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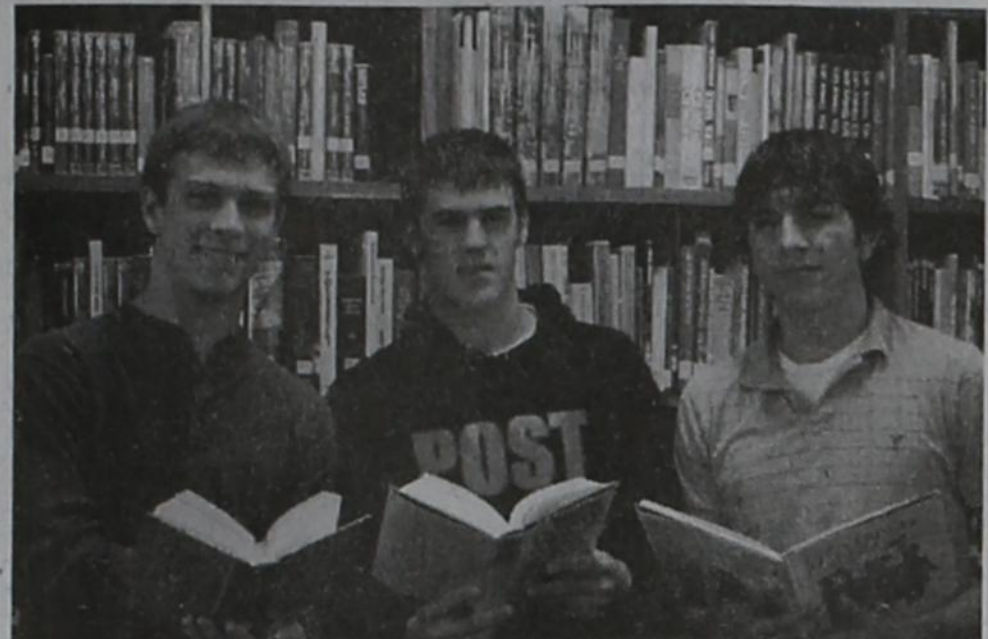
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Antelope football players earn All State Academic honors

PostAntelope football team members chosen for the All State Academic 2A football team are (left to right), Jonathan McGregor, Sterling Smith and Kenneth Garay. McGregor was one of ten 2A students picked across the state of Texas to receive "Elite" status. Garay and Smith earned Honorable Mention.

(Photo by Melvena Moore, Courtesy of Post ISD)

GCJLA gears up for 42nd Annual Livestock Show

by Diane Graves

The 42nd Annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show is set for January 18-21, 2006, with 4-H and FFA youth weighing their animals in Wednesday afternoon.

The Steer show will begin at 5:00 p.m., Thursday with the Swine show at 6:30 p.m.

Fridays' activities start with the Lamb Show at 4:00 p.m., the Goat show at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Pee-Wee Goat Show around 7:00 p.m.

The youth are getting their animals ready hoping to win one or more of the awards including Grand Champion Buckles, Reserve Grand Champion plaques, ribbons and division banners. Junior and Senior exhibitors will also compete for Showmanship buckles. There are also special awards including the Traveling Finewool Trophy, the steer "Rate-of-Gain" buckle with a \$200 cash prize, and the coveted Overall Sportsmanship buckle.

The awards will be presented Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Premium Sale.

A concession stand run by 4-H and F.F.A. members and parents will be open Wednesday afternoon through Saturday. A Buyers 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 70 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.

Everyone is invited to the shows and sale. We encourage you to participate as either a premium purchaser or jackpot donor in support of our youth and their hard work. If you have a question about participating in the sale, please call 495-4400.

Post Notes

PHS dinner theatre

Tickets are still available for Post High School's 2nd Annual Dinner Theatre for this Thursday's performance, featuring "The Affair of Lady Fairfax," a Sherlock Holmes spoof, and "You Can't Take It With You." Tickets may be purchased at P.I.S.D. Central Office for \$10 each. For more information call 495-2770.

Willy Awards Gala

The Garza Theatre's annual Willy Awards Gala will be held Saturday, January 28 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Post Community Center, followed by the presentation of awards at the theatre beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 - adults, \$8 - children 12 and under. Reservation and payments must be received by Jan. 25. Call the theatre office to make your reservations at 495-4005 or come by the theatre office located at 226 E. Main.

Southland annual stock show

Southland FFA will be holding their Annual Stock Show Saturday, 14 beginning at 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. No admission charge. It will be held at the Garza County Junior Livestock Show Barn. Mr. Duffy Galloway of Snyder will be judging all species. Steers, goats, lambs and pigs will be shown.

Girls of Grace

A Girls of Grace Conference will be held on Friday, February 17 through Saturday, February 18th at Post City Lodge. Doors will open at 6 p.m. on Friday and the event will run overnight through Saturday at noon. The Conference is FREE for 7th-12th grade girls. The 2-day event will include: lots of food, inspiring guest speakers, fashion show, makeovers, plus a dynamic praise and worship team. Please call and sign up! For more information please contact Melanie Morris - 773-0742 or Janice Plummer - 495-3962.

Cotton conference set Jan. 17

The Caprock Cotton Conference will be Jan. 17 at the Plains Baptist Assembly between Ralls and Floydada. Cost for the conference is \$25, and pre-registrations will be accepted until Jan. 11. After this date a \$10 late fee will be assessed. For more information call the Crosby County Extension office at 675-2347 or the Floyd County office at 983-4912.

Girl Scout Fair set Jan. 21

The Girl Scouts of Caprock Council will host a Girl Scout Fair on Jan. 21 at the Reese Conference Center Building #1130 from noon to 4 p.m. The fair will include crafts, games, music and taking part in a special flag ceremony. Also, a giant birthday cake will be prepared in celebration of Girl Scout's 94th birthday. The event is free and open to the public.

Annual CCA meeting set

Caprock Cultural Association's annual meeting will be held Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m. at Chapa's Restaurant Garden Room. Entertainment will be featured, along with good food, reports and plans. Admission is \$10. Call 495-4148 for more information.

'Grandma Brag Pages' deadline Feb. 3

The Post Dispatch annual "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published Thursday, February 9 with a Friday, February 3 deadline for entries. The popular annual tradition features photos of grandchildren in advance of Valentine's Day. Call 495-2816 for details.

County imposes emergency burn ban indefinitely

by Wes Burnett

An indefinite "burn ban" has been implemented in Garza County following action Monday morning by the Garza County Commissioners' Court. An extension of an emergency resolution was approved without objection. Judge Giles W. Dalby explained that the persistent dry weather and high winds put the county in a "very dangerous situation."

Garza County Soil & Water Conservation District chairman Shug Thomas presented Judge Dalby with a special gift in recognition of his years of service to the district. Thomas presented Dalby with an aerial photo of the Dalby ranch and a topographical map of the area.

District conservationist Glen Kellough presented a report of activities to the court, expressing gratitude for the county's support of conservation measures.

The court voted to pay Miller Construction Co. one half of the approximate \$7,900 invoice related to the uncompleted building project at the Lake Alan Henry emergency service building. Judge Dalby pointed out that the county had a \$10,200 penalty assessed for Miller's failure to meet the final completion deadline.

After considerable discussion about what was considered a fair settlement, Commissioner Gary McDaniel entered a motion to pay one half of the invoice presented by Miller. There was no opposition to the motion.

The court gave its consensus for engineer Rich Oller to proceed with arrangements for loading and transporting 10 culverts to the bridge site on County Road 378 as part of the improvements to the roadway. Oller said that the culverts, donated by Texas Department of Transportation, each weigh 33,560 pounds. A trucking firm in the Dallas area will move the "interstate quality" culverts to the site in the next week or so.

Justice of the Peace Dee C. Justice recommended that the court approve an amendment to the agreement with Texas Tech Health Sciences Center for autopsy service. Justice said he had calculated the cost of travel and transportation for services in Dallas and other sites and found that the Tech proposal was "pretty much in line with those other costs."

The court agreed to the proposal.

A request by Justice to attend a technology seminar was also approved, along with adjusting the budget for his office to include the additional expenses.

Commissioner John Valdez was appointed by the court to serve as Judge Pro-Tem. He fills the position held by the late Mason McClellan. His wife, Glenda, now serving as Precinct 2 commissioner, declined Judge Dalby's offer for her to serve as Judge Pro-Tem.

McDaniel was also named to serve as alternate signature on billing issues with the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

The court approved the appointment of new district court bailiff Alex Sauseda of Lamesa.

A request for eliminating late fees and penalties for property taxes was denied. The court also rejected a request for indigent rental assistance.

County Attorney Les Acker explained new state laws that went into affect January 1 that specifically apply to county officials. Acker said

that one of the laws requires all elected officials to complete two hours of training on the open meetings act and public information act.

Another law requires that officials declare any gifts of \$250 or more from vendors or contractors doing business with the county.

Judge Dalby also pointed out that county court elected officials must declare any interest gained from accounts held with the county's depository bank.

Editor's Note: The DVD recorded complete (unedited) meeting is aired on Post City Television (Cebidge Connections Channel 12) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m.



PHS Dinner Theatre sets Thursday performance

Post High School Dinner Theatre play actors performing in "You Can't Take It With You" are (left to right), Vince Robles (as Grandpa Vanderhof), Jerin Tyler (in background as Donald) and Brandon Hernandez (on sofa as Paul Sycamore). Under the direction of Sterline Marcum, the 2nd Annual Dinner Theatre will return to the Post Elementary Auditorium tonight, Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m. with dinner being served in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. Tickets for the show can be purchased for \$10 at the Post ISD central office. For more information call the Post ISD central office at 495-3343 or the high school at 495-2770.

(Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

City sets sights on another big Post City Celebration with Texas "YES"

by Wes Burnett

The Post City Council laid down plans to repeat its participation in the "Texas YES" program following approval for the grant application at the Thursday, January 5 regular monthly meeting. Post City Celebrations Inc.'s Thressa Harp led the presentation, with board members Kathy Beach, Wanda Mitchell.

Harp explained that last year's Post City Celebration was "very successful," getting praise and recognition by state officials. The Texas YES program provides state reimbursed funding for advertising and promotional expenses promoting the event. The 2006 project has a budget of \$20,000, to be matched one-half by the state, with the other half coming from locally generated hotel/motel tax receipts.

"This is our second year and an important step in getting ready for the 2007 Centennial Celebration," Harp emphasized. Don Bond, representing the Post Hotel/Motel committee, reported that the committee has approved the use of hotel/motel occupancy tax receipts to assist the Post City Celebration plan.

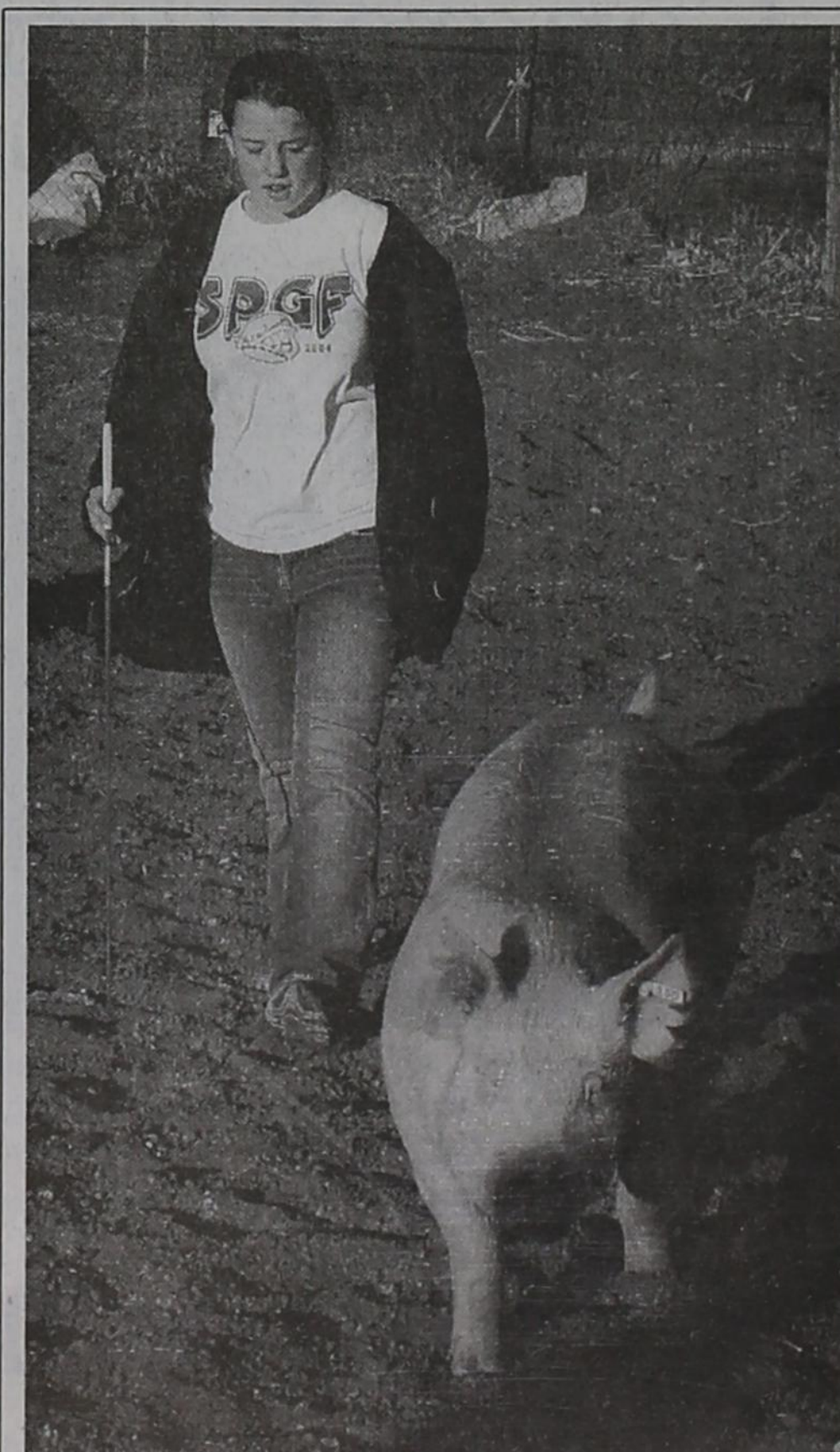
In other matters, the council heard a detailed report from engineer Rich Oller about improvements to the sewage treatment facility. Oller pointed out that a recent comprehensive survey shows the three holding ponds are highly silted and in need of standardization. He explained that work is now being planned for improvements to the ponds for better treatment of the waste water.

A revision of policies at the Post Community Center were submitted by Mitchell, who is currently managing the facility. Council members requested the policy be written to clarify use and rental fees by other government units. Mitchell is to prepare revisions and present to the council at the January 26 meeting.

Also scheduled at the January 26 meeting is a presentation of the annual audit and a required report from the Caprock Economic Development Corporation directors regarding the Slaton water line project.



Jim Wagner, from Lubbock, operates the back hole while pulling the former unattended gas station on 10th Street and Broadway for New Mexico based "Three T" Properties. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)



Post eighth grade student Brooke Morris prepares for the 42nd Annual Garza County Junior Livestock Show to take place Wednesday, January 18 - 21 at the Livestock barn. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Cover Story

Nationally, 2.6 million anglers spend time ice fishing each year.

during the ice fishing season.

Famed Ice Fishing Festivals

Judy's Jabberin'

by Judy Ballentine Bush

Hello,
We are starting off a little cooler this week. Think maybe we are going to have our winter weather in March. I also remember that we got a huge snow in April one year. Whenever, we just need the moisture!!

VISITS SISTER IN NEVADA

Accompanied by her three daughters, 91-year-old Sue Maxey left the day after Christmas for Gardnerville, Nevada to visit her 84-year-old sister and her husband, Nell and Bayne Stevens. It had been eight years since the two had seen each other at the funeral of another sister.

Mrs. Maxey sat in the front seat and was the navigator, reading the road maps for the daughters as they drove. Helping with the driving to see their aunt and uncle were Diane Graves, Orabeth White and Jane Mason.

En route, the group visited a niece and her husband, Terri Sue and Dan Guy in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and toured their restored old Santa Fe home on Acquia Madre.

That night was spent in Gallup, New Mexico, and the third night was spent in Las Vegas, Nevada with Linda McMahon Chapin and her husband Steve. Diane and Linda are life-long friends, having started to school together at Graham Chapel and graduated from Post High school.

Arriving in Gardnerville, Na at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, lots of hugs and visiting took place for the next three days.

The floods and snowstorms in the Reno and Lake Tahoe area cut

the trip short. They had planned to make the 2-1/2 hour trip thru the Lake Tahoe Pass or highway 80 to Roseville, Ca. to visit another niece, Nita Merle and Johnnie Booth and family. But, all of the snow and floodwater forced them to take the only open road out-395 south to Bishop, Ca. The 150-mile drive was absolutely breathtaking but took five hours in the snow.

The New Year's Eve was celebrated playing cards and calling home.

Sunday a stop was made for church services in Kingman, AZ. And that night was spent in William, Az. The next morning a tour of the Grand Canyon was enjoyed and onto Albuquerque, New Mexico for the night.

Arriving back in Post at 6 p.m. Tuesday, it was a great trip but everyone was gratefully to be back home safely.

GET WELL WISHES

I neglected the last couple of weeks to send out get-well wishes to two really nice folks! As many of you know by now, Bobby Cowdrey and sis Billie Windham both had to have heart surgery a few weeks ago. From what I understand, they were even across the hall from each other.

Anyway, what with Christmas and all, I just didn't get my message to them in "Jabberin" and I wanted them to know they have been in my prayers, just not in print.

I hear they are both doing great and that Bobby is even back at work some. (You behave Bobby). I'm glad to hear that. God bless you both.

Also to Uncle Dub (W.O. Fluitt) you take care and know that you

are in my prayers. He also had a stint last week, but is home now and recovering nicely.

TILL NEXT WEEK

Guess that is it for this week Everyone please remember in your prayers, we need rain in the worst way. May God bless each of you. See you next week.

Girl Scouts open up annual cookie sales drive

Set that New Year's resolution to watch your waistline aside - it's Girl Scout cookie time again.

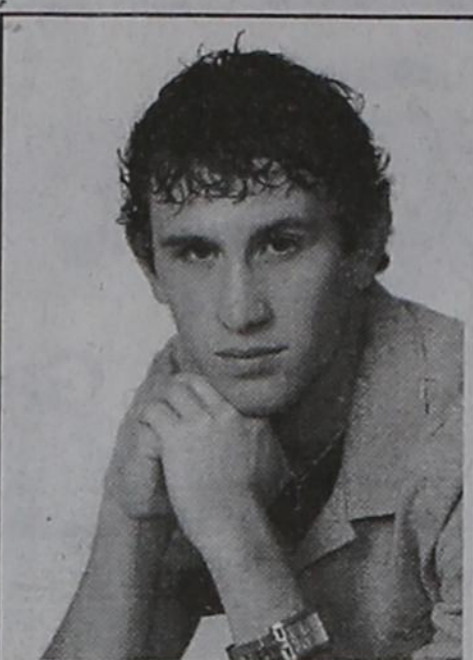
For more than 80 years, the Girl Scouts have been raising money to fund troop activities by selling cookies, an experience designed to build skills, values and friendships. This year is no different.

On Tuesday, the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale began.

Everyone's favorite are available - Thin Mints (mint chocolate cookie coated in chocolate); Samoas (caramel and toasted coconut); All Abouts (shortbread with a rich fudge coating on the bottom); Tagalongs (layered peanut butter and chocolate); Do-si-dos (oatmeal cookie with peanut butter filling); Trefoils (shortbread); and Lemon Coolers (reduced fat vanilla cookie with lemon chips); as well as the latest addition, the Café Cookies (gourmet-style cookies baked with a hint of cinnamon spice).

More than 4,000 Girl Scouts for the Caprock Council's 18-county area are selling cookies through March 5. All cookies are priced at \$3 per package, with all proceeds benefiting local Girl Scouts.

Cookies may be ordered via fax at 806-745-0769 or phone at 806-745-2855.



Jimmy (CoCo) Valdez, son of Jimmy and Rhonda Valdez, was named the Dean's List for his first semester at Texas Tech University. The Dean's List recognition is accorded to students who have attained a GPA of 3.5 or better during the semester.

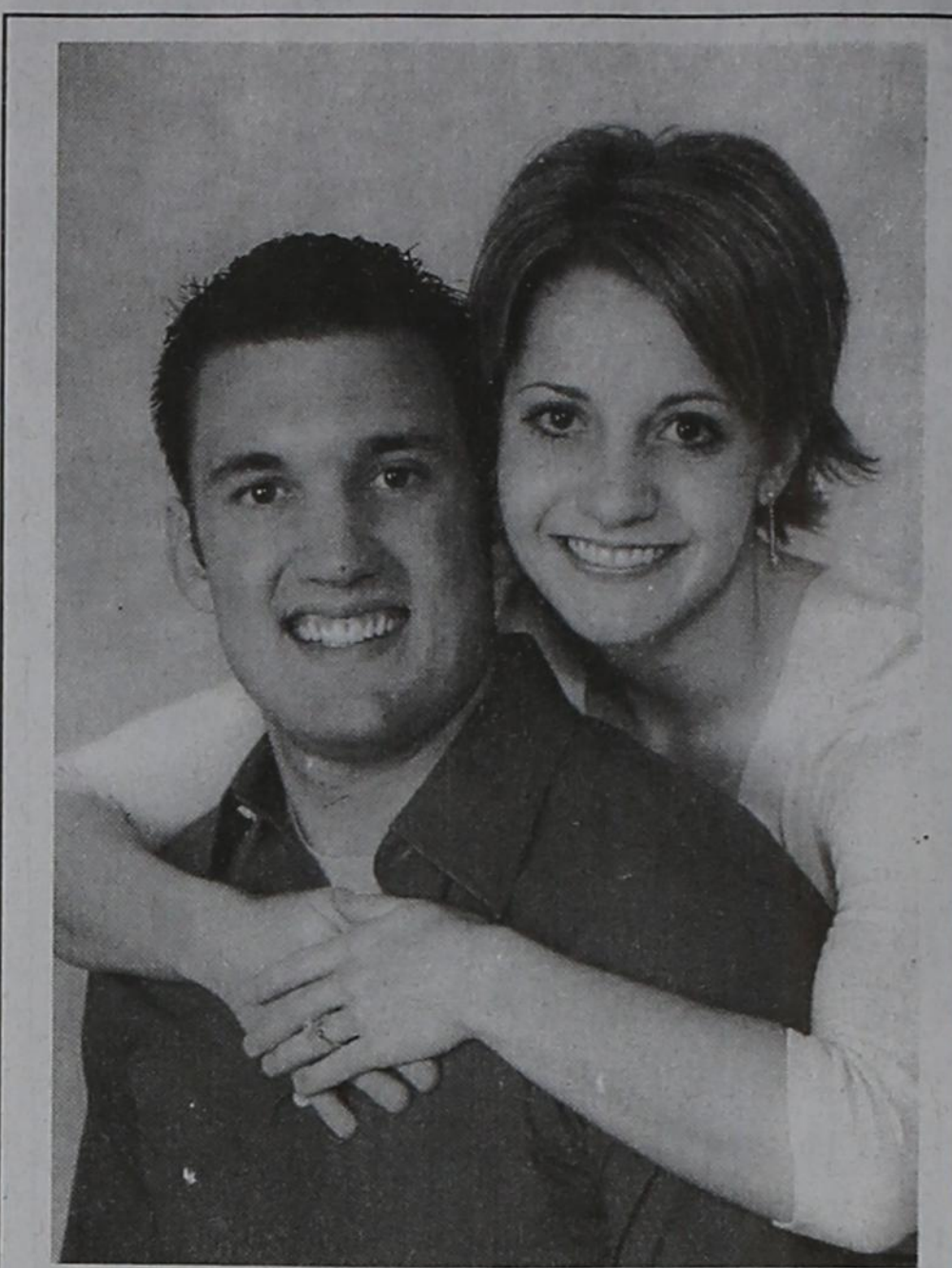


Caleb Armendariz sister Alondra

Alondra is proud to announce the long awaited arrival of her baby brother Caleb Armendariz Vazquez.

Caleb was born at University Medical Center in Lubbock on Saturday, December 10, 2005 at 1:47 a.m. He weighed 7lbs. 2oz and measured 20 inches in length.

Proud parents are Jose and Marisa Vazquez. Maternal Grandparents are Juan and Isabel Armendariz.



Michael Sackenheim and Meagan Mills

Meagan Mills, Michael Sackenheim announce engagement

Mrs. Kim Mills is proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Meagan Michelle Mills, to 2nd Lt. Michael Joseph Sackenheim.

The bride-elect, daughter of Kim and the late Dr. Larry D. Mills, is a 2002 Post High School graduate who is scheduled to receive a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in August 2006.

The prospective bridegroom, a 2005 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, is the son of Steve and Marsha Sackenheim of Hamilton, Ohio. He is stationed at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene and will transfer to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls in April where he will begin flight training.

A July 29, 2006, wedding in Lubbock is planned.

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Joe Heflin files for State Representative

Former Crosby County judge Joe Heflin will be a candidate for District 85 state representative, the seat being vacated with the retirement of longtime legislator Pete Laney.

Heflin, who served Crosby County as county judge for the past five years, was required by Texas law to resign from the position prior to filing as a candidate for the state representative's post.

Prior to serving as county judge, Heflin was elected to two terms on the Crosbyton City Council.

In a press release, the candidate said his experience in both the county and municipal governments will help him effectively represent residents of District 85.

Heflin also served as a member of the South Plains Regional Review Committee, a post he held following a gubernatorial appointment. As county judge, he was a member of the board of

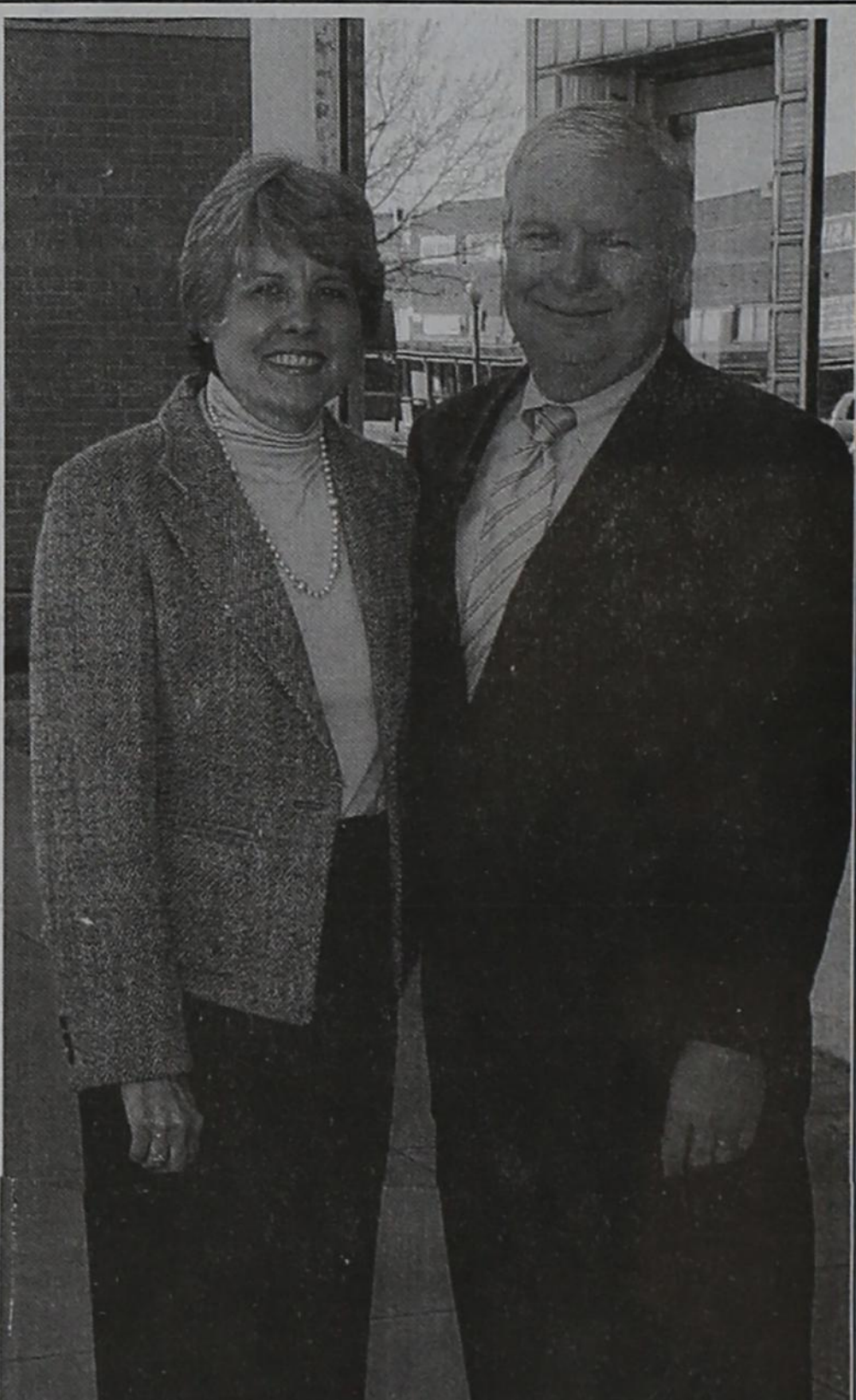
directors for the South Plains Association of Governments, which serves 15 South Plains counties. A member of the SPAG Executive Board, he served as treasurer.

Recently, Heflin worked closely with Sen. Robert Duncan during a series of town hall meetings regarding rural health care. This is just one of the many issues he said he believes impacts residents of the district, particularly senior citizen residents.

During the last legislative session, Heflin carries letters from area seniors to Austin where he delivered them to Duncan and other West Texas legislators. The letters addressed the financial crises faced by area senior citizen centers following recent funding cuts.

A native of West Texas, Heflin was born in Morton where he attended public school until his freshman year when his parents moved to Big Cabin, Okla. Following graduation from high school, he returned to West Texas to attend South Plains College in Leveland. He also attended Eastern New Mexico University on a rodeo scholarship. Heflin worked as a cowboy and a horseshoer while earning an associate's degree from SPC and a bachelor's degree from ENMU.

He and his wife, Linda, are attorneys. Both received law degrees from the Texas Tech University School of Law in Lubbock. The Heflins have lived in Crosbyton for the past 10 years where he practices law. He is licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas and is admitted to practice in all courts of the State of Texas and in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas and the College of the State Bar.



Mr. & Mrs. Joe Heflin

Congratulations Post Antelopes - All South Plains

Recently named to the All South Plains Class AA football team by the Lubbock Avalanche Journal are Post Antelope football players (back row, left to right) Israel Beggs, Perry Smith, Wilson Cash, (front row) Jonathan McGregor, Zach Sanchez, Eric Reyna and Blake Nichols.

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Extension Extras

County Stockshow Entries

Regular entries and Pee-Wee Goat show entries for the 2006 Garza County Jr. Livestock Show are due in the Extension office by 5:00 p.m., January 12. Cards are available at the Extension office or from your FFA instructor.

Garza County Stock Show

Dates for the 2006 Garza County Jr. Livestock Show are January 18-20. Weigh-in will be on Wednesday, January 18. Animals must be in the barn by 4:00 p.m. to begin weighing. Goats and Sheep will weigh between 4 and 6 p.m. Swine weigh-in begins at 4 p.m. and steers weigh-in beginning at 5 p.m. The Steer Show is set for 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 19, followed by the Swine Show at 6:30 p.m. The Lamb Show is set for 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 20, followed by the Goat Show at 5:30 p.m. immediately followed by the Pee-Wee Goat Show.

Stock Show Concession Stand

Day assignments for the Stock Show Concession Stand are as follows: Post FFA - Wednesday; Garza County 4-H - Thursday; and Southland FFA - Friday. All three organizations will help with Saturday's Buyers Lunch. A representative of your organization will be calling you to help with a work shift. Please remember to bring brownies, rice krispie treats, or cookies, individually wrapped, for your work shift. Thanks!

Southern Mesa Ag Conference

The annual Southern Mesa Ag Conference will be held Thursday, January 26, 2006, at the Dawson County Annex Building at 609 North First Street in Lamesa. Registration begins at 8 a.m. which is \$20 if paid (Continued on Page 4)

Grandma Brag Pages

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Post High School Dinner Theatre cast entertaining the community in the Elementary Auditorium with the American Classic, "You can't Take It with You" are (left to right), Vince Robles (as Grandpa Vanderhof), Jerin Tyler (Donald), Call Windham (Ed Carmichael), Emily Marcum (Essie Carmichael), Brandon Hernandez (Paul Sycamore) and Keeley Bramblett (Penny Sycamore). On the sofa is Marlee Plummer (as the inebriated Miss Wellington). The Dinner Theatre is directed by Sterline Marcum. (Staff photo by Tim Burnett)

Ragtown Gospel Stage takes shape

by Sheri Lewis

Months ago it was an overgrown golf course. Today it is a reminder, at least to Glenn Polk, that God still performs miracles.

The Ragtown Gospel Stage, the first phase of the Ragtown Ranch Theater complex located about two miles northwest of Post, is beginning to take shape. The structural portion of the theater is completed, and work on the exterior of the building, as well as the addition of insulation, got under way this week.

"Hopefully in a couple of weeks that part will be finished and work will begin on the interior of the building, as well as the exterior façade," Polk said.

The plan, which started several years ago as a dream nurtured by brothers Glenn and Chip Polk, is to create an entertainment complex that will "take folks back to 1907 Post City, Texas, when they come onto the property," Glenn Polk said. Within the complex will be the Ragtown Gospel Stage, a 400-seat theater that serves as the initial phase of the project; the Ragtown Historical Project, a 1,200-seat outdoor amphitheater scheduled to open in the summer of 2007 to coincide with the centennial celebration of Post; and a bevy of other efforts designed to illustrate the history of the town C.W. Post built.

"We'll never get through with the complex," Glenn Polk said jokingly. "You know, we have so many things we want to do."

If all goes according to the "pretty ambitious" schedule set forth by the brothers, years of planning will begin to come to fruition in the next few weeks. The opening of the Ragtown Gospel Stage is scheduled for early spring.

After stepping onto the property and being transported back to Post City circa 1907, visitors to the Ragtown Gospel Stage will be convinced they've trav-

eled back in time when they step into the building's entrance - which is being created as a replica of the old Algieria Hotel lobby.

Inside the theater, however, visitors will be transported back even further in history. The theater's interior has been designed to replicate a street in Jerusalem from approximately 2,000 years ago. The spacious dinner-theater setting will feature a tiered floor.

"There's not going to be a bad seat in the house," Glenn Polk said.

Theater-goers will enjoy a "Biblical-times feast" served by a wait staff wearing costumes that echo the same time period as the meal. During the meal, entertainment will be provided by "professional-quality" musicians and artists who will offer the best in southern gospel music.

The theater's first offering will be the debut of "Peter the Apostle," which was written by Chip Polk and will be performed by Glenn Polk.

For six years, Glenn Polk has traveled the much of the U.S. and parts of Europe, providing a one-man show on the Apostle Paul.

Today, the brothers are excited to see their talents merged into a project Glenn Polk said could be a "catalyst to help with the reinvention" of Post.

That project includes all aspects of the Ragtown Ranch Theater. Once the for-profit portion of the complex is operational, the second phase - the non-profit Ragtown Historical Project - will begin to take shape. Once completed, the amphitheater will serve as the backdrop for "Ragtown, The Musical," which Glenn Polk said will be comparable in scope to the musical "Texas."

The musical, which will feature all-original music penned by Chip Polk, will tell the story of Ragtown, the community designed by Post founder

C.W. Post.

But before "Ragtown, The Musical" takes the stage, the Polk brothers must work to secure the funding needed to construct the \$1 million-plus amphitheater. Several local investors, as well as

investors from Lubbock, are involved, but more funding is needed.

"We're hoping individuals will step up and say 'How can I be a part of this?'" Glenn Polk said. "But we're going to make it happen. It will happen."

PHS Dinner Theatre huge success...

The final performance of Post High School's annual dinner theatre will take center stage tonight, Jan. 12.

The dinner theatre, which opened with its initial showing on Monday, will include three separate performances: "The Affair of Lady Fairfax," "Some People Wanna Fill the World with Silly Love Songs" and "You Can't Take It With You."

The first portion of the theatre includes a play about Sherlock Holmes - a spoof rich with plays on words.

Students involved in "Lady Fairfax" include Kylie Easterling, Brandon Hernandez, Colter Creech, Marlee Plummer, Kelsey Sanderson, Bradley Reed, Zach Kocurek, Allen Heckaman and Josie Whisenhunt.

Cast members for "Silly Love Songs" include Emily Marcum, Shannon Rasbeary, Ashley Wilson, Josie Whisenhunt, Jonathan McGregor, Lauren Gonzales, Claire Kirkpatrick, Courtney Copeland, K'Neil Dalby and Jenee Lott.

Included in the second performance is a feature with Marcum, Rasbeary and Wilson doing a lip sync to the sound of chipmunks singing the song, "Can't Buy Me Love." The girls wear chipmunk-like front teeth while dancing around and being funny.

The cast for "You Can't Take It" includes Keeley Bramblett, Emily Marcum, Brenna Postell, Brandon Hernandez, Shannon Rasbeary, Call Windham, Jerin Tyler, Vince Robles, Kelsey

Sanderson, Zach Kocurek, Jared Smith, Allen Hackaman, Marlee Plummer, Timothy Wilson, Laurel Tatum, Kylie Easterling and Josie Whisenhunt.

This portion of the production involves a very mixed-up family that reminded at least one audience member of the "Carol Burnett Show's" Farkle Family.

Bailey Odom handles stage sound, while Suhani Bhakta handles lighting.

Sterline Marcum serves as director.

Judy Sanderson and Kay Postell are coordinating decorations for the dinner theatre events. Servers include Debbie Line, the cafeteria workers and several of the students' mothers, Stacy Bocko, Brandon Crawford, Andrew Elmore, Heath Felhauer, Alex Hart, Ty Hopper, Samantha Hoover, Meagan Howard, Kenny Garay, Miles Gray, Haley Lester, Colt Mason, Kristen Moses, Steven Perez, Crystal Price, Steffi Norman, Chelsey Reed, Eric Reyna, Jackie Slaugh, Sterling Smith, Ashley Stenzel and Erin Wardes.

Hosts are Rachel Gray, Jackie Hayes and Steven Short.



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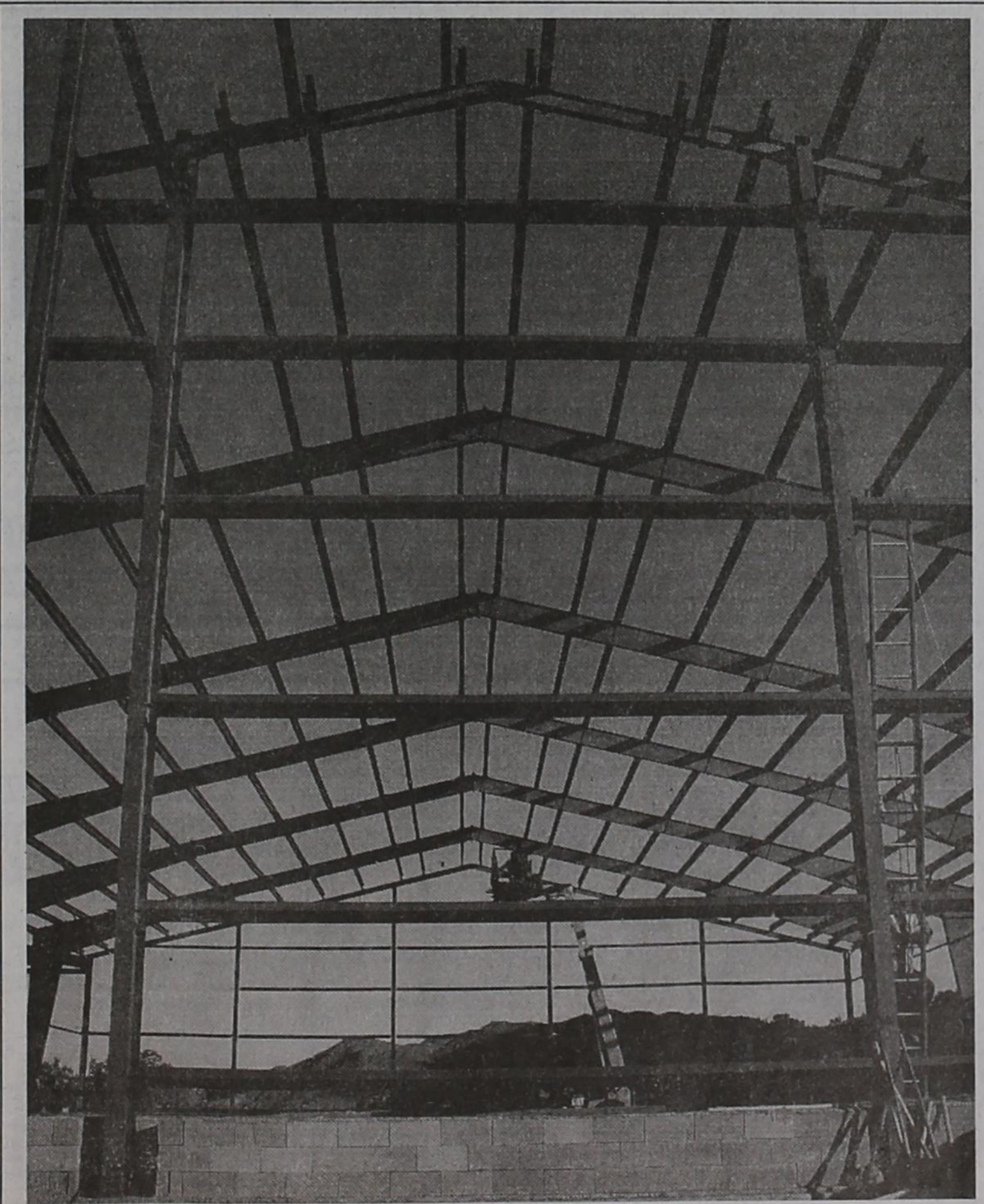
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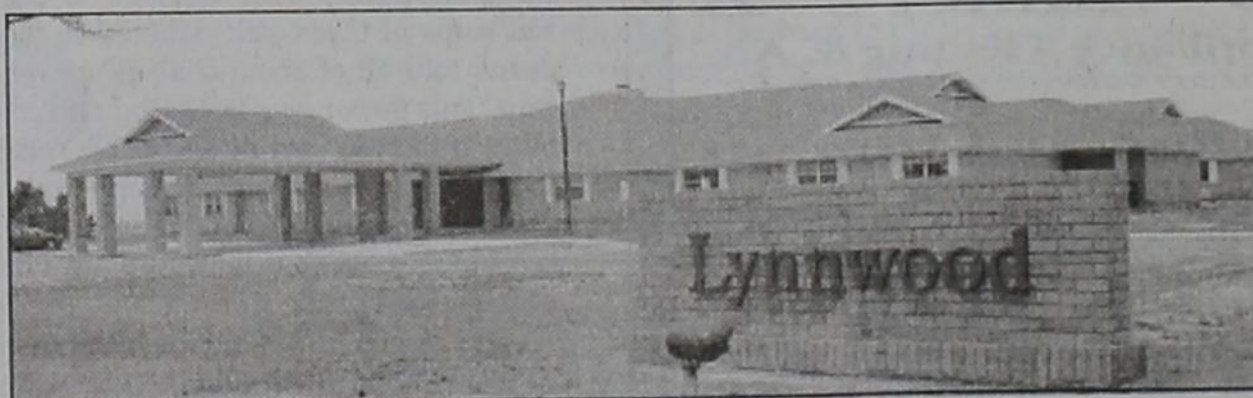
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Obituaries

Joyce Baker

Funeral Services for Joyce Baker 82, were held Saturday, January 7, 2006 2:00 PM at the Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Kevin Blackburn, officiating. Burial followed at the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

Joyce died on Wednesday January 4, 2006 at her daughters home at White River.

She was born on August 25, 1923 to John Fredrick and Della Mae (Lowery) Benner at Carni, Illinois. She married Charlie Lon Baker on January 22, 1955 in Carni, Illinois and they moved to Post in 1957 and have made their home here since.

She enjoyed crafts, needle work and fishing. She is preceded in death by a son, her parents, one sister and a brother.

She is survived by Spouse, Charlie Lon Baker, Two Sons, Rick and his wife Willa Hines of Nolanville and Joe and wife Linda Baker of Post. One Daughter, Joy and her husband David Conoly of White River.

6 Grandchildren, Rickie Lee Hines, II, Tim Hines, Asher Dee Parker, Scott Parker, Misty Baker and Billy Jack Baker. 9 Great-grandchildren, Rainbeau Parker, Dakota Parker, Valkyria Parker, Rickie Hines III, Zachary Hines, Tony Bailey, Kristen Powell, Collin Hines and Payne Hines.

Pallbearers will be: Scott Parker, Billy Jack Baker, John Bland, Kelly Baker, Ed Ray Baker, Rickie Hines, II and Tim Hines.



Ganell Babb Watkins
Graveside services for Ganell Babb Watkins, 76, of San Angelo were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, 2006, in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.
She died Jan. 4 in San Angelo.
Born June 10, 1929, to Robert William and Nellie Babb in Garza County, she was a Post High School graduate. She married James Michael Watkins on Feb. 1, 1957, in Clovis, N.M.
Survivors include her husband, Mike, of San Angelo.

Republican Candidates Draw For Place on Ballot

The Republican Executive Committee and several candidates for office met Thursday, January 5, to conduct a drawing for order on the ballot in contested races for the March 7, 2006 Primary Election.

Participating were Lee Norman and Phil Mathews, candidates for County Judge; Gordon Terry and Suzi Clary, candidates for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1; and Les Rutherford and Juan Hernandez, candidates for Justice of the Peace Precinct 2.

Results of the drawing were: Phil Mathews, Gordon Terry and Les Rutherford for the first position on the ballot in their respective races. The Republicans set the date and place for the Precinct Convention, which will follow the close of polls for the Primary Election March 7, 2006.

The Precinct Convention will be consolidated into one location and will be held at the Post Community Center immediately following the closing of the polls.

The Executive Committee has also tentatively approved the 2006 Platform and Creed of the Garza County Republican Party, which will be presented at the Precinct Convention for final approval. The Party has developed this Platform as a general statement of position and values that will be the focal point of the Republican Party campaign.

Garza Soil & Water Conservation District lists 2005-06 projects

The Garza County Soil & Water Conservation District oversaw projects totaling almost \$300,000 during 2005, according to a report delivered to County Commissioners on Monday.

The conservation district processed a total of 23 applications during the year, and all were funded for a total of \$298,081, according to the report.

A total of 68 active EQIP contracts were handled by the field office.

EQIP work completed during the year included the spraying of 10,600 acres of brush, 376 acres of brush were grubbed and the installation of 90 acres of drip irrigation.

Through the State Water Quality Management Plans, 15 acres of drip irrigation were installed, as well as 3,300 feet of irrigation pipeline.

EQIP work scheduled for 2006 includes:

- Spraying 7,650 acres of brush

- Grubbing 236 acres of brush
- Installation of 194 acres of drip irrigation



Chester Morris celebrated his 90th birthday at the Slaton Senior Citizen Center Dance on January 7. He was joined at the celebration by his sister-in-law Dorltha Hester (left) of Lubbock. Chester was born north of Abilene to Mary Jany (Oden) and W.C.W. Morris. "The only thing sweeter than a pretty little woman," Chester says, "is two women."

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Post Girls Scouts selling delicious cookies and snacks at The Post Dispatch are Ashley Collazo (left) and Alexis Collazo (right). Making the fun but difficult decision of what to order is Jackie Miner. (Staff photo by Wes Burnett)

Sheriff reports 11 arrests

Eleven individuals were booked into the Garza County Jail during the past week, according to sheriff's department reports.

Arrests included a 45-year-old male picked up for driving while intoxicated; a 57-year-old male, DWI; a 42-year-old male, public intoxication, unlawfully carrying a weapon, possession of marijuana and child endangerment; two males, ages 18 and 19, for possession of marijuana; and a 21-year-old male picked up on a Travis County warrant.

Also, an 18-year-old male arrested for minor in consumption, disorderly conduct, evading arrest and resisting arrest; a 47-year-old male, McClennan County warrant; a 30-year-old male, DWI; a 28-year-old male, DWI; and a 21-year-old male, possession of marijuana.

Extension Extras

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by January 23, or after that it will be \$25. Make fees payable to Dawson Ag Fund and mail to Dawson County Extension Office, P. O. Box 1268, Lamesa, Texas 79331. Five CEU's will be offered for all license categories consisting of one Laws/Regs, two IPM, and two general. For more information or a registration form, come by the Extension office at 215 West Main in Post.

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On God's Word

By Timothy W. Burnett

Jesus Christ instructs his disciples and ascends to heaven

Last week we looked at the Gospel story of Jesus eating with and teaching his chosen disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. Just one day earlier, they were hiding in a room for fear of the Jewish leaders. Then after our Lord Jesus came to see them and built up their believing, they no longer feared, and even went out to catch some fish.

The last recorded meeting between Jesus and his disciples is found in Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:4-11.

Because I am not familiar with the geography, it is difficult to determine if Matthew's reference to Galilee is the same as, or similar to Luke's record of Bethany. If Bethany was located in the larger area called Galilee, then it is very possible that both accounts refer to the same event.

According to Luke Jesus had already been with them 40 days. Matthew reveals that many of the disciples paid proper homage to our Lord Jesus, but some of them still doubted he was the Christ. Jesus told all of them that all power was given to him. This power was from God and could be exerted both in heaven and in earth. He commanded them to teach all the nations of people so that they might also believe and be baptized with holy spirit, and reminded them that he would always be with them unto the end of the world.

The record in Acts gives more details about the same meeting. Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem for the promise from God the Father. They were also reminded of the change from water baptism to the baptism of holy spirit. He said, "For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the holy ghost not many days from now" (Acts 1:5).

John's baptism was a symbol of what was to come. And it was about to become available for anybody to be baptized with holy spirit, making the baptism of water insignificant. The lesser was replaced by the greater. After he said this, his disciples asked him if it was time for him to restore the kingdom of Israel. Jesus answered with the truth, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own power.

But you shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you. And you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:7-8). To be a witness of our risen Lord and Savior is directly related to receiving power. The word receive is from the Greek word lambano. This will be covered in more detail soon.

After Jesus spoke these things to his disciples he was taken up through a cloud, out of their sight. While they continued to focus their attention toward the sky as he went up, two men dressed in white clothing said, "You men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into the sky? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as you have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:9-11).

The record of Revelation 19:11-21 reveals that his next return to the earth will be to battle with a certain number of kings and their armies, and to cast their god into a place for eternal punishment. Jesus Christ will return with an army that will have already been with him in heaven.

This will not be an army of angels, but instead all the born again children of God who will some day be caught up in the sky to be forever with our Lord Jesus (see 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 and 1 Corinthians 15:51-58). Praise God for His perfect wisdom!

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David Letterman and the culture war

by Bill O'Reilly

Even though the war on terror dominates the headlines, the culture war in America is almost as intense. On one side you have traditionalists, people who believe the country was well-founded, does mostly good things, and has become the most powerful nation on earth by adhering to Judeo-Christian principles like generosity, justice, and self-sacrifice.

On the other side of the culture war are the secular-progressives (S-Ps) who believe that the USA is fundamentally a flawed country, which has caused considerable misery both within and outside our borders. The S-Ps want drastic change and a new direction for America.

The two most intense issues in the culture war right now are how to deal with terrorism and what role spirituality should play in the public arena.

The S-Ps want little or no public displays of God or religion. That's what drove the attacks on Christmas images and traditions; knock down the big Christian holiday, and the secularists achieve a big victory.

On the terror front, traditionalists largely want aggressive action to wipe out the evildoers, and if Iraq is the battlefield, then so be it.

Secular-progressives are appalled by the Iraq war and generally believe the USA has no right to act unilaterally to hunt down terrorists or their enablers.

So the stage was set for my recent appearance on the David Letterman show. I am a traditionalist; Mr. Letterman tends to mock traditionalists. And he often does it very well.

Our discussion began with the Christmas controversy. Dave did not see it as a big deal. When I pointed out the absurdity of a library in Memphis, Tennessee OKing a manger scene but then telling the woman donating it that she had to remove Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the three Wise Men, Dave said he did not believe the story. And, generally, that was the opinion of the liberal media: There was no Christmas controversy or the whole thing was fabricated by religious zealots bent on establishing a theocracy.

Dave's skepticism must have come as a surprise to Memphis resident Brandi Chambless, the woman ordered to remove statues of the Holy Family and their visitors from the East. But, hey, the shepherds could stay, staring into an empty stable.

The subject quickly shifted to Iraq, a conflict both Letterman and I believe has been poorly managed. We also found common ground on the terrific performance of the U.S. military.

But then Cindy Sheehan came up. Uh-oh. Dave, as well as many in the entertainment community, feels that Ms. Sheehan should not be criticized. He believes she is above reproach because her son, Casey, was killed in Iraq.

I do not see it that way, so sparks flew. My contention is that Ms. Sheehan is entitled to grieve and dissent in any way she wants, but her grief is being exploited by far-left elements.

And when Ms. Sheehan told Mark Knoller, a correspondent for CBS radio, that the terrorists in Iraq were freedom fighters, she insulted thousands of other Americans who lost loved ones in Iraq.

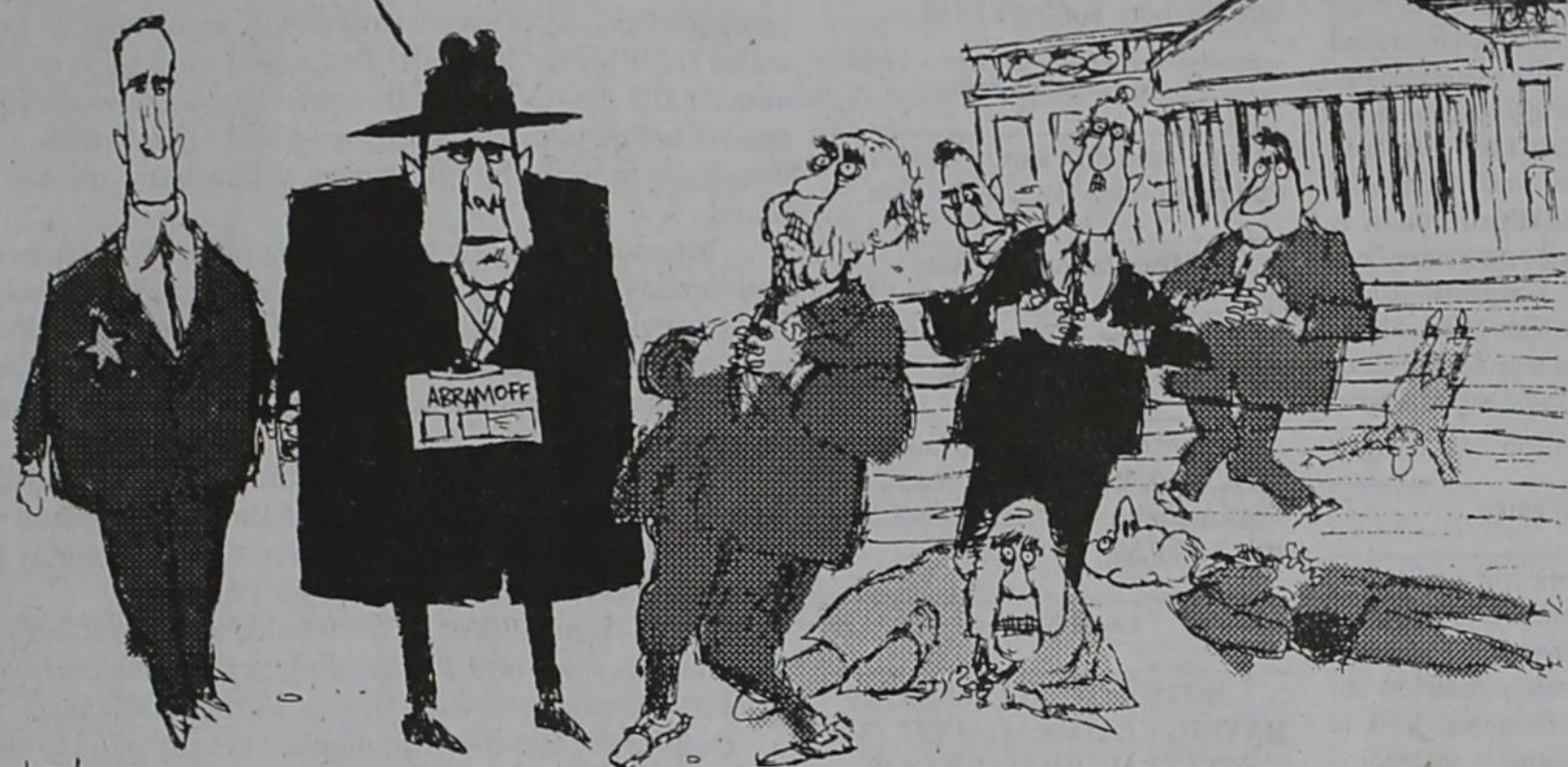
Simply put, terrorists who blow up civilians, women and children are not freedom fighters in any sense. They are murderers, and I called Mr. Letterman on Sheehan's support of them.

I hope you saw the program. It was a rare display of the culture war on television. I told Dave I respected his views and he should respect mine. I enjoyed the joust.

By far more important, is the wake-up call many late-night viewers got. We in America are becoming a deeply divided country along cultural lines. The more we all understand what the issues are, the better. The culture war is real, and now, everybody watched Letterman that evening knows it.

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And thereafter, tax cut beneficiaries

by Walter E. Williams

Republican and Democratic big government advocates whine about President Bush's proposed tax cuts, particularly cuts in the capital gains tax. They say it's a \$70 billion giveaway to the rich. Listening to demagoguery about the rich, I sometimes wish that we could find a humane way to get rid of the rich so that we might better focus on what's in the interests of the other 99.44 percent of us.

Let's talk about capital gains taxes starting out with a few questions for you. Suppose you see a couple highway construction projects. On one project, the workers are employed using shovels and wheelbarrows. At the other project, the workers are using huge earthmovers, cranes, asphalt-laying machines and other equipment. On which project do the workers earn the higher wage? You'll probably answer, "Those on the project with all the machinery." Now the question becomes, why? Is it because construction company owners like machine operators more? Or, is it because the machine operators have more bargaining power?

The answer to both questions is no. The correct answer is that the workers on the project using all the machinery are more productive. They are more productive because they have much more capital (equipment) working with them. As a result, more road is built per day, per worker, and their wages reflect that higher productivity.

Creating more equipment, whether it's earthmovers, computers or technical innovation, is called capital formation. The capital gains tax is a tax on capital formation, and when anything is taxed, one expects less of it. Less capital formation means a slower growth in wages. Roughly 95 percent of the growth in wages over the past 40 years is explained by the capital-to-labor ratio.

The capital gains tax dampens risk incentive. Put yourself in the place of an investor. You can invest in a utility company that's been earning a six percent rate of return for decades. Alternatively, you can invest in a high-tech, high-risk startup company. While such an investment has a high risk, and you stand to lose all of your money, success can deliver a potentially very high payoff. Capital gains taxes reduce

your rate of return on the risk you have taken. Reduced rates of return mean that people will undertake less risk.

The capital gains tax has another debilitating effect on investment that's called the lock-in effect. People who have made a capital gain on an investment know that if they were to sell they would have to pay the capital gains tax. Therefore, for tax reasons, they often hold on to that investment longer than they otherwise would. With a reduction or elimination of the capital gains tax, instead of people's decisions being driven by tax considerations, they would focus more of their portfolio to areas in the economy with a higher long-run growth potential.

There are other taxes that impede capital formation, such as dividend and corporate profit taxes, but the capital gains taxes, as well as the death tax, are particularly vicious. In 2004, the capital gains tax generated \$56 billion, about three percent of federal revenues. The death tax generated \$25 billion, a little over one percent of federal revenues. The death tax, like the capital gains tax, has an impact on capital formation because people often have to sell producing assets. These high-powered dollars are shifted from production to government consumption. The capital gains tax and the death tax are insignificant in terms of federal revenue. They only serve our collective taste to tax the so-called rich.

President John Kennedy saw much of the folly in our anti-capital formation tax policy when he said, "The tax on capital gains directly affects investment decisions, the mobility and flow of risk capital... the ease or difficulty experienced by new ventures in obtaining capital, and thereby the strength and potential for growth in the economy."

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Scandals are a Symptom, Not a Cause

by U.S. Congressman Ron Paul

The essence of Government is power; and power, lodged as it must be in human hands, will ever be liable to abuse.

James Madison

The Washington political scandals dominating the news in recent weeks may be disheartening, but they cannot be considered surprising. We live in a time when the U.S. government is the largest and most powerful state in the history of the world. Today's federal government consists of fifteen huge departments, hundreds of agencies, thousands of programs, and millions of employees.

It spends 2.4 trillion dollars in a single year. The possibilities for corruption in such an immense and unaccountable institution are endless.

Americans understandably expect ethical conduct from their elected officials in Washington. But the whole system is so out of control that it's simply unrealistic to place faith in each and every government official in a position to sell influence. The larger the federal government becomes, the more it controls who wins and who loses in our society.

The temptation for lobbyists to buy votes-- and the temptation for politicians to sell them-- is enormous. Indicting one crop of politicians and bringing in another is only a temporary solution. The only effective way to address corruption is to change the system itself, by radically downsizing the power of the federal government in the first place. Take away the politicians' power and you take away the very currency of corruption.

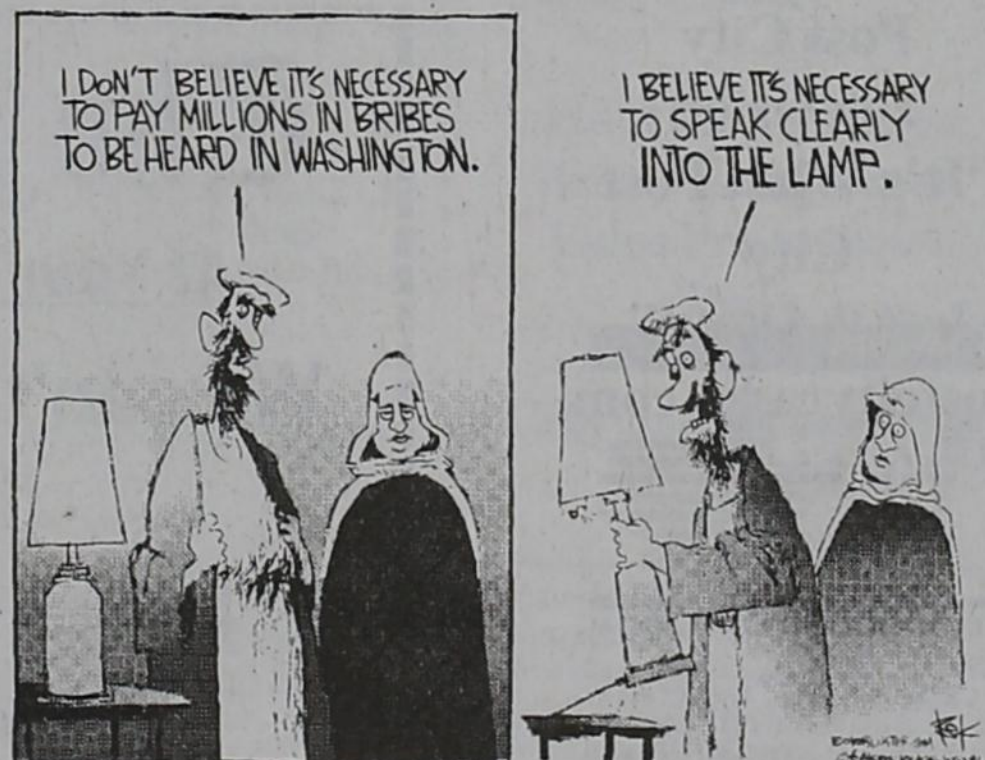
Undoubtedly the recent revelations will ignite new calls for campaign finance reform.

However, we must recognize that that campaign finance laws place restrictions only on individuals, not politicians. Politicians will continue to tax and spend, meaning they will continue to punish some productive Americans while rewarding others with federal largesse. The same vested special interests will not go away, and the same influence peddling will happen every day on Capitol Hill.

The reason is very simple: when the federal government redistributes trillions of dollars from some Americans to others, countless special interests inevitably will fight for the money. The rise in corruption in Washington simply mirrors the rise in federal spending.

The fundamental problem is not with campaigns or politicians primarily, but rather with popular support for the steady shift from a relatively limited, constitutional federal government to the huge leviathan of today.

We need to get money out of government. Only then will money not be important in politics. It's time to reconsider exactly what we want the federal government to be in our society. So long as it remains the largest and most powerful institution in the nation, it will remain endlessly susceptible to corruption.



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Cotton trading news...

Relentless fund buying pushed cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade to two-month highs on Tuesday with dry conditions in the mid-South and Texas and a weak U.S. dollar providing support. However, the market went on to settle with moderate losses after an uninspired rally stalled during the final half of trading on Thursday.

Extremely dry conditions prevailed from Arizona to Central Texas this week. Wildfires developed in West and Central Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma during the New Year's weekend causing extensive property damage and destruction. The combination of near record-setting daytime highs for this time of year, low humidity levels and wind gusts up to 70 miles per hour continues to wreak havoc on the Texas High and Rolling Plains. Fieldwork has been halted in affected areas.

According to USDA, soil moisture levels continue to decrease across Texas with most of the High and Rolling Plains categorized as severe to extreme drought for the week ended Jan. 3. Thus, a prolonged period of wet weather will be needed to help recharge water table levels. In South Texas, soil conditions were considered abnormally dry to severe drought. Several slow-soaking rains are needed before planting commences in the Rio Grande Valley, which usually is around the latter part of February and the first half of March.

Meanwhile, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended Jan. 5 totaled 100,881 bales compared to the previous week when 48,294 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 46.87 to 48.05 cents per pound compared to 46.09 to 47.53 cents per pound the previous week.

Net export sales of U.S. cotton in the week ended Dec. 29 totaled 167,900 bales, 62 percent less than the previous week and 58 percent less than the four-week average. The major buyers were China, Turkey, Brazil, Taiwan, and Peru.

Export shipments of 193,500 bales were eight percent less than the previous week and 22 percent less than the four-week average. Primary destinations were China, Turkey, Indonesia, and Mexico.

Despite the fact that shipments were expected to be slow during the Christmas holiday week, some market watchers and analysts now are wondering if the U.S. will be able to meet USDA's 2005 export estimate.

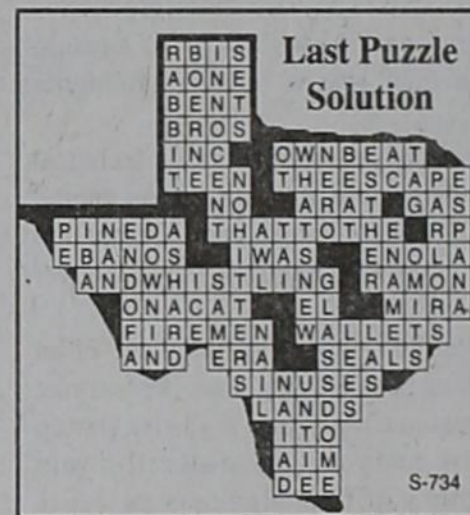
"While cotton export sales have been brisk, shipments have not," an analyst explained. "We're not shipping what we need to be shipping to meet the USDA target. In fact, shipments need to be approximately 340,000 bales per week to meet the department's estimate." Other analysts are more optimistic.

Officials at the annual Beltwide Cotton Conference in San Antonio, Texas, Wednesday said the need to increase exports is paramount to the industry. However, a lack of transportation and limited export facilities are obstacles in meeting USDA's estimate.

"Demand for U.S. cotton is strong, and the cotton industry is poised to meet USDA's projected 2005-06 export estimate of 16.4 million bales as long as logistical problems and the lack of equipment such as trucks are addressed," said Gary Taylor, president of Cotton Council International (CCI).

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10 Years Ago January 11, 1996

Ron Graves, a native of Post, took over as Crosby County Extension Agent-Entomology on December 1st. Born and reared in Post, and a graduate of Post High School, he worked with the Extension Service throughout his undergraduate years at Tarleton State. During the third quarter of 1995, players in Garza County collected their share of prizes playing Post Chamber of Commerce sponsored bingo. Charitable bingo players in Post won \$41,858. There were 2,252 attending bingo here. The City of Post received \$1,045.87. In graduation exercises at Texas Tech on Dec. 16, 1995, Dana Morris received dual degrees. She received a B.S. in Exercises and Sports and a B.A. in History. Dana is the daughter of Jack and Jean Morris.

Harold Gordon will be honored on Jan. 31st in the Regional Supply Center located at 709 S. Broadway on the occasion of his retirement from the Texas Department of Transportation.

20 Years Ago January 15, 1986

Recently in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Hester Sr. were five generations of Mrs. Hester's family. Those attending were Arlona Cox, Shorty Hester Jr., Kim Copeland, Ruby Wood, Jerry Hester, Angela Hester and Todd Copeland. Mr. and Mrs. Don Payne, Donny, Tyge, Tray and Camie hosted an engagement dinner, Dec. 23, in honor of Donna George, Kevin Craig and their families. Donna and Kevin plan to be married on March 15 in the First Baptist Church. A two-day seminar on economic development was conducted here last week by the Mexican American Research Center. At the meeting were Conrado Cavazo, Ruby Mitchell, Robert Guerra, Fernando Villalobos, Pete Castillo and Donald Windham. Miss Charlie Kay Dalby and Robert Coleman Hunt II were united in marriage in a candlelight ceremony Jan. 4 in the First United Methodist Church.

30 Years Ago January 15, 1976

Aggie of the Month Awards were honored during the Vocational Agriculture meeting at PHS. Virgil Morris and Mike Dye received their awards from teachers E. A. Howard and Gene Thomas. Leslie Acker, former Post High School graduate and son of the late Leo Acker and Mrs. Lucille Acker, is the new Midland County district attorney. Mrs. Oman (Della) Ticer, who was paid 50 cents a day for a 10-hour work day when she went to work at the Post Plant 49 years ago at the age of 16, has retired. Girls in the Vocational Office Education classes have been given a chance to see one of the most complicated electronic bookkeeping computers in the City of Post. The computer is in the office of Rocker A Well Service. Sammie Poliard will provide the demonstration to the girls.

40 Years Ago January 13, 1966

T. B. Odom, owner of the Western Auto store here, was elected president of the Retail Merchants Association of Post for 1966. A. C. Cooke, an attorney-at-law here for the last six years, today authorized The Post Dispatch to announce his candidacy for County Judge of Garza County. Thursday to Thursday, by Charles Didway: Someone has suggested this week

to me as the Ideal Working Schedule: Starting Time - 8: a.m.; Morning Coffee Break - 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.; Lunch Hour - 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.; Afternoon Coffee Break 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Quitting Hour - 5:00 p.m.

Announcing Sherry Bevers, a graduate of Jessie Lee's Beauty College in Lubbock will join our staff at Gale's Beauty Shop, 907 W. 10th Street on Tuesday, Jan. 18 as a beauty operator. Top TV shows according to Junior High kids - Big Valley, My Mother the Car, Lost in Space, I Spy, John Forsythe Show, The Loner, Shenandoah, The Fugitive, Dr. Kildare and Get Smart. Dr. C. H. Bausman, Post's newest physician, has been voted on the medical staff of Garza Memorial Hospital.

50 Years Ago January 12, 1956

The Post Antelopes' basketball team consist of twelve members. The squadmen are Noel White, Jerry Hays, Andy Schmidt, Jimmy Redman, James Williams, Bill Stephens, Tommy Murray, Novis Pennell, Gene Young, Danion Ethridge, Homer Cato and Travis Polk. Election of Giles C. McCrary, L. G. Thuet Jr. and Clarence Basinger to the board of directors of the First National Bank has been announced by Irby G. Metcalf Jr., bank president.

Only one lost book this school year and a new budget of \$1.50 per student have made Mrs. Lillie McRee one of the happiest high school librarians in West Texas. "And that's not all," said Mrs. McRee. "Current building plans at the high school include additional library improvements." Mrs. McRee taught in the elementary school here before becoming high school librarian, and also taught in the Gárolia and Justiceburg schools after coming to Garza County in 1940.

The Post Antelope girls' team scored a 49-39 victory over Ralls. Frances Craig led the attack with 29 points. Marie Howard scored 14 points for Post, with Sara Ray getting three, Louise Gerner, two, and Janet Stephens, one. Starting guards for the Post team were Darlyne Hulsey, Joyce Josey and Bettie Sue Norman.

60 Years Ago January 17, 1946

After serving the women folk of Garza county for thirty-two years, Mrs. O. D. Cardwell announced this week that she is retiring from Post's business circle and has sold her beauty shop. Mrs. Cardwell for the past twenty-two years has owned and operated the Cardwell's Beauty Shop here. Prior to entering this business, she owned and managed a ladies' apparel shop which she established in 1915. Calloway Huffaker of Tahoka, present district attorney of the 106th Judicial District, this week authorized the Dispatch to announce his candidacy for his second term.

The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Jones, pioneer residents of this county, was observed on Dec. 25. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two sons, Buford and Robert of Post and three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Leake and Mrs. T. H. Basinger of Southland, and Mrs. Gladys Hofer of Vernon.

Two Post boys, Pfc. William A. King, and T-5 Keith O. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Adams, were scheduled to arrive in the states last week. King was due to arrive aboard the USS Saratoga from San Francisco and Adams left Siapan on

November Texas monthly oil and gas statistics

NOVEMBER PERMITS TO DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,552 original drilling permits in November 2005 compared to 1,177 in November 2004. The November total included 1,297 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 51 to re-enter existing well bores, and 204 for re-completions. Permits issued in November 2005 included 300 oil, 370 gas, 842 oil and gas, 31 injection, zero service and 9 other permits.

OCTOBER CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary October 2005 crude oil production averaged 898,326 barrels daily, down from the 918,048 barrels daily average of October 2004.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for October 2005 is 27,898,512 barrels, a decrease from 28,540,311 barrels reported during October 2004.

NOVEMBER OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In November 2005, operators reported 293 oil, 631 gas, 31 injection and 6 other completions compared to 291 oil, 677 gas, 31 injection and zero completions during November 2004.

Total well completions for 2005 year to date are 10,058, up from 9,796 recorded during the same period in 2004.

Operators reported 693 holes plugged and zero dry holes in November 2005 compared to 498 holes plugged and 95 dry holes in November 2004.

OCTOBER NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 425,420,550 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for October 2005, down from the October 2004 preliminary gas production total of 457,830,662 Mcf.

Texas production in October 2005 came from 132,416 oil, and 68,362 gas wells.

NOVEMBER TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RRC District: (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 67
Oil Completions: 16
Gas Completions: 25

RRC District: (2) REFUGIO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 75
Oil Completions: 10
Gas Completions: 33

RRC District: (3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 87
Oil Completions: 17
Gas Completions: 61

RRC District: (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 127
Oil Completions: 4
Gas Completions: 64

RRC District: (5) EAST CENTRAL TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 54
Oil Completions: 5
Gas Completions: 47

RRC District: (6) EAST TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 165
Oil Completions: 7
Gas Completions: 117

RRC District: (7B) WEST CENTRAL TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 93
Oil Completions: 17
Gas Completions: 26

RRC District: (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 207
Oil Completions: 45
Gas Completions: 90

RRC District: (8) MIDLAND
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 224
Oil Completions: 16
Gas Completions: 23

RRC District: (8A) LUBBOCK AREA
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 120
Oil Completions: 111
Gas Completions: 4

RRC District: (9) NORTH TEXAS
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes: 229
Oil Completions: 44
Gas Completions: 73

RRC District: (10) PANHANDLE
Permits To Drill Oil/Gas Holes:

104

Oil Completions: 1
Gas Completions: 68

November

TEXAS TOP TEN OIL AND GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION COUNTY - CRUDE OIL (BBLs)

1. GAINES - 2,373,737
2. YOAKUM - 2,178,215
3. ANDREWS - 1,955,286
4. HOCKLEY - 1,701,387
5. ECTOR - 1,520,598
6. SCURY - 1,352,103
7. PECOS - 952,274
8. MIDLAND - 842,484
9. CRANE - 829,381
10. UPTON - 754,791

October TEXAS TOP TEN GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION COUNTY - TOTAL GAS (MCF)

1. ZAPATA - 20,592,822
2. PANOLA - 20,148,090
3. FREESTONE - 17,782,407
4. WEBB - 16,963,914
5. HIDALGO - 16,491,695
6. PECOS - 15,491,060
7. WISE - 13,115,736
8. DENTON - 10,793,096
9. STARR - 9,540,340
10. CROCKETT - 9,471,324

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Commissioners get committee assignments

Garza County Commissioners kicked off the new year this week by reorganizing the court and making new committee assignments for 2006.

John Valdez was tapped to serve as judge pro-tem during the court's regular Monday meeting.

The following committee assignments/responsibilities were set forth:

- Gary McDaniel - Historical preservation; law enforcement; alternate to sign Dalby billing; museum and cultural association
- Glenda McClellan - Landfill; law enforcement
- John Valdez - Law enforcement; airport; Trailblazers (ex-officio); 9-1-1 Committee; ambulance; judge pro-tem
- Mike Sanchez - Ambulance; park; SPAG; Lake Alan Henry; law enforcement; airport.

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- 22 TXism: "fast as _____ up a rafter"
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- 10 TX Paula Prentiss film: "_____ Pussycat?"
- 11 a Roman emperor starred in '26 "_____ around the bush"
- 13 actress Williams in "Texas Carnival"
- 14 summer TX appliance (abbr.)
- 15 "_____ you're it!"
- 17 TX Nolan Ryan threw 7 of these
- 19 guest rooms
- 20 "Spain" south of the border
- 24 school recreation
- 25 former TCU BB coach Moe
- 26 TX Debbie Allen's "Roots" character
- 27 TXism: "heavy as the front _____ John Deere"
- 28 TXism: "_____ the mouth" (sjck)
- 29 TXism: "_____ as pulling boots over wet socks"
- 31 TX pronunciation of "oil"
- 32 martial art: "_____ Chi"
- 33 TXism: "_____ driller" (dentist)
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- 40 TX Blue Bell cream
- 41 TXism: "poured out of the _____ mold"
- 42 Marlin's Highlands Mansion has a stained-_____
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ACS chapter gears up for Relay for Life

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will return to Garza County June 9, but not without some advance planning. The Relay for Life Committee will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Individuals interested in joining the committee, volunteering for the event or forming a team are encouraged to attend to obtain more information. Refreshments will be served, and a door prize will be given away.



Relay for Life is a fun-filled, community-based event designed to raise funds for cancer research, education, advocacy and patient services. During Relay for Life, teams walk or run around a track overnight to illustrate that "cancer never sleeps." Prior to the event, participants raise money, either individually or as groups.

Each team member who raises \$100 or more receives a free Relay for Life T-shirt.

Funds raised through the campaign support the ACS's mission of eliminating cancer, while the event itself celebrates the lives of cancer survivors and memorializes those who have lost their battles.

The ACS is a national community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing the disease, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information on this month's committee meeting, call Peggy Graves at 495-2718 or Carol Williams at 495-2156. For information about cancer, call toll-free 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit the ACS Web site at www.cancer.org.



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Lady Lopes trip Tahoka 45-42 in overtime

The Post Lady Lopes slipped past Tahoka 45-42 last Friday at Tahoka. Tahoka led during the first half, but Post poured in the points in the third period, outscoring their opponents 17-8.

Gray led scoring with 23 points, followed by Hays with nine, Tatum and Wilson each with four, Easterling with three and Hoover, two. Easterling and Gray had the only successful three-point shots in the game.

Lott led the team in assists with five. Gray led in both offensive and defensive rebounding with two and nine respectively. Gray also had four steals in the game.

Tahoka slams 'Lopes 80-46

The 'Lopes fell to Tahoka 80-46 in a game played Friday. Tahoka led at the end of the first quarter by a score of 17-2. The halftime score was 37-12.

Sterling Smith led scoring for Post with 21 points, followed by Roby Lester with eight. Others scorers included Chris Rangel, D.J. Baiza and Colter Creech with four points apiece; Wilson Cash and Kenny Garay each with two points; and Health Fellhauer, one point.

Smith hit four three-point shots in the game and was 75 percent from the charity stripe.

'Lope football players earn regional recognition

The Post Antelopes made a strong showing in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's 2005 All-South Plains 2A Team announced last month.

The 'Lopes landed two players on the First Team Offense. Described by the newspaper as "the top lineman on one of the best rushing teams in the area" was senior lineman Israel Beggs, who "graded out at 92 percent for an offense that averaged 341.8 yards per game." Also named to the offensive side of the team was running back Wilson Cash, a junior, who was credited with 1,315 rushing yards, 14 touchdowns and four two-point conversions on the year.

Both players also were named to the All-District 5-2A first team.

Other schools represented on the A-J's offense honor roll included Tulia, Denver City (two players), Abernathy (two players), Idalou (two players), Slaton (two players) and Lockney.

Four Post players were included in the A-J's First Team Defense listing. They included:

- Senior lineman Eric Reyna, recognized not only for his six tackles per game average, but also for four quarterback sacks, eight tackles for a loss, three caused fumbles, a fumble recovery for a touchdown and a blocked punt, according to the newspaper. Reyna was listed first team All-District 5-2A.

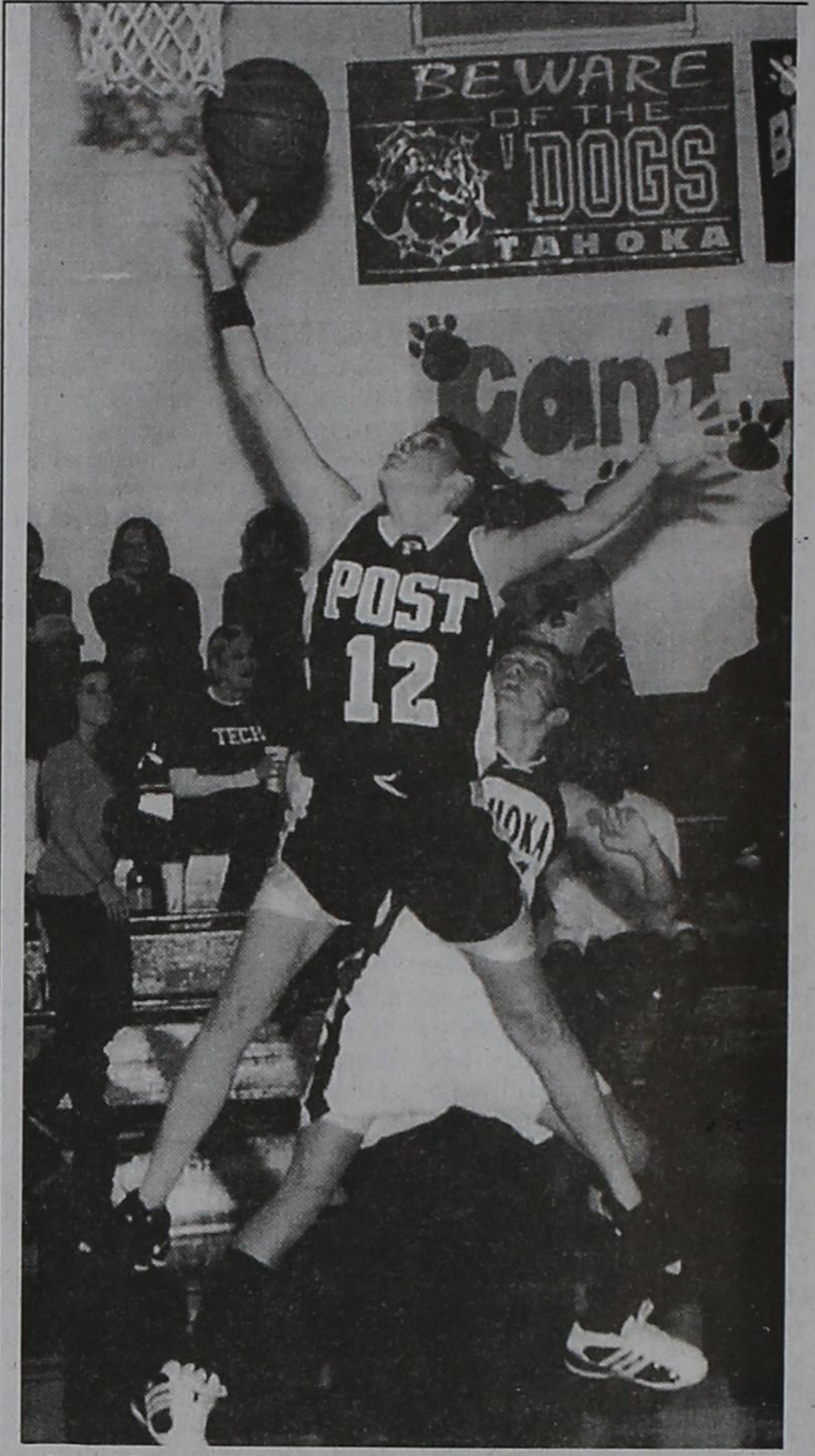
- Lineman Blake Nichols, a junior, described as "a terror up front" for the Antelopes. Nichols was cited as having averaged six tackles per game, with seven sacks, 10 tackles for a loss and four caused fumbles on the season. He was listed first team All-District 5-2A.

- Linebacker Zach Sanchez, a junior, who was lauded as the "top tackler" for the 'Lope defense. Sanchez was credited with having an average nine tackles per game, with eight tackles for a loss, three caused fumbles, two fumble recoveries and an interception on the season. He was listed first team All-District 5-2A.

- Secondary starter Sterling Smith, a senior, who averaged four tackles per game. Smith also was recognized as having raked in 1,281 total yards as quarterback. He was listed first team All-District 5-2A.

Schools represented on the A-J's defensive dream team included Friona (two players), Slaton, Abernathy (two players), Tulia, Olton and Idalou.

Idalou's Weston Sales, a senior, and senior Patrick Magee were recognized as the Offensive Player of the Year and the Defensive Player of the Year respectively. Tony Truelove of Abernathy was selected Coach of the Year.



Rachel Gray (12) of the Lady Lopes drives for a lay-up shot last Friday in Tahoka. Gray racked up 23 total game points. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

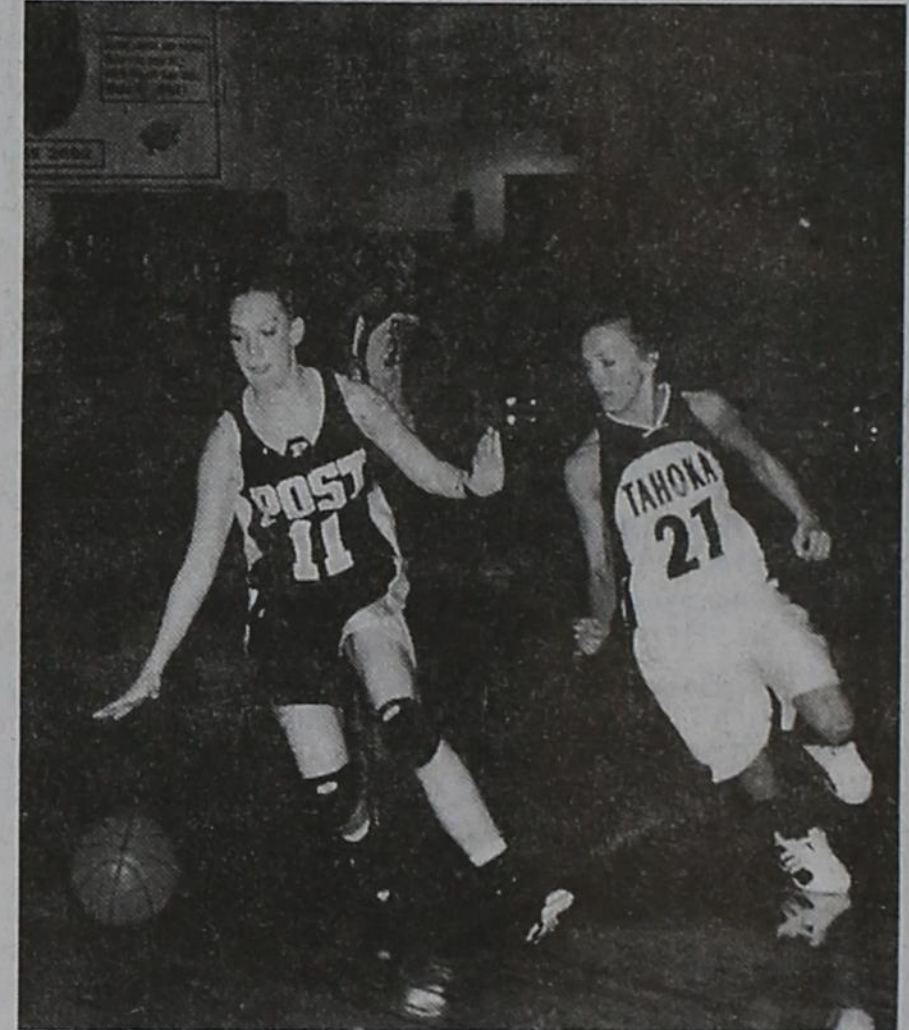
Steve Ignacio Gonzales celebrates first birthday

Steve Ignacio Gonzales celebrated his 1st Birthday at his home in Irving, Tx. on December 17, 2005.

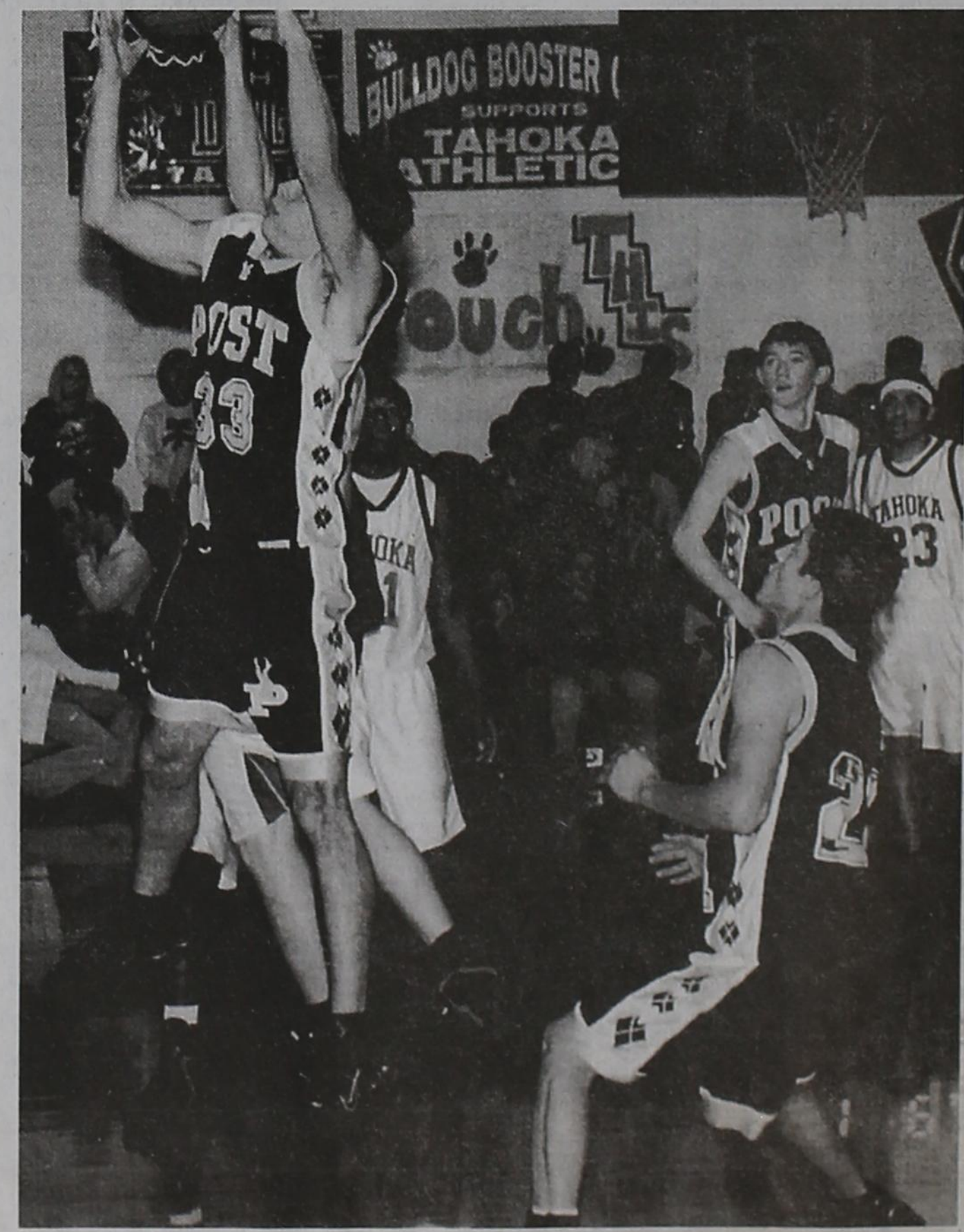
Helping him celebrate were his parents Steve and Flora. Grandparents Danny and Susan Gonzales of Post Tx., Great Grandparent Nan Strahan of Rising Star, Tx., Mario Julie T.J., Delfino, Sylvester, Ashley and Della Cruz all of Van Alstyne, Tx., Lorna and A.J. Espinoza, Michael and Eva Hampton and Isabel, Danny, Stephanie and Matthew all of Irving.

Guests were served hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and dip. Birthday cake and ice cream.

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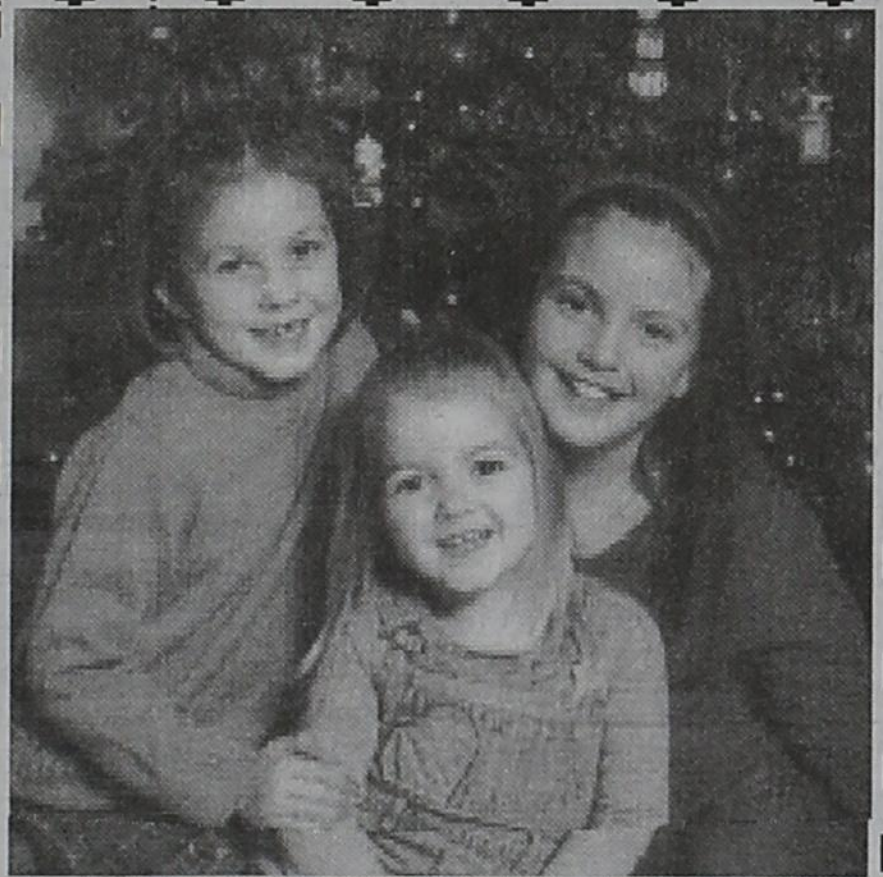
Laurel Tatum works the ball down court for the Lady Lopes during last Friday's game in Tahoka. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)



Post Antelope Colter Creech (33) grabs a rebound during last Friday's basketball action in Tahoka. (Photo by Jerry Taylor)

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