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County supports prayer in schools

Garza County commissioners adopted a resolution calling for the reinstatement of prayer in the public schools and challenged other entities to follow in their footsteps.

"Whereas our country was founded on the precepts of freedom, liberty, diversity and the right of people to acknowledge God according to the dictates of conscience," the resolution, adopted Feb. 8, reads, "and whereas neither the United States nor any state shall establish any official religion, but the people's right to pray and to recognize their religious beliefs, heritage and traditions on public property, including schools, shall not be infringed; and whereas the United States and the states shall not compose school prayers, nor require any person to join in prayer or other religious activity... the Garza County Commissioners urge all cities and counties across the United States to join in an effort to reinstate prayer in the public schools by passing similar resolutions and uniting in a 'grass roots' movement for that purpose..."

The resolution went on to say that the court "strongly supports" House Joint Resolution S1 introduced in the 107th Congress, 1st Session on Dec. 20.

County Judge Giles W. Dalby and all four commissioners

signed the document.

In other business, the commissioners extended the existing burn ban for an additional 90 days. The extension marks the third such effort by the court. The burn ban originally went into effect in early May.

The court also adopted a county policy requiring that gifts and donations valued at \$50 or more

be reported to the treasurer's office.

A carpet bid from Hudman Furniture was accepted. The carpeting will be used to recarpet the commissioners' courtroom.

The court also discussed the need for additional records storage facilities and the possible replacement of chairs in the county courtroom.



PHS debate team members headed to state competition in Austin are (back row, left to right) Kenda Josey, Russell Eaton, (front row) Lesley Rutherford, Cole Easterling, Jordan Tatum and James Soto.

PHS debate team advances to state finals

Four Post High School students have qualified for the UIL state cross-examination meet to be held March 10-16 at the University of Texas in Austin.

Russell Eaton, Kenda Josey, Jordan Tatum and James Soto qualified for the state competition by placing first or second at the district UIL cross-examination meet recently held on the UT campus. Eaton and Josey earned a first place gold medal in the district competition, followed by Tatum and Soto with second place silver medals.

PHS also landed the third place bronze medal through the efforts of Cole Easterling and Lesley Rutherford.

"This was a great victory," the team's debate coach said. "All Post teams were the first through third out of prelims, and Kenda and Russell were undefeated. My team of freshman members were outstanding as well. Both teams defeated junior and senior debate students who competed at district last year."

In honing their skills for the district meet, the debate teams

participated in several other meets, earning third place finishes in the Frenship and Friona Speech Tournaments; a first place gold at the Andrews Speech Tournament; and second place in the Vernon Speech Practice Meet.

"UIL debate competition develops skills in our students that directly prepare them for real-world situations by challenging their problem-solving and critical thinking abilities," said Jana Riggins, UIL debate director. "This year's cross-examination debate topic required students to research extensively the issue of significantly limiting weapons of mass destruction through U.S. foreign policy."

"In the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, policy debaters will remember for the rest of their lives the experience of debating such a vital topic at this critical point in our nation's history."

Through participation in the state meet, students qualify for Texas Interscholastic League foundation scholarships. Since

1954, the TILF has provided \$15.5 million to more than 13,000 students. This year, the TILF expects to award an estimated 693 new and renewed grants valued at approximately \$1,315,000.

New stop signs installed near high school

During the last City Council meeting, city officials discussed changes in traffic created by the recent installation of four-way stop signs on 6th Street near Post High School.

Since the installation of the new stop signs, a significant amount of traffic has spilled over onto 4th and 5th streets to move to and/or from the Gail highway to the Snyder highway. There are no stop signs on either of these streets to interrupt the traffic flow.

Individuals residing along these streets have indicated a need to control non-school-related traffic.

Post Notes

Blood drive set Feb. 25

A blood drive will be held at the Dalby Correctional Facility on Monday, Feb. 25 from 1 to 6 p.m. in the parking lot. For an appointment contact DeAnna Leake at 495-2175. Bring photo identification and list of medications. All donors will receive a t-shirt.

VFW seeks help for veterans

The annual Post VFW trip to the Big Spring veterans hospital will be February 28. Donations of toiletry items, books, magazines, stationary and pens and baked goods will be appreciated. Call Janet Ratliff at 495-2026 or JoAnn Stelzer at 495-3393.

Making Memories workshop

An organizational meeting will be held February 21 at 5:30 p.m. for a workshop on creating memory albums. The meeting will be 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).

Beans and cornbread at Graham Chapel

The Graham Chapel Community Center will hold a beans and cornbread fund raiser Thursday, Feb. 21 starting at 6 p.m. A donation is the cost for the event. There will be silent auction and live music. Those interested in donating an item for the auction should call Nancy McDonald at 495-3315.

Basic self-defense class

A basic self defense class will be held Saturday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Post Community Center's Rotary Room. Instructor Brandy Jefferies of the Lubbock YWCA will lead the class. Call 495-2479 by Feb. 20 to register. The class fee is \$25 per person and is open to those 11 years or older.

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.

Youth "Lock-in" Friday

The Bethel Assembly of God is hosting a "Youth Lock-in" at the Post Community Center youth center from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Saturday. Free pizza and drinks will be featured.

Fast pitch softball sign-up

Young ladies interested in signing up for South Plains Girls' Fast Pitch Softball should contact Jaquita Blevins at 495-2517 before February 27. The cost is \$25 with divisions of high school ages 15-18, 14 and under and 12 and under. Age is determined on January 1, 2002. A copy of a birth certificate is also needed. Anyone interested in helping with the softball program is welcome to call.

Southland kindergarten registration

Southland kindergarten registration will be held Thursday, February 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the school office. Enrolling children must be five years old by September 1, 2002. Parents should bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, social security number and current immunization records. The school year begins in August, 2002.

Calvary Baptist Church revival

The Calvary Baptist Church is hosting a revival March 3-6 at the church located at the corner of Avenue H and 6th St. Evangelist David Burk of Sterling City will lead the services. Sunday services are at 11:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. with Monday through Wednesday services at 7 p.m.

Flea market March 2

The Holy Cross Catholic Church will sponsor a "flea market" at the church on Saturday, March 2. Food will also be available. Those interested in renting space at \$10 each should call Juanita at 495-3059 or Cynthia Williams at 495-3896.

"The Miracle Worker" at Garza Theatre

The Garza Theatre's production of "The Miracle Worker" will open March 15 for seven performances March 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 and 31. Call the box office at 495-4005 to reserve tickets.

Fish fry on Fridays

The Holy Cross Catholic Church is hosting a fish fry with trimmings every Friday, 5 to 7 p.m. for \$5 per plate. The event will continue on Fridays until Easter.

Church offers enchilada plates

The Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th St., is offering enchilada plates Friday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at \$5 each. The plates include three enchiladas, rice, beans and salad. Call Norma or Diana at 495-3644.



Post Lady Lopes and coaches celebrating the Area Championship win last Friday at Merkel are (back row, left to right) coach Christi Daily, coach Ron Taylor, Jessica Mason, Kelly Moore, Emily Smith, LaRinda Ledbetter,

Kaycee Gorman, Nikki Norman, Meagan Hoover, coach Kristi Lowe, Meagan Mills, (front row) Manuela Hernandez, Taylor Starkey, Donae Dalby, Tandi Humble, Meranda Hernandez and Terri Curtis. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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Mr and Mrs Emilio Moreno

Stephanie Looney, Emilio Moreno exchange wedding vows

Stephanie R. Looney and Emilio Moreno were wed in a double-ring ceremony conducted Friday, Jan. 18, 2002, in Chapa's Garden Room with Justice of the Peace Sheila Melton officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Leslie and Diana Looney of Post. The groom is the son of Emilio and Laura Moreno, also of Post.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride selected a casual burgundy dress for her wedding. She carried a silk bouquet of burgundy, pink and white flowers.

The bride's sister, Kenda Looney, served as maid of honor. Alex Moreno, brother of the groom, was best man, while Bryan Looney, brother of the bride, served as a groomsman.

Wedding selections featured in the ceremony included Shania Twain's, "From This Moment."

Following the wedding, a reception followed in the Garden Room. A three-tiered cake accented with burgundy lace and burgundy and hunter green flowers was served.

The bride, a Post High School graduate, is employed by Wells Fargo Bank. The bridegroom, also a PHS graduate, works for Llano Logistics.

Candace Ellison, Jon Wheeler united in marriage

Candace Delynn Ellison of Lubbock and Jon Wheeler of Southland were united in marriage at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

Brooks and Belinda Ellison of Crosbyton are parents of the bride. The bridegroom is the son of Betty Wheeler of Lubbock and the late Stanley Wheeler. Wade and Jan Collier of Crosbyton and Frankie Ellison of Ralls are grandparents of the bride.

Vows were exchanged in an outdoor beach setting overlooking the ocean.

The bride was escorted by her brother-in-law, Roger Daugherty of Post. For her wedding day, the bride selected an elegant creation designed by Tiffany of New York, fashioned from snow-white satin overlaid with a shimmering organza. The strapless gown was beaded with delicate Austrian crystals and accented with silver beads in a lovely floral and vine pattern, which gracefully intertwined around the bodice and flowed to the bottom of the gown. The A-line skirt fell gracefully from the waistline to the floor.

To complete her ensemble, the bride wore a tiara wreath of rhinestones and pearls finished with layers of elbow-length Illusion, which was gently sprinkled with rhinestones. She carried a fresh arrangement of tropical flowers which included Bird of Paradise, Arundo orchids, tropic fluer Heliconia, red Anthurium, lily grass, Italian rucus, purple statice, yellow button mums and misty blue and Blue Delphinus Bella-Donna.

Serving as matron-of-honor was Deann Ellison Daugherty of Post, sister of the bride. Julie Wheeler of Post, sister-in-law of the groom, served as bridesmaid. Their dresses featured a strapless design fashioned of black and white zebra-stripe matte satin. The front bodice of each dress was sprinkled with tiny rhinestones that flowed down the front to form a V-effect. Each attendant carried a complementary bouquet to that of the bride.

Mark Wheeler of Post served as his brother's best man. Roger Daugherty, a friend of the groom since childhood and brother-in-law of the bride, served as groomsman. The groom was attired in Wrangler jeans, a white shirt and a black Western hat. The groomsmen wore jeans and royal blue Polo shirts and black Western hats.

Immediately following the ceremony, an oceanside reception was held. A three-tiered wedding cake accented with fresh-cut native Jamaican flowers was served, as was punch from a cut-glass bowl.

Following their return from Jamaica, the Wheelers will make their home in Southland. The bridegroom is employed by the Lubbock Fire Department, while the bride is a hair stylist at Lindsey's Salon & Day Spa in Lubbock.



Mrs Jon Wheeler

Marcy McCallum, Edward Smith set wedding date

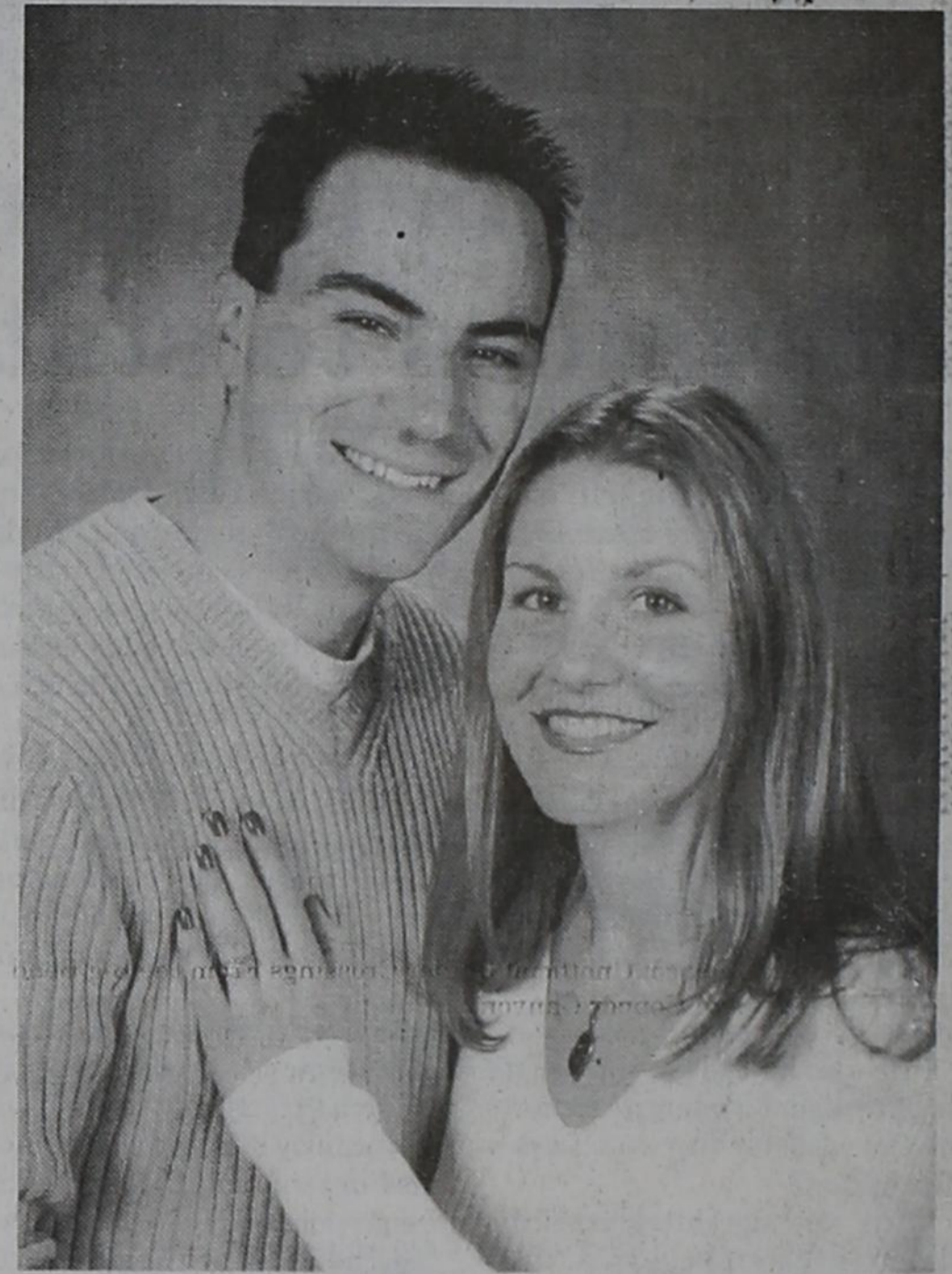
John and Mary Ann McCallum of Clewiston, Fla., have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marcy Louise of Arlington, Va., to Edward Gail Smith, also of Arlington. He is the son of Edward and Elaine Smith of Bryan, Texas.

Grandmother of the bride-elect is Mary Louise Evans of Clewiston. Grandmothers of the prospective bridegroom are Mozelle Smith of Tahoka and Leta Davis of Post.

A graduate of Clewiston High School and the University of Florida with a degree in nursing, the bride-elect is employed as a registered nurse in the cardiovascular ICU at Inovia Fairfax Hospital in Fairfax, Va.

The prospective bridegroom, a graduate of A&M Consolidated High School, Texas A&M University and the University of Florida with an MBA and MHA, is a consultant for Accenture in Washington, D.C.

The couple plans an April 20, 2002, wedding ceremony in Clewiston.



Edward Smith and Marcy McCallum

Settlemine named to TTU Dean's List

Becky Settlemine of Lubbock was named to the Dean's Honor Roll and the President's List at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Settlemine was named to the list in recognition of academic achievement in the fall semester, carrying a 4.0 grade point average in nursing studies.

The daughter of Norman and Reta (Jones) Settlemine of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Evelyn Jones of Post and the late Bernie Jones, she works as an LVN at Covenant Medical Center while attending school.

Birthdays This Week

February 21- Sutton Hoelscher, Gail Burnett, Thad Basquez, Ricky Hernandez, JoJo.

February 22- Rodney Tidwell, Jordan Smith, Diane Torres, Haylee Willborn.

February 23- Angela Merrell, Renee Vargas, Andrea Ammons.

February 25- Jack Hair.

February 26- Mike Hair, Macy Hogue.

February 27- Marcella Hair, Dee Justice.

The first caricature of "Uncle Sam" with chin whiskers appeared in Harper's Weekly on February 6, 1869. He was clean-shaven before that.

It was once customary to bake a cake with a bean in it on January 6th. Whoever got the slice with the bean was believed to have good luck all the rest of the year.

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Please re-elect your candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 2

Mason McClellan

Ms Senior Texas Pageant crowns LaVoyle Parker

The Third Annual Panhandle-South Plains Ms. Senior Texas Pageant was held Feb. 9.

Four ladies participated in the event, including Pat Brice of Lubbock; LaVoyle Parker of Lubbock; Margret Webb of Lubbock; and Sheri Riedel of Post.

For her talent, Brice played a piano selection. She has taken many dance lessons and will be in an upcoming George Strait review. She has three children and 11 grandchildren. She is single.

Parker is a dance teacher, having taught for 50 years. Today she teaches water walking at Covenant's Lifestyles Center and also conducts several dance classes. She performed a tap dance for her talent. The mother of two children, she is a grandmother to five and a great-grandmother to one child. She is single.

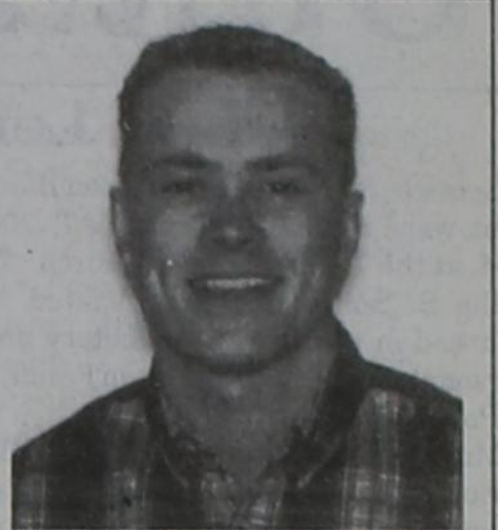
Webb does volunteer work and has numerous interests. She enjoys going to lunch dressed in a red hat and purple clothes and read a poem from the Red Hat group's by-laws. She has one daughter, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild and is single.

Riedel has been a Post resident for 35 years. She has been employed at Jafra Cosmetics Int. for 21 years as a branch manager and has conducted seminars in Hawaii, California, throughout Texas and in seven additional states. She has received awards for excellence in business. Riedel also owns and operates The Mane Cutters in Post. For her talent, she displayed her paintings "dressed in PJs" and put finishing touches on a painting while a tape played "Thoughts in the Middle of the Night." Sheri and her husband, Jerry, have been married 43 years. They have four children and 11 grandchildren.

Parker won the competition, with Webb named the runner-up. Riedel was named Miss Congeniality.



2002 Ms Senior Pageant participants (left to right) Margaret Webb, first runner-up; LaVoyle Parker, winner of the 2002 crown; Marie T. Neff, 1999 Ms Texas Senior, Panhandle-South Plains; Reigning Queen Helen Vines, 2000 Reigning Queen and Ms Texas Senior America 2001; Pat Bice, Sheri J. Riedel, Ms Congeniality; the Rose Park Andrews Sisters Betty King, Myrle Goode and LaWanda Lewis.



Schronk earns entry to San Antonio UT Medical School

Kenneth Schronk has been accepted to the University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio. He was one of only 200 admitted to the program. The announcement came from David J. Jones, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Admissions. Schronk is the son of Freda Harper of Post.

Class C misdemeanors filed in municipal court

Local officials appear to be working to enforce a policy, which requires all Class C misdemeanors, which occur within the city limits, be filed in the municipal court, according to a report presented recently to the Post City Council.

In a letter to the Garza County Sheriff's Department dated Jan. 11, County Attorney Leslie Acker, along with the county judge and the two local justices of the peace, indicate there have recently been some Class C misdemeanor complaints filed in the JP courts involving criminal offenses which occurred within the city limits.

"All though (sic) the Justice of the Peace returned the complaints to the Sheriff's Office," the letter reads, "the complaints later reappeared in the Justice of the Peace Office."

An accompanying document shows a breakdown of complaints and the

revenues generated by these complaints dating back to 1995. They are as follows:

- 1995 - 476 total complaints; \$33,171 in revenues.
- 1996 - 490 total complaints; \$27,826 in revenues.
- 1997 - 1,191 total complaints; \$74,604 in revenues.
- 1998 - 621 total complaints; \$40,154 in revenues.
- 1999 - 712 total complaints; \$42,893 in revenues.

- 2000 - 327 total complaints; \$26,588 in revenues.
- 2001 - 465 total complaints; \$27,559 in revenues.

According to the letter, it has been a longstanding agreement between the city and county that Class C misdemeanors, which occur within the city limits, be filed in the municipal court.



LaVoyle Parker of Lubbock was crowned Queen 2002 for the Ms Senior America, Panhandle-South Plains Pageant. She will advance to state competition, to be held March 2 at the Abilene Civic Center at 7 p.m. Her son Doyle (right) and his wife, Tonia (left) of Round Rock congratulate LaVoyle.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit by Tumbleweed Smith

Mexico: unofficial border crossings

Jim Glendinning of Alpine writes guide books about the Texas mountain country. His latest one is called Mexico: Unofficial Border Crossings From the Big Bend and Copper Canyon.

Jim is certainly qualified to write a book about exploring unique places. He left his native Scotland to literally travel the world with a backpack. He did that for a number of years and stopped when he got to Alpine fifteen years ago.

"It's what I was searching for," says Jim. "It's got everything: friendly people who are alert and active, beautiful scenery and a worldliness and sophistication that surprises some people. The sense of freedom here is unsurpassed."

Jim says people living along the Big Bend of the Rio Grande don't see the border the way most people do.

"They often have more in common with their immediate neighbors across the border than with their countrymen in the interior. After all, they share the same environment, seasons and food, even if the economic and cultural differences are great."

He mentions three crossings from the Big Bend Park: Paso Lajitas, just across from Lajitas; Santa Elena, just across from Castolon, right in the middle of the Park and Boquillas, on the eastern end of the park across from Rio Grande Village. The crossings are made by small rowboats. \$2 round-trip.

"You can step back several years into a different world just by stepping into a boat and crossing without any interference of customs or immigration on either side of the river."

Paso Lajitas is nothing like the resort city on the Texas side. "You find a dusty main street with abandoned vehicles, wandering chickens and straying burros. Two restaurants serve much the same food and exactly the same beer. You can book a room at Ramon's grocery store for a stay in small tourist rooms on the hillside above the store."

Jim's book points out that Santa Elena, population 300, has four restaurants, rooms and a museum.

"A blue sign near the Canon Restaurant advertises cuartos (rooms) with a shared bath, sheets and towels for five to ten dollars a bed."

The Buzzard's Roost in Boquillas is one interesting place he found. "It's a bed and breakfast where for ten or fifteen dollars you can listen to people playing guitars for most of the night and share in this unusual border culture."

The village of San Carlos is 18 miles south of Paso Lajitas. A two hour pickup ride over rough terrain gets you there. In San Carlos you find a rain forest with dripping mountain springs and a deluxe bed and breakfast called La Gloria. The book tries to make the border invisible.

"It presents the idea of treating our neighbors across the Rio Grande as real neighbors and not as foreigners from a distant culture."

The book is available at Alpine Company Press, PO Box 1513, Alpine, Texas 79830 (866/837-1686). The website address is thealpinecompany.com.

In Wales, hazel twigs were once woven into a wishing cap which, it was believed, would grant the wearer's desire.

Tech announces assistance for medical education

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center has announced a new program to assist undergraduate and graduate-level students at Texas Tech pursuing healthcare educations.

The new financial support program is part of an overall rural health initiative being launched by TTUHSC.

The Rural Health Education Stipend Program is geared to address the shortage of health care professionals in rural West Texas by easing the expenses of college for rural students. Patti Patterson, M.D., vice president of rural and community health at TTUHSC, said the best way to address the need for health professionals in rural areas is to help rural students pursue an education in health care.

"The Rural Health Education Stipend Program is an excellent way for rural students to gain an education that will enable them to go back to a rural community and make a difference," she said.

The new program at Tech is available to entering Texas resident freshmen showing a substantial interest

in health careers in rural Texas. Awards are based on demonstrated commitment to a rural health career and academic history.

The stipend amount for undergraduate students at TTU is \$2,500 per year for a maximum of four years. It is renewable, providing the student maintains a 3.2 grade point average. The student must demonstrate a commitment to rural health practice by participating in rural health-focused activities while enrolled at Tech.

Deadline for applying is March 15. Besides this new rural stipend program, TTUHSC will begin other programs, which increase awareness of healthcare careers for youth, and programs, which support current healthcare providers in rural West Texas.

The Rural Health Education Stipend Program also is available to students enrolled at TTUHSC. For more information, contact Shannon Kirkland at 743-1338, or visit the Web site at <https://www.remedy.ttuhs.edu/orch/letter.asp>.

Classic Cable issues statement to City of Post

Although the primary cable provider for Post-area residents, Classic Communications, filed for bankruptcy several weeks ago, company officials maintain their action will have no significant impact on customer service.

In a letter to Post City Council members discussed at the last council meeting, Steven Lowe, vice president for government affairs and administration of Classic Communications, indicated the company filed for protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code on Nov. 13.

"Most important," he said, "we are not going out of business, and your cable service will continue uninterrupted with no major changes. The Chapter 11 filing allows us to continue operating while we work out a debt-restructuring plan with our creditors, vendors and bondholders."

"We have been serving your area for many years, and we are committed to serving you for many years to come."

In the letter, Lowe said there are no plans to "detract from the service" provided to area residents, nor will customers lose any cable channels as a result of the bankruptcy filing.

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Sheriff reports 16 arrests

Sixteen arrests were made during the past week, according to records provided by the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Six individuals were jailed on Feb. 11, including a 26-year-old female for forgery; a 27-year-old female for prohibited possession of food stamps; a 19-year-old female for possession of a controlled substance/cocaine; a 32-year-old male, revocation of probation; a 26-year-old male, burglary of a habitation; and a 40-year-old male, revocation of probation.

Three arrests, all three drug-related, were made Feb. 12. A 49-year-old female was picked up for delivery of a controlled substance/heroin and possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance/cocaine. A 62-year-old male was jailed for possession of a controlled substance/heroin. And a 22-year-old male was jailed for possession of marijuana.

On Feb. 13, a 22-year-old male also was jailed for possession of marijuana. Two individuals were jailed on Valentine's Day, including a 40-year-old female for employee intoxicated on licensed premises/Class A, and a 45-year-old male for public intoxication.

The four remaining arrests came on Feb. 15. They included the arrest of a 23-year-old male for possession of a firearm by a felon/third degree felony; a 28-year-old male, possession of drug paraphernalia; and a 21-year-old male on warrants out of McCullough and Lubbock counties. Also arrested was a 60-year-old female for driving without a valid driver's license.

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Obituaries

Mary Lena Bland

Services for Mary Lena Gibson Bland, 81 of Post were Sunday February 17, 2002 2:00 P.M. at the Trinity Baptist Church. The Rev. Billie S. Smith, pastor officiated. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.



Mrs. Bland died Tuesday, February 12, 2002. Born to George C. and Emma Alma (Hancock) Gibson September 15, 1920 at Tyler. She attended school at Lanora and Stanton. She married Hoyt Bland January 28, 1940 in Brownfield. He preceded her in death November 19, 1997. They lived in Stanton and moved to Garza County in 1945 to farm and ranch. In 1963 they moved into Post from Barnum Springs. She was a past member of the John Miller VFW Ladies Auxiliary and a member of the Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, John and wife Shirley Bland of Post. Five grandchildren: Tanya Bland Vernon, Michael Bland, Jarrett Bland and Jeremy Bland. Seven great-grandchildren: Colt Vernon, Kadie Vernon, Rhaeden Dyce Bland, D'Nae Johnson, Keylan Williams, Kay Bland and Kutter Bland. One nephew: Kenneth Snodgrass of Stanton and two nieces: Doris Marie Sadler of Stanton and Eulene Holder of Midland. A sister in law Susie Hodges of Abilene, Texas. Pallbearers were grandsons.

Vallie Sneed Daniels

Services for Vallie Sneed Daniels, 89, of Post, formerly of Lometa, Texas, were held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15, in the First Baptist Church in Lometa with the Rev. George Wheeler of Fort Worth officiating. Burial followed in the Senterfitt Cemetery.

She died Feb. 13, 2002. Born April 8, 1912, at Star, Texas, to Robert and Frieda Sneed, she married Johnnie Frank Daniels Jan. 28, 1928. He died Dec. 7, 1972. She was a lifetime member of the Lometa Full Gospel Church where she held the office of elders emeritus. She lived in Lometa for many years prior to moving to Post in 1994.

Survivors include three daughters, Wilma Williams and husband Billy of Post; Joyce Skiles and husband Jim of San Angelo and Waunice Bessent and husband Ronnie of Lometa; one sister, Evelyn Rost of Brenham; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie Daniels; three brothers, Audovee, R.G. and Roy Sneed; and a grandson, Jon Bessent, on Feb. 19, 1994.

Pallbearers included Beau Bessent, Brandon Hines, Bert Pina, Kenneth Daniels, Jim Sanders and Kurt Williams.

Ernie Robison

Services for Ernie Robison, 86, of Raton, N.M., were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, in the Hudman Funeral Home with the Rev. Don Blacklock officiating. Burial followed in the Justiceburg Cemetery.

He died Monday, Feb. 18, at Covenant Medical Center Lakeside in Lubbock.

Born Oct. 30, 1915, in Bell County, he attended and graduated from high school in Dallas. After serving in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II, he became a postal carrier in Raton, a position in which he served for

many years.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald Lloyd Robison of Amarillo and Don Eric Robison of Chicago, Ill.; one brother, Don Robison of Justiceburg; one niece, Donna Ethridge of Lubbock; and one nephew, Johnny Robison of Post.

Mozelle Hutchins

Services for Mozelle Hutchins, 78, of Post were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2002, in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. James Bell officiating, assisted by the Rev. Lloyd Stice. Burial was to have been at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in the Resthaven Cemetery in Houston under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

She died Monday, Feb. 16, at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post. Born May 14, 1923, in Walker County, Texas, she was a 1941 graduate of Shiro High School. She married J.M. Hutchins June 13, 1946, in Houston. He died May 13, 1974. She was a Methodist and a member of the Berean Sunday School Class.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Sue Bertrand of Lubbock and Jane Odom of Post; one son, Bo Hutchins of Post; one sister, Winnie Knirr of Athens, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Shelly Boehler of Dallas, Russell Hutchins of Lago Vista, Texas, and Devin Halford of Post; and one great-granddaughter, Haley Hutchins of Lago Vista.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Wendy Hutchins, on Oct. 20, 1980, and by three brothers, Robert, Andy and Buck Burdeaux. The family has suggested memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of Post.

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Opinions



And thereafter, stifling black students

by Walter E. Williams

Racial preferences, quotas and affirmative action in university admission practices have lost political and, increasingly, legal support. As a result, states such as California, Texas and Florida have implemented a substitute practice called "percentage plans" as a means for determining who will be admitted to their flagship universities. In Texas, students in the top 10 percent of their high school class, based on grade point averages (GPA) alone — not SAT scores — are guaranteed admission. In California, it's soon to be 12.5 percent, and Florida it's 20 percent. The percentage plan applies to all high schools, whether it's a school where a student with an A average might achieve a 1300 or 1400 score on the SAT, or a school where A students might not be able to achieve an 800 or 900 SAT score.



Let's ignore the inequities and resources misallocation that arises from the possibility that a B student at one school who might achieve a SAT score of 1100 is denied admission while his A-average counterpart at another school can't score 900 is admitted. Instead, let's ask whether the policy serves the best interests of black students.

From the evidence that I see, civil-rights leaders, white liberals and college administrators seem to be more concerned with black student enrollment rates and the heck with whether they graduate. Black students are simply tools to keep government agencies, black politicians and civil-rights organizations off their backs or to make them feel good.

You say, "What's the evidence, Williams?" Nationally, only 35 percent of black freshmen, compared to 60 percent of white freshmen, graduate; moreover, those who do graduate have grade point averages considerably lower than their white peers. I might add that the white graduation rate is nothing to write home about.

University of San Diego law professor Gail Heriot sheds a bit of light on this issue in her article "The Politics of Admissions in California" in the Fall 2001 issue of Academic Questions. California's Proposition

209 ended racial admissions quotas. As a result, minority student admissions at UC Berkeley, California's flagship university, fell.

What went unnoticed in all the hand-wringing was that at less prestigious, but respectable, California universities minority enrollment posted impressive gains. Black students were simply being admitted to universities where their academic credentials were more in line with their fellow students. For example, at UC San Diego, in the year before Proposition 209's implementation, only one black freshman had a GPA of 3.5 or better — a single black honor student in a class of 3,268 — in contrast to 20 percent of white students with a 3.5 GPA.

Was this because there were no black students capable of doing honors work at UC San Diego? Certainly not. Those who might have been on the honors list at UC San Diego had been recruited, and became failures, at California's flagship universities: Berkeley, and UCLA. Proposition 209 has changed UC San Diego; no longer are black honor students a rarity. In 1998, a full 20 percent of black freshman could boast of a 3.5 GPA.

Black students, and for that matter any student, will perform better, have greater graduation chances — not to mention greater pride and self-worth — by attending a university where his skills are closer to that of his peers. It's somewhat analogous to putting a young, inexperienced boxer in the ring with Lennox Lewis. That boxer might have the potential to be a world champion, but he's going to have his brains beaten and his career ended before he learns how to even bob and weave.

You say, "But what about diversity and multiculturalism at the nation's elite universities?" In my book, that's their problem.

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Travel is an inherent right, not a privilege

by Jack McLamb
(from Aid & Abet Newsletter)

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For many years, professionals within the criminal justice system have acted upon the belief that traveling by motor vehicle upon the roadway was a privilege that was gained by a citizen only after approval by their respective state government in the form of the issuance of a permit or license to that particular individual.

Legislators, police officers, and court officials are becoming aware that there are now court decisions that prove the fallacy of the legal opinion that "driving is a privilege and therefore requires government approval, i.e. a license."

Some of these cases are:

CASE #1: "Even the legislature has no power to deny to a citizen the right to travel upon the highway and transport his property in the ordinary course of his business or pleasure, though this right may be regulated in accordance with the public interest and convenience." - Chicago Motor Coach v. Chicago, 169 NE 22. ("Regulated" here means traffic safety enforcement, stoplights, signs, etc., NOT a privilege that requires permission, i.e. licensing, mandatory insurance, vehicle registration, etc.)

CASE #2: "The right of the citizen to travel upon the public highways and to transport his property thereon, either by carriage or by automobile, is not a mere privilege which a city may prohibit or permit at will, but a common law right which he has under the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Thompson v. Smith, 154 SE 579.

It could not be stated more directly or conclusively that Citizens of the states have a common law right to travel, without approval or restriction (license), and that this right is protected under the U.S. Constitution.

Here are other court decisions that expound the same facts:

CASE #3: "The right to travel is a part of the liberty of which the citizen cannot be deprived without due process of law under the Fifth Amendment." Kent v. Dulles, 357 US 116, 125.

CASE #4: "Undoubtedly, the right of locomotion, the right to remove from one place to another according to inclination, is an attribute of personal liberty, and the right, ordinarily, of free transit from or through the territory of any State is a right secured by the 14th Amendment and by other provisions of the Constitution." Schactman v. Dulles 96 App DC 287, 293. FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT

As hard as it is for those of us in Law Enforcement to believe, there is no room for speculation in these court decisions. The American citizen does indeed have the inalienable right to use the roadways unrestricted in any manner as long as they are not damaging or violating property or rights of others.

Government, in requiring the people to file for "driver's" licenses, vehicle registrations, mandatory insurance, and demanding they stop for vehicle inspections, DUI/DWI roadblocks, etc., without question, are "restricting", and therefore violating, the People's common law right to travel.

Is this a new legal interpretation on this subject of the right to travel? Apparently not. The American Citizens and Lawmen Association in conjunction with The U.S. Federal Law Research Center are presently involved in studies in several areas involving questions on constitutional law.

One of the many areas under review is the area of "Citizen's right to travel." In an interview, a spokesman stated: "Upon researching this subject over many months, substantial case law has presented itself that completely substantiates the position that the 'right to travel unrestricted upon the nation's highways' is and has always been a fundamental right of every Citizen."

This means that the "beliefs and opinions" our state legislators, the courts, and those of us involved in the law enforcement profession have acted upon for years have been in error. Researchers armed with actual facts state that U.S. case law is overwhelming in determining that - to restrict, in any fashion, the movement of the individual American in the free exercise of his right to travel upon the roadways (excluding "commerce" which the state legislatures are correct in regulating), is a serious breach of those freedoms secured by the U.S. Constitution, and most state constitutions, i.e. - it is unlawful.

The revelation that Americans have always had the inalienable right to travel raises profound questions to those making and enforcing state laws.

The first of such questions may very well be - If the States have been enforcing laws that are unconstitutional on their face, it would seem that there must be some way that a state can legally put restrictions, such as - licensing requirements, mandatory insurance, vehicle registration, vehicle inspections, D.W.I. roadblocks, to name just a few, on a citizen's constitutionally protected right.

Is that not so? For the answer to this question, let us look, once again, to the U.S. courts for a determination on this very issue.

The case of Hertado v. California, 110 US 516, states very plainly: "The state cannot diminish rights of the people." In Bennett v. Boggs, 1 Balduw 60, "Statutes that violate the plain and obvious principles of common right and common reason are null and void." "...the assertion of federal rights, when plainly and reasonable made, is not to be defeated under the name of local practice." -Davis v. Wechsler, 263 U.S. 22, 24.

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Taxation is the same as theft

by Wes Burnett

Several friends have commented to me that I really stirred up a hornet's nest by publishing an editorial opinion last week (2/14/02) by Sheldon Richman, suggesting that government is destroying agriculture in America.

No complainer of the editorial has bothered to call me or speak to me directly about their anger and opposition to the editorial, but rather have resorted to name calling and attempts at economic retaliation.

The editorial pointed out quite accurately that the free market is the best regulator of pricing for commodities, which are ultimately controlled by supply and demand. That is a rock bottom foundation of economic reality.

Furthermore, relying on government to uphold certain prices through the use of taxation not only is counter productive, it is simply immoral. Theft, whether by government or individuals, is a violation of God's great commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Steal."

I can only assume that those who are complaining about the editorial either (1) misunderstand economic reality or (2) they believe it is okay to steal from one person and give to another. That is precisely what happens when government subsidizes and regulates private business through the use of taxation.

Taxes are only possible by forcing people, through the power of confiscation, to give up their earnings. Taxes are theft, and it doesn't matter how wonderful the benefits of that theft program are, it is still immoral.

It makes no difference whether the handout be to IBM, Enron or a single agricultural producer, the fact is, government must forcibly take earnings from someone else in order to transfer wealth to another. The amount is of no significance... theft of a penny is just as immoral as theft of \$1 billion.

Our ancestors who wrote and approved the U.S. constitution and state constitutions, obviously did not envision the cancerous spread of socialism when they crafted those documents, which allow for theft through taxation. It was not until the 1870s and afterward that Americans bought into Karl Marx' socialist programs.

Those programs have been massive failures. Today our friends and family trying to eke out a living on the farm are suffering from those failures, in more ways than one. Not only does government regulation stifle real competition, it dramatically raises the cost of production throughout the economic chain.

The only ones who can make it in this socialist system are the big guys who have the funds and political influence to manipulate legislation to their benefit.

One of my farmer friends has said many times, "Hell, I'm just a hired hand for the government." I know several farmers last year who actually hoped for hail storms, knowing that the crop would never produce enough to pay the loan.

There's something inherently wrong with a government controlled system that encourages failed crops rather than successful ones.

When C.W. Post came here in the early 1900s, he did not rely on government subsidies to create an economic boon for this area. It's time we gave up on the failed socialist schemes of the past and demand that government get out of the business of stealing and controlling our private resources.

For those who wish to destroy the strength and voice of this newspaper, I simply remind you that your opinions are just as valuable, and this debate can be civil and considerate. The pages of The Post Dispatch are open to all ideas. It is through reasoned discourse that the good ideas rise to the top.

Here's the questions: (1) is it moral to steal people's earnings against their will? (2) Can theft of property, whether by government or individuals, be justified under the laws of God? (3) Should Christians continue to ignore God's commandment by supporting government theft?

Perhaps the sentiments contained in the following pages, are not yet sufficiently fashionable to procure them general favor; a long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defence of custom.

But the tumult soon subsides.

THOMAS PAINE, Common Sense, January 1776

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Sports

Wall edges Lady Lopes in OT

Post varsity girls take 61-27 win over Ozona for Area Championship

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Wall edges Lady Lopes in OT 46-44

It was a terrific season, which came right down to the wire at Stanton Tuesday night as the Wall Lady Hawks took a 46-44 win in overtime to advance to the regional tournament.

The Lady Lopes led 31-27 at the end of the first period, but the Lady Hawks came back late in the game, forcing an overtime with a 39-39 tie. The Lady Lopes trailed 9-8 at the end of the first period, but got a two point edge at halftime, 22-20.

The Post Lady Lopes won a big game last Friday at Merkel, ripping Ozona 61-27 for the chance to face Wall, one of the top ranked teams in Texas. At Merkel, the Lady Lopes took a hefty lead at half time and kept up the defensive pressure throughout the second half.

All team members saw playing time, as coach Ron Taylor emptied the bench in the final minutes.

Leading the scoring at Merkel was Manuela Hernandez with 16, followed by Kelly Moore with 14 and Emily Smith with 12. Other scoring came from Nikki Norman (7), Meagan Mills (6), Tandi Humble (3) and Meagan Hoover (1).

Lopes look to next year

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team worked hard, but were unable to overcome the hot-shooting Sundown Roughnecks in the final district game last week. Bowing out at 48-19, the young Antelopes look to next year.

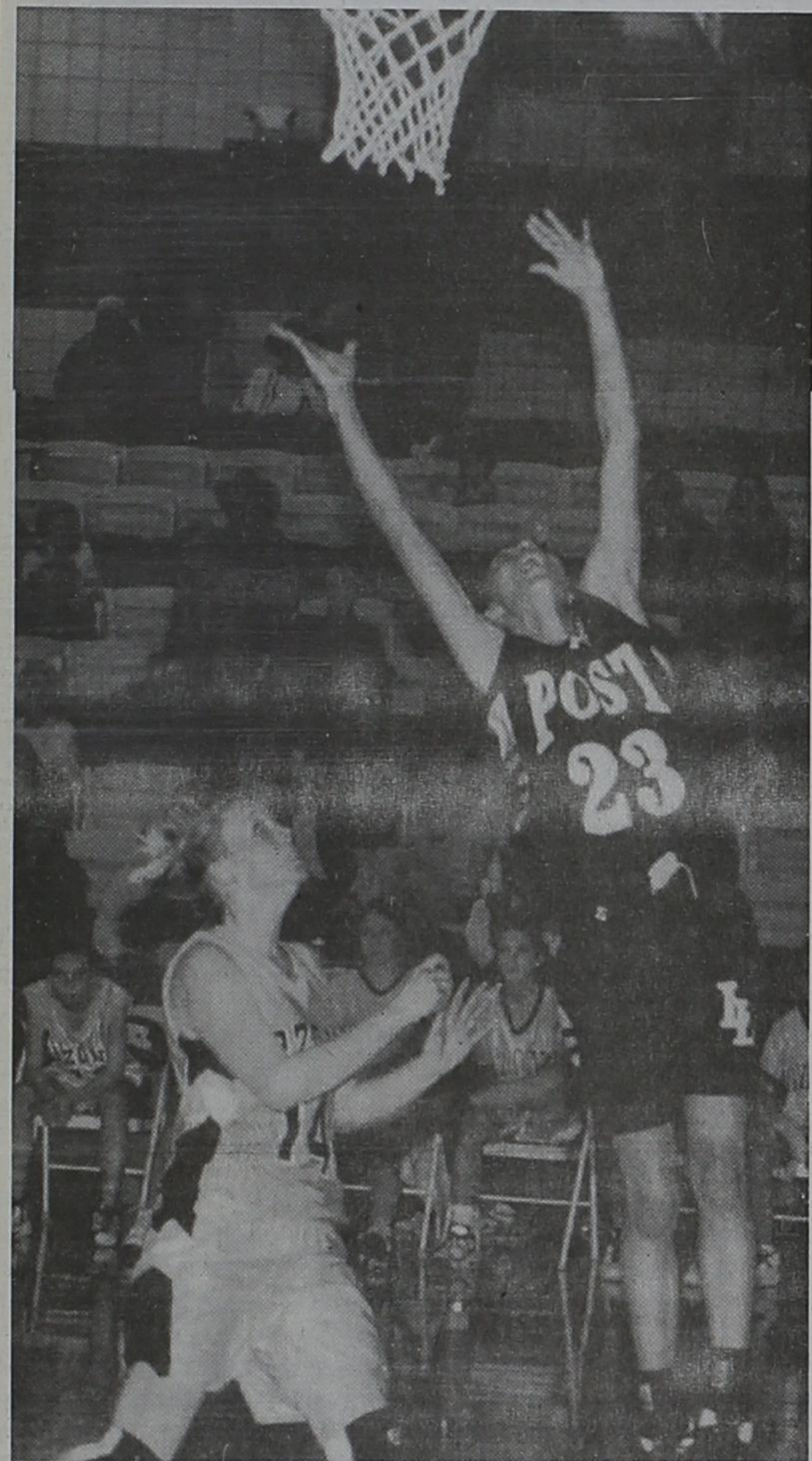
"I'm really proud of these young men," coach Dane Vickers said, "they worked very hard and they played together all year. We're in good position for next year, all our returners will be back, and we have outstanding junior varsity and freshmen for help."

Vickers also thanked parents and fans who supported the team during the season, "We couldn't put together this program without that support and the young men on the team," he added.

In the final game, Jarrett Vickers was sidelined with a shoulder separation. Brody Robertson led the team with 10 points, followed by Mitchell Mills with five and Jett Lott with four.

"We hosted three playoff games here," Vickers said, "and we want to thank Post businesses and especially our eating establishments for staying open later than normal to provide services to the visitors in town."

The playoff games featured Floydada and Haskell girls, Guthrie and Klondike girls and Roscoe and Crosbyton boys.



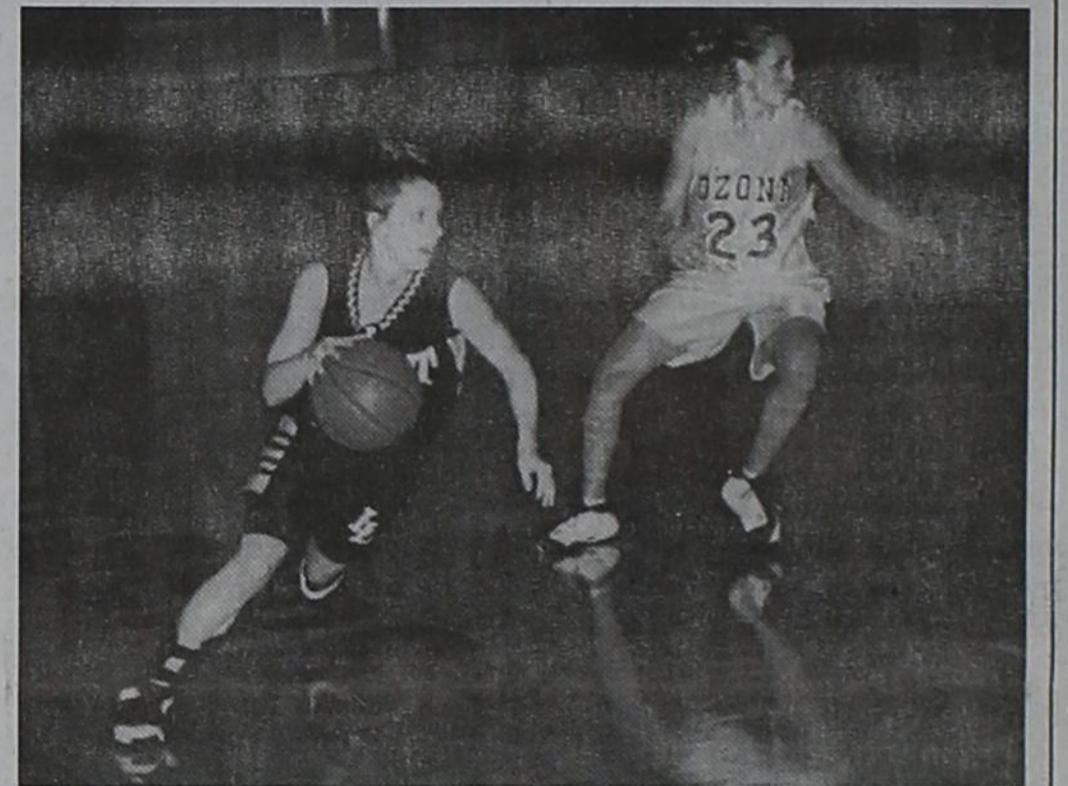
Manuela Hernandez lays the basketball into the net for the Post Lady Lopes in the 61-27 rout of Ozona at Merkel last Friday for the Area Championship. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Kenny Ratke (21) puts the ball over the head of a Sundown defender during the final 2002 Post Antelope game here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



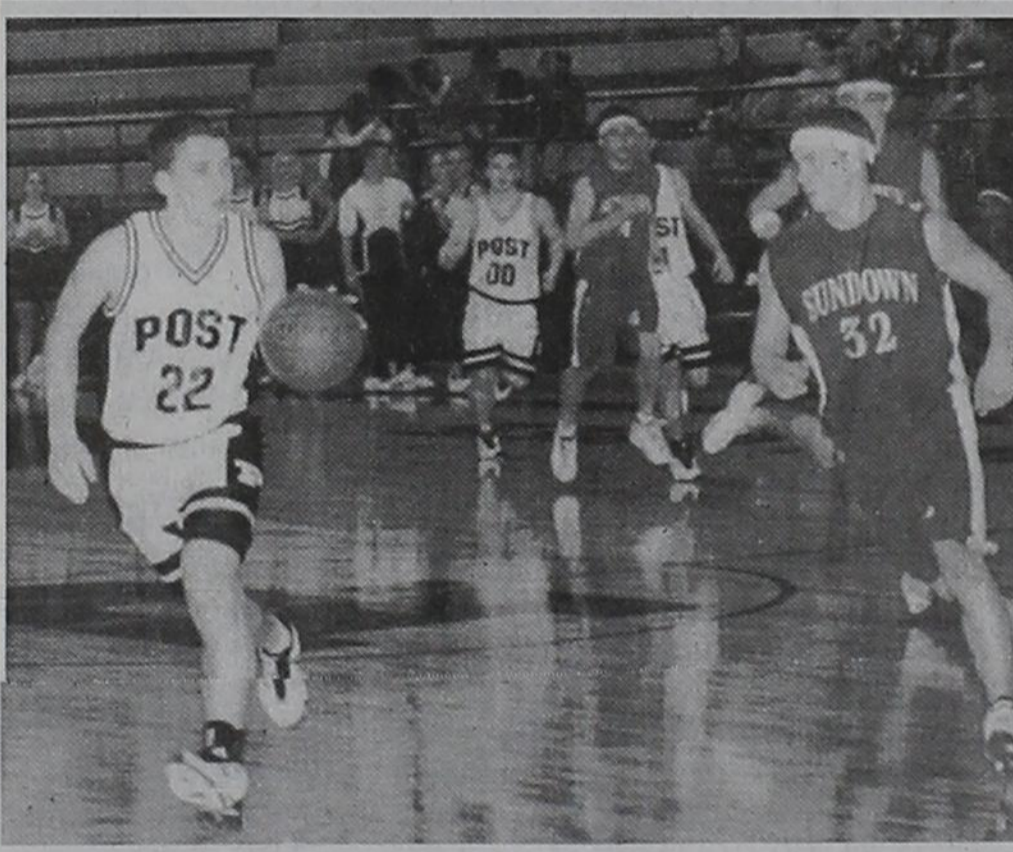
Kelly Moore (left) dazzled Ozona defenders as the Post Lady Lopes took control of the court at Merkel to capture the Area Championship last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Meagan Mills roars around Ozona defenders, taking the ball toward the basket in the Area Championship last Friday at Merkel. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Tandi Humble puts the pressure on an Ozona player as the Post Lady Lopes dominated the court at Merkel last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Brice Easterling brings the ball up court for the Post Antelopes during their final game of the season here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jett Lott puts the ball into the net for the Post Antelopes in the final district game here last week. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

Congratulations J.V. 'Lopes

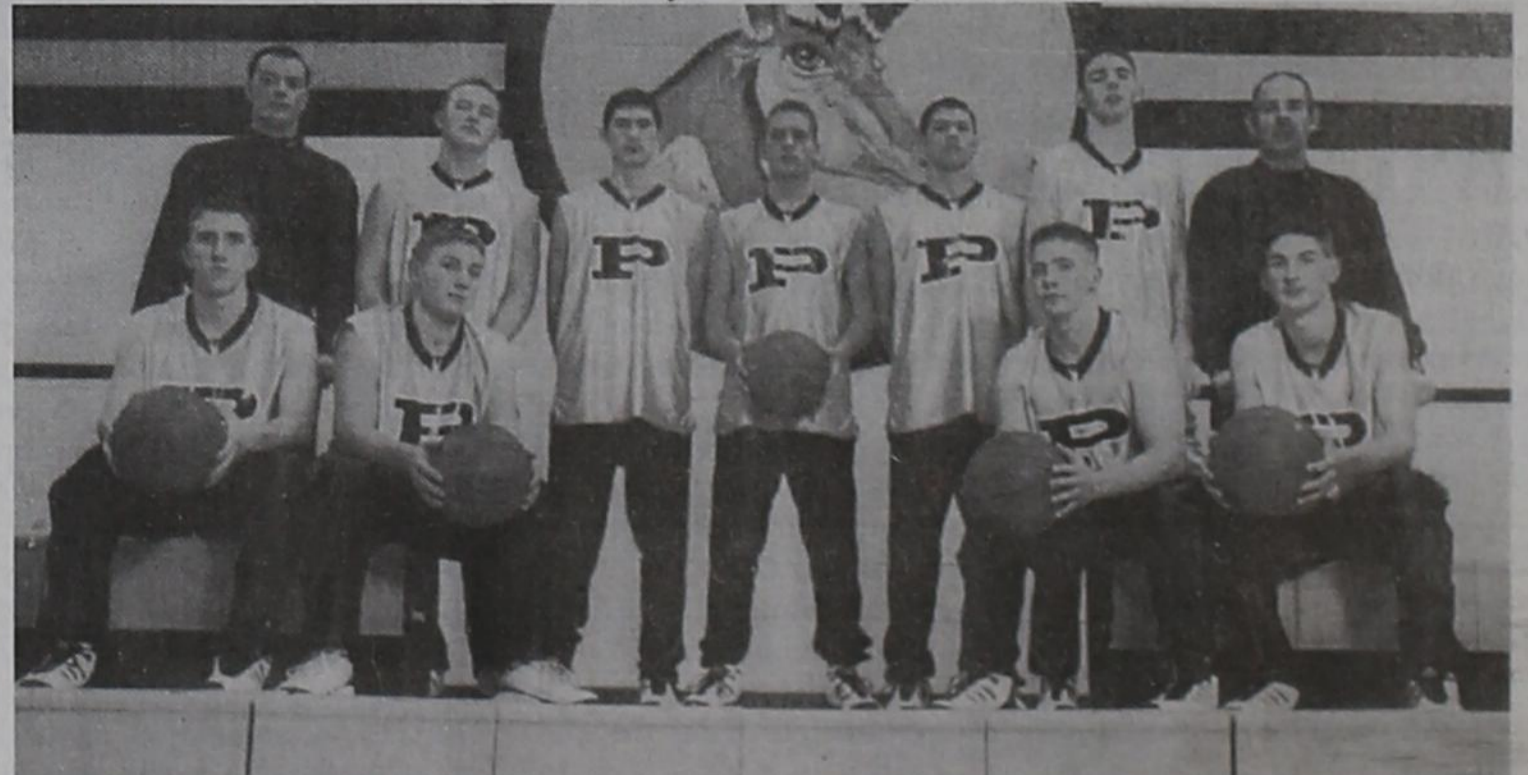


Post Antelope Junior Varsity Lopes - (back row, left to right) Chris Curb, Cole Easterling, LeDon Lewis, Mitch Holly, Jordan Tatum, Tony Garay, Jerrad Grisham, Casey Williams, (front) Mark Norman, Anthony Merrill, Francisco Duran, Colton Valdez and Zach Lopez. (Photo by Jerry's Photography)

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Post Antelope Varsity - (back row, left to right) Coach Shawn Haseloff, Michael Huff, Kenny Ratke, Tye Mason, Brody Robertson, Jarrett Vickers, Coach Dane Vickers, (front) Brice Easterling, Jett Lott, Mitchell Mills and Russell Merritt. (Photo by Jerry's Photography)

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Lunch Menus

Trailblazers

Monday, February 25
Veg. Beef soup, grill cheese, 3-Bean salad, crackers, fruit and cookies.

Tuesday, February 26
Chicken Fry, Cream gravy, baked potatoe, green beans, hot roll, and fruit.

Wednesday, February 27
Baked ham, black-eyed peas, brussell sprouts, carrot-raisin salad, wht. roll, and cherry cobbler.

Thursday, February 28
Roast beef w/brown gravy on toast, peas and carrots and fruit salad

Friday, March 1
Turkey & dressing, green beans, caul. salad, hot roll, apple cobbler.

Post ISD

Monday, February 25
Breakfast: Biscuit & gravy, ham, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Corn dog, french fries, mixed vegetables, cobbler, choice of milk.

Tuesday, February 26
Breakfast: French toast, sausage link, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, pudding, choice of milk.

Wednesday, February 27
Breakfast: Malt-O-Meal, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch: Fajitas, peppers & onions, salad, mixed fruit, cookie, choice of milk.

Thursday, February 28
Breakfast: Churros, sausage, fruit, milk.

Lunch: Stew, cheese sandwich, fried okra, rosey applesauce, choice of milk.

Friday, March 1
Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, orange juice, milk
Lunch: Cheeseburger, H.B. salad, tater tots, sliced pears, choice of milk

Southland ISD

Monday, February 25
Breakfast: French toast sticks, bacon, juice, milk
Lunch: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, brownies, milk

Tuesday, February 26
Breakfast: Breakfast tacos, juice, milk
Lunch: Dorito casserole, pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk

Wednesday, February 27
Breakfast: Pancakes on a stick, juice, milk
Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, cake, milk

Thursday, February 28
Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk
Lunch: Polish sausage, tortillas, chili beans, salad, fruit salad, milk

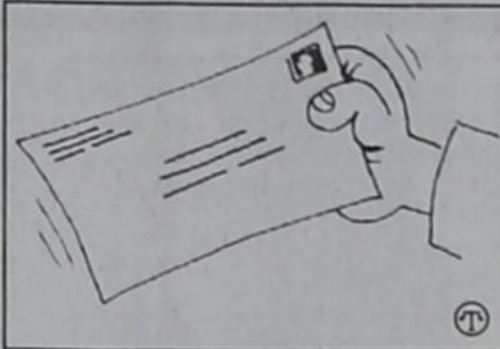
Friday, March 1
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Jessica Mason (14), Taylor Starkéy (12), Meagan Hoover (31) and Donae Dalby (32) put the finishing touches to the 61-27 Area Championship win at Merkel last Friday for the Post Lady Lope basketball team. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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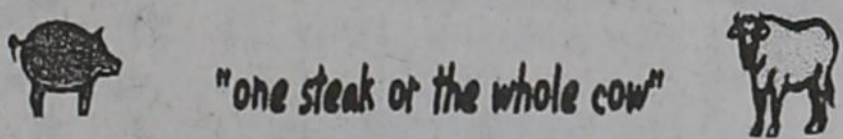
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High-tech seafloor mapping yields clues to sand for gulf beaches

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 seafloor 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 seafloor. 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."

A witty woman is a treasure; a witty beauty is a power.
—George Meredith

NARFE makes plans for state convention

Members of Chapter 244 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees met March 6 at Mickey's Steak House in Lubbock.

President Don Crossland presided over the business meeting and lunch. Following the devotional and Pledge of Allegiance, program chairman Donna Crossland introduced Dr. Mahendra Upadhyada, a geriatric psychiatry specialist who is associated with the Covenant Medical Group. He told members that with age, individuals often find they can no longer take care of their homes, pets and sometimes, themselves. Life changes are required, such as giving up a home, a car or doing things that were once a routine part of life.

The doctor said statistics show that approximately 800,000 people a year lost their spouses. Because some people may have trouble accepting these changes, stress may occur.

Many, with assistance from family and friends, eventually normalize their lives and return to an enjoyable life; however, some people are unable to cope and need to seek professional help. Upadhyada suggested that if individuals are aware these things can happen, perhaps they could be prepared to better handle the life's stresses.



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Yesteryears

February 19, 1992
10 Years Ago

"The Witty World of Will Rogers," featuring Gene McFall, will be presented by the Caprock Cultural Assn. at a February 28 dinner theatre at the Post Community Center.

Barbara Hardin began her new duties this week at City Hall as the new Main Street Manager.

Baily Odom announces the arrival of her baby brother, Chase Allen, born February 4, 1992 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

A Lubbock Co. 16 year old youth was arrested by Garza Co. Sheriff's deputies and transferred to the Lubbock Co. Youth Center Wednesday, following a chase through town, ending in a two car collision.

Kevin Williams, grandson of Oleain Seals of Post recently graduated from Lubbock's Police Academy and is now serving as a Lubbock police officer.

Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 1991 semester, recognizing Brent McDonald of Post for outstanding academic performance on the Distinguished Student List.

February 18, 1982
20 Years Ago

Cindee Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bo Jackson, was named the 20th Annual FHA Sweetheart, Saturday night at the primary auditorium. First runner-up was Kim Hutto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hutto and second runner-up was D'Linda Tyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Tyler.

School board trustees met with its architectural firm from Lubbock last Thursday to begin work on plans for 8,500 square feet of construction to join the Post Primary and Elementary Schools. Estimated cost would be \$385,000.

Pattie Prather of Post currently ranks second among the barrel racers in the Winston Rodeo Series standings going into the San Antonio Stock Show.

Four men from the Frenship school area, one of them a juvenile, were scheduled to appear in county court here Wednesday on a charge of felony criminal mischief. The charge stems from the slashing of tires on the Frenship high school principal's car here Tuesday night during the basketball game.

February 17, 1972
30 Years Ago

Post school trustees voted Monday night to modify its mandatory requirement that students be expelled from school here for the semester upon conviction of any drug charge which did not occur upon school property or at any school-sponsored function.

Twenty-four tires, valued at approximately \$500 were stolen from the Farmers Supply Co. on the Tahoka highway late Monday night, by burglars who entered after breaking the lock on the front door.

White River water tax goes down the drain! That's good news for local taxpayers. Directors voted unanimously at their meeting last Thursday to take the fourth and last; tax cut-removing the tax.

Donna McBride won the FHA's Valentine Sweetheart contest Saturday night. Runners-up were Nancy Reno and Melanie King.

All ten players carried on the Antelope varsity basketball squad lettered, according to Coach John Alexander. The lettermen are David Woods, Randell Hays, Steve Hays, Johnny Jefferson, Ricky Shepherd, Reggie Moore, Danny Lee, Roger Pace, Jerry Saldivar and Tony Rosas.

February 22, 1962
40 Years Ago

Marshall Mason, a Post businessman since 1915, this week announced that he is "turning the reins" of Mason & Company over to his son-in-law, James L. Minor, who has been associated with him in the firm for the past 17 years. He went into the furniture and funeral home business in 1915 with W. L. Davis. The store's first location was in the rear of the building now occupied by Wacker's, with the First National Bank occupying the front part of the building. After nine years, the firm built its own building at 210 E. Main.

Bob West was recently awarded a trophy of appreciation for having served five years as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 316. The presentation took place last week at the Rotary Club luncheon. Jim Cornish, Dispatch publisher, was elected first vice president of the West Texas Press Association Sunday at the annual mid-winter meeting of that organization in Midland.

After six year of waiting, the White River Municipal Water District now has \$4,000,000 for dam building, but construction contracts, are being held up while the district's land committee continues to negotiate for some 4,000 acres needed at the dam site.

February 21, 1952
50 Years Ago

Services were held for the first time in the new \$50,000 Church of Christ building February 3. The new structure, which contains a 400 seating capacity auditorium, seven classrooms and a study, will be dedicated on the second Sunday in March.

The building formerly used for the Stampede Inn has been leased for the use of another cafe, J. N. Power has announced. Levi Noble, of Lubbock, leased the south part of the building and will open Levi's Ranch cafe around the first of the month.

Two Post men are now undergoing training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, CA. They are Abel L. Castro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bonifacio Castro, and Charles Williams, son of Charley Williams.

With a fine regular season record behind them, the Post girls basketball team entered the district playoffs in Girard last night. They were to tangle with Dickens in the first game.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAS SEVEN SETS OF TWINS

Seven sets of twins pose an identification problem for 4th and 5th grade teachers in the Post Elementary School, but the problem is made easier by the fact that no more than one set of twins is assigned to the same room. The look-alikes are, front row, left to right: Karon and Sharon Windham, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Windham; Karen and Carol Wilson, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Wilson;

Kim and Kay Hundley, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hundley; Ken and Kay Herron, children of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Herron, Jr. back row, left to right: Lynn and Glenn Carlyle, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carlyle; Arselia and Robert Gonzales, children of Mr. and Mrs. Arciano Gonzales, and Ricky and Vickie Gill, children of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gill.—(Staff Photo)

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Travellers pinched for \$368,948

by Wes Burnett

The total take from highway traffic code violators in Garza County during 2001 was a whopping \$368,948.95 according to reports from the two Justice of the Peace courts here.

The total through September was \$278,223.99 with another \$278,223.99 added in October, November and December. October's total was \$30,052.35; November topped out at \$31,582.99 with December seeing a drop to \$29,089.62.

If January 2002 reports are any indication, this year should be another banner year for traffic code enforcers. The two courts reported \$40,179.31 in January collections.

State and county code enforcement officers believe they are "doing their jobs" by enforcing the traffic code, although that code was originally

written to regulate commercial transportation. What was sold to the public in the 1920s for "safe" roads, is now a huge money-making machine for corporate governments. (See editorial on Page 5)

Freedom of travel has a whole different meaning when it comes to the pocket book. It's a wonder travelers bother to use the highways here, considering the high cost of travel in Garza County.

Most, if not all of these victims of highway theft, have no idea that they are part of a gigantic legislative scheme, which considers all who travel to be doing so within certain boundaries of an incorporated area, therefore the "subjects" are required to follow the corporation's rules.

The traffic code is one example of

the corporate form of government imposed on Texans, in violation of the guarantee of a republic form of government.

The "Transportation Code" is not even a law, it does not have the constitutionally required Secretary of State certification of publication as part of the statute. Perhaps that omission is based on the fact that there is no constitutional authority for corporate government to enforce corporate rules in violation of basic constitutional guarantees, such as liberty, the right of travel from one place to another.

Although most Texans think of themselves as free to move about as they wish, they discover their true status as corporate "citizens" once they become victimized by the corporation's policy enforcers.

The Texas transportation code is nothing more than a corporate policy, and since the State of Texas is a corporate subdivision of the incorporated U.S., then all who live or travel inside those boundaries are considered corporate subjects, bound to obey corporate policies.

One of those policies is the registration of privately owned modes of travel, such as cars and trucks. Once an individual voluntarily signs over ownership to the corporation (state), the driver or owner automatically agrees to abide by the rules of the real owner of the car or truck.

Notice that when you register your car or truck, you get a "certificate of title," not an actual title or manufacturer's certificate of origin. The real title is held by the real owner, in a vault somewhere in Austin.

Because of the extortionate expense of defending the right of travel in the corporation's court system, most Texans meekly submit to the extortion and voluntarily gave up their right of travel by declaring themselves "motor vehicle" operators, through applications for certificates of title as well as "motor vehicle" licenses.

Although the Texas transportation code applies only to those people involved in commercial use of the high-

ways, it is obvious that the vast majority of "criminals" tagged in highway traffic fines were paid by "volunteers." Very few, if any, of those victims realize that the cars and trucks they drive are not included in the regulations related to the transportation code, unless the original owner voluntarily submitted to the corporation policy.

The Texas Transportation Code defines commercial use of the highways as those carrying passengers or property for hire. Cars and trucks, which are not used for hire in carrying property or passengers, are not "motor vehicles" as defined by the code.

Carrying around a state driver's license is also a severe limit on freedom and liberty... that little piece of paper wrapped in plastic declares the holder to be an "operator of a motor vehicle."

So, when citizens voluntarily apply for a certificate of title to their "motor vehicle," they have placed themselves under the jurisdiction of the corporate (state) traffic laws, which can constitutionally only apply to those who voluntarily declare themselves owners of "motor vehicles."

The system is perpetuated by ignorance and the expensive fees required to defend against the highway theft program. Those who enforce the corporate rules have the full backing of legislative thieves and a judicial system that puts corporate rules above constitutional guarantees of individual rights.

Under the current Texas legal system, it's a "no-win" situation for most people, except those who wear a corporate badge and those who live off the regular highway revenue producing program.

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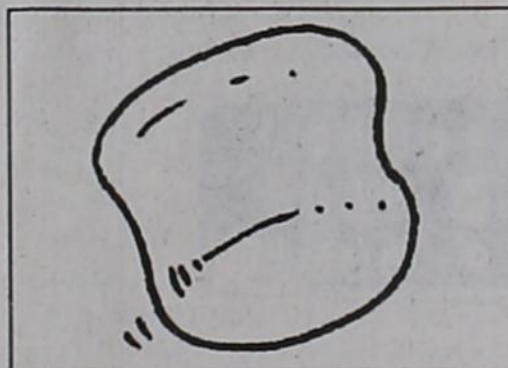
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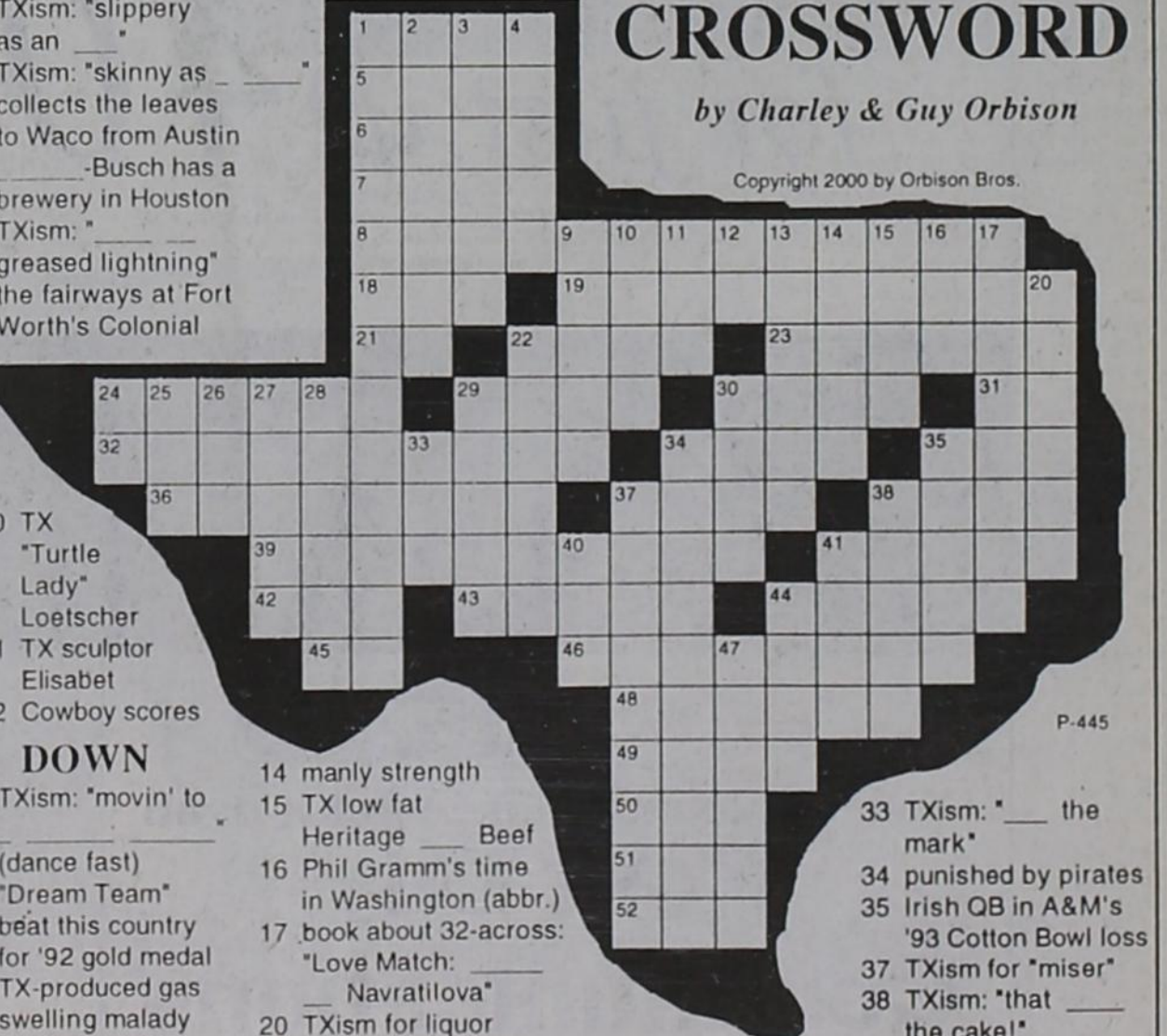
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- TXism: "gets up with the chickens" (2 wds)
- old Oilers slogan: "Luv ___ Blue"
- transactions at a TX horse track
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- Martina Navratilova & TX Judy Nelson's agreement for living arrangement
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- Curly & Larry's pal
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- Young of Houston-made "Witness to the Execution"
- TXism: 'tee ninety'
- New Guinea ___
- ___ turtle was bred at TX zoo
- Mineola has "Great Pumpkin ___-Out"
- TXism: 'slippery as an ___'
- TXism: 'skinny as ___'
- collects the leaves
- to Waco from Austin
- ___-Busch has a brewery in Houston
- TXism: '___ greased lightning'
- the fairways at Fort Worth's Colonial
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- Loetscher
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- TXism: 'movin' to (dance fast)
- "Dream Team" beat this country for '92 gold medal
- TX-produced gas
- swelling malady
- Lubbock's Air Force Base
- this TX Sharon was Manson victim
- there's 40 of 'em in a work week (abbr.)
- Rangers leag.
- TXism: 'never in all ___ days'
- manly strength
- TX low fat Heritage ___ Beef
- Phil Gramm's time in Washington (abbr.)
- book about 32-across: "Love Match: ___ Navratilova"
- TXism for liquor
- TXism: 'a fly in the ___ milk' (problem)
- TX Rangers used this Colt's pistol (init.)
- TXism: 'worn ___ frazzle'
- founder of TX Belo company (init.)
- TXism: '___ the mark'
- 34 punished by pirates
- Irish QB in A&M's '93 Cotton Bowl loss
- TXism for 'miser'
- TXism: 'that ___ the cake!'
- Chester, TX named for this pres. (init.)
- 'house' south of the border
- TX Didrickson's nickname came from this "Babe"
- written exams at TX universities

Letters to the Editor

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A trend is upon us...

Trend meaning "a current style or preference" and/or "the general movement in the course of time of a statistically detectable change." The trend now in effect is the very serious drug and alcohol problem that is killing our young people right under our noses. The drug and alcohol thing is hanging over America like a thick, heavy cloud. And yes, we here in Post are very much under that cloud. Some folks think it's a fad and it will go away. Fad meaning "a practice or interest followed for a time with exaggerated zeal." Yes, whether it is a fad or a trend, it will eventually slow down, but it will never go away. There are two reasons it will never go away. One being the people and politicians that have the power to stop it or at least slow it down won't because they like the money that is involved in drug and alcohol sales. Second being that a large percentage of the powerful people like to use drugs and alcohol themselves. Whether we want to believe it or not,

Or they just plain don't care one way or another. I'm not bragging and I'm no expert, but I see it coming, and fast. I suppose I see it because I have been where no man is suppose to go and come back alive. God must have went along too. In the last few weeks I have done some reading about this thing called a trend. Yes, history does repeat itself. This trend with alcohol in the 1920s and then years later the drug problem started. Now here we are, year 2002, in the midst of probably the worst trend yet. I expect this one to be a lot worse than all the others put together. Young people are looking for love, attention and affection. They're looking for something better than they have. Some with look into a bottle, or in a syringe. And believe me, it will work for a little while. Then the real problems start up. Drug and alcohol addiction have us by the throat. Prison is not the answer to any kind of addiction. I don't believe anyone can show me a person cured of alcoholism or drug addiction by being sent to prison. On the other hand, I don't believe punishment being swept under the rug for a young person being caught with drugs is the answer either. That is called "enabling." Trying to control the problem of alcohol and drugs won't work either. We can obviously see that is not the answer. I don't believe there is an answer.

My theory is that there is going to be a certain amount of young people use drugs and alcohol regardless. In my opinion, education is going to be the nearest thing to an answer. Seminars, assemblies in schools, churches and other public affairs will help. These programs should be given to the young people by persons that have "been there, done that." There is plenty of ex-cons, recovering alcoholics and drug addicts in the country that would be more than willing to tell their story of how their life was with alcoholism and drug addiction. I believe we need to explain what the consequences of drug and alcohol use will be if they go in search of their needs in "all the wrong places." I believe I can call this a plea to the adult community that we need to attempt to help our young folks before it is to late. Denial and looking the other way will get us nowhere. This as I see it and my opinion, O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Rethinking priorities
I think it best to get all my "disclaimers" out of the way first: (1) I love living in Post. Even though we have not been here forever as a lot of you have, it does feel like home. (2) I am not in any way against the sheriff's department, school officials, or school crossing guards. They all provide a valuable service, and I personally would not want any of their jobs. However, recent events in my life have made it necessary to re-think priorities. On the afternoon of Jan. 21, my daughter was involved in a traffic accident at the intersection of Main and Broadway. She was driving a vehicle that belongs to my husband.

The young officer who was investigating (and I use that word loosely) the accident informed us that we could pick up a copy of the accident report in ten days. Later, when we called the department requesting information for our insurance company, we were told the same thing. We were also told, at that time that it wouldn't do any good to keep calling back - they have ten days to get the paperwork completed. The day after the accident, the other party involved came to my home to give us his insurance information. At that time, he related to me how the accident happened, which was nearly verbatim what my daughter had told me. However, when we finally did get the accident report, the other party's statement was nothing like what he had told me! In fact, the report read like a work of fiction! I immediately reported this to the sheriff's department and was told that the investigating officer no longer worked here - in fact, he left two days after the accident occurred. But we had to wait ten days for his report?

Further, we were told that the report could not be changed. Another officer did offer to look at the facts and write a supplementary report (for which we are very grateful). We were promised that the report would be ready over a week ago. When my daughter went down to pick it up, it was not finished and she was told to come back "next week". Last Friday, she went back and was told that the officer was off, would not be back until Monday and "you were suppose to call everyday and remind us." In the meantime, we are short one vehicle while the insurance company is waiting on reports. My son in law has to depend on others for rides to and from work, and to lunch when he is working. (They live on the east side of town; he works on the west side.) Last week, he was hurrying back to work from lunch when he committed the serious crime of jaywalking near the Primary / Middle School. He was then confronted by the crossing guard, a school official and a police officer - in less than five minutes! He was even questioned as to whether or not he was a student! (Do we have married men with children attending our Post Middle School?) Am I the only person who sees the irony here? If we had an accurate report to submit to our insurance company - in a timely manner - he would not have been forced to walk to work, and therefore would not have been jaywalking near the school in the first place! (Maybe the officer who detained him for jaywalking could be utilized to get the report ready for us???) Once again, please refer back to paragraph one. Darlene Pruett

Class of '77 seeks classmates
The Post High School Class of 1977 will be having its 25th class reunion on July 20, 2002. There are some classmates that we do not have updated addresses for. We are asking the readers of your newspaper to help us find these classmates. They are Kim (Trammel) Allen, Cyndia (Carranza) Alvarez, Buddy Britton, Bert Byrd, JoAnn (Samora) Castro, Jamie Dunn, Eddie Gutierrez, Charlotte (Medlin) Holbert, James Keel, Jimmy Light, Edna (Solis) Palacios, Cindy (Conoly) Pruitt, Ricky Quinonez, Carla (Britnell) Rodgers, Bill Rose, Henry Zamora, Ricky Sanchez, Mike Snow, Brenda (Weaver) Reid and Carita Wood. If anyone knows how to get in touch with the classmates mentioned above, please contact Tracy McAlister at 806-799-3961. Thank you all. PHS Class of 1977

Who got what from whom?
Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to U.S. Senator Joseph Lieberman regarding the clamor over Enron political contributions. Dear Senator Lieberman, I watched your Sunday morning appearance on Face the Nation with intense interest. Inasmuch as I own a fair amount of Enron stock in my SEP/IRA, I'm sure you can understand my curiosity relative to your investigation. Knowing you to be an honorable man, I feel secure that you will diligently pursue the below listed matters in an effort to determine what part, if any, these matters contributed to the collapse of Enron. 1. Government records reveal the awarding of seats to Enron executives and Ken Lay on four Energy Department trade missions and seven Commerce Department trade trips during the Clinton administration's eight years. a. From January 13, 1995 through June 1996, Clinton Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and White House Counsel Mack McLarty assisted Ken Lay in closing a \$3 billion dollar power plant deal with India. Four days before India gave final approval to the deal, Enron gave \$100,000 to the DNC. Any quid pro quo? b. Clinton National Security Advisor, Anthony Lake, threatened to withhold aid to Mozambique if it didn't approve an Enron pipeline project. Subsequent to Mr. Lake's threats, Mozambique approved the project, which resulted in a further \$770 million dollar electric power contract with Enron. Perhaps, if NSA Advisor Lake had not been so busy strong-arming for Enron, he might have been focused on something obliquely related to national security like, say, Mr. Bin Laden? Could it be that a different, somewhat related, investigation is warranted? c. In 1999, Clinton Energy Secretary Bill Richardson traveled to Nigeria and helped arrange a joint, varied, energy development program which resulted in \$882 million in power contracts for Enron from Nigeria. Perhaps if Energy Secretary Richardson had been more focused on domestic energy, we might have avoided: i. The severe loss of nuclear secrets to China and concurrently ii. developed more domestic sources of energy. d. Subsequent to leaving Clinton White House employ, Enron hired Mack McLarty (White House Counsel), Betsy Moler (Deputy Energy Secretary) and Linda Robertson (Treasury Official). Even a person without a high school diploma (no disrespect to airline security screeners) can see that this looks like Enron paying off political favors with fat-cat corporate jobs, at

the expense of stockholders and Enron pension employees. e. Democratic Mayor Lee P. Brown of Houston (Enron headquarter city), received \$250,000 just before Enron filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Isn't that an awful lot of money to throw away right before bankruptcy? The Democratic National Committee was the recipient of hundreds of thousands of dollars from 1990 through 2000. The above matters appear to be very troubling and look like, smack of, reek of, political favors for campaign payoffs. I know you will find out. 2. Recently, former Clinton Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin called a top U.S. Treasury official, asking on Enron's behalf, for government help with credit agencies. As you well know, Rubin is the chairman of executive committee at Citigroup, which just coincidentally, is Enron's largest unsecured creditor at an estimated \$3 billion dollars. 3. As you well know, Mr. Lieberman, Citigroup is Senator Tom Daschle's largest contributor (\$50,000) in addition to being your single largest contributor (\$12,546). This fact brings to mind some disturbing questions I feel you must answer. a. Have you, any member of your staff, any Senate or House colleagues, any relatives or any friends of yours, been asked by Citigroup to intercede on their behalf, in an effort to recover part or all of Citigroup's \$3 billion, at the expense of Enron's shareholders, employees and or Enron pensioners? b. Did your largest contributor, Citigroup, have anything to do with the collapse of Enron? c. Enron has tens of thousands of employees, stockholders and pensioners who have lost their life savings. How will you answer their most obvious question? Do you represent Citigroup, your largest contributor, or do you represent the Enron employees, et al, who stand to lose if Citigroup recovers any of its \$3 billion? During Sunday's Face the Nation, both you and Senator McCain praised Attorney General Ashcroft for recusing himself from the Justice Department investigation because he had once received a contribution from Enron. I know in my heart, that being the honest gentleman you are, you will now recuse yourself because of the glaring conflict of interest described above. I also know that you will pass this letter to your successor for his or her attention. Very truly yours, Robert Theodore Knalur, Detroit, Mich.

Sea Of Galilee yields pointers for weather forecasting
GALVESTON - Oceanographer Ayal Anis has studied the lake where Christ walked on the water, but rather than focusing on religious questions, his research aims to shed light on the process by which surface waves transfer energy from the air to the water. Anis, a professor of marine science at Texas A&M University at Galveston, analyzed the physical response of the Sea of Galilee to external forcing. His study, initially funded by the U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation, indicated that the most intense mixing occurred closest to the lake's shores, not in its center and produced results that should be applicable to other bodies of water as well. Continuing his research at TAMUG under a grant from the Office of Naval Research, Anis is seeking to extrapolate findings from his lake research to the oceans. His current research aims to shed light on the processes by which energy and momentum are transferred from the atmosphere to the ocean, with a specific emphasis on the role of surface waves in these processes. "Waves at the surface of bodies of water, where air and water interface, are an important agent in the mixing of heat energy from air molecules into the water immediately below them," Anis said. "Momentum from the air molecules also transfers to the water molecules through the surface waves. An understanding of these processes proves crucial for constructing computer models that will be able to accurately predict currents and temperatures in the ocean, similar to what meteorologists are doing when forecasting the weather."

Check Out These Web Sites:
Here are a few Web sites you may want to watch: Health Plus, Inc. at www.healthplusinc.com. Genentech at www.genentech.com. Fountain Hills at www.mco-properties.com. LTC Security at www.ltcweb.org. Pearle Vision at www.pearle-vision.com. The Bread Machine Industry Association at www.breadmachines.org. Fleischmann's Yeast at www.breadworld.com. *** One of the tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency. -Arnold Glasow***

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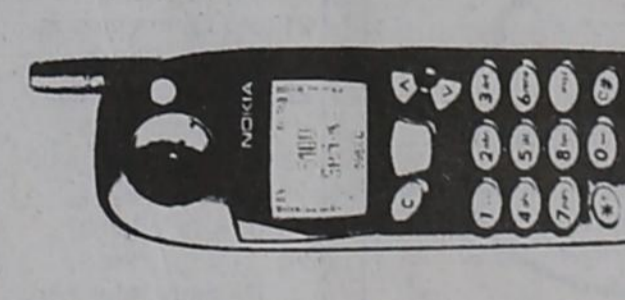
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