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A wintry scene last week captured the attention of lots of local folks, although the snow wasn't very deep and didn't stay around very long. Recent cleanup work at South Lake has been appreciated. (Photo by Thomas Zachary)

Witnesses have trouble identifying gun toting truck driver thief

A Sunday afternoon incident at a retail outlet in the 300 block of North Broadway has left employees there a bit shaken.

According to Sandy Smith, manager of Nothin' Butt Smokes, the driver of an 18-wheeler entered the store, revealed a gun to a fellow customer and walked away with several cigars and cigarettes without paying for the items.

Smith, drawing on information provided by the clerk on duty at that time, said the driver initially attracted the interest of the clerk at about 3:30-4 p.m. when it was noticed that he'd been sitting and observing the store from his vehicle parked at Citizens Bank. The man, described as "very large" - about 6'4" or 6'5" - came in to the store only after all customers with vehicles had departed. The only customer inside when the truck driver came in was a man who had walked to the store.

Smith said the man asked the male clerk for several price checks. While the clerk was busy, the truck driver picked up what he wanted and stuffed it into his "oversized coat," according to reports from the customer in the store.

The customer said the driver pulled back his coat, flashed a gun and said, "You didn't see a (expletive) thing, right?" The customer said he shook his head in agreement, turned and walked out the door. Smith said the customer ran and hid behind the store, thinking the clerk was about to be robbed.

The driver left the store when a drive-through customer approached the store, Smith said, only to return minutes later to request a cup of ice. As traffic was picking up, the driver returned to his rig, climbed in and headed north down the highway.

After the driver left, the customer ran inside and instructed the clerk to contact the sheriff's department. Smith said he told the clerk what he had observed, and a sheriff's deputy and Department of Public Safety trooper responded to the call.

Sheriff Kenny Ratke said the only description they were given of the truck was vague, as was the description of the alleged suspect. The video camera used for security purposes at Nothin' Butt Smokes had inadvertently not been turned on that day, Smith said.

Other law enforcement agencies were notified, and a DPS trooper sped northward looking for a vehicle fitting the description given. No such vehicle was located.

The alleged suspect may have been in possession of a firearm, the sheriff said, but he made no threat to the clerk, leading investigators to describe the incident as an alleged shoplifting case.

"There was no gun displayed at the clerk," Ratke said.

Due to the alleged display of the gun to the store's lone customer, the sheriff said a charge of terroristic threat might be possible, but such a case would be weak and difficult to prove.

"To the best of my knowledge, it was investigated as well as it could be investigated," the sheriff said.

Smith said the investigating officer referred to the incident as a shoplifting.

"As of this time, nothing has been done," she said. "I am furious for the simple fact I have some very special young ladies who are employed at my store, and I am concerned for their safety for obvious reasons."

The sheriff said if Smith is unhappy with the investigation, he has not been notified.

"She's made no attempt to contact me," he said.

PHS art students excell at national competition

Ten Post High School students received awards at the Annual National Scholastic Art Regional Competition held at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview Saturday.

More than 40 schools from across West Texas and Eastern New Mexico submitted works to the show, totaling more than 1,000 entries.

Awards were divided into three categories - Honorable Mention, Silver Key and Gold Key.

The following awards were brought home to PHS students:

- Honorable Mention - Tracey Cole; Jasmine Mitchell, two Honorable Mentions; Roland Castaneda; Jana Schwarzkopf; and Kimberly Craig.

- Silver Key - Manuel Saucedo and Jessica Ordonez.

- Gold Key - Jace Pollard, Hector Reyna, Matt Perez and Jana Schwarzkopf (two Gold Keys).

The works of the Gold Key winners will advance to the national competition in New York City. A total of 100 Gold Key winners from this area will be represented.

Of that number, jurors chose five works as nominees for the American Visions Award, works to be considered "best of the best." Schwarzkopf's sculpture, "Danzig," was one of this year's American Vision nominees for this region.

Winners will be recognized at a Saturday, Jan. 26, reception at the Mabee Art Gallery at Wayland Baptist University.

Post Notes

Little Dribbler practice schedule

This year's Little Dribbler group practice schedule includes Feb. 2, middle school gym, 1st grade, 2-3 p.m.; 2nd grade, 3-4 p.m.; 3rd and 4th grade girls, 4-5:30 p.m.; high school gym, 3rd and 4th grade boys, 2-3:30 p.m.; 5th and 6th grade girls, 3:30-5 p.m. and 5th and 6th grade boys, 5-6:30 p.m.

Church offers menudo plate

The Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th, is offering a menudo plate with all the trimmings for \$3 on Sunday, Feb. 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Lydia or Felicia Soto at 495-3644.

VFW dance Friday and Saturday

The Post VFW is hosting a DJ dance/karaoke Friday from 8 p.m. to midnight and a dance Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with "Mesquite" band. The VFW will also host a "Super Bowl" party Sunday.

SWCD takes orders for trees

The Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for windbreak trees. Producers may choose from a variety of evergreen (conifers) and hardwood tree species. Call Oneita Gunn at 495-2056, extension 30r visit the Natural Resources Conservation Service office at 210 West Main in Post. The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Church selling carne quisada

Ladies of the Holy Cross Catholic Church will sell carne quisada plates, with rice beans and tea, at \$5 per plate on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Parents help needed

All parents interested in helping with the 7th grade Valentine's Day fund raiser, please contact Lisa Kirkpatrick at 495-2235. Help is needed taking orders at lunch time on February 12, 13 and 14. Proceeds go toward the class' 8th grade banquet.

Pancake supper

The First United Methodist Church Youth Pancake Supper is set for Thursday, February 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. Participants will enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice and milk for a donation to support the Youth Spring Break ski trip.

Volunteer firemen chili supper

The Post Volunteer Fire Department annual "Chili Supper" is set for Saturday, February 9 at the fire station. Donations are accepted.

Grandma Brag Pages

Grandmothers are reminded that the annual "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published this year in the February 14 edition of The Post Dispatch. The deadline for photos is Friday, February 8. Entries may be dropped at the newspaper office at 123 E. Main. The cost is \$10 per photo, with a limit of two children in each photo. Larger sizes are available, see the ad in this week's edition. Please include names of grandchildren and grandparents and a phone number of submitter.

"Barefoot In The Park" at Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre has 10 plays scheduled for 2002, opening with "Barefoot In The Park" on February 1. The play continues February 2, 3, 8, 9, 15 and 16. Call the box office at 495-4005 to reserve tickets.

Volunteers sought for victims

The Garza County Victims Assistance Program is seeking volunteers to assist with a variety of duties. There will be a volunteer meeting Thursday, February 28 at 6 p.m. at the CitizensBank community room. For more information or to volunteer, call Jayta Cravy at 495-2479.

Annual banquet February 23

The Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau's annual banquet will be held Saturday, February 23 at 7 p.m. at the Post Community Center. The theme this year is "Post, Texas America" and will honor all veterans. Citizen of the Year and Business of the Year will also be recognized, along with the Garza County Pioneer Award. Tickets at \$15 each may be purchased from bureau directors or at the bureau office.

Free calling cards for armed services

The Post VFW Ladies' Auxiliary is offering free calling cards for active duty U.S. military personnel stationed within the borders of the United States. Call Lana at 495-2173 for more information.

Texas Tech research officials visit Post Fiber Tech facility

A group from the Texas Tech Nonwoven Research Center, led by director of international marketing for the Northwest Texas International Trade Center Jim Foster, visited Post Fiber Tech last Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Dayan Davis, Post Fiber Tech plant manager, showed product and production lines to the group and explained how the equipment operates to produce nonwoven materials of varying weights and thickness.

Attending were Pat Helton, Northwest Texas International Trade Center executive director; Bobby Rodriguez, Texas Tech University International Textile Center long staple processing manager; Fred Swartling, president of GreenTech Texas International; and S.S. Ramkumar, Ph.D., Texas Tech University research scientist and director of the Nonwoven Research Program at Tech, an effort supported by the U.S. Department of Defense through the university's Admiral Zumwalt Jr. program.

Swartling uses a nonwoven product in his environmentally friendly product that specifically addresses urban runoff pollution. It basically is the same material that Post Fiber Tech produces for oil spill cleanup.

Post Fiber Tech material is totally biodegradable and is of great interest to companies using environmentally friendly products.

David Davis, vice-president of Post Fiber Tech, will consult with Tech on training, equipment and production of the nonwoven material. He will travel to Denver, Colo., this week along with the Tech group to meet with textile representatives from Poland and Czechoslovakia.



Visiting Post Fiber Tech recently were Jim Foster, Northwest Texas International Trade Center Director International Marketing; Dayan Davis, Post Fiber Tech Inc. plant manager; Pat Helton, Northwest Texas International Trade Center Executive Director; Bobby Rodriguez, Texas Tech University International Textile Center and Long Staple Processing Manager; S.S. Ramkumar, Ph.D. Texas Tech University Research scientist; David Davis, Post Fiber Tech Inc. vice president; Fred Swartling, Green Tech Texas International President and Bill Gandy, Post Fiber Tech Inc. (Photo courtesy Wanda Mitchell)



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Mrs Ron Hudson

Melissa Striblin, Ron Hudson united in double ring ceremony

Melissa Striblin and Ron Hudson, both of Post, were united in a double-ring ceremony at 4 p.m. Dec. 15, 2001, in the Trinity Baptist Church. Jerry McCay, the groom's stepfather, officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Betty Striblin of Post. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McCay of Lubbock.

The church was decorated with candelabra accented with orchid and royal blue roses and ivory teal. An archway covered in ivory teal and matching roses served as the ceremony's centerpiece. Ivory bows accented the candelabra and the archway.

Given in marriage by her brother, Arthur Striblin, the bride chose for her wedding a traditional candlelight satin wedding gown by L'Amour. The bodice, heavily appliqued with schiffli lace and trimmed with pearls and crystal sequins, featured a scalloped V-front neckline; the back was decorated with buttons at the neck and a keyhole opening. Pearl ropes hung from the back buttons to the sides of the keyhole opening.

The long, tapered satin sleeves featured schiffli lace encrusted with pearl and crystal sequins, and cutouts of sheer fabric. The long torso waist included a basque front waistline; the back waistline was accented by a candybox bow trimmed with lace and pearls. The gown featured a white row of schiffli lace trimmed in pearls and crystal sequins at the skirt hem, and the detachable train was decorated with large lace medallions and cutouts of sheer fabric. The cathedral train was edged with schiffli lace embellished with pearls and crystal sequins.

The bride carried a bouquet of orchid roses and royal blue roses attached to a bride's Bible with a handkerchief that has been in her family for three generations.

Serving as matron of honor was Shelley English. Bridesmaids were Rebecca Striblin, Lydia Perez and LaGaylah McReynolds. Their dresses, fashioned by Sue Maxey, were of orchid satin and featured an empire cut, A-line with a lace bodice, bow, sash and short train.

Flower girls were Mallore English and Samantha Hudson. Their teal-length dresses were of off-white silk with lace overlays. They carried orchids and royal blue roses.

The groom wore a black tuxedo, black shirt and ivory vest and tie. Best man was the groom's brother, Mike Hudson. Groomsmen were Darrell Hudson, Daniel McCay and James Striblin. Each wore a black tuxedo, royal blue vest and tie.

Ushers were Tommy Mize and Richard Fuentes. They also served as candlelighters for the ceremony.

Wedding music was provided by Margie Maestas on piano and organ. She was assisted by Tracy Nelson.

A reception followed at the Post Community Center.

The bride's table was covered with an orchid cloth and held a three-tiered cake featuring orchid roses surrounding silk royal blue roses. Punch also was served. Members of the bride's house party included Kathy Nelson, Quinnetta Nelson and Bertha Fuentes.

The groom's table was decorated with a royal blue cloth and held a brass coffee and tea service and a coconut pineapple cake. Serving at the groom's table were Sylvia Hudson and Karon Ann McCay.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom at Trinity Baptist Church.

Following a wedding trip to Lubbock, the couple is at home in Post. The bride is employed by United Supermarkets. The groom works with Town & Country and the U.S. Postal Service in Lubbock.



Jon Wheeler and Delynn Ellison

Delynn Ellison, Jon Wheeler announce engagement

Brooks and Belinda Ellison of Crosbyton have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Delynn Ellison, to Jon Wheeler, son of Betty Wheeler of Lubbock and the late Stanley Wheeler.

The wedding ceremony is planned for Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

A 1998 graduate of Lubbock Christian School, the bride-elect earned a cosmetology degree from the Salon Professional Academy and is a hair stylist at Lindsey's Salon & Day Spa in Lubbock.

Her fiancé is employed by the Lubbock Fire Department.

Jerry and Judy Bush celebrate 35th anniversary

Jerry and Judy Bush were honored with a surprise 35th wedding anniversary celebration Friday evening in the Garden Room of Chapa's Family Restaurant.

More than 50 friends and family members attended the gala event. The room was decorated in the bride's wedding colors of red and white and featured a restored wedding photo of the couple, as well as the garter the bride wore on her wedding day.

As a gift to their parents, Trevah Yarbro, Traci Freeman and Salli Bush presented the couple with a Memory Book containing original wedding photos and an original newspaper clipping of their wedding announcement. Friends and family members were asked to write a special memory of time spent with the couple, and these writings were compiled and included in the book. Special memories from guests unable to attend were read aloud.

Following dinner, the couple cut and fed each other chocolate cake baked by Irene Fry. The cake featured the couple's original cake topper. The honorees toasted each other with punch made by longtime family friend Barbara Gossett.

Special guests included members of the original wedding party — Lucille Bush, the groom's mother; Ricky Bush, the candlelighter; Debbie Mason and Donna Aten, who served as flower girls; Loveta Josey, a member of the house party; and Delwin Fluit, who served as an usher.

Other special guests included the couple's grandchildren, Clinton, Quinton, Kale and Will Yarbro and Ryan, Reece and Raegan Belongia.

Jerry and Judy Bush were wed Jan. 27, 1967, at the Post Church of Christ.

*She rounded those barrels looking mighty fine,
Hittin' that gate in the nick of time
Then she moved on to fixin' hair
She did it well with quite a flair!
But soon enough that did not fit,
"Too Young" she said, "I just can't quit!"
So following in her daddy's steps,
with family, friends and lots of help.
She fed scores of hungry folks,
with brisket and cobbler, that was no joke!
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- February 2 - Greg Williams
- February 3 - Laura Tobias
- February 4 - Trevah Yarbro, Jennifer Strawn, Lana Comer
- February 5 - Rebecca Hinijosa, Kelsey Wimmer, C.J. Bilberry
- February 6 - Anita Morris, Glen Taylor, Tyler Cowley, Aspen Wischkeamper, Millie Ann Dissinger

Birth Madilyn Klaire Peel

Arrived on January 7th weighing 7lbs. 1oz. Her very proud parents are Keith and Lynne Peel of Lubbock. Madi's maternal grandparents are Bill and Debbie Luce of Lubbock. Paternal grandparents are Janet Hall of Lubbock and Lonnie Gene Peel. Maternal Great Grandparents include Dorothy Bruderer of Lubbock and Geneva and W.J. Luce of Tyler.

Congratulations Garza Theatre for another great year!

Garza Theatre 2001 Willy Award winners (back row, left to right) Rob Holton, Jim Bocko, Patrick Jones, Matt Ladd, (front) Linda Ellis Somerville, Laura Bryan, Amanda Workman and Krsiten Thomas.

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Ronnie and Annette Riggs

Celebrating 30th anniversary

Ronnie and Annette Riggs celebrated their 30th anniversary recently. They were married January 22, 1972 in Lubbock. Their children are Iris and Michael Copeland and Vanessa and Kipp Wilks.

They also have four grandsons: T.J. Copeland, Kyle Copeland, Troy Copeland and Russell Wilks.

The couple's parents are Troy and Lillie Willis, Mary Helen and Wes Server and Clifton Riggs Sr.

'Soul selects its own society..'

by Louella Bilberry

"The soul selects her own society, Then shuts the door." — Emily Dickinson, 1836-1880

No better phrase could describe this talented poet who some call a recluse. She was born in Amherst, Mass., and attended Mount Holyoke Female Seminary for a year. Except for a few trips to Boston, once to Philadelphia and once to Washington, D.C., when her father served a term in the House of Representatives, she never left home. An unmarried sister shared the home and a married brother lived next door.

The Amity Study Club's theme for this year is "Friendships," so you might think this lady a strange choice. Because of the passion in some of her poems, people through the years have been determined there must have been a great love lost at some time. Nothing has ever been found to prove such. She cherished long-distance relationships through letters — thousands of letters.

She did have three "warm" relationships with three gentlemen, one nearer her age, perhaps, a reverend friend and an older gentleman friend of her father's, but no romances.

She wrote more than 1,800 poems, only seven of which were published in her lifetime. She loved life, nature and books, "Friends of the soul," she called them. She read the Springfield Republican newspaper each day to keep up with the larger world.

Here are a few snippets from poems that caused readers to believe she had to have experienced love:

"Heart! We will forget him! You and I — tonight!" (Lost love?)

"My life closed twice before its close." (Two lost loves? Many thought so.)

"They'd judge us — how, For you served Heaven — You know — or sought to — I could not." (The reverend?)

Here are some not so intense: "Hope is the thing with feathers That perches in the soul..."

"Success is counted sweetest By those who ne'er succeed..."

"I'm a nobody! Who are you? Are you a nobody — too?"

"How happy is the little stone That rambles in the road alone..."

"I'll quit rambling now."

We met in the home of Ginger Carlisle. She was ably assisted by Margaret Bull.

UMW bible study continues

The United Methodist Women met Jan. 22 in the Church Fellowship Hall.

The group continued its study on "Jesus and Courageous Women."

Coffee and muffins were served by Carolyn Black.

Attending were Shirley Stice, Barbara Babb, Joy Dickson, Lynn Bell, JoAnn Miller, Janis Middleton and Pat Bilbo.

The group's next meeting will be Feb. 26. The study will be "The Advent Season." All interested women are invited to attend.

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Jo Ann Miller brought the quilt top (with all our names). Now, she and Patsy Bilbo are planning a quilting party.

Anne Sims reminded us to bring our items for Victims Assistance to our next meeting.

Other members in attendance were Jane David, Joy Dickson, Naomi Matsler, Jane Middleton, Edna Owen, Ruth Ann Young, Juanell Ethridge and Carolyn Sawyers.

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State president to visit VFW Ladies Auxiliary

by Lana Comer

VFW Post 6797 will host the District 7 convention Feb. 2-3. The state president of the Ladies Auxiliary, Kay Paulk, will be in attendance.

Paulk has been a member of Golding-Meadows Ladies Auxiliary since 1976 and has held various offices and chairmanships, including senior vice president of state. She is past president of her auxiliary.

Paulk is a registered nurse employed at the Veterans Health Care System in Amarillo.

Her theme for this year is "Rise and Shine with Cause and Effect," and

her symbol is "Shooting Star."

Arriving Friday, Feb. 1, Paulk will tour the VA Clinic in Lubbock and be treated to lunch at the Rose Tea Garden. At 6:30 p.m., she will attend a Pin Program and birthday celebration for Lubbock Post 2466.

On Saturday, Feb. 2, the Ladies Auxiliary of Post 6797 will host Paulk on a tour of the local museum and lunch at the Alamo Restaurant, followed by a visit to Old Mill Trade Days.

That evening, a 9 p.m. to midnight dance will be held in the VFW Hall on the Clairmont Highway. The dance will be open to the public.

On Sunday, Feb. 3, convention registration will be from 8-9:30 a.m. A flag raising ceremony is set for 9 a.m., followed by a joint session. Individual business meeting will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon, and a barbecue lunch will round out the joint session. Drawings for door prizes will be conducted.

Following lunch, the ladies will treat Paulk to an afternoon at the Garza Theatre to see a matinee performance of "Barefoot in the Park."



Kay Paulk

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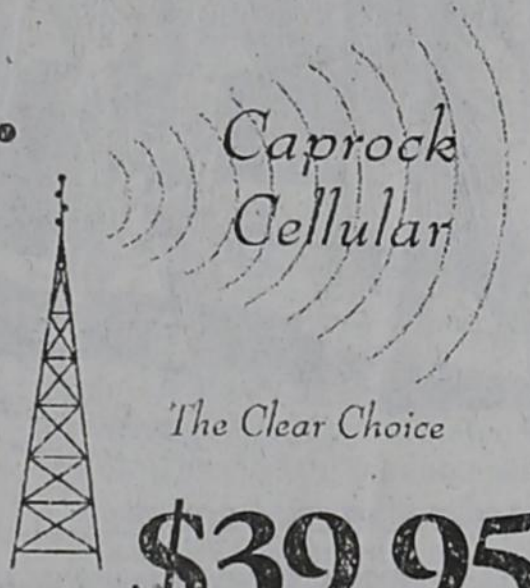
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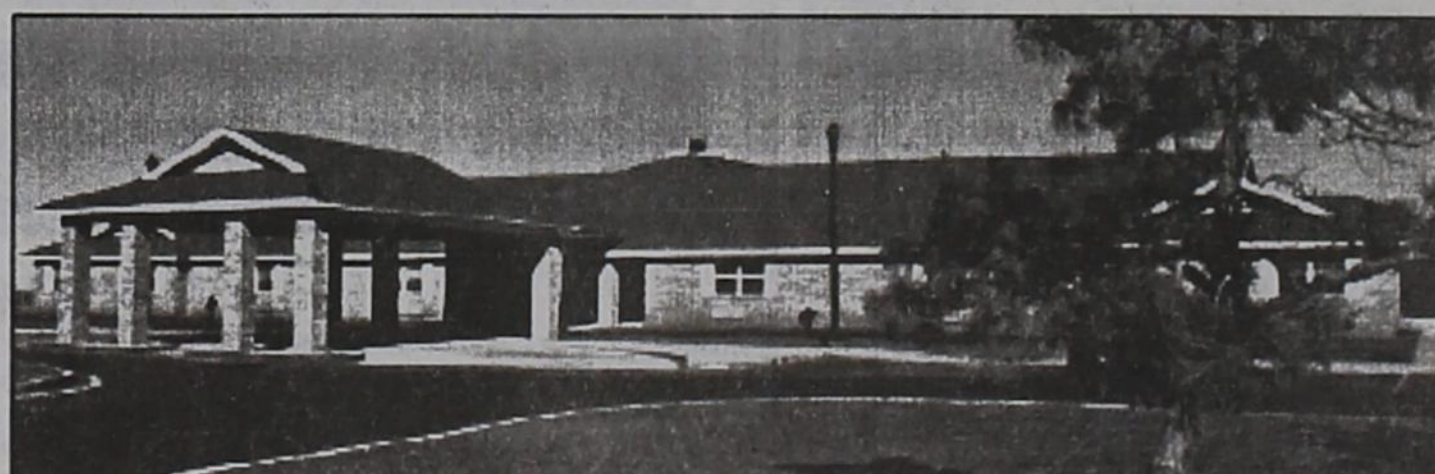
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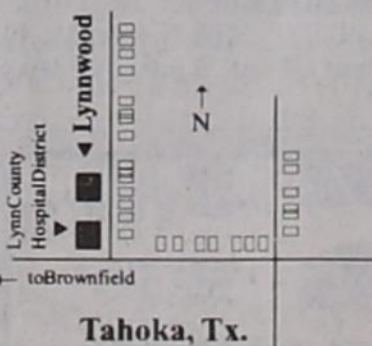
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Obituaries

Clyde F. Hodges

Graveside services for Clyde F. Hodges, 86, of Gravette, Ark., were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002, in the Bethel Cemetery south of Gravette with the Rev. Jake Phillips officiating. The Callison-Lough Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He died Monday, Jan. 21, at his home.

Born July 7, 1915, in Bonham, Texas, to Flemming Wylie Hodges and Mary C. Lucas Hodges, he attended school at Ragtown and graduated from Post High School. He married Iris Renell Gollehon in St. Augustine, Florida, in 1942 and attended Fellowship Bible Church in northwest Arkansas. He moved to the Gravette area in 1956. He was a farmer and an A.I. technician. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

Survivors include one son, Don C. Hodges of Kansas, Okla.; one daughter, Janice Allen of Springdale, Ark.; three sisters-in-law, Jeanette Hodges, Gracie Hodges and Josephine Hodges, and a nephew, Dan Hodges, all of Post; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He also was uncle to Oreta Beavers, W.D. Hodges and Frances Conrad, all of Post.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Renell Hodges; his parents; five brothers; and three sisters.

The family has suggested memorial contributions be made to the Gideons at Gideons International, P.O. Box 578, Decatur, Ark. 72722.

J. Dudley Brown

Services for J. Dudley Brown, 69, were held at 2 p.m. Jan. 24, 2002, in the College Hill Church of Christ with Jay Tyree officiating. Burial followed in the Alva Municipal Cemetery in Alva, Okla., under the direction of the Wharton Funeral Home.

He died at the Enid (Okla.) St. Mary's Regional Hospital Jan. 21.

Born Oct. 15, 1932, near Wilson, Okla., to Carra Lou (Cudd) and Charles Warren Brown, he attended the Wilson schools and graduated from high school in 1950. On Oct. 17, 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving as a military policeman in Japan. On Oct. 16, 1955, he was discharged at Tinker Air Force Base.

He married Jeanette Storie Jan. 14, 1957, at Arkansas City, Kansas. The couple lived in Wichita, Kansas, prior to moving to Post where he operated a Dodge, Plymouth and GMC car dealership. In 1967, the couple moved to Everett, Washington, where he owned an accounting business. In August of 1970, the couple relocated to Alva. In 1972 he opened the Taco Village restaurant, a business he continued to operate at the time of his death. He was a member of the College Hill Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanette; four daughters and their husbands, Kendra and Alan Hada, Resa and Patrick Harris, Tyla Brown and Rona and Gilbert Johnson, all of Alva; six grandchildren, James Alan and Travis Hada, Jared and Landon Johnson and Timothy and Emily Harris; one sister, Beth Barta of Kermit, Texas; a sister-in-law, Juanelle Brown of Abilene, Texas; and a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter Oct. 11, 1977; his father on Oct. 13, 1971; his mother on Oct. 29, 1997; a sister, Joyce, on Feb. 28, 1988; and a brother, Charles Jr., on March 13, 1998.

The family has suggested contributions be made to the Church of Christ Bible Choir, The Alva Education Foundation of the American Diabetes Association.

W.O. Stewart

Services for W.O. Stewart, 82, were held Sunday January 27, 2002 2:30 PM at Trinity Baptist Church in Post with the Rev. Billie S. Smith, pastor officiating and Charles McCook assisting. Burial followed the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mr. Stewart died on Friday January 25, 2002 at the Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born on December 26, 1919 to William Oscar and Millie Alta (Garrison) Stewart. He attended school at Branom and married Blanche Brown on April 25, 1941 in Newsom, Texas. They made their home in Hopkins County. He served in the US Army Air Corp during WWII. After the service they moved to Mitchell County and to Garza County in 1956. He owned and operated his own auto repair shop until his retirement in 1981. He enjoyed his family and camping. He was a member and a Deacon of the Trinity Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Blanche Stewart of Post. Two Daughters: Beth and husband Jimmy Hodges and Linda and husband Bobby Green all of Post. One Brother: Jesse Stewart of Ladonia and one Sister: Elba Evans of Loraine. Five Grandchildren: Lynn Putman, Terri Reed, Vicki Taguba, Kristi Stanley and Jay Green. Seven Great-grandchildren: Christopher Putman, Keegan Stanley, Jessica Putman, Jace Green, Chelsey Reed, Maeson Green and Katelyn Redman.

Pallbearers were: Richard Cook, Michael Robertson, Delbert Wartes, Wayne Eckols, Bill Harp and John Sutter.

Memorials are suggested to the Trinity Baptist Church or to a favorite charity.



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War Is the Health of the State

by Sheldon Richman

Some conservatives are surprised to find people on the left supporting the war in Afghanistan. It's not surprising at all.

War collectivizes society and increases the government's domestic power. There is no mystery here. In war there seems to be one overriding goal for the entire society: defeat the enemy. Everything else is subordinate. The aspirations of individuals must take a back seat to the war effort. Any resources the government decides it needs, it will have. But government produces no resources. So it must take them from those who do produce them.

The key collectivizing effect is not material but psychological. People are encouraged to think of themselves not as individuals but as cogs in the national crusade. That alone makes war attractive to some people. The American intellectual class from the mid 19th century onward has disliked liberalism (the original version: individualism, private property, and limited government) precisely because liberal society has no overarching goal. Individuals are free to use their freedom and property to pursue their own ends, which usually center on family, work, friends, and community. Collectivists and nationalists disdain these concerns as "trivial pursuits," as one editorial writer put it recently. Champions of the national unity imposed by war grow nostalgic when they look back. A television commercial for recordings of World War II-era music urged viewers to remember when "we all pulled together." That war was monstrous in the number of deaths and amount of destruction, but what is recalled fondly is the submergence of individualism.

Some intellectuals have realized that war exacts a high price for unity, so they have longed for what philosopher Williams James called the "moral equivalent of war," that is, collectivism without the bloodshed. But nothing seems to work like the real thing.

Now we have the real thing, and some left-wing intellectuals are in the ranks of the war boosters. Why not? Several writers at *The Nation*, the quintessential leftist magazine, have found this war worthy of support for reasons that go beyond a wish for retaliation for the September 11 attacks. Its editor, Katrina vanden Heuvel, writing in the *Los Angeles Times* with Professor Joel Rogers, proclaims, apparently without irony, that the war "presents the opportunity of a lifetime." Among other things, "War's mobilization of the populace against a shared threat also heightens social solidarity, while underscoring the need for government and other social institutions that transcend or replace the market.... In brief, Sept. 11 has made the idea of a public sector, and the society that it serves, attractive again."

Vanden Heuvel and Rogers are closer to the truth than the war boosters who claim to value limited government. Unlike the market, the "public sector" is coercive. War intensifies government power, regardless of anyone's wishes; the beast has a logic of its own. Observe the concentration of power in the executive branch since September 11. Observe the public's unquestioning support for that concentration.

In 1917, as Woodrow Wilson prepared to take the United States into the European war, the leading collectivist intellectuals of the day, John Dewey and Herbert Croly of *The New Republic*, beat the drums for American participation. Sounding much like vanden Heuvel, Dewey wrote that the progressive opponents of war were blind to the "immense impetus to reorganization afforded by this war." He hoped they would work "to form: the conditions and objects of our entrance." In other words, they should exploit the opportunities war bestowed for collectivizing America. Croly was pithier: "The American nation needs the tonic of a serious moral adventure."

The progressive warriors failed to heed their erstwhile and prophetic colleague, Randolph Bourne, who wrote on the eve of U.S. entry that war is intrinsically illiberal. It is, he said, "the health of the state."

The war indeed set many precedents for government planning, regimentation, and suppression of dissent. In the end the progressives became disillusioned, as idealism gave way to realpolitik, the consequences of which plague us even in the current conflict.

The upshot is that even those who feel this war is a just response to the murder of American civilians should temper their enthusiasm with the realization that it will change America for the worse not the better.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at *The Future of Freedom Foundation* (www.fff.org) in Fairfax, Va., author of *Tethered Citizens: Time to Repeal the Welfare State*, and editor of *Ideas on Liberty* magazine.



And thereafter, Diversity II

by Walter E. Williams

Last week's column focused upon diversity-multiculturalism madness on college campuses. Now there's the diversity flap in New York City. Several columnists, most notably David Limbaugh and Kathleen Parker, commented on some of its lunacy. Shortly after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, photographer Tom Franklin of *The Record* newspaper in Bergen County, N.J., captured the images of New York City firefighters Dan McWilliams, George Johnson and Billy Eisengrein planting the American flag in the rubble of what was once the World Trade Center.

The scene, captured by Franklin's camera, was to be reproduced as a 19-foot statue to be erected at the Fire Department's Brooklyn headquarters to memorialize the 343 fire fighters who died in the attack.

You say, "Williams, what's wrong with that?" It turns out that Dan McWilliams, George Johnson and Billy Eisengrein are white guys.

"So what, Williams?" you shout. "Facts are facts, history is history, and a photograph is a photograph." That's where you're wrong. Sometimes facts, history and photographs are not politically correct and must be changed.

The New York Fire Department, the studio making the statue and the company that owns the department's headquarters decided to alter the statue, making it politically correct. The statue would portray one white, one black and one Hispanic fireman raising the flag. That, race experts say, better reflects the ethnicity of New York's 11,500 person fire department, of which 2.7 percent are black, 3.2 percent Hispanic and the other 90-some percent white.

Fire Department spokesman Frank Gribbon explains, "Given that those who died were of all races and all ethnicities, and that the statue was to be symbolic of those sacrifices, ultimately a decision was made to honor no one in particular, but everyone who made the supreme sacrifice." Kevin James, a black firefighter, said: "The symbolism is far more important than representing the actual people. I think the artistic expression of diversity would supersede any concern over factual correctness."

Suppose it were three black firefighters raising the flag at Ground

Zero. Dropping off two in the name of diversity would have brought in the frothing of the likes of Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson.

Facts and history are nowhere nearly as important to diversity-multiculturalists as symbolism, but if it's symbolism that New Yorkers want, why not go all the way? Here's my suggestion for "the artistic expression of diversity." Having one black, one white and one Hispanic man is a good start, but not enough. I know FDNY obeys the Americans With Disabilities Act, so the statue should include persons in wheelchairs from each ethnic group.

I would imagine that FDNY also obeys equal opportunity laws. There can't be sex discrimination. That means firewomen must become part of the "artistic expression of diversity" — and it can't just be some white woman, it must include one black and one Hispanic woman. A true and complete commitment to the "artistic expression of diversity" requires that the statue include homosexual and lesbian firefighters.

The nation's diversity-multiculturalists have other statue correction work to do, so as to promote the "artistic expression of diversity." Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Joe Rosenthal captured the image of five Marines and a Navy corpsman raising our flag on Mt. Suribachi, Iwo Jima, during World War II. The statue created from his photo consists of five white men but only one diversity guy — Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian. Since diversity trumps historical accuracy and facts, diversity-multiculturalists ought to demand that the Arlington, Va., memorial statue be reconfigured to include all races that fought in World War II.

There's no end to the work for diversity-multiculturalists, so long as the rest of us remain timid idiots unwilling to stand up to their vicious nonsense.

As this column goes to print, FDNY says it's considering other options.

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Grateful for the first 10 amendments!

From *Future of Freedom Foundation*

The unfolding developments in the John Walker Lindh case and the Guantanamo "detainees" situation reflect why Americans should be so grateful to our early ancestors for demanding the first ten amendments to the Constitution as a condition of adopting the Constitution.

Recall that there was tremendous resistance among the several states to the adoption of the Constitution because of the fear of calling into existence a federal government.

One of the objections people raised was that there were no express guarantees that people who were accused of crimes would be accorded the traditional notions of due process of law, a legal concept that stretched all the way back to Magna Carta.

The proponents of the Constitution responded that no such express guarantees were included in the original Constitution because Americans who became public officials, either through election or appointment, would always be devoted to the principles of due process of law and therefore it was unnecessary to expressly required them to apply such principles in criminal cases.

Our ancestors' response was: "Oh, no — even a U.S. government will end up attracting Americans who do not believe in due process of law as a matter of principle, especially for criminal suspects who they are convinced are guilty."

Fortunately, the proponents of express guarantees in the Bill of Rights won out, for in retrospect it is now clear that they were the ones who were right. The reason that John Walker Lindh has been brought back to the United States to face criminal charges, has been formally notified of the charges against him (through grand-jury indictment), has defense attorneys, and will be accorded a jury trial with full rights of cross-examination is not that federal officials believe in these concepts as a matter of principle but rather because they feel that the Constitution (and specifically the Bill of Rights) requires them to do so — and that a federal judge will slap them down if they don't.

The reason that the Afghan War "detainees" are being transported to Cuba, rather than the United States, is to avoid having to provide them either prisoner-of-war status under the Geneva Convention or the traditional guarantees of due process of law if they are treated as criminal suspects.

Ironically, communist dictator Fidel Castro, who rules over the rest of Cuba, approves of the U.S. government's conduct, for he has the exact same policy with respect to criminal suspects under his jurisdiction: people are presumed guilty, there are no grand jury indictments or other

formal notification of charges, no independent defense attorneys, no jury trials, and indeterminate jail sentences.

Thus, regardless of the outcome of the Lindh case — guilty or not guilty — Americans today ought to be counting their blessings for the courage of those who demanded that the Constitution be amended with the Bill of Rights immediately after its adoption.

Home of the brave?

by Wes Burnett

Sheer frustration, that's about the best way I can describe my reaction to the growing tyranny in America. What ever happened to the old American principle of "innocent until proven guilty?"

When I see the demonizing on national and local television, I am astounded at the sheer ignorance of so many people as to the importance of due process of law. "Oh, well, they aren't American citizens, so they don't have any rights." I've heard that statement by so many on television and in personal conversation that it has caused me great concern.

Liberty is a very fragile commodity ... and it is quickly being cast aside in America as a "quaint notion," replaced by mob rule, where the accused are considered guilty, depending on how they are depicted by the national news media.

It's a crying shame.

When our ancestors crafted the U.S. Constitution, and more importantly, the Bill of Rights (first ten amendments), they did so, not for themselves or "citizens," but for all individuals. I actually heard one of those so-called national legal consultants declare that "individuals" does not necessarily mean all individuals.

When due process can be denied to even the most horrendous of accused criminals, no matter how dastardly are their accused crimes, then due process can be denied any of us. That is the fear that drove our ancestors to insist on due process for all.

Now, with all the fear of terrorism, all the government needs to "detain" a person is a presidential order declaring a person to be a terrorist, or having known a terrorist, or done business with a terrorist... or taken a phone call from a terrorist... they don't need a warrant and you can be held "incommunicado" ... without communication.

All in the name of "Homeland Security" and "War on Terrorism." It's simply a way to impose martial law without using that nasty term. Next we'll have the U.S. military patrolling the streets and highways, checking our papers to see if we are carrying any contraband or smuggling terrorists.

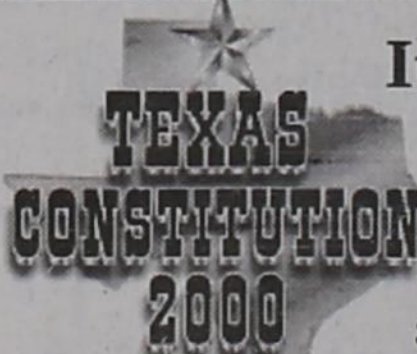
Sad, so sad. There is no security in such a tyrannical system which is being imposed on Americans. It only gives the false impression of security, with tacit approval of most people... until they become a victim, then it's too late.

So much for "home of the brave and land of the free." Just a bunch of empty words which have no real meaning. Maybe we should change the words to "home of the frightened and land of the serfs."

Thought for the week...

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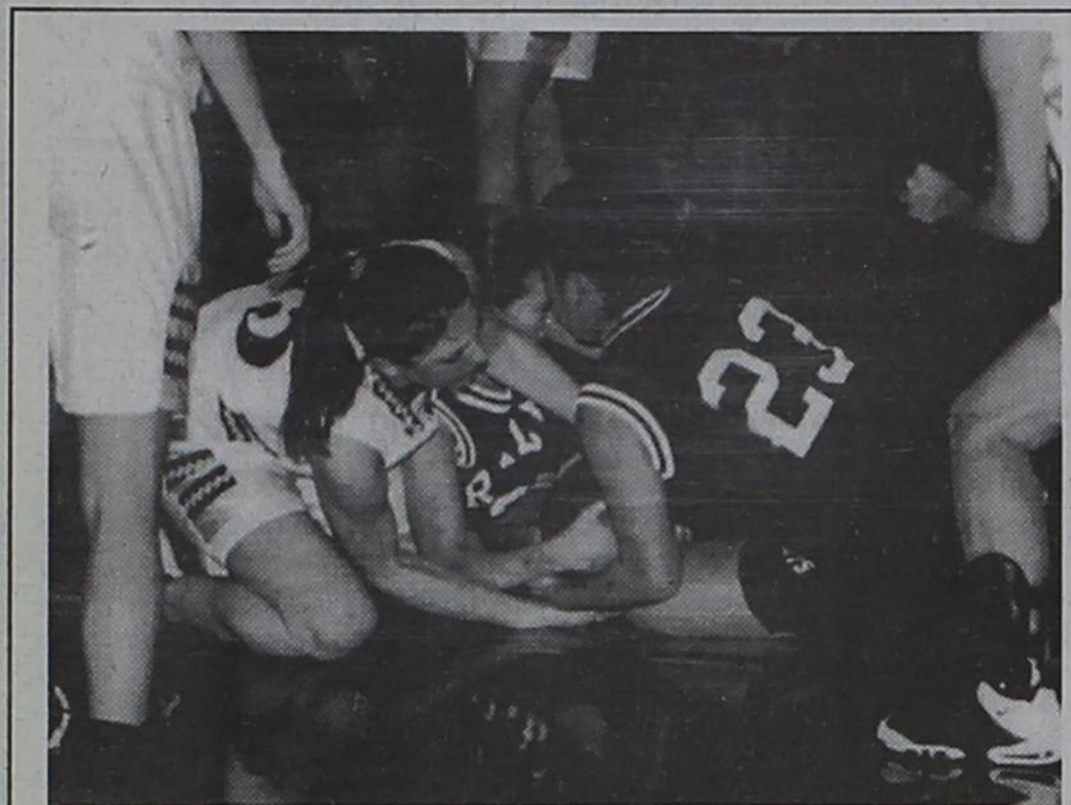
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Sports

Undefeated Lady Lopes seal up district title



Emily Smith fights for the loose basketball during the Lady Lope win here last week against Ralls. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Two more district wins last week set the Lady Lopes within one game of wrapping up the district championship. "If we win Tuesday night (01/29/02)," coach Ron Taylor said, "we'll have the district title in our hands."

The Lady Lopes kept district opponents at bay last week, defeating Ralls 66-51 at home and holding off a feisty Sundown team 60-52 last Friday at Sundown.

"We're beginning to play our offensive game like we did earlier in the season," Taylor added, "we've shot the ball well from the field and from the free throw line, and that's what wins ball games."

In the Ralls win, Manuela Hernandez led the team with 25 points, followed

by Kelly Moore with 18, Emily Smith and Meagan Mills with 11 and LaRinda Ledbetter with one.

At Sundown Manuela Hernandez and Smith scored 18 points, followed by Moore with 10, Tandi Humble with six, Mills with four and two each by Kaycee Gorman and Nikki Norman.

"This is a team effort," Taylor emphasized, "and we're proud of the way these young ladies work together to win." Every team is aiming to upset the Lady Lopes, "and there's just no easy games from here on out," Taylor said.

The team travels to New Deal Friday and hosts the final district game next Tuesday with Idalou.

'Lopes still in hunt for playoff spot

"We had a couple of tough losses," Antelope varsity basketball coach Dane Vickers said about last week's action, "but we're still in the hunt for a playoff spot."

After losses to Ralls and Sundown last week, the 'Lopes are tied for third place with Idalou. "We'll see how we do when we're all healthy," Vickers added. Starter Kenny Ratke suffered a separated toe during the Ralls game (1/25/02) and was unable to play in the Sundown game last Friday. To add to the misery, starter Mitchell Mills was recovering from the flu.

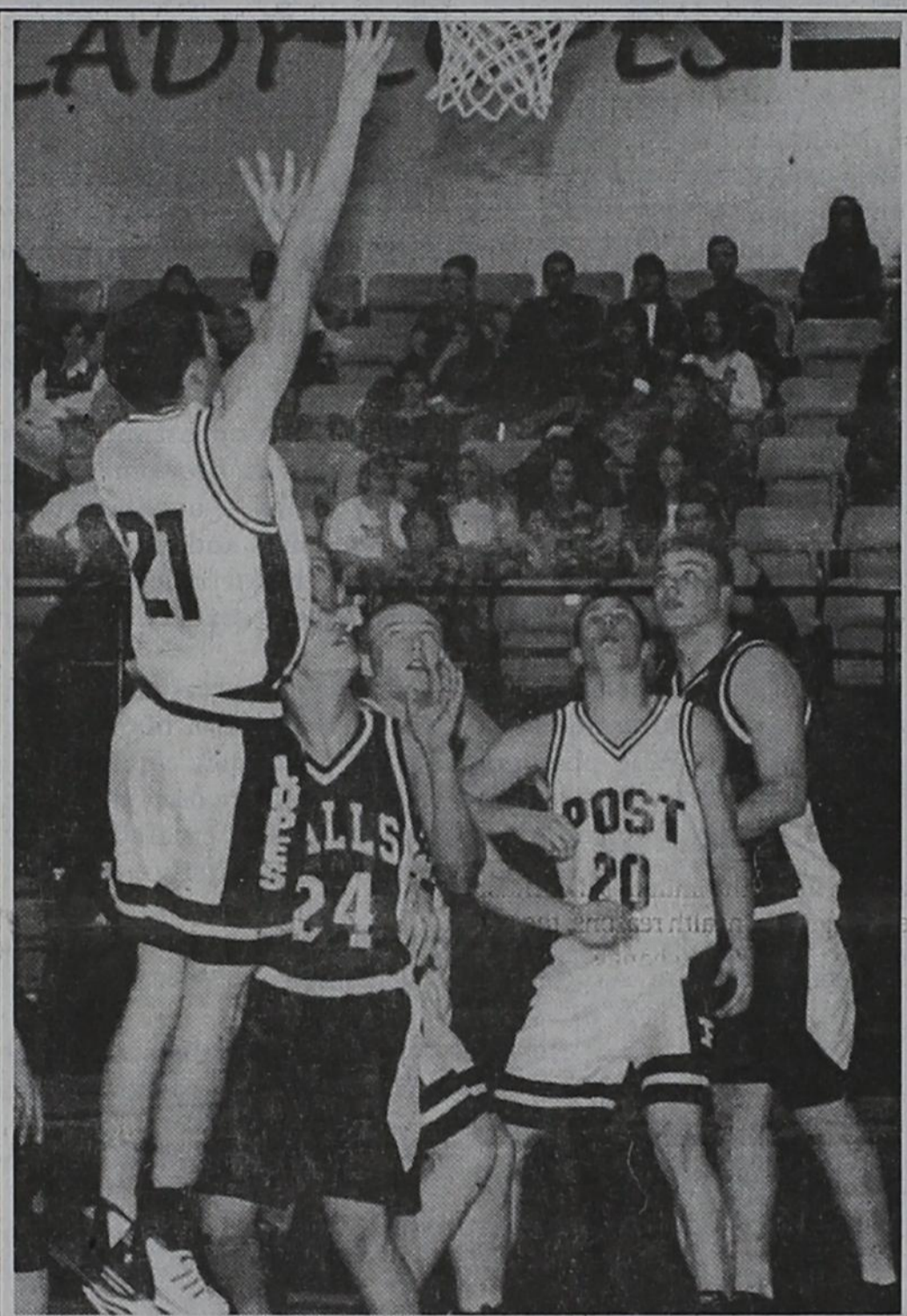
The 'Lopes came oh so close in the Ralls game, losing 38-35. "Ralls has a good basketball team," Vickers said, "they've improved a lot, and we just didn't play well offensively." Jarrett Vickers led the scoring with 17 points, followed by Michael Huff with nine, Ratke at five, Brody Robertson with three and Mills with two.

In the 54-37 loss at Sundown, the 'Lopes missed starter Ratke, which required several players to take unfamiliar positions on the court. Huff led the team with 15 points, followed by Vickers with 10 and six each by Mills and Robertson.

The 'Lopes take a trip north to New Deal Friday.



Manuela Hernandez takes it to the net for the Post Lady Lopes in the 66-51 win here last week. Manuela scored 25 points in the contest. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Kenny Ratke (21) puts the ball on the backboard for a two point layup shot, with teammate Brody Robertson (20) underneath to help in the game here last week against Ralls. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Kelly Moore (21) takes a shot for two points with help from Emily Smith (25) in the win here last week over Ralls. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jarrett Vickers avoids a Ralls defender to get the ball out to Michael Huff in action here last week. The Antelopes are in the hunt for a playoff spot, tied with Idalou in third place. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Brody Robertson (20) goes over the top of defenders for two points in the 38-35 loss to Ralls here last week. Michael Huff (10) gets set for the rebound. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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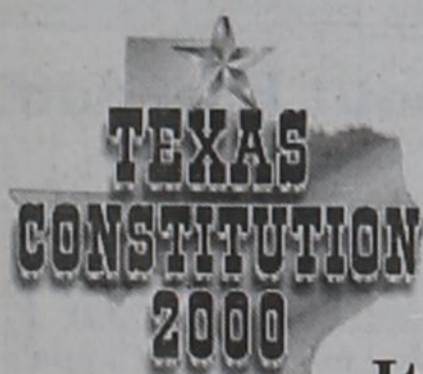
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J.V. girls whip Sundown 34-26

The Post High School junior varsity girls' squad continued its spotless season with a 34-26 win over Sundown Jan. 25.

The Lady 'Lopes jumped out to a 9-4 lead at the close of the first quarter and led 16-10 at the half. The third period was a bit rocky, with Sundown shutting down Post's offense and knotting the score at 16-16, but the Lady 'Lopes offense kicked into gear in the final period to breeze past Sundown.

Taylor Starkey led scoring for Post with 13 points, followed by Terri Curtis with eight points. Jessica Mason had five points, Meagan Hoover had four points and Logan Gregory and Donae Dalby each had two points.

The girls' season record stands at a flawless 18-0, with a district record of 7-0.

New Deal edges 8th grade girls

The middle school's eighth grade Lady 'Lopes dropped a close one to New Deal Monday night.

In a 40-38 game, New Deal grabbed an early lead, but Post bounced back to throw the game into overtime.

"The girls played so well," said Coach Kristi Lowe. "They came back during the second half to take New Deal to overtime. Laurel (Tatum) hit key free throws during the fourth quarter to take us into overtime.

"Even though we lost, the girls gave a lot of heart. I was very proud."

Tatum led scoring with 15 points. Jenae Lott had eight points, Kayla Morris, six points, Alana Zubia, four points, Kadie Vernon, three, and Courtney Copeland, two points.

On Jan. 24, the team dropped a 46-13 game to Tahoka.

Tatum had seven points in the game, while Diann Heckaman, Zubia and Vernon each scored two points.

7th 'B' boys drop one

The seventh grade B team for Post Middle School was handed a pair of defeats by New Deal and Tahoka during the past week.

"The team played a hard-fought contest but came up short to a talented New Deal team," the coach said.

Steven Hair led scoring in the New Deal game.

Other team members participating included Heath Fellhauer, Justin Loem, Adrian Nava and Mark Ayala.

"The team played real hard (in the Tahoka game)," the coach said. "These athletes have made a lot of improvement over the season.

"Zach Witcher made a big free throw to give Post the lead in closing seconds, but Tahoka rallied for the win."

Witcher led scoring, followed by Ayala and Hair.

Other contributors included Nava and Loem.



Clell Knight

Clell Knight named boxer of week at USAF Academy

Air Force boxers won five bouts and lost four last Friday at the Nevada Invitational in Reno's El Dorado Convention Center before a sellout crowd.

One of the best fights of the night came in the 165-pound weight class between the Falcons' Clell Knight and San Jose State's Julio Romo. Knight defeated Romo in last year's National Collegiate Boxing Association Regional qualifying.

Romo was very aggressive in the first round and Knight used his jab and combinations to keep the San Jose State boxer at bay. In the second round Knight followed the instructions of boxing coach Eddie Weichers and went with a body attack, hitting Romo with several hard lefts and right hooks.

"I thought Clell's body shots in the second round took away Romo's mobility and Clell came out and dominated the third round by scoring with four or five combinations," Weichers said. The hard-fought victory earned Knight Boxer of the Week Honors.

"We told all of our boxers to stay focused and they really did a good job of preparing themselves for these bouts. Six of our boxers on this trip were in their first year and it was very gratifying to see them mature from this boxing experience," said Weichers.

The team now heads to the University of California-Berkeley for another invitational this Saturday, Feb. 2.

New Deal outscores 8th grade boys

The eighth grade boys from Post Middle School lost a close game Monday to New Deal.

Though the final score was 37-35 in favor of New Deal, the 'Lopes jumped out to an early lead, boasting a 20-14 lead at the half. New Deal pulled ahead in the third period while limiting the 'Lopes to three points. Despite a strong comeback in the final period, Post was unable to pull out the win.

S. Smith was top scorer with 11 points, while K. Garay had eight points. S. Norman scored six in the game, while I. Barbosa had four. K. Meredith and S. Merritt each added a single point to the total score.

8th grade girls win two more

The Post Middle School seventh grade girls added two more notches to their wins column in the past week with victories over New Deal and Tahoka.

On Monday, the girls handed New Deal a 36-19 loss. The team came out strong in the first period and never looked back.

"What a team effort!" Coach Kristi Lowe said. "We took care of business tonight. I was proud of the way the girls stepped up and played hard."

"We had several girls come off the bench and score - which is a key to winning consistently."

Larissa Halford led scoring with 10 points, while Rachel Gray had seven and Sarah Kirkpatrick had six. Jackie Hays scored four points, Keisha Odom had three points and Steffi Norman and K'neil Dalby each added two points. Becca Striblin scored one point.

The New Deal game was almost a carbon copy of the girls' Jan. 24 match up against Tahoka. Post led 16-5 at the half and allowed Tahoka only three points in the second half of the 39-8 game.

Halford again topped scoring with 10, Gray with eight and Dalby with seven. Norman and Hays each had four points, while Gabby Paiz, Allison Blevins and Odom each scored two points in the game.

The squad's next and final game of the season will be Monday at Idalou.

PET TALK

If Sparky separates the kibbles from the bits, it may be a sign he is a picky eater. But don't worry - it may be typical of some pets, says Dr. Melanie Landis, a veterinarian at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine who has some suggestions to keep your pet from turning up his nose.

"There are at least three ways to make your pet a picky eater," says Landis.

The first is by feeding an animal the same food its entire life, and while this helps prevent gastrointestinal problems, a picky eater may result. Later in life, if the animal's diet must be changed for health reasons, the pet may be reluctant to change.

The second way to a picky pet eater may occur when an animal is bottle-fed and makes a slow transition from soft or semi-solid food to dry food. The third way is when owners feed their pets table scraps, ordinary pet food may become less appealing.

Pets have a tendency to hold out for the "good stuff" when they know their owners will give in, Landis said.

"Some common signs of a picky eater are leftover food and sniffing at or nibbling at the food that is offered and then begging to be fed again," Landis explains.

"Most animals will have a brand or flavor preference. If a pet is eating a particular brand and it is not necessary to change to a different brand for health reasons, let the animal eat its preferred brand," says Landis.

She says to use caution when feeding table scraps to animals. Feeding people food to animals can cause gastrointestinal problems and add unnecessary calories that could lead to obesity, Landis confirms.

A few simple ways to modify the behavior of a picky eater is by first paying special attention to the eating habits of your petbe sure to monitor your pet's overall attitude, as well as appetite."



The Gospel High Lights will perform Saturday at Old Mill Trade Days. Members of the singing group are (back row, left to right) Nathan Wright, Bessie Lee of Post, Bennie Evans, Charlie Currie, Willis Flowers, (front row) Danny Mayse, Steve Green and Jamar Green.

VFW Post to host District 7

by Lana Comer

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary of Post 6797 have been busy preparing for the District 7 VFW Convention to be held Feb. 2-3.

Registration will be from 1-4 p.m., and there will be a Past District Commander and Ladies Auxiliary Past President meeting.

A social hour will follow at 5 p.m. At 9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2, a dance will be held until midnight.

Dignitaries expected to attend include Junior Vice Commander of Texas Ronald C. Hornsby and his wife Cleo. Hornsby, who served in the U.S. Navy from 1955-1979, retiring as senior chief petty officer, is a life member of Amarillo Post 10428 in Kingsland. Also attending on Sunday, Feb. 3, will be Past State Commander Jimmy Cantrell and wife Betty of

Carrollton and District 7 Commander Joe Galindo and wife Dee.

Commander of Post 6797, Chuck Ratliff, will welcome the group.

Galindo will preside over the men's meeting and joint sessions.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. on

Sunday, with a flag raising session set for 9 a.m. A joint session will follow.

At 10:30 a.m., individual business meetings will be conducted, and at noon a barbecue lunch will be served.

Drawings for door prizes will be conducted.

All members are urged to attend.

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Exhibitor Name	Place	Zach Ford	Jeremy Bland
Special Placing Division		2	1
Goats — 41 records			
Lt Wt Goats			
Pat Reiter	1		
Pat Reiter	2		
Shawn Merritt	3		
Shelby Farquhar	4		
Shawn Merritt	5		
Chad Atchison	6		
Danielle McCarty	7		
Clint Johnson	8		
Kaylee Farquhar	9		
Danielle McCarty	10		
Dustin Cloud	11		
Med Lt Wt Goats			
Quentin Benham	1		
Chad Atchison	2		
Chad Atchison	3		
Wes Mason	4		
Alex Miller	5		
Lauren Arguello	6		
Danielle McCarty	7		
Lauren Arguello	8		
Shelby Farquhar	9		
Courtney Rackler	10		
Jacie Cloud	11		
Med Hvy Wt Goats			
Ben Mason	1	Grand	
Chloe Mason	2	Reserve	
Champion			
Justin Boren	3		
Jessica Mason	4		
Stace Norman	5		
Chloe Mason	6		
Chad Atchison	7		
Kaylee Farquhar	8		
T. J. Cloud	9		
Hvy Wt Goats			
Ben Mason	1		
Wes Mason	2		
Breann Heckaman	3		
Jessica Mason	4		
Dionn Heckaman	5		
Steffi Norman	6		
Justin Boren	7		
Allen Heckaman	8		
Stace Norman	9		
Steffi Norman	10		
Heifers — 1 record			
Russell Merritt	1	Breed	
Champion			
Sheep — 40 records			
Lt Wt Southdowns			
Sterling Smith	1	Res. Breed	
Champion			
Kadie Vernon	2		
Emily Smith	3		
Kaci Capps	4		
Hvy Wt Southdowns			
D Nae Johnson	1	Breed	
Champion			
Reserve Champion			
Kaci Capps	2		
Cheree Conner	3		
Lt Wt Finewool			
Kaylee Farquhar	1		
Shelby Farquhar	2		
Hvy Wt Finewool			
Mitch Holly	1	Breed	
Champion			
Coby Jones	2	Res. Breed	
Champion			
Finewool Cross			
Coby Jones	1	Breed	
Champion			
Kaylee Farquhar	2	Res.	
Breed Champ			
Lt Wt Medium Wool			
Molly Butler	1		
Kaylee Farquhar	2		
Kaylee Farquhar	3		
Haley McDaniel	4		
Clint McDaniel	5		
Jordan Williams	6		
Jordan Williams	7		
Shelby Farquhar	8		
Med Lt Medium Wool			
Will Todd	1		
Molly Butler	2		
Kelly Butler	3		
Emily Smith	4		
Shelby Farquhar	5		
Tony Apolinar	6		
Colt Vernon	7		
Med Hvy Medium Wool			
Sterling Smith	1		
Kelly Butler	2		
Mitch Holly	3		
Russell Merritt	4		
Ledon Lewis	5		
Russell Merritt	6		
Hvy Wt Medium Wool			
Jeremy Bland	1	Breed	
Champion			
Grand Champion			
D Nae Johnson	2	Res. Breed	
Champion			
Kadie Vernon	3		
Hvy Wt Medium Wool			
Colt Vernon	4		
Shelby Farquhar	5		
Jodi Patterson	6		
Steers — 26 records			
Lt Wt ABC			
Casey Williams	1	Res.	
Breed Champ			
J. D. Young	2		
Traci Nelson	3		
J. D. Young	4		
Traci Nelson	5		
Hvy Wt ABC			
Kaylee Farquhar	1	Breed	
Champion			
Coby Jones	2		
Chase Miller	3		
Chad Miller	4		
Lt Wt English			
Jeremy Bland	1		
Alex Miller	2		
Med Wt English			
Shelby Farquhar	1	Res.	
Breed Champ			
Chad Miller	2		
Kaylee Farquhar	3		
Hvy Wt English			
Coby Jones	1	Breed	
Champion			

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- A special thanks to Southland FFA and those 4-H and Post FFA families who stayed late Saturday to "polish" the show barn. Many thanks to the countless others who helped in their own way. We apologize to those whose names may have been inadvertently left off but we SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**
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Lunch Menus

- Post ISD**
- Monday, February 4**
Breakfast: Muffin, sausage link, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Frito Pie, Ranch Style Beans, broccoli, corn bread, cobbler and choice of milk.
- Tuesday, February 5**
Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, sausage, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Chicken fried steak, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello and choice of milk.
- Wednesday, February 6**
Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit and milk.
Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, peaches and choice of milk.
- Thursday, February 7**
Breakfast: Donut, sausage link, fruit and milk.
Lunch: BBQ on buns, pinto beans, salad, ice cream and choice of milk.
- Friday, February 8**
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, apple juice and milk.
Lunch: Chili dog, French fries, mixed greens, cake and choice of milk.

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Los individuos pueden reparar los cambios adoptados en la oficina del oficial Condado (County Clerk) durante horas de oficina regulares.

Los cambios en recintos de la eleccion del condado fueron hechos necesario por cambios de los recintos de comisiones del condado en conformidad con la constitucion de Estados Unidos y 42 U.S.C. Seccion 1973, tambien sabido como Derechos Al Voto, despues del desbloqueo de los datos 2000 de censo. Cambios en eleccion recintos del condado fueron disenados para alcanzar el equilibrio numerico entre los cuatro recintos de la corte de las comisiones, y para asegurar los derechos al voto de todos los ciudadanos del condado Garza de Tejas.

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Garza Co. retains the right to accept or reject all bids.

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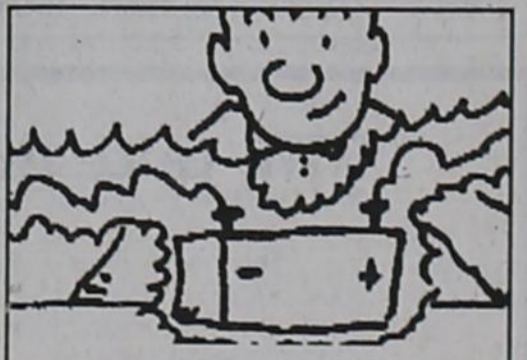
Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below and then publicly read.

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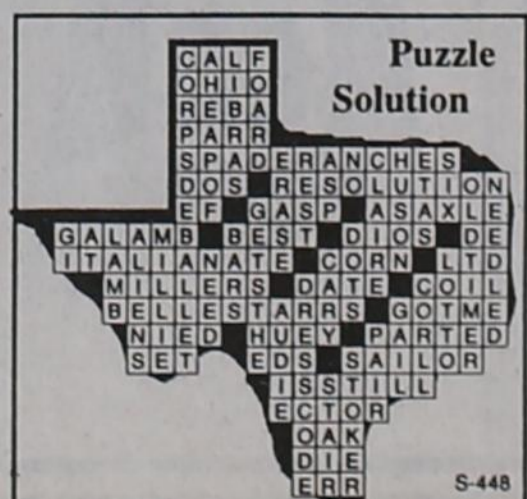
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Yesteryears

January 29, 1992
10 Years Ago

Talina Bird, Misty Bartlett, Jarrett Bland, and Auburn Hammond captured the Grand Champion titles at the 28th Annual Garza County Jr. Livestock Show last week. One-hundred nineteen Garza County youth will receive a total of \$50,978.54 in premiums, add-ons, floor prizes, prize money and awards for the 1992 show.

The Garza County Commissioners' Court approved the acceptance of a 'dry hydrant' from the Texas Forest Service, in a proposal explained by Garza Soil and Water Conservation District conservativist Obie Kelly. The hydrant will be used to augment local fire fighting by using water from an area lake.

Shirley LeBlanc of Post recently was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at West Texas State University, completing her academic requirements during the 1991 fall semester.

No arrests have been made as of Tuesday concerning a break-in and robbery at George's Drive Inn early Monday morning resulted in the loss of approximately \$290 in cash. A suspect has been identified but the investigation is continuing.

Cleao Sappington is happy to announce the birth of her first great-grandbaby, Meghann Brooke, born January 17, 1992 in Methodist Hospital. Parents are Paige and Mike Rivas of Tahoka.

January 27, 1982
20 Years Ago

Mario Alonso Reyna of Post was among the 26 students named to the President's List for the 1981 fall semester at Western Texas College.

Kevin Craig of Post is among 56 Texas Tech University freshmen receiving \$200 scholarships this year from the Texas Tech Ex-Student Assn. which makes the presentations annually to all valedictorians or salutatorians attending the university.

Two more Democratic precinct contests developed this week with the filing of Robert L. (Pete) Hays for the County Commissioner of Precinct 4 nomination and Dee Justice for the Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace position. Hays will oppose County Commissioner Herbert Walls and Justice will oppose Justice of the Peace Pat Kitchens.

Danny Lynn Kurvin of Crosbyton shouldn't have driven to Post last Thursday. After an auto accident in

which no one was injured, he was arrested and charged with failure to stop and render aid, having no liability insurance, and driving while intoxicated.

January 27, 1972
30 Years Ago

The first of a number of half-barrels containing native plants to be placed on downtown sidewalks by Future Farmers of America members was set up in front of Maxine's. The project is the Post chapter's part in the FFA's national beautification goal.

Monroe Lane became a member of the exclusive "hole-in-one club" at the Caprock Golf Course one day last week when he aced the 140-yard No. 8 hole, using a 7-iron. Going around with Lane at the time he made his ace were Jim Hundley, Sid Pierce, Lois Crump, Glenn Potts and Sexton Huntley.

David McBride, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thebert McBride, has been awarded the "Scout of the Year" trophy for 1971, presented annually to the boy who has shown the greatest progress during the year in the Scouting program.

February 1, 1962
40 Years Ago

J. B. Potts, vice president of the First National Bank, was elected as 1962 president of the Post Chamber of Commerce at a director's meeting Friday afternoon. He succeeds W. M. (Will) Scarborough. Giles C. McCrary was elected vice president to succeed Walter Lee Johnson.

Mr. Charles Black is the new

teacher at Post Junior High. He and his wife Carolyn have one son, Chuck. Mr. Black attended Texas Technological College. He teaches Physical Education, Math, and Science.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Baldwin closed their store all day Sunday for the first time, except in case of an emergency, since the store opened April 4, 1934. The store will remain closed on Sundays at least through the summer. We think this must be a record. We thank Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin and Elgie Stewart for always being on the job and ready to serve the people.

The First National Bank has an announcement today of real economic significance to the Post area - bank deposits of over \$9,000,000 for the first time in the bank's history.

January 31, 1952
50 Years Ago

Tonight is the night the South Plains residents have been waiting for. The Edgar Bergen-Charlie McCarthy show is slated to get underway at 8 p.m. in the High School football field.

Sammie Williams and Rhea Hays were initiated into the Rainbow Assembly in an impressive ceremony at the Masonic hall Tuesday night.

The W. M. Kirkpatrick home was the scene of a tea-shower honoring Miss LaVonne Ferguson, bride-elect of Mitchel Malouf, Jr., Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Lee Wristen, girls' coach at the Graham school, has announced that a basketball tournament, for both girls and boys will be held at the school February 7-9. General admission prices have been set at 15 and 25 cents.

Maxine Durrett of Maxine's and Alice Parsons of Parsons' Dress Shop recently attended the American Fashion Association Spring and Summer market last week in Dallas.



LADY LOPES — Coach Sonja Curry's Lady Lopes now hold a district record of 2-2 after losing to Cooper Tuesday night. Cooper is leading the district with a 4-0 record. Shown to r, bottom row, Trushell Marts, Tina Greene, Cindee Jackson, Rhonda Storie; back row, l to r, Jean Price, Denise Smith, Doris Pringler, Kim Carlisle and Darla Jackson.

From The Post Dispatch,
Jan. 27, 1982

The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.

—Albert Einstein

Records in Los Angeles. On the record was a piano player with the nickname "Thunder" who gave Sam the nickname "Lightnin'."

The album has been described as "downbeat solo blues," characteristic of Hopkins' style. Lightnin' Hopkins made 47 recordings for Aladdin. In 1950 he settled down in Houston but continued to tour the country periodically. He became a big hit in the folk-blues revival of the sixties and toured with the American Folk Blues Festival.

He was the subject of a documentary which won a prize at the Chicago Film Festival in 1970. He played all over Europe in the seventies, singing blues for Queen Elizabeth at a command performance. In 1972 he worked on the soundtrack for the movie *Southern*. He recorded a total of 85 albums and toured the world.

He wrote songs impromptu and frequently wove myths and legends around a core of truth. His songs were often autobiographical. Four thousand people attended his funeral in Houston. The wake lasted all night and featured performances by musicians who attended.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

A tribute to a Blues Man



Lightnin' Hopkins played at the location of the cafe, which used to be the Starlight Barber Shop. The life-size statue will depict

him sitting, playing his guitar and singing. The statue was created by sculptor Jim Jeffries of Crockett and is the result of a lot of work by Guy and Pip Gillette, two brothers who perform traditional cowboy music and own the Camp Street Cafe.

January 30 was chosen as the date of the unveiling because it marks the 20th anniversary of Hopkins' death. He died on January 30, 1982 at age 69. Hopkins' music went from Camp Street to Carnegie Hall. His musical career spanned more than six decades. He recorded under twenty different record labels and performed with such musical legends as Blind Lemon Jefferson, Joan Baez and Pete Seeger.

He headlined for such groups as The Grateful Dead and the Jefferson Airplane. Sam Hopkins was born in Centerville, Texas on March 15, 1912. After his father died in 1915, his mother and five brothers and sisters moved to Leona. Sam made his first guitar at the age of eight from a cigar box and chicken wire.

By age ten he was playing with Blind Lemon Jefferson, who encouraged him to continue his musical career. By the mid-twenties, Sam had started jumping trains, shooting dice and playing the blues anywhere he could.

He made a living from coins tossed to him where he played.

He served time at the Houston County Prison Farm in the mid-thirties and after his release started playing blues in clubs. In 1946 he made his first recording for Aladdin

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- 17 "two" in Mexico
- 18 It can be passed in TX legislature
- 21 this Errol starred in "San Antonio" (init.)
- 22 labored breath
- 23 TXism: "as necessary ___ grease on a jackrabbit"
- 24 Littlefield's county named after this San Jacinto victim
- 29 TXism: "pick of the litter"
- 30 TXism: "vaya con ___"
- 31 ___ Leon, TX burned Hill Co. courthouse had this architectural style
- 34 TXism: "dry as popped ___"
- 35 Ford sedan
- 36 TX Ann biography: ___ High Life"
- 37 dinner and a show rattler position before striking
- 39 '48 film about TX Bandit Queen: ___ Daughter"

- 41 "You ___ where you want me"
- 42 this TX pitcher David was Rockies' 1st pick in '92
- 43 this Long was political figure in neighbor state
- 44 split up
- 45 TXism: "___ in cement"
- 46 VIPs of TX newspapers
- 47 Crystal City has statue of Popeye the ___ Man
- 48 TXism: "brand ___ smoking" (rare steak)
- 50 Odessa is its seat
- 51 Live ___, TX
- 52 TXism: "cash in your chips"
- 53 "to ___ is human"

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34 San Antonio street: ___ Grant

35 TX game of chance

37 garment rules at TX high schools (2 wds.)

38 Houston mass murderer Dean

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44 cow and a calf

47 steamship furnace feeder

49 A&M's "branded ___ way"

13 TX "Flying Tigers" general Chennault

14 ex-Ranger infielder Jeff

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19 TXism for elderly man

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22 TXism: "a squeaky wheel ___"

24 ___ Job

25 TXism: "chompin' the bit"

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Letters to the Editor

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More guns, not less

Another school shooting occurred last week and the headlines were everywhere the same, from Australia to Nigeria. This time the shooting occurred at a university, the Appalachian Law School. As usual, there were calls for more gun control. Yet in this age of "gun-free school zones," one fact was missing from virtually all the news coverage: The attack was stopped by two students who had guns in their cars.

The fast responses of two male

students, Mikael Gross, 34, and Tracy Bridges, 25, undoubtedly saved multiple lives.

Mikael was outside the law school and just returning from lunch when Peter Odighizuwa started his attack. Tracy was in a classroom waiting for class to start.

When the shots rang out, utter chaos erupted. Mikael said, "People were running everywhere. They were jumping behind cars, running out in front of traffic, trying to get away."

Mikael and Tracy did something quite different: Both immediately ran to their

cars and got their guns. Mikael had to run about 100 yards to get to his car. Along with Ted Besen (who was unarmed), they approached Peter from different sides.

As Tracy explained it, "I aimed my gun at him, and Peter tossed his gun down. Ted approached Peter, and Peter hit Ted in the jaw. Ted pushed him back and we all jumped on."

What is so remarkable is that out of 280 separate news stories (from a computerized Nexis-Lexis search) in the week after the event, just four stories mentioned that the students who stopped the attack had guns.

Only two local newspapers (the Richmond Times-Dispatch and the Charlotte Observer) mentioned that the students actually pointed their guns at the attacker.

Much more typical was the scenario described by the Washington Post, where the heroes had simply "helped

subdue" the killer. The New York Times noted only that the attacker was "tackled by fellow students."

Most in the media who discussed how the attack was stopped said: "students overpowered a gunman," "students ended the rampage by tackling him," "the gunman was tackled by four male students before being arrested," or "Students ended the rampage by confronting and then tackling the gunman, who dropped his weapon."

In all, 72, stories described how the attacker was stopped without mentioning that the student heroes had guns.

Unfortunately, the coverage in this case was not unusual. In the other public school shootings where citizens with guns have stopped attacks, rarely do more than one percent of the news stories mention that citizens with guns stopped the attacks.

Many people find it hard to believe that research shows that there are 2 million defensive gun uses each year. After all, if these events were really happening, wouldn't we hear about them on the news? But when was the last time you saw a story on the national evening news (or even the local news) about a citizen using his gun to stop a crime?

This misreporting actually endangers people's lives. By selectively reporting the news and turning a defensive gun use story into one where students merely "overpowered a gunman" the media gives misleading impressions of what works when people are confronted by violence.

Research consistently shows that having a gun is the safest way to respond to any type of criminal attack, especially these multiple victim shootings.

John R. Lott, American Enterprise Institute and the author of "More Guns, Less Crime."

Rules, what rules?

I really like the Letter to the Editor. Rules are not for everyone. They sure don't apply about dogs in this town.

I thought I lived in a nice neighborhood. But there are more dogs running around than you can count. There is a policeman that has two dogs that run loose. Neighbors all around us let their dogs run because they don't go with the rules.

They don't think they have to, I guess. My dogs are always contained, but we have to clean up after our neighbor

dogs. To us that is not right. I agree with Ferg. Rules are not for everyone.

Phyllis Robertson

If Kids Could Only Know...

When beverage companies make mind-altering drinks, they do not put ambitions, jobs, love, friends, money, material things and a long, happy life in the bottom of the bottle before pouring in the juice. I know for a fact if any of these treasures were in there, they must have dissolved before I got to the last drop. I spent a lifetime looking in the bottom of a bottle for the future. I never did appear in any of the bottles I looked into.

I can assure anyone who believes the answers are at the bottom of a container of alcohol can without a doubt expect a shocking surprise. The bottom will be bare.

Although I never tried drugs, I would guess the same result is in the bottom of a syringe, pill bottle, bottom of a "bong," or the last 1/4-inch of a joint.

I'm not totally sure where happiness is, because I haven't 100 percent found it myself yet. But one thing I know for sure from my own 45 years of practice, it won't be found in any of the above.

I'd be the first to say I am probably happier now than I have ever been in my life. Things are not what I'd like it to be, but some things won't be fixable, so I will make the best of what I do have left. I moved myself over to the other side of the fence, but most of the good things in life won't be coming with me.

Young people, I wish could understand, that the good things in life are family, friends, material things, jobs, love and nearly anything besides weeny dogs.

I'd be wrong to say I don't have any friends. Sure, I have lots of friends. But a lot of the "friends" stopped coming around when I stopped alcohol use. Also, I still have a lot of very, very good friends that are still out there looking in the bottom of the bottle. That has nothing to do whether they are my friends or not. I just hope and pray they will be OK.

No, I do not feel sorry for myself. I made my bed, so I have to sleep in it. I never set on a self-pity pot. I sometimes wish I had done things different, but, "If wishes were horses, we'd all take a ride..."

It saddens me to see so much teenage drinking and drugging. What is even sadder is that it is beginning to be pre-teen drinking and drugging. I believe there is some way to convince young folks that mind-bending chemicals are not the answer for fun and happiness. I just haven't figured out what that "way" is yet. I do not believe in so-called "control the alcohol and drug problem." We can send kids to prison all day long, and we'll still have the problem.

Prison does not cure chemical abuse problems. I would guess if anything, prison only increases anger and resentments against the world. Rehabilitation is probably a better answer for the unfortunate people caught up in an addiction trap. I believe the police are not doing their part in helping curtail alcohol and drug use. My guess would be that it's too much trouble to clean the puke out of a cell, or fill out the paperwork.

But then on the other hand, police can't make a kid do anything. I am proof of that. Sometimes I wake up at night thinking I hear the squeak of the cell door going shut, or the wheels on the big sliding door turning. But did any of that stop me from drinking? A big NO. Although I've never had a DWI, nor have I been in prison, doesn't mean that I did not have plenty of opportunities. But it is a proven fact we can't make anyone not drink or do drugs.

The key may be in some sort of education. Push the GOD thing a little bit more, provide more decent types of activities. I'm not actually sure what it

will take. But we all need to take notice as to what is happening to our young people, and it is gaining momentum daily.

From my own experiences, the roots of life start growing somewhere between three and eight years old. I started alcohol use at 12. I had no idea what I wanted to be, what my future was gonna be. All I knew was I didn't like who I was, what I was, or what tomorrow might bring. I know now, or at least I think I do, but I waited a little late to start making any big plans for my future.

Kids, take it from one of your best friends, that being me. Sometimes when you are down by the creek or out in the railroad tunnel, out about town, or just wherever, think about this. "I wonder who or where I'll be 40 years from now?"

I wonder if I'll be an alcoholic or drug addict with nothing but a job and six weeny dogs like Ferg? Will I have a family and kids and a life fulfilled with happiness? Kids, believe me, you want all those things. You do not want a life alone with six weeny dogs. Life will only be as good as you want it to be. No one can make it any better than you can make it yourself.

I don't care if you spend the rest of your life on the top end of a set of posthole diggers - anything will beat the life of a practicing alcoholic or drug addict.

Now I'm not to say that I don't have a happy life now and some good friends. I am basically pretty well OK now. But I could have had a lot of things that it is too late to wish for now. I know now that I took life, family, the world in general and anything else I can think of for granted. I know now that this is a real world I'm standing in. It may have took me 57 years to figure it out, but that's the way it is. Kiddos, it's not necessary for you all to have to go to that trouble. Just start now...

Your friend out on the back row,
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

September 11

As the day had just begun I looked into the morning sun As I looked at the sky all blue and pink I did not know just what to think

This started off a normal day But soon it went another way Soon rumors began to spread Of bombs and lots of people dead

As I listened to the announcements I heard "America has been attacked" and not another word My brain quickly shut off the sound There was no movement all around

The whole classroom sat perfectly still Each person at their own free will No teachers asked for silence that day No one had a lot to say

We were thinking thoughts of war Not knowing what the future had in store As I looked around I began to see The future of America all around me

The buys around me could soon be gone A lonely father could lose a son We moved to the library to watch the news And soon we found we had no clue

We watched the tragedy slowly unfold But listen to the story that hasn't been told As the towers came tumbling down I heard the silence of the sound

A little girl lost her dad The only hero she ever had A little boy lost his mother Could he ever love another

A little sister lost her life A new husband lost his wife A lot of people lost lives that day Some of us suffered another way

It was our freedom they chose to take Not knowing that it was a huge mistake Fear surrounded us that day Our sense of safety was taken away

How can someone hate enough To do all of that horrible stuff My fellow Americans this isn't the end We will find them but till then

When you see a plane fly through the sky Think of those that had to die When red, white, and blue shines like the sun Remember Sept. 11, 2001

Amanda Jo Workman

Sheriff reports eight arrests

Eight arrests have been logged in the Garza County Jail records in recent days, according to a report provided by the sheriff's department.

On Jan. 16, a 30-year-old female was jailed on a warrant.

A 24-year-old male was picked up on a pair of warrants on Jan. 21.

Four individuals were jailed on Jan. 23, including a 39-year-old female for public intoxication and disorderly conduct by language; a 37-year-old female, warrant; and two 19-year-old males, each charged with possession of marijuana.

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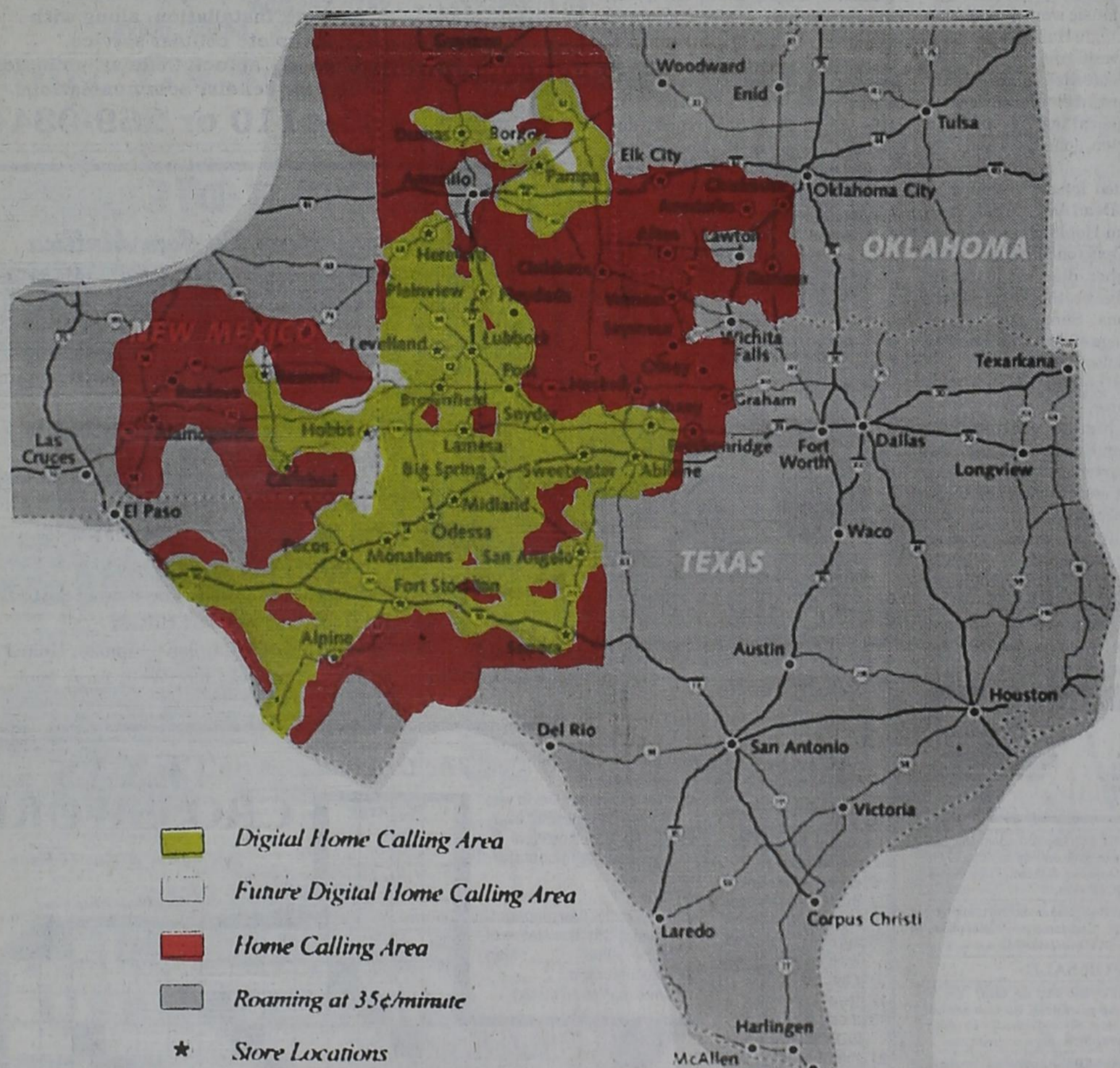


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