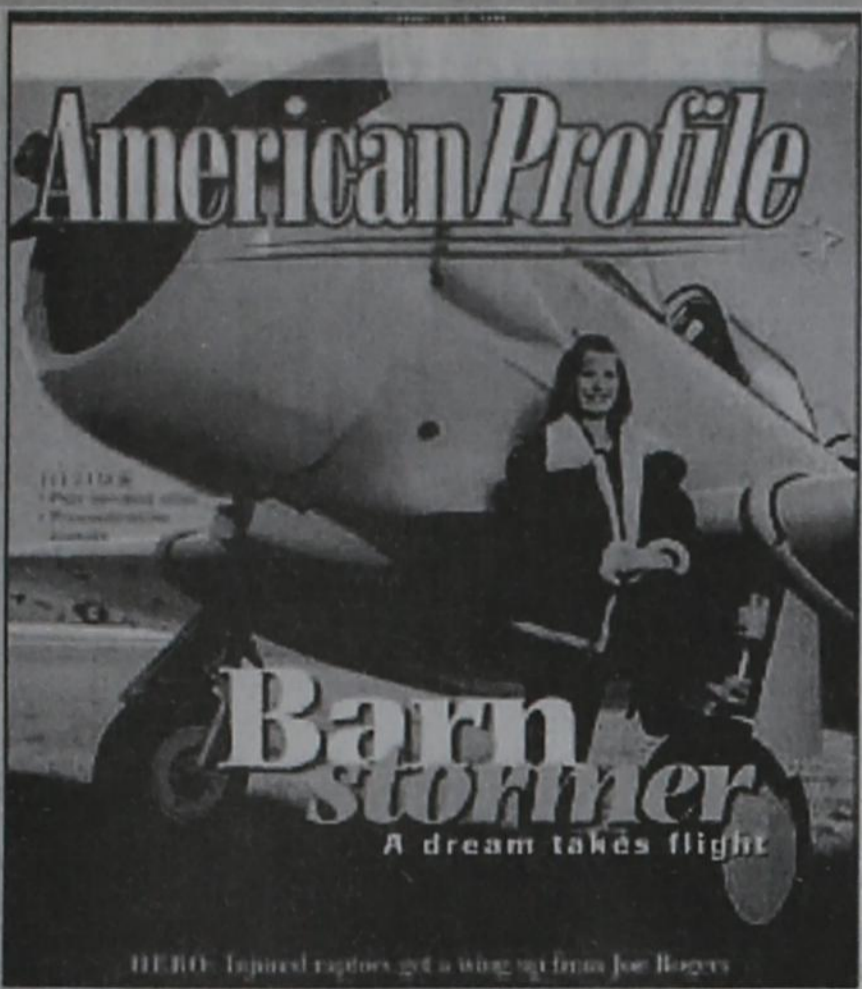


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City plans election on sales tax increase to offset property taxes

City property taxes could decrease and the local sales tax increase if a plan to generate funds for the city water project is approved by voters in May.

During their regular meeting Jan. 7, Post City Council members took the first step toward putting the proposal on the May ballot.

In order to maximize the ad valorem reduction, city officials will need to put two issues before voters on the May 3 ballot. Those issues will include the adoption of a .50 percent sales tax as a direct offset to the reduction in the ad valorem tax rate, and the adoption of another .50 percent economic development tax for the creation of a 4B corporation to be controlled by the mayor and the city council.

Plans call for the proceeds of the added sales tax, if approved by voters, to be used to help pay for pipeline construction necessary for the Slaton water project.

According to information included in the council's agenda packet, if both sales tax issues are approved, about \$200,000 will be generated to offset ad valorem taxes in the following tax year. If one issue passes and the other fails, the city will raise about \$100,000.

In other business, council members:

- Received a favorable report on the 2001-2002 audit and approved the report.
- Approved Sheriff Kenny Ratke's request that the city join Garza County in funding improvements to the city-wide alarm

system. Each entity will cover \$3,000 worth of the total cost of improvements.

• Awarded the bid for municipal roofing projects to the only successful bidder, Lydick-Hooks. Their bid was \$62,376.

• Awarded the line and tank contracts on the water project to Triple L Construction Co. Their bids were \$1,190,620 for tanks and \$1,892,106.50 for the line, for a total of \$3,082,726.50. That total does not include pipeline materials estimated at approximately \$867,000.

Blood drive Friday at Dalby Unit

The Dalby Unit will sponsor a blood drive Friday, Jan. 17, from 1-6 p.m. in the United Blood Services mobile coach.

Earlier this week, UBS announced an urgent need for blood donations.

"Our blood drive schedule was very light during the last part of December because colleges and high schools were on winter break, and employers who sponsor blood drives were short-staffed as people took time off to enjoy the holidays," said Connie Hollinshead of United Blood Services, this area's non-profit community blood provider. "We need your help now."

"Many people have surgery scheduled after the first of the year. Now that the holidays have passed, the surgery schedule is full and the blood center shelves are not. These patients are relying on volunteer blood donors to help them return to health and to their homes and families."

Volunteer donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good health.

"We encourage people to donate blood, to take advantage of the opportunity to give a gift that will make a real difference in someone's life," Hollinshead said. "The priceless gift of life costs nothing but about an hour of your time."

All donors will receive a T-shirt.

Donation appointments can be made by calling Deanna Leake at 495-2175. Appointments are appreciated so that UBS can supply an adequate staff, cutting down on the wait time for donors.

132 Youth to Exhibit at Livestock Show

The 39th Annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show kicked off Wednesday afternoon with the weigh-in of 218 animals to be exhibited by 51 4-H'ers, 20 Post FFA and 28 Southland FFA members in the county. Twenty-three have signed up for the Pee-Wee Goat show. One-hundred thirteen hogs, 50 goats, 32 lambs, and 23 steers were entered in the show.

The Swine show will begin at 5:00 p.m. Thursday immediately followed by the Steer show. Brandon Anderson, Haskell County

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Lubbock sets higher rates for LAH entry

The Lubbock City Council unanimously approved a new fee schedule for the Sam Wahl Recreational Area of Lake Alan Henry Jan. 9.

The fees, some of which have already gone into effect, are based on residency, with City of Lubbock residents enjoying lower rates than other lake visitors. Lubbock city officials opted to allow lower rates for their own constituents because Lubbock residents already pay toward the Lake Alan Henry debt service through municipal water fees.

Residency will be determined by the address on the lake visitor's driver's license, said Emily Anderson of the Lubbock City Council office.

According to the fee schedule provided by LAH Project Coordinator Diane Selby, daily fees will include:

• Per person entrance fee — \$6, Mondays through Thursdays; \$8 Fridays through Sundays (Lubbock residents \$4 Mondays through Thursdays; \$5 Fridays through Sundays).

• Per boat fee — \$5 per watercraft Mondays through Thursdays; \$8, Fridays through Sundays (Lubbock residents \$3 per watercraft Mondays through Thursdays; \$6 Fridays through Sundays).

• Camping fee — \$7 per campsite Mondays through Thursdays; \$10 Fridays through Sundays (Lubbock residents \$5 per campsite Mondays through Thursdays; \$8 Fridays through Sundays).

Annual permit costs also were changed. Non-Lubbock individual residents will pay \$50 per vehicle, \$30 per boat or \$80 for a combination permit. A non-Lubbock senior individual will be assessed \$30 for a vehicle and the same rate for a boat, making the combination permit \$60. A Lubbock resident will be charged \$35, vehicle, \$20, boat, and \$55, combination, while a senior-aged Lubbockite will be charged \$25, vehicle, \$20, boat, and \$45, combination permit.

A non-Lubbock family permit will cost \$150 per vehicle, \$30 per boat, or \$180 for the combination permit. A family from Lubbock will be charged \$130 per vehicle, \$20 per boat and \$150 for a combination annual permit, according to the fee schedule.

Lake visitors with an annual individual permit holder will be charged the day-use entry fee, the fee schedule states. No guest fees will be charged to passengers in a vehicle marked

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Post Notes

Benefit for Mike Short family Friday

The benefit to assist the late Mike Short's family will be held Saturday, January 18 at the Post VFW Hall. Those interested in take out orders should call 269-4358. Activities at the event include raffle of a rifle, an auction and dance.

Church sells enchilada plates Saturday

Ladies of the Church of God of Prophecy are offering enchilada plates from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, call 495-3644 to place orders. The plates include three enchiladas with rice, beans, salad and salsa. Funds are to assist in a mission trip to Rome.

8th grade parents meet January 23

Parents of eighth grade students at Post Middle School are urged to attend an important planning meeting January 23 at 7 p.m. in Karen Nichols' room at the Post Elementary School. Parents should park at the cafeteria and come to the back door near Mrs. Nichols' room. Contact Nichols at 495-3409 or Terri Cash at 495-3355 for more information.

VFD chili supper February 1

The Post Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Chili Supper Saturday, February 1 beginning at 6 p.m. at the VFD building. Donations will be accepted and all proceeds are for local fire department equipment and training.

Ronald McDonald grant requests sought

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Lubbock Inc. is accepting funding requests for projects and programs in Lubbock and surrounding South Plains and Eastern New Mexico communities. Requests will be accepted from non-profit organizations whose programs and projects help improve the quality of life for children and their families. Grants will be considered for three distinct areas: civic and social services, education and the arts, and health care and medical research. To obtain a grant application form or for more information, contact the Lubbock Ronald McDonald House at 806-744-8877. Deadline for applications is Jan. 31.

Talent search announced

Golden Plains Care Center is searching for talent for singing, dancing, musical instruments, cheering or acting. Talent will be featured at a talent show January 30 at 6 p.m. at the center. The public is invited. Contact Christy Rutherford at 495-2848 for more information. Prizes will be awarded.

Holiday Bells at OS Museum

"Holiday Bells are Ringing" at the OS Museum during its special Christmas exhibit. On display are nativities, creches, Old World Santas and other unique Christmas season collections. The exhibit continues through January 30. There is no admission fee. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

'Grandma Brag Pages' set for Feb. 13

The annual Post Dispatch "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published Thursday, February 13, with a deadline of Friday, February 7. Photos of grandchildren are \$10 for photos with one or two children, and \$5 for each additional children in a photograph. Wallet sized photos are preferred, color or black and white. Call The Post Dispatch at 495-2816 for more information.

Willy Awards set for January 25

The annual Garza Theater Willy Awards will be held Saturday, January 25 beginning at 6 p.m. with a social at the Post Community Center, followed by the awards presentations at the Garza Theatre at 8 p.m. Reservations at \$15 each will be accepted through January 23, call the box office at 495-4005.



Gentry Creech puts on quite a show for Post Antelope and Lady Lope basketball fans when the PHS cheerleaders take the floor during breaks in the action. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Juanetta Bocko (left) carefully scripts play titles in the fresh concrete as Bo Jackson puts the finishing touches last Saturday at the Garza Theatre. The new sidewalk sections commemorate Garza Theatre productions. Cast members signing their names were Bocko, Rob Holton, Jessica Culwell, Mitchell Britton, Kristin Thomas, Elizabeth Eshton, Chasiti Rutherford, Glenn Polk, Zoe Kirkpatrick and Bill Woodard. Plays included Anne of Green Gables, Charlotte's Web, Dracula, Night of One Act Plays, To Kill A Mockingbird, Bus Stop, Bell, Book & Candle, Harvey, The Other Soldier, The Nerd, On Golden Pond and I'm Herbert for 1987-91 featuring Zoe Kirkpatrick and the Garza Theatre founder the late Will McCrary.

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The 2003 Garza County Jr. Livestock Show will kick off Wednesday, January 15, with weighing-in of animals. All animals must be in barn by 3:00 p.m. to begin weigh-in. The Swine Show will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, followed by the Steer Show at approximately 8:00 p.m. On Friday, January 17, the Lamb Show will begin at 5:00 p.m. the Goat Show at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Pee-Wee Goat Show. Saturday, January 18, the Awards and Sale will kick off at 9:00 a.m. An appreciation lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend and support the youth of Garza County.

Concession Stand Volunteers Needed

All 4-H and FFA youth and parents need to sign up to work a shift at the stock show concession stand. Post FFA youth (contact Cindy Reiter) have Wednesday, 4-H youth (contact Nita Jo Heckaman) have Thursday, and Southland youth (contact Traci Blanton or Lana Conner) have Friday. Remember, each family needs to bring 1 dozen brownies, cookies or treats, (individually wrapped), on the day you work. If you can't work on the particular assigned day, call the contact person for the day you can work. Volunteers are also needed for Saturday morning. Also, 4-H is responsible for desserts for the meal on Saturday and each family is asked to provide a pie, cake or cobbler.

Southern Mesa Ag Conference

Five CEU's will be provided at the 2003 Southern Mesa Ag Conference focusing on regulations and policies affecting Texas agriculture as well as the BMP's (Best Management Practices) for cotton, grain sorghum, peanuts and other crops. The conference will begin at 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 20, at the Dawson County Annex Building at 609 North First Street in Lamesa. The registration fee at the door will be \$20. For more information contact John Farris, Dawson County CEA, at (806) 872-7539.

Master Marketer Program

A few places are still available for the Master Marketer Program starting January 22 at the Lubbock A&M Center. The 64 hour course covers intensive marketing training focusing on cotton, feed-grains, wheat and livestock. The cost of the course is \$250 (half of that for young farmers). For more details on registration, contact Dr. Jackie Smith at (806) 746-6101.



Raemonda Boucher and Kevin Williams

Raemonda Boucher, Kevin Williams announce engagement

Raemonda A. Boucher and Kevin Dale Williams, both of Lubbock, have announced their engagement. A Feb. 14, 2003, wedding ceremony is planned to be held in the Green Lawn Church of Christ in Lubbock.

The bride-elect, a Lubbock Christian High School and Lubbock Christian University graduate, is the daughter of Robby and Annce Rhodes of Lubbock. She is employed by Cox Communications.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Dorothy Williams of Lubbock and the late Odell Williams and the grandson of Oleain Morris and the late Charlie Beals and the late Earl and Ethel Williams. A graduate of Dunbar High School and South Plains College, he is employed with the City of Lubbock as a police officer.

The couple plans to reside in Lubbock.

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy (Ballentine) Bush

Hello, We are having the "foggies" as of late. This is about the third time in a week that I have come into town slowly, because of fog. Boy it was like soup this morning. Hope all drive carefully.

SYMPATHY

I want to let the Wayne Carpenter family know that they are in my prayers. I can't think of a single time that I ever saw Wayne in my lifetime that he did not have a smile on his face and a joke. He was such a special fella and a good friend to so many folks in this town. To Margie, Ruby, Pam and Velta, I know you are all heartbroken, but Wayne will remain in all of our hearts.

STOCK SHOW

All of the kids that participate are getting in high gear for the stock show this weekend. Most of the surrounding area towns are all having their shows but our show always shines I think. Post has several kids that work long and hard on their animals weather its goats, pigs or steers. If you have time, even if you don't have kids or grandkids showing, go on out and watch for awhile. The kids will sure appreciate it.

PLEASE!!!

If you have any news, birthdays or events that you would like to share, please call. It is very hard to put this column together when you don't have any community news. I know you are all busy, but please take time to call or drop a note. I will certainly appreciate it and lots of our senior citizens will also as this column is a way for them to keep up.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

I want to say happy birthday to Juanita "Hooter" Terry. She will celebrate her 90th birthday Friday, January 17. Hooter, you have a great day and a very, very happy birthday!

FROM FERG

She was so blond: She thought a quarterback was a refund She spent 20 minutes staring at the orange juice can because it said concentrate. She had a shirt that said "TGIF" which she thought stood for "This goes in front"

TILL NEXT WEEK

Guess that will do it for this week. God bless each of you and see ya next week. Judy

Pvt Cole graduates

Army Pvt. Jay B. Cole has graduated from basic combat military training at Fort Sill in Lawton, Okla.

The son of Tommy and Rosemary Cole of Post, Cole is a 2002 graduate of Post High School.

Sheriff reports 11 arrested

A total of 11 arrests were recorded in the Garza County Jail log during the past week, according to law enforcement records.

On Jan. 2, a 41-year-old male was picked up on a Lubbock County warrant.

Two individuals were arrested Jan. 8, including a 32-year-old on an Eastland County warrant and a 38-year-old male on Department of Public Safety warrants.

A 36-year-old male was jailed on a Crosby County warrant Jan. 10.

Three men were arrested Jan. 11. An 18-year-old was jailed for public intoxication and consumption by a minor; a 17-year-old was jailed for driving while intoxicated/second charge; and a 30-year-old was arrested for driving while license suspended.

There were four arrests recorded Jan. 12. A 24-year-old was picked up on a warrant, two individuals - ages 26 and 29 - were jailed for driving while license suspended, and a 19-year-old was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

I was taught that the way of progress is neither swift nor easy.

—Marie Curie

CCA celebrates annual awards banquet

by JoAnn Mock

The 20th anniversary of the Caprock Cultural Association was celebrated at the CCA Annual Awards Banquet on Dec. 10 at the Algerita Arts Center.

For 20 years, the CCA has managed, through grants and requests to help, finance the operations of arts and history in Post. Recipients of the \$9,500 in 2002 total awards were: Garza County Historical Museum, the Garza Theatre, the Ragtown Historical Project and the proposed activation of the Algerita Arts Center.

We feel so blessed to award the hard work and efforts involved in these developments. Grateful thanks to the donors of the CCA sub-grants program: The Mathers Foundation, Spirit Gladius Foundation, Kenneth F. and Harle G. Foundation, Marjorie Merriweather Post Foundation, Eleanor Barzin, Ellen MacNeille Charles, Melissa & Rodion Cantacuzene, Mosaic Foundation and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Recalling hilarious experiences of the past 20 years were CCA President Jack Alexander and Executive Director JoAnn Mock. "Post Toasters" platters were fantastic and enjoyed by everyone.

A big thank-you to all of the Post Tasters: Jerry's Bar-B-Que and Catfish, George's Family Restaurant, The Alamo, Pizza Hut, McDonald's, Sonic, Rick & Carolyn's, Holly's Drive-In and CoCoRa's.

Dedication and ribbon cutting of the new handicapped ramp at the Garza County Historical Museum held on Dec. 7 also featured the annual museum Christmas open house. Nell Matthews, the very first "wheely" to use the ramp, attended the dedication. Decorations included several Santas created by J&T Designs in Post. Our Christmas spirit was lifted with the décor created by Linda Puckett and Jackie Gonzales.

The museum is totally handicapped-accessible now with the ramp, chair list, parking and sidewalks. Handicapped ramp donors were Ruby Kirkpatrick, Garza County, E.A. Franklin Trust, Giles Dalby, Jack and Sandra Alexander, Anne Sims Realty, Caprock Cultural Association, Woman's Culture Club, Women's Division of Commerce & Tourism, Jimmy Redman and Sue Cornell.

Ramp amenities were provided by TxDOT, Hudman Greenhouse, Lee Norman, JoAnn Mock, Linda Puckett and Jackie Gonzales, with a great job of construction by David Woods, Brad Mason and Darrell Dissinger.

A heartfelt thanks to all.

The Christmas parade on Dec. 7 was very enjoyable as people lining Main Street to view the fantastic display of floats. Beautiful weather enhanced the parade sponsored by the Post Commerce & Tourism Bureau.

"A Cowboy Christmas" at the Garza Theatre was very well attended. Members of my family used the play as a "Christmas get-together opportunity" to see my son Mark perform.

The Women's Division of the Commerce & Tourism Bureau met for their Christmas party at the Garza County Historical Museum. The upcoming birth of twins of members Tara Williams creates a special thrill for WDCT members who showered her with baby gifts at the party.

The Woman's Culture Club visited the O.S. Ranch Art Museum for their Christmas party and then to CoCoRa's for refreshments. Director Marie Neff and crew did a great job on the special Christmas exhibit.



Charles Hardin and Linda Puckett at the annual CCA awards banquet.



Jack Alexander, Linda Puckett and Nell Matthews at the CCA awards banquet.



Inez Seaborn (left), Christy Morris (right) and Jackie Gonzales (seated) at the recent CCA annual awards banquet.



Jackie and Joann Blacklock celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently. They were married December 20, 1952 and have four children: Jackie, Joe, Jerri and Janet. They also have seven grandchildren: Candi and Chris Dawson, Will Reed, Jason Howard, Cody Blacklock, Randon Blacklock and Colt Blacklock.



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R.E. "Ed" Blocker

Richard Edward "Ed" Blocker died at his home in Snyder late Friday evening, Jan. 10, 2003, following a lengthy illness.

In accordance with his wishes, no services will be held. Cremation was conducted under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 2, 1930, in Denton County, Texas, he was a U.S. Army sergeant in the Korean conflict and served an additional five years in the U.S. Army Reserves. He married Faith Hope Miles of Rotan June 6, 1952. A master electrician, he served on the City of Snyder's electrical board for many years and was a member of a Pentecostal church. He had been a resident of Snyder for the past 45 years.

Survivors include his wife, Faith; two daughters and one son-in-law, Dolores Blocker of Snyder and LaDonna and Ronnie Halford of Post; his grandchildren, Renee Payne of Snyder, Richard and Devin Halford of Post, Ricky and Keri Halford of Washington state and LaRissa Halford of Post; two great-grandsons, Rowdy White and Bronc Darnell, both of Snyder; three brothers, Johnny of Snyder and Jimmy and Donnie of California; and one sister, Yvonne Bridges of California.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Southwest Cancer Center at University Medical Center, P.O. Box 5980, Lubbock, TX 79408.



Esperanza Solis

Services for Esperanza Solis, 84, of Post were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Hugh Thekkel officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home. Rosary was said at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, at the funeral home.

She died Saturday, Jan. 10, in Lubbock.

Born Feb. 23, 1918, in Chihuahua, Mexico, she married Ascencion Solis Jan. 26, 1936, in Las Cruces, N.M. He died Feb. 23, 1985. A resident of Post since 1951, she worked at the Postex Cotton Mill until her retirement. She was a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Ruben Solis of Lubbock and Raul Solis of Amarillo; six daughters, Mary Quinonez of Denver, Colo., Alice Varela of Post, Esperanza Soto of Lubbock, Frances Bustoz of Amarillo, Martha Luna of Garden City, Kan., and Susan Sierra of Lubbock; and a number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Romelia Luna, on July 22, 1970.

Wayne Carpenter

Services for Wayne Carpenter, 68, of Post were held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13, 2003, in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Buddy Payne officiating, assisted by the Rev. Lloyd Stice. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Friday, Jan. 10, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Born Dec. 24, 1934, in Garza County to George and Ruby Carpenter, he married Elfreda Buck Dec. 8, 1954, in Clovis, N.M. She died Aug. 3, 1976. He married Margie Johnson Oct. 6, 1985, in Brownfield. A graduate of Post High School, he attended Texas Tech and served on the board of directors for the Post Independent School District, the Plains Cotton Growers, Lyntegar Electric and the Close City Gin. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Margie of Post; his mother, Ruby Carpenter of Post; four daughters, Pam Humble of Post, Deb Kimball of Mart, Pat Sterling of Ira and Sue Brant of Council Grove, Kan.; one son, Mike Johnson of Post; one sister, Velta King of Hereford; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the donor's favorite charity.



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Postconstitutional America

by Sheldon Richman

It's a truism today that in this time of "war," we must shift the balance between liberty and security, sacrificing some freedom in order to protect our society from assault. Leave aside that this ignores Benjamin Franklin's famous statement about freedom and security. Funny how we blithely forget those oft-quoted adages when they become inconvenient.

It is more important than ever that we get our pronouns right. Advocates of deficit spending used to parry the concerns of balanced-budget champions by saying that "we owe it to ourselves." This was obviously untrue. I certainly did not borrow from myself. Nor, I suspect, did you. On the contrary, agents of government borrowed for their own benefit and the benefit of special interests, then later taxed the American people to repay the government's creditors. There was no "we-ness" about it, but a whole lot of "they-ness." The first-person plural fooled everyone and allowed them to get away with our money.

There is something analogous in the current discussion of the balance between liberty and security, which has been moved manifestly toward the side falsely labeled "security" with the USA PATRIOT Act, the Homeland Security Department, and the Pentagon's ominously named Information Awareness Office, run by that very model of a modern admiral, John Poindexter. "We" won't be giving up liberty for security. Rather, a small subset of "we" — namely, "they" — will take our liberty without our informed consent, albeit with the promise that we'll be safer in the process. The age-old question, of course, is: who will protect us from our protectors?

Before someone objects that "they" were elected by us, let me point out that our "representatives" were under such pressure to pass the PATRIOT Act and the homeland-security legislation that they were not even given time to read the voluminous bills, which weren't even printed until the 11th hour. Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas) has condemned this high-handed tactic. Thus it was only lately revealed that the homeland-security bill, which was said to be merely an efficient reorganization of government agencies, actually expands the power of the federal government to intrude on our privacy.

That intrusion will come largely at the hands of the said Admiral Poindexter. He has made the modest proposal that his office be given access to records of our electronic activities so that his agents can compile a huge database and look for patterns suggesting terrorist intent. The official seal of his Information Awareness Office (IAO) is nothing less than the eye in the pyramid (see the back of a one-dollar bill) peering out over the globe. The Poindexter program sports the Orwellian name "Total Information Awareness System." Its motto is "Knowledge Is Power" — a benign slogan, until you remind yourself that Poindexter's agency wants to acquire knowledge about, and thus power over, us. As the IAO website states, "The key to fighting terrorism is information. Elements of the solution include gathering a much broader array of data than we do currently..." (Its web page on Total Information Awareness is full of bureaucratish that masks the concrete acts the agency will commit against us all. It also contains an inscrutable Rube Goldberg-type diagram that has to be seen to be believed: www.darpa.mil/iao/TIASystems.htm.)

As news of the Bush administration's ambitious data-gathering agency spilled out, official spokesmen have tried to reassure us with words like "safeguards," "oversight," "judiciousness," and so on. That's what they always say. Then years later we learn that these trusty bureaucrats weren't so judicious after all; that in fact they were spying on and harassing law-abiding people.

This is about the time that we should remind ourselves that, as Thomas Jefferson said in 1798, after passage of the Alien and Sedition Acts, "Free government is founded in jealousy, and not in confidence; it is jealousy and not confidence which prescribes limited constitutions, to bind down those whom we are obliged to trust with power."

Unfortunately, the Constitution has proven to be a weak restraint. Government today defines its own powers. The message of the Homeland Security Department and Information Awareness Office cannot be disguised: We are living in postconstitutional America.

Sheldon Richman is senior fellow at The Future of Freedom Foundation in Fairfax, Va., and editor of Ideas on Liberty magazine.

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Washington's education establishment

by Walter E. Williams

"Fiddling Whilst Rome Burns" was my column several weeks ago. It looked at the disastrous state of education in the nation's capitol, where at only one of the city's 19 high schools do as many as 50 percent of its students test as proficient in reading.



At no school are 50 percent of the students proficient in math. At 12 of 19 high schools, more than 50 percent of the students test below basic in reading, and at some of those schools it's almost 80 percent. At 15 high schools, over 50 percent test below basic in math. In 12 of them, 70 percent to 99 percent do so.

One of the points I made is that you'll find performances like these in many predominantly black schools across the land, but what seems to be the primary concern of black politicians and civil rights organizations?

It's what Sen. Trent Lott has said and whether the Confederate Flag is publicly displayed. Recent news about the Washington education establishment makes this story even more sickening. According to The Washington Times and D.C. Watch (dcwatch.com), the FBI, IRS, Department of Labor and the D.C. Inspector General's Office have been looking into suspected criminal conduct by officers of the Washington Teachers Union (WTU).

While a complete accounting has yet to be done, the FBI's affidavit for a search and seizure warrant reveals that WTU officers converted "well in excess of \$2,000,000 in union funds to their personal use by, among other things, (1) charging personal expenses to union-paid credit cards ... (2) writing union checks to themselves; and (3) writing and causing the writing of union checks to persons other than themselves, who then cashed the checks and made the cash proceeds available to union officers."

Among the union-paid purchases of Barbara A. Bullock, recently resigned president, were: a \$20,000 mink coat, \$500,000 worth of custom-made clothing, \$20,000 worth of art and thousands of dollars worth of jewelry. Her union-paid purchases totaled in excess of \$1 million.

Then there's James Baxter, WTU treasurer. He received thousands of dollars in direct payments and tens of thousands in American Express charges for restaurants, bars and nightclubs, gas for multiple vehicles, vehicle repairs and maintenance, art, flowers and other purchases.

The affidavit of Katherine L. Andrews', the special agent for the FBI, reports hundreds of thousands of dollars Washington Teachers Union funds embezzled by other union personnel for items ranging from personal household furniture to a \$10,000 vacation in the Bahamas and supplying gifts for friends.

While Washington's criminal education establishment robs its teachers, the damage to teachers pales in comparison to the damage to the children of the district. That the undying and unquestionable support that Washington teachers gave to their unions is unwarranted is beyond question.

Through educational vouchers, there's opportunity for changes that benefit both teachers, students and taxpayers. Suppose parents were to receive a \$6,000 voucher, that's less than the \$10,500 per student expenditure now, for each school-age child? A group of teachers themselves might start their own private school. If the school enrolled 400 students, its revenue would be close to \$2.5 million. Schools would emerge that tailored their education programs to differing needs.

Teachers, rather than administrators and union officials, would be in control and set the agenda. Parents would be empowered through choice. Students would get a much better education. Finally, taxpayers would be less burdened.

It's a no-brainer that everyone benefits if we can get children out of high-cost, low quality schools into lower-cost, higher-quality schools. The only losers I see are teacher unions and the board of education.

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To Protect and Serve...

by Bill O'Reilly



Chances are the 42-year-old mother of two who was allegedly gang-raped in New York City by five illegal aliens did not know that Article Four, Section Four of the Constitution says that the federal government will protect each state against "invasion" and "domestic violence."

If she had known that, her horrible ordeal would have been made worse, because she would have understood that the people who run the United States and New York City failed to protect her by not enforcing the Constitution.

With an estimated 10,000,000 illegal aliens currently in the United States, and thousands more arriving each week, there is no question that we are being invaded by foreigners. Most are seeking a better life; some want to hurt us.

The federal government has long been aware that Border Patrol and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) are overwhelmed and cannot keep the "invaders" out. The feds have looked the other way for a couple of reasons. Cheap immigrant labor fuels profits, and immigrant-rights groups can hurt a politician who is considered "unfriendly."

So even after the attack on 9-11, where 15 of the killers were in this country illegally, many authorities still refuse to take steps to stem the invasion. President Bush, for example, could order the military to back up Border Patrol. He will not and will not explain why not. Does it make sense that 37,000 American troops guard the South Korean border, yet not one can guard the homeland border?

In the cities of New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston, San Francisco and many others, the local authorities are simply ignoring federal law. It is illegal for any person to enter the United States without a valid passport or visa. Yet in New York, Executive Order 124, signed by Mayor Koch in 1989, discourages and, in some cases, prohibits city workers, including police, from reporting any known illegal alien to the INS, even (SET ITAL) after he or she has been arrested (END ITAL).

Former New York City Police Commissioner Howard Safir told

me: "The thinking is that if you make the police the surrogates of the INS, then the communities that you police will not trust you ... I'm not suggesting it's right."

But it is policy, and Mayors Dinkins, Giuliani and now Bloomberg have championed it.

So what is this poor raped woman to think? Four men from Mexico and one from Ecuador were roaming around Queens unsupervised, even though four of those men had been arrested and two convicted of serious crimes. That woman's life is shattered because politicians simply would not do what was necessary to protect her.

In California, there are currently 19,000 illegal immigrants in state prisons for serious crimes — 12 percent of the total prison population in the Golden State. And when those alien criminals are paroled, most of them will not be deported because of lack of will on the part of politicians. This is simply disgraceful.

So what can be done?

The answer is very little, because the elite media will not aggressively cover this harrowing story. How many editorial pages have you seen demanding that the U.S. military be sent to secure our borders? How many stories on the network news have you watched pointing out that people like Mayor Bloomberg will not enforce federal law?

Many in the establishment press see themselves as "champions" of the underdog, and they put illegal aliens in that category. This is an emotional issue, and it is true that millions of illegals are good people seeking a better life.

But when law enforcement breaks down, chaos usually ensues, and people get hurt. The United States government on all levels exists for one primary reason: To protect Americans from criminals and enemies who would hurt them.

There's one woman in New York City who was denied that protection. And no pandering politicians can deny it.

Veteran TV news anchor Bill O'Reilly is host of the Fox News show "The O'Reilly Factor" and author of the new book "The No Spin Zone," in addition to last year's best-selling book "The O'Reilly Factor: The Good, the Bad, and the Completely Ridiculous." To find out more about Bill O'Reilly, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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Letters to the Editor

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Crossfire anyone?

I'd like to farther explain my letter to the Post Dispatch that was published 01-03-03.

First, I would like to mention that I have absolutely nothing personal against any politician, nor any hired person working for the city. I do not have a personal vendetta with any of these people. In fact I do not even know some of them personally, although I did meet one or two of them in the beer joints a few years back when I was still participating in trips to "The Dins of Sin". Those even seem like nice folks.

But, all of them piled in one pile, as a governing body, they are nothing short of big government, LIBERAL spenders. (Webster's Big Book: Liberal means... not literal or strict... loose... lacking moral restraint... given or provided in a generous and openhanded way)

It is obvious that we have elected all Liberal politicians to serve on our city government, and they, in turn have hired all Liberal spending people. It is quite evident that there is not one single CONSERVATIVE on the entire city governing body. (Webster's version of a Conservative: Marked by moderation or caution... one who adheres to traditional methods or views... a cautious or discreet person... an adherent or advocate of political conservatism.)

In other words, the folks we have elected to city offices, God bless their souls, are sinking in a sea of SPEND, SPEND, SPEND and TAX, TAX, TAX. If they see something they want, just order one, and raise the taxes to pay for it.

Hang on folks, we are none other than on a "Run-away Train, on a Dead End Track". We are eventually headed for the big crash, just set back and watch. In my last letter, the Editor said I had a few errors, Maybe a small bit exaggeration, but I doubt if I made very many errors.

There is no question in my mind that Whiteriver Lake is low on water. There is also no question in my mind that our Ol Buddy... GOD, will not allow the Lake to go dry. He may not give a darn about the people on the water system, but I don't believe he wants his innocent fish and turtles to die. Here is all the "Bible Thumpers" here in Post? Ain't nobody got no faith in the CEO in this sky?

I don't believe their is anyone here that don't realize that a backup water system is absolutely necessary. Our past and present leaders are a bit

"Lacking" for not already having some sort of backup system in place, but I don't believe a LIBERAL overspend and overkill water line was the answer.

In my opinion, and my thoughts on a rumor or two that has come to my attention from our neighbors to the far northern part of the state, I will make a longshot guess that the Golden Water Line may run dry long before Whiteriver Lake thins in the towel. But then please remember, that is: As I See It and My Opinion Only.

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Back to the politician thesis. I've looked in the mirror and asked myself if I could do better than they are doing? My answer to myself would be "Probably Not".

I think I probably compare politicians to guitar players. There is a awful lot of wannabe guitar players in the world, but very few of them can actually play a guitar well. I know what makes a guitar work, but I can't play one. I like to listen and watch a good player, and I CERTAINLY can recognize a good guitar player when I see one.

As for me being a politician, I am a non-practicing alcoholic. I do not want to jeopardize my sobriety (2 1/2 yrs) by putting myself under the stress of handling tax money. I would be afraid I would return to the bottle, and nobody knows better than me that a practicing alcoholic can't handle his own money, much less someone else's money.

As for me needed to read in the paper, or watch Classic Channel 12, or attending any of the meetings, read the Wallstreet Journal, or maybe the "For Women Only" magazine, I would have been better informed.

I do all that, but the message ain't in none of that material. A person has to be able to do something that is very simple, such as read "The Writing On The Wall", listen to the public and their thoughts.

I think the real message is there. I don't go to the meetings, but I may start, just to break up the daily grind of work, eat, sleep and pay taxes.

Now, there is no doubt that the Great Golden Water line is about to become a reality. I wish all involved, good luck with the project, and hope all goes well. As for the total bill going over budget, I have no way of making a guess, but I have never in my 58 years, seen a major project not go over budget or completed on the deadline date, maybe this will be a first, I would certainly hope so.

Now I believe I'll be like Forrest Gump.... That's All I'm Gonna Say about that. By the way, Thanks Wes, for the comeback, good try. I also welcome anyone else to throw me in a rebuttal ever once and a while....

As I See It & My Opinion Only,
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson

Obituaries

Peggy Dennis

Services for Peggy Smith, 81, of Post will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 2003, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with the Rev. Ray Sorgon officiating. Burial will follow in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Jan. 13, in the Lynn County Hospital. Born April 25, 1921, in Toronto, Canada, she married John Dennis March 30, 1946, in San Angelo. The couple operated a ranch in Borden County for many years. He died Oct. 19, 1999. She was a housewife and a Catholic.

Survivors include one son, David Dennis of Post; two daughters, Mary Ann Awtry of Orange City, Iowa, and Jacque Whalen of Gail; three grandchildren, Michael Awtry of Abilene, Russell Awtry of Lubbock and Marissa Awtry of Southlake.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Awtry, Oct. 13, 1997.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Borden County EMS, Lynnwood Assistance Living Center, Holy Cross Catholic Church or St. Jude's Catholic Church in Tahoka.

Dorothy Kass

Private services for Dorothy Joan Kass, 84, of Lubbock will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Mrs. Kass died on Tuesday January 14, 2003 at the The Phoenix House. She was born on December 5, 1918 to Albert Thomas and Marguerite (Mathews) Douglas. She attended school and college there and married Charles Kass on December 12, 1942 in New Zealand. She was a systems analyst for many years. She and her husband came to the United States in 1946 and settled in San Francisco, California. Mr. Kass preceded her in death November, 1967 and she moved to Lubbock in 1996 to live.

She is survived by Daughter, Breana and husband J.W. Payton of Pleasant Valley. Two Sons: Richard and his wife Rita Kass of Ore Valley, Ar. and Paul Kass of Saratoga, California.

Three Grandchildren: Tom Payton of Southland, Korren Payton of Pleasant Valley and Steven Payton of Lubbock. Two Great-grandchildren: Daegan Moore and Jessica Payton of Lubbock.

Memorials are suggested to a charity of choice.

Amelia Rodriguez

Services for Amelia Esparza Rodriguez, 74, of Tahoka will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, 2003, in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Porfirio Bas officiating. Burial will follow in the Nevels Memorial Cemetery under the direction of the White Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Jan. 13, in Lubbock.

Born May 11, 1928, in Taft, Texas, to Jose and Leonarda Rocha Esparza, she married Pedro Rodriguez Sr. May 9, 1953, in Lovington, N.M. He died March 6, 2002. A longtime resident of Lynn County, she was a homemaker and a Catholic.

Survivors include four sons, Joe Rodriguez, Manuel Rodriguez, Pedro Rodriguez Jr. and Johnny Rodriguez, all of Tahoka; nine daughters, Valentina Rodriguez, Mary Morin, Lucy Rodriguez, Margie Lopez, Estella Moore, Anita Rodriguez and Lupe Rodriguez, all of Tahoka, Janie Morales of Lamesa and Frances Gomez of Post; 27 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Sally Rodriguez; one brother; and one sister.

Stock Show...

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Extension Agent, will serve as judge for both shows. Swine Superintendent is Ronnie Dunn with Charles Atchison and Moses Abraham serving as assistants. Beef Superintendent is Milton Williams with Royce Hart serving as assistant.

Fridays' activities start with the Lamb Show beginning at 5:00 p.m., the Goat show at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pee-Wee Goat Show at approximately 8:00 p.m. The Goat and Lamb shows will be judged by Richard Long, Sterling City Vo-Ag Instructor. Junior Stelzer will be serving as Goat and Lamb Superintendent with Brad Mason, Kim Norman and Victor Ashley serving as Assistants.

Hurst Farm Equipment and Lyntegar Electric Cooperative are sponsoring the Reserve Grand Champion plaques, ribbons and division banners. Junior and Senior exhibitors will compete for Showmanship buckles sponsored by Garza-Lynn County Farm Bureau, Citizens Bank of Post and South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc.-Dickens Division. Godbold Feeds and Conner Herefords are sponsoring the steer "Rate-of-Gain" buckle and \$200 cash

prize. Caprock Telephone Company of Spur is sponsoring the Overall Sportsmanship buckle which will be presented to a youth who has shown outstanding cooperation, assistance to others and leadership during the show. Grand Champion buckles are being sponsored by Stanley Truck and Tire, Big Country Electric, Caprock Cellular, Milton Williams and Brad Mason family.

Syd Conner will serve as announcer at the shows and the award ceremony at 9:00 a.m. Saturday just prior to the sale. Serving as Auctioneer will be Ronnie Thornton of Plainview. Several items have been donated for auction to boost the Jackpot which pays premiums to the exhibitors.

A concession stand run by 4-H and F.F.A. members and parents will be open Wednesday afternoon through Saturday. An Appreciation Lunch will be served at noon Saturday.

The Garza County Junior Livestock Association, a non-profit organization formed in 1964, conducted its first stock show in 1965. Currently there are 69 members with the following serving as officers: President - Junior Stelzer; Vice-President - Milton Williams; Recording Secretary - Royce Hart, and Past-President - Giles Dalby, Jr. Diane Graves serves as Corresponding Secretary.

Yesteryears

January 13, 1993 10 Years Ago

Temperatures from a fire at the BTA Swenson Battery at the Chimney Creek Ranch in northeast Garza County resulted in first and second degree burns to a pair of Post firemen. Rodney Tidwell and Mike Tomlinson suffered the burns while fighting a heater treater fire.

The Garza Theatre's first production of 1993 opens Thursday evening with the hilarious Neil Simon comedy, "The Odd Couple."

Carmen Lopez was introduced as Garza County's new adult probation officer during the Monday's session of the Commissioner's Court.

Kerry Almeda Thuet and Alan Douglas Finney exchanged vows in a double ring ceremony at the First Baptist Church of Post.

Dustin and Amber Massey are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ashley D'Shae Massey.

Bill and Cynthia Black of New Braunfels, Texas happily announce the birth of their new daughter, Kenzie Lyn Black.

January 9, 1983 20 Years Ago

Jim Jackson was reelected president of the Post EMT Club for the fifth straight.

Margie Pennell, employee of the First National Bank here was presented with the annual service award, presented by the West Texas Bankshares Corp. during the annual Christmas party held at the Lubbock Civic Center.

Junior Gray of Graham, Texas and formerly of Post, placed his three-year old gelding Uno Poco Frecleke, 35th in a field of 782 horses at the National Cutting Horse Futurity held in Fort Worth recently.

Ruth Martin, Burlington Industries employee, was presented her 30 year service certificate and awards by Postex Plant manager Jim Brown, during a special meeting in her honor.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Luft of Lubbock, announce the birth of a son, Garrett Paul in Lubbock Methodist Hospital. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Cowdrey of Post.

January 11, 1973 30 Years Ago

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Graham Chapel Methodist Church and all its contents, shortly before 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

The resignation of Mrs. Emmarhe I. Hartel as county executive director of the Garza County office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service became effective last Saturday. She has served as head of the county office since 1954.

A son Michael James, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Saldivar in Garza Memorial Hospital Jan. 7.

This week's bad weather has been the only thing to "stop" Coach John Alexander's Post Antelopes who have an eight-game winning streak going and are 3-0 in District 5AA.

competition. The team consists of Robert Mindieta, Rodney Compton, Danny Lee, Ricky Shepherd, Johnny Jefferson, Bill Hudman, Randy Kennedy, Steve Hays, Reggie Moore, Rusty Conner and Roger Pace.

January 10, 1963 40 Years Ago

Little Garza County 1963 is Susan Tjerina Menchaca, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Menchaca. She was born Tuesday at Garza Memorial Hospital to win the annual first baby contest sponsored by the hospital and some dozen progressive Post merchants.

Jim Hays, who has spent some 35 years in the grocery business, almost all of it in Post, has sold his interest in the Corner Grocery and Market to his son, Robert (Pete) Hays.

Robert Cato was re-elected fire chief of the Post Volunteer Fire Department at the annual officer election at Monday night's meeting.

The Railroad Commission in Austin set Friday a maximum city gate charge of 28 cents per thousand cubic feet for domestic and commercial gas delivered by Pioneer Natural Gas Co. to Post and 55 other towns in the West Texas area.

Dr. Drew A Browne announces the opening of his office in Post for the practice of optometry.

This 'n' That: New couples seen walking down the halls of PHS are Terry Power and Glenn Polk, Teddy Scott and Vicki Wilks, Johnny Kuydendoll and Laura Gerner, Sammy Sims and Pam Owen, Ronald Simpson and Beverly Duncan.

January 8, 1953 50 Years Ago

Clint Herring of Herring Dry Goods store has announced the winners of the cotton bales guessing contest sponsored by that store. Pete Kennedy was winner of the first prize, George Tillman placed second and Don McLendon was third. Total bales of cotton ginned in Garza County before January 1 was 12,711.

John Lott, Garza County rancher who has been interested in aviation the past several years and who owns two planes and maintains a modern airport at his U Lazy S ranch, last week completed lengthening his north and south runway. The 4100 foot hard-surfaced strip will afford suitable landing for most any kind of modern aircraft.

A daughter weighing four pounds and two ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Little in Taylor hospital in Lubbock Saturday afternoon.

R. B. Wilson of the Close City community was injured on his farm last Friday morning, while he was working with a cotton harvester. Wilson received a broken rib and bruises over his entire body when the tractor ran over him.

Ricki Paul Greer is Mr. 1953 of Post. The six pound, two ounce boy was born January 2, in Garza Memorial Hospital to become the first baby to be born in Post in the new year. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Greer.

Lake fees...

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with a family sticker.

Selby said the annual rates have already gone into effect. The daily rates will change when the City of Lubbock receives the automatic permit kiosk to be installed at the recreational area's entry gate. City officials hope to receive the self-serve unit sometime in the next couple of weeks.

Until the permit kiosk is installed, Selby said last year's fees will be collected through the same "honor system" as was previously used.

Annual vehicle and/or boat permits may be purchased at 600 Municipal Drive in Lubbock during regular business hours; via e-mail request to dselby@mail.ci.lubbock.tx.us; and via a mail through use of a form available at http://water.ci.lubbock.tx.us/Lake%20Alan%20Henry/Fees_Permit_Applications/feesframes.htm. Permits also will be available through the Lake Permit Office scheduled to open in March.

Lake Alan Henry, constructed almost a decade ago as a future water source for the City of Lubbock, lies primarily in Garza County.

Menus

Post ISD
January 20- Student holiday
January 21- Breakfast-French toast, sausage link, fruit, milk
Lunch-Chicken strips, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello, milk
January 22- Breakfast-Donut, sausage, fruit, milk
Lunch-Tacos, lettuce & tomato, pinto beans, rosey applesauce, corn bread, milk
January 23- Breakfast-Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk
Lunch-Pizza, salad, corn, peaches, milk
January 24- Breakfast-Cereal, toast, fruit, orange juice, milk

Lunch-Sandwich, chips, salad, pickle spears, orange, milk
SOUTHLAND ISD
January 20- School holiday
January 21 - Breakfast-Donuts & cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch-Fish strips, green salad, macaroni & cheese, baked beans, peaches, milk
January 22 - Breakfast-Scrambled eggs, sausage & bacon, toast, juice, milk
Lunch-Lasagna, garlic bread, tossed salad, corn, cookie, milk
January 23- Breakfast-Cereal, graham cracker, juice, milk
Lunch-Chicken spaghetti, green beans, Texas toast, fruit with marshmallows, milk
January 24 - Breakfast-Biscuits & gravy, sausage, juice, milk
Lunch-Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoe, & pickles, french fries, carrot sticks, go-gerts, milk

Garza Trailblazers
January 20- Liver & onions, chicken strips, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli salad, hot roll, brownies
January 21- Beefburritos, spanish rice, squash cassarole, tossed salad, pudding, cookies
January 22- Chicken fry, cream gravy, corn, peas & carrots, hot roll, apple cobbler

January 23- BBQ sausage, pinto beans, brussel sprouts, cornbread, rice pudding
January 24- Brisket, potatoe salad, okra, sliced tomatoes, wheat roll, apricot cobbler

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ACROSS

- 1 UT football coach Brown
- 5 TXism: "bone ___" (study)
- 6 TX Phyllis George was in "Meet the Parents" with actor Robert De _____
- 7 pickup blemish
- 8 TXism: "___ in the hole" (reserve)
- 9 TXism: "hasta ___" (see ya)
- 16 Friday night cheer
- 18 TXism: "looking for a gas leak with ___" (tricky)
- 21 state of TX Buddy Holly crash (abbr.)
- 22 this Guerrero was Railroad Commissioner in 1991
- 23 TXism: "his facts ___ elastic" (liar)
- 24 tiny "wet" town just north of Abilene
- 30 19th century TXns
- 34 the city was named for this Dallas (init.)
- 35 1967 TX hurricane that spawned 115 tornadoes
- 36 winter garment
- 37 in Titus Co. on 271
- 39 TXism: "happy as ___"
- 43 TXism: "___ a hoof" (run, dance)
- 44 Redskins & Eagles to the Cowboys
- 45 TX electronics co.
- 46 Mr. Lincoln, et al.
- 47 "and others" (abbr.)
- 48 ex-Cowboy Dorsett (init.)
- 50 George H. attended _____ Hirohito's funeral as president
- 53 dir. to College Station from Fort Worth
- 54 TXism: "let ___ rip!"
- 55 opposite extreme
- 56 Ward Co. town named for oil checks
- 59 this Geraldine starred in TX "Bountiful" film
- 60 TXism: "fraidy ___"
- 61 medical insur. type (abbr.)
- 62 ___-gallon hat

DOWN

- 1 in Knox Co. on 277
- 2 TXism: "just down the road ___"
- 3 this Bivins helps run famed pan-handle JA Ranch
- 4 TXism: "don't get your shorts in a ___" (calm down)
- 9 _____ Porte, TX
- 10 h.s. honor for TX "Dandy Don"
- 11 many TXns fought in _____
- 12 TXism: "pay ___ never mind"
- 13 TXism: "has book ___" (educated)
- 14 UT grad. student teacher (abbr.)
- 15 TXism: "high as popcorn ___ picture show"
- 17 sc. of Dallas on hwy. 342
- 19 TXism: "jaw ___" (dentist)
- 20 TXism: "changes his mind as often as ___" (fish)
- 26 TXism: "upchuck"
- 27 TXism: "bait ___" (fish)
- 28 some Aggies
- 29 TX singer B.J.
- 31 chilli ___ carne
- 32 TXism: "chow down"
- 33 world's largest desert
- 38 pregnancy pains
- 40 West ___ Virus appeared in TX
- 41 dir. to Lufkin from Dallas
- 42 goofus
- 49 TXism: "just a ___ in the bucket"
- 51 TXism: "a watched ___ never boils"
- 52 TX Tarzan Ron
- 57 pleasure cruiser
- 58 TXism: "boring as a fishing trip with ___ warden"

Sports

Lady Lopes clipped 46-33

The Lady 'Lopes' district record dropped to 0-2 last week with a 46-33 loss to Shallowater.

The Post squad struggled offensively early in the game, allowing 13 points and scoring four in the first period. The second period proved better, but Shallowater carried a 23-11 lead into the half.

"We got off to a very rough start in the first half," the coach said. "After we settled down in the second half we played very well. We pulled within eight points many times in the second. Overall, we did well be playing the third ranked team in the state."

Post led scoring in the third period 9-7 and scored 13 to Shallowater's 16 in the final period of the game.

Leading scorer for the Lady 'Lopes' was Nikki Norman with 10, followed by Patricia Hester with nine and Brittney Courtney with seven. Kaycee Gorman scored five points, and Donae Dalby had two points. Gorman, Courtney and Norman each contributed a successful three-point shot. The loss puts the team's season record at 13-9.

JV Black team edged by Anton

Post High School's junior varsity black squad lost a close game to Anton last week by a score of 28-26.

The 'Lopes' led scoring in the first two periods, carrying a 17-10 lead into the half, but the third period proved disastrous for the team. Anton outscored Post by an 8-1 margin in the third period to tie the game outshot the 'Lopes' 10-8 in the final period for the win.

"After having a break, the boys came back a little sluggish," the coach said. "The boys started off pretty good in the first half and then let Anton hold us to one point in the third quarter."

Coco Valdez led scoring for Post with seven points, followed by Cole Easterling with six. Tony Garay had four points in the game, while Jansson Eilenberger had three and Mark Norman, Kenny Garay and Shawn each scored two.

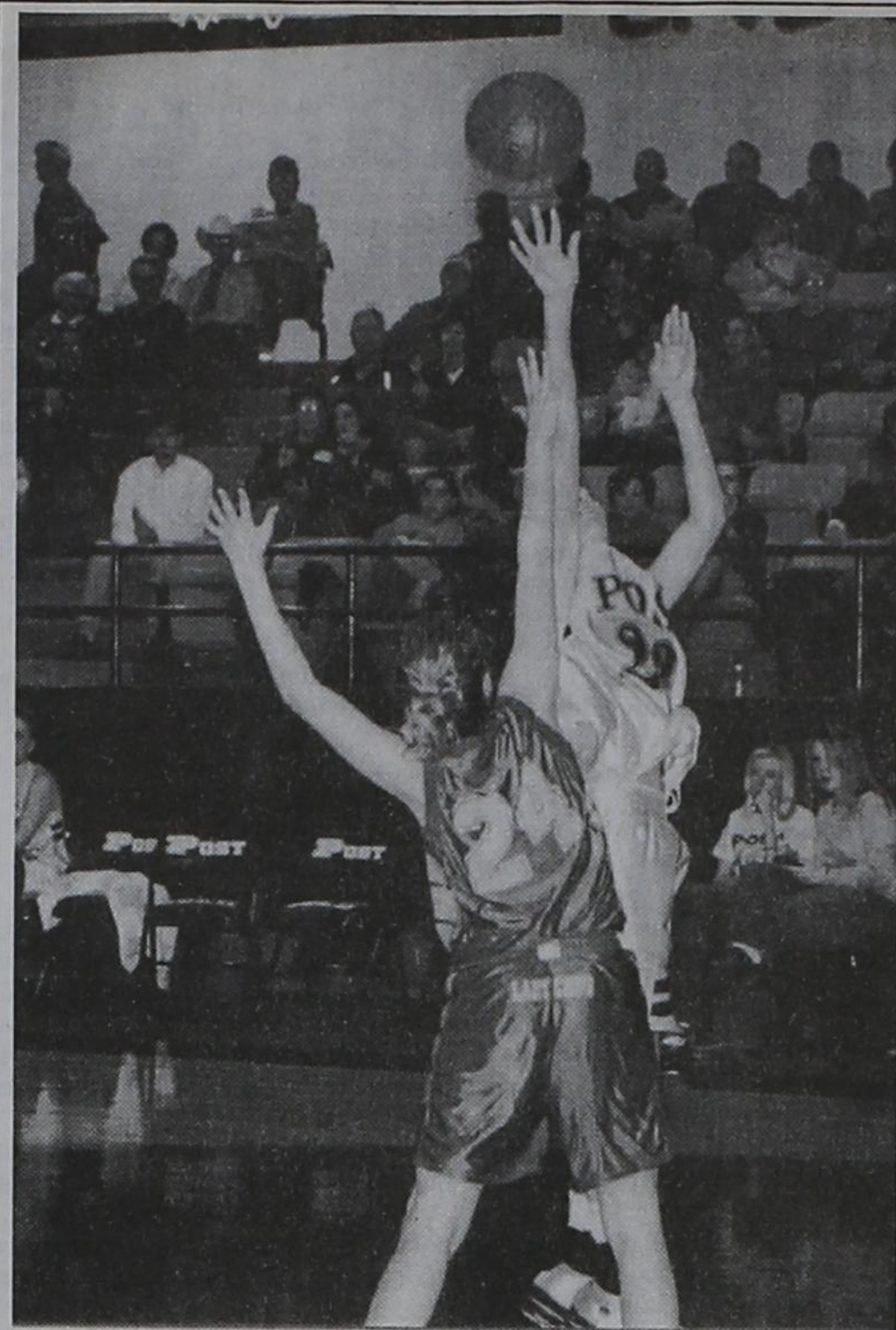
JV Girls ice Idalou 38-8

The Post junior varsity girls iced Idalou last week in a 38-8 win.

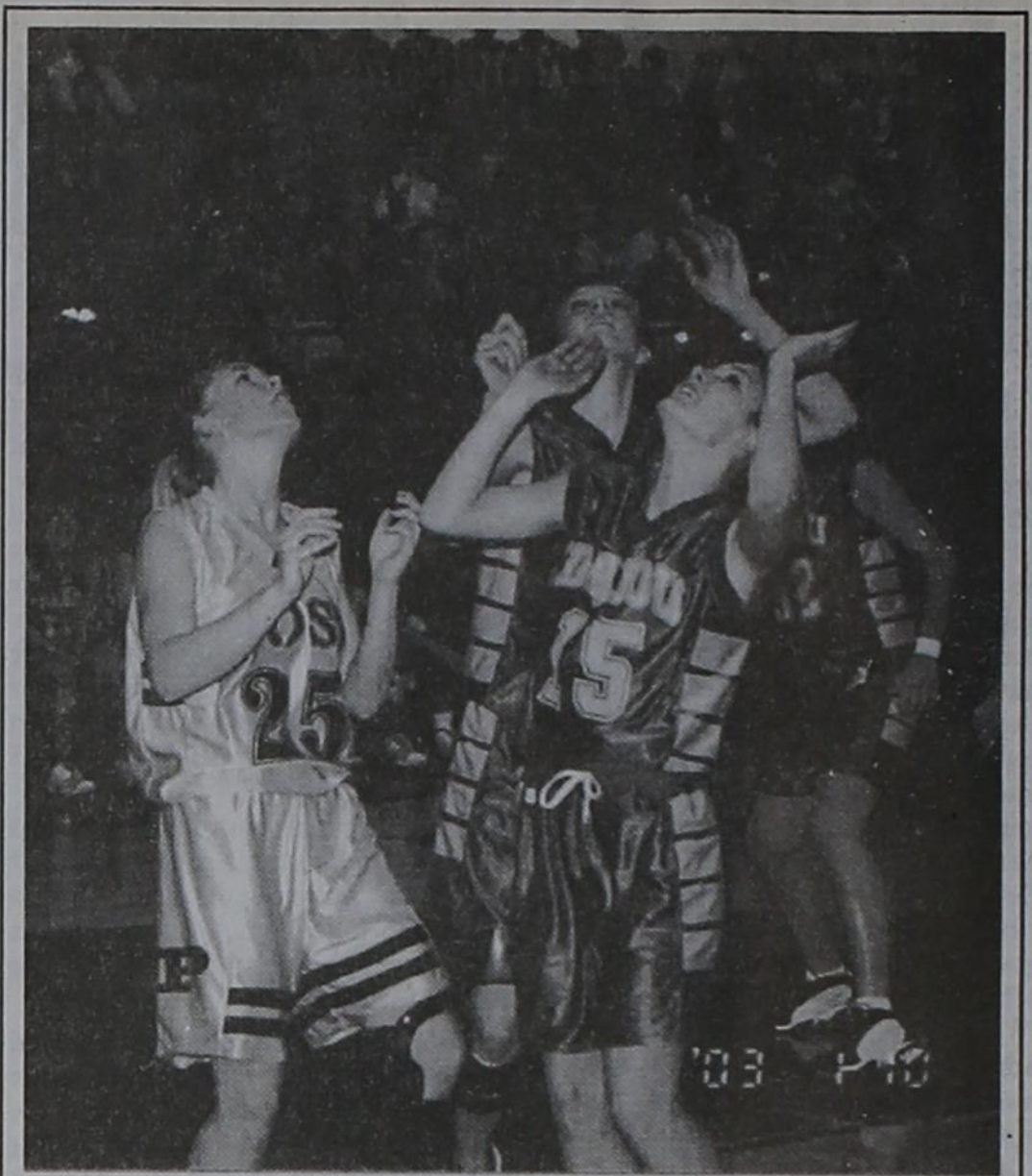
The Lady 'Lopes' jumped out to a 16-2 lead in the first quarter and never looked back. The Post defense allowed only four points in the first half and completely shut out Idalou in the third period.

Ashley Wilson led scoring for Post with 11, followed by Jenee Lott and Courtney Short with six points apiece. Kayla Dunn and Lyndee Strawn each had five, while Traci Nelson had three points and Courtney Copeland scored two.

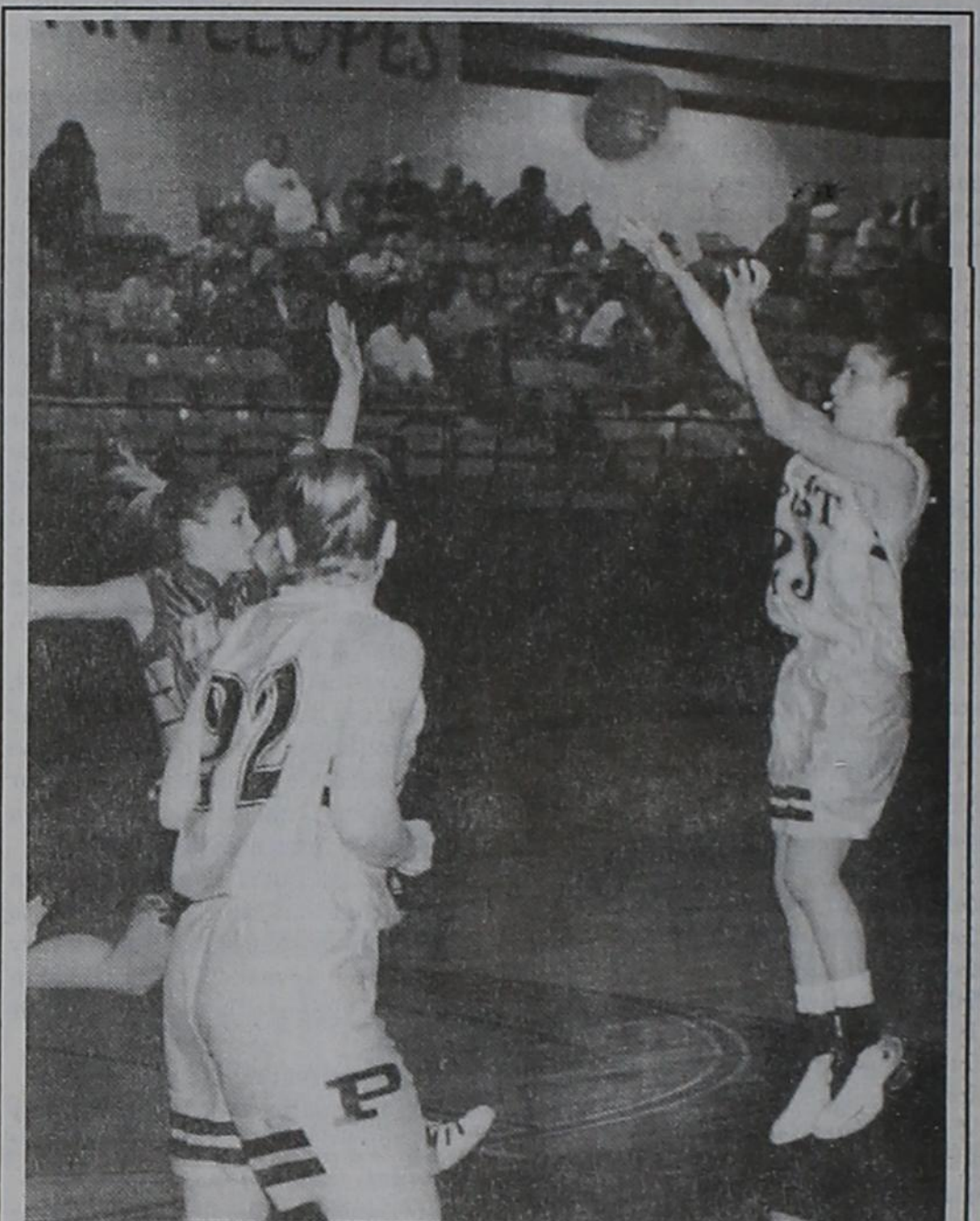
The win puts the team's district record at 1-2 and 10-7 for the season.



Donae Dalby (22) takes a two-pointer for the Lady Lopes in their win here last week over Idalou. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Patreicia Hester gets ready for a rebound for the Post Lady Lopes in their district win over Idalou last Friday here. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Taylor Starkey (23) puts p another two points for the Lady Lopes as Donae Dalby (22) assists on the play as the Lady Lopes defeated Idalou last Friday. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

PHS Basketball Schedule

Jan. 17	* Roosevelt @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 21	* New Deal @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 24	* Shallowater @ Post	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Jan. 28	* Idalou @ Idalou	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 4	* Roosevelt @ Roosevelt	JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Feb. 7	* New Deal @ New Deal	JVB, VB
Feb. 11	* Shallowater @ Shallowater	JVB, VB
	* District Games	

Coaches: Randy Courtney, Varsity Girls; Dane Vickers, Varsity Boys

7th grade girls take second at tournament

The Post Middle School seventh grade girls came up just shy of the win needed to capture the championship trophy in the Christ the King Tournament held over the weekend in Lubbock.

The Lady 'Lopes' lost the final game in the tourney to Marshall by a score of 27-22.

"This was the championship game of the tournament and the second game of the day for these girls," the coach said. "We were out hustled the entire game and could never recover to get ahead."

Lori Jones, who was tapped for the All-Tournament Team, led scoring for Post with eight points. Samantha Hoover had six points, while Lauren Gonzales had four and Marlee Plummer and Madison Mason each had two.

The team was 0-13 at the free throw line. Earlier in the day, Post bested Lubbock Christian 30-21 to earn the right to play in the championship contest.

Hoover scored 18 points in that game, with Jones posting eight and Brenna Postell, four.

"This was one of the best games I've seen the girls play," the coach said. "We were behind the whole game until the fourth quarter. We outscored them 11-1 in the fourth, which sealed the win."

"Samantha Hoover had her best game of the season. She shot the ball very well and was successful at the free throw line. Lori Jones also hit two key three-pointers, which aided in our victory. Kelsey Sanderson had a great defensive game, which helped us greatly."

In the first round of the tourney, the girls easily handled the Lubbock Home School team 31-4.

Jones had nine points in the contest, while Tyler Menchaca had six. Hoover and Tamara Raymundo each scored four, while Plummer, Gonzales, Postell and Mason each added two points to the board.

Post held the opposition scoreless through the first half of the game. "The girls did a good job taking the lead early and not letting down," the coach said. "The girls did a great job of taking advantage of Lubbock Home School's weaknesses. Lori Jones had a great game and ran the floor well, scoring off of her steals."

8th grade girls drop to Shallowater

The Post eighth grade girls dropped a 26-18 game to Shallowater Jan. 13.

Shallowater came out strong, outscoring Post 10-6 in the first period. Both teams scored six points in the second period, to make it a 16-12 game at the half, but Shallowater turned up the offense in the third quarter to clinch the win.

"This was a hard fought game," the coach said. "I felt the girls were not ready to play when they stepped out on the court, but I was pleased at how hard they played."

Sarah Kirkpatrick, who made a key three-point basket near the end of the first half, led Post in scoring with nine points. Larissa Halford had three points, while K'Neil Dalby, Kylie Easterling and Jackie Hays each scored two.

PHS Basketball Schedule

Jan. 17	* Roosevelt @ Post	
Jan. 21	* New Deal @ Post	
Jan. 24	* Shallowater @ Post	
Jan. 28	* Idalou @ Idalou	
Feb. 4	* Roosevelt @ Roosevelt	
Feb. 7	* New Deal @ New Deal	
Feb. 11	* Shallowater @ Shallowater	



Mitchell Mills (00) gets crowded by Idalou in action here last Friday in the Lopes' district opener. Idalou won the game 50-40. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Jerrad Grisham (24) puts the basketball into the net for the Post Antelopes in their district opener last Friday against Idalou here. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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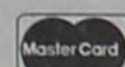
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