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Slaton approves water sales to Post

Pipeline along US Hwy 84 to carry 50 to 100 million gallons per year

by Sheri Lewis

Slaton city officials approved a contractual agreement last week that is expected to provide water to Post-area residents for the next decade.

In action taken March 12, Slaton city commissioners voted in favor of offering the City of Post a contract to purchase 50 to 100 million gallons of water per year for a 10-year period. The Post City Council will meet Monday, March 25 in a special session to consider the issue.

Under the proposed agreement, Post has the option to buy "basically all the water we don't use," Slaton City Manager Mitch Grant said.

Through a contract with the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, the City of Slaton received approximately 570 million gallons of water annually. To date, their maximum usage has been 320 million gallons in a year, leaving the municipality with an average of about 250 million gallons.

Since 1999, Slaton has been providing water to New Deal. According to the 40-year agreement between the two communities, New Deal receives up to 50 million gallons of water per year from Slaton at a cost of \$1.20 per 1000 gallons.

Last month, Wolforth finalized a deal with Slaton to purchase up to 50 million gallons per year at the same rate.

The \$1.20 per 1000 gallons would also be the rate assessed of Post, should the city council vote in favor of the proposed contract.

"Basically, that's our cost for bulk treated water," Grant said. The water supplied to Slaton comes from Lake Meredith. Because the lake's water tends to be somewhat salty, Grant said a 1996 project enabled that water to be mixed with a high quality water from a source in Roberts County. The results of that project came on line about four months ago, resulting in a better quality of water for

Slaton and its other water customers.

Water delivered to New Deal and Wolforth is routed through the City of Lubbock, the Slaton city manager said. Delivery to Post would be direct via a pipeline that would need to be constructed between the two communities.

At this month's regular Post City Council session, council members heard an explanation of services for a proposed bond issue that would, if approved, support the emergency water supply project involving Slaton. The project would include the installation of the city-to-city pipeline, as well as ground storage tanks.

"I was glad we were able to work out all the details," Grant said. "It's no small feat... I just hope it all works out."

As the lake level at White River Lake continues to drop, Post city officials have long been working on ways to ensure the long-term availability of water. While the city is in no immediate danger of a water shortage, White River Municipal Water District executive director Tommy O'Brien told council members earlier this month that without rain, the lake has enough water to serve district communities for about 18 months.

O'Brien said the lake is about 14 feet below the dam, which is approximately the same level it was a year ago prior to spring rains.

Ralls, Crosbyton, Spur and Post rely on White River Lake for their water supplies.

Accident south of Post claims life of UT student March 14

A 23-year-old University of Texas student died last week as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident in Garza County. Brandy Elizabeth Reynolds of Webster died at 10:50 a.m. March 14 at Lubbock's University Medical Center, according to Department of Public Safety Sgt. Reuben Garcia of Crosbyton.

A second UT student traveling with Reynolds, her 21-year-old roommate, Mara Miller of League City, was treated for cuts and bruises at UMC and released.

According to DPS reports, Reynolds was driving a 1998 Ford Explorer Suburban northbound at about 11:30 p.m. March 12 on U.S. 84 about 7.5 miles south of Post. She swerved to avoid a tumbleweed blowing across the roadway, and the vehicle struck the guardrail on the east side of the road. The blow caused the vehicle to overturn.

The roof of the Suburban caved in as the vehicle landed on its top. Both women were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident, Garcia said, and lab results from the hospital indicate there was no involvement of alcohol or drugs.



"Chief" Frank Runkles will lead this year's Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony at South Lake. Runkles said that a video documentary of the 1999 event has been made available for viewing at the Post Public Library and Garza County Historical Museum. The video was produced by MazMedia of Dallas. It is not available for sale and may not be reproduced.

Jodie Boren to judge annual Post Art Guild Show

Jodie Boren of Abilene, a renowned western watercolorist, will serve as judge for the Post Art Guild's 42nd Annual Easter Art Show March 27-30 at the Algerita Arts Center.

Boren began his career in art after being released from the Navy following World War II. He attended the Kansas City Art Institute and School of Design in Kansas City, Mo., and sidelined his studies with work for the Hallmark Cards advertising department.

Having worked for Hallmark for seven years, he left that position to take a job with an Abilene publishing firm.

Inspired by the work of his brother, artist James Boren, Jodie Boren chose to focus more seriously on his artwork. During evenings and weekends, he pursued a career in art. By 1971, he opted to make art his full-time occupation, choosing watercolor as his media for realistic western scenes.

Many magazine articles have been written, showcasing his work, and his paintings have been used as front covers of numerous publications, including Western Horseman, The Paint Horse Journal and the Quarter Horse Journal. The National Rifle Association, the National Wildlife Association, the National Wild Turkey Federation and the National Arbor Day program also have showcased his paintings.

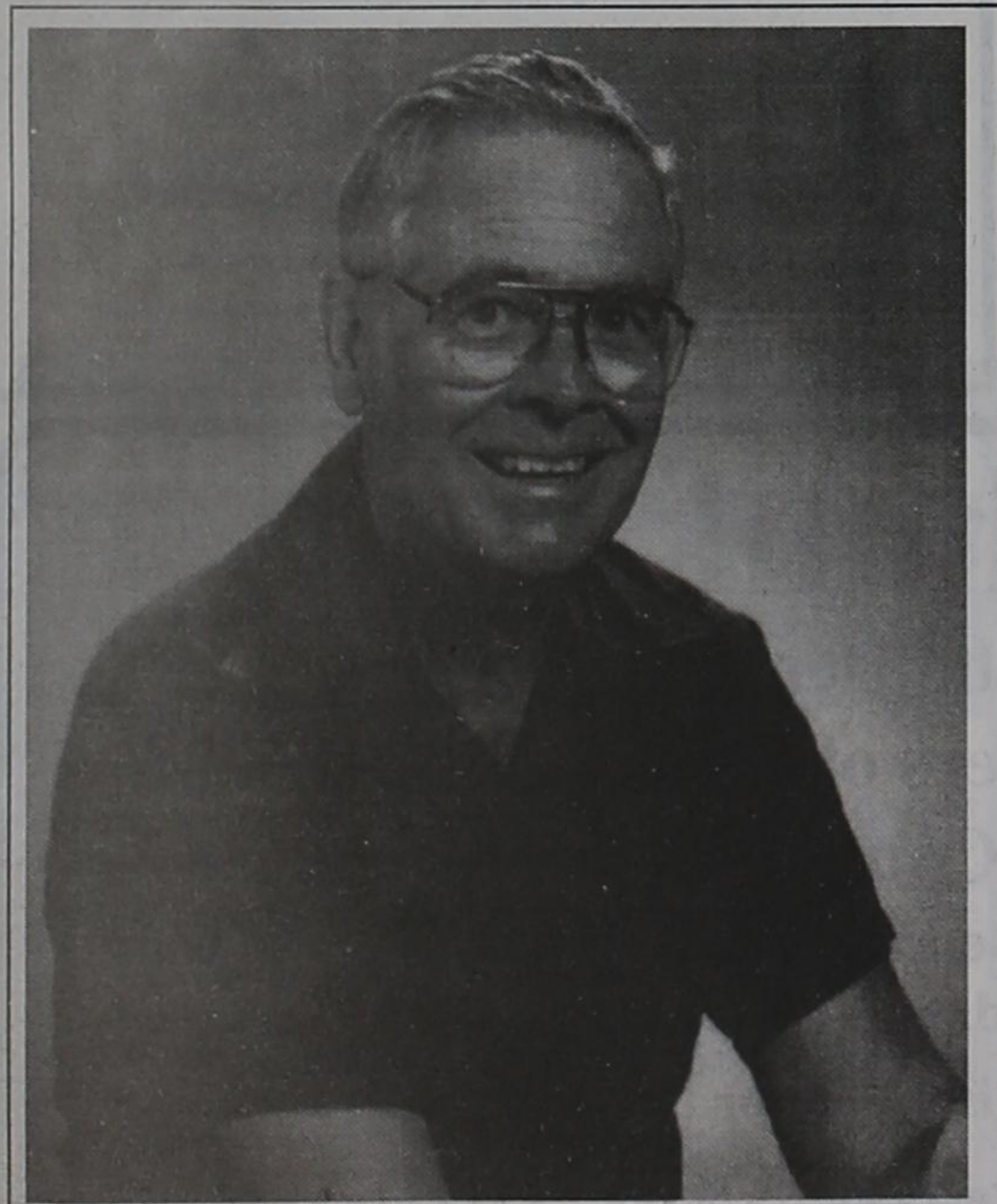
Last year, one of Boren's works was selected by Ducks Unlimited to make prints and sell as a fundraiser.

Boren's paintings hang in many art collections, both public and private. Among his collectors are Johnny Rutherford, Byron Nelson, Glen Campbell, Hoyt Axton and Marilyn Maxwell.

In 1971, he was chosen as one of the western artists to participate in the OS Steer Roping and Art Show at the OS Ranch. He was invited back every year the show continued.

Entries for the local art show will be received March 27 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Algerita Arts Center. Cost will be \$5 per entry, or \$3 for miniatures.

Check next week's Dispatch for additional show details.



Jodi Boren

Annual Taba'na Yuan'e March 22

A tradition that began here in 1907 continues Friday morning, when the traditional Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony begins at Post City Park. Guests should arrive by 6:15 a.m. in order to observe the performance, which ends with sunrise.

Post City Radio (Classic Cable Channel 12 and www.postcityradio.net) will provide live reports of the event.

The ceremony, an observance of an ancient Plains Indian spring ritual, begins with the lighting of the fire and constructing of the circle of council. It is held annually on the same date, with visitors and local residents gathering around a circular ceremonial ring to watch a dancer, clad in traditional beaded buckskins and feathered headdress, perform an Indian version of an extended weather forecast.

Taba'na Yuan'e translates to "sunrise wind."

The Plains Indians used the dance to check the wind direction at the exact moment of sunrise, which would determine the success of the coming year. According to legend, the wind must be checked at sunrise on the day after the sun reaches the halfway point in its journey from the south to the north.

The Taba'na Yuan'e tradition, which dates to earliest memories of the Plains Indians, began in Post in 1907 when early Garza County pioneers recalled the legend told by the Indians. Garza County farmers and ranchers have relied on the Taba'na Yuan'e for more than 90 years to provide a hint as to the success of the coming year.

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Post Notes

Benefit set for Rodriguez family

A benefit to assist the Rodriguez family with expensive medical costs will be held Friday, March 22 with lunch and dinner tamales at \$6 per dozen. Place orders early at 781-9372 or 495-0440, pick up orders at 610 W. 11th.

Caprock Relays here Saturday

Middle School and High School track teams will compete here Saturday in the Post Caprock Relays. The Booster Club will sponsor a concession stand. Volunteers are needed to assist, please call Jackie at 495-4021 or 495-2207.

Church presents special program

The Bethel Assembly of God Church will present "Whip-Hammer and Cross" on Sunday, March 24 at 10 a.m. The church is located at 407 May St.

PHS presents "The Shadow Box"

The Post High School one-act play, "The Shadow Box," will be presented to the public Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m. in the Post Elementary School auditorium. There is no admission charge. The cast and crew will perform the play at district competition Saturday at 11 a.m. in Sundown.

Rotary "Broom Sale" March 26

The Post Rotary Club will host its annual "Broom Sale" on March 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., located at 110 W. Main in the middle of the street.

Trailblazers set March 30 bake sale

The Garza County Trailblazers will hold a bake sale Saturday, March 30 at United Supermarket beginning at 9 a.m. The sale will continue until all items are sold.

VFW Post 797 invites veterans

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6797 is open to veterans and their needs. Community service work and VFW programs continue and the VFW offers assistance to veterans. The VFW will no longer serve or sell alcohol to the public. "Thanks for your support over the past years," Chuck Ratliff, Commander. Call Ratliff for more information about membership at 495-2026.

Spring Art Show opens March 29

The Algerita Spring Art Show will begin Friday, March 29 and continue through Sunday, March 31 at the Algerita Art Center on East Main Street in Post. The show will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Call 495-3493 for more information.

Popcorn anyone?

The Garza Theatre is seeking financial assistance for the purchase of a commercial popcorn machine to be used at the Serendipity Shop during productions. Those interested in helping should call the box office at 495-4005.

Help needed for Easter lillie project

The First United Methodist Church is taking donations to purchase Easter lillies for each of the 35 occupied rooms at Golden Plains Care Center. The lillies will be delivered on Good Friday, March 29. Call the church office at 495-2942 between 9 a.m. and noon to assist.

"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.

Little League sign-ups continue

Post Little League sign-ups continue for T-Ball, baseball and softball through the first week of April. Sign-ups are available at Mad Dads. You must provide birth certificate and participation fee of \$20 per child and \$10 for each additional child in a family.

Toney Brothers at Faith Chapel

The popular Gospel singing Toney Brothers will be featured guests at the Faith Chapel Community Church in Wilson with a 7 p.m. concert Friday, April 5. The Toney Brothers have more than 40 years of performances, spanning three generations of Toney family members. There is no admission charge, a "love offering" will be available.

Calvary Baptist Church Easter service

A special Easter Sunrise Service for the community will be hosted by the Calvary Baptist Church beginning at 6 a.m., Sunday, March 31 at the church, 210 E. 6th St. Music minister Jim Jackson will lead music, accompanied by his wife, Dortha. Pastor Les Atkins will lead the worship service.

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Garza County Judge Giles W. Dalby (right) accepts an appreciation plaque on behalf of the Garza County Commissioners' Court from Garza Soil and Water Conservation District chairman B.L. Thomas during the district's annual appreciation luncheon last week. Others attending the event included commissioners Mason McClellan, Lee Norman, Mike Sanchez, John Valdez; SWCD directors Delwin Fluitt, Drew Kirkpatrick, district SWCD clerk Oneita Gunn, natural resource manager Mario Avila, range conservationist Glen Killough, range conservationist Mark Sides of Snyder, district SWCD clerk Helen Saldana of Tahoka and civil engineering technician Charlie Stice of Tahoka.

Heather Cave, Dustin Ammons exchange vows

Heather Joann Cave and Dustin Mark Ammons exchanged wedding vows at noon Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, in a ceremony performed before family and friends in the Old Methodist Sanctuary in Fredericksburg.

Parents of the bride are Janet Cave of LaGrange and the late Gary Cave. The groom's parents are Don and Allane Ammons of Post. The bride was escorted by her godfather, William Townsley of Yorktown, Virginia.

Attending as matron of honor was the bride's best friend, Marika Flatt of Austin. Jeff Sullivan of Hoboken, New Jersey, served as the groom's best man.

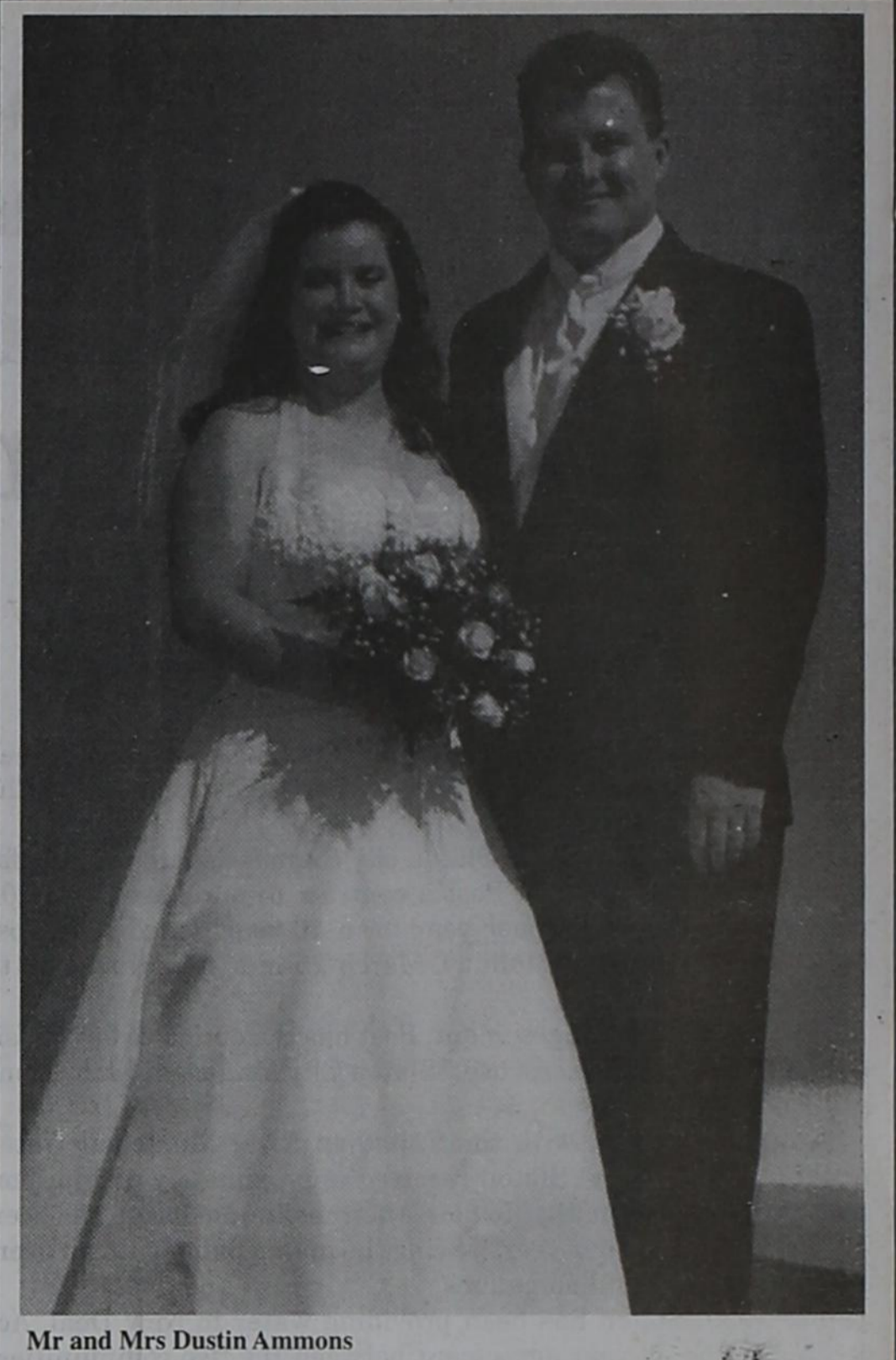
The groom's aunt, Barbara Babb of Post, performed musical accompaniment, and the groom's niece, Lori Jones of Post, rang the sanctuary's wedding bell.

A reception followed the ceremony and was hosted by the groom's mother, Donna Jones of Post and Deann Bratcher of Loop. The reception was held adjacent to the Old Methodist Sanctuary in the reception hall of the Gillespie County Historical Society.

The bride, who attended The University of Texas at San Antonio and obtained a Bachelor of Sciences degree from Chadwick University in Birmingham, Ala., is employed as an attorney recruiter for Legal Search Associates Inc. of Kansas City, Kansas. She manages the Rocky Mountain Division in Denver, Colorado.

The groom is employed as an attorney with Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP of Denver. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian studies and political science, graduating summa cum laude from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in 1993. He also holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence from The University of Texas School of Law at Austin, which he earned in 1996.

In lieu of a honeymoon, the newlyweds are saving money to vacation in Ireland. They will continue to reside in Denver.



Mr and Mrs Dustin Ammons

Markham reviews book for Green Thumb club

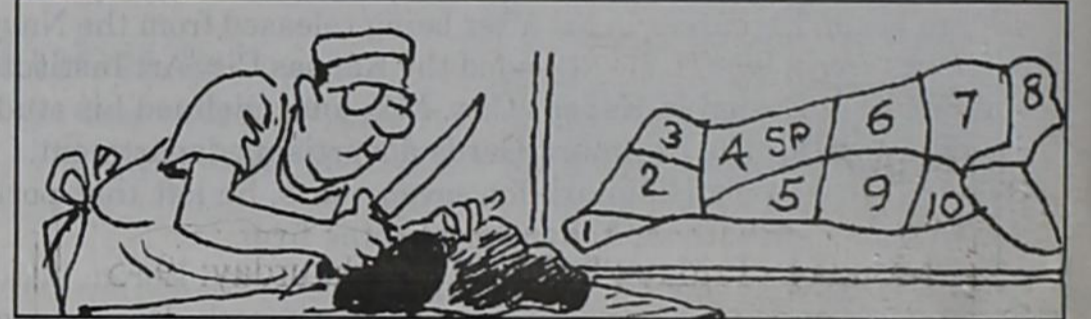
by Betty Hill

The Green Thumb Garden Club met March 14 in the home of Betty Hill. Ida Jones served as co-hostess.

Refreshments were served to 10 members, including Louella Bilberry, Fleta Caffey, Annie Laura Frances, Iva Hudman, Carlene Markham, Edna Owen, Alma Williams, Naomi Matsler and the co-hostesses.

Then we all sat very attentive, with ears tuned in to hear Carlene give us the book review of "A Quiet Strength," written by Jannette Oke. What a wonderful story, but we just do not know how the story ends. Twenty minutes into the story, everyone still very attentive, Carlene says, "Now to find out how the story ends, you must read the book."

You cannot imagine the reaction of this crowd, to be left in the middle of a good story like this. It almost created a riot, but I guess we will buy the book.



There are nine basic cuts of beef: round, sirloin, short loin, rib, chuck, fore shank, brisket, short plate and flank.



JoAnn Mock, Caprock Cultural Association (CCA) executive director (right), presents Jimmy Redman (left) a Post Antelope Championship autographed football. Redman was the high bidder at the recent CCA sponsored "Red" performance. Redman said he is donating the autographed football to the Garza County Historical Museum.

Cyber meetings can cut travel time, risk

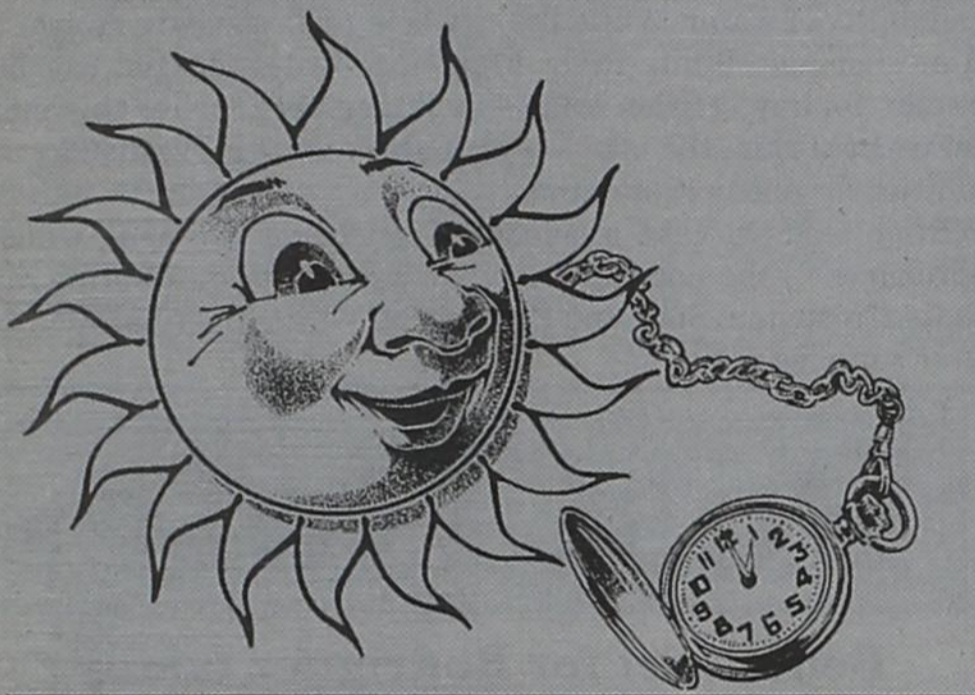
COLLEGE STATION - Today's global economy demands cooperation among businesses located far from each other, but recent terrorist events have made travelers nervous and travel more uncertain. Texas A&M professor Uday Murthy thinks he's found a way to reconcile the

situation - cyber-meetings that bring project members together without anyone leaving home base.

"Much work in organizations today is performed by teams rather than by individuals acting alone," said Murthy, who has developed techniques for making the Internet an even more effective communications tool. "With the popularity and ease-of-use of the Internet, such teamwork is now being supported by Web-based tools. My research has focused on comparing face-to-face group work with computer-mediated group work, specifically using Web-based electronic meeting systems."

Murthy, who also teaches accounting at Mays College of Business, wants to determine the effects of computer-mediated communication on the performance and satisfaction of interacting groups, as compared to face-to-face work situations.

"Research questions examined by our experiments include determining in what types of tasks computer-mediated groups outperform groups meeting face-to-face and whether the specific type of computer-based support matters," Murthy observed. "For example, how does a bulletin-board type system compare with a more interactive chat type system? We're also interested in finding out whether the biases that exist in face-to-face group decision-making are also present in computer-mediated group decision-making and what the level of satisfaction is with the process of groups meeting electronically relative to those meeting face-to-face."



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Garza County Commissioner,
Precinct 4

pd pol adv pd for by Mike Sanchez, 405 S. nue N, Post, Texas 79356

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for the confidence you have placed in me as your candidate for the general election.

It is an honor to serve you.

Mason McClellan
County Commissioner, Precinct 2

pd pol adv pd for by Mason McClellan, Rt 2, Post, Texas 79356



Cailee Hope Dolberry, eight year old daughter of Kim and Allen Dolberry of Mesa, Arizona, recently was awarded third place in an Arizona State University sponsored essay contest. Cailee's essay was one of 800 entries from her division of kindergarten through second grade students in the greater Phoenix area. She is a student at Benjamin Franklin Charter School in Mesa. Cailee is the granddaughter of Pat and Wes Burnett of Post.

Cailee's essay:
"My dad helps other people by making artificial limbs. An artificial limb is a brace made of plaster. Say somebody lost their leg or arm; he makes them an artificial limb. I have a cousin who needed an artificial brace. My dad also makes plastic braces for many other people.
My dad's name is Allen Lloyd Dolberry. He helps my mom by washing the dishes and helps the whole family by protecting me. He's wonderful."



Celebrating a new birth are (left to right) Michelle, Joseph, Michael and Mark Riedel.

Births

Mark Lynn Riedel

Micheal and Janie Riedel are proud to announce the birth of their son, Mark Lynn Riedel. He was born February 11, 2002 at 11:10 pm at UMC. He weighed five pounds and fifteen ounces and was nineteen inches long.

Mark has an older sister, Michelle and an older brother, Joseph.

Maternal grandparents are Weldon and Marilyn Baker of Lubbock.

Paternal grandparents are Jerry and Sheri Reidel of Post.

Audrey Marie Moreno

Les Looney would like to announce the birth of his granddaughter, Audrey Marie, who was born on his birthday, March 12, 2002 at 4:10 pm at Covenant Medical Center. She weighed seven pounds and six ounces and was 21 inches long.

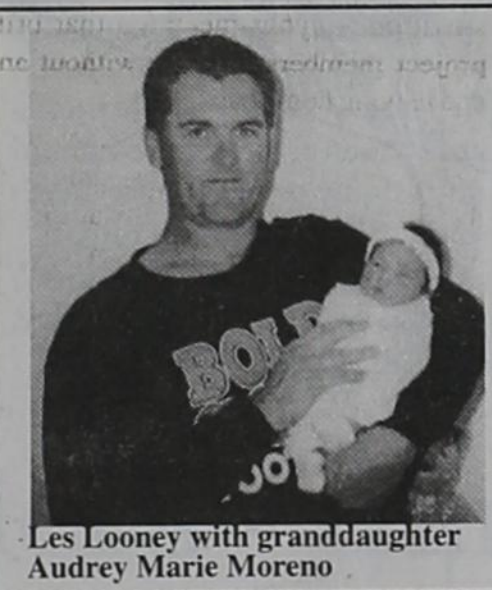
Proud parents are Emilio and Stephanie Moreno.

Maternal grandparents are Les and Diana Looney.

Paternal grandparents are Emilio Sr. and Laura Moreno.

Maternal great-grandparents are Olin and Betty Looney and Reyes and Sara Gonzales.

Paternal great-grandparents are Felipe and Francisca Govea and Tiburcio and Raquel Moreno.



Les Looney with granddaughter Audrey Marie Moreno

Cyndni Terry wins 3D barrel race

Cyndni Terry of Loraine, daughter of Brent and Mandy Terry and granddaughter of Bobby and Nita Terry, recently won the 3D Youth Barrel Race competition held as part of the San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

Terry ran a 14.6 to win the contest aboard her horse, D.J. As a result, she will receive a \$6,000 four-year scholarship.

Terry plans to attend Texas Tech University in Lubbock in the fall where she will pursue a degree in the sciences.

Since 1984, SALE has awarded more than \$14.5 million in scholarships, grants and endowments to Texas youths.

New DPS officer here

A new Department of Public Safety trooper will begin his duties locally effective April 1.

Lyndon Couch, a March 8 graduate of the DPS Academy in Austin, has drawn the Post/Garza County area as his first assignment.

Couch is no stranger to the area as he is a native of the South Plains, according to DPS Sgt. Reuben Garcia of Crosbyton.

Couch assumes the trooper position left vacant with the May promotion of Trooper Kyle Edwards to the position of sergeant investigator, motor vehicle theft.

If we are not our brother's keeper, let us at least not be his executioner.

Marlon Brando

Menus

Post ISD

March 25 - Breakfast -Waffles, butter & syrup, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch - Corn dog, french fries, mixed vegetables, apple cobbler, choice of milk

March 26 - Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk

Lunch - Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, california mix, pineapple slices, garlic toast, choice of milk

March 27 - Breakfast - Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch - Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, choice of milk

March 28 - Breakfast - Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk

Lunch - Pizza, salad, corn, peaches, choice of milk

March 29 - Good Friday

Southland ISD

March 18 - Breakfast - Cheesetost, juice, milk

Lunch - Chilli cheese burritos, corn salad, puffs, milk

March 19 - Breakfast - cinnamon rolls, fruit, milk

Lunch - Chicken spaghetti, salad, green beans, garlic toast, banana pudding, milk

March 20 - Breakfast - Biscuits, sausage, gravy, juice, milk

Lunch - Turkey, dressing, potatoes, fruit salad, milk

March 21 - Breakfast - Cereal, juice, milk

Lunch - Corn dogs, pork-n-beans, corn, cookies, milk

March 22 - Breakfast - Breakfast pockets, fruit, milk

Lunch - Cheeseburgers, burger salad, french fries, ice cream milk

Garza County Trailblazers

March 25 - Chicken & dumplings, green peas, cauli. w/cheese, white roll, pears, peanutbutter cookies

March 26 - Roast beef/brown gravy on toast, green peas, carrot-raisin salad, gingerbread w/topping

March 27 - Oven fried chicken, buttered corn, turnip greens, coleslaw, hot roll, jello w/pineapple

March 28 - Brisket, potatoe salad, turnip greens, green onions, cornbread, peach shortcake

March 29 - Catfish, mac & cheese, broccoli, cornbread, cherry cobbler

Birthdays This Week

March 21 - T.J. Basquez, Victor Ashley

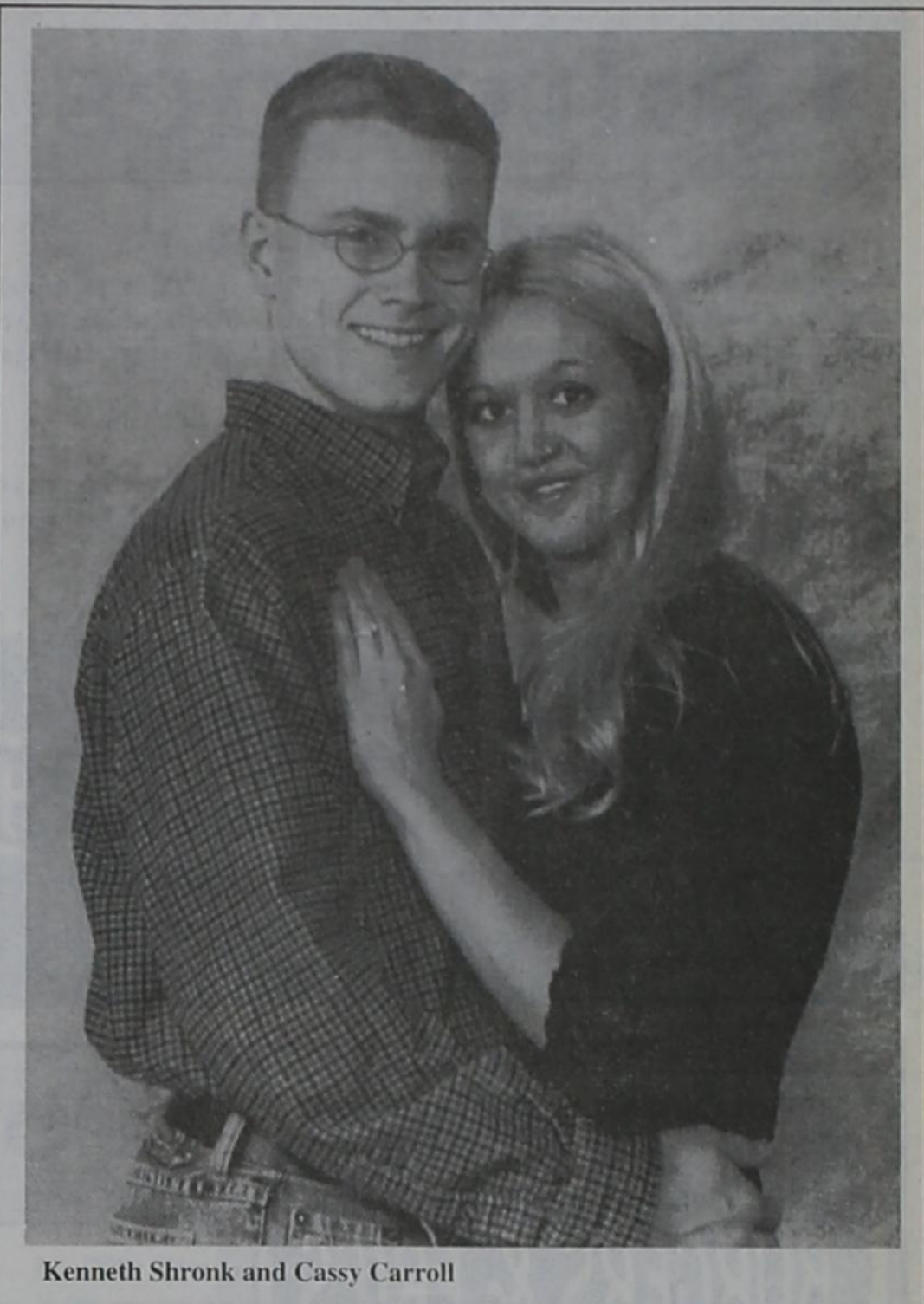
March 22 - Cody Bullard, Jerry Crenshaw, Lexi Nobles

March 23 - Carol Tobias

March 24 - Jon James, Teresa Lopez, Christy Nichole Soto

March 25 - Morgan Williams, Jim Norman, Trey Vargas, D'Aun Taylor

March 27 - Mario Tobias



Kenneth Shronk and Cassy Carroll

Cassy Carroll, Kenneth Shronk announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Lonny Carroll of Lubbock and Freda Harper of Post and the late Michael Harper are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Cassy Jean Carroll and Kenneth Dwayne Schronk Jr.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Lubbock High School and attends Texas Tech University. The prospective bridegroom is a Post High School and Texas Tech graduate. Both are employed by Covenant Health Systems in Lubbock.

The wedding ceremony is planned for 2 p.m. May 25, 2002, in the Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Following the wedding, the couple will relocate to San Antonio where the future bride plans to complete her pre-medical requirements at The University of Texas at San Antonio. Her fiancé plans to attend medical school at The University of Texas Health Sciences Center in San Antonio.

Post C.A.R.E.S. provides local assistance

Volunteers at the Post C.A.R.E.S. program report that approximately \$3,000 worth of assistance has been provided locally, thanks to contributions received between July 1 and Feb. 28.

Deposits of \$4,482.95 were made during that time period.

Expenditures included the following:

- SPS/Xcel Energy — \$659.94
- Energas — \$526.86
- City of Post (water) — \$462.91
- Gasoline — \$165
- Lodging (Twin Cedars) — \$410
- Meals for travelers — \$29.82
- Travel assistance (bus, etc.) — \$345
- Miscellaneous (clothing, shoes, household needs, assistance in car repair) — \$458.42

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Obituaries

Cassidy Ammons

Graveside services for Cassidy Ammons, infant daughter of Angela Ammons of Post and Martin Masias, were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 16, 2002, in the Terrace Cemetery with David Aycock officiating. Hudman Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

She died Tuesday, March 12, at Highland Hospital in Lubbock. She was stillborn March 12.

Survivors include her mother and father; one sister, Mallory Ammons of Post; and her grandparents, Bobby and Karen Ammons of Buna, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Masias of Mexico.

James (Jim) Doggett

Services for James (Jim) Doggett, 81, of Lubbock were held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 18, 2002, at the Graham Chapel Methodist Church with the Rev. Douglas Gossett officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Friday, March 15, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born April 2, 1920, in Santa Anna, Texas, he married Ruth Crider Aug. 8, 1953, in Carlsbad, N.M. He farmed for 53 years in Garza County prior to moving to Lubbock in 1992.

Survivors include his wife of Lubbock; two sons, Lee of Post and Bill of Amarillo; one daughter, Shirley Doggett of Lubbock; one brother, Lloyd Doggett of Austin; one sister, Maxine Ellison of Garland; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



Evelyn Lucille Mahagan

Services for Evelyn Lucille Mahagan, 81, of Abernathy will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 21, 2002, in the North Side Baptist Church in Abernathy with the Rev. Joel Perez officiating. Burial will follow in the Strip Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Monday, March 18, at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post. Born April 15, 1920, in Caddo, Okla., she married Arthur Mahagan April 4, 1958, in Clovis, N.M. He died Feb. 22, 2002. She was a nurse's aid at the Lubbock State School until her retirement.

Survivors include five sons, Clyde Vandygriff of Abernathy, Ronnie Vandygriff and Mike Vandygriff, both of Houston, Rodney Mahagan of Lafayette, Louisiana, and Raymond Mahagan of Denver, Colo.; one daughter, Linda Puckett of Post; two sisters, Diana Allison of Port Mansfield, Texas, and Johnnie Bell Cullum of Eustace, Texas; one brother, Gervis Dale (Jerry) Boss of Brownsville; 22 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

A son, James Vandygriff, preceded her in death on Dec. 21, 1996, and a grandson, Ronald Max Vandygriff, on Sept. 9, 2001.

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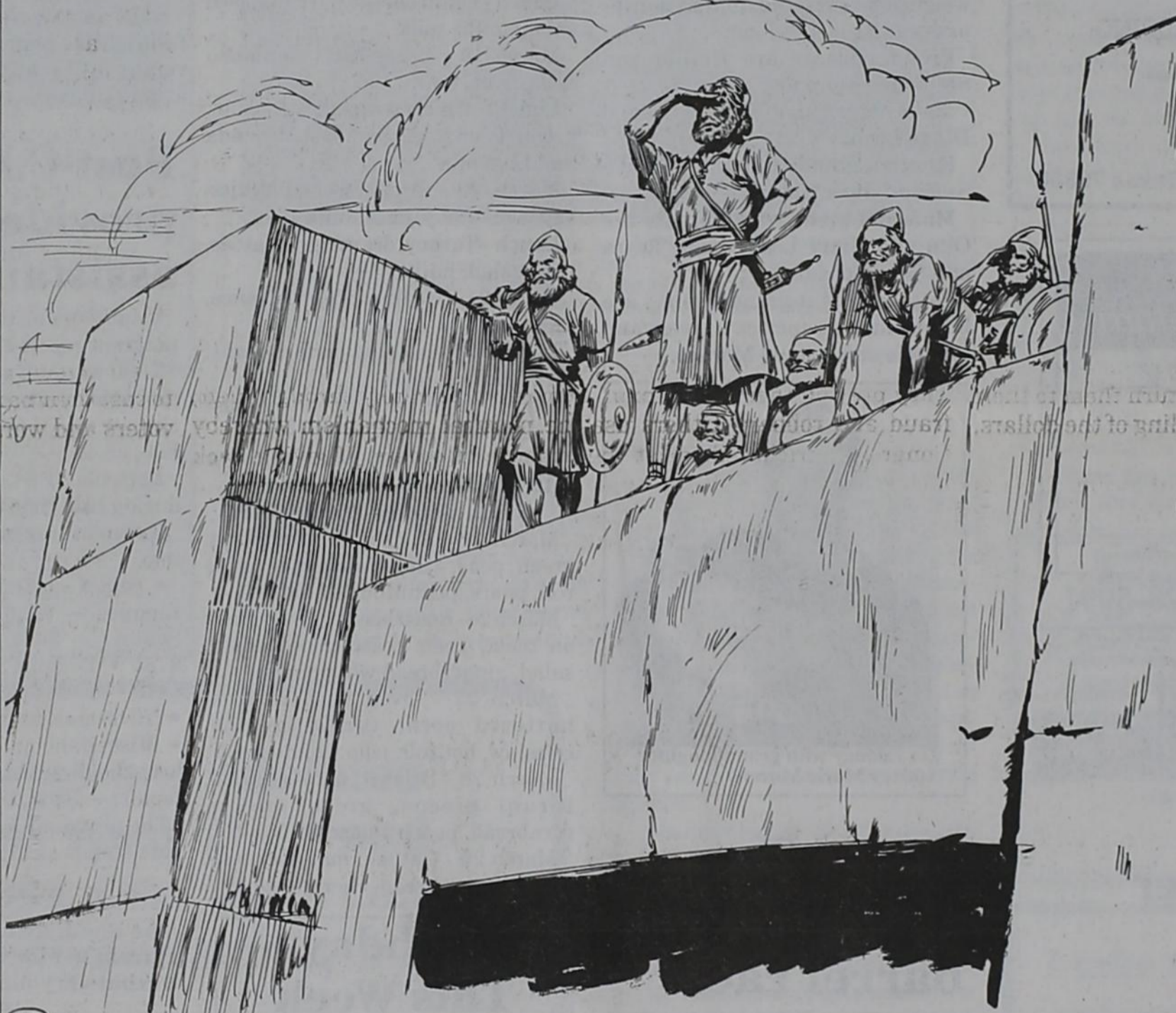
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Primary elections destroy the great republic

by Wes Burnett

Both major political parties continue to waste money, energy and resources in their method of selecting candidates, and wonder why their chosen ones disregard the party line. When the Democratic and Republican parties decided to go along with the primary election process almost 40 years ago, they turned their backs on the great American political traditions which established this once great republic.

I say once great republic, because it is obvious to most political observers that the U.S. electoral system has abandoned the principles of a republic form. By implementing a primary election process to choose their candidates, the two major parties gave up control of their philosophical base, choosing instead to go for the popularity contest so prevalent in a democracy.

The result of this democratization is evidenced by candidates who look, talk and sing about the same song. It's almost impossible to determine much difference between candidates of either major political party... they all seem to want to steal money from one set of folks and give it to another group. It's just a matter of how much and to whom the theft benefits.

So, the Republican party may have a solid conservative platform, but their candidates are not beholden to the party's philosophical position. Same with the Democratic party... the platform is meaningless, because candidates have to appeal to the mob through a popular vote. If they express the party's line, they might not get past the first hurdle, which is now a primary election.

Both major political parties scurry about trying to convince voters to cast their ballots in their primary election, which tends to confuse voters and worse, undermines the very essence of political parties.

What's it all about?

After all, what is the purpose of political parties? They are essentially private associations of like minded folks who pool their resources to elect candidates who will, hopefully, abide by the association's political goals and philosophy.

But in a democracy, the candidate must appeal to the broad mass of voters... therefore the final outcome is a president, for example, who wears the Republican patch, but consistently supports political agendas in direct conflict with his party's philosophy and platform.

Same is true for the Democrats... their candidates frequently jump on the Republican band wagon, when it appears that the mob is rooting for that position. That's why we see so much emphasis on polls. "The American people support this or that, 55 percent approve of this or that..." so the astute politician slides in behind the polls.

It's a crying shame that this great nation has degenerated into such a pitiful state of affairs. And the loss of our republic is a direct result of democratization, brought on by the major political parties who claim that the primary election process "gets the people involved."

True, but it also destroys any semblance of a republic form of government.

Candidates for elected offices understand the difficulty of the primary election system... it's expensive, it's time consuming and inefficient. Worse, it allows democracy to choose candidates, all but nullifying party political philosophy.

For instance, the Republican party has through the years stood for limited government, yet under their leadership at the national and state level, government intrusion in our lives has continued at a breath taking rate. It's as if the Republican leadership is trying out Democrat the democrats.

Then the Democratic party supports individual rights, but their elected representatives frequently support and vote for more aggressive government control over the courts and all facets of our economic life.

No wonder voters see Democrats and Republicans as "tweedle dee and tweedle dum." Because they appeal directly to the mob for election, there can be no big difference. Both major political parties seek the common denominator to get them elected.

So they promise more theft and distribution of the theft, because they think that's what the mass of voters want. Must be true, they keep getting elected.

Not enough productive folks

But sadly, the rights of individuals suffer in this desperate attempt to rob and plunder the productive people, who are fast becoming the minority. There'll come a time when this system will collapse simply from the weight of the theft. The number of takers will swamp the increasingly smaller number of givers, and eventually there'll be no productive ones to give.

It all starts with the selection of candidates for public office. We can only hope that Republican and Democratic party activists will take a moment to consider the value of choosing their candidates by county, district, state and national conventions and turn their backs on the primary election system.

Party activists should be choosing their candidates, and hold them accountable to the party's philosophy and platform. Otherwise, we might as well do away with party labels.

Editor's Note: There is one political party in Texas that has stood its ground on this matter. The Libertarian Party of Texas continues to select its candidates at county, district, state and national conventions. Their candidates are held accountable to the party's platform, because they are nominated and selected by party activists.

And thereafter, giving back

by Walter E. Williams

How many times have we heard people being applauded for "giving back"?

People seem to believe that, if you've been successful and made a lot of money, you're somehow obliged to give back by making donations to this or that cause, program or people. Giving back is not only a nonsensical idea but a dangerous one, as well. It reflects ignorance about the sources of income and at the same time provides fuel for demagogues and charlatans.

Depending on one's vision of the sources of income, giving back not only makes good sense but is a moral imperative, as well. Suppose income was simply a huge pile of money that was meant to be distributed equally. The reason some people are rich and others are not is because greedy rich people got to the pile first and took an unfair share. Giving back would be the right thing to do.

Another vision of the sources of income might be that income is distributed. In other words, there is a dealer of dollars. In this case, the reason why some people are rich and others are not is that the dollar dealer is a racist, a sexist or a multinationalist. Those to whom the mean dealer dealt too large a share of dollars should give back some of their ill-gotten gains. If they refuse to give back, then it's the job of government to confiscate their gains and return them to their rightful owners. In a word, there must be a redealing of the dollars, what some call income redistribution.

In a free society, income is neither taken nor distributed, it is earned. Income is earned by pleasing one's fellow man. The greater one's ability to please his fellow man, the greater is his claim on what his fellow man produces. This claim is represented by the size of his income.

Let's look at it. Say I mow your lawn. When I'm finished, you pay

me \$20. I go to my grocer and demand, "Give me two pounds of sirloin and a six-pack of beer that my fellow man produced." The grocer asks, "Williams, what did you do to deserve a claim on what your fellow man produced? I say, "I served him." The grocer says, "Prove it." That's when I pull out the \$20 I earned. We might think of those 20 dollars as "certificates of performance," evidence of service.

Free markets — along with peaceable, voluntary exchange — are morally superior to other alternatives. In order to make a claim on what my fellow man produces, I must serve him. Contrast that principle to government handouts, where a person is told: "You don't have to serve your fellow man. We'll take what he produces and give it to you."

Michael Jackson is rich. So is Steve Jobs and Michael Jordan. Henry Ford was rich, and so was Jonas Salk — but not Williams. Why? I can sing. I can also play basketball. The problem is that my fellow man is not as pleased by my performance as he is with Michael Jackson and Michael Jordan. Henry Ford became rich by making it possible for the ordinary person to own a car, and Jonas Salk helped eliminate a dreaded disease. You tell me what else do they owe anyone? They've already given.

In our society, there are people who should give back. These are the thieves and social parasites who live forcibly at the expense of others. They prey on their fellow man. Some do it privately through theft, fraud and robbery. Others use the political mechanism whereby Congress enriches them at the expense of others. If giving back means anything, it should apply to thieves and social parasites, not those who became wealthy by serving us.

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Brave street soldiers - dare to stand up for constitutional rights

(Continued from last week)

by Jack McLamb
 From Aid and Abett

One final thought for you brave street soldiers who want a truly invigorating experience, try this:

The next time you encounter, "professionally", one of these unusually concerned American Freeman, who has just told you that "he or she is not legally required to have a license", (and is now standing by to absorb your wrath), try extending your hand in friendship, put on a smile, and utter words something like this:

"My family and I thank you for your vigilance and commitment to our liberties, and we hope you will continue to fight and stand up for all of our Rights. May God go with you, my Countryman."

Risk potential

Yes, there is a risk to such actions taken by a Police officer. Not a risk to the officer, however, but to the "Freeman" - who may have a coronary attack at the scene. Several officers have written to express their own personal reactions, after having taken similar "irregular actions" when confronting a Freeman in an "enforcement" scenario. One officer said that it felt good, like he had just "pushed some tea in the harbor somewhere!" Another officer explained it this way:

"...for a fleeting moment... I really felt what it was like to be a friend of the motorist, instead of playing the role of the plunderous Sheriff of Nottingham!"

I think it's important to note that no officer, after having warmly greeted and congratulated a Freeman, without issuing a citation, has reported "the earth opening up and swallowing them."

Special request...

AID & ABET NEWS requests input on the proper implementation of an orderly method for returning to the days when Americans did not have driver's licenses, registrations, insurance, etc. It has been many years that police and other government agencies have used this information for what is believed to be for "the good of the community", i.e. investigating Hit & Runs, stolen vehicles, and other crimes where a vehicle was involved, to name just one such area.

"Just how can we continue to compete with the criminal element if government were to do away with such means of recognition" is one of the major questions that has perplexed many officers?

Recognizing that these requirements placed on the People by their government is a violation of their rights, and can not be enforced "legally" is only half the battle. What is needed now is a time of "cease fire," a moratorium for every Police officer to stop writing tickets for such laws. It is a time for officers to use their own good judgement.

Officers may find themselves pressured to continue to violate the people's rights by those whose only concern is government revenues and more government power and control. We, the "People's protectors",

must remember - "No one in government, not legislators, judges, bureaucrats, nor government superiors, can make a police officer violate his or her oath of office!"

That is a very personal decision that we each will make and live with. This is a time for reflection and research into which of these "restrictive devices", in the eyes of the public, and the eyes of the government, is actually NECESSARY, not "just nice to have".

It is important that logic rather than emotion be used to pave the way back to the time when an individual's rights were not trampled by swarms of government agencies and officials. IF WE CARE - IT CAN BE DONE.

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Our current state of affairs

It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read, or so incoherent that they cannot be understood; if they be repealed or revised before they are promulgated, or undergo such incessant changes that no man, who knows what the law is today, can guess what it will be tomorrow. Law is defined to be a rule of action; but how can that be a rule, which is little known, and less fixed?

-James Madison, Federalist Paper, #62.

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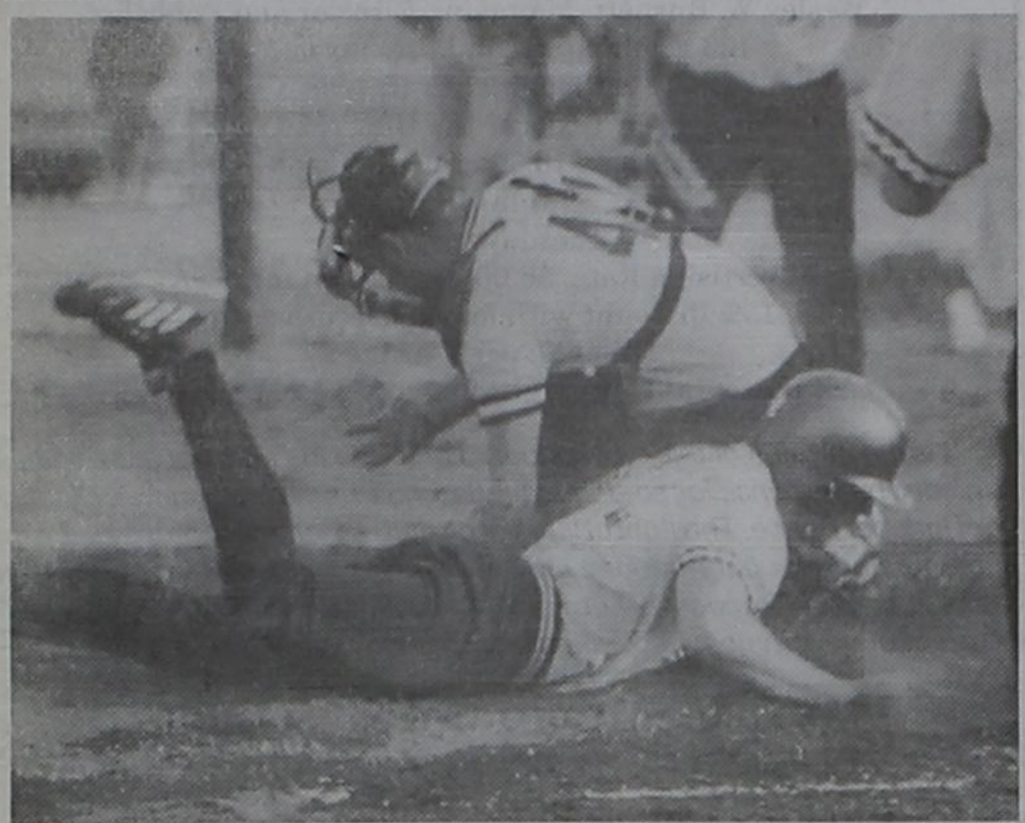
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Sports

Antelopes lead baseball pack with 11-1 record



Jon Eilenberger smacked an "inside the park" homerun, sliding into homeplate for a score during last Thursday's Caprock Tournament here. The 'Lopes have been picked at number eight in Class AA baseball polls.



Coby Jones rounds third base for the Post Antelopes in action here last Thursday. Coach Fred Postell (left) cheers on the runner.



Christina Zellmer, Christin Collier and Lyndee Strawn (right, left to right) take off for the Post Lady Lope track team during competition at Shallowater last week. (Photo by Susan Strawn).

In opening game action of the Caprock Invitational Baseball Tournament, Post rolled to an easy 10-0 win over Loraine.

Loraine had only three base runners in 17 at-bats in the five-inning run-rule shortened game. Loraine batted .063 collectively as a team with Post's offense coming in at .409.

Jon Eilenberger hit a two-run inside-the-park home run to gain the first inning lead. Post later added six runs in the second inning, aided by three triples.

Randon Blacklock (2-0) received first game pitching honors, going five innings with 63 total pitches, no runs scored, one hit, one walk and 10 strikeouts and only three balls hit out of the infield.

Batting for Post were Kenny Ratke, one walk; Bryan Looney, one on-base by hit batter; Roland Casteneda, one single, one triple, two RBIs; Eilenberger, one inside-the-park home run, one triple, three RBIs; Blacklock, one E-3 single, one double, two RBIs; Brody Robertson, one triple; Patrick Gonzales, one double; Coby Jones, one E-1 single, one single with one RBI; and Jett Lott, one E-5 single, one single and two RBIs.

Lopes edge Coahoma

In game two, senior Mikey Gonzales' double followed by Robertson's RBI single and Luis Zubia's line drive home run to left field provided the only runs for Post in a tight 2-0 defensive game against Coahoma.

Zubia's blast, his first of the season, helped back another good outing by junior right-hander Cody Fox. Fox (4-0) allowed no runs on three hits in seven innings, with two walks and 13 strikeouts.

Coahoma starter Ward took the loss, allowing two runs on four hits, with no walks and 13 strikeouts in six innings. Post's win was payback for Coahoma's 2001 playoff win over Post.

The 2002 regular season game was a defensive gem, with Post and Coahoma batting .191 and .124 respectively.

Offensively, the majority of Coahoma's outs were strikeouts or infield outs, with only two outs in the outfield. Post had only one outfield out.

Post (9-0) recorded their second consecutive shutout of the tournament. Batting for Post were Fox, one single; Mikey Gonzales, one double; Robertson, one single with one RBI; and Zubia, one solo home run.

Post takes Aspermont 6-4

Post's closest game to date in the tourney resulted in a 6-4 win over a strong Aspermont Hornet team. Aspermont came into the game with an 8-1 record, including a 3-0 record in the Caprock Tournament.

Looney (4-0), pitching the full six-inning time limit game, worked out of a sixth inning, bases-loaded, one-out jam. He struck out Aspermont's number three batter on three straight pitches for the second out and induced the Hornets' cleanup hitter into a 4-3 put out to preserve the Post win. Aspermont's first four batters hit .500 collectively on 7-14 hitting.

Aspermont tied the game in the top of the third, but Looney squelched the rally by getting three Hornets out on 10 pitches.

Casteneda, in Post's half of the third inning, gave the 'Lopes the lead once more with an RBI single, plating Mikey Gonzales who walked leading off. Post added two insurance runs in the fourth inning.

The game ended in the bottom of the sixth due to the time limit, with the bases loaded for Post and Casteneda at bat.

Looney's pitching stats showed six innings with four runs, four earned, 10 hits, two walks, no hit batters with eight strikeouts and two with bases loaded.

Hitting for Post were Ratke, one walk; Looney, one single; Fox, one single, one walk; Eilenberger, one walk, one single, one RBI; Mikey Gonzales, two walks and one single; Mitchell Mills, one single, one walk, one on-base by hit batter; one RBI; Casteneda, one single with one RBI; and Robertson, two on-bases by hit batter.

First loss of the season

The offensive malaise that had suddenly taken over the Post Antelopes baseball team had reached possibly a new low last Friday with the 'Lopes having played four games in two days. Excluding the 10-0 romp over a clearly outclassed Loraine team, the Antelopes averaged three runs per game in the remaining three-game Caprock Tournament.

Slaton Tigers' starter Mattson pitched seven innings to hold the Antelopes to just three hits in a 5-1 victory over Post. The Tigers (5-7) got all the runs they would need in the first inning on four runs, on three walks, one hit batter, one fielder's choice single with a missed tag at third and an E-6 single. Post's lone run was produced by Mikey Gonzales' 4-3 putout with plated

Randon Blacklock sitting on third base after a single in the seventh inning. Post stranded six runners on base and was just 1-6 with runners in scoring position. Post collectively batted .143 on 3-of-21 average.

Slaton's first four batters scored, with the Antelopes' tenacious defense holding Slaton to one score in the next 30 Tiger at-bats.

Post starter Blacklock (2-1) pitching for the second straight day went the seven-inning distance. His stats showed 130 pitches, five runs scored, five hits, six walks, three hit batters with nine strikeouts.

Batting for Post were Ratke, one walk and a single; Looney, one E-6 single; Casteneda, one double; Fox, one walk; Blacklock, one single; and Seth Redman, one walk.

Post, playing the last tune-up game before District 4-2A action begins Friday, held off a gritty Ira team to sweep the season series 11-1 and 5-3.

Post went ahead in the first inning on Ratke's lead off walk and Fox's RBI double. Ira plated two runs of their own in the bottom of the first and stranded three runners on starter Casteneda's bases-loaded strikeout.

Post scored one run, followed by three runs in the fourth and fifth innings, to open up a 5-2 lead. Post's defense and pitching allowed only 23 at-bats for Ira in the final six innings of play.

Casteneda (1-0) pitched his first 2002 game and overcame first inning hitters and control problems to shut down Ira's batters from the second through the fifth innings. He allowed on three base runners.

Casteneda's pitching stats showed five innings of work totaling 96 pitches, two runs on two hits, four walks, one hit batter and six strikeouts.

Pitching two innings of relief was Fox, also facing seventh 9inning control problems, giving up one run to get the save.

Batting for Post were Ratke, one walk, one E-3 single; Fox, one double, one RBI, one on-base by hit batter; Eilenberger, one on-base by hit batter, one single; Mikey Gonzales, two singles, one RBI; Mills, two walks; Casteneda, one double Robertson, one single with two RBIs; and Zubia, one single.

Post goes into district play at 11-1, cracking the Top 10 in Class 2A state rankings at number 8.



Brody Robertson takes a cut at a pitch during the Post Antelope's Caprock Tournament here last Thursday.

Lady Lopes take First Place at Shallowater

The Post High School girls raked in 178 points to win the March 8 track meet at Shallowater.

Kelly Moore and Manny Hernandez were named high point individuals with 29 points apiece.

A total of six teams competed.

Individual results were as follows:

- 3200 - Christin Collier, third place; Christina Zellmer, fourth place.
- 800 m - Tandi Humble, third place; Kaycee Gorman, fifth place.
- 100 hurdles - Kelly Moore, first place; Tayler Starkey, fifth place.
- 100 m - Meagan Hoover, second place; Amanda Workman, fifth.
- 800 relay - Short, Dunn, Starkey and Mills, second place.

- 400 m - Courtney Short, third place.
- 300 hurdles - Kelly Moore, first; Kaycee Gorman, fourth; and Tayler Starkey, sixth place.
- 200 m - Manny Hernandez, second place.
- 1600 m - Tandi Humble, second place; Lyndee Strawn, third place; Christina Zellmer, fourth place.
- 1600 relay - Mills, Hernandez, Hoover and Moore, first place.
- Triple jump - Manny Hernandez, second place; Kelly Moore, fourth place.
- High jump - Manny Hernandez, second place.

- Long jump - Meagan Hoover, second place.
- Shot put - Jessica Mason, third place; LaRinda Ledbetter, fourth place.
- Discus - LaRinda Ledbetter, fifth place.

The team's next meet will be Saturday in the hometown Caprock Relays.

J.V. girls compete at tennis tourney

In their first tennis meet, the Post junior varsity girls gave strong performances at the Triangular Meet in Slaton.

Cristina Zellmer lost to Robson of Idalou 8-0, then lost to Dominguez of Slaton 8-0.

Christin Collier lost to Dominguez of Slaton 8-4 and lost to Robson of Idalou 8-2.

Jana Schwarzkopf and Breann Heckaman lost to Lorena and Alyssa of Slaton 6-2, then beat Smith and Jones of Idalou 5-3.

Kristy Shifflett and Jennifer Reiter lost to Smith and Jones of Idalou 8-5, then beat Lorena and Alyssa of Slaton 8-1.

"I thought the girls did a good job being it was their first tennis meet ever," said Coach Daily, "and I think they will continue to improve."



Post Lady Lope varsity track team members at Shallowater last week are (back row, left to right) LaRinda Ledbetter, Erica Moore, Nikki Norman, Tayler Starkey, Donae Dalby, Jessica Mason, Amanda Workman, Logan Gregory, Yuri Lopes, Courtney Short, Tana Starkey, Kenda Josey, (middle row) Tandi Humble, Kelly Moore, Meagan Mills, Manuela Hernandez, Lyndee Strawn, Kaycee Gorman, Kayla Dunn, (front) Breann Heckaman, Meagan Hoover, Christina Zellmer and Christin Collier. (Photo by Susan Strawn)

Varsity tennis team shows improvement

Post High School's tennis teams continue to improve as they prepare for district play.

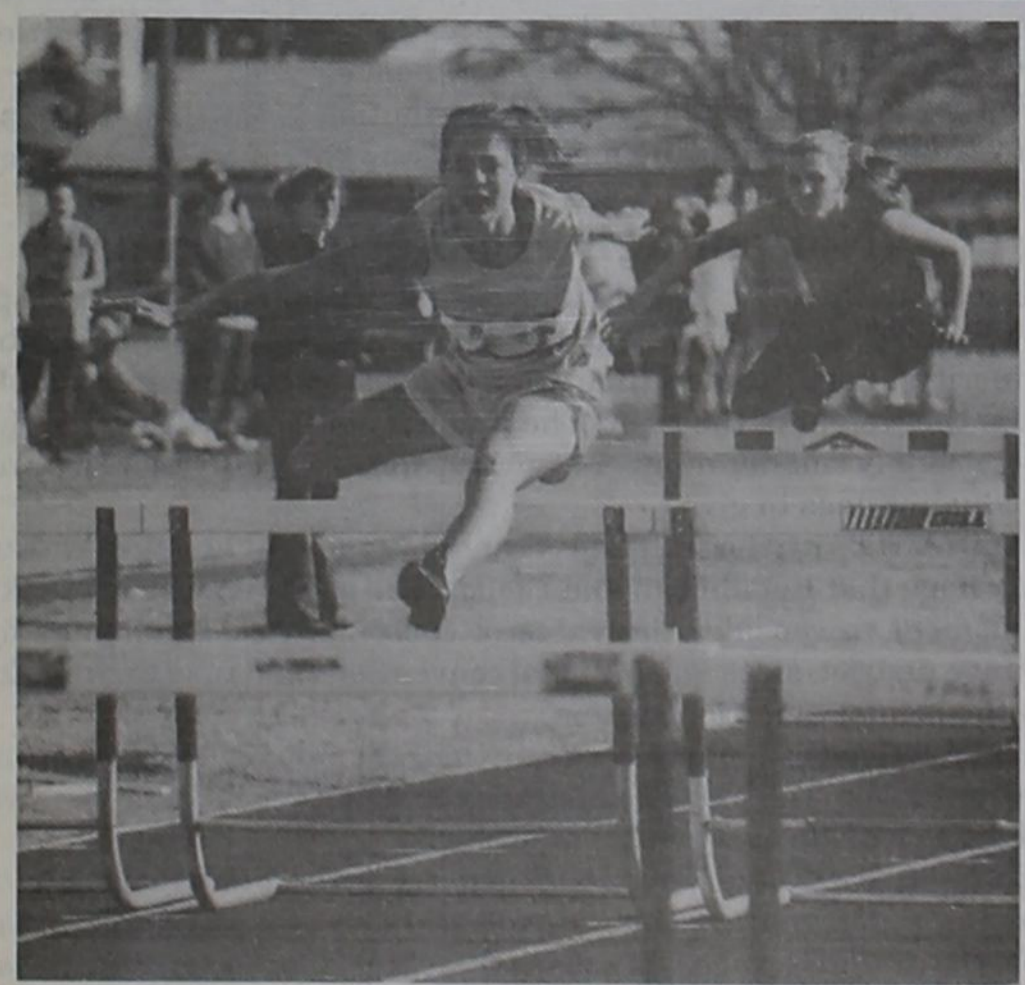
In the Plainview Tournament, Ledbetter lost to Pierre of Miami 8-2, then defeated Thane of Roby 8-5. She lost in the quarterfinals of the consolation bracket to Reddy of Floydada 8-7 in a tiebreaker.

C. Easterling defeated Miller 8-0 and then lost in the second round to Galvan of Floydada 8-4.

Vickers and B. Easterling drew a bye in the first round, beat Crossland and Zapeda in the second round 8-3 and then lost in the quarterfinals to Johnson and Weier of Knox City 6-2, 6-4.

"I think the kids are getting better and will be ready to compete well in district," the coach said.

The varsity tennis squad will be in Levelland this week.



Kelly Moore takes the lead in the 100 meter hurdles at Shallowater last week. (Photo by Susan Strawn)

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Earning All-District basketball honors are Post Lady Lopes (top, left to right) Tandy Humble, Honorable Mention; Meagan Mills, First Team; Emily Smith, First Team; (front) Kelly Moore, Defensive Most Valuable Player and Manuela Hernandez, Most Valuable Player. There were a total of 13 All District First Team selections, with four going to Post.

DNA weapon in war to save tuna from extinction

GALVESTON - What do tuna and buffalo have in common? Possible near-extinction for some tuna species, if better fisheries conservation methods are not adopted soon.

That's the implication of genetic research by Texas A&M University at Galveston (TAMUG) marine biologist Jaime Alvarado-Bremer. Using state-of-the-art DNA sequencing equipment, he is seeking to predict reproductive numbers of bigeye tuna, a rare type of the fish that sells for up to \$15,000 each (or \$20 to \$40 per pound in consumer terms) in

Rare squid found in Gulf of Mexico

COLLEGE STATION - Texas A&M University oceanographer William Sager spotted and photographed an unusual squid while investigating natural oil seeps deep in the Gulf of Mexico. The results of his serendipitous encounter will appear in Friday's (Dec. 21) edition of the prestigious research journal *Science*, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

"I've seen plenty of squid before," said Sager, a professor in both the departments of geology/geophysics and oceanography at Texas A&M, who observed the squid during a dive aboard the submersible ALVIN last summer. "Usually, they have long prehensile tentacles, several times longer than their bodies, but this squid was different. It had thin tentacles that stretched six to eight feet, at least, more like ten times its body length. And the tentacles looked much thinner and weaker than on a more usual squid.

"I had never seen anything like this creature," he continued. "It just hung there, looking at us, as if suddenly seeing ALVIN float up like a whale with lights was no big deal. We photographed and videotaped it for five to ten minutes, and when we got to shore, we went looking for someone who could identify it."

That someone was M. Vecchione of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Systematics Laboratory, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C. He confirmed that the squid in Sager's photos has also been observed in the depths of the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific oceans.

The *Science* article points out that the squid can't be positively identified until specimens are captured, but it appears to be a new species.

the Tokyo market.

Based on projections from earlier data obtained by French researchers, the bigeye tuna population was believed to be stable, but actual counts of the species yielded a significant number of "missing fish." Scientists discovered that young bigeye tuna were swimming in multi-species groups and so were being caught with more common varieties of the fish.

Current industry practices were unknowingly affecting the numbers of the rare species; the tuna killed as juveniles were deleted from the future reproductive mix, decreasing the species' genetic diversity.

Alvarado's DNA sequencing, funded by the National Marine Fisheries Service through the NOAA-Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program, aims to estimate the number of bigeye tuna females that contribute in a spawning event and thus give rise to new cohorts of juvenile tuna.

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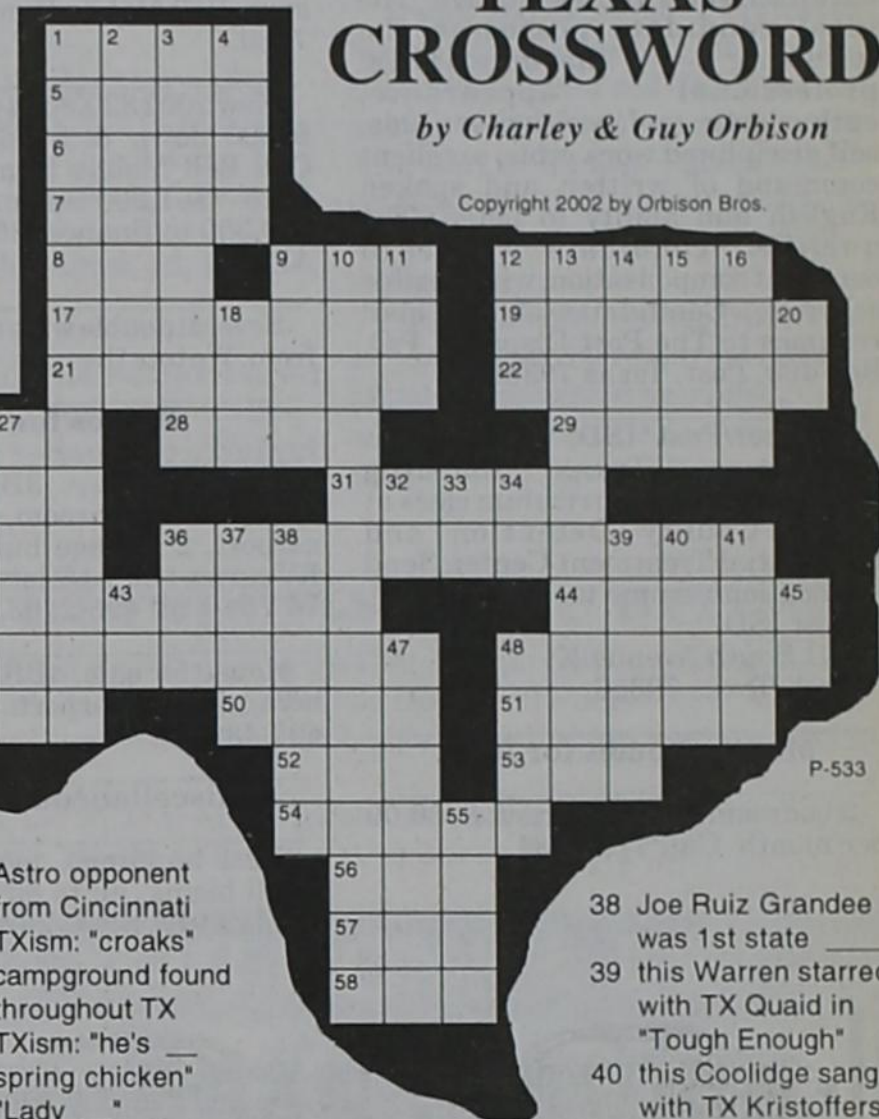
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What a beautiful sight

Coming into Post from the southeast as we pass over the overpass, there is a beautiful sight off to the left. That being the baseball park.

In my opinion, that could very well be the best-looking ball field in this part of the state. I would say whoever all had a hand in restoring the park so far deserves an applause. I suppose they are not finished yet, but the work so far is superb. I would suspect the kids are quite proud of it as well. I would think the visiting schools like it too.

Nevertheless, for whatever my thoughts are worth, I think it looks great. If any taxpayer money is involved, then I'd say it was well invested.

As for the new gym, I've heard a lot of people complain that it wasn't needed. Whether it was needed now or not, I don't know, but in the near future I would imagine it would have to be built anyway. So building it now is probably no doubt cheaper than five years from now, so kudos for the gym.

Having good facilities for the young folks to use may very well attract families to the community. In my opinion, the kids should be provided with the best possible facilities that can be afforded. The politicians are gonna waste the tax money anyway, so why not waste it on the kids?

As far as I know, I don't have any kids in the immediate area, but as far as I'm concerned, using my tax money on improvements for the kids is money well invested.

I'm not the only one to want the politicians to save my tax money. If they are planning on saving any of my tax money, then cut the taxes and let me do the saving. Otherwise, if there is available money, spend it on the present and the future. Let the wheels keep on turning!...

My opinion only,
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Another congressman blasted

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to us by a subscriber, expressing how many feel about current political leaders. It was written by a constituent of Congressman Scott McInnis in response to a letter from the congressman.

Dear Scott, I am deeply saddened by your attached letter.

When a Congressman begins boasting about his efforts to collect additional taxes, rather than about his efforts to provide tax relief to an already heavily overtaxed constituency, it is a sure sign that he has been co-opted by the Washington establishment, especially when he cites such liberal rags as the New York Times and LA Times as authority on the matter.

You were elected as a conservative—what happened? Doesn't it give you pause to be in political company with the likes of Charles Rangel on this issue?

Corporations do not pay taxes—only their shareholders do. Corporations merely serve as tax collection intermediaries on behalf of the government, further to extend its taxation of shareholders.

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It is not unpatriotic for a corporation legally to maximize its value to its shareholders. The government is supposed to exist for the people, not the people for the government, a founding concept of our country that now seems lost to the current generation of politicians.

I wish that my Congressman were in the vanguard of tax simplification (including reducing the extreme intrusiveness of the tax code into one's private affairs) and tax reduction, rather than promoting himself as a tool for the greedy hand of government.

When 96% of federal income taxes are paid by only one-half of the citizenry, and over 36% are paid by just 1%, we are dangerously close to the state of affairs that caused 18th century political philosophers to reject democracy as a viable form of government, out of a belief that once the majority realized its power to confiscate the wealth of a minority, they would proceed to do so, ultimately bringing about economic and social chaos and ruin.

The tepid and temporary tax reduction passed last year does hardly anything to slow this juggernaut. As a lifelong conservative Republican, I am ashamed and disgusted at my party for its sacrifice of principle to expediency.

God bless America,
Terry Rickard, Ph.D. Durango, Colorado



American adventurer Jim Bowie, who fell at the Alamo in 1836, actually adopted Mexican citizenship in 1830, two years after moving to what we now know as Texas.

Texas Stories

A Showcase of the Texas Spirit
by Tumbleweed Smith

The Winds of Springtime

March is the windy month in Texas. Somebody told me the other day, "It'd be all right if the wind didn't pick up that gritty dust." But then it wouldn't be Texas, would it?

The Texas winds are tame to those of New England. When my wife and I visited Mount Washington in New Hampshire years ago, we nearly froze in the snow, even though we were at the base of the mountain. In his book A Walk in the Woods, Bill Bryson relates a weather story.

On April 12, 1934, Salvatore Pagliuca, a meteorologist at the summit weather observatory on Mount Washington had an experience no one else has had before or since. Mount Washington gets a little gusty, to put it mildly. And this was a particularly breezy day.

During the previous twenty-four hours, the wind speed had not fallen below 107 miles an hour and often gusts much higher. When it came time for Pagliuca to take the afternoon readings, the wind was so strong that he tied a rope around his waist and had two colleagues take hold of the other end.

The men had difficulty getting the weather station door open and needed all their strength to keep Pagliuca from becoming a kind of human kite. How he managed to reach his weather instruments and take readings is not known, nor are his words when he finally tumbled back in.

A few come to mind, like GEEEEEEEEEEEE WHIZ! What is certain is that Salvatore had just experienced a surface speed of 231 miles an hour. Nothing approaching that velocity has ever been recorded elsewhere. In The Worst Weather On Earth, A History of the Mt. Washington Observatory, William Putnam writes, "there may be worse weather, from time to time, at some forbidding place on earth, but it has yet to be reliably recorded."

Among the Mount Washington weather station's many other records are: most weather instruments destroyed, most wind in twenty-four hours and lowest windchill (a combination of 100 mph winds and a temperature of -47 degrees, a severity unmatched even in Antarctica).

Mount Washington receives 246 inches of snow a year. In 1969, eight feet of snow fell on the summit in three days. On average, the wind blows at hurricane force (over 75 miles an hour) two out of three days during the winter and 40% of days overall. Because of the length and bitterness of its winters, the average mean temperature at the summit is 27 degrees.

The summer average is 52 degrees, a good 25 degrees lower than at its base. It is a brutal mountain and yet people go up there, or at least try to, even in winter. 122 people have lost their lives on Washington, the second most murderous mountain in North America.

Only Mount Denali in Alaska has claimed more. Washington is the highest peak north of the Smokies and east of the Rockies at 6,288 feet. It is the most popular summit in the White Mountains.

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