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Post City Radio LIVE Basketball Play off Reports



The Rose Park "Andrews Sisters" will perform in Post at this yer's Ms Texas Senior Panhandle South Plains Pageant Saturday at the Post Elementary School auditorium. There is no admission charge for the event, which features contestants for the pageant and patriotic entertainmet by Betty King (left to right) Myrle Goode and LaWanda Lewis who are widely acclaimed for their true renditions of famous "Andrews Sisters" USO shows. The event starts at 2 p.m.

City council plans sewer treatment improvements

by Wes Burnett

The Post City Council at its regular meeting Tuesday evening, heard a report from city manager Fred Stephens outlining plans for repair and improvements at the city's waste water treatment plant. The issue is in response to a recent inspection by state officials.

The IMHOFF system used by the City of Post has worked well over the years, but has become clogged with sludge, which has stopped the normal flow process. "We'll have to by-pass the IMHOFF," Stephens said, "and then get it cleaned out." The last time such work was done in 1992, the cost was approximately \$75,000.

"We're just not sure what it's going to cost," he added, "but we will know for sure before we begin." Stephens said he believes there is adequate budget for the work. He also explained that there is plenty of room to add another lagoon for treatment, which would greatly expand the system's capabilities.

Stephens pointed out to the council that officials at the prison are installing special equipment to assist in controlling solids and other clogging materials from getting into the city's sewer system. "They are going to a great deal of expense in cooperating with us," Stephens emphasized.

The council was to have heard a report from Oller Engineering about the Slaton water project, but the snow and icy weathere conditions interfered with travel by the engineers. "We're progressing, but it is a slow process," Stephens said.

Representatives of Edward Jones and Associates were also planning to brief the council on various financing services for the water project, but they were

unable to get from Dallas due to airline delays.

Council members approved an ordinance to install four way stop signs at 4th Street and Avenue K and 5th Street and Avenue K. The issue is related to a request by Post ISD officials to slow east and west traffic around the high

school.

After a brief discussion, council members approved a resolution which exempts owners of "travel trailers" from property tax. Stephens explained that the items were not currently on the tax rolls, but the council had to

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Post Notes

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 awards will be presented, along with the Garza County Pioneer award. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased from bureau directors or at the bureau office.

'Barefoot In the Park' at Garza Theatre

The Garza has 10 plays scheduled for 2002, with "Barefoot In the Park" continuing Feb. 8 and 19 and again 15 and 16. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

Volunteer firemen chili supper

The annual Post Volunteer Fire Department "chili supper" is set for Saturday, February 9 at the fire station. The annual event is a fund raiser to help with rescue equipment purchases.

Spring Art Show Easter weekend

The Algerita Spring Art Show is set for Easter Weekend at the Algerita Center. The show will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 29, 30 and 31. Call 495-3493 for more information.

Art Guild meeting Monday

Post Art Guild members are reminded that a meeting will be held Monday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Algerita Center. The public is welcomed. New officers were elected at the December meeting. Marie Neff serves as president, Sheri Reidel is vice president and Ann Bratcher is secretary.

Post Booster Club taking orders

The Post Booster Club is taking orders for basketball playoff shirts. Long sleeve t-shirts are \$20, short sleeve, \$15 and sweatshirts at \$22.50. Call Larry Mills at 495-3726 to order.

Blood drive Thursday

The Post Lions Club is hosting an important blood drive Thursday, February 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall, 202 W. 10th St. Contact Ron Miner at 495-3044 to arrange an appointment time. Please bring photo ID and meds. All donors will receive a t-shirt. The drive is operated by United Blood Services. There is a critical shortage of all blood types.

GHD board meeting Feb. 21

The Garza County Hospital District board of directors meeting has been set for Thursday, February 21 at Citizens Bank Community Room beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting had been originally set for February 18.

Homebuyer education workshop

South Plains Community Action, in association with Xcel Energy Foundation, is offering a Homebuyer Education Workshop, which will include information on personal finances and strategies for purchasing a home. The workshop will be held February 16 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Regional Housing and Community Services building located at 1611 FM 300 in Levelland. Call Billie Williams or Crossvette Gonzales at 495-2329 for more information.

VFW dance Saturday

The Post VFW is hosting a DJ and Karaoke dance Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Volunteers needed for "supper"

Golden Plains Care Center is seeking volunteers to assist with the annual "Sweetheart Supper" planned for February 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the center. Help is needed with table decorations, vases, people to help decorate, serve dinner and clean up afterwards. The center also needs tables, glasses, candles and candle holders for the event. Contact Christy Rutherford at the center.

Home child care provider training

A community meeting will be held February 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Multiservice Center on South Hwy 84 to assist those interested in providing professional home child care services. Call Jan Thompson, CCMS Rural Recruiter at 744-3572 or 800-658-6284 for more information.

Making memories workshop

Area citizens are invited to a workshop to create a memory album. Classes will be held each Thursday, beginning with an organizational meeting February 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the White House on the West Side of the First Baptist Church. Leaders are Jana Bullard (495-2037), Kay Hays (495-2858) and Sharla Wells (495-3200).

March primary election offers voter choices

Republicans and Democrats each will decide a contested race in the upcoming March 12 primary election.

According to information provided by the Garza County clerk's office, voters in both primaries will face at least one choice when marking their ballots.

On the Republican ticket, voters will have to decide between Carter T. Schildknecht, who was appointed to fill the vacant position of 106th Judicial District judge late last year, or challenger

Bonnie C. Ericson. Winner of the March primary will face a Democratic opponent, Cal Huffaker, in the fall.

On the Democratic side, voters will be asked to decide between incumbent Mason McClellan and challenger Leon Miller for the Precinct 2 commissioner's post.

Unopposed offices to be marked on the Democratic primary ballot include Mike Sanchez, Precinct 4 commissioner; Giles W. Dalby, county judge; Jerry Hays, county clerk; Ruth Ann Young,

county treasurer; Sheila Melton, justice of the peace, Precinct 1; and Dee Justice, Precinct 2 JP.

The early voting period for the primary election will run Feb. 25 through March 8. Last day to file an application for a ballot by mail will be March 5.

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Post City Radio hosts Colgate Country Showdown

A young woman from Jacksonville, Florida, won the \$50,000 grand prize and the title of Best New Artist in Country Music as part of the Colgate Country Showdown 20th Anniversary Televised Final.

Jennifer Horne began her competition at radio station WROO in Jacksonville and won the North Florida State at the Volusia County Fair and the Southeast Regional at the North Florida Fair, leading to the stage of the Grand Ole Opry and the final competition. A featured act with the Jacksonville River City Opry, she recently opened for Martina McBride and Vince Gill.

Post City Radio sponsored the local County Showdown in June. The 2002 show is set for Aug. 24 at the Garza Theatre.

This year's one-hour televised national final was hosted by Barbara Mandrell and featured a special performance by Joe Diffie. Six regional winners were involved, including Lauren Allen, radio station KKBQ in Houston; Against the Grain, radio station KZSN in Wichita, Kansas; Deanna Freeman, WRULL in Carmi, Ill.; Jenny Paquette, WKLB in Boston, Mass.; Toe Taucher, KVCK in Wolfe Point, Montana; and Horne.

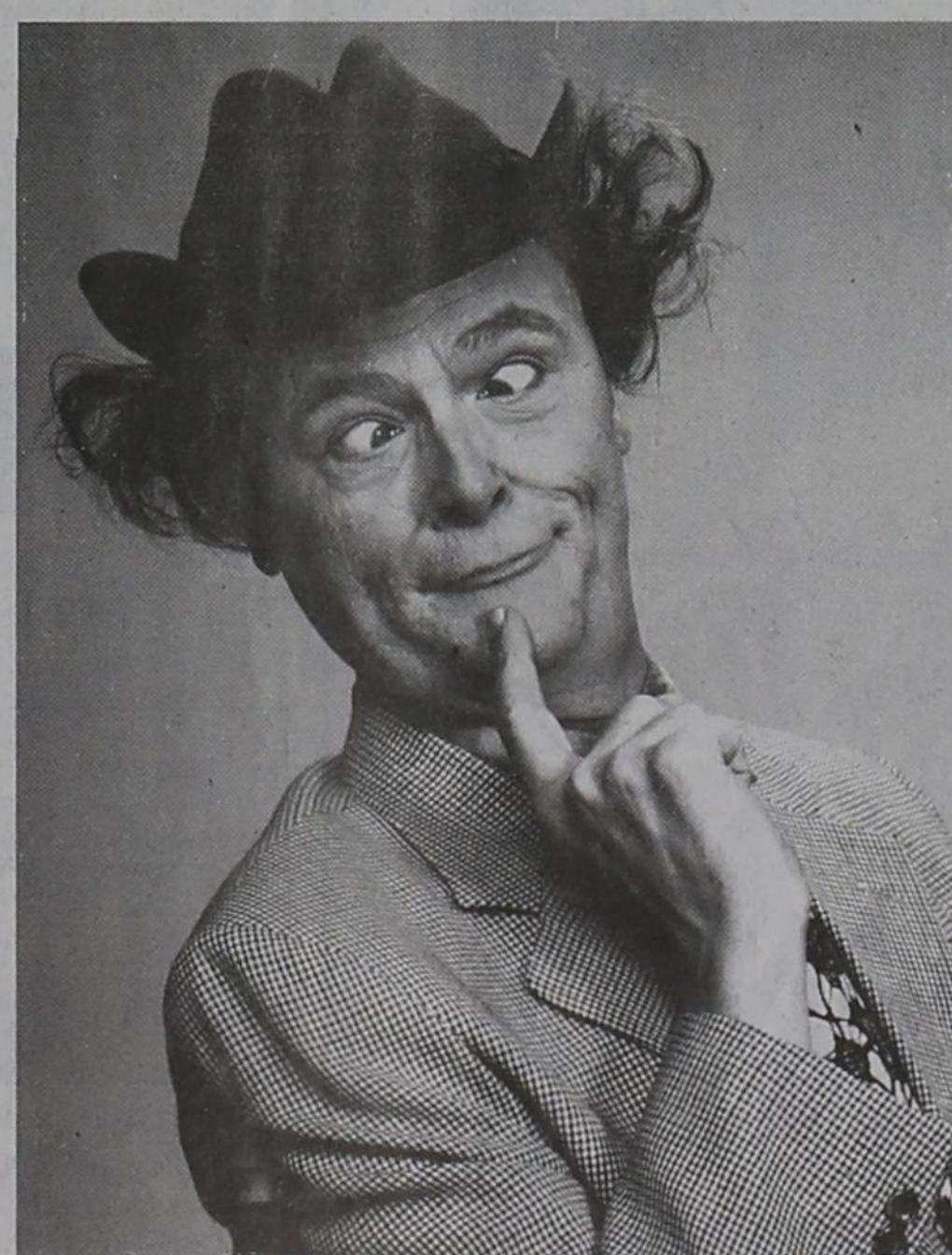
The show will air nationwide in March and April over 175 broadcast television stations throughout the country.

Post ISD board meets Feb. 13

Trustees for the Post Independent School District met in executive session Jan. 24 to discuss personnel and consult with an attorney. No action was taken in open session, according to Superintendent Dr. Bobby Bain.

The board's next regular meeting will be Wednesday, Feb. 13.

**Lady Lopes capture
District Title...
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"Red," a performance tribute by Tom Mullica will be offered in Post on Sunday, February 17 at 3 p.m. in the Post Elementary School auditorium. Mullica's performance highlights one of America's beloved funny men, Red Skelton. He is remembered for his characters "Freddy the Freeloader, Clem Kaddiddlehopper, Gertrude & Heathcliff." The show is hosted by the Caprock Cultural Association. Reserved seats are \$18 with general admission of \$12. Call 495-4148 for reservations.

Post City Radio

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Kimberly Craig, Jason McClain exchange vows

Kimberly Meagan Craig and Marc Jason McClain exchanged wedding vows at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, 2002, in a ceremony performed before family and friends in the home of the bride's grandparents, Robert and Patsy Craig of Post. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Keith Cooper, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Post.

Parents of the bride are Al Craig of Post and Sherri Craig of Tahoka. The groom's parents are Charles and Pam McClain of Post. Vows were exchanged before two candelabras draped in tulle and greenery, which framed an antique table that the bride's great-great-grandmother was married beside. The table was covered in satin and lace draped with tulle and held a single candle in a mercury glass vase, along with a Bible belonging to the bride's great-great-grandfather.

Escorted by her father, the bride was presented in marriage by her parents.

For her wedding, the bride chose a dress of candlelight color featuring a square neckline, an embroidered satin empire bodice with chiffon sleeves and satin cuffs. She wore a teardrop floral and beaded veil to complete the ensemble.

The bridal bouquet featured white roses enhanced with greenery and white ribbon accented in gold.

The antique table and Bible used as a backdrop for the ceremony served as the bride's "something old." Her "something borrowed" was her mother's single pearl gold necklace and matching earrings. "Something blue" was a blue bow on the bride's garter. The bride's entire bridal ensemble served as "something new."

For good luck, the bride taped pennies of the birth years of the groom and herself to the arches of her shoes.

Attending as maid of honor was the bride's cousin, Sarah Hawthorne of Tahoka, who wore a corsage of white roses. She carried two long-stemmed white roses that were presented to the mothers of the couple during the ceremony.

Jason Fields of Post served as the groom's best man.

The bride's uncle, Sam Canon of Midland, played bridal selections. Photography services were performed by Joe Craig of Tahoka, also an uncle of the bride.

A reception followed the ceremony. The bride's table was covered with satin and lace, draped with tulle. A two-tiered cake featured white roses to carry out the bridal theme. Melissa McClain Curtis, the groom's sister, served from the table. Anniversary punch was served by the bride's cousin, Laura Craig of Arlington.

The groom's table was covered in satin and lace and featured a red velvet cake topped with chocolate roses and scripted with the couple's names and wedding date. Coffee was served from a silver coffee set. Serving was Leah Miller of Wolfforth, future sister-in-law of the groom.

Prior to leaving the reception, the couple shared in opening wedding gifts brought by family members and friends.

Following their honeymoon, the couple has made their home in Post.

The bride will graduate from Post High School in May. She also attends South Plains College in Lubbock.

The groom, a Post High School graduate, is employed by United Supermarkets of Post.



Jason McClain and Kimberly Craig

Mason McClellan seeks reelection

Mason McClellan, Garza County commissioner for Precinct 2, has announced he has filed for re-election to his post in the upcoming primary election.

During his seven years on the commissioners' court, McClellan points to several accomplishments he has had a hand in, including:

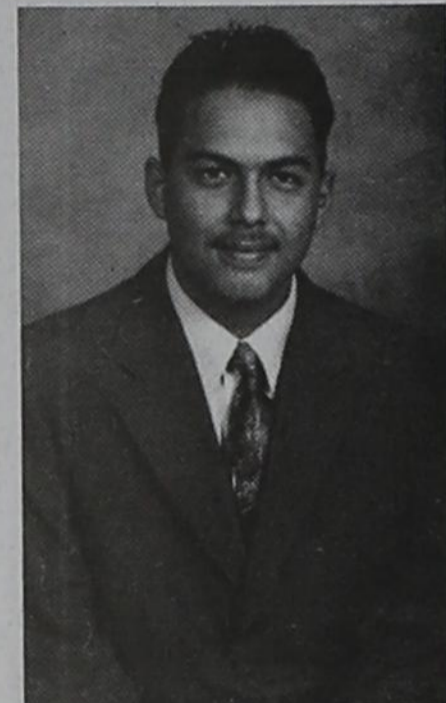
"The application and receipt of TxDOT Rider #1054, which resulted in the supply of 4,000 cubic yards of new cold mix paving material valued at approximately \$140,000. This material covered four miles of roadway in Precinct 2 at no purchasing cost to the taxpayer," McClellan said.

"Assisted in the establishment of the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility, which provides some 240 jobs, almost half of which are filled by Garza County residents.

"Attended numerous meetings with the White River Municipal Water District officials in an attempt to convince them to begin building an additional water supply lake east of Post on the Brazos River or to release the permit so another lake authority could do so.

"A serious water shortage exists for this area and the City of Post," McClellan said. "I would certainly like to be involved and work toward gaining additional water sources the quickest and most economical way for this area.

"I will continue to strive for the betterment of the county for the people," he said. "I will very much appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming election."



Ricky Alvarez was recently named to the South Plains College Dean's Honor Roll. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and is majoring in physical education, with a minor in history and Spanish. He is the grandson of Abel and Gloria Abraham of Post, the son of Betty Abraham Garza and step son of Raymond Garza of Post.



District 7 President Janet Ratliff (left to right), State President Kay Paulk and State Junior Vice President Peggy McGovern at the VFW in Post.

Grandma Brag Pages

Feb. 14, 2001

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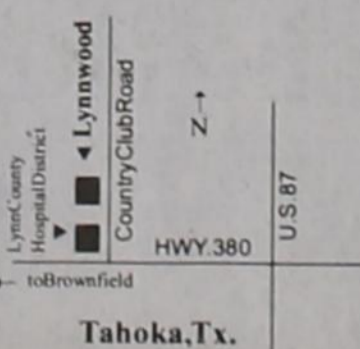
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Obituaries

Carl Calvin Jones

Services for Carl Calvin Jones, 88 were Saturday February 2, 2002 at 2:30 P.M. in the Justice-Mason Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ron Miner, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



Mr. Jones died Wednesday, January 30, 2002 at the Golden Plains Care Center. He was born September 25, 1913 at Coleman to Collie Clarence and Emma (Bullock) Jones. He attended school in Grassland and Post. He married Ella Mae Womack Dec. 31, 1933. He was involved in farming and ranching for 50 years before retiring to the San Antonio area.

Survivors include one son: Bill G. and wife LaRue Jones of Levelland and two daughters: Dorothy (Jones) and husband Gomer Custer of Cincinnati, Ohio and Cerretha (Jones) and husband Jerry Rose of Austin. Five grandchildren: Tammye Custer Heefner of New Braunfels, Steve Jones of Levelland, D'Les Jones of Dallas, Stacy Rose of College Station and Mickey Rose of Austin. Five great-grandchildren: Katie and Jennifer Heefner and Tye, Caycee and Cianne Jones.

Lela M. Huntley

Services for Lela M. Huntley, 93, of San Antonio, formerly of Post, will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, in the Post Church of Christ with Scott Hensley officiating, assisted by Ron Craig. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. today, Feb. 7, at the funeral home.

She died Tuesday, Feb. 5, in San Antonio.

Born Dec. 10, 1908, in Pochontas, Ark., she married Jim Huntley June 1, 1928, in Ragtown. He died May 16, 1982. A longtime member of the Post Church of Christ, she was a housewife.

Survivors include three daughters, Melva Barnes of Bedford, Charlene Hensley of San Antonio and Suzy Thompson of Houston; one son, Jim Huntley of Atlanta, Georgia; one brother, Vernon Clem of Lubbock; two sisters, Hazel Connally of Tahoka and Patsy Sherrill of Bovina; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Georgie Willson

Services for Georgie Willson, 83 were held Sunday, February 3, 2002 at 2:00 P.M. First Baptist Church of Post. The Rev. Syl Moore, Jack Alexander, John Walker and Billie S. Smith officiated. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery with the Rev. Keith Cooper, officiating. Arrangements were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



Mr. Willson died Friday, February 1, 2002. He was born to Marcus and Florence (Hiner) Willson May 1, 1918 at Fredricks, Oklahoma. He attended school there and received his degree in piano and teaching from the University of Oklahoma. His first teaching job was in Oklahoma and then he moved to Graham, Texas where he taught orchestra and band. He married Johnnie Bilbrey December 29, 1954 at Clovis, NM. They moved to Ralls after marriage, where he taught band and choir. They moved to Post in 1956 and he taught choir in the Post Schools for 22 years. He retired in 1979 having won 28 Sweepstakes with the choir. He continued to teach privately until 1999.

He also served as the organist for the First Christian Church of Post for many years. He is preceded in death by a daughter Melodie Yarbro, April 15, 1994. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Post.

Survivors include his wife and one son: Cy Cecil and wife Charity Willson of Snyder. Six grandchildren: Justin Ross Willson, Quinton Adam Yarbro, Clinton Alan Yarbro, Christin Cy Anne Willson, Kimberlin Jordan Willson and Cecil Elaine Willson

One great-grandchild: Addison Travis Alexander Willson
One sister in law: Elsa Willson Grandjunction, Colorado
Pallbearers were: Wendell Johnson, Lee Norman, Danny Allen, Charles Hardin, Brent Mason and Brad Mason. Honorary Pallbearers were: Jim Strawn, Jiggs King, Bob Collier, E.A. Howard, Joe Smith, Marion Mathews and Bill Yarbro.

Memorials are suggested to the Music Dept. of the First Baptist Church, 400 West Main, Post, Texas 79356; Kidney Disease Associates, 1607 West Loop 289, Lubbock, Texas 79416 or to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Howard L. "Mutt" Rankin

Services for Howard L. "Mutt" Rankin, 83, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002, in the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jerry Koch officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.



He died Sunday, Feb. 3, at Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside in Lubbock. Born Aug. 28, 1918, in Crosby County, he married Katherine Kennedy Oct. 25, 1939, in Post. A resident of Post for many years, he was a driller in the petroleum industry prior to his retirement. He was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine of Post; two sons, Dan Rankin of Post and Ken Rankin of Amarillo; one sister, Vivian Hendricks of Knox City; one brother, Royce Rankin of Spur; two grandchildren, Lisa Neville of Austin and Bill Rankin of Conway, Ark.; and two great-grandchildren, Bailey Neville of Austin and Emily Ashton Rankin of Conway.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Scott Rankin, in 1993.

Tonia Wood

Services for Tonia Wood, 28 of Ft. Hood were Wednesday, February 6, 2002 3:00 P.M. at the First Baptist Church of Post with Rev. Arthur Kelly, pastor Pleasant Home Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.



Mrs. Wood died Wednesday, January 31, 2002. Tonia was born October 6, 1973 in Slaton to Earl Les Harper and Mary Lou Jefferson. She attended and graduated Post Schools. She married Darren Wood December 8, 1995 here in Post. They made their first home in San Angelo and then moved to Ft. Benning, Georgia. She attended trade school for two years and they moved to Ft. Hood. She worked as a security officer for Whackenhut Security and was assigned to Dell Computer. She was a member of the Church of Christ, a mother, wife and homemaker.

Survivors include her husband: Staff Sgt. Darren Wood, three sons: Devin Ray Wood, Downey Destorm Wood and Dallas Doressett Wood all of Ft. Hood. One daughter: Chelsa Wood of Ft. Hood. Mother and step-father: Mary Lou Jefferson and Earl Wilborn of Post. Her father: Earl Les Harper of Post. Maternal grandmother: Lennie Jefferson of Post. One brother: Ricky Jefferson of Killeen and two sisters: Angela Jefferson and Kindle Jefferson, both of Killeen; Paternal grandmother: Ethel Harper of Post; Brother: Earl Harper of Post and Sister: Dion Harper of Irvin.

Pallbearers were: Ricky Jefferson, Anthony Martin, Gaylon Martin, Keith Martin, Damon Curtis, Clint Martin, Jay Whitehead and Anthony Cruise.

Post City Council

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pass a resolution, otherwise the appraisal district would have to add those items to the tax roll.

Seal coating for city streets was also approved, as the council continued its participation in a joint project with other West Texas cities.

An emergency management plan was briefly discussed, with council members agreeing to table approval of the plan until each member has the opportunity to study it more carefully. The plan has been approved by the county commissioners' court. It is a state requirement that the city and county have an emergency management plan developed.

Council members reviewed a letter from county officials which requested the sheriff to submit Class C misdemeanor charges to the municipal court. Stephens pointed out that although the court is not a "money making venture," the amount of fees and fines collected the past few years is significantly less.



The cubit was a standard measure of length among the Hebrews. It was the distance from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger of a grown man. The standard cubit was about 17.5 inches, the royal cubit about 20.5 inches.

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VFW Ladies Auxiliary hosts district meeting

by Lana Comer
The day started out early with registration, coffee and doughnuts. After registration was the joint sessions with the men. After the meeting there was a break and small social time before the separate meetings took place.

The Ladies Auxiliary meeting was genuine and informative. The state president, Kay Paulk, talked and gave instructions on being a trustee. Then Janet Ratliff, District 7 president, continued the meeting.

During the meeting, Paulk was presented with gifts from Ratliff and a book about Post, Texas, and the history of Post by Jo Ann Stelzer, president of Post 6797. Stelzer also thanked everyone for being present and gave a special thanks to the ladies in the local post for the decorations and the food.

Paulk also received a special gift from Commander Chuck Ratliff and his wife, Janet, both members of Post 6797. The gift was a stand-up cardboard picture of racecar driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. Paulk is a racing fan.

Paulk remarked on how pleasant Post was and how much history we have. She enjoyed lunch at the Alamo, then went on to Trade Days where she had an enjoyable time Saturday. Also, she was impressed with the museum being so informative. Paulk remarked on how friendly the citizens of Post are. She enjoyed her visit here, and we enjoyed her.



State President Kay Paulk (left) and District 7 President Janet Ratliff at the Garza County Historical Museum.



Kay Paulk (left) accepts book about Post from JoAnn Stelzer, Ladies Auxiliary VFW president.



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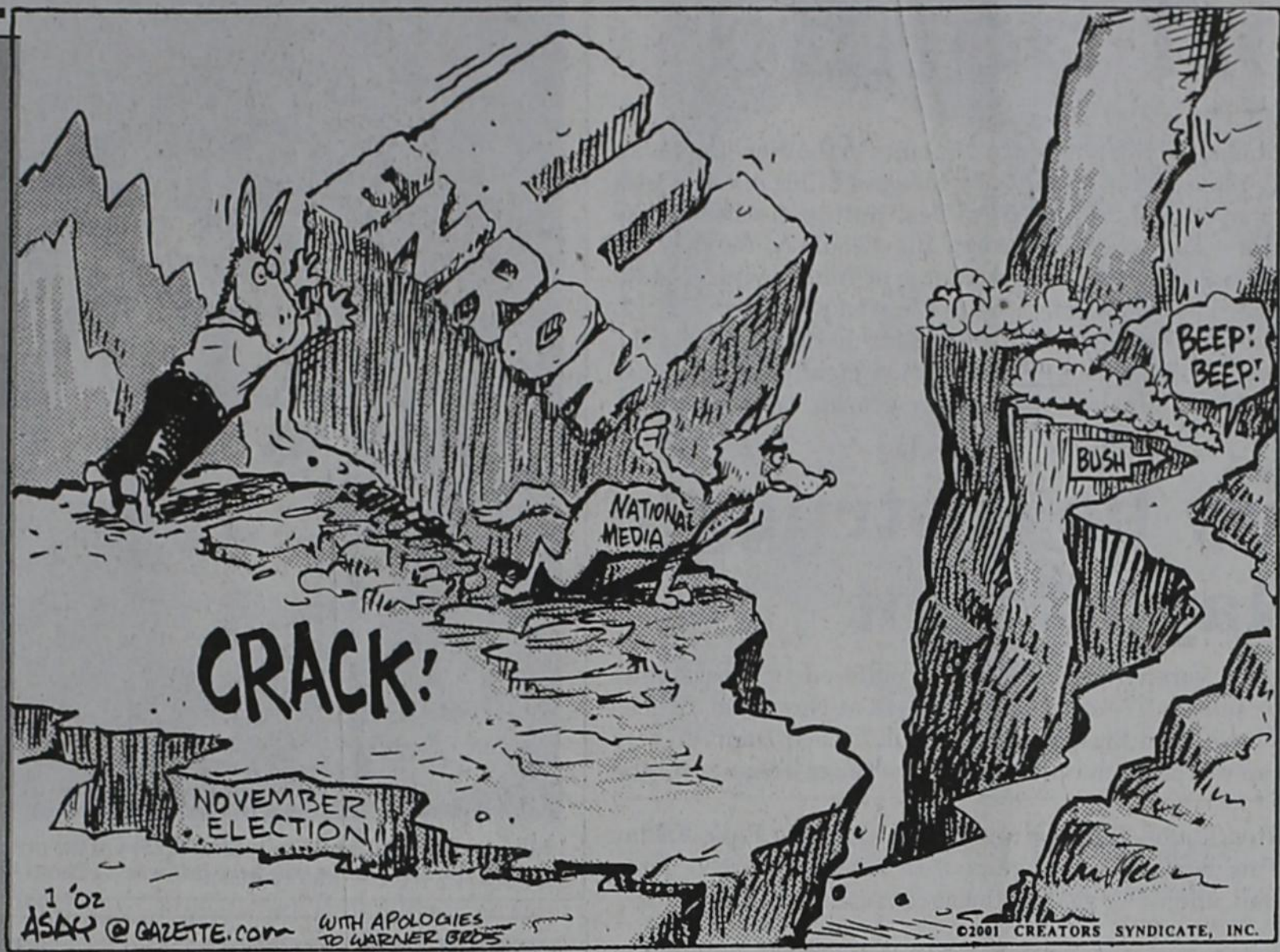
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And thereafter, dependent on D.C.

by Walter E. Williams

"The shift from personal autonomy to dependence on government is perhaps the defining characteristic of modern American politics. In the span of barely one lifetime, a nation grounded in ideals of individual liberty has been transformed into one in which federal decisions control even such personal matters as what health care we buy — a nation now so bound up in detailed laws and regulation that no one can know what all the rules are, let alone comply with them."

That's the opening statement in Boise State University Professor Charlotte Twight's new boo, "Dependent on D.C."

What accounts for this monumental change in American ethos? Twight says that Alexis de Tocqueville, observing America in the 1830s, explains it in his book "Democracy in America" in a section titled, "What Sort of Despotism Democratic Nations Have to Fear."

De Tocqueville envisioned a "species of oppression" that would be "unlike anything that ever before existed in the world" — rule by "guardians" rather than tyrants. De Tocqueville saw Americans submitting to "an immense and tutelary power, which takes it upon itself alone to secure their gratifications and to watch over their fate." Every once in a while, de Tocqueville believed people would "shake off their state of dependence just long enough to select their master and then relapse into it again."

With ample references, Twight demonstrates how Americans became a nation of sheep. First, there's been a ruthless and successful attack on the rule of law. Rule of law means there's governance by known general rules, equality before the law, certainty of the law, a permanent legal framework and independent judicial review of administrative decisions.

These specifications of the rule of law have been emasculated. No one can possibly know the thousands of pages of rules published by the IRS, not to mention the hundreds of thousands of pages of laws applicable to health care, banking, education, pensions, agriculture, ad infinitum.

There's arbitrary discretionary power exemplified by rules like requiring government permission to disconnect an automobile air bag, or members of Congress deciding to enact agricultural and dairy price-supports or sugar tariffs depending upon whether the agriculture, dairy or sugar lobby contributed to their political campaigns.

Twight points out that the U.S. Supreme Court, whose function is to protect the Constitution, has become a part of the mob to destroy it. For example, the Court has facilitated congressional use of the Constitution's "commerce clause" to abuse liberty. The Court's 1942 decision in Wickard vs. Filburn gave Congress the power to regulate anything. In that case, the Court remarkably held that the interstate commerce clause could be used to regulate an individual farmer's wheat production for his family's consumption. The reasoning was that since the farmer grew his own wheat, he affected interstate commerce; otherwise, he might have purchased wheat that had moved in interstate commerce.

"Dependent on D.C." discusses how real or purported crises often provide carte blanche for the expansion of government authority, and that's a thought especially relevant as Congress and the president use the war on terrorism as cover to seek more control over our lives.

Government control of education has created "despotism over the mind." Twight cites one writer who said, "There can be no greater stretch of arbitrary power than is required to seize children from their parents, teach them whatever the authorities decree they shall be taught, and expropriate from the parents the funds to pay for the procedure." Government education teaches acquiescence to its authority.

Twight closes by saying that to regain our liberties we must, like the signers of the Declaration of Independence, commit "our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" to that effort.

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How did we lose America?

by Harry Browne

In a recent article, I maintained that America's greatness stemmed from three unique factors: 1. The Bill of Rights, which managed to keep the U.S. government relatively small for its first hundred years. 2. A respect for voluntary association, allowing each individual to make his own decisions — rather than allowing politicians to force their beliefs and tastes upon the individual. 3. The free market, which brought us the greatest prosperity the world has ever known.

Unfortunately, all three of these factors have been diminished greatly over the past hundred years or so. Today America is coasting on its past success — and it offers nothing that can't be found in many countries of the world. How did this happen?

Teaching Children to Be Good Citizens

Of course, many elements contributed to America's decline. But I believe the most important by far is government schooling.

* Why should we expect teachers employed by the government to show our children the importance of limiting government?

* Why should we expect children forced by law to go to school to see the importance of voluntary association?

* Why should we expect teachers who work for a monopoly institution to teach our children how the free market works?

We shouldn't be surprised that our children are taught to believe that government saved America from the Great Depression, that only government can protect the environment, that government prevents private companies from running roughshod over us, that government ended segregation and racial injustice (when government caused these things in the first place).

Harry Browne's School Days

Most of my schooling took place at a government school in Los Angeles in the 1940s. Schools were academically more proficient then. Despite being a poor student, I learned a great deal about history, geography, good English, literature, music, and math — information I still use today.

Fortunately, the teachers didn't waste classroom time urging me to badger my parents to recycle, or inspiring me to march in protest parades, or encouraging me to believe I knew the answers to all the world's problems. But despite my good academic education, I learned nothing about the Bill of Rights, voluntary association, or the free market.

Quite the opposite: I was taught all the ways government can overcome the supposed defects of freedom. Not surprisingly, I graduated from high school as a left-wing liberal. It took about five years of self-education before my native individualism converted me into a libertarian.

And it was another five years or so before I fully appreciated the Bill of Rights, voluntary association, and the free market. Your own experience may be somewhat similar.

Government Can't Reform Education

What can we do about American education?

The first step is to realize that no government program can solve a problem caused by government's participation. You simply can't reform government schools. Whether promoted by a Democrat or Republican, every "reform" is bound to make the situation worse. "School choice," for example, will inevitably let government bureaucrats control private schools that want to get on the government dole — just as college subsidies have.

And there are no "safeguards" you can enact that won't be discarded over time. Only one reform will improve education: get government completely out of education — and repeal the property taxes that pay for government schools.

Then you will control your children's education. What about children whose parents can't afford a private school? There undoubtedly are more than enough generous people in America to take care of every poor child — especially when those generous people no longer have to pay school taxes.

Even if private donations couldn't take care of every child, should we abandon freedom just so poor children can get a terrible education?

What to Do

If you have children, here are two things that can help them: 1. Support the Alliance for the Separation of School & State, which is working to get government completely out of education. 2. Find a good private school for your children.

Money spent for good schooling will help your children far more than anything else you can buy. If necessary, supplement their learning with family discussions about the Bill of Rights, voluntary association, and the free market.

And give them a basic understanding of economics — to help them be more successful when they earn their own living. If you can't find a good school, consider home-schooling. Getting government out of education isn't a panacea that will cure every problem of society.

But curing any problem of society will be a steep, uphill battle so long as our children are taught by government employees.

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An Astounding Remark...

by Sheldon Richman

When Attorney General John Ashcroft told the nation, "To those who scare peace-loving people with phantoms of lost liberty, my message is this: Your tactics only aid terrorists," he wasn't blazing any new trails. He was merely doing what despots and would-be despots always do: attempting to intimidate into silence those who dare to question him.

Ashcroft's statement is one of the most astounding things to be said by a U.S. official in many years. To read it carefully — letting its full message sink in — is to be overtaken by a sense of horror that is otherwise hard to imagine. Every American should be offended to hear the government's chief law enforcement officer equate public expressions of concern about the threats to liberty from drastic "anti-terrorism" measures with joining al-Qaeda. Does Ashcroft have such a low estimate of the American people's intelligence?

Perhaps he needs to become acquainted with Thomas Jefferson. It was Jefferson who said, "The natural progress of things is for liberty to yield and government to gain ground." That's true in the best of times. It's doubly true during war — especially an Orwellian undeclared, open-ended crusade against an enemy as nebulous as "international terrorism."

Ashcroft is a perfect Orwellian character. In 1984, Big Brother told his people that "freedom is slavery." It follows that slavery is freedom. Ashcroft refuses to concede that the Bush administration is seeking to curtail liberty in the least. Those who see diminished liberty must be hallucinating, seeing "phantoms of lost liberty."

So when the president unilaterally abolishes due process for noncitizens, we are only imagining an erosion of liberty. And when Congress passes, without even reading, the administration's alleged anti-terrorism bill, which expands the government's powers of surveillance, permits secret searches of homes, and weakens judicial oversight of law enforcement, again, we are deluded if we think freedom is evaporating.

I write "alleged anti-terrorism bill" because the new law does not restrict the expanded powers to suspected terrorists, but applies them to any criminal activity. This is a classic power grab under the cover of an emergency. September 11 has given policymakers a chance to bring down from the shelf every new police power they have wanted for years. They assume no one will question the need for such broad powers, and if anyone does, they can shut him up by portraying him as an ally of the terrorists. The game is rigged in favor of power.

It is no comfort that the erosion of liberty in the name of fighting terrorism has a bipartisan cast to it. Democratic Senator Charles Schumer of New York has given his blessing to oppressive government with an op-ed in the Washington Post titled "Big Government Looks Better Now."

As Schumer puts it, barely concealing his glee, "For the foreseeable future, the federal government will have to grow... The era of a shrinking federal government has come to a close." Of course, the senator was trying to enlarge it long before September 11.

Schumer insists that only the federal government "has the breadth, strength and resources" to keep us secure. Forgive me for asking, but did we not have a federal government on September 11? Was it not in charge of our security on that date? Then what is the senator talking about?

And if it isn't impolite to ask, just where does the federal government get all those resources? Last time I checked, it didn't produce anything. It simply took resources from the people who did produce them.

Once we understand that all government possesses is the power of legal plunder our whole perspective changes. Schumer insists that "the notion of letting a thousand different ideas compete and flourish — which works so well to create goods and services — does not work at all in the face of a national security emergency. Unity of action and purpose is required, and only the federal government can provide it."

But he's got it wrong. Security is a service. Competition and innovation are valuable in the effort to keep ourselves safe. The last thing we need is central planning. That's what we had on September 11.

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Sports

Lady Lopes playoff bound

The Post Lady Lopes clinched the District 4AA title last Friday in a decisive 37-35 win at New Deal. "This was a very important game for us," coach Ron Taylor emphasized, "by winning that game we took the district championship undisputed, and we accomplished our first goal for the season."

The next goal will be to win in the playoffs, and the Lady Lopes face that task on Friday, February 15 when they take on the winner of District 1 runner-up and District 2 third place. "We're not sure which teams will be in that game," Taylor said, "but right now McCamey is in second place in District 1 and Sonora is in third place in District 2."

As district champs, the Lady Lopes will get a "bye" the first week of playoffs. "We may play a practice game, just to keep in shape," Taylor added.

In the New Deal contest, the Lady Lopes held onto a slim lead late in the game, "but they did what they needed to do to win," Taylor said. "That's the story of this team, they do what has to be done."

Manuela Hernandez led the team with 11 points in the New Deal win, followed by Kelly Moore with 10, eight by Meagan Mills, six by Tandi Humble and two by Emily Smith. "New Deal put up a stiff defense against us," Taylor observed, "but we knew they would be tough."

Earlier last week the varsity girls took charge of Tahoka with a 44-30 win here. Hernandez led the team with 13, followed by Moore with 12, Smith at nine, four by Nikki Norman, three by Humble and one by Mills.

The Post Dispatch will publish details of the playoff schedule next week. The Lady Lopes finished the regular season Tuesday night, hosting Idalou.

Varsity boys struggle for playoff spot

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team suffered two losses last week, slipping to Tahoka 57-42 and falling 61-48 at New Deal. "These past few games have been disappointing for us," coach Dane Vickers said, "but if we can win our remaining games, we've got a chance for the playoffs."

The Lopes hosted Idalou Tuesday night, then travel to Ralls Friday and home next Tuesday for the final game with Sundown. "We've got to take care of the ball, and we've got to be more consistent with our shots," Vickers added.

In the Tahoka game last week, the Lopes just couldn't get the ball into the basket. Although Jarrett Vickers, Michael Huff and Brody Robertson all scored 13 points, it wasn't enough. Mitchell Mills hit for one point and Jett Lott got two points.

A similar problem struck the team at New Deal last Friday with trouble getting the shots to fall in. "We got within one point with about four minutes left in the game," the coach said, "but we missed a shot, drew a foul and got behind."

At New Deal Vickers led with 16 points, followed by Huff with nine, Robertson at eight, Mills with seven, Lott with six and Ratke with two points.



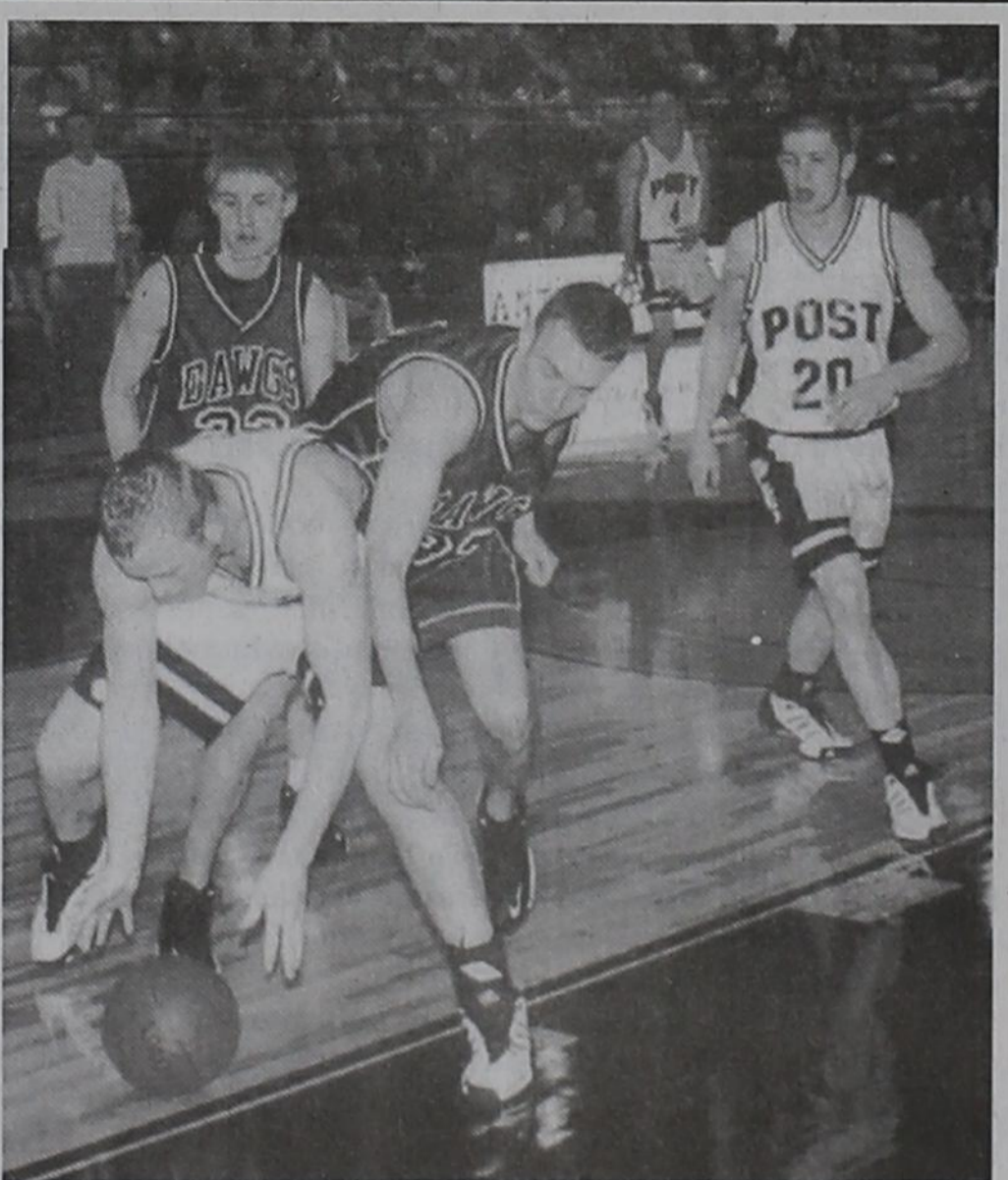
Nikki Norman (33) gets the rebound for the Post Lady Lopes in their win here against Tahoka last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



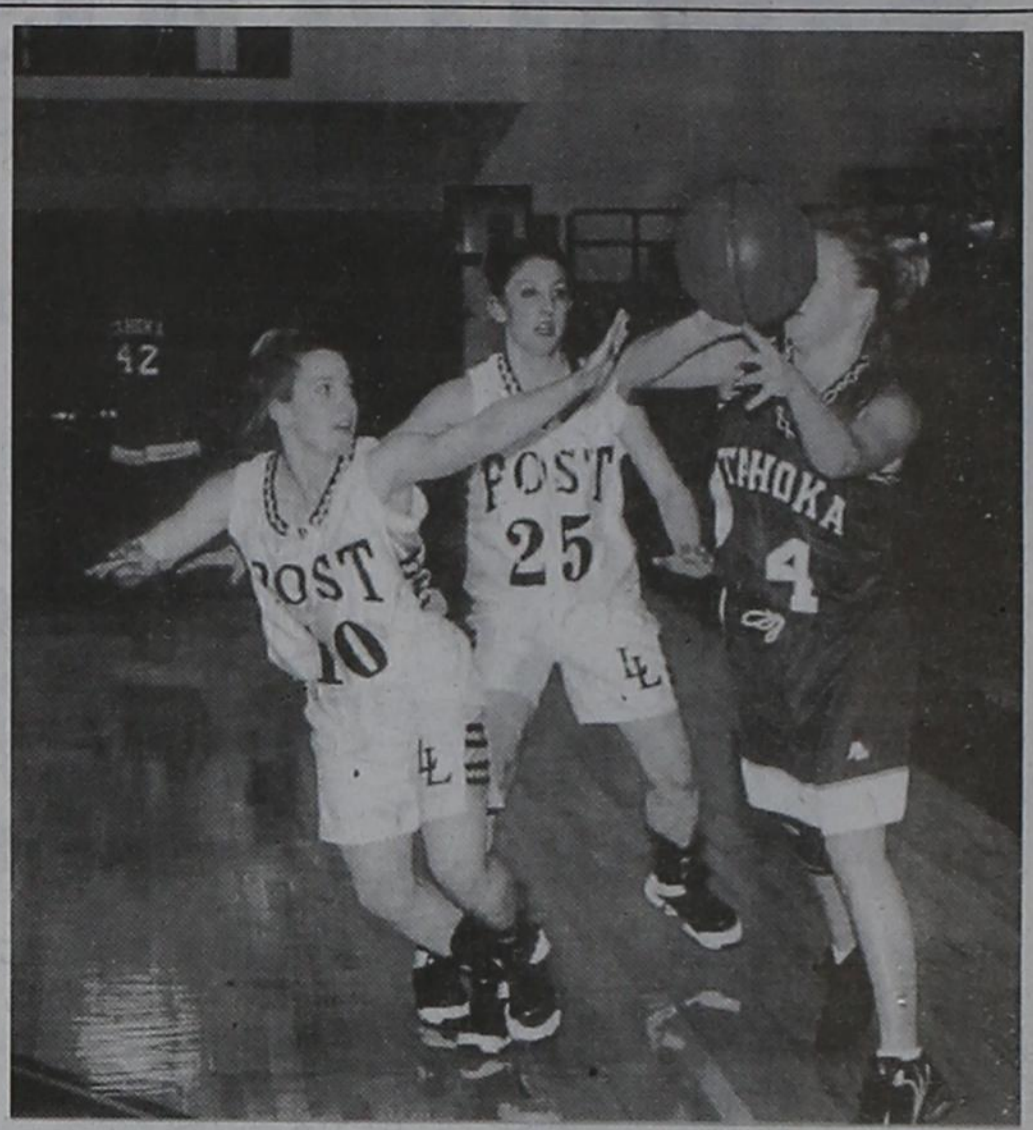
Emily Smith (25) takes the basketball to the net for the Post Lady Lopes in action here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Mitchell Mills (00) goes over the top for a two-pointer during Post Antelope action against Tahoka here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Michael Huff scrambles for the loose basketball during Post Antelope action here last week against Tahoka. Brody Robertson (20) comes in to help. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Meagan Mills (10) and Emily Smith (25) put the pressure on a Tahoka player during the Lady Lope win here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Michael Huff (left to right) Brody Robertson (20) and Kenny Ratke (21) fight for the rebound in last week's game against Tahoka here. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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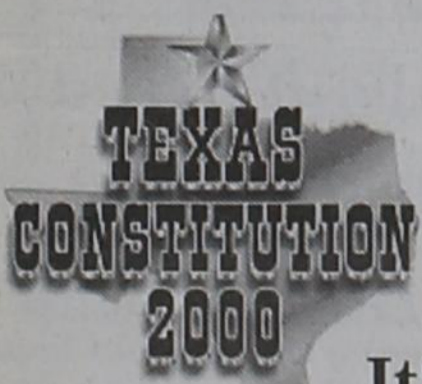
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J.V. girls win district title

The Post High School junior varsity girls clinched the district championship last week with a 41-27 win over Tahoka. The Lady Lopes leapt out to an early lead, scoring 13 points in the first stanza while holding Tahoka to a single basket. The Post offense continued to play strong throughout the remainder of the game, while the defense held Tahoka at bay.

Jessica Mason logged 13 points to lead scoring for Post, followed by Terri Curtis and Donae Dalby with eight points apiece. Tayler Starkey had three points, Meagan Hoover and Lesley Rutherford each had two points and Courtney Short had one point.

The win put the girls at 19-0 for the season and 8-0 in district play.

The squad suffered its only loss of the season Friday when New Deal handed them a 31-24 loss.

Starkey and Hoover shared top scoring honors in that game with six points apiece, followed by Dalby with five points. Curtis had three, while Mason and Regina Collazo had two points each.

7th grade girls pound Idalou

The seventh grade Lady Lopes pounded Idalou Monday by a score of 29-18.

Post grabbed an early lead and went into the half up 14-5. Idalou rallied to tie Post's offensive effort in the third quarter, but

failed to come up with enough points to overcome their first half deficit.

Rachel Gray was top scorer for Post with eight points, followed by Kylie Easterling with seven points and Larissa Halford with five points. Jackie Hays had four points, Sarah Kirkpatrick had three points and K'neil Dalby, two points.

7th grade "A" team wins again

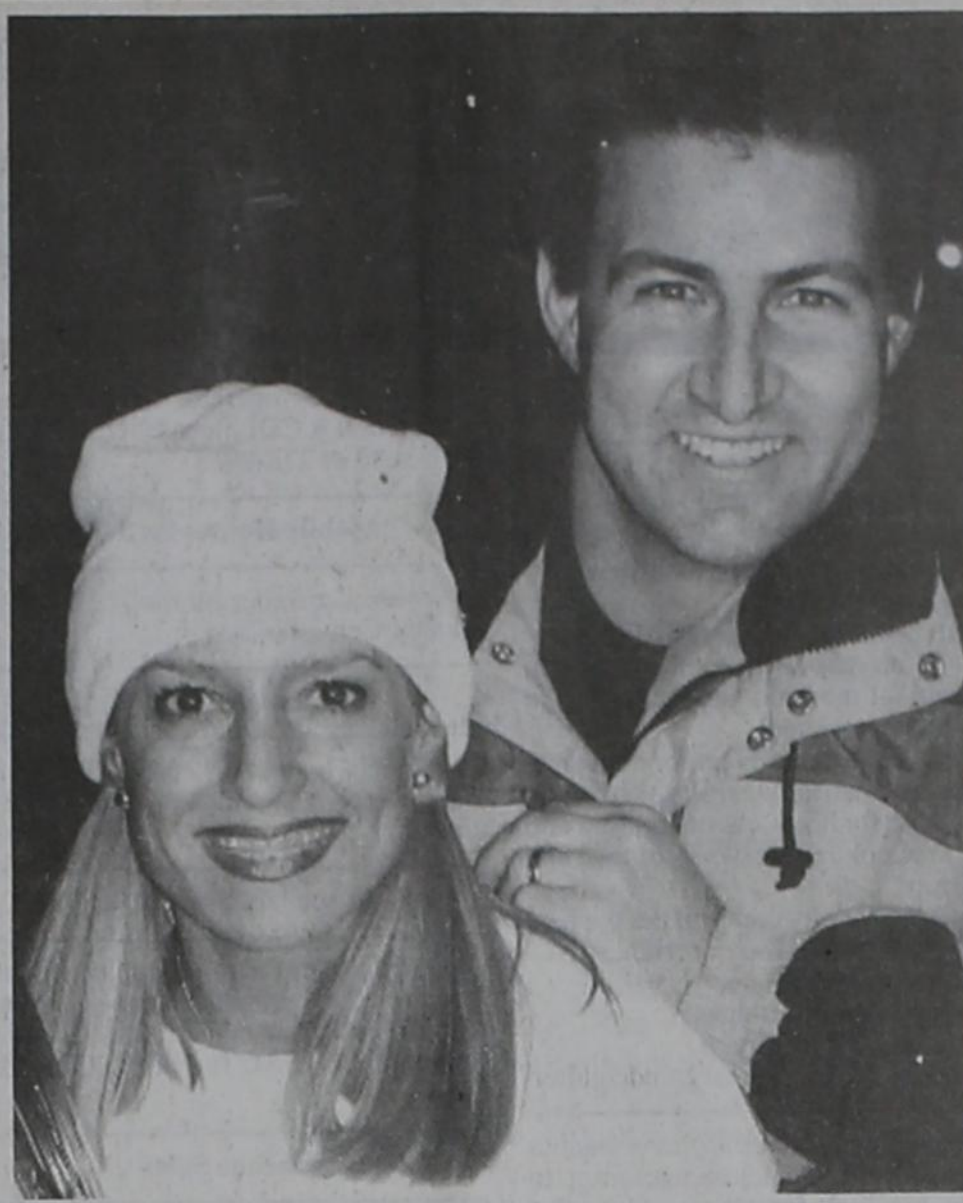
The seventh grade A Lopes polished off their 10-6 season with a win Monday night, defeating the Idalou A team 41-27.

Post jumped out to an early lead and led scoring through each of the four quarters.

"The seventh grade boys closed out a successful season with a victory against district rival Idalou," the coach said. "The team played excellent defense and managed some quality scoring opportunities. They shot well from the free-throw line - 16-27. Congratulations to the team on a good season."

Wilson Cash topped scoring with 10 points, followed by Edgar Garay with nine, Preston Ortiz with six and D.J. Paiza and Zack Perez with four points apiece. Asa Rutherford had three points, Colter Creech scored two points, and Steven Hair added one point to the scoreboard.

in a wedding ceremony, usually the maid of honor carries the same bouquet as the bridesmaids.



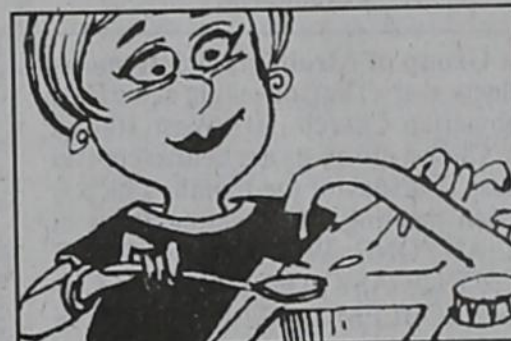
Marie and Tygea Payne

Payne carries Olympic Torch

Marie Payne of Lubbock and Texas Tech graduate, was selected as the only Lubbock resident to carry the Olympic torch in the Amarillo Region's Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Torch Relay. Payne was selected as one of 3,505 torch bearers in a program sponsored by Chevrolet. There were 11,500 official torch bearers selected from more than 210,000 applicants.

Payne carried the flame about two city blocks on January 12, 2002 in Amarillo, from 10th Street to 7th Street. She was nominated by her husband, Tyge Payne, in an essay where he described how she inspires others. She is involved in many civic activities and serves as a board member for the Joe Arrington Cancer Center, Lubbock Advertising Federation and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lubbock. Mrs. Payne also serves as secretary for the Soroptimist Club of Lubbock and was honored as "Big Sis of the Year" from the Lubbock chapter Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

'Tis not what man does which exalts him, but what man would do!
—Robert Browning



It takes 120 drops of water to fill a teaspoon.

8th grade 'Lopes drop one

The eighth grade Lopes dropped a 40-33 game to Idalou Monday night.

Post jumped out to an 11-7 lead in the first period, but Idalou turned the tables to make it an 18-17, Idalou, game at the half. The Idalou offense outpaced Post in the final two quarters to walk away with the win.

"The kids played hard and played well," said Coach Vickers. Sterling Smith scored 15 points for Post, followed by Meredith with five points and the trio of Barbosa, Garay and Stace Norman with four points each. McGregor scored a single point.

The team finished with a 10-6 record.

8th grade ladies win another

The eighth grade Lady Lopes sprinted past Idalou Monday in a 28-21 game.

Post led scoring in the first period 8-4, but Idalou came back with a 9-7 scoring edge in the second quarter. The Lady Lopes came out in the second half determined to win, holding off the Idalou offense to secure the win.

Laurel Tatum had 13 points for Post, while Kayle Morris had seven, Courtney Copeland had four and Ashley Wilson and Jenee Lott each scored two points.

7th "B" squad wins

The seventh grade boys B squad added another notch to its victory column Monday night with a win over Idalou's B team.

Heath Fellhauer led scoring with five points, followed by Zach Witcher with three points and Steven Hair with one point. Rounding out the team were Adrian Nava, Mark Ayala and Justin Loern.

"These boys showed a super effort against Idalou," the coach said. "This group of young men showed a lot of progress through the season. We'd like to compliment these boys on a super season."

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J.V. boys lose two

The junior varsity boys dropped a pair of games last week, losing to New Deal and Tahoka.

On Friday, the team fell 57-16 to New Deal. New Deal squelched the 'Lopes' offense to capture the win.

Jarred Grisham was lead scorer for Post with six points. Mark Norman had four points, Russell Merritt and Zack Lopez each scored two points, and Coco Valdez and Mitch Holly had one point apiece.

In the Tahoka game, Post led the game at the half by a score of 19-17, but Tahoka rallied in the final quarter, outscoring the 'Lopes' 12-4 to take the 34-27 win.

Norman led scoring with nine points, followed by Grisham with seven. Merritt and Holly each scored four points, while Francisco Duran had three points.

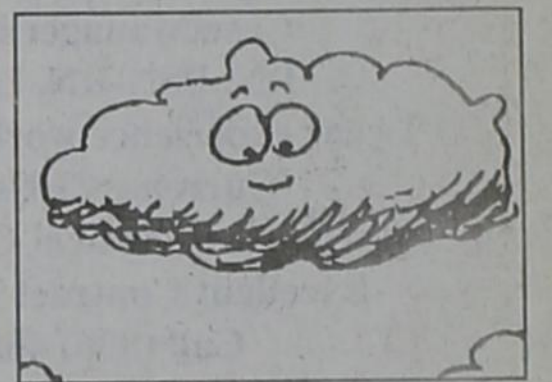
Idalou takes one from 9th boys

The freshman boys team lost to Idalou Monday, 34-18.

Idalou squelched the 'Lopes' offense in the first quarter, outscoring Post 11-0. The 'Lopes' came back in the ensuing periods, but their effort was not enough to overcome the first period's shutout.

Jordan Tatum led scoring for the Post team with seven points. Zack Lopez and Chris Curb each had four points, and Casey Williams scored a total of three points.

"I am proud of the kids," the coach said. "They worked hard and to go and play a game with just five players can take a lot out of you. They did well."



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Congratulations 7th Grade Boys



Post 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team - (back row, left to right) Steven Hair, Heath Fellhauer, Wilson Cash, Colter Creech, Blake Nichols, Edgar Garay, Preston Ortiz, Zach Perez, Zach Witcher, D.J. Baiza, (front row) Asa Rutherford, Mark Ayala, Justin Loera and Adrian Nava. (Photo by Jerry's Photography)

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Congratulations 8th Grade Boys



Post 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team - (back row, left to right) David Vega, Stace Norman, Kenny Gaaray, Vince Robles, Adrian Zubia, Jonathan McGregor, Sterling Smith, Keith Meredith, Braden Bratcher, Shawn Merritt, Josh Lee, (front row) Robert Apolinar, Justin Harris, Israel Barbosa and John Norman. (Photo by Jerry's Photography)

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The family of W.O. Stewart wishes to thank our friends and neighbors for making it easier to bear during the last days of our loved one. Your love and friendship meant so much to us.

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Thanks to Dee and Janet for a flawless service. A heartfelt thank you to Bro. Billie Smith for his words of comfort, and to Dr. McCook for his words of love and friendship.

Post has a lot of wonderful people here and its great to call you our friends. Blanche Stewart Beth and Jimmy Hodges Linda and Bobby Green Grandchildren and Great grandchildren

The family of Darrell Roberts want to express our love and appreciation to Charles McCook for words of comfort and the prayers that will help heal hurting hearts. Thank you Charles for profiling Darrell's life just as he lived it. To Dee and Janet for making our burden's easier to bear in our time of sorrow. To the township of Post who made it known by every act of kindness, the beautiful flowers and memorials. The cards, good food, and the love they had for Darrell. Each person had a kind word and a story to share about something good he did for them. "God Bless Each of You" Glenn and Mary Roberts Aunts: Odee Kemp and Margaret Brown and cousins

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High-tech seafloor mapping yields clues to sand for gulf beaches

GALVESTON — Texas, unlike her Gulf sister state Florida, just doesn't have enough natural sand readily available to replace beach erosion, and Tim Dellapenna takes that as a challenge.
 This summer, Dellapenna, a marine sciences professor at Texas A&M University at Galveston, has taken the lead in applying state-of-the-art mapping technology to solve the State's sand problems.

"We're using a multi-beam sidescan sonar system to map the elevation of the seabed under the shallow water near the shore," Dellapenna said. "The Texas General Land Office (GLO) is funding our efforts to show what technology can do about solving problems of sand erosion and sediment transport and accretion at Gulf beaches."

Dellapenna will map three sites at points off Pirates Beach and along the seaway from 25th to 61st Streets and as far south as Surfside, near Freeport. The instruments he's using, developed in Great Britain and provided through a collaboration with Tulane University, provide high resolution sound wave images of the seafloor. These images will allow Dellapenna to construct models illustrating how the beach is now versus how it would be naturally, without man's efforts to slow erosion or to bring in sand for building up the shoreline.

In addition to the sonar images, Dellapenna plans to use seismic data to get a picture of sand resources located in deeper water.

"We hope our data will help us determine the extent of nearshore sand resources that could be mined for replacement of sand lost from the beaches," Dellapenna observed. "Analysis of the sonar and seismic images should tell us how much sand is in the upper shoreface. Because they can penetrate vertically into the seabed, sonar beams can give us an accurate volumetric estimate of the sand naturally available to nourish the beaches."

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Experience Spring and nature at its best this year "Deep in the Heart of Texas". That's what folks 50 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood.

Sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service, Spring Fling '02 is offered for men and women alike to enjoy the wonderful activities offered during the week of April 15-19, 2002.

Opportunities include "hands-on" learning centers where one can learn seasonal crafts, gardening, candle making, ball room dancing, wood crafting, and many other exciting projects. Educational programs on topics such as horticulture, photography, nutrition, finances, and other current interests are a popular highlight.

Fishing on Lake Brownwood adds popularity to your stay on our lighted boathouse. Or enjoy the beautiful spring foliage on our nature trail and take in some birding activities. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes,

billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card or table games are all popular activities. Nightly entertainment is also a part of the program. This year bring your clubs and play golf at the newly opened Feather Bay Golf Resort just 1 mile from the facility. Fun and educational tours are also an option for those who prefer this type of fun!

"Spring Fling...Spring Returns" will be the featured theme for the week. A costume contest and other activities will be held to add to the festive atmosphere. The last evening will showcase a closing banquet.

If you are 50 or older then "Spring Fling...Spring Returns" 2002, is for you. Call your county Extension office today or the Texas 4-H Center at 1-800-432-8342 for more information.

Programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

Theater in a chicken house



Virginia Weaver Russell of Eastland is one spirited woman and moves with a regal bearing. She has aged without growing old. She lives on the estate built in 1918 by

her father, an oilman during the Ranger boom.

Her place, called Beallhurst (a combination of family names), covers several acres and has some buildings used in a farming operation. Both she and her lawyer husband graduated from Eastland High School.

Virginia attended Principia College in St. Louis, the University of Wisconsin and got a Master's Degree in drama from the University of Texas. In 1938 she went to Yale to study playwriting and directing. She later earned a teaching certificate from SMU. During her summers at Yale she did theater work in Rhode Island and Pennsylvania.

"At the Greenhills Playhouse in Reading, Pennsylvania, the box office was in a silo and the theater was in a beautiful stone barn. It was a regular stock company, the actors lived there. I was the director of all the productions. What was really fun was hiring the actors in New York. We just ran a few ads in the paper and I interviewed people in the Roosevelt Hotel."

After a teaching stint in Mississippi she returned to Eastland in 1954 and dedicated herself to being a wife and mother. She occasionally directed plays, including the ones her sons were in during their high school years. She directed some plays in the Majestic Theater in downtown Eastland.

"We did The Night of January 16th and Room Service. I guess Room Service is my favorite comedy. It's the best American farce." One play she wrote and directed was called Drama for Boredom and was the story of her family. She has written seven plays. "The best one was about Abe Lincoln when he was growing up."

In 1966 she and some friends started the Eastland Community Theater. "We turned a chicken house here on the place into a theater. One of the actors called it the best little chicken house in Texas. We called it Beallhurst Playhouse and did some wonderful shows here for about eighteen years."

The theater had 91 seats, a green room, costume and prop room, a stage and a lobby. The first play in the theater was Junior Miss. "We had wonderful reception. Everybody who was in a play wanted to be in the next one. We did Broadway successes and the classics. We introduced children to Shakespeare. It was really a dream come true to have the theater right in my own back yard."

She feels strongly about theater. "When I was at Yale, I'd go buy some shoes and think that this man selling meshoes could be in theater. Anybody can be in theater and be richer for it. Everybody who worked at Beallhurst realized that."

After interviewing Virginia Russell, I went out to the building that once housed the theater and walked among the old costumes, props, posters, playbills and memories. The energy of hundreds of productions still lingers.

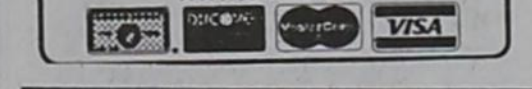
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Yesteryears

February 5, 1992 10 Years Ago

Word breezed through town last week about Post's Dale Redman being selected as one of four South Plains men to compete in the February 10 American Gladiators World Tournament in Lubbock. Redman joined a Lamesan and two Lubbockites in the elite matchup, outscoring approximately 350 contestants at the try-out in Lubbock.

The Post Economics Development Corp. proudly welcomes Cotton Unlimited, Inc. to its Postex Plan Building. This has been the best economic news for Post in 10 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Warren will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary Saturday, February 8, 1992 with a family dinner.

A scholarship fund in memory of PHS graduate Derick Dunn has been established to recognize outstanding Garza County youth. The fund was announced last Saturday afternoon by Larry Mills at the Garza County Junior Livestock Association show and sale. The first scholarship will be awarded in 1993. A pledge from Giles McCrary of \$5,000 to be matched dollar for dollar will provide the initial funding.

February 4, 1982 20 Years Ago

Post Middle School band students receiving All Region honors in recent trouts in Lubbock were Kerry Thuett, Trasi Craft, Keith Craig, Randall Carpenter and Bobby Redman. The Junior High bandmen performed in the All Region Band Concert held at Monterey Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Fumagalli announce the birth of a son, Joshua Cole, born February 2, in South Park Hospital in Lubbock.

Coach Dwayne Osborn's Post Antelopes completed first half of district play Friday night at Frenship by squeezing out a 65 to 62 victory for a 4-1 district record, a game behind undefeated Slaton in second place.

Lewis W. Ammons, Postex Weave Department Supervisor was honored in the plant staff meeting Friday, when he was presented his 25 year service certificate and awards by Plant Manager Don Smith.

February 3, 1972 30 Years Ago

Doctors Charles G. and Harry A. Tubbs said this week that the Medical Center and Laboratory building was so badly damaged by fire, smoke and water in last week's fire that they consider it "a complete loss in so far as our being able to rebuild doctor's offices there."

Jackie Moore of the Post Does and Randell Hays of the Antelopes were crowned basketball sweethearts in a halftime ceremony at the home game. Idalou school officials have cancelled their teams' participation in the conference 8th grade tournament here this week because of the scuffle near the front door of the gym between halves of the boys' game, remarks made by some Post girls to the Idalou cheerleaders, and a "gathering" in front of the gym

after the ball game. The school will take disciplinary action against Post students known to have been involved in the incidents.

Thursday to Thursday: When a weekly newspaper publishes on Thursday, the front office force spends most of Friday sitting around waiting for the telephone to ring and sharp-eyed readers to tell them how many goofs they made in this week's paper. We're always glad for a reader to point out our mistakes, though, because it's a sure sign he reads the paper.

February 8, 1962 40 Years Ago

Dwayne Capps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Capps, and Melinda Newby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Newby, have been elected as "Mr. and Miss PHS" by the student body of Post High School.

Fashion Cleaners has announced that they have recently installed a hair dryer along with their coin-operated dry cleaning machines. This is just another handy way to trim your budget and save time.

Coach Harold Teal announced today that Buddy Moreland has been elected as captain of the Post Antelope football team for 1962 and Delton Robinson and Jerry Bush have been elected co-captains.

The Post Antelope and Post Doe basketball teams crowned sweethearts at Friday night's Slaton games. Judy Clary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Clary, was elected sweetheart by the Antelope squad and Leslie Acker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo M. Acker, was chosen by members of the Doe squad.

February 7, 1952 50 Years Ago

Construction was begun this week on a new \$25,000 parsonage for the First Baptist church. The three bedroom brick veneer home is being built directly across West Main street and facing the church. Bricks in the house will be white to match the color of the church.

Post students, when those traffic cops at the schoolhouse tell you to wait for the cars, you had better wait. For now they have authority. Appointments were made to one captain, two lieutenants, and nine patrolmen. These included Capt. Bobby Cowley, Lieuts. Alton Sutter and Walter Martinez; and patrolmen Johnny Kemp, Guy Davis, Butch Wilson, Joe Roy Ross, Leland Edwards, Paul Wheatley, Bob Lewallen, Wayne Runkles and Roy Joe Carter.

Justitburg News: Mr. and Mrs. Sid Cross's car burned last Wednesday night. Their daughter, Sandy, was awakened by the smoke and notified her parents. The fire was believed to have been caused from faulty wiring.

Plans are completed and the first annual Rotary Invitational Independent Basketball tournament will get underway at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday and runs through Saturday. Admission prices have been set at \$2 for season tickets; 75 cents for single night adult tickets and 25 cents for single night student.

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- 33 TXism: "in hollerin' ___ (near)"
- 36 TX Hagman as J.R.
- 37 TXism: "all bought and paid ___"
- 38 this Jayne was '67 Miss America and a TX newscaster
- 39 series of snares
- 41 TXism: "does ___ have a ___ climbing gear?"
- 42 Tex-Mex treat

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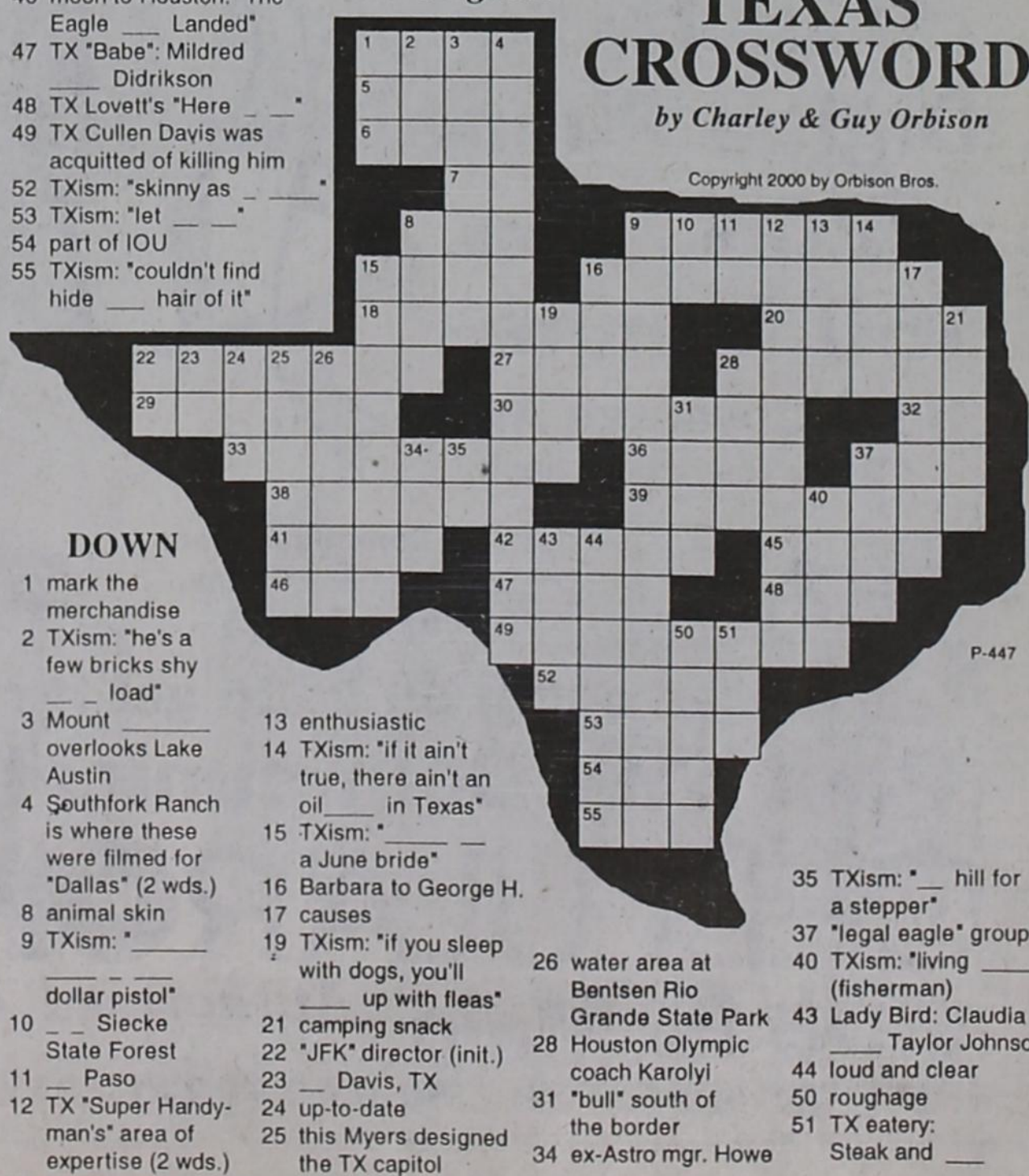
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- 48 TX Lovett's "Here ___"
- 49 TX Cullen Davis was acquitted of killing him
- 52 TXism: "skinny as ___"
- 53 TXism: "let ___"
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- 55 TXism: "couldn't find hide ___ hair of it"
- 13 enthusiastic
- 14 TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't an oil ___ in Texas"
- 15 TXism: "___ a June bride"
- 16 Barbara to George H. 17 causes
- 19 TXism: "if you sleep with dogs, you'll ___ up with fleas"
- 21 camping snack
- 22 "JFK" director (init.)
- 23 ___ Davis, TX
- 24 up-to-date
- 25 this Myers designed the TX capitol

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- 35 TXism: "___ hill for a stepper"
- 37 "legal eagle" group
- 40 TXism: "living ___ (fisherman)"
- 43 Lady Bird: Claudia ___ Taylor Johnson
- 44 loud and clear
- 51 TX eatery: Steak and ___

Letters to the Editor

Letters must be signed and may be edited for brevity, grammar, punctuation or spelling.

Do teachers have the right to call our children liars?

That is what exactly happened on Monday, Jan. 28, 2002, in front of the child, as well as other people who are not the child's parents. The teacher at Post Elementary apparently likes to bend the rules to her advantage, but she bent those rules a bit too far by accusing my niece of being a liar.

Teachers should discipline, but to call a liar is overextending discipline. Discipline and name-calling are entirely two different subjects. One being acceptable, while the latter is humiliating for any child. They are in their critical stages of life, where they learn to do what they see and hear. If a teacher has a degrading attitude toward a student by her telling them they are liars, then by all means that is what will register in the child's mind. Instead of a teacher trying to work with the student on a certain problem they might have, like not understanding the meaning of an unfamiliar word or a certain question, she vents on them with her name-calling.

This teacher came out to my car, opened the door without even an "excuse me, sir," to ask me if I was the child's parent. I said, "No, I am her uncle," to which she replied, "I need to see the child's mother." I told the teacher, "She is at work, but I will tell her to come and speak to you." I asked the teacher if I could do anything for her; she said, "No, but I will tell you the child is not doing good, and she is a liar and a cheater."

VFW ladies say thanks

The Ladies Auxiliary and the VFW would like to thank all of the merchants and individuals that supplied the items for the District 7 convention. The items were greatly appreciated.

We would like to say thank-you to those that cooked and furnished the food.

A special thank-you to the Ladies Auxiliary women for providing the decorations for the hall and the tables. Also to the ladies for baking cakes and pies.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary

She slammed the car door and walked off without any further explanation.

After a short time letting what happened sink in, I went to the teacher's classroom to let her know I did not appreciate her calling the child a liar or a cheater. All she said was, "Would you rather I said, 'oh, you are not telling me the truth, are you?'" I then went to the principal's office and he was no help. He just gave me a lecture on the meaning of the word liar. It did sound like to me that I was the one being called a liar. While speaking to the principal, the teacher sneaks into the room without saying a word to me or the principal. Only when she responded to my asking the principal about the rules on parent-teacher confidentiality did I know she was in the room.

She said, "I knew that I should of never had said anything to him about the student because I do know that we are not suppose to give out any kind of information to anyone other than the children's parents or guardians." That tells me the teacher either has not read the student handbook or uses it to her advantage and/or her benefit. Again, I think the teacher should either listen more closely to the principal's definition of the word liar or go to classes to learn anger management to her outburst directed at young children.

Before leaving, I asked her why she called my niece a liar and a cheater. Her only reply was, "I said no such thing," to which I said, "And you call yourself a teacher, and you do not even remember what you said a few minutes ago."

I urge all the parents of school-age students faced with a similar problem or who have been faced with one to stand up and be heard, because not all teachers are perfect. Makes me wonder how long this kind of behavior has been going on?

Danny Guajardo

Likes Yesteryears

Thanks for resuming the "Yesteryear" section of the paper. I enjoy reading about Post of the past.

A recent "Yesteryear" item concerning the Jan. 31, 1952, appearance of Edgar Bergan and Charlie McCarthy at the Post High School football field renewed some good memories for me. As an 8-year-old second grader, I remember sitting on the grass in front of the man-made stage, watching the performance of Mr. Bergan and his wooden friends and wondering how his friends were able to talk.

My parents were yet to purchase a television set for our home, and I didn't know that Mr. Bergan was famous for radio, television and movie appearances. Nor did I know that he and his wooden friends had traveled the battlegrounds of Europe and the South Pacific entertaining our soldiers during World War II. I learned this years later.

Also, at the time I did not appreciate the significance of a world-famous entertainer coming to help a small West Texas town attempting to finance the building of a hospital. I do now. And we should all appreciate the time, energy and efforts of the citizens of 1952 Post City who worked so hard to provide a hospital for themselves and us. We do learn from the past.

Leslie C. Acker

Need help with family research

Returning to Dallas from a family reunion, I stopped by Post on Sunday afternoon to look through the cemetery for some of my ancestors. Lucky for me the Post cemetery is beautifully kept, and my predecessors' headstones are intact! I am curious how far back you might have issues of the Post newspaper? I am wondering if there might be a chance of obtaining obituaries, which would have family information in them (i.e. spouse, children, etc.).

The people I am looking for are: Thomas A. Glasscock, died 21 September 1921 — ?

Frank Wilks (Benjamin Franklin Wilks), died 5 May 1921 - mother's mother's - Nannie Wilks, died 3 July 1932 - grandparents

Missouri H. Graham, died 29 August 1935 - mother's father's - Newton H. Graham, died 26 November 1939 — uncle

If you have any of all of these, please let me know. Any information I can gather about these families outside that contained in "Wagon Wheels" would be much appreciated. I thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this letter.

Jennifer Jenike 4339 Goodfellow Drive Dallas, TX 75229

Water - where we gonna get it?

Actually, if I had to guess, I'd probably say White River Lake for a few more years yet. I have a feeling God is gonna get tired of us whining about it and cut loose one of these days with a bunch of heavy rains, and we will be crying for it to stop. But just in case we ain't praying hard enough, we might best be looking elsewhere.

In my opinion, Judge Dalby is doing just that. I think we elected the man to look after the common welfare of the county, town and communities. If we need water, then he is gonna bust his rear looking for it. I think any and all alternatives may be crossing his mind. I am a bit impressed that he is looking at the future now, instead of waiting a week before we need it, then start looking.

Whether it comes from White River, the proposed Post City Lake, Lake Allen Henry or the Hoover Dam, I think the Judge has no choice but to go water hunting.

If our friends up in Lubbock want to get their panties all up in a wad 'cause he may have looked down Lake Allen Henry way, then whoopee doo.

Didn't sound to me like he was trying to take the whole lake over. He was looking at one of the many possibilities. Just maybe looking at borrowing a few gallons.

I find it to be amazing how quickly our neighbors to the north must have forgotten who assisted them in settling the mineral right controversy within the lake area.

Let's say for instance, if the table was turned, and Garza County happened to be the owner of a nice lake of huge water supply, do we not believe our neighbors to the north would be trying to get their fingers in it?

I'd be willing to bet my next paycheck that Mr. Dalby is not the only person checking into Lake Allen Henry water possibilities. I would guess that the neighboring cities to the south are setting around like a bunch of vultures, waiting for the city of Lubbock to stub their toe. Speaking of stubbing their toes, they have been stubbing their toes for the last 50 years that I know of, so why should anyone expect them (Lubbock politicians) not to stub their toe on the Lake Allen Henry project?

I do not believe Mr. Dalby is trying to gouge his way into their water supply, but, and a big but, should our neighbors to the north ever falter, I see no reason why we should not at least have our name in the pot.

As far as the Judge-bashing goes that we are hearing from up north, maybe they are jealous that they don't have anyone in their political arena smart and knowledgeable of business affairs as we have.

In my opinion, our neighbors to the north could stack all their politicians, manager, mayors and whatever in a big pile, and they would not even be able to carry our Judge a glass of water.

So if they are a bit paranoid and want to get their bowels in an uproar, so be it. I believe Mr. Dalby is doing exactly what the Garza County voters are expecting of him, and that being "look for water," regardless of where he looks. I know from my own point of view, I am behind him 100 percent, and I will be supportive of him in the next election as well.

So, Mr. Dalby, if you have to look as far away as the Pacific Ocean, as I see it, let "er" rock and roll."

This is as I see it and my opinion only. Have a good day.

O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Xcel Energy announces rate reduction plan

Xcel Energy has asked regulators to approve a third reduction in prices since November for its retail customers in the South Plains and Panhandle of Texas.

Public Utility Commission of Texas action may come as early as April. The decreases Xcel Energy - the new name of Southwestern Public Service Co. - filed for on Friday would go to approximately 299,000 homes and businesses in the state.

If the decrease request is approved, residential customers will see an electricity price reduction, compared with prices in November, of nearly 24 percent.

"An Xcel Energy-served home that uses 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month would see a decrease from \$78.64 in November to \$59.99," Gary L. Gibson, Xcel Energy state vice president for Texas, New Mexico,

Oklahoma and Kansas, said. "That's a decrease of \$18.65."

"Businesses and industrial companies will see even larger percentage reductions in prices of our electric power. Compared to November, total expected price reductions will range as high as 28 percent for some commercial customers, and 38 percent for some industrial customers."

The price 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, and two larger and more economically fueled coal-fired stations.

During the past year, the costs of natural gas spiked, driving up electricity prices. Now, natural gas costs are significantly lower, closer to the low costs of coal, so prices can be reduced, Gibson said.

Sheff reports seven arrests here

Seven arrests were posted in the Garza County Jail log during the past week, according to records provided by the sheriff's department.


On Jan. 29, a 28-year-old male was arrested on a warrant. Four individuals were detained on Feb. 1, including a 22-year-old male, commitment (paid court cost and fine); a 29-year-old, driving while license suspended; a 42-year-old male, driving while license suspended/enhanced; and a 19-year-old male, warrant.

Two men were jailed on Feb. 3, including an 18-year-old, possession of a controlled substance, and a 25-year-old for driving while licenses suspended.

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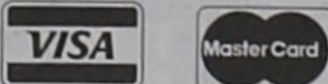
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