sunday, in the home of Mrs. Ronald Thuett.

December 10, 1981
20 Years Ago

Jim Jackson was elected president of the Post EMT's at their regular meeting held last week.

Athletic Director David Thompson will place a request for a 4,250 square foot addition to the field-house before Post school trustees tonight for additional dressing room space. Other agenda items for the month are: Action on recommendation that Miss Amy Cowdrey be employed to complete the 1981-82 school year at state and local salaries.

Power was restored in 90 minutes after an electrical outage which knocked off the entire town of Post at 4:30 a.m., Monday.

Lil Conner placed first in the Photography division of the Gaines County Art Assc. Fall Art Show with her photo entitled "Monarch". Zoe Kirkpatrick placed second with her entry "Wrestling Rattlesnakes".

December 11, 1971
30 Years Ago

Burglars make haul in high school break-in Saturday night or early Sunday. Stolen were two cassette tape players, tapes, 35-millimeter camera and a clock.

The Postex Plant's annual Christmas party for employees and their families will be held at 2 p.m. Sun-

day, December 12, with Santa Claus booked for an appearance.

Christy Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Morris of Plainview, formerly of Post, will appear in the chorus number "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview. Miss Morris, a 1969 graduate of Post High School, is a junior speech major at Wayland.

Miss Carol Davies, bride-elect of Francisco Tobias, was complemented with a bridal shower Saturday, Dec. 4 in the bank Community Room.

December 14, 1961
40 Years Ago

Bernie Welch, Post's contribution to the Peace Corps, is here this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Welch of 715 North Broadway, before leaving Saturday for India, where he will spend nearly two years in the field of agriculture.

Beta Sigma Phi held their Pledge Ritual in the Reddy Room. New Pledges were: Twilight Dudley, Jeanette Brown, Flute King, Jeneice Reno and Joan Stewart.

The Piggly Wiggly employees enjoyed a Christmas dinner party last Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones.

Dr. and Mrs. John E. Carter will hold open house in their new home at 1008 W. 10th St. Guests for the occasion will be all local physicians, the nursing staff of Garza Memorial Hospital and local pharmacists.

December 13, 1951
50 Years Ago

"Operations Santa Claus" has come and gone as far as Post and Garza Co. is concerned. The people can actually take pride in the outcome of the project. A grand total of 144 packages for American Soldiers were mailed Saturday afternoon.

County farmers are heading into the home stretch as far as cotton production is concerned with the six county gins reporting a total of 7,542 bales.

Mason Funeral Home is proudly showing off its brand new Superior Cadillac funeral coach and ambulance combination. James Minor went to Oklahoma City over the weekend and picked up the beautiful Tucson beige colored coach.

For the first time in the history of the Post school, high school students have banded together and organized a Student Council, electing Billy Taylor as president of the group.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

Is there a nurse in the house?



I recently sat down with a bunch of experienced nurses who had graduated from nursing schools fifty years ago. Some of their revelations about nursing back then were interesting.

Nurses accompanied doctors on their rounds and did everything from sewing up people to giving them back rubs. They cleaned the floors and venetian blinds and took care of new mothers, who stayed in bed two weeks after delivery. Women entering some nursing schools could not be married or be over 35 years old.

Cindy Stokes is Dean of Nursing at Howard College in Big Spring. She gathered this group to find out how nursing has evolved over the past half-century. There was one thing all these women had in common: they felt strongly about their profession and were completely dedicated to it. Cindy says the average age of nurses today is 52.

The next ten years will see a severe nursing shortage unless more individuals can be motivated to take the training. "You must get to the educational process to be a nurse," says Cindy. "It's an honor to be one and it's not easy. You have to want to one hundred and ten percent. You have to put your life aside to be able to take care of sick people."

Health care has never been simple and never will be because as technology and diseases increase, so must our knowledge. It is a constantly changing profession and a continual learning process. The day you start working as a nurse you learn new things.

"We try to tell our students how it is. You cannot be lax in any way, shape or form. You'll hurt someone. You must always be diligent. That's in our oath. Nursing is a mind-set, a giving of yourself. I promise you these ladies stayed late, came in early, worried about their patients while at home and called to check on them. They became involved. They wore their uniforms with pride. They loved to make tight beds with mitered corners."

"We don't have near the number of students to replace the nurses that are retiring. It's hard to tell someone who is not in the profession what to expect, but students must have the discipline to work hard and learn. We're teaching machinery now. Where they used to feel a wrist to get a pulse, now they plug patients into a machine. To get blood pressure, we plug them into a machine. No longer can you just listen to the heart, you have to hook them to a monitor that gives you a printout of what's going on in every chamber."

More is required of nurses today, so they have to know more. It's stressful because nurses can't get to the patient's room due to paperwork or administrative duties. Or if they do get there, they have just five minutes and have to do something else.

These ladies spent time with patients, talked to them and did a lot of laying on of hands, which I think is healing. We're trying to get back to that, trying to teach students to touch and really give personal care. "We can teach basic nursing, but when you get out there, you've got to become an expert in your area."

It takes incentive to keep on learning. It is a lifelong process. Once you're a nurse, you're a nurse for life. It's in your blood."

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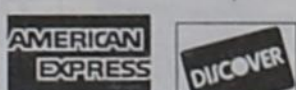
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