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Post Notes

Church offers Menudo sale

The Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th St., is offering a Menudo Sale Saturday, November 30 beginning at 9 a.m. Call Lydia or Norma at 495-3644 to place orders.

PHS sets adult education classes

Adult education classes are being offered at Post High School, beginning December 3. The classes will be held in the school's media center on Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. with instructor Ed Singleterry. Call the school at 495-2770 for details.

Lions Club seeks help for Toys for Tots

The annual Post Lions Club "Toys for Tots" program is seeking financial and new toy donations. Those interested in contributing should send donations to "Toys for Tots," P.O. Box 644, Post, Texas 79356 or bring new toys to Fashion Cleaners or Post City Communications CellularOne. Last year the Lions Club distributed toys to more than 100 needy children in Garza County. Call 777-4783 for more information.

"Lights for Gail" November 29

The annual lighting of the star on Gail Mountain will be held Friday, November 29 at 7 p.m. The "Lights for Gail" event includes an open house at the Borden County Courthouse and museum at 5 p.m. with refreshments.

CCA Awards Banquet Dec. 10

The Caprock Cultural Associations' annual awards banquet will be held Tuesday, December 10 at 7 p.m. at the Algerita Arts Center. The event will feature "Post Tasters," samples of specialties from Post eateries. Call 495-4148 for reservations. The cost is \$8 per plate.

VFW Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas Party

The Post VFW Ladies' Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting and Christmas party December 9 at 6 p.m. in the VFW Hall on the Clairmont Hwy. The event will feature a salad supper and exchanging of gifts.

Lions Club accepts applications for toys

The annual Post Lions Club "Toys for Tots" program is accepting applications from those who need help with toys for children at Christmas time. Applications are available at Fashion Cleaners or Post City Communications CellularOne. Deadline for applications for assistance is December 10.

Lighted Christmas Parade Dec. 7

Santa Claus is coming to Post for the annual Lighted Christmas Parade on historic Main Street, December 7 at 6 p.m. The Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau will award \$1,000 in prizes for float entries: first place, \$500; second place, \$300 and third place, \$100. The remainder will be donated to a local charity. Send entries to the bureau at P.O. Box 610, Post, Texas 79356 or call 495-3461. All entries must be lighted.

Antelope Booster Club Cookbook

The Antelope Booster Club is preparing a cookbook and seeks help gathering recipes. Information forms for the cookbook are available at the high school. The forms should be returned to Amy Easterling or any Antelope Booster Club member no later than December 6. Cookbooks will be available to purchase in time for Mother's Day.

Methodist youth taking orders for donuts

The First United Methodist youth are taking orders for Krispy Kreme donuts, with a December 10 deadline for orders. The donuts are \$6 per dozen and may be picked up Saturday, December 14 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the church's fellowship hall. Orders may be placed by calling 495-3739 or 495-2371. Proceeds will be used to fund the youth ski trip during spring break.

Community Christmas Sing Dec. 11

The annual Community Christmas Sing will be held Wednesday, December 11 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 216 W. 10th St. Any group, choir or individual interested in participating should contact Patty Kirkpatrick at 495-2868 or the Methodist Church office at 495-2942. The event is sponsored by the Post Ministerial Alliance.

Gail Toys for Tots

The drop-off point for Toys for Tots in the Gail area (Buckner's Children's Home) will again be in the Borden County courthouse. Toys and gifts for youths ages toddler through 18 must be deposited by Dec. 17.

VFW sets VA Hospital visit Dec. 19

Members of the Post VFW and Ladies' Auxiliary will host a Christmas party at the VA Hospital in Big Spring December 19. The caravan will leave Post at 5 p.m. Cookies or cake donations would be appreciated. Call Janet Ratliff at 495-2026 or any other member.

Post Dispatch "Merry Christmas" edition

The Post Dispatch will publish its annual "Merry Christmas" edition on Monday, December 23. Deadline for the special edition is Friday, December 20 at noon. The edition will feature the popular "Letters to Santa" from area children. Special advertising rates for Christmas greeting advertisements are also available, call Kerri Dean at 495-2816 to reserve space.

VFW hosts children's Christmas party

The Post VFW is hosting a children's Christmas party and visit with Santa December 21 at the VFW Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. Punch and cookies will be served and bags of fruit and candy will be given away.

A Cowboy Christmas at Garza Theatre

"A Cowboy Christmas" written and directed by Tim McIntire, will be presented at the Garza Theatre December 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, 20 and 21. Cast members are Joe Bass, Mark Martin, David Johnson, Clint Hill, Eric Reyna, Jay Young, Inez Seaborn, Stacy Bocko, Travis Garland, Charles Grair, Tuti Wales, Tianna Reyna and Zachery Kocurek. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.

Dr Galloway at Trinity Baptist Dec. 3

the public is invited to hear Dr Randy Galloway December 3 at 7 p.m. who will present a talk and film at Trinity Baptist Church concerning East Asian missions.

GCHCD continues plans for new hospital

Board members of the Garza County Health Care District continued to gather information at their Nov. 14 meeting on the possible reopening of a local hospital facility.

The board was scheduled to hear from three firms - Chapman Harvey Architects Inc. & Greenstreet Construction; Government Capital Corp.; and the Brycon Corp. - on facilities and funding options. The group received a 30-minute presentation from Chapman Harvey and was introduced to Brycon representatives; however, Brycon, a construction firm, and Government Capital officials are scheduled to be on hand at the board's Dec. 19 regular meeting to discuss additional options that might prove feasible.

"We're still fact-gathering," Tanya White, interim administrator, said. "We're trying to narrow (the options) down some to amounts, tentative costs, old building vs. new building."

White said the board continues plans for a public meeting where the various options can be detailed and reviewed for local taxpayers. That session, originally scheduled for mid-September, will likely be held in the early part of the year. District officials hope that by then they will have enough information in hand to provide several viable options for public consideration.

In other business, hospital district board members:

- Formally signed the updated ambulance agreement between the health care district, Garza County, the City of Post and the EMS. Plans call for the agreement to be reviewed on an annual basis, White said.

- Cancelled the \$500 monthly payments being made to the EMS. White said that in recent month, local governing bodies had been

fueling the financially struggling EMS with monthly allowances. Now that the EMS is on firm financial footing, the monthly payments are no longer necessary.

- Continued the discussion involving a proposed new contract with Covenant for local health care services. The existing contract operates on a month-to-month basis. No decisions were made regarding a new contract.

- Received routine reports. A total of 762 patients were seen at the clinic in the month of October, including 575 in-clinic visits and 187 "other services." Eleven people were enrolled in the indigent health care program as of Oct. 31.

Special Christmas story at Garza Theatre Saturday

"The Christmas Story... Told by Our Land and its People" will be held Saturday beginning at 7 p.m. in the Garza Theatre.

Sponsored by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau, the unique musical presentation is crafted from a broad perspective of how the holiday season "looks and feels" on the Great Plains landscapes through the experiences of the many cultures that populate the region.

The program will emphasize three dimensions of the mystery and reality of Christmas - late harvest/early December (anticipation); the Christmas season (celebration); and the time period following Dec. 25 (aftermath), according to a press release from the bureau. Musical selections will highlight original works composed by regional artists, sidlined by songs "from near and far that poignantly illustrate human longing, struggles of loneliness and poverty and hope-filled rebirth."

The narration of the program is designed to educate and underscore to the audience the connection between holiday music and the Christmas theme. Additionally, the presentation will introduce traditional songs performed in German, Spanish and English by varying cultures residing on the Great Plains.

The presentation will target individuals of all ages and will not only entertain, but also provide a "deeper appreciation of the meaning of Christmas... and a new awareness of how this season is inscribed in regional landscapes and richly celebrated by those who live here."

Tickets to the program are \$5 each and may be purchased from any bureau director or at the Commerce & Tourism office.

Autopsy indicates accidental drowning

Preliminary autopsy results indicate that a drowning which claimed the life of a 66-year-old Slaton man Nov. 17 at Lake Alan Henry was accidental.

Constable Daniel Yarbro said no signs of foul play had been found as a result of the investigation.

"It was a horrible accident," Yarbro said.

The body of Lee Maberry, a man described by Yarbro as an "avid fisherman," was pulled from the lake shortly after 5 p.m. Nov. 17.

When his body was recovered, Maberry was not wearing any type of life preserver.

"He was extremely familiar with the lake," Yarbro said. "We all knew him; we'd had fish fries at his trailer. He was just a good guy, immensely independent. He loved that lake and loved being down there."

Maberry's empty boat had been spotted early that morning and again at mid-day, but local authorities were not alerted until mid-afternoon.

Garza County officials began searching for the boat's missing occupant or occupants while members of the Lubbock Fire Department dive teams were on standby. A Department of Public Safety helicopter also assisted in the search.

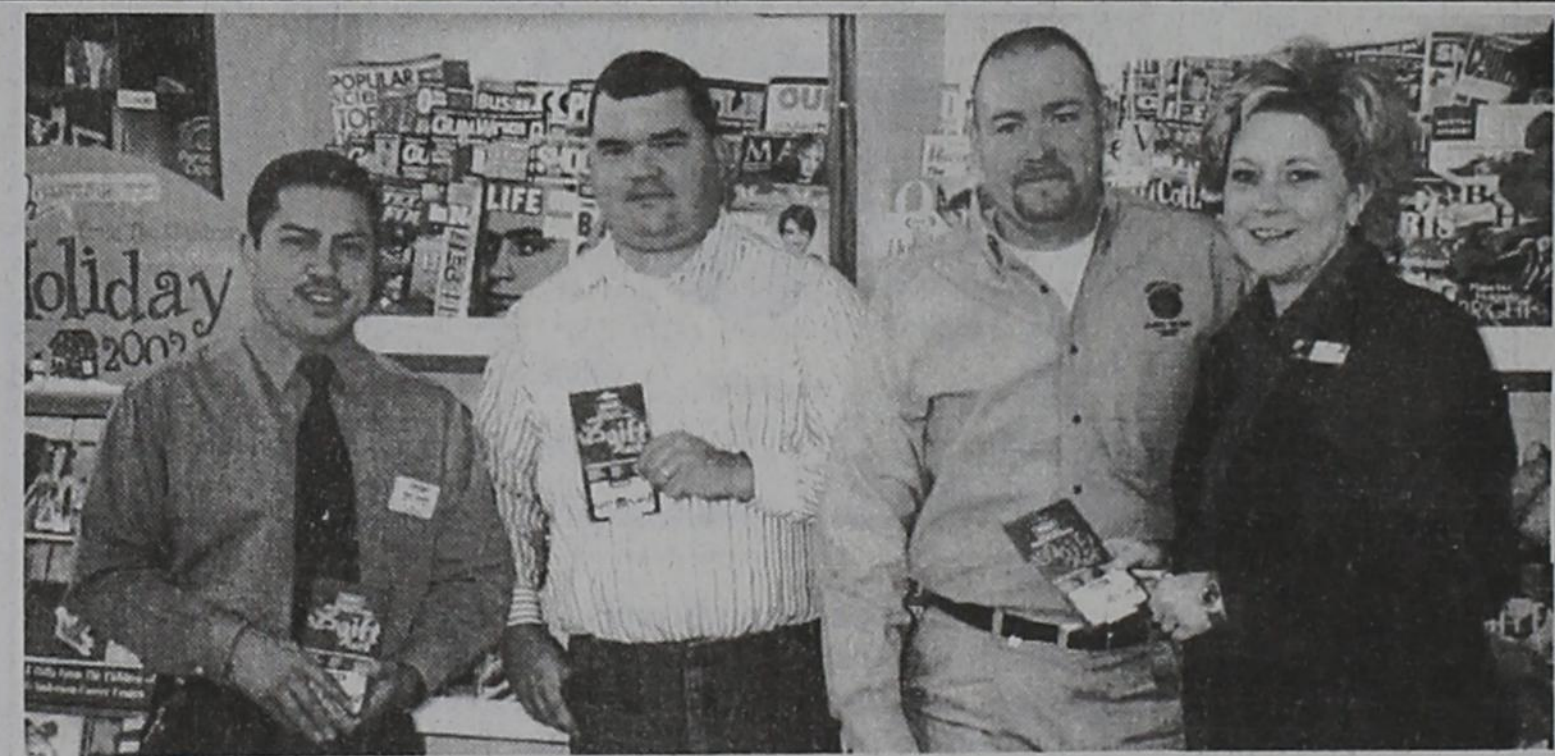
The body was located after a helicopter crew member reported seeing a floating object near the lake's spillway.

According to a Nov. 20 letter written by Capt. Richard Gully of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to County Judge Giles Dalby, it was Yarbro's quick action upon learning about the unoccupied boat that resulted in the quick recovery of Maberry's body.

"Had it not been for Constable Yarbro's decision to call in the DPS helicopter, the recovery ef-

fort could have been extended to days instead of hours," Gully's letter states. "Constable Yarbro also coordinated the search effort of several agencies from a command post under difficult circumstances."

In addition to citing Yarbro for a job well done, Gully also lauded the EMS, local law enforcement officials and other Garza County residents who assisted in the recovery effort.



Rudy Cuevas (left), representing United Supermarkets, and Jana Bullard (right), representing the Post Rotary Club, congratulate Richard Hudman (second from left) and Joel Terry, two of the three winners in the Rotary Club's recent fund raising raffle. Hudman won \$25 in groceries, Terry won \$100 and Greg Jones won \$75. Groceries were donated for the Rotary project by United Supermarkets. Funds are used to assist rotarR's polio eradication efforts.



Post Volunteer Firemen worked late last week controlling a fire on U.S. Hwy 84 near County Road 125 northwest of Post. A load of cotton bales caught on fire as it was being transported by Triangle Manufacturing of Slaton. No one was injured in the incident, but the trailer was considered a total loss. A suspected "hot" bale from the compress was blamed for the fire.

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Graham Chapel Church of Christ breaks ground for new building on Avenue S

Members of the Graham Chapel Church of Christ met Sunday afternoon to break ground for a new church building at the corner of Avenue S and 15th Street.

Quannah Maxey, 92-year-old member and son of one of the church's founding fathers, the late J.F. Maxey,

shoveled the first dirt at the site for the new church building.

Assisting in the ceremony were longtime church members Sue Maxey, Imogene Stone, Troy and Joyce Nelson, Mack and Lola Mae Ledbetter, Bobby and Jennie Cowdrey and Noel and Orabeth White.

The Graham Chapel Church was organized Sept. 21, 1908, by Bros. J.T. Wilbourn and Maxey, elders. Land for the original church site was donated by Wilbourn. Later, Bros. S.D. Lofton, R.P. Cowdrey, Z.P. Lusk, Augusta Stone and Maxey served as elders, preachers and teachers.

The church conducted many old-time singing schools with the talent passed on now to fourth- and fifth-generation members.

The church was designated as a Texas Historical Site in 1969.

After much prayerful consideration, the Graham Chapel Church membership has decided to relocate and build in Post, with the cooperation of the Post Church of Christ, in order to better be able to serve the Lord.

Land for the new building was donated by the Davies family. One of the Davies' granddaughters and her husband, Carol and Frank Tobias, are members of the congregation.

The future home of the Graham Chapel Church of Christ sign painted by James and Kylie Easterling was erected during the ceremony, followed by the group being led by Noel White in the singing of "We Shall Assemble" and "Holy Ground." A group prayer was led by several of the men present.



Members of the Graham Chapel Church of Christ broke ground last week for a new building at the corner of Avenue S and 15th Street. Joining in the ceremony were (left to right) Quannah and Sue Maxey, Imogene Stone, Lola Mae and Mac Ledbetter.

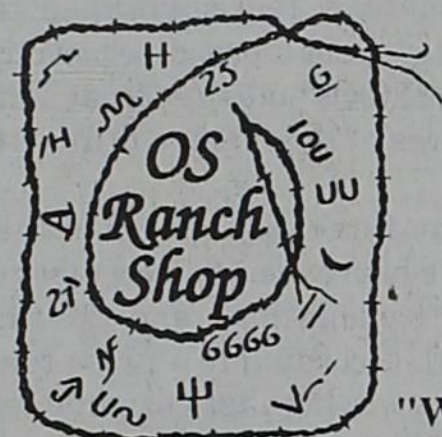
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Menus

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December 2: Breakfast - Biscuit & gravy, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch - Tacos, lettuce & tomatoe, pinto beans, rosey applesauce, cornbread, milk

December 3: Breakfast - Pop Tart, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch - Frito pie, ranch style beans, broccoli, corn bread, cobbler, milk

December 4: Breakfast - Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk

Lunch - Salisbury steak, brown gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, juice bar, milk

December 5: Breakfast - Malt-o-meal, toast, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch - BBQ on bun, pinto beans, salad, ice cream, milk

December 6: Breakfast - Cereal, toast, fruit, orange juice, milk

Lunch - Cheeseburger, H.B. salad, tater tots, peaches, milk

Amity Study Club enjoys pre-Christmas program

by Louella Bilberry

Christmas in November! Yes! Amity Study Club got a great show of Christmas last Tuesday night. We got a "tour" of Jackie Cruse and Theresa Dogget's shop.

We were surrounded by Santa Clauses in all stages of development! The faces, the gentle eyes, their smiles are wonderful. We saw bears! Big ones, little ones. I saw two little girl dolls with the most beautiful faces! They steal your heart.

We saw their workshops - each has their own territory. We saw a large roll of beautiful wine-colored velvet that had beautiful gold embroidery!

Theresa and Jackie told us some of their trips they have made to develop and now promote their business.

They are not shy at all in giving God credit for their success. Both have raised prayers for guidance. They dared to dream big and they have worked hard to bring those dreams to reality.

Thank you, Jackie and Ter, we were impressed.

We then moved on to the home of Edna Owen for our regular meeting and business. We brought our items for Victim Assistance and now we will be working to get names for our annual Christmas Greeting page in the Post Dispatch.

This is our only fund "raiser" for the scholarship we give each year. Our price hasn't gone up - still just \$3 for the names. We each have our lists from last year, so - we will be calling. Just think! You will be sending a Christmas greeting to hundreds of people and you won't have to stick a single stamp!

Edna Mae served us cheese and crackers, olives, nuts, cake, coffee and a hot fruit punch.

Members in attendance were Sandra Alexander, Patsy Bilbo, Margaret Bull, Ginger Carlisle, Jane Davis, Joy Dickson, Juanelle Etheredge, Naomi Matsler, Janey Middleton, JoAnn Miller, Joy Poole, Kathy Rankin, Carolyn Sawyers, Ruth Ann Young and a guest, Shelia White of Houston, who was visiting

Juanelle.

Our roll call was fun - FA Memorable Christmas Decoration. Many mentioned making paper chains, stringing popcorn and cranberries. I couldn't remember a thing except my dad brought us Roman candles and sparklers!

Tandi Humble earns \$1,000 scholarship

Tandi Humble, a freshman at Texas Tech University, was recently named the recipient of the Giles & Louise McCrary Endowed Scholarship for \$1,000.

Humble also was the recipient of a Texas Tech Presidential Endowed Scholarship for the 2002-2003 year.

A food and nutrition major specializing in general dietetics, Humble is the daughter of Fred and Pam Humble of Post.

Thanksgiving Blessings



Thanksgiving is an important occasion because it not only reminds us to count our blessings, but to recognize the importance of being good neighbors. And when neighbors work together, everyone prospers.

We're pleased to be able to pitch in and help our neighbors, and thank all of you for your trust and support. May your Thanksgiving holiday be rich in the blessings of family and friends, as you have blessed us with the gift of your friendship.

In observance of Thanksgiving, we will be closed on Thursday, November 28th.



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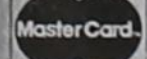
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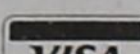
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Extension Extras

Ag Committee

An Ag Improvement Committee meeting will be held on Monday, December 2 at 12 Noon at the Extension Office. All members and FAC Committee members are invited to help complete the Ag Increment Report.

EPC Annual Meeting/Commissioners' Luncheon

The Extension Program Council (EPC) annual meeting will be held December 9, 2002, at the Extension office at 215 West Main in Post. All Program Area Committee members and the Executive Board are invited to attend beginning at 12:00 Noon. The County Commissioners' Court will be recognized for their support of the Extension program in Garza County. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by Noon Friday, December 6, 2002, at 495-4400.

Ag Irrigation Conference

An Ag Irrigation conference will be held in Tahoka December 17, 2002, at "The Center". All interested producers make plans to attend. More on this conference later.

Showmanship Clinic/Livestock Quiz Bowl

A Showmanship Clinic and Livestock Quiz Bowl will be held Saturday, December 14, 2002, at the show barn. All 4-H and FFA exhibitors are invited to attend. Schedule: 10:00 a.m.-Goats; 11:00 a.m.-Lambs; 1:00 p.m.-Quiz Bowl; 2:00 p.m.-Hogs; 3:00 p.m.-Steers. Bring your livestock.



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Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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Home for the Holidays- Successful Event

The annual Home for the Holidays program sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension and Family and Consumer Sciences Agents from Borden, Garza, Lynn, Mitchell, and Scurry Counties was held in Garza County on November 18th at the Post Community Center.

Approximately 50 guests enjoyed various dishes prepared by the county agents. Dish selections included Cranberry Pork Roast prepared by Julie Neitsch of Garza County, Victorian Cream and Pumpkin Pie Dip prepared by Beth Dannheim of Scurry County, Easy Cheesy Bread prepared by Mary McMullen of Mitchell County, Butter Pecan Green Beans prepared by Elizabeth Jones of Lynn County, and Pumpkin Crunch Dessert prepared by Julie Mumme of Borden County.

During the festive tea, music selections such as "Over the Rainbow," "Dear Heavens and Gentle People," and "I'll be Home for Christmas" were provided by Jane Mason of Post and accompanied by LuAnne Terry also of Post. Participants then enjoyed "Stocking stuffer and Christmas gift ideas" presented by Thressa Harp of Post.

She shared her ideas on how to make a Santa's Footprint Kit, Apple Cider Muffs, Christmas Morning Bagel Wreath, and also how to decorate a buffet table. Julie Mumme, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent from Borden County concluded the evening by presenting "How to Decorate Your Holiday Foods-Garnishing Demonstration." Thank you to all of those who made this program possible!

Home for the Holidays is an annual event held by the five counties mentioned above. The program is open to the community and we would enjoy having all interested persons or parties participate again next year! For more information about this event please call the Extension Office at 495-4400.

Thanksgiving Recipes

Sweet Potato Casserole

3 cups mashed sweet potatoes- cooked, 1 cup brown sugar, 2 eggs lightly beaten, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1/2 cup milk, 1/2 cup melted butter Topping: 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/3 cup flour, 1/3 cup melted butter, 1 cup chopped pecans.

Combine first 6 ingredients into a buttered casserole dish. Mix ingredients together; sprinkle on top of casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serves 6-8.

Baked Ham with Glaze 1 cup honey, 1/2 cup molasses, 3/4 cup orange juice, 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard, 1 (6-8 pound) smoked ham half

Microwave honey and molasses in a 1-quart glass dish at high for 1 minute. Whisk to blend. Whisk in juice and mustard. Remove skin and fat from the ham, place in a lightly greased 13x9 pan. Make 1/4 inch deep cuts in ham in a diamond pattern.

Pour glaze over the ham. Bake on a lower oven rack at 350 degrees for 2 to 2 1/2 hours or until a meat thermometer inserted into the thickest portion registers 140 degrees, basting every 15 minutes with the glaze.

Remove from the pan, reserving drippings. Cover ham and chill if desired. Chill reserved drippings. Remove and discard fat from drippings. Bring drippings to a boil in a small sauce pan. Serve warm with ham. Yield: 12 to 14 servings.

Recipe by: Mary McMullen, Mitchell County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hello for one more week.

Did we have a weather change or what? But what a nice way to boost your Christmas spirit. There is just something about 65 and 70 degree weather to make it hard to get in the mood for Christmas.

This is going to be a short Jabberin since I had an early deadline to meet, so I'm sending to you a Thanksgiving poem that I received from my niece Cindy Herridge of Gail. It is too cute not to print so enjoy.

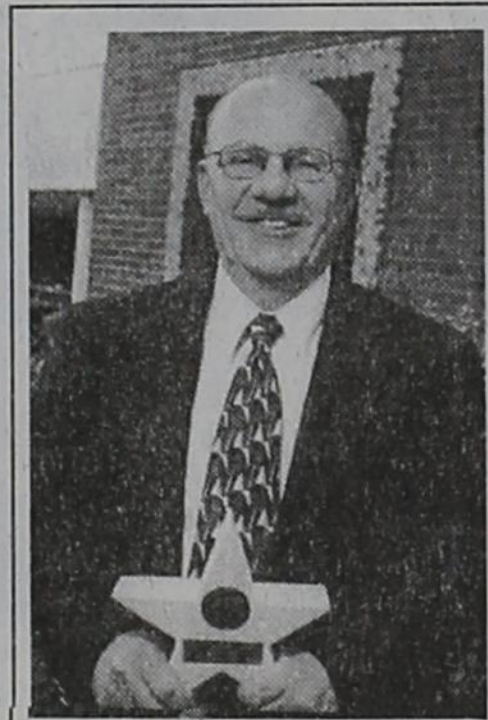
TxDot recognizes exceptional service

The Vehicle Titles and Registration Division of the Texas Department of Transportation recently announced the 2002 Star Award winners. Lubbock Regional Manager Bobby Meeks was selected as the regional representative for the special award that recognizes his exceptional service to the division and its customers.

"Bobby has truly proven to be a great asset to this division," said VTR Director Jerry Dike. "His dedication and expertise in vehicle registration and titling has always been helpful for his co-workers, tax assessor-collectors and VTR customers."

Originally from the Slaton area, Meeks began his career with TxDOT as a title examiner in the Lubbock regional VTR office. He has been the Lubbock regional manager for 20 years and his main role is to provide assistance to county tax office personnel and the public in registration and title procedures.

"The VTR Star Award has always given special recognition to VTR employees who have gone above and beyond in providing excellent customer service," Meeks said. "It is wonderful to receive this award and to be distinguished with the honorable reputation that comes with it."



Bobby Meeks

A THANKSGIVING POEM
'Twas the night of Thanksgiving,
But I just couldn't sleep
I tried counting backwards
I tried counting sheep
The leftovers beckoned-
The dark meat and white
But I fought the temptation
With all of my might
Tossing and turning
With anticipation
The thought of a snack
Became infatuation,
So, I raced to the kitchen
Flung open the door
And gazed at the fridge
Full of goodies galore
I gobbled up turkey
And buttered potatoes,

Pickles and carrots,
Beans and tomatoes.
I felt myself swelling
So plump and so round,
'Til all of a sudden
I rose off the ground.

I crashed through the ceiling,
Floating up to the sky
With a mouthful of pudding
And a handful of pie
But I managed to yell
As I soared past the trees...
Happy eating to all..

Pass the cranberries, please
May your stuffing be tasty,
May your turkey be plump.
May your potatoes 'n gravy
Have nary a lump
May your yams be delicious
May your Thanksgiving dinner
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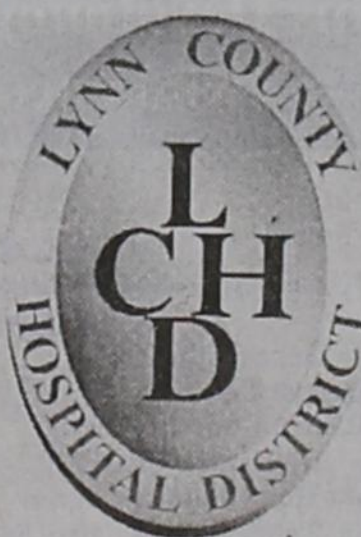
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Thanks to PHS students

I would like to take the time to extend my gratitude to the Post High School

National Honor Society and all the students who so graciously donated canned food recently. I also want to thank Mrs. Dalby, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Daniell, Mrs. Reece and

Mrs. Guthrie and their elementary students for all of the stuffed animals and food that they have donated over the past two months.

The overwhelming generosity shown by these teachers and their students proves that Post truly is a great place to be.

Each of the items donated will help provide food and comfort for many families in our community. Again, thank you and God bless.
Jayta Cravy Victims' Assistance Program

There is always someone better...

I heard somewhere along the way "If you lose, don't lose the lesson". I wonder if Texas Tech may have learned anything while up in Oklahoma prowling around?

I learned in a simple place called a barroom, that the bigger they are, the harder they fall. The worst enemy I believe I ever encountered was myself. Seemed like ever time my ego got out of hand and I got carried away, patting myself on the back, I always fell off the ladder to the top and had to go back to the first rung to start over.

I heard someone say the reason they were so good, was all their good players were from the State of Texas. (OU) It would be my guess that the Texans went to Oklahoma to learn the proper procedures of the game of football. Over the years, Oklahoma has produced many champions, ever thing from movie stars, to rodeo champs, to ball teams, and country & western singers, not to exclude professional alcoholics like myself.

Having been raised in Oklahoma, I suppose I am still a distant fan of the great state. So when the game was over

Saturday nite, and the scored looked like a basketball-hockey game combination, 60 to 15, I think I may have smiled to myself and sent OU a silent "Atta Boy," and to Texas Tech, like the bumper sticker says: "S— Happens"....

As I see it and my opinion only,
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Time is a circus always packing up and moving away.
—Ben Hecht

Dreams are the touchstones of our character.
—Henry David Thoreau



The island nation of Jamaica gets its name from an Indian word meaning "island of Springs."

Don't be "consistent," but simply true.
—Oiver Wendell Homes

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God will make a way where there seems to be no way,
He works in ways we cannot see, He will make a way for me.
He will be my guide, Hold me closely to His side,
With love and strength for each new day,
He will make a way, He will make a way.



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Facts About The BIBLE BY JOHN LEHTI

'OFF WITH HIS HEAD!'

AMONG THE ANCIENT RULERS WE FIND SOME TYRANTS WHO TOOK THE LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS. WHEN DISPLEASED WITH ONE OF THEIR SUBJECTS IT WAS NOT UNUSUAL FOR THEM TO BELLOW, "OFF WITH HIS HEAD!" NO ONE QUESTIONED THEIR AUTHORITY OR COULD DEMAND A COURT TRIAL. IT WAS JUST AN OPEN AND SHUT CASE! ON THE OTHER HAND THE ISRAELITES WERE UNDER MOSAIC LAW WHICH PRESCRIBED CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR ALL PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE ACCUSED OF A CRIME. IT FELL TO THE ELDERS, MEN OF MATURE AGE, TO JUDGE THE OFFENDER, CONSIDERING ALL THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM AND FINALLY DECIDE HIS INNOCENCE OR GUILT. THE MORALITY OF THE MOSAIC LAW, STRICT AS IT WAS GAVE EACH ACCUSED THE PERSONAL DIGNITY OF PRESENTING THE FACTS OF HIS CASE. THE PETTY RULERS DESTROYED HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY JUDGING ALL CASES ON THE BASIS OF THEIR OWN NARROW VIEWPOINT—USUALLY IN AN AROUSED STATE OF ANGER. THE LAWS WHICH THE ISRAELITES ADHERED TO ALTHOUGH THEY WERE SEVERE, WERE MORALLY EXACT.



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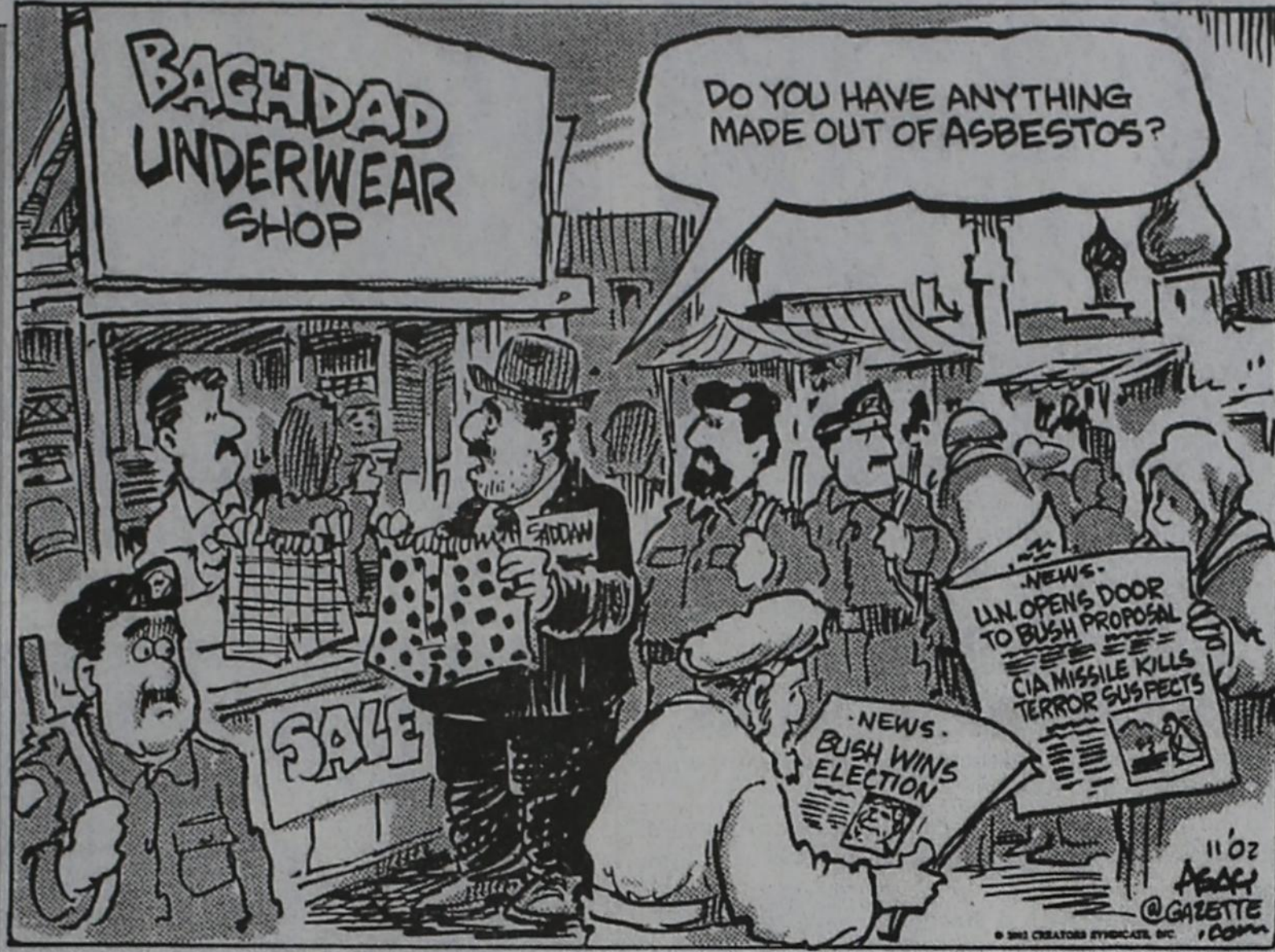
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Embarrassment and Illegality of the No-Fly Zones

by Jacob G. Hornberger

President Bush's "zero tolerance" for Iraqi violations of UN resolutions has apparently dropped to "two percent tolerance." According to administration officials, Iraqi forces have once again fired on U.S. planes patrolling the no-fly zones in Iraq, which U.S. officials had previously claimed would constitute an immediate justification for invading Iraq, not only under the principle of "self-defense" but also for violation of the recently passed UN resolution.

The Bush administration, however, is backing off and so far is not using the shootings as a "self-defense" excuse to invade Iraq, and so far isn't even taking the matter to the UN Security Council. There's a very good reason for the government's decision: Despite their mild protestations to the contrary, U.S. officials know that the no-fly zones have been illegal from the get-go.

And their decision not to use either "self-defense" or violation of the UN resolution as a justification for invading Iraq is an implicit acknowledgment of that illegality. The no-fly zones were unilaterally established by the U.S. government after the Persian Gulf War, supposedly to enforce UN resolutions on Iraq.

There was one big problem, however: The United Nations never authorized the no-fly zones to be established. U.S. officials have always claimed that the U.S. government, as a member of the United Nations, has the right to unilaterally enforce any resolution of the United Nations. Such a position, however, is patently fallacious.

Enforcement of an organization's rules and regulations belongs to the organization itself, not to each and every individual member of the organization. Several years ago, the U.S. government knowingly, intentionally, and deliberately imposed an illegal embargo against Nicaragua. The case reached the World Court, which ruled in favor of Nicaragua and against the United States.

As part of its judgment, the World Court awarded reparations to Nicaragua. That official court judgment is still outstanding and remains unsatisfied. The U.S. government has continually refused to comply with the judgment and has even blocked attempts of the UN Security Council to enforce it.

Suppose Nicaragua unilaterally decided to enforce the World Court's judgment by establishing a no-fly zone in the southern part of the United States, backed up with Nicaraguan planes. Suppose also that whenever U.S. radar sites locked onto the Nicaraguan planes, the pilots would fire missiles at the sites, which would occasionally kill American radar operators and nearby civilians.

What would be the response of the U.S. government? How would the American people react, both to Nicaragua's "U.S. no-fly zone" and to the killings of U.S. citizens? Everyone knows the answer.

What does the illegality of the Iraqi no-fly zones say about the hundreds of Iraqi people who have been killed by the missiles that have been fired and the bombs that have been dropped as part of the U.S. government's long-time enforcement of the zones, including 13-year-old Omran Harbi Jawair, whose head was torn off by a no-fly-zone missile while he was tending his sheep in May 2000?

How does one morally justify the killings of people that arise out of an illegal act? The Bush administration is correct in backing off from its "zero tolerance" policy for invading Iraq because it would be wrong to use Iraq's response to an illegal act to justify such an invasion.

The Bush administration will have to look elsewhere for its excuse to invade Iraq.

Also, see "Terrorism ... or War?" by Jacob G. Hornberger, published more than year before the 9/11 attacks: <http://www.fff.org/comment/ed0600f.asp> Mr. Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation (www.fff.org), in Fairfax, Virginia.

FFF THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

"No one can read our Constitution without concluding that the people who wrote it wanted their government severely limited; the words "no" and "not" employed in restraint of governmental power occur 24 times in the first seven articles of the Constitution and 22 more times in the Bill of Rights." — Edmund A. Opitz

"A very good case can be made, on moral as well as economic grounds, for a system in which the individual is required to stand on his own feet, not to lean on the state for handouts. Character, resourcefulness, capacity are formed and developed in struggle with obstacles, not in waiting passively for benefits from outside." — William Henry Chamberlin

The Homeland Security Monstrosity

by Ron Paul
 United States Congressman

Congress spent just a few short hours last week voting to create the biggest new federal bureaucracy since World War II, not that the media or even most members of Congress paid much attention to the process.

Yet our most basic freedoms as Americans — privacy in our homes, persons, and possessions; confidentiality in our financial and medical affairs; openness in our conversations, telephone, and Internet use; unfettered travel; indeed the basic freedom not to be monitored as we go through our daily lives have been dramatically changed.

The last time Congress attempted a similarly ambitious reorganization of the government was with the creation of the Department of Defense in 1947. Back then, congressional hearings on the matter lasted two years before President Truman finally signed legislation. Even after this lengthy deliberation, however, organizational problems with the new department lasted more than 40 years!

What do we expect from a huge bureaucracy conceived virtually overnight, by a Congress that didn't even read the bill that creates it? Surely more deliberation was appropriate before establishing a giant new federal agency with 170,000 employees!

When the Homeland Security department first was conceived, some congressional leaders and administration officials outrageously told a credulous rank-and-file Congress that the new department would be "budget neutral."

The agency simply would be a reorganization of existing federal employees, we were told, and would not increase the federal budget. In fact, the agency was touted as increasing efficiency, rather than

expanding federal power.

Of course the original 32-page proposal sent over by the White House quickly grew to 282 pages in House committees, ending up at more than 500 pages in the final version voted on last week with a \$3 billion price tag just for starters. The sheer magnitude of the bill, and the technical complexity of it, makes it impossible for anyone to understand completely.

Rest assured that the new department represents a huge increase in the size and scope of the federal government that will mostly serve to spy on the American people. Can anyone, even the most partisan Republican, honestly say with a straight face that the Department of Homeland Security does not expand the federal government?

The list of dangerous and unconstitutional powers granted to the new Homeland Security department is lengthy. Warrantless searches, forced vaccinations of whole communities, federal neighborhood snitch programs, federal information databases, and a sinister new "Information Awareness Office" at the Pentagon that uses military intelligence to spy on domestic citizens are just a few of the troubling aspects of the new legislation.

To better understand the potential damage to our liberties, I strongly recommend a November 14th New York Times op-ed piece by William Safire entitled "You Are A Suspect." The article provides a devastating critique of the new Homeland Security bureaucracy and a chilling warning of what the agency could become.

The article can be read on my website, under the section entitled "Speeches."

Dr. Ron Paul is a Republican member of Congress from Texas.

I need provocation now!

by Sheldon Richman

It's shocking how the quality of America's leaders has declined over the decades. Do you believe that the U.S. government is actually contemplating an unprovoked war against Iraq? Think about that: Iraq has staged no attack on the United States. You can't count the firing on American military aircraft.

That's occurring over Iraqi territory. Besides, those planes have been bombing Iraqis, and killing civilians, for more than a decade. Iraq's response is hardly unreasonable. What President Bush is planning to do is highly unbecoming to a Great Power. It is virtually unprecedented. This is not what Great Powers do.

On the contrary, when Great Powers want to go to war, they fabricate a provocation. Are Mr. Bush and his brilliantly talented advisors so unimaginative that they cannot come up with an incident? If that's the case, then as I said, the quality of American leadership has deteriorated to an embarrassing degree.

We really must do something about this. Where do these people learn their trade? It is not as though this government has no role models to emulate. When President William McKinley and newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst wanted war with Spain (and a little foreign real estate), they seized on a mundane event — probably a boiler explosion on the Maine — as a casus belli. Voilà! America was an empire. Piece of cake. Woodrow Wilson was equally adroit at this sort of thing. After the German Kaiser unleashed his submarines in response to Britain's cruel and illegal starvation blockade in 1917, Wilson armed and gave protection to American merchant ships carrying munitions to Germany's enemy.

When ships were torpedoed while in the announced submarine area, that was all the provocation Wilson needed to get into the war to end war, the war for democracy, the war that turned much of Europe and Asia into a slaughterhouse. Nor was the ever-imaginative Franklin Delano Roosevelt any slouch at maneuvering the other guy into "firing the first shot," as one of his people put it.

The Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor may or may not have been a complete surprise to him. Maybe he expected the target to be the Philippines. But there is no question that he did his utmost to get the Japanese to do something. Attempts to goad the German U-boats to attack American ships had failed.

But a couple years of economic warfare aimed at strangling the rival Japanese empire did the trick. Lyndon Johnson learned well. Years of ghastly war and the deaths of 58,000 Americans and two million Vietnamese followed the Gulf of Tonkin "incident." What was that?

As far as we know, there were some blips on a radar screen aboard an American military ship that shouldn't have been anywhere near Vietnam anyway. But, hey, it worked. President Johnson got his war, which we had to pursue for so long because, well, it's bad for an empire to lose credibility. We had to cut off our nose to save our face.

Politics is like that. Since then, the wars have been smaller, almost routine. But some kind of provocation has been needed. Something about the American character still would not let us accept an unprovoked war. It didn't have to be much. But we needed something.

We went to Grenada because our medical students were threatened. We went to Panama because our old friend Noriega was really a drug kingpin. We fought Iraq the first time when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait after the American ambassador winked her eye while telling him that his border dispute with Kuwait was their affair alone.

We went to Kosovo because Milosevic wanted to kick out the Albanian nationals seeking a Greater Albania — which he did just as soon as the American bombing started. (When the bombing stopped, the Albanians themselves got into the ethnic laundry business.)

When we bombed an aspirin factory in the Sudan it was because — what was the reason for that one again? I'm sure I've missed some, but you get the point. We need provocation. And if we are going to war against Iraq, we need it now.

I don't know about you, but I'm not going until I get one.

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION: There Is No Such Thing as Federal Aid

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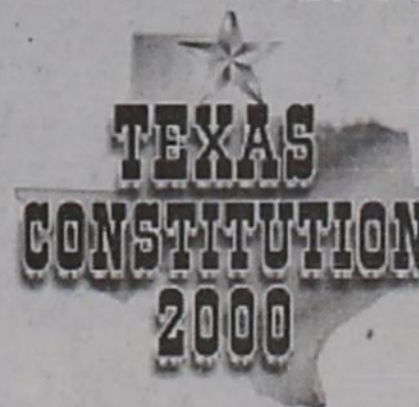
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Sports

Hale Center overtakes Lady Lopes 47-42

The Lady Lopes dropped a close game to Hale Center last week, 47-42. Post jumped out front early in the game to lead scoring 12-6 at the close of the first period. They carried a 21-12 lead into the half, but Hale Center came out strong in the third and fourth quarters, outscoring Post 23-10 and 18-11 respectively.

Brittney Courtney led scoring for Post with 11 points, including a successful three-pointer, followed by Nikki Norman with nine points.

Jessica Mason had five points, Tayler Starkey had four points, Logan Gregory had three points and Kaycee Gorman, Meagan Hoover and Donae Dalby each scored two points. Patricia Hester added a single point to the Lady Lopes' total.

Lady Lopes edged by BC

Borden County bounced past the Post Lady Lopes last week in a 51-38 game.

Borden County led 14-8 at the end of the first period and 24-15 at the half. Post grabbed a slight scoring edge in the third period, but Borden County held on in the final stanza for the win.

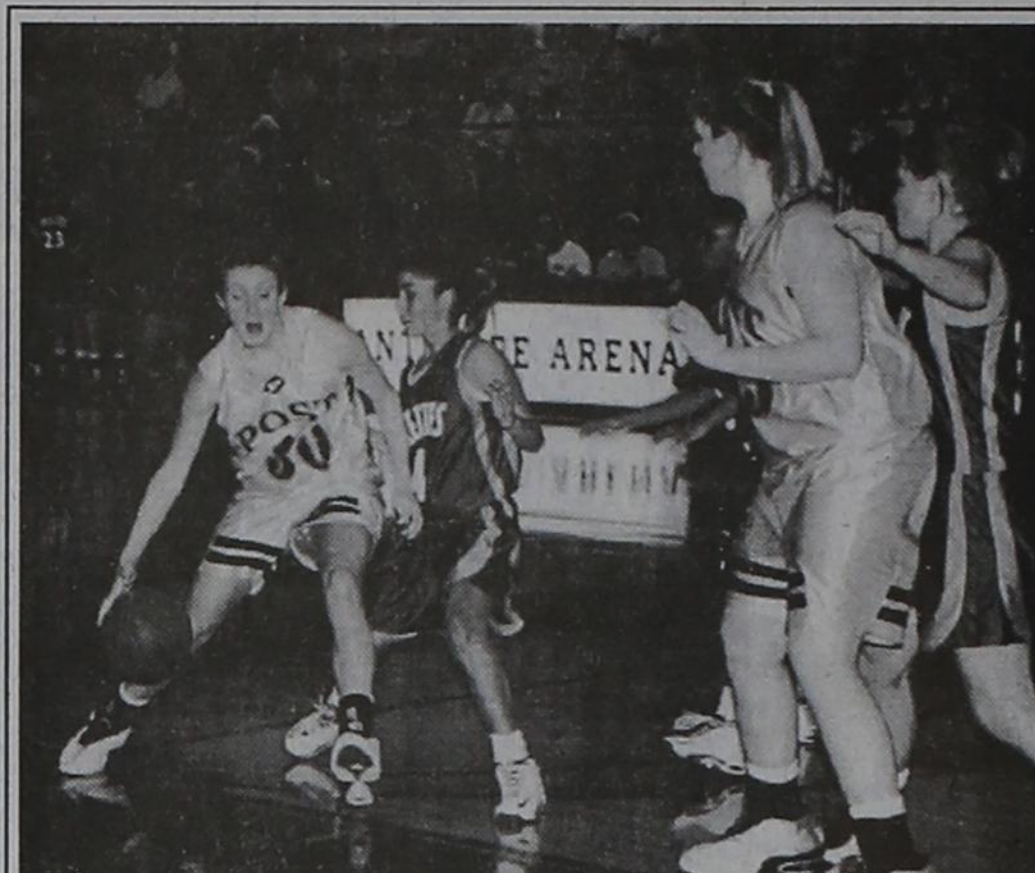
Brittney Courtney led scoring for Post with 11 points, including three successful three-pointers, followed by Nikki Norman with nine points and Kaycee Gorman with eight points. Tayler Starkey had six points and Logan Gregory and Donae Dalby each logged two points in the game.

"We saw some improvement in areas," said the coach. "Kaycee Gorman did an exceptional job defensively."

Post's season record stands at 1-2.



Lady Lopes Logan Gregory (14), Jessica Mason (24) and Patricia Hester (25) fight for the rebound during last Friday's game here against Hale Center. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Brittney Courtney (30) brings the ball in for the Lady Lopes with help from Nikki Norman (33) during the 47-42 loss to Hale Center last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

JV Lady Lopes post win over Abilene Cooper Sophs

Post's junior varsity Lady Lopes bumped their season record to 4-1 with last week's 45-37 win over Abilene Cooper.

Post dictated play in the first period, pounding out 14 points to Abilene's four. The momentum flip-flopped in the second period, but Post went into the half with an 18-13 lead.

The ladies came out of the half with a strong offensive statement, scoring 19 points and limiting Abilene Cooper to six. But Cooper fought back, posting 18 points to Post's eight in the final period.

Courtney Short led scoring for the Lady Lopes with 16 points. Laurel Tatum had 11 points and Kayla Dunn had eight points.

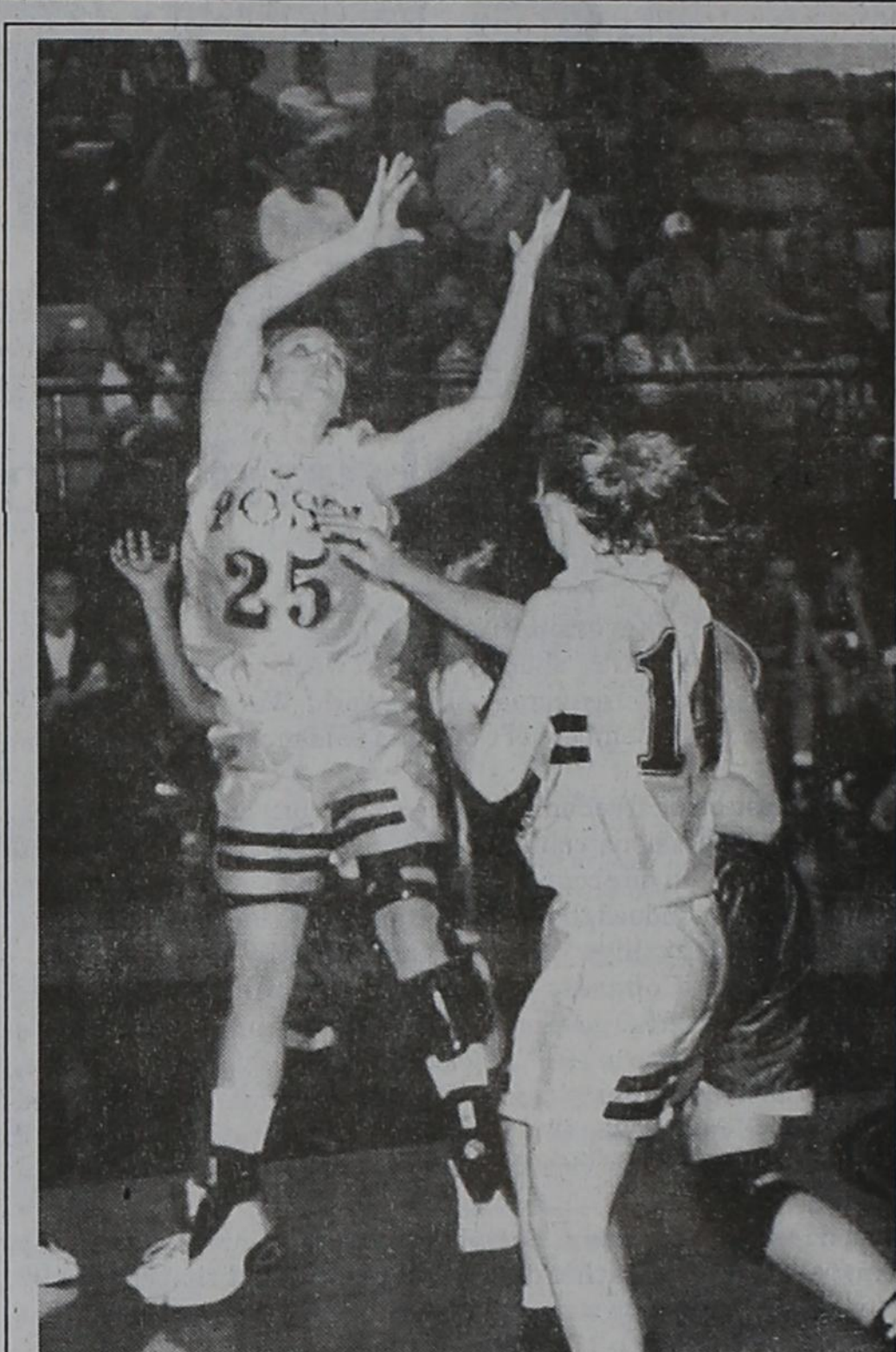
Lyndee Strawn scored five points, Jenee Lott, two points, and Traci Nelson, Ashley Wilson and Courtney Copeland each scored a single point in the game.

"We played good defense and improved on offense," Coach Jerry White said.

The team didn't fare quite as well in their next game, falling to the Monterey sophomore team 45-27.

"We had one hour rest after playing Cooper and never really got going," White said. "We played like we were tired."

Wilson led scoring for Post with seven points, while Lott had six points. Strawn and Tatum each scored four, Kayla Morris had three points and Short scored two.



Patricia Hester (25) and Logan Gregory (14) in action here last Friday for the Post Lady Lopes. The varsity girls led Hale Center at halftime, but couldn't keep the momentum in the second half. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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Post Flag Football Aggies (back row, left to right) Katelyn Redman, Quinten Benham, Austin Tyler, Ben Mason, Kyle Copeland, (front) Bradley Benham, Anthony Soto, Cody Pickett, Jordan Aguilar, coaches Tony Soto, Russell Benham and Ray Mason. (Photo by Pam Gorman)



Post Flag Football Cowboys (back row, left to right) coaches Gwin Miller, Joe Rasbeary, (middle) Chad Miller, Clint Baker, Travis Rasbeary, (front) Cody Dean, Travis Bergin, Allen Duran and Drew Tyler. (Photo by Pam Gorman)



Post Flag Football Steelers (back row, left to right) coaches Chris Belongia, Jason Porter, Donnie Windham, (middle) Jaime Gomez, Jesse Vera, Christian Garcia, Clint Windham, (front) Reese Belongia, Michael Porter and Luis Duran. (Photo by Pam Gorman)



Post Flag Football American Eagles (back row, left to right) Tony Apolinar, coach Curtis Martin, (middle) Tanner Hadderton, Brandon Martin, Jonathan Perez, Jacob Perez, (front) Cheyenne Poe, Brandon Shaw, Austin Fields, Will Storie and Henry Apolinar. (Photo by Pam Gorman)



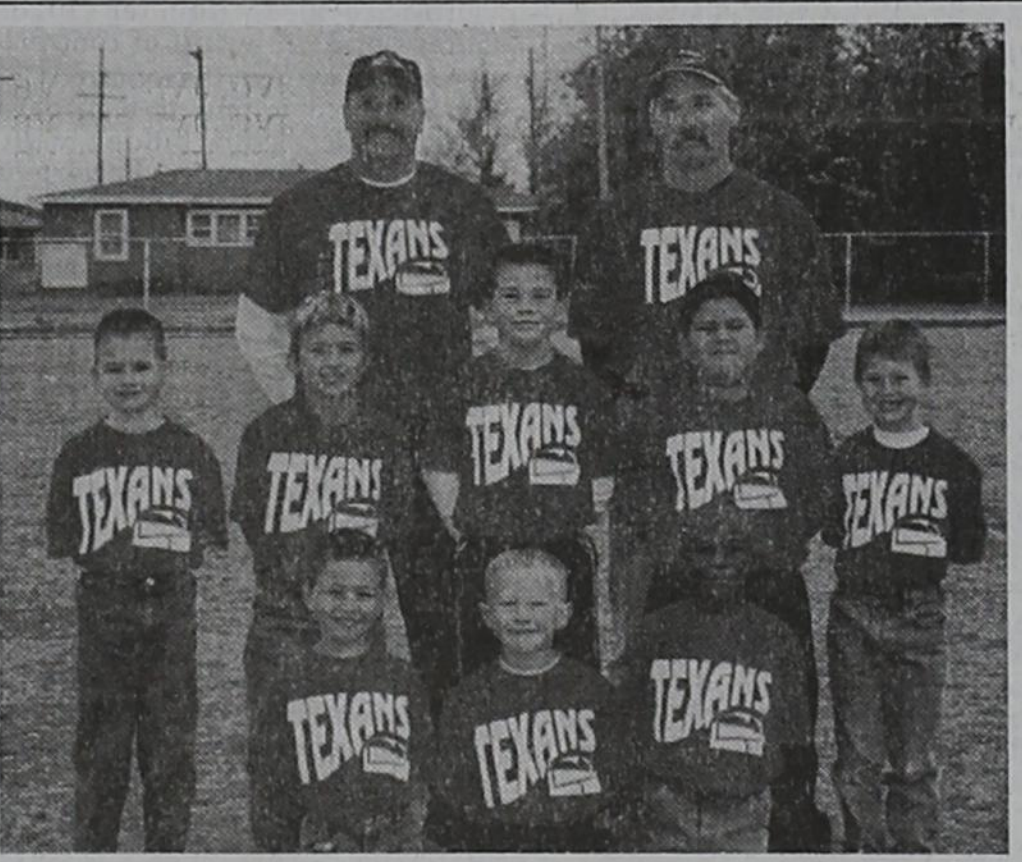
Post Flag Football Vikings (back row, left to right) coaches Peter Martinez, Drew Kirkpatrick, (middle) Jacie Kimmons, Blace Stevens, T.F. Basquez, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Bradley Crawford, (front) J.J. Zubia, Philip Gonzales, Vance Blair and Tristen Martinez. (Photo by Pam Gorman)



Post Flag Football Cowboys (back row, left to right) coaches Jeff McCauley, Tracy Morris, (middle) Josh Hataway, Brandon Carrell, Armando Martinez, Cody Henry, Steven Howard, (front) Chelci Hair, Jacob McCauley, Josh Warren, Zach Bush and Christian Peña. (Photo by Pam Gorman)



Post Flag Football Buzzards (back row, left to right) coaches Fred Postell and Chris Wischkaemper, (back row, left to right) Kaylem Perez, Jake Wischkaemper, Fermin Rivera, Chess Postell, (front) Ernest Saldivar, Michael Guerra, Dakota McDonald and Arron Perez. (Photo by Pam Gorman)



Post Flag Football Texans (back row, left to right) coaches Mike Macy, Greg Jones, (middle) Kaleb Crenshaw, Shelby Odom, Aaron Macy, Paul Martinez, Caden Dean, (front) Hayden Belongia, Pake Jones and D.J. Brown. (Photo by Pam Gorman)



Post Flag Football Texas Rattlers (back row, left to right) Dale Diaz, Anthony Bishop, Garrett Smith, Justin Tanner, Arturo Lopez, (front) Riley Odom, Matthew Soto and Kyle Copeland. (Photo by Pam Gorman)



Post Flag Football Titans (back row, left to right) coaches Gino Solis, Bradley Cimental, (middle) Troy Copeland, Jaden Wiseman, Michael Taylor, Seth Babb, Dalton Holly, (front) Danny Martinez, Nathan Guerra, Paden Babb, Colby Solis and Marco Erives. (Photo by Pam Gorman)

Gail Mountain Star lighting Friday

The lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain is set for Friday at 7 p.m. Activities will center on the Borden County Museum and the courthouse courtyard in Gail.

The courthouse will be open at 5 p.m. to serve refreshments. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be on hand to take special requests, as well as having photos made with children. The museum will open at 5 p.m. for

viewing, reminiscing and refreshments.

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The evening's activities are open to the public.

Friendship often ends in love;
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—Charles Caleb Brown



Post Flag Football Texas Titans (back row, left to right) coaches Tim Tanner, Tony Apolinar, (middle) Kaleb Tanner, Heath Palmer, Jaime Hernandez, Chase Odom, (front) Josh Collazo, Patrick Martinez, Solomon Abraham and Garrett Peña. (Photo by Pam Gorman)

Congratulations Antelope 7th Grade Football Team



Post Antelope 7th Grade Football Team - (back row, left to right) Joseph Segovia, Jordan Johnston, Byron Soto, Tyler Odom, Dylan Davis, Chris Gomez, Timothy Garza, Ryan Belongia, Roman DeLuna, Sadler Hair, (middle row) James Griffin, Nate Jurado, Kam Shumard, Luis Ceja, Pat Reiter, Cass Tatum, Timothy Wilson, John David Boren, Randall Jewell, Jayton Collazo, Steven Short, (front row) Coach Dickson, Roosevelt Brown, Leonard Lopez, Call Windham, Eric Guerrero, Kris Crenshaw, Jeremy Short, Allen Heckaman, Richard Suit, Bradley Reed, Jonathan Vasquez and Coach Peña. (Photo by Pam Gorman)

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Garza County, Texas
Notice to all persons is hereby given that the original letters of Independent Executor upon the estate of JO ELLA COWDREY SPARLIN, deceased, was issued to the undersigned on the 25th day of November, 2002, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that we now hold such letter. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered, the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to us, at

the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time required by law. James "Bud" Sparlin 2701 48th St., Snyder, Texas 79549 or in care of Preston L. Poole, Jr., Attorney, box 296, Post, Texas 79356. DATED: 25th November 2002
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ACROSS

1 "box" so. of the border

5 computer operator

6 TXism: "___ your tongue" (shut up)

7 "Father of Texas" (init.)

8 old XIT Ranch covered ___ Panhandle counties

9 TX poet Naomi Nye

15 TXism: "___ by" (saves)

16 in '91, Gov. Ann declared a Soviet ___ an honorary TXn

19 William Faulkner manuscript kept at UT

21 basketballer Radisav Curcic's Italian home before Dallas

22 words ending in "ly"

27 TXism: "sticks out like a ___ thumb"

28 TXism: "tame ___ dog"

29 Iceland "diner" (pl.)

30 an East Central TX physical region: "Post ___"

32 many elderly TXns fought in WW ___

33 victorious a second time (2 wds.)

36 this Premiering directed TX Gene Tierney in "Laura"

37 hallucinogenic drug

38 shadow clock

DOWN

1 "It's not my ___ of tea"

2 TXism: "naked ___ jaybird"

3 football shirts

4 Jerry Jones before Dallas (2 wds.)

8 running honky tonk bills

9 TXism: "make ___" (leave)

10 "Dawn at the Alamo" artist ___ McArdle

11 TX Tubb's ___ Walking the Floor Over You"

12 "___ Stock Show"

13 TXism: "a day late ___ dollar short"

14 TXism: "jump ___" (escape)

15 retriever type

16 TXism: "a real ___ puller" (drinker)

17 without a passageway? a pig"

18 lukewarmly

20 bank note

22 Texarkana state in addition to TX

23 ___ Pepper

24 wedding pledges

25 TXism: "sour ___ to pucker

26 Dallas Olympian Michael Johnson

28 Monte ___ TX

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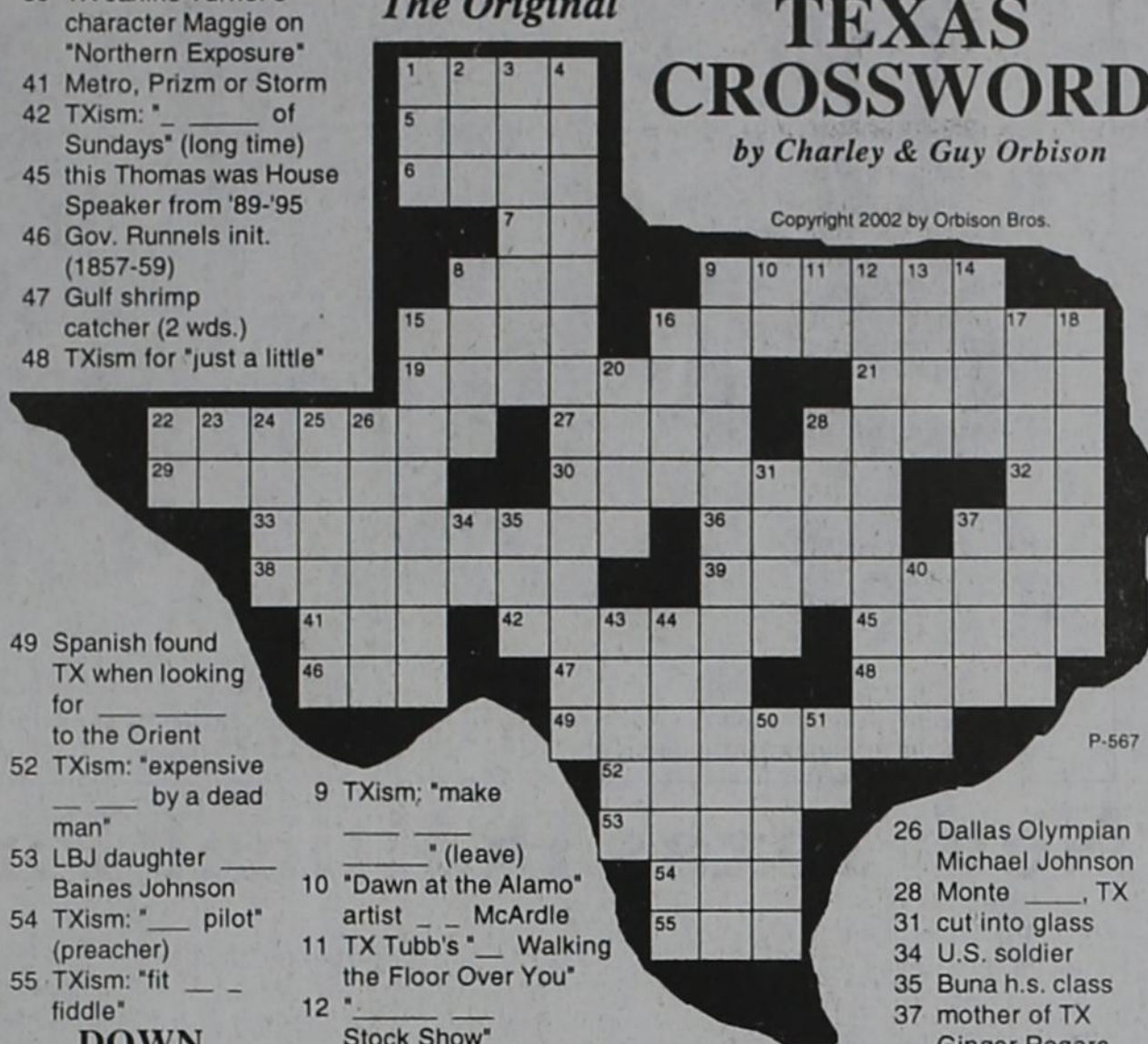
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POST FFA TEAM QUALIFIES FOR STATE

The Post Future Farmers of America senior chapter conducting team proudly displays the first place banner it won Saturday in the Area 11 leadership contests at Big Spring. By winning first place, the Post chapter won the right to represent the area at the state contest to be held Saturday at Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville. Also shown is Ike Trimble, chapter advisor. Members of the team are, left to right, front row: Pete Dodson, Johnny Bilberry and Richard Hart. Back row: Rickv Little, Danny Stone and Danny Richardson.

From The Post Dispatch, November 29, 1962 —(Staff Photo)

Yesteryears

November 25, 1992
10 Years Ago

Post residents will have a chance to step back in time Saturday, during the annual Lighted Christmas Parade in historic downtown Post. Sponsored by Post Merchants Assn. "A Cowboy Country Christmas" will transport Main Street back to the era of the early settlers of West Texas.

Marine Lance Cpl. Timothy Rudd, son of George E. and Judy Rudd of Post recently returned aboard the aircraft carrier USS Independence, forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf and Indian Ocean.

Garza County probation officer Ed Sawyers submitted his resignation during the Commissioner's Court. Sawyers, who serves as both adult and juvenile probation officer will be leaving the department effective December 31, 1992.

November 21, 1982
20 Years Ago

The Post Antelopes broke a school record last Friday night as they picked up their 12th win this year by defeating Amarillo River Road in Plainview for the Area Championship in a 42-22 offensive show.

The last couple of nights around 7:30 p.m. a little magic dust sprinkled forth onto the High School Gymnasium and it was transformed into Rural Oklahoma so the Post High School Drama and Music Departments could stage their annual musical extravaganza.

Pastor Steven Paul Traw will be ordained into the Christian ministry during a service of dedication at the First Christian Church in Post, during the morning worship service, Sunday, November 28.

Jeffrey Bilberry announces the birth of his sister, Tamra Denise born Nov. 16. Parents are John Tom and Alice Bilberry of Post. Grandmother is Louella Bilberry of Post.

Garza County Senior Citizens had their yearly election last Wednesday, for new officers and directors. Elected were Leroy McCrary for president, Henry Wheatley, vice-president, James Mitchell, secretary, and Zora Robinson, treasurer.

November 23, 1972
30 Years Ago

Sammy Maddox, 17-year-old attendant at Long's Enco Service Station, stood off two armed hold-up men Friday night with an unloaded shotgun. But at the time, he didn't know it was unloaded. Two men approached Maddox and demanded money, Maddox grabbed a shotgun from the storage room next to the office and leveled it at the two and they took off running for their car.

C. F. "Peewee" Johnson was elected president of Post Stampede Inc., a annual stock holders' meeting. He succeeds Tommy Young, who was elected secretary-treasurer.

Post Junior High School's Student

Council Officers were elected for this year. Elected were Danny Sawyers, president, Kelly Mitchell, vice president and Kathy Manual, secretary-treasurer.

Philly's Phrases: Mark Terry (the motorcycle dare-devil of Post) had a pretty bad fall on his 'cycle and is in the hospital. Hope you're better soon, Mark! (The streets seem awfully quiet without you "buzzing" around.)

Four students from Post are enrolled for the fall trimester at the Texas State technical institute in Waco. The four from Post are John McVay, Nick Pantoja, Rita Valdez and Richard Vardiman.

November 29, 1962
40 Years Ago

Post - come Friday night - will be the first city its size anywhere to have a permanent downtown public address system to play outdoor background music.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Francis, 815 West 10th St., are announcing the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Carolyn Jane, to Benny Otis George, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. George of Spearman.

Highlight of the Antelopes' 1962 football banquet Monday night was the presentation of comical awards by Coaches Harold Teal and Glenn Gregg to the senior members of the team.

John N. Hopkins, manager of the Tower Theatre, was admitted to Garza Memorial Hospital after injuring his left leg in an accident Monday morning.

This 'n' That: Couples seen over the Thanksgiving holidays were Susanne Krause and Wayne Haire, Joann Chilcoat and Gary Howell, Delton Robinson and Ruthell Martin, Marsha Smith and Dwayne Capps, Marianne Jones and Royce Hart, Pamela Stewart, and Buddy Moreland, Ken Rankin and Pamela Stewart, Buddy Moreland and Judy Clary, Ann Pennington and Glenn Polk, Glenda Hutton and Mason McClellan, David Nichols and Dee Ann Walker, Betsey Shytle and Kent Wheatley, Stanna Butler and Larry Welch, Vivian McWhirt and Jackie Fluitt.

November 27, 1952
50 Years Ago

Approximately 150 people attended the concert given by Hardin-Simmons University Chapel choir in Post grade school Tuesday evening.

The Navajo Indian theme was used in a party given Saturday for Mrs. Mason (Skeeter) Justice, in the home of Mrs. Ott (Pearl) Nance at Justiceburg.

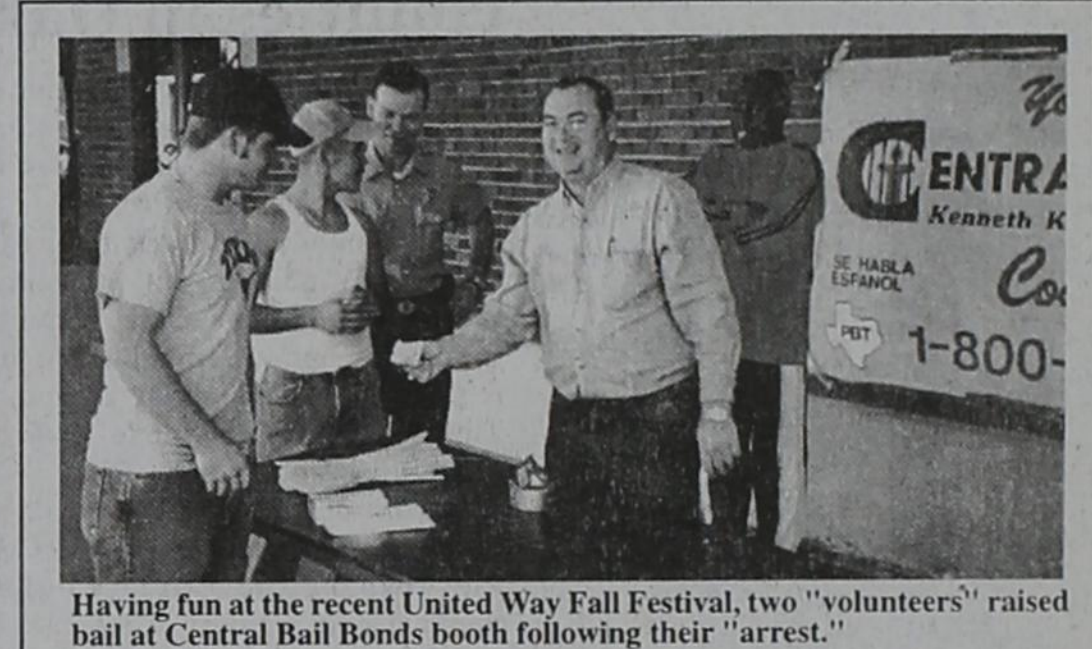
Miss Patty Lott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lott, arrived home yesterday from Hockaday Preparatory School in Dallas, where she is a student.

Future Brownie and Girl Scouts of Post will have a place to call "home" if plans being worked out by the certain Post citizens materialize. The plans call for a Scout Hut which will hold up to 25 or 30 girls at one meeting.

Justiceburg News: A Large crowd attended a supper and farewell party given in the school auditorium last Wednesday night for Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Parchman. The long time residents are moving to Loving N. M., to be near their children.



Stacy Henry was the "conductor" of the barrel train during the recent United Way Fall Festival. Use of the barrel train was made possible by Jimmy Redman.



Having fun at the recent United Way Fall Festival, two "volunteers" raised bail at Central Bail Bonds booth following their "arrest."

Garza County United Way Fall Festival

The recent fall festival, coordinated to benefit the local United Way campaign, has been declared a success.

"We consider the event a success, even though we almost blew away," said Deanna Branham, coordinator. "We cleared our cost and made a little money."

Jerry Reidel was the blue ribbon grand champion winner with her apple pie. Mary Jo McGuire won both first and second places in the sugar-free/diabetic category, while Danny Cooper and Anna McAuley won first and second respectively in the cream pie category.

"All entries were wonderful," Branham said, "and we made quite a bit of money selling the pieces that were not used to judge."

Cooper also won first place in the chili cook off, followed by the "U Crew" from United Grocery taking second.

"United has been a wonderful asset in this year's campaign," Branham said. "The employees of United have contributed both their time and money to make this campaign a success."

Central Bail Bond and the Garza County Sheriff's Department teamed up to "jail" individuals to further the fundraising effort.

"We had a little scare with the wind and our jail (trailer house) though," Branham said. "The wind was so strong it blew the trailer directly towards a deputy's car parked on the side of the road."

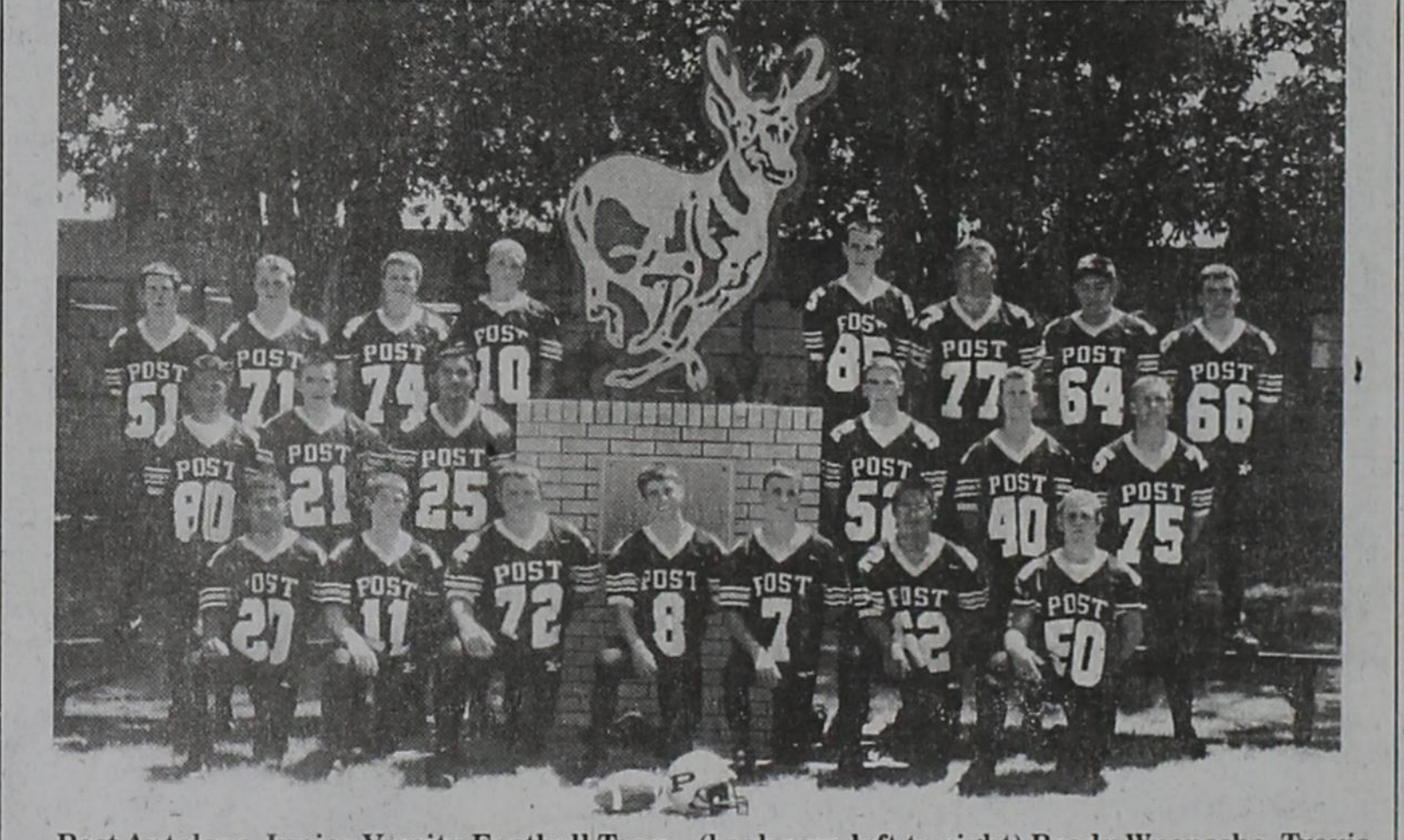
A number of local groups and individuals played a major role in the success of the fall festival.

"We would like to say a special

thank-you to the Holy Cross Catholic Church for the donation of all of the cakes for our cake walk," Branham said. "The Art Guild donated the use of their building and helped with the clean up.... And Joy Runnels was also a big help."

Planning is already under way for next year's event, which organizers hope will be bigger and better.

Congratulations Antelope Junior Varsity



Post Antelope Junior Varsity Football Team - (back row, left to right) Brady Wuensche, Travis Hopper, Kyle Kirkpatrick, Jerrad Grisham, Cole Easterling, Chris Curb, Joseph Espinoza, Brant Guthrie, (middle row) Andrew Espinoza, Martin Garza, Theo Paiz, Justin Williams, Cody Marts, Kam Baker, (front row) Jessie Soto, Trent McDonald, Will Todd, Quinton Odom, Brice Feagin, Jaime Valdez and Ryan Babb. (Photo by Pam Gorman)

Central Bail Bonds
Owner, Kenneth Knowles

Kelly, Donna & Klent Baker

Mark, Lisa & Claire Kirkpatrick

Allen & Pixie Grisham

Congratulations Antelope 8th Grade Football Team



Post Antelope 8th Grade Football Team - (back row, left to right) Cole Spann, Andrew Elmore, D.J. Baiza, Mariio Torres, Adrian Nava, Steven Perez, Justin Loera, Asa Rutherford, (middle row) Marcos Ayala, Anthony Vega, Zack Perez, Zachary Witcher, Heath Fellhauer, D.J. Rivera, David Pequeño, Wes Mason, Steven Hair, Jay Dihemia, (front row) coach Dickson, Preston Ortiz, Wilson Cash, Edgar Garay, Zack Dissinger, T.J. Essary, Blake Nichols, Colter Creech, Steven Polanco and Coach Peña. (Photo by Pam Gorman)

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A beaver has 20 teeth—four curved front teeth for gnawing and 16 back teeth for chewing.

WRMWD studies budget issues

In a regular meeting of the board of directors of the White River Municipal Water District Thursday (11/14/02), directors amended the current contract for farming water district property west of Crosbyton. Producer Micky Givens has the farming contract on the district's one-half section of land.

The contract expires at the end of this year and represents a cash lease of \$11,500 per year and 50% cost of maintaining irrigation wells. The government payment on this land in 2003 should be \$17,751.

Directors Compton Cornelius, Tony Edinburgh, both representing Crosbyton, and Charles Morris, City of Spur representative, discussed a new price for the contract and recommended an annual cash lease of \$15,000. CORNELIUS pointed out, "This is \$2,751 less than the government payments, and the producer keeps 100% of the crop."

It was also recommended that the producer's maintenance responsibility on the wells be lowered to 25%. The Board approved these contract changes. In the past, the December directors meeting has been held in conjunction with a Christmas party.

However, due to budget limitations, the Board had previously decided to not have a Christmas party this year. Therefore, the directors voted to forego their regular monthly meeting during December.

Cornelius commented, "The only reason I don't like the idea of not having a party is that Heidi (Hays, a Crosbyton director) doesn't get to meet the wives of the other board members. But that is what we voted to do."

A.O. SMITH, White River Lake resident and owner of the White River Marina present at the meeting, interjected, "On Saturday, Dec. 7, the Marina is going to have a Christmas party. You are all invited. Come one, come all."

The directors also considered the enrollment of District land in the U.S. Department of Agriculture Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program. Cornelius moved that the district give power of attorney to the person farming the land. "He has a cash lease, and he needs to be the one

making those decisions," said Cornelius.

The board approved this motion, asking Cornelius to notify the producer.

District General Manager Tommy O'Brien reported that the contracts and change order forms for the new 420,000 gallon storage tank project are complete and work should begin next week.

"The facility should be up and running by March or April," said O'Brien. THE DISTRICT is gearing up to add ammonia injectors to the receiving stations of each of the member cities.

The District is responsible for delivering water that has a certain chlorine residual, and the ammonia is applied to address the problem of the trihalomethanes (THMs). The cities of Ralls and Spur need to make repairs to their existing chlorination systems, or replace the systems, O'Brien pointed out. Their automated switches are not functioning properly.

O'Brien suggested three options for the District to handle this problem: 3 Install the ammonia injectors and apply it only when the city applies chlorine. This will cost approximately \$3,000 for each of the cities. 3 Redo the chlorine switches and install the

ammonia injectors.

This will cost \$10,000 for the Ralls station and \$5,000 for the Spur station; and 3 Install new chlorination units and switches and install the ammonia injectors. This will cost \$20,000 for the Ralls station and \$15,000 for the Spur station. The directors discussed the agreement originally made with the cities with respect to the chlorination systems.

"It is the town's responsibility to maintain the chlorination system," said Cornelius. Director Morris asked "How much money will each of the towns save if their chlorination systems are working properly?"

O'Brien responded that he wasn't sure. The board recommended that O'Brien contact the cities of Ralls and Spur to let them know they need to get their systems up to speed, and that they (the cities) are responsible for the cost.

In a final action, the Board adopted a resolution which states that "The White River Municipal Water District will reimburse employees for dependent health insurance provided the cost is equal to or less than that which was being paid when the cost of health insurance was increased as of July 1, 2002."

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Garza County joins other Texas counties in Oak Tree Project

Garza County is the latest county to be tapped as part of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oaks Project.

Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau manager Wanda Mitchell presented the proposal to the Garza County Commissioner's Court during its regular meeting Monday morning. The court approved the project unanimously.

As part of the project, a heritage oak tree will be planted Feb. 24 on the lawn of the Garza County courthouse in memory of Stephen F. Austin, a man considered by many historians to be the founder of Texas. The tree to be planted will have been grown from an acorn harvested from a live oak tree located on the site of Austin's death near present-day West Columbia, Texas.

The project's roots go back to Houston businessman Billy Price, who held a lifelong interest in Austin. Several years ago, when Price learned that the property where Austin died was available for purchase, he and his wife purchased the property and revamped it into a park.

At the site is a giant live oak tree, from which acorns have been gathered and propagated into the trees used in the DAR plantings.

The project, which calls for the planting of a 6- to 12-foot tree at each county seat and at each school that bears the Stephen F. Austin name, is designed to perpetuate Austin's accomplishments. Trees are furnished free of charge and delivered to the planting sites.

About 80 Texas counties have participated in the Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oak project to date, as has the site of Austin's birth in Austinville, Virginia, according to information provided to county commissioners Monday morning.

Lamesa and Dawson County welcomed its Stephen F. Austin Heritage Oak in April with a planting ceremony sponsored by the General James Smith Chapter of the DAR and the Dawson County Historical Commission.

Preliminary plans call for the Garza County tree to be planted Feb. 24 and dedicated March 3.



Nativity scenes from around the world abound at the OS Museum during its annual Christmas exhibit. The museum is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

New Texas Political Party

Out of the ashes of the 2002 general election, a new Texas political party has arisen with the creation of the Texas Independent Party (TIP), a not-for-profit, private association. TIP members are dedicated to securing the election of candidates to public office who will adhere to fundamental American principles defined in the American Declaration of Independence.

Assumed Name Papers for TIP were filed in the Ector County Clerk's office on Friday, November 8, 2002. Since then, the Executive Committee was organized and TIP is now ready to "go public."

Interim chairman Chuck Geshliger of Ector County announced that TIP will aggressively promote and provide financial support to candidates chosen by a 12 member nominating committee. "We are convinced that Texans are ready for a return to common sense government, along with the abolition of socialist programs that rob productive people of their property and earnings," Geshliger says.

TIP's executive committee is composed of a chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer and member-at-large. A state convention will be held every year, the first in July 2003. County chairmen, selected by their county executive committee, will elect 12 TIP members in good standing to serve on the nominating committee.

That committee will be responsible for interviewing and screening candidates who seek TIP support. "The nominating committee will have a firm set of guidelines with which to make a determination," Geshliger said.

Because TIP is a private association, it has the authority to support candidates from any political party who meet the standards set by TIP. "We aren't concerned about party affiliation, we're going to support candidates who will take action in support of our platform," Geshliger emphasized. TIP endorsed candidates will be required to sign a binding contract to adhere to TIP's platform.

TIP vice chairman Warren "Ken" Nelson of Ector County comments, "Look at the voter turn-out in the November election. Do you really believe it's apathy, or is it pure frustration over the idea that no one properly echoes what the citizens want?" Nelson believes that TIP is the answer to selecting candidates for local offices who will take action to trim government and offer real tax relief.

Details about Texas Independent Party, including the platform, are available at the web site: www.geocities.com/texasIP_04 (although still under construction).

Four arrests reported here

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

An 18-year-old male was picked up Nov. 23 for possession of marijuana.

On Nov. 24, three arrests were made, including that of a 20-year-old female on Potter County warrants; a 23-year-old male for Department of Public Safety warrants, and a 55-year-old male for driving while intoxicated/first offense.



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