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City tackles old water line

by Wes Burnett

Construction and installation of a new 14 inch water line near the creek west of 10th Street will begin this week following emergency action Tuesday night by the Post City Council.

The emergency meeting was posted and called by Mayor Archie Gill in response to recent water main breaks on the 50 year old line leading from the storage tanks to 10th Street.

After a report on the situation, council members took action to correct immediate problems. Engineer Rich Oller reported to the council that the original cast iron 12 inch pipe is coming apart due to conditions of the pipe itself, as well as shifting of soil in the area near the creek bed.

City crews worked through the night last week patching the line, which had sunk to 15 feet below the surface. "It's really a dangerous situation," Oller emphasized. City publicworks superintendent Delbert Rudd told the council that in the past few years there have been seven major breaks in the line.

Oller recommended that the city take immediate action for installing about 600 feet of new 14 inch pipe and to route around the existing creek crossing to a more narrow stretch. He suggested that long term, the council should begin in phases replacing all the old pipe.

Oller couldn't give an exact amount for the cost, but pegged it at about "45,000 to \$50,000."

In other matters, Mayor Gill announced that he would not be a candidate for mayor in the upcoming May election and expressed his appreciation to the community and the council during his three terms.

In a joint meeting with the Garza County Commissioners' Court, council members reluctantly agreed to share additional law enforcement costs related to payment of compensatory time. Sheriff Cliff Laws and Judge Giles W. Dalby explained that the county would be switching back to overtime pay instead of "comp time" because of difficulties arising from lump sum payments.

Council member Harold Craig quizzed county officials about why this problem was allowed to go unnoticed and complained that the city shouldn't have to pay extra for lack of supervision by the county.

County commissioners attending the meeting voted to approve the change during their portion of the joint meeting.

Former Sheriff Kenny Ratke spoke briefly after the vote, pointing out that during his tenure in office, he managed the comp time, staying within his budget.

The council approved a first reading to change zoning on West 8th Street near the city limits from residential to commercial, providing for a new RV park development.

A request to rename the baseball field in honor of the late Norm Cash was unanimously approved by the council. The idea was presented by Jimmy Redman and Chili Black representing the athletic committee of the Garza County Museum.

Cash, a native of Post, won several awards as a professional baseball player for the Detroit Tigers. A dedication ceremony is planned for April 23 at 10:30 a.m.

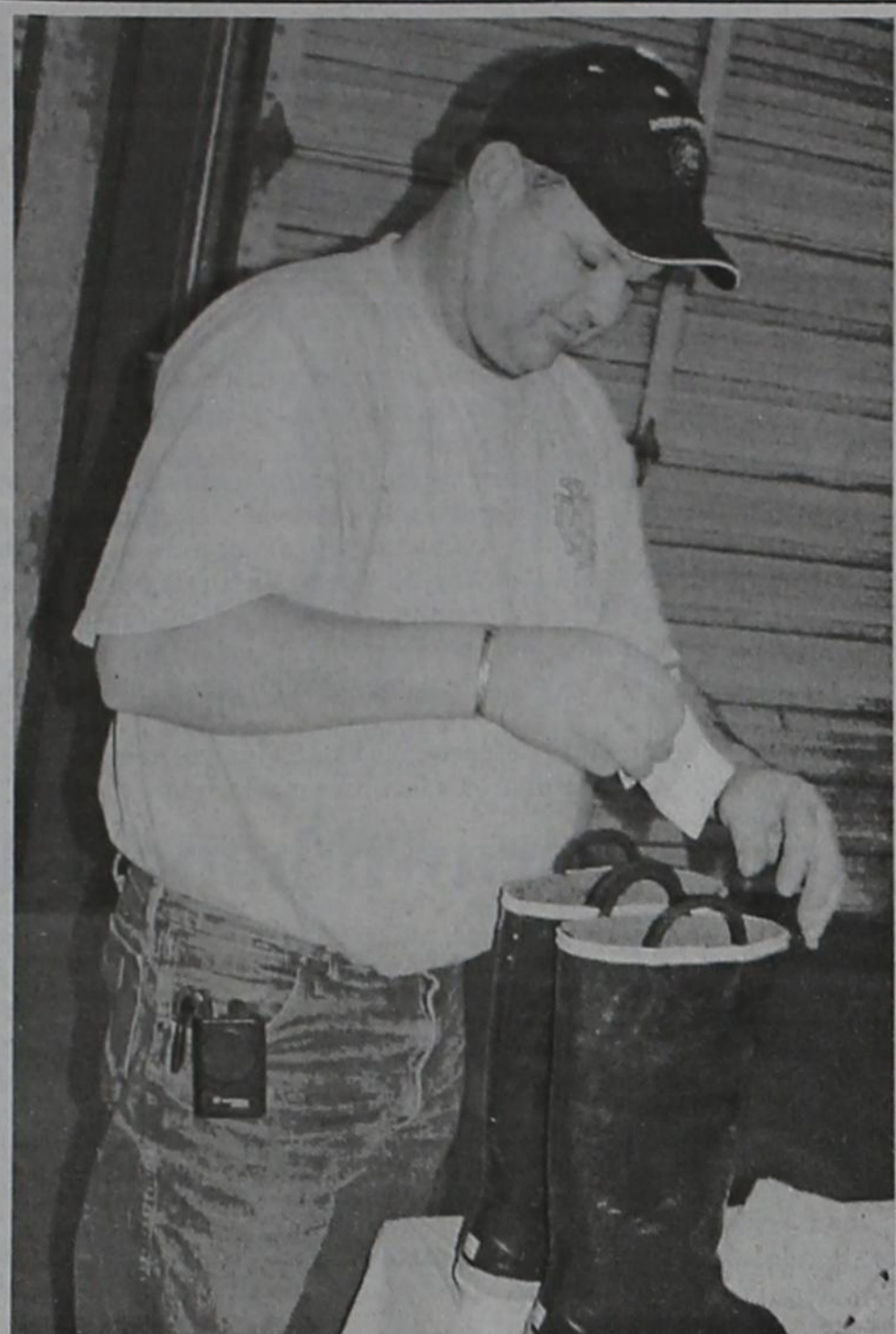
The council approved city attorney Harvey Morton's recommended changes to the proposed new contract with White River Municipal Water District. Morton praised the water district for its fairness and reasonable approach to the contract. The changes will be presented to the water district before final contract approval.

An audit report from J.W. Anderson was accepted by the council.

Well Water

Testing workshop

The Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District is considering holding a well water testing workshop at a later date. Participants would be able to collect water samples and have them tested for nitrates and bacteria. Samples will be tested for a fee of \$5.00 per sample. Anyone interested in participating should contact the Garza County SWCD or NRCS office prior to February 18 at 495-2056.



Checking the "boot"

Mark Short checks some of the donations in the "boot" during last Saturday's annual Post Volunteer Fire Department Chili Supper. Fire department officials said that this year was one of the best ever with corporate and individual donations. The event is one of the major fund raising efforts by the department.

Post Notes

VFW men to meet Monday

The men of Post 6797 will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the post. Reports from the meeting in Austin and the district meeting in Muleshoe will be given, and all members are urged to attend.

Ladies Auxiliary meets Tuesday

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Girls softball sign-ups Feb. 12

Registration for girls softball for the Lubbock league will be held Saturday, February 12 at the Citizens Bank Community Room from 2-4 p.m. There will be two teams - 10 & under, and 8 & under. Ages as of January 1, 2005. Call Lance at 996-5622 or Joey Cowley at 495-1884.

Valentine celebration at Post Office

On Friday, the local Post Office will offer a special cancellation postmark for individuals who bring their valentine cards in. The postmark reads, "Happy Valentine Station," and will feature the date, city and ZIP code. Refreshments will be served Friday morning. Also available are valentine "LOVE" stamps that can be purchased to mail cards, as well as an assortment of valentine gift items - Teddy bears, key chains, magnets, etc. With a \$20 purchase of valentine merchandise, individuals can enter a drawing for a valentine bear on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day.

Revival begins Feb. 9

The Post Church of the Nazarene will host revival services Wednesday, February 9 thru Sunday, February 12. Rev. Pat Burkhalter, Evangelist, will be ministering. The Wednesday-Saturday services will begin at 7 p.m., with Sunday services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Church of the Nazarene is located at 202 W. 10th Street. (Corner of 10th & Ave. K). Come and hear what God has for you!

Aguilar fund set at Wells Fargo Bank

A fund remains established at Wells Fargo Bank in the name of Christina Aguilar, the 15-year-old daughter of Lupe and Cindy Aguilar who received a new liver November 9 at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. After struggling many years with a failing liver, Christina now has a chance at a long and healthy life. However, she and her family will have to continue making frequent trips to Houston to monitor her progress for the next year.

Benefit planned for Criswell

A benefit will be held Saturday, Feb. 19 for Patti Criswell beginning at noon at JD's Bar & Grill, 208 N. Ave. F. Great tasting BBQ brisket plates with all the trimmings will be sold for \$5 each. Call your orders in at 495-0694. A drive thru is available for your convenience or join in for a day of fun with a live auction, raffle for two handmade blankets, cakewalk and DJ. All proceeds will help offset medical bills.

Flags, magnets available

Individuals needing flags to fly at their home and/or business can call the VFW Post 6797 commander, Chuck Ratliff, for assistance. Magnets also are available. Contact Ratliff at 495-2026.

Items needed for VA Hospital visit

The men and woman of Post 6797 will make their annual visit to the VA Hospital in Big Spring Feb. 24. Anyone interested in donating items for the visit should contact Chuck Ratliff at 495-2026. Suggested items include books, magazines, playing cards, games, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other items individuals might need during a hospital stay. Baked goods also are needed, as the group will play bingo with the patients and distribute refreshments.

Cub Scout banquet set

The 1st Annual Blue & Gold Banquet will be held Saturday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the C. W. Post Memorial Dining Hall for Cub Scout Pack 316. A brisket dinner will be served followed by a live auction. For donation or ticket information call Crystal Osborn at 806/495-3011 or 806/549-1182.

Men's prayer breakfast

All men are invited and encouraged to come to the Graham Chapel Church of Christ at 15th street and Avenue S for a home cooked breakfast at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, February 14. The event will be held the second Monday of each month. Please come for breakfast, prayer and fellowship.

SHAPES Recruiting

Shaping Success Headstart is recruiting for the 2004-2005 school year. We serve children ages 3 and 4. Please call 495-2554 for more information.

Garza County Relay for Life

All team captains, past, present and future are invited to a Team Captain Rally on Monday, February 28 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. It's time again to start working on teams, fund raisers, and Relay for Garza County. We look forward to seeing you at the rally. 2005 Relay for Life Co-Chairs are Peggy Graves, Tonya Kirkpatrick, Marge Tannehill, and Carol Williams. For more information contact Carol at 495-2156 or LWill74@aol.com

Old eye glasses needed

Your help is needed to collect old eye glasses for Missionary, Chris Hena, M.D. of Kazakhstan. There is a great need for eye glasses of all sizes. We will be collecting thru March 1. Please bring eye wear to the First United Methodist Church, Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. until noon. You may also bring them to Redman Redi Lube, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fish fry every Friday

Holy Cross Catholic Church will start selling fish fry and trimmings every Friday during lent. Beginning February 11, from 5-7 p.m. Plates are \$6.00 each.

Enchilada plates on sale Friday

The Church of God of Prophecy located at 602 W. 14th street will be selling enchilada dinners on Friday, February 11 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Each plate includes 3 enchiladas, rice, beans, salad and salsa. Plates are \$5 each. Call orders are welcome, call 495-3644.



A big hole in the ground

Fighting a very deep trench full of water, cold weather and long hours, Post city crews managed to patch up a major break in the main water line from the storage tanks west of 10th Street last week.

Joining in the effort were Frank Flores, Paul Pérez, Larry Haynes, Eddy Valdez, Bryan Looney, Johnny Torres, John Goen and Delbert Rudd.

City officials praised their dedication and expressed appreciation to Joe Marts and his crew for the excavation work and to the George R. Brown Partnership for its assistance with pumping water to allow the repairs.

The city was went several hours with reduced and no water supply during the repairs to the 50 year old water main. Replacement 600 feet of the old line is currently underway (see related story this page). (Photo Courtesy City of Post)

Neil Simon comedy keeps 'em laughing at Garza Theatre

by Wes Burnett

The Garza Theatre's current production of the Neil Simon comedy "Fools" is loaded with laughs and a few twists and turns.

Directed by Mickie Klafka, the play continues February 11, 12, 18 and 19 at the theatre.

The fable takes place in the

small village of Kulyenchikov, where the people have been living under a 200 year old curse ... keeping them in a semi-literate and "foolish" state of mind. It comes a new school master drawn by the local "doctor's" advertisement.

With a touch of romance and odd-ball characters, the cast brings Simon's comedy directly to the audiences, which respond to the delightful performances.

Cast members are Lowell Merkling, Kim Klafka, Roy Willis, Christina Burk, Rick Fay, Virginia Solomont, Mike Corley, Michelle Dillard, Kristin Thomas, Chris Davis, Marissa Olive and Mickie Klafka.

Tickets for the upcoming performances are available at the box office or by calling 495-4005.

Main Street Merchants plan downtown celebration

Representatives from many of the businesses on Main Street met last week to coordinate efforts to encourage visitors to Post and residents of Post to shop Main Street. Discussion centered on the upcoming Post City & Ranch Celebration Days, June 3-5.

The following businesses were represented at the meeting: Main Street Mercantile, Radio Shack, Post Auto, Bee Hive, Frame Shoppe, Garza Theatre, Hudman's Furniture, Caprock Cultural Association, The Post Art Guild, The Post Dispatch, Ruby Lane Books, Post City Television, Post City Radio, Garza County Historical Museum, McDonald's, Hotel Garza, and Garza County.

The group agreed on a general focus for the Celebration Days and designated a committee to help with coordination of the events. Another meeting is scheduled on February 22, 7:00 pm at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. All business located on Main Street are invited to attend.



"Fools" opening at Garza Theatre

Garza Theatre cast members celebrate a successful opening weekend for the Neil Simon comedy, "Fools" are (back row, left to right) Lowell Merkling, Roy Willis, Mike Corley, Rick Fay, Chris Davis, Kim Klafka, (front row) Kristin Thomas, Virginia Solomont, Christina Burk, Michelle Dillard and director Mickie Klafka. The play continues February 11, 12 and 18 and 19. Call the box office at 495-4005 for reservations.



Neighbor to Neighbor

by Julie Neitsch,

Garza County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Science

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Heart Attack Warning Signs

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense — the "movie heart attack," where no one doubts what's happening. But most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

* Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain. * Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach. * Shortness of breath. May occur with or without chest discomfort. * Other signs: These may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

If you or someone you're with has chest discomfort, especially with one or more of the other signs, don't wait longer than a few minutes (no more than 5) before calling for help. Call 9-1-1... Get to a hospital right away.

Calling 9-1-1 is almost always the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment. Emergency medical services staff can begin treatment when they arrive —

up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. The staff are also trained to revive someone whose heart has stopped. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too.

If you can't access the emergency medical services (EMS), have someone drive you to the hospital right away. If you're the one having symptoms, don't drive yourself, unless you have absolutely no other option. Source: American Heart Association. "Heart Attack Warning Signs."

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4-H Photography Meeting

All youth interested in participating in the Junior and Senior Photography projects need to meet at the Extension office Thursday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Junior & Senior Fashion Show

Both district fashion shows have been combined this year and will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2005, in Lubbock. Please contact the Extension office at 495-4400 if you are interested in participating in the Clothing Project.

4-H Family Night

Lubbock County 4-H is sponsoring a 4-H Family Night at the Lubbock Cotton Kings game Saturday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m.. Cost per person is \$10, which includes a ticket to the game and a t-shirt. Ice skating will be available after the game for \$4 per person from 10:00-11:00 p.m.. A dance will be held from 10: 11:30 p.m. by the Lubbock County 4-H Teen Council following the Cotton Kings game. Parents must pick up youth directly after the dance. Registration deadline is February 9. Come by the Extension office for more details and to sign up.

Post ISD trustees meet with architects tonight

The Post Independent School District board of trustees will hear a report from its architects at a 7:30 p.m. meeting today (Feb. 10) in the administration building.

The board is scheduled to receive the architect's report and consider a revision of the agreement made with the architectural firm. "Other construction issues" also may be considered.

Other items on the agenda include calling the upcoming school district election, a review of the election calendar and approval of election officials; consideration of student transfers; conducting a hearing and approval of a waiver for the beginning of school on Aug. 15; a review of the 2005-06 school year calendar; a review of board training; a board self-evaluation and review of the board handbook; and consideration of real estate offers.

Also to be considered is a proposal to name the high school playing field Norm Cash Field.

In addition to regular monthly reports, the board also will hear from the superintendent regarding the district's facilities master plan.

Jennifer Strawn honored at bridal shower

Jennifer Strawn, bride-elect of Trey Peacher, was honored with a Jan. 29 bridal shower in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church in Post.

Guests were served a variety of homemade cookies, nuts and punch from a table decorated with fresh flowers and the bride's chosen colors of red, white and black.

Special guests included the bride's mother, Susan Strawn of Post; her grandmothers, Bessie Strawn and Marita Jackson of Post; and the groom's mother, Sherry Peacher of Lubbock.

Hostesses were LeAnn Hodges, Alexa Collier, Gena Lott, Pam Humble, Barbara Hardin, Diane Stelzer, Connie Jones, Metta Tyler, Teressa Schoonover, Kathy Fluitt, Debbie Johnson and Lisa Copeland. They presented the couple with a knife cutlery set and dual cutting boards.



Remembering the big snow ... a local horse enjoys a romp in the white stuff. (Photo by Tim Burnett)

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Births

Jacob Ray McClellan

Michael and Samantha McClellan are proud to announce the birth of their first son Jacob Ray.

Born January 6, 2005, at 3:28 p.m. in Covenant Medical Center, Jacob weighed 7 lbs, 14 oz and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Jacob was welcomed home by his Grandparents Mason and Glenda McClellan and Joann Foreman, along with several aunts, uncles and cousins.



Jacob Ray McClellan

White River Lake Weekly

Report Feb. 7, 2005

Gauge reading: 2353.62 Feet below spillway: 18' 9" Rise - 1" Rainfall (past week): 0.58" Rain to-date: 1.84" Rainfall for 2004 - 43.58"

Source: Mickey Rogers, WRMWD general manager

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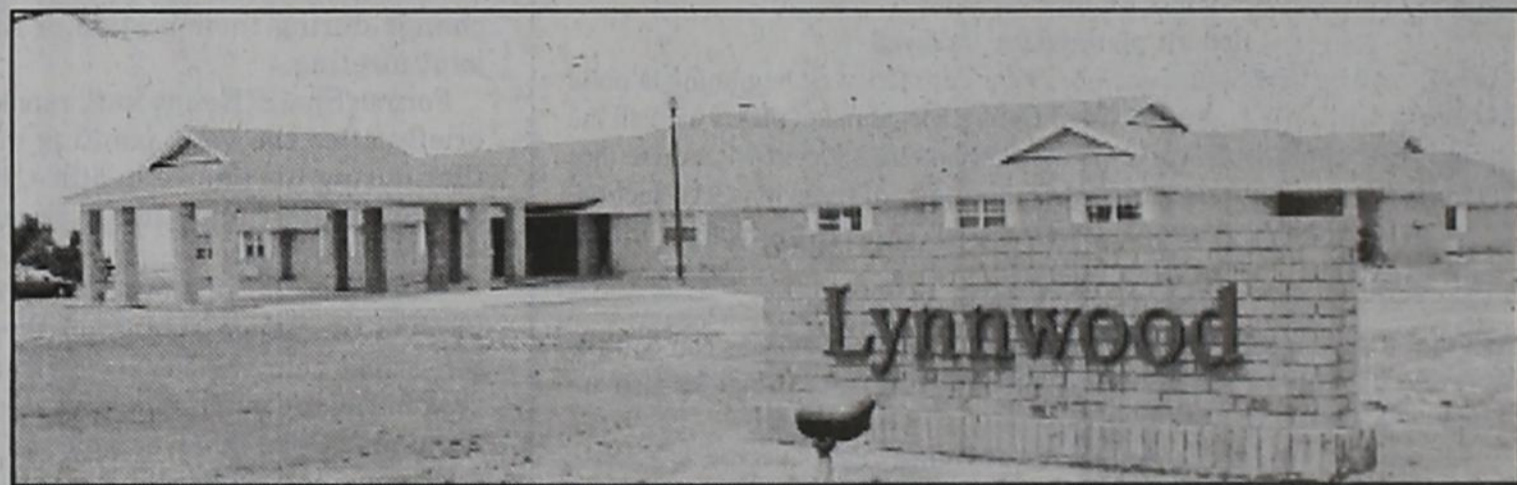
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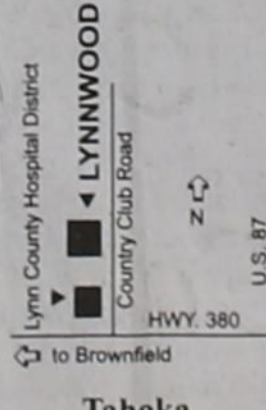
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Some call it the "push away" diet, others call it "Portion Control 101"

USDA statistics show that because of increased portion sizes, the average American's total daily calorie intake has risen from 1854 calories per day to 2002 calories per day over the past 20 years. This 148 calorie increase per day works out to about an extra 15 pounds of body weight per year.

Plate size in restaurants has increased from "diner size plates" to "full size dinner plates" and in some cases to a "serving platter" size. Today it is hard to find cafés or restaurants that serve a meal based on standard serving sizes and not portion sizes.

Now we look for "all you can eat food bars" "complete buffets" and "super size, king size, extra size" restaurants and fast food establishments.

Some portions in this "super size" category often provide enough food to serve two or more people. A portion is how much food you choose to eat whether it is in your own home, from a package or in restaurant.

A serving is a standard amount of food set by the U.S. Government and is the recommended amount of food you should eat from each food group.

The foods below are just for comparison and DO NOT represent a balanced day's meals! Twenty years ago breakfast may have been: a 1.5

oz blueberry muffin and an 8oz. cup of coffee with whole milk and sugar. This meal contained 255 calories. Today's breakfast could very well consist of a 5oz. blueberry muffin and a 16oz. cup of a mocha or latte style coffee. Total calories: 850.

Now for lunch! In 1985 a small cheeseburger had about 333 calories, 2.4oz of French fries-210 calories, and a 7 oz soda-85 calories this gave you a 628 calorie lunch. In today's fast food world a cheeseburger could now contain 590 calories, a large order of fries at 6.9ozs-610 calories and a 20oz. soda-250 calories. Total this lunch up for 1450 calories.

Suppose you want to see an afternoon movie? Twenty years ago you bought a bag or box of popcorn containing about 5 cups of popcorn at 270 calories and a 7oz. soda with 85 calories. Your snack cost you 355 calories. Today if you bought a tub of popcorn and a 20oz. soda your snack could add up to 880 calories.

Supper has arrived and you decide on a chicken Caesar salad. In 1985 this salad contained about 390 calories. This salad of today is offered in a portion size containing 700 calories. The 1985 total calorie intake for the day was 1628 calories while the 2005 total calorie intake for the day was 3880 calories! This calorie

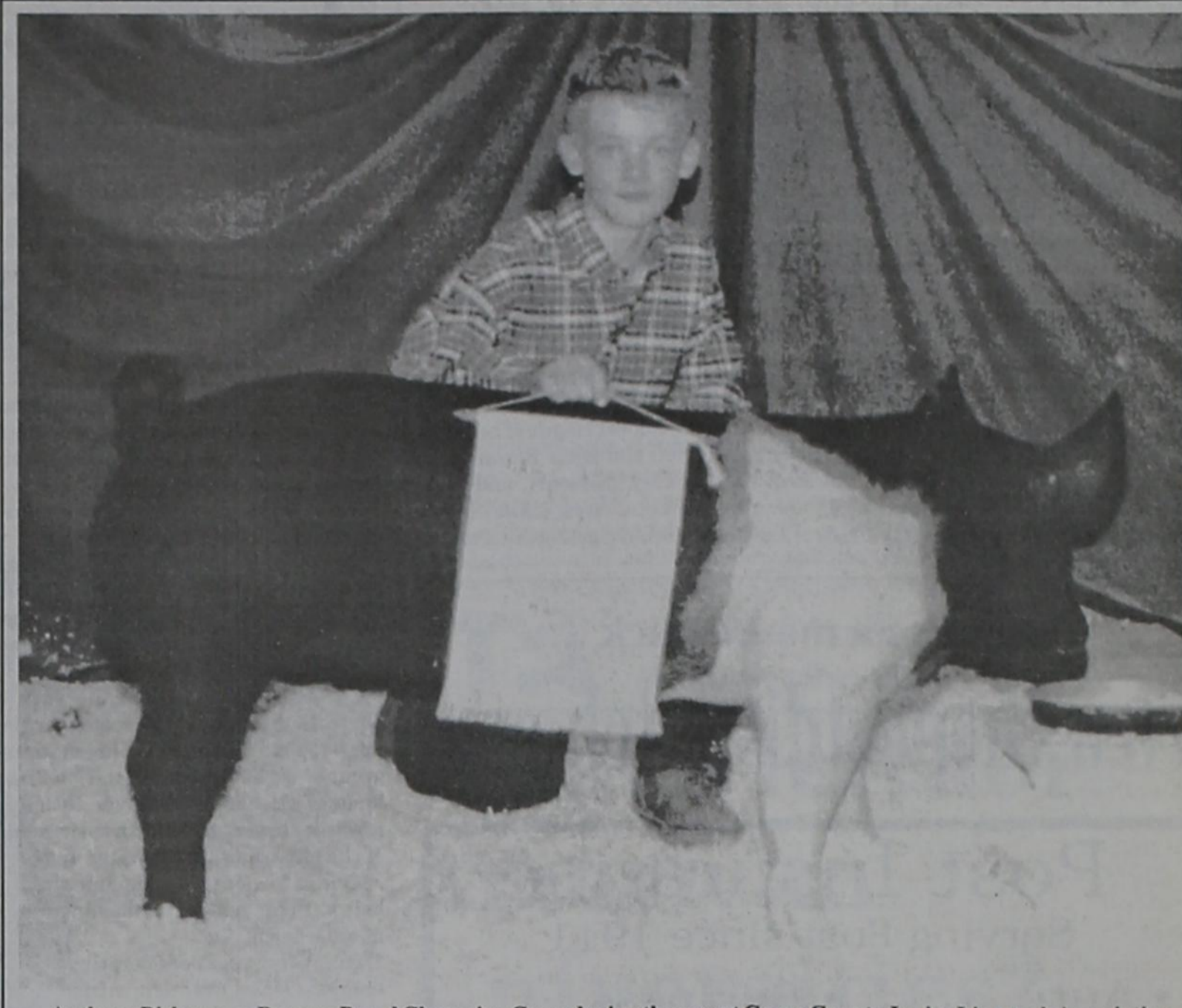
intake is 1080 calories above the very highest daily calorie level that is recommended only for teenage boys and VERY active men.

Most women and older adults need about 1600-1800 calories per day. Children, teenage girls, active women and most men need between 1800-2200 calories per day. If you are inactive stay within the 1800-1900 calorie range and if you are pretty active aim for 1900-2000 calories a day and remember only if you are VERY, VERY active should you consume between 2000-2200 calories per day. Remember the key to weight loss and management is not the types of food you eat but the amount of food you choose to eat.

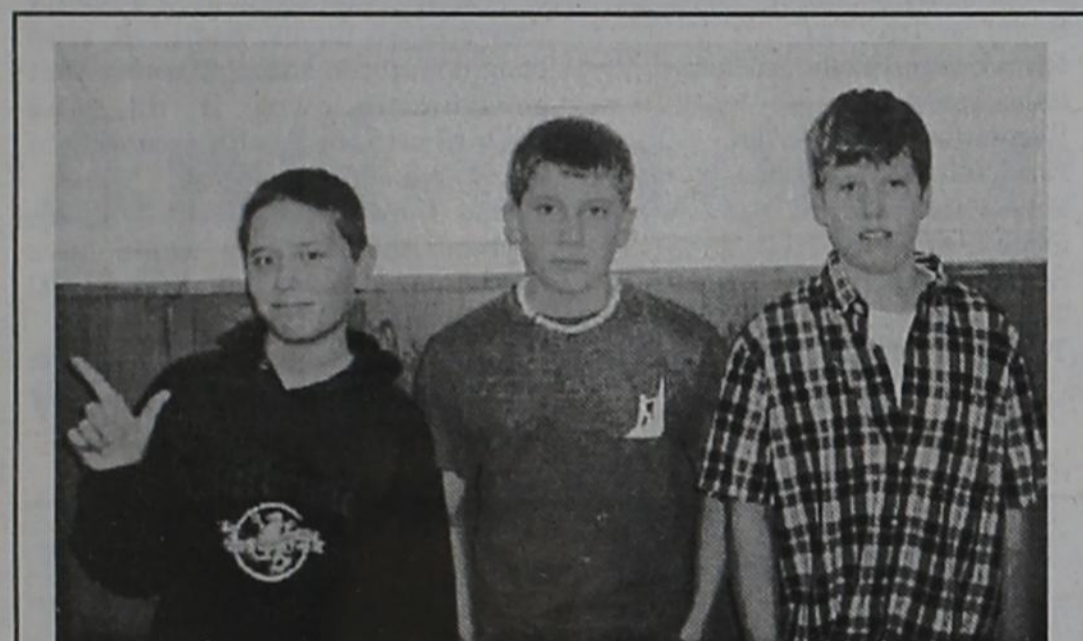
To learn more about weight loss and weight management or other health and wellness programs offered by Texas Cooperative Extension, call Julie Dirks, Garza County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, at (806) 495-4400.

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Source: Mary Pate McMullen, CEA-FCS Mitchell County



Anthony Bishop won Reserve Breed Champion Cross during the recent Garza County Junior Livestock Association Show and Sale on January 20 - 22, 2005. (Photo by Cindee Rieter)



Post Junior High band members performing with the Region 16 All Region Band on Saturday, January 29, 2005 are (left to right), John Bocko, Shiloh Short and Kaleb Tanner.



Post High School band members performing with the Region 16 All Region Band on Saturday, January 29, 2005 are (back row left to right), Stephen Short, Andrew Fumagalli, Allen Heckaman, Brant Guthrie, Jonathan McGregor, Jesika Pitts, Kaci Capps and Diana Ratke (front row), Alfred Segovia (Area Honors Band), Preston Ortiz, Bailey Odum and Eric Reyna.

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Obituaries

Sue Jean Freeman

Services for Sue Freeman, 53, of Post will be at 3 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, in the Hudman Funeral Home with Jeremy Eilenberger officiating. She died Sunday, Feb. 6, in Lubbock. Born March 5, 1951, in Cleveland, Miss., she married Bill Freeman on Jan. 10, 1968, in Kansas. She was a housewife and a Baptist. Survivors include her husband, Bill, of Post; one son, Robert Hogue of Lubbock; one daughter, Heather Matic of Post; her mother, Nell and Gene Blessingame of Lubbock; two brothers, Clinton South of Kansas City, Missouri, and Ricky South of Lubbock; three sisters, Becky Jennings of Commerce, Okla., Benita Hammond of Midland and Karla Cairo of Lubbock; and five grandchildren.

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Letters to the Editor

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Don't judge the book by lookin' at the cover

Is not it fact that most of us are guilty of poking fun at "the city boys," "the county hands" or maybe "highway department guys" of what looks like they are just riding around, goofing off, wasting taxpayer money?

I know I am. Maybe they are taking advantage of some easy hours, because they know the hour and the day is coming that it won't be easy.

I'm beginning to see beyond the actual book cover and start looking inside the book at some of the actual pages.

In the last few months the construction company I work for has been called in on some major repair jobs. There is no question that the city and county have their own equipment to do most repair jobs, they do have a need for a little bit larger equipment sometimes.

What I do know is that when we are called out for one of the utility folks, the job at hand ain't gonna be simple.

In the past months my company has worked on some sewer and water leaks that appeared to be as near impossible to repair.

I've seen the "city boys" stand knee deep in sewer effluent (poop and pee water) in a 12 or 15 foot deep hole changing out a section of pipe.

Last week we/or they spent about 30 hours on a main water line leak. When I say we, I mean they done the work and I ran the digging machine. But when one goes to work at 7:30 some morning and is still looking at the same people non-stop at 7:30 the following morning, one's tongue seems to want to drag the ground. We had people on the job that the general public most likely won't ever know were there. The mayor, the city manager, water department supervisor, my boss all were there with their actual manual assistance. They all knew most of the city was without water and a quick fix had to be accomplished.

One of the local oil companies brought pumping equipment and operators to help with the removal of flooding water. Their boss was on hand as well with his manual labor.

In my few years of operating equipment, I believe this was the most likely toughest leak I ever delt with.

Although the leak problem is not completely cured, and some pipe is still gonna have to be replaced in the near future, I suppose everyone must be thinking, "Thank God, the water is on."

Now that 25 or 30 hours had slowly passed by, out of all the helpers on hand, I only heard one person complain. Some of the guys got soaking wet, some caught colds, most were given completely out, but no one got mad, no one give up, and only one person was complaining. Here I set up in a well-heated cab of an excavator saying, "Damn, I'm tired..."

Nevertheless, there is no question that all involved were ready to drop, but no one gave up. The City of Post should be very proud to have a crew of utility workers as committed to their job as these guys seem to be.

So to the city, county and state employees - go ahead and goof off ever now and then. We may need you one of these days.

Kudos to them all.

My opinion and as I see it only,
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On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett

His Star...Matthew 2:2-9

In continuing with the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, we come to the subject of "his star" referred to in Matthew 2:2 and 9. What was "his star"? What circumstances caused the Magi to pay close attention to this particular star? Were they taken by its brightness? Or its symbolism? As mentioned in last week's column, much of the material on this subject is borrowed from the work of Victor Paul Wierwille and Ernest L. Martin. In his book *Jesus Christ Our Promised Seed*, Wierwille more perfectly synthesized the celestial events surrounding the time of Christ's birth, with God's word. He brought his readers back to God's rightly divided word. This is why we choose to borrow mostly from his book.

During the period of Jesus Christ's birth a large number of significant celestial events occurred in the heavens that can be precisely traced by modern day astronomers. In their respective books, Wierwille and Martin provided simple illustrations of star positions to show the various significant events that occurred within the constellations Leo and Virgo. Significant celestial events are those that occur in such unusual ways and with unique repetition that they attract the attention of star gazers. When the related stars have spiritual symbolism, they grab the attention of those star trackers who understand God's word written in the stars. This is why the Magi knew without a doubt that a "King of the Jews" was born. Due to limitations we cannot list all the related celestial events that occurred during that period of time. They involved the following stars and constellations: Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Saturn, Mercury, Regulus, Leo and Virgo. The celestial events included conjunction, retrograde motion, triple conjunction and massing of planets. When two or more planets and stars line up so that a straight line can be drawn through them to the celestial north pole, a conjunction has

occurred. A triple conjunction occurs when one of the stars pass three times into conjunction. Here, the related star first passes in the normal direction, then starts to reverse its motion back through the conjunction, and finally returns through in the normal direction.

The reverse motion is known as retrograde motion. Wierwille laid out six possible candidates for "his star." The first five consisted of two conjunctions between Jupiter and Venus that occurred on August 12, 3 B.C. and June 17, 2 B.C., and three conjunctions between Jupiter and Regulus on September 14, 3 B.C., February 17, 2 B.C. and May 8, 2 B.C. Regulus is the brightest star in the constellation Leo. All the conjunctions occurred in the constellation Leo. A final sixth conjunction in Leo would have completely convinced the Magi that a King was born. This one involved the massing of four planets, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury and Venus in the constellation Leo.

A review of all the significant celestial events will reveal one planet that stood out as the most likely candidate for "his star." Jupiter is historically and spiritually known as the kingly planet. It has royal symbolism and significance. After watching the significant events involving Jupiter in the constellation Leo, the Magi became persuaded that a King (Jupiter) was born out of Judah (the lion or Leo). As it is written in Genesis 49:9-10, "Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, the art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up? The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver [king] from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." Jesus Christ's lineage could be traced through Mary back to Judah.

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Searching for 1954 info

My grandfather's name was Emory Willis Graham and he died in a fetal car crash/auto fatality on July 25, 1954 in Post, Texas. There was one survivor, his name is Cicel Graham, who is my uncle.

If anyone can produce any information that was written (in the newspaper) about this accident and/or an obituary notice I would be so grateful.

I never knew my grandfather but members of my family tell me I am so much like him. I didn't know this until a few years ago but my grandfather Emory Willis Graham was born July 25, died July 25, and my husband and I were married July 25 all different years of course.

If you should need anymore info please e-mail me.
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A partial list of taxes forced on Americans ...

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 - Capital Gains Tax
 - CDL license Tax
 - Cigarette Tax
 - Corporate Income Tax
 - Court Fines (indirect taxes)
 - Dog License Tax
 - Federal Income Tax
 - Federal Unemployment Tax (FUTA)
 - Fishing License Tax
 - Food License Tax
 - Fuel permit tax
 - Gasoline Tax (42 cents per gallon)
 - Hunting License Tax
 - Inheritance Tax
 - Interest expense (tax on the money)
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 - IRS Interest Charges (tax on top of tax)
 - IRS Penalties (tax on top of tax)
 - Liquor Tax
 - Local Income Tax
 - Luxury Taxes
 - Marriage License Tax
 - Medicare Tax
 - Property Tax
 - Real Estate Tax
 - Septic Permit Tax
 - Service Charge Taxes
 - Social Security Tax
 - Road Usage Taxes (Truckers)
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- Trailer registration tax
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- Vehicle License Registration Tax
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- Workers Compensation Tax

COMMENTS: Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago and our nation was the most prosperous in the world, had absolutely no national debt, had the largest middle class in the world and Mom stayed home to raise the kids.

These taxes are the result of the socialization of America...our founding fathers had no idea that their descendants would embrace socialism and destroy the freedom and liberty they created for us. Sadly, we have bought into the socialist notion that government owns it all, and redistributes the wealth according to the whims of the majority.

Had they foreseen this tragedy, perhaps the founders would have denied government (all government) the power of taxation.

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What's left for American Universities?

by Bill O'Reilly

There are so many nutty professors around this country, Jerry Lewis could sue all day long. The Ward Churchill controversy is just the headline — the real story is the radicalization of the nation's college faculties.

Churchill, as you may know, is the University of Colorado "Ethnic Studies" teacher who wrote an essay saying that those Americans killed inside the World Trade Center on 9-11 were not actually civilians, they were "little Eichmanns" (as in the Nazi Adolf) — people who hurt innocents because they worked for large corporations. Churchill went on to call the 9-11 killers legitimate "soldiers."

Seeing merit in Churchill's ravings, a Hamilton College literature teacher named Nancy Rabinowitz invited him to speak at the upstate New York school and agreed to pay the man \$3,500. Previously, Rabinowitz tried to hire 1960s radical Susan Rosenberg to be an "activist-in-residence" at Hamilton College.

The problem was that Rosenberg had spent 16 years in prison for possessing explosives. When the alumni at Hamilton found out about that, some short fuses were lit. Rosenberg got the boot.

And so, eventually, did Churchill, but not before major angst. When some journalists exposed Churchill and questioned the appropriateness of giving him a platform, the administration at Hamilton vowed it would not be swayed — the man would appear at the college in defense of free speech! Less than a day later, Hamilton President Joan Hinde Stewart censored him, after a nationwide outcry against her foolish position.

So what exactly is going on here? To understand the craziness on campus, you have to first look at the stats. According to a survey done by UCLA, 48 percent of college faculty members and administrators identify themselves as either liberal or far left. Just 18 percent say they are conservative or far right. So the prevailing wisdom on campus is decidedly progressive and aggressively politically correct.

If you challenge the leftist orthodoxy, watch out. Harvard President Lawrence Summers is still bruised after saying some women might not be as good as men in math and science. Well, I did the math on this one. The women who complained defeated Summers 800 to 0, or something like that.

But at Northeastern University, across the river from Harvard in Boston, Economics Professor Shahid Alam opined that the 9-11 killers were similar to the Founding Fathers. According to Alam, the Al Qaeda thugs died so "their people might live free, and in dignity." In response, the faculty at Northeastern has said nothing. No doubt distracted by the women-math deal.

All over the country, far-left ravings on campus are acceptable and sometimes even embraced by fanatical faculty. Legitimate dissent has degenerated into hate speech and vile descriptions of America. Many of these so-called teachers, like Ward Churchill, have tenure, a dastardly con that protects teachers for life. They know they can't be fired, so they become little Ayatollahs. And if you call them on their irresponsibility, you are a fascist or a racist.

One more example. That rascal Michael Moore ran around the United States before the presidential election, speaking at more than 50 colleges. Moore said he was trying to rally the campus troops to vote against Bush, as if they needed rallying. But what Moore really rallied was his bank account. Conservative estimates put Moore's take for his bloviating at more than a million bucks, much of it paid for by student union fees.

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Anti-intellectualism among the academic elite

by Walter E. Williams

Dr. Lawrence Summers, president of Harvard University, has been excoriated for suggesting that innate differences between men and women might be one of the reasons fewer women succeed in the higher reaches of science and math. Adding insult to injury, he also questioned the role of sex discrimination in the small number of female professors in science and engineering at elite universities.

Professor Nancy Hopkins, an MIT biologist, attended the National Bureau of Economic Research conference titled "Diversifying the Science and Engineering Workforce" where Dr. Summers gave his lecture. She had to leave the lecture, explaining to a Boston Globe (Jan. 17, 2005) reporter, "I would've either blacked out or thrown up." In today's campus anti-intellectualism, it's acceptable to suggest that genetics explains some outcomes, but it's unacceptable to use it as an explanation for other outcomes. Let's try a few, and guess whether Professor Hopkins would barf.

Suppose a speaker said that sickle cell anemia is genetically determined and occurs almost exclusively among blacks. Would Professor Hopkins stomp out of the room, charging racism? What if it were said that a person's chances of being a carrier of the gene for Tay-Sachs disease, a disease without a cure, is significantly higher if he is an Eastern European (Ashkenazi) Jew? Would Professor Hopkins barf and charge the speaker with anti-Semitism?

Jon Entine, in his book "Taboo: Why Black Athletes Dominate Sports And Why We're Afraid to Talk About It" (1999), says, "All of the 32 finalists in the last four Olympic men's 100-meter races are of West African descent." The probability of such an outcome by chance is all but zero. The genetic physiological and biomechanical characteristics that cause blacks to excel in some sports — basketball, football and track — spell disaster for those who have aspirations to be Olympic-class swimmers. Entine says, "No African American has ever qualified for the U.S. Olympic swim or dive team. Indeed, despite a number of special programs and considerable funding that have attracted thousands of aspiring black Olympians, there were only seven blacks who could even qualify to compete

against the 455 swimmers at the 1996 Olympic trials."

Do you suppose Professor Hopkins would charge Entine with racism? The only behavioral genetic explanation that campus anti-intellectuals unquestioningly accept is that homosexuality has genetic origins.

What about women in the professions? In my colleague Thomas Sowell's 1984 book "Civil Rights: Rhetoric or Reality," there's a chapter titled "The Special Case of Women." He says, "The economic ramifications of marriage and parenthood are profound, and often directly opposite in their effects on men and women." Marriage increases male labor-force participation and reduces that of women. Marriage increases career interruption for women but not men. That's important for career advance and selection. If you're a good computer technician, engineer or specialist in the higher reaches of science and technology, and you leave your job for a few years, much of your skills and knowledge will be obsolete when you return. The same obsolescence is virtually absent in occupations such as editor, librarian and schoolteacher. This factor, instead of sex discrimination, might explain some of the career choices made by women.

But what about the flap over Dr. Summers' suggestion that genetics or innate differences might play a role in the paucity of women in science and engineering? It's not that important whether Dr. Summers is right or wrong. What's important is the attempt by some of the academic elite to stifle inquiry. Universities are supposed to be places where ideas are pursued and tested, and stand or fall on their merit. Suppression of ideas that are seen as being out of the mainstream has become all too common at universities. The creed of the leftist religion is that any difference between people is a result of evil social forces. That's a vision that can lead to the return to the Dark Ages.

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A balanced budget is not enough

by Sheldon Richman

Conservatives must be easy to please. Case in point: The other day columnist Lawrence Kudlow excitedly let us in on the well-kept secret that the federal budget deficit is getting smaller. Last week's Treasury report on U.S. finances for December shows a year-to-date fiscal 2005 deficit already \$11 billion less than last year's, he wrote.

He went on to explain: "In the first three months of the fiscal year that began last October, federal cash outlays rose 6.1 percent and tax collections grew 10 percent. When more money comes in than goes out, the deficit shrinks. A bit later in the piece he referred to the 'explosion in tax revenues' and the 'flood of new revenues'.

You get the point. Federal spending and revenues are moving toward balance, but only because revenues are increasing in a big way. This is something to cheer? Kudlow attributes the soaring revenues to the tax-rate cuts enacted in President Bush's first term. This is a reasonable conclusion. Taxes burden the creation of wealth and income, and discourage the creation of jobs. So it stands to reason that if the burden is eased, the creation of wealth and income will be freed up and new jobs will be created. All of that leads to revenue-yielding activities.

But are we to celebrate the flood of new revenues? Of course not even if they are the result of tax-rate cuts. If revenues are flooding in, it means that taxes haven't been cut enough. (Could they ever be cut enough?)

Balancing the budget is a good thing, but it isn't an absolute good. It is especially not good when the balance is accomplished at ever-higher levels of spending. That is what has been happening. As Kudlow wrote, "Domestic spending on nonentitlement programs (excluding homeland defense) is rising by 4.1 percent. That's more than twice the pace of core inflation." President Bush has yet to veto a spending bill. Kudlow sees signs that future Bush budgets will hold

the line, but holding the line (don't hold your breath) is hardly good enough. The biggest spender since Lyndon Johnson has left us a much larger government. A flat budget line in his second administration would be underwhelming.

You are asking for trouble if you look at just one aspect of government and ignore the rest. That's because government harms us in a variety of ways. It harms us when it extracts money from us through taxation. It harms us when it borrows scarce capital that would otherwise have been invested in ways that make our lives better. It harms us when it spends the money. Each of these anti-social weapons has its own distinctive way of inflicting pain. The pain of taxation is obvious. Taxpayers have less money with which to care for themselves and their families; less money to save for their future. (The government then kindly steps in and offers to take care of them.) Tax laws are also used to distort people's behavior, for example, by encouraging politically approved activities, such as buying homes or going to college.

Borrowing, as already noted, substitutes political consumption for economic investment. It also hides the true cost of government, since some of the expense doesn't have to be extracted through taxation. Rather, it is pushed on members of future generations, who don't vote today. The result is that we get more government than we might have had.

And through spending, government does all sorts of mischief, for example, encouraging through subsidies activities that people might not have otherwise engaged in. The law of unintended consequences is a constant factor: Government spending can encourage activities without anyone's having intended it. The welfare system's subsidy of out-of-wedlock births is a prime example.

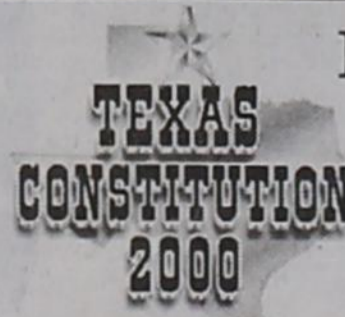
The upshot of this analysis is that the attack on big government must be comprehensive and simultaneous. Plans for tax reform that

demand "revenue neutrality," that is, holding spending constant, are self-defeating. Any tax system designed to extract \$2 trillion from the productive sector will be onerous.

Big government is a multifarious blight. A multifront assault is our only hope.

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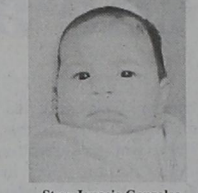
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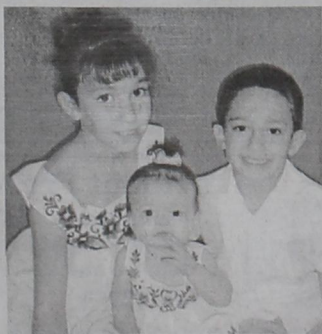
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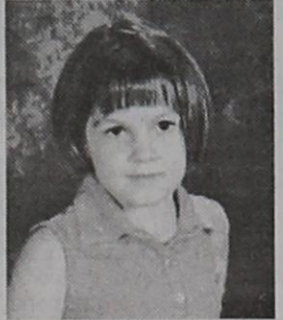


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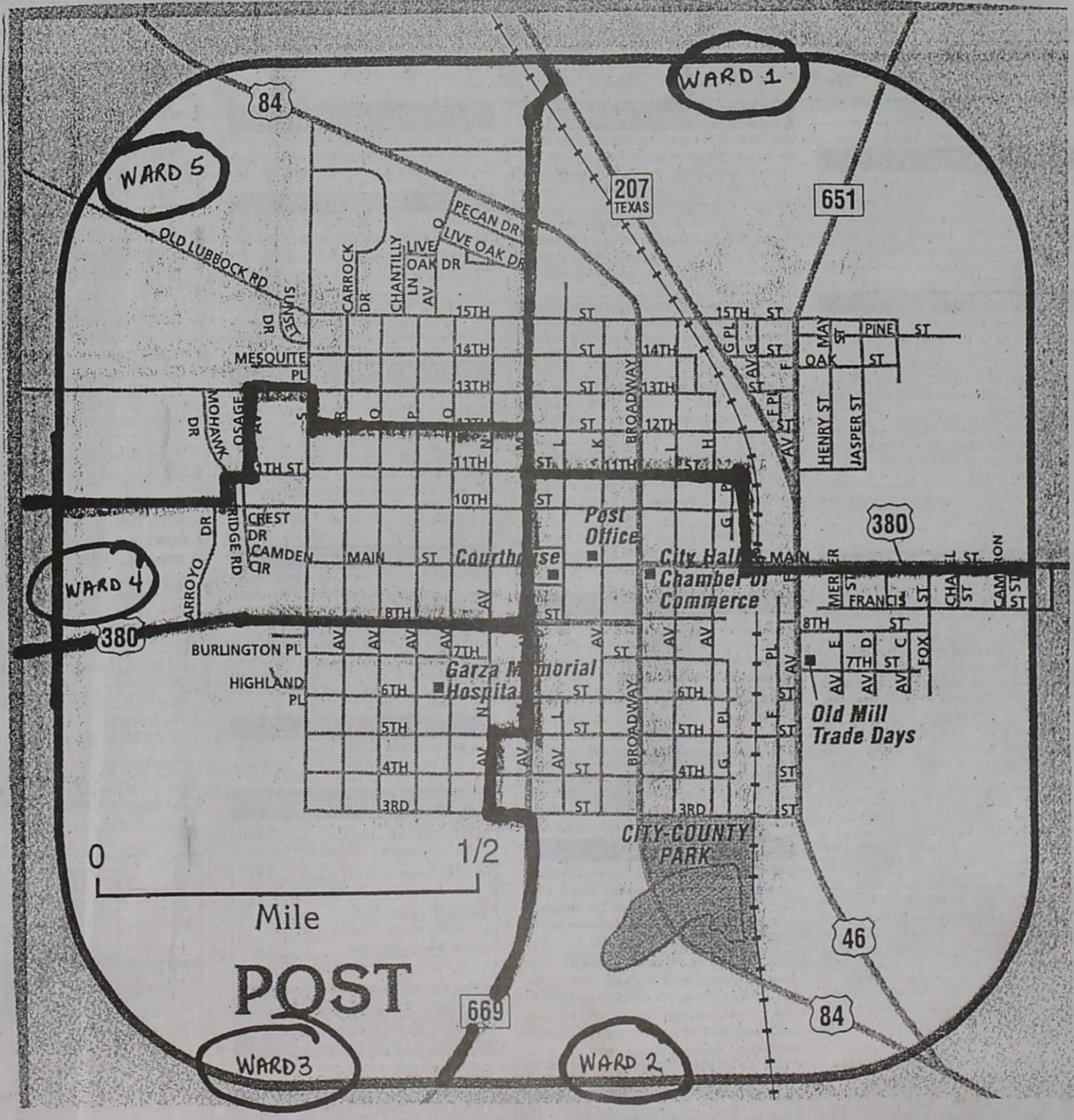
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in her name. A very special thanks to Bro. James Egan, Bro. Mike Butts and Joel Snow for the comforting service. Thanks to Marian O'Neal, Sylvia Dungus and Nancy Gordon for the beautiful music. A very special thanks to the ladies of the First Baptist Church who served a wonderful meal and to the ones who brought food. Thanks to Dee and

Janet for all your help and personal care.

God bless you all. The Evelyn Jones family Oneita Gum and family Norman and Reta Settlemire and family Danell and Ruby Jones and family

I don't know enough words to express the thanks I have for all of those that helped me during my recent accident. Buddy and Mandi Thompson saw to it that emergency care got to me. My family for all the care they give, and I just want to thank the members of my church, my preacher and all the many cards and phone calls I have received during this time. Tina, Leroy, and Roy Acosta thank you for the beautiful flowers. Patsy Sanderson

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Yesteryears

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from the archives of The Post Dispatch

10 Years Ago February 8, 1995

Post High School "Sweetheart" contestants are preparing for the traditional pageant, scheduled February 14. Contestants are Rachel Perez, Raquel Martinez, Sony Harp, Jill Stelzer, Talina Bird, Andrea Wallace, Amber Cooper, Melissa Williams, Shayla Wallace, Nikki Pollard, Beth Murray, Natalie Pollard and Holly Hardin.

Cody Joe Blacklock is the new edition to the Joe and Trudy Blacklock family. Cody is welcomed home by his big brother Jason. Born February 1, 1895 in Bosque County, Lee Pruitt has seen the century mark and was the center of attention at Golden Plains Care Center. His youngest daughter, Nell Morris and his granddaughter Cynthia Colvin of Post, were at his bedside for the occasion.

Kimberly Cole, of Post, daughter of Tommy Cole and Nancy Cendalski, recently enlisted in the United States Navy for guaranteed training in the Navy's Seaman Apprenticeship program. Kimberly is a 1994 graduate of Post High School.

Citizens Bank employees worked all weekend making the move to their new building. Welcoming customers Monday in the new lobby were Ann Stelzer, Trevah Bush, Kenda Perez and Lana Conner.

20 Years Ago February 6, 1985

Jana Middleton, 4-H Club member from Post, showed the First Place winner in the Junior Hereford Heifer Show, summer yearlings' class, at the Annual Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show January 27 in Fort Worth.

Former 19th Congressional District U.S. Representative Kent Hance of Lubbock will be the featured speaker at this year's Post Chamber of Commerce banquet in the Post Community Center.

Pamela K. Ehret, daughter of Sandra Ehret of Post, was named to the Hardin-Simmons University President's List for the fall semester. The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Paul Lynn Robinson has been named a 1984 United States National Award winner in football. Paul Lynn who attends Post Junior High School was nominated for this National Award by Coach Darrell Radle. Paul Lynn is the son of Iva Rene Cruse and the grandson of Mrs. Henrietta M. Cruse.

Noelia and Michael Valdez announce the birth of a daughter, Delynn Denise, born Jan. 19 in Garza Memorial Hospital.

30 Years Ago February 6, 1975

Coach John Morrow's Post Does, officially unbeaten in second half play to date will be out to defeat Frenship and win the second half district crown. Team members are Hope Johnson, Ann Mitchell, Melanie King, Joni Hays, Karen Williams, Jenda Gilmore, Sandy Bullard, Becky Heaton, Brenda Price, Patricia Bilberry, Kim Mitchell, Genetta Kennedy and Nancy Reno.

Jack Alexander, of Post, will be guest layman this coming Sunday morning for the Week of Laity Services held in the Bethany Christian Church in Lubbock.

Texas Highway Patrolman Jerry Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Morris of Route 3, and a graduate of Post High School, has been assigned here as the third highway patrol officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baker of Lubbock and formerly of Post announce the engagement of their daughter, Darla Ann to Michael Craig Lacy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lacy of Seagraves. Miss Baker is a 1974 graduate of Post High School.

Miss Patricia Maddox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Maddox made her debut

last Sunday as church pianist, at the First Christian Church.

40 Years Ago February 6, 1965

Kay Pace was selected as "Outstanding ESA Girl for the Year" by the Gamma Mu chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority at a business meeting Thursday in the home of Mary Raphael. Mrs. Pace, who is the chapter president and district corresponding secretary, will compete for the District IX crown.

The girls' sextet of Post High School sang at the Post Chamber of Commerce banquet Tuesday night. Members of the sextet are Cerretha Jones, Vicki Wilks, Dee Ann Walker, Carolyn Matsler, Meredith Newby and Karen Haley. Mr. George M. Willson, choir director, accompanied the group.

Cheryl Martin and Danny Pierce are this year's basketball sweethearts at Post High School. Cheryl was elected by members of the Antelope squad, and Danny's election was by members of the Doe squad.

Contestants for this year's FHA annual Valentine Sweetheart contest are Sandra Foster, Edith Johnson, Beverly Duncan, Vivian McWhirt, Dee Ann Walker, Marcia Newby, Peggy Thorne, Carol Camp, Wyanza Windham, Cheryl Martin, Pam Stewart, Carolyn Matsler, Vickie Wilks, Mary Ann Stone, Brenda Richards, Becky Thompson, Audrey Snow, and Barbara Britton.

50 Years Ago February 3, 1955

Darrel Ray Norman was crowned 1954-55 basketball sweetheart of the Post girls' team by Wynwone Morris.

Mrs. Thurman Francis and Paul Simpson received awards at Monday night's Chamber of Commerce banquet for "outstanding community service."

Production of colored sheets and pillowcases was begun last week as the newest operation at Post-Tex Mills, Inc. The beddings will be produced in green, maize, pink, blue, rose and orchid.

Mrs. Mary Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Dodson, and Gerald H. Conolly were married Sunday in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Van Horn. R. J.'s Furniture and Appliance has moved to the first door East of White Auto store on Main Street. R. J. is enlarging his stock of merchandise and welcomes everyone in for a visit.

60 Years Ago February 8, 1945

The Volunteer Fireboy extended a farewell courtesy to Charlie Walden last Wednesday night when they entertained with a supper at Jennie's Tea Room. Walden who has served with the fire department for six years, moved last week to Tahoka.

Miss Mittie Chancellor, daughter of Mr. C. E. Murray, and Bill Braddock, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Braddock of Graham community were married on January 21. M. C. Rains, minister of the Church of God performed the double ring ceremony. Mrs. Robert H. Collier, jr. who was before her recent marriage Miss Mattie Evelyn Stone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Stone. Mrs. Collier is living in Jackson, Miss. where her husband is stationed.

Soldier of the Week: Flight Officer Albert Franklin Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Howard, is with the Army Air Forces Flying School at Luke Field, Arizona, awaiting reassignment. He will pilot the P-40 Fighter planes. His wife, the former Ethel Lee, and baby daughter, are making their home here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lee.

T/5 and Mrs. Harold Caffey of route 2, Post, became the parents Feb. 7 of a son who is already two jumps ahead of his nursery comrades. He was born with two lower teeth and weighed 9 pounds and 8 ounces at birth!

An American Icon Charles William Post Founder of Post City, Texas

Part II in a series

(Editor's note: The following is part two of a series of articles compiled by Linda Puckett from the archives of the Garza County Historical Museum and from the book "C.W. Post - The Hour and the Man" by Nettie Leitch Major.)

Our last article ended with the story of the Stephen Post family, the first and second generations in the New World, at Saybrook, Conn., in the year 1659. As we move on to the eighth generation, we are leaving out 167 years of amazing stories of the Post legacy of English immigrants who came to the New World.

Charles Rollin Post, father of C.W. Post, was born in Cornwall, Vermont, on Jan. 15, 1826, to Truman and Betsy (Atwater) Post. Rollin was the fourth of 10 children. He married on Oct. 10, 1853, at Hartford, Caroline (Lanthrop) Parsons, widow of Abner Parsons. She was born Nov. 27, 1824. They were a devoted couple, affectionately referred to as "Uncle Rollin and Aunt Carrie." C.W. Post owed much to the splendid background and environment afforded him to the union of these two people. They were, in every sense of the word, spiritually complete. The personal letters of Rollin and Carrie, date back to their courtship and have been carefully preserved by the family for generations.

The following letter directed to the daughter of Rollin's brother, Lafayette, is quite lengthy, but tells a great story of the Gold Rush fever and of Rollin's experience as a "forty-niner."

My Dear Niece: In your letter to your Aunt Carrie received yesterday you wished me to give you some reminiscences of the trip in 1849 to California with your father in search of gold. It was not a very eventful one, so I do not know that I can entertain you with any hair lifting of blood-curdling events. In the 57 years that have intervened, I have forgotten many of the minor happenings, yet I recall the most impressive features of the trip with a great deal of pleasure.

The news of the discovery of gold in California in 1848 came slowly, drifting through the papers, and in early 1849 the gold fever struck Waverly, Ill., pretty hard. So Fred Curtiss, James Godfrey, your father and myself decided to make the venture. We gathered our crops, sold the farms and gathered together four yoke of oxen, one cow and two small mules, fitted up the wagon and made everything ready for one long trip of over 2,000 miles. About the 27th of February, 1849, Fred and myself, the two unmarried ones, left Waverly with the team and wagon to drive across country to St. Joseph, Missouri, where your father and Godfrey joined us about April 1, having gone up the Missouri River by boat. There we remained about a month, resting the stock, laying in provisions, etc., waiting for grass to grow so that the cattle could live on it. About May 1 we ventured to start.

We joined a company as a measure of self-protection from the Indians, etc., of about 199 men and 350 head of cattle. They bought rubber boots, firearms, beads, etc., for trade with the Indians; also had a guide to pilot the caravan across the plains. We soon found the guide did not know anything about the country more than we did, and that sufficient grass could not be had for so large a body of cattle; consequently, we were obliged to travel slowly, so after traveling about 100 miles together, one bright morning, 24 men with six wagons and about 40 head of oxen, pulled out, leaving the rest of the company in camp with their guide, rubber boots, beads, etc., and pushed out along the already beaten trail for California and gold. All events proved, we beat them to the 'diggins' about one month.

We pushed along over the country, then a vast wild prairie. We followed up the south side of the (Platte) river until we came to the junction of the South Platte with the North Fork. Here we crossed the South Fork and followed up the North branch to Fort Laramie where another small regiment was stationed. On our way, we had seen large herds of buffalo grazing along their northward annual migration, as well as antelopes, etc., so we had an abundance of fresh meat. I know of a train of wagons detained one whole day, just waiting for the buffalo to pass, as it was dangerous to drive through them, for if they should happen to take fright, they would rush pell mell over teams, wagons and any other obstacle. Fortunately, we were not detained by them.

We occasionally came across tribes of Indians, Pawnees, Sioux, Crees,

Arapahoes, Snakes and Shoshones, but they were then peaceful and did not molest us, although the Pawnees and Sioux were at war with each other. In fact, we traveled all one day with a village of Sioux and camped within half a mile off them. After supper we went to their camp and they entertained us with their tom-toms and a sort of music. Not more than a month after, having been badly treated by following immigrants, they became hostile and caused a great deal of trouble.

After leaving Fort Laramie, we followed up the Sweetwater River to where we cross the South Pass, a low point in the Rocky Mountains, where on one side the water flowed to the Atlantic and the other side to the Pacific. At one place we found a spring with hot water and a few hundred feet away was another with very cold water. Near it we found a marshy spot where a foot below the surface was ice, which I think never melted. Passing on, we struck Bear River and instead of keeping on a very straight westward course to Salt Lake City, we made a detour to the northwest around the river to Fort Hall, passing Soda Springs. Here we saw the first gold brought by a returning Californian. This was on Snake River, a tributary of the Columbia. Here we turned southward over the desert to the Humboldt River, and followed to the sink, a place where the stream disappears into the sands. At that point we found that we had to cross a stretch of desert of 45 miles with no water except a hot spring about midway. We filled every available vessel with water from the river, filled up our stock and ourselves, and about sundown started out for an all-night drive through to Hot Springs, which we reached early the next morning. Here we were obliged to camp for the day.

All the water given to the stock had to be taken out of the spring, hot enough to boil an egg and cooled. About sundown we left there with a small amount of water in canteens and kegs for ourselves for another night of travel to the Truckee River. Along toward morning, after pulling our wagons through the heavy sand with the men walking, our cattle began to lay down by the roadside. We were obliged to stop and let the cattle rest for a while. I took some canteens out and went on over the intervening three or four miles to the river. You can imagine how refreshing the sight of that water was to me as I came to the banks and saw it tipping along so clear and cool. It seems in some measure to satisfy my thirst to just look at it, and I sat on the banks and looked and looked for at least five minutes before I went for a drink. When I felt sufficiently refreshed, I filled my canteens and hurried back and found the cattle unyoked and resting in the shade of the wagons. All drank sparingly, but two of three were nearly famished. We then hitched up all the cattle that could rise and crawled along the river. In a few hours, the two or three exhausted oxen, left behind, came struggling in. We stayed there until all were filled with water and grass and other

provisions and thoroughly rested up, thankful that we had all lived through.

We soon came to the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Here we came to the place where so many of the Donner party perished. The Donner family lived five or six miles east of Springfield and in 1848 a company of 34 persons started for California and were belated in the season so that heavy snow caught them on the east side of the mountain. Here they stopped and built log cabins while they sent two or three men across the range to settlements in California for help. When help arrived, all their cattle had died and been eaten, and that one man had sustained life by eating the bodies of his friends who had perished. The rescuers succeeded in getting the few survivors to the settlement. When we passed there, there were two or three cabins still left with logs about five feet high and poles upon which they had stretched the hides of cattle to protect them from severe weather. There were stumps of trees still standing about 15 feet high, showing the depth of the snow where they had stood to cut them. I picked up a skull of a child with some hair still on it.

We then crossed the Sierra range, passing through snow although it was about the 10th of August. In three or four days, we arrived at the diggings where we decided to stop and prospect for gold. As there was but little grass in the mountains, we were compelled to send the stock down the valley and turn them loose in the luxuriant grass. Two of our men started with them, but during the succeeding night the miserable "Digger" Indians stole our mules and three head of cattle, which was the only loss we had on the entire trip. I hope the Indians enjoyed their mule steak and poor cattle, as they must have been awfully tough.

After staying in the mines until cold weather set up, we moved down to the valley and by accident came across two or three of our cattle which were fat as butter. We butchered them and the meat was as tender as chicken, having taken on fat very quickly from their lean condition.

We went down to Sacramento where Mr. Godfrey, almost beside himself with homesickness, left us for San Francisco and home, via Panama. After looking around awhile, your father, Fred Curtiss and myself, bought a whale boat, which we loaded with provisions for the mines about 300 miles up the Sacramento River. We made some money out of the venture and then returned down to the junction of the Sacramento and Feather Rivers,

where we decided to spend the winter. We built a small house and went to making shingles at \$15 per 1,000.

In the spring of 1850, Fred Curtiss decided to go up to the mines, and your father and I bought 10 mules and an old white bell mare for a leader and went to packing provisions into the mines, at which we did very well. We paid \$37.50 for 100 pounds of flour at Sacramento, and after packing it on our mules into the mountains about 80 miles, we sold out for \$10 per pound and other articles in proportion. This made somewhat expensive living, but when restaurants charged \$2 per meal, they managed to survive. Then a company of 10 was formed and we went to the north fork of the north fork of the Yuba River near Downieville, where we staked off claims and sawed lumber with a whipsaw by hand for a flume, by means of which we would carry the water overhead and work out of the bed of the stream.

After working for our 10 claims, we took the flume downstream and worked out claims for other parties, one of which was called "Tin Cup Diggers" - so called because the owner took a tin cup full of gold from the bank above the water. In this claim there was a rock about 10 feet in diameter in the middle of the stream on the lower side of which considerable gold had accumulated. In order to see what there was, I took a shovel and scooped up out of the water at one trial, \$200 of gold. We found \$6,000 worth around that rock.

Note: The balance of Rollin Post's letter recounts his brother getting homesick and returning home to his family. He also recalls, "While in the mountains (California) we could get letters from home only at long intervals, and the postage was 40 cents each, and we had to pay express messengers \$1 each. I remember paying \$10 one day for five letters and did not begrudge the money in the least. Newspapers, a month old, sold for \$1 each, but as wages were in proportion, and we were greedy for home news, we bought them as freely as we do now for five cents." Rollin remains in the mountains until January of 1851, sold out and went home. With the spirit of adventure somewhat appeased, and a goodly share of profit from the venture, Rollin's thoughts seriously turned to settling down.

The story continues in part three, which tells the story of Rollin's marriage to Carrie Lantrop Parsons and the birth of their son, Charlie, C.W. Post.

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ACROSS

- 1 Bridge City holds a "Bayou"
- 5 TX Indian tribe: Kick _____
- 6 cheaper new car?
- 7 Harris of TX-based film "Alamo Bay"
- 8 "____" Holiday roamed in TX
- 9 TX Howard Hughes left a big one
- 15 Glen Rose has _____ saur tracks
- 16 "cross road" south of the border
- 19 "The eyes of TX _____ you..."
- 21 book of maps
- 22 TXism: "_____ with kid gloves"
- 27 shoe of choice for some TX teens
- 28 ribeyes
- 29 this Matt starred in film "Tex"
- 30 first swing on a golf hole (2 wds.)
- 32 this Ames was on "Daniel Boone" with TX Fess (init.)
- 33 Gainesville festival (2 wds.)
- 36 9-across had the Hughes _____ Co.
- 37 this TX Willing was a singing cowboy in many films
- 38 "Texas _____" is now part of Galveston County Daily News
- 39 fringe package
- 41 Alvord HS class

DOWN

- 1 TX Jimmy Dean's "Big _____ John"
- 2 TXism: "fits like ugly on an _____"
- 3 TX Buddy Holly's "I'm Looking for _____ to Love"
- 4 Granbury newspaper (3 wds.)
- 8 TXism: "struck pay _____"
- 9 "Dutch" of "The Wild Bunch"
- 10 "your" south of the border
- 42 TX Waylor's "That's What You _____ Lovin' Me"
- 45 homemade hooch "sour _____"
- 46 hospital intakes (abbr.)
- 47 TXism: "rough as burlap under _____"
- 48 Hereford is the "town without a tooth _____"
- 49 rank at Fort Hood
- 52 TXism: "just two whoops _____ holler away"
- 53 this Caesar was in "Vegas" "Vacation" with TX Randy Quaid
- 54 groove-billed bird seen at Bentsen State Park
- 55 born
- 11 ex-Oilers kicker Zendejas (init.)
- 12 TX Goodnight, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 13 TX actress Sharon who was killed by Manson family
- 14 TX "Babe": Mildred _____ Dirlikson
- 15 TXism: "_____ a June bride"
- 16 Robert Lee is the seat of this county
- 17 East Texas reservoir "_____ Pines"
- 18 compositions
- 20 pecan desserts
- 31 weed chooper
- 34 ex-Cowboy LB Darrin (init.)
- 35 birth month of TX Fess Parker (abbr.)
- 37 TXism: "big _____ in a small pond"
- 40 TXism: "no brag, just _____"
- 43 ball holder for UH grad Fred Couples
- 44 TXism: "as _____ outhouse on a cold morning"
- 50 TX Debbie was this Fisher's wife
- 51 Post HS class

Tahoka outscores Lady Lopes

The Lady Lopes fell short to Tahoka 53-37 in a game played last week. Tahoka jumped out to a 12-6 lead at the close of the first period and posted double-digit scores in three of the four periods to maintain the lead. Post came on strong in the final period, scoring 17 points, but was unable to make up the deficit.

Individual stats for the Lady Lopes, as reported by the coach, were as follows: Lott, two points, one assist, six rebounds and a steal; Gray, five points, two assists, four rebounds and one steal; Gregory, two points, one assist, five rebounds and two steals; Gregory, two points and a pair of steals; Hoover, 10 points, five assists, two rebounds and one steal; Hester, eight points, four rebounds, one steal and one blocked shot; Kirkpatrick, five points, one assist, 10 rebounds, two steals and one three-point goal; and Copeland, one rebound.

4-H Family Night

Lubbock County 4-H is sponsoring a 4-H Family Night at the Lubbock Cotton Kings game Saturday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m.. Cost per person is \$10, which includes a ticket to the game and a t-shirt. Ice skating will be available after the game for \$4 per person from 10:00-11:00 p.m.. A dance will be held from 10: 11:30 p.m. by the Lubbock County 4-H Teen Council following the Cotton Kings game. Parents must pick up youth directly after the dance. Registration deadline is February 9. Come by the Extension office for more details and to sign up.

Post Middle School girls vs. Tahoka February 7, 2005

by Kara Swindell

Gold Team

I really think this was the best game these girls have played all year. Their defense in this game won the game for them. Tahoka got a lot of 5 second calls because of our tight defense. The girls also played really well as a team making some great passes that ended up being scores for us. Alexandra Rodriguez, Brooke Morris, Kristen Leach, Joanna Menjares, Clouidia Hernandez, Valerie Moreno, & Chandni Bhakta all had 2 points each. Final Score: Post 16, Tahoka 7

7th Grade Black

I really felt we had control of this game after we came back from a 6 point deficit in the 1st quarter. We held them to only one point in the second which helped us. I thought we were out of control sometimes, but their press didn't hurt us that bad because of our ball handlers. Alex Miller did a great job controlling the ball and taking on their press. I really felt in order for us to get into our offense, Alex had to have the ball in her hands. Brittany Day did an outstanding job for us off the bench. She came into the game did some great things in our motion offense and really played the back of the zone well. Branda Stevens led all scorers with 7 points, followed by Toni Wait with 5 points, Alex Miller with 3 points, Brittany Day with 2 points & Misty Ayala with 1 point. Final Score: Post 18, Tahoka 28

8th Grade Black

We knew this was going to be a tough game going in, but I know these girls and they were not going to let down one inch. We really had a good 1st quarter with them and had some outstanding defense by Sabrina Sanchez on Tahoka's key player. The girls started getting frustrated in the second half and I felt we could've held them a little better than we did. But, once again they really fought hard and never gave up. Shyra Perez led all scorers with 7 points followed by Sabrina Sanchez with 4 points & Gabi Vergara with 2 points. Final Score: Post 13, Tahoka 37



Antelope senior post Cole Easterling (4) slips the ball up for two points during the recent game against Idalou in Antelope Arena. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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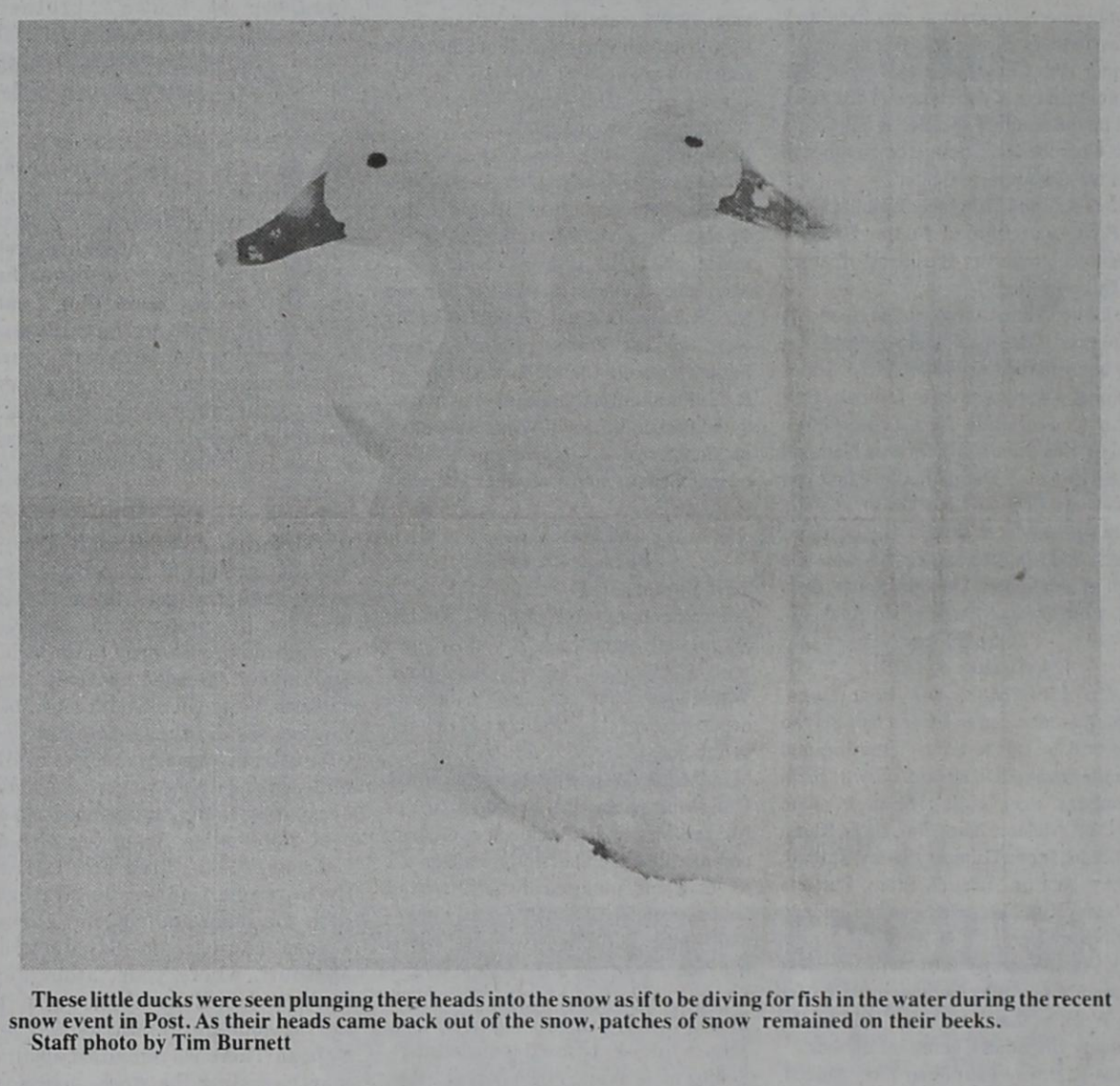
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