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Reyes Pequeno and Krisha Bush (left to right), presented the first financial donation for the proposed city skate park at a meeting in City Hall last week. City Council member Tommy Basquez and City Manager Rick Walton accepted the contribution. Anybody interested in donating should make the check to The City of Post Skateboard Fund. The next house meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 21 at 7 p.m. For more information contact Reyes Pequeno at 778-2628 or Krisha Bush at 781-3986.

Staff photo by Merika Strivens

Commercial sanitation rate increase adopted by City Council

Commercial sanitation rates within the City of Post will increase as a result of action taken at the Jan. 8 City Council meeting.

City Council members voted unanimously in favor of City Manager Ric Walton's recommendation to bump the commercial rate up to \$35 per container and per lift and to do away with the current industrial rate inside the city limits.

In making the recommendation, Walton advised the city's sanitation rates haven't been addressed "across the board" since 1993, but that expenses have climbed significantly since that time.

"The one thing that Post has done over the years is really give away our landfill space and our service that is performed so well," Walton told the council. "We're losing so much money on that... One of the largest abuses that we have allowed, and I'm not blaming any heavy generator... we have allowed them to abuse our system. And we've done it in the name of customer service, and that's not all bad. But there has to be a value attached to what we're doing."

The "heavy users," he said, are not paying what the city's commercial sanitation services are worth.

Prior to the approved increase, commercial rates were \$28.30 per Dumpster, with a charge of \$16.50 for each additional container, regardless of the number of "lifts" - that is, when a Dumpster is lifted and emptied.

"We are not trying to make a massive profit on this, although the rates are supposed to supply or set aside for new garbage trucks, new compactors, new wheel loaders, new flatbeds that run the alleys," Walton said. "I'm not advocating that we make this gigantic change overnight.... No, but I think that along with stepped-up code enforcement to get the alleys cleaner, to get the property owners to take some responsibility for what they're supposed to do - that is,

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Denied access prompts formal complaint

Publisher seeks criminal investigation of county, district officials

County and district officials could find themselves the subjects of a criminal investigation after a formal complaint was delivered this week to the Garza County Sheriff's Department.

Wesley Burnett, publisher of the The Post Dispatch, forwarded a formal complaint to Garza County Sheriff Cliff Laws Wednesday requesting a criminal investigation of actions

taken in November at the Garza County Courthouse.

According to the complaint, several media representatives, including a photographer for The Post Dispatch, were denied "their Texas Constitutional and U.S. Constitutional First Amendment rights of free speech and press" when they were prevented from entering the courthouse with cameras during the final hours of the Pablo Soto murder trial in 106th District Court.

"Based on information and belief and various other news media reports in which these individuals admitted involvement, we contend (106th) District Judge (Carter) Schildknecht and County Judge (Lee) Norman acted under color of law and issued over-reaching instructions to law enforcement personnel to deny the news media representatives covering the trial of their First Amendment rights far beyond what was necessary for any security reasons related to the judicial proceedings," the complaint states. "As best we are able to determine, no court records, transcripts or written orders of the court were made or executed. Media and hearsay reports indicate all involved acted, at best, on oral communications, evidence which we contend supports an improper and unlawful motive."

Law enforcement officials who implemented the judicial orders "apparently and reportedly far exceeded the orders that the two judges claim were given..." the complaint states. Their over-reaction not only resulted in an order blocking photographers from entering the courthouse, but also from being on the courthouse grounds.

"We strongly contend such action far exceeds any authority which these officials might have otherwise reasonably claimed under Texas law... to protect the safety and security of individuals and the integrity of the judicial proceedings," the complaint reads.

Several individuals who "we strongly believe have committed

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Post Notes

Reporting Phone Book Errors

The Post Area Chamber of Commerce is collecting information on Windstream telephone book errors in the most recent edition. If your business or personal listing is incorrect, please contact the Post Area Chamber of Commerce at 495-3461 r by email to info@postcitytexas.com before January 28, 2008.

GCJLA- Awards and Sale January 24

The GCJLA Awards and Sales will be on January 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria.

GCJLA - Friday Schedule

The GCHLA schedule for the Rabbit Judging will be at 10 a.m. on January 18th followed by the Sheep at noon, Goats at 1 p.m. and the Pec-Wee goats at 2 p.m.

Retirement party planned for Ashley

Peggy Ashley will be retiring and leaving the PISD district at the end of the six weeks to become the new City Librarian. To show appreciation for her years of working with Post students, a party has been planned on Friday, January 18.

American Legion meeting planned

The American Legion Post 270 will meet January 24 at 7 p.m. at the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 813 West 13th Street. All members are urged to attend. We extend a special invitation to our new members.

Fund-raiser to benefit Skate Park

The Rural Community Organizing Project will be hosting a fund-raising yard sale in January 2008. Anyone wishing to donate items or clothing may contact Reyes Pequeno at 778-2628 or Krisha Bush at 781-3986. All proceeds will benefit the future skate park. Thanks to all those that have helped in making this project a success.

PHS college financial aid night

Post High School will hold a college financial aid night on Thursday, January 24 at 6 p.m. in the high school library. Parents of juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested is invited to attend. If you plan to attend please let Terry Read know as a light meal will be provided. She can be reached at 495-2770.

ASVAB results available January 23

Post High School juniors will receive their ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Assessment Battery) results on Wednesday, January 23 at 10:15 a.m. in the library computer lab. An ASVAB representative will present and explain the results. Parents are invited to attend.

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Caprock Cultural Association board member Glenda Morrow (front) signs her name on the concrete slab of the Heritage Center during last Thursday's ceremony at the construction site next to the Garza Historical Museum. Morrow was joined by other CCA donors and friends of the Heritage House project. The special event included a construction update by Don Collier and a champagne toast. Collier reported that the Heritage House should be completed during the month of May. Others participating above are Lewis Earl, Jimella Simpson, and Pat Cruse (far right).

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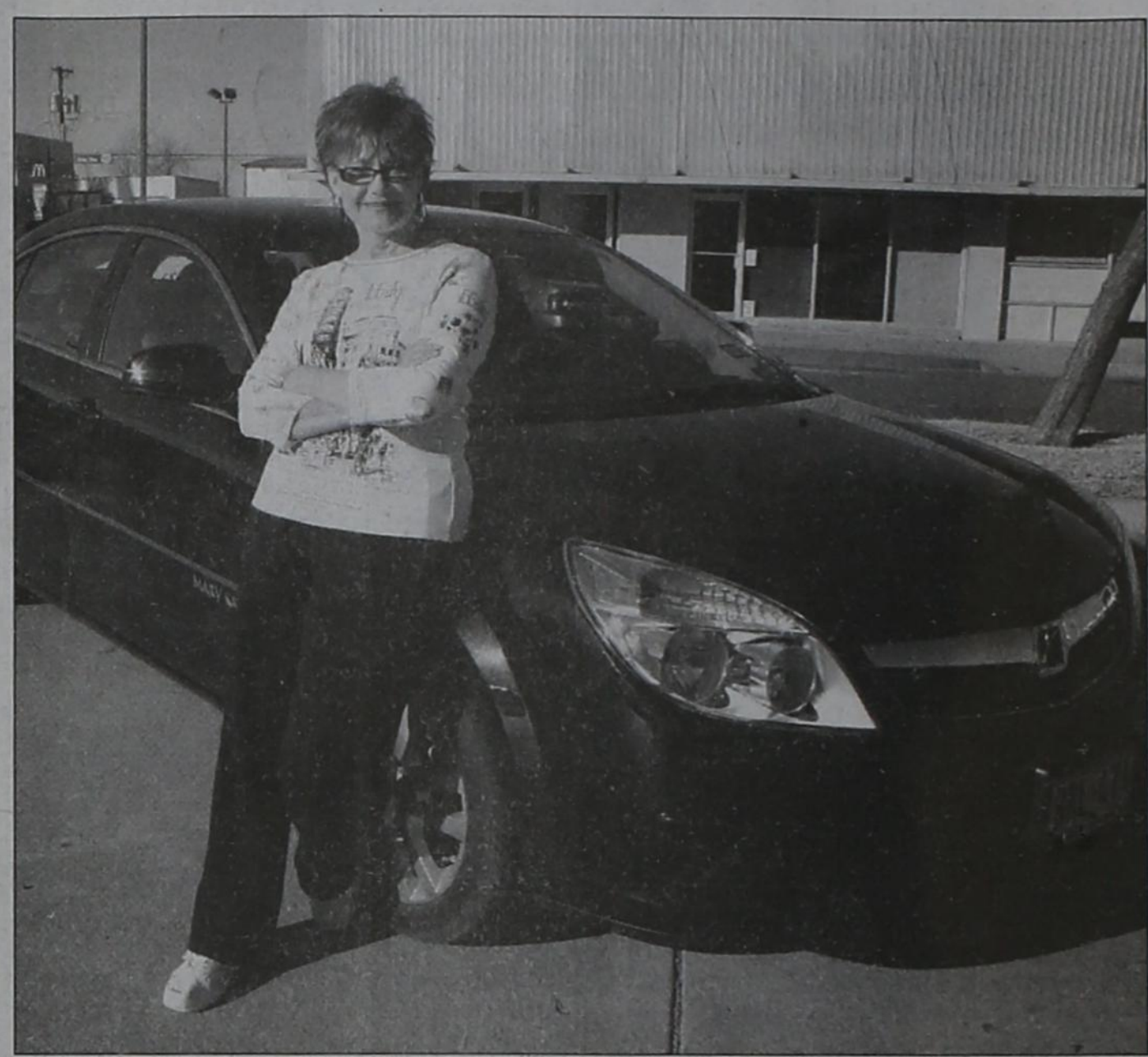
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Suzi Clary of Post, a Mary Kay independent sales director, recently earned the use of a new Saturn Aura XE sedan as a result of her business achievements. Clary took delivery of the vehicle, her second Mary Kay career car, on Oct. 1. She began working with Mary Kay as an independent beauty consultant in 2003 and was promoted to an independent sales director

in 2005. Clary's black Aura is one of the newest additions to the Mary Kay Career Car program. Mary Kay Inc. continues to upgrade the options available to members of the independent sales force who achieve business success. Since the car program's inception in 1969, more than 115,000 independent sales force members have either qualified or re-qualified to earn the use of a Mary Kay career car. About 6,500 career cars are on the road nationwide today, according to a press release from Mary Kay's corporate office.



Suzi Clary is rewarded by Mary Kay with the use of a 2008 Saturn Aura, for business sales. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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My name is Ryan Hammit, and I have recently moved to Post with the intent to run as a write-in candidate for Garza County Attorney in November 2008.

Although I will not be a candidate in the March primaries, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I was born in west Texas, and grew up in a fourth generation farming and ranching family.

After graduating from Wayland Baptist University, I attended the Texas Tech School of Law, and have been in private practice in Lubbock for the past several years.

As County Attorney, my desire would be to use my experience and ability to make a positive contribution to this community, and to provide you with the same integrity and hard work I have always respected.

I look forward to getting acquainted with each of you in the upcoming months.

Ryan Hammit for Garza County Attorney
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Girl Scouts kick off annual cookie sale

For more than 80 years the Girl Scouts have been raising money to fund troop activities by selling cookies, an experience designed to help participants build strong skills, values and friendships.

Jan. 19 will mark the kickoff of the Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale.

Cookies to be offered this year include Thin Mints (mint-chocolate cookies coated in chocolate); Samoas (caramel and toasted coconut); All Abouts (shortbread with a fudge coating on the bottom); Tagalongs (layered peanut butter and chocolate); Do-Si-Dos (oatmeal cookies with peanut butter filling); Trefoils (shortbread); and the latest additions to the cookie menu, the Lemon Chalet Crème (cinnamon-ginger cookie with lemon crème filling) and the Sugar-Free Chocolate Chip (a classic favorite with chocolate chips).

The cookie program benefits Girl Scouts, providing skill-building exercises. Taking orders, handling money, tallying sales and distributing orders helps

teach and reinforce money management, decision-making and goal setting.

"The Council's annual cookie program makes girls mini business owners, and that fosters business and entrepreneurial development," said Becky Burton, CEO of Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains Council. "Even after years the cookie program proves to be an excellent primer

for business and financial skills girls need to develop in order to become more competitive in the workplace."

Local Girl Scouts will sell cookies Jan. 19 through March 9 at a cost of \$3 per package. All proceeds will benefit the local Girl Scouts.

Cookies may be ordered via fax at 806-748-0769 or phone 806-745-2855.

Births

Conner James Thomas

Ted and Jamie Thomas of Post are proud to announce the birth of a son, Conner James Thomas, at 12:25 p.m. on Dec. 12, 2007, at Covenant Medical Center Lakeside in Lubbock.

The infant weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., and was 21 inches long at birth.

He was welcomed home by two sisters, Kara and Chelsea.

Maternal grandparents are James and Joy Dawson of Post. Paternal grandparents are Gary and Janis Thomas of Kingsland and Lynn Graham of Mathis.

Paternal great-grandparents are Joann Thomas of Corpus Christi and Elmo and Velma Saenger of Kingsland.



Congratulations Post High School Academic All-State Football Honors



We congratulate Post High School Antelope football players (left to right) Kris Crenshaw, Blaise Lester and Call Windham for their Academic All-State Football honors.



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Account established for Chris Clark

An account has been opened at Wells Fargo Bank for Chris Clark, Assistant Manager of McDonald's in Post. The benefit account is to help with a kidney transplant. The funds will also assist with financial and medical needs for Clark and family, which includes two children ages six and three. For more information contact Suzie Barboza at 495-2804.

"Grandma Brag Page" deadline February 1

The Post Dispatch annual "Grandma Brag Pages" will be published Friday, February 8, with a Friday, February 1 deadline for entries. The popular annual tradition features photos of grandchildren in advance of Valentine's Day. Call 495-2816 for details.

Post ISD Bad Weather Day re-scheduled

Due to changes in the testing calendar by the state, the Bad Weather day scheduled for April 28 has been moved up to Friday, February 18. Be sure to check with your child's teacher or campus to make sure before making any plans. If this date changes or any other changes take place it will be posted on the internet.

GED classes to begin

GED classes have started again for the spring semester and are free to the public. Classes are conducted from 5-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Post High School at 495-2770 and leave your name and phone number. Your call will be returned by the GED instructor.

Post Book Club Meets Saturday

The Post Book Club will meet Saturday, January 19, 11 am at Ruby Lane Books, 127 E. Main. The group will discuss "The Memory Keeper's Daughter" by Kim Edwards and discuss reading selections for the year. A few copies of the book are still available at Ruby Lane Books. Anyone interested in reading is invited to join the book club. If you did not read the current book, please consider attending the meeting so you can help choose future selections. There is no cost for membership; however, each member is responsible for obtaining a copy of the club's reading selection. For more information, call 495-2665.

Nazarene Church Special Service

Post Church of the Nazarene invites everyone to come and hear Richard and Donna Walls on Sunday, January 20th, 2008 at 9:45 am, 11:00 am and 6:00 pm. For more information visit www.brokenvesselministries.net

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McDaniel seeks re-election to post

I want to announce that I have filed for re-election for county commissioner, Precinct 1, of Garza County.

The job of commissioner has been a learning experience this first term. I would like to continue working for Garza County. There are many issues to work on such as continual road work within a tight budget, while costs keep going up. Wind energy is a new industry that we can tap into in our county. I am working with a group to bring windmills to our county. I have enjoyed working with the new Garza County Museum Board that we created. We have a lot of important history to preserve.

I have worked with the Commissioners Court in this term to bring an expansion to the Dalby prison, which will bring more revenue to the county.

The next challenge to our county is the construction of a new jail to provide bed space we need for our county prisoners and provide area counties and federal agencies the beds they need as well. I support the Commissioner Court's joint ef-

orts with law enforcement to make jail operations efficient and save the county money.

We have lowered county taxes twice during my first term, and I will continue to work to operate our county in a manner we can all be proud of.

I will be visiting each one I can and asking for your vote and support in the upcoming primary election.

Thank you,
Gary McDaniel



Gary McDaniel



State Representative Joe Heflin addresses the Rural community Organization during a meeting held last Sunday at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Heflin stated his commitment to "restore hope to young and old alike in our rural communities." The meeting was attended by 70 citizens, church leaders and elected officials from Garza, Crosby, Hockley and Lubbock Counties.
Photo by Rosa Latimer

City Council ...

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if you wish to maintain the code the way it is - that will decrease our expenses... and obviously increase revenue."

Walton said the city spends between \$60,000 and \$85,000 per year - money above that generated by sanitation revenues - to operate the municipality's sanitation services. The cost is significantly higher in years when large pieces of sanitation equipment are replaced.

"It is really upside-down right now," he said.

City officials noted that with the elimination of the city's industrial rate inside the city limits, some customers will see their monthly sanitation bill drop.

Residential sanitation rates also should be reviewed in the future, Walton said.

In other action, the Council took no action on a White River Municipal Water District request to consider an emergency rate increase.

No WRMWD representatives were on hand to address the issue, but the city manager provided some details related to the request.

After an Oct. 1 increase in the cost of water - \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons, up 20 cents - the district appears to be "totally out of money" and is requesting a rate jump to \$2.70 or \$2.80 three months into the city's new fiscal year, Walton said. Break-even rate for the district at this point is \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons.

"I can't advocate for them. I really can't," Walton said.

The district may be able to assess the increased water rate, even without a go-ahead from the City Council, Walton said. If that occurs, the municipality would be forced to pass on the added cost to its water customers, increasing the city's water rate just months after a rate hike.

Walton said he could not make a recommendation to the Council concerning the WRMWD request without more information from the water district. No action was taken on the matter.

Post is the largest user of the four cities receiving water from the WRMWD.

In other business, city officials:

- Approved a change in the city's water schedule, allowing the municipality to use water from the WRMWD supply for 24 hours before switching over to the Slaton water supply for 24 hours.

- In the absence of a WRMWD representative, took no action on the district's options regarding the Post Reservoir.

- Approved a resolution authorizing the city to move forward with a wind energy grant application. Walton said the city is applying for a renewable energy grant for two 10-kilowatt windmills similar to those operating adjacent to the Shallowater school. SPAG is handling the grant application at a cost of \$15,935 to the city. If approved for the no-match grant, the city will receive almost \$244,000 for erection of the windmills, and the energy generated will be credited to the city at retail rates.

- Received various project updates from Rich Oller, city engineer.

- Changed the date of the regular February meeting to Feb. 11 at 11:30 a.m.

- Approved a \$1,000 refund from hotel/motel funds. Walton said the individual requesting the refund had earmarked his donation to the Oil Room at the Garza County Historical Museum; however, the funds had inadvertently been directed to the tourism account, which is comprised of hotel/motel tax funds. Because these funds are restricted, council action was required when the donor asked for a refund.

- Approved a \$282.11 tax write-off request from the appraisal district.

- Discussed TMRS options regarding employee retirement. No action was taken.

- Received the city manager's report.

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County Stock Show & Sale

Come out to the show barn today (Friday, Jan. 18), to see Garza County 4-H and FFA youth exhibit their animals. The rabbit show starts at 10 a.m., the lamb show at noon and the goat show starts at 1 p.m., followed by the pee-wee goat show at around 2:30 p.m. The sale, special awards and Buyer Appreciation Dinner will be Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the Post ISD Cafeteria. Please plan to attend to support the youth of Garza County.

Southern Mesa Ag Conference

Six and one-half CEUs will be given at the Southern Mesa Ag Conference on Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 7:15 a.m., Movieland Theater, 604 N. Austin Ave. in Lamesa. Cost will be \$25 at the door. Call (806) 872-3444 to register or if you have special needs to attend this conference.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Official Court Reports

The following cases are matters of public record; information was provided by the Garza County Sheriff's Department:

Garza County Court
Dec. 28

- Brad Joshua Voza, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to six months probation. Fined \$300 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

- Raylate Brookes II, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: no contest. Sentenced to no jail time. Fined \$200 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

- Steven Brice Webster, charged with resisting transport, a Class A misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 30 days in the county jail. No fine. Ordered to pay \$258 in court costs.

- Andrew Mitton, charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to no jail time. Fined \$200 and ordered to pay \$258 in court costs and \$140 in restitution.

- Carl C. Giddens, charged with driving while license suspended, a Class B misdemeanor. Plea: guilty. Sentenced to 15 days in the county jail. Fined \$200 and ordered to pay \$312 in court costs.

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Post Antelope 9th grade team member Arturo Lopez (22) looks to pass the ball during Monday's game against Roosevelt in Post. Also in the play is Chase Greathouse (top right). Roosevelt won 12-23.
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Ron Paul, Fox News and the conservative life of the lie

by Jacob G. Hornberger

Last week television commentators Greta van Susteran and Shepard Smith, treading cautiously and with a bit of trepidation, wondered aloud why their employer, Fox News, was banning Republican presidential candidate Ron Paul from its New Hampshire presidential debate.

Permit me to explain the likely reason: the life of the lie, the life that conservatives have been living for decades.

Conservatives love to portray themselves as advocates of libertarian principles. For example, go to the websites of two classic conservative foundations — the Heritage Foundation and the Claremont Institute. You will find standard mantras that conservatives have employed since as far back as Ronald Reagan's talks for General Electric in the 1950s: free enterprise, private property, limited government, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, our founding principles, and fundamental rights.

The Problem Is

There is just one big problem, however: Conservatives do not practice what they preach. They instead live the life of the lie. Long ago, they threw in the towel in the fight for libertarian principles by embracing the big-government programs of both the welfare state and the warfare state.

It wasn't always that way. Conservatives once genuinely believed in a society based on economic liberty and a constitutionally limited republic. For that matter, so did liberals, which is why Grover Cleveland, a Democrat, vetoed a \$10,000 farm bill to aid struggling Texas farmers, with the admonition, "Though the people support the Government, the Government should not support the people."

Thus, Americans in, say, 1889 lived without such socialist and interventionist programs as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public (i.e., government) schooling, drug laws, economic regulations, immigration controls, welfare, subsidies, income taxation, a Federal Reserve System, and fiat money. Equally important, they also avoided a standing army, conscription, foreign aid, nation-building, and involvement in foreign wars.

That is (was) what it once meant to be an American. That is what it once meant to free. That is the freedom that Americans once celebrated on the Fourth of July.

Not anymore. Today, freedom is defined by the grip that both the welfare state and warfare state have on the lives and fortunes of the American people. Both conservatives and liberals look to the federal government to be their daddy or, even worse, their god. They have assigned their federal daddy-god the task of taking care of their retirement, healthcare, education, employment, and business as well as protecting them from the terrorists, drug dealers, immigrants, communists, and other scary people.

Devoted to the Welfare State

In the process, they have brought a federal monstrosity into existence, one whose programs and powers violate the free-enterprise, limited-government mantras that conservatives continue to maintain on their websites and on their stationery.

While it's true that liberals are as devoted to the welfare state as conservatives are, there is one big difference: liberals don't make any pretense of being advocates of economic liberty and limited government. They are direct and straightforward defenders of the big-government welfare state.

Conservatives, on other hand, continue to portray themselves as advocates of libertarian principles. That's what makes them people of the lie — people of hypocrisy — people who preach one thing and practice another.

Another popular conservative mantra involves the importance of taking "personal responsibility" for one's actions. Unfortunately, it is a slogan that conservatives, in their life of lie, apply only to others, never themselves. After all, have you heard even one conservative taking personal responsibility for the 50 percent decline in the value of the dollar over the past 5 years? Of course not. Oh, they'll stand foursquare in favor of "fiscal responsibility" and a "sound dollar" during those presidential debate forums but, at the same time, endorse every program, project, department, and agency that produces the out-of-control federal spending that has brought about the plunge in the dollar.

Compounding the conservative problem is another lie: that the big-government welfare state reflects "compassionate conservatism."

"Compassion" ... for who?

Oh? You mean like the compassion shown for the hundreds of thousands of Iraqis who are now dead or maimed at the hands of the U.S. war machine, deaths that conservatives cavalierly claim are worth the U.S. "success" in Iraq? Sure, we often hear laments for American soldiers who have lost their lives or limbs in Iraq, but not one conservative peep for the countless Iraqis who have lost their lives or limbs at the hands of the U.S. war machine.

And yet, the discomforting fact remains: Not a single one of those dead and maimed (and tortured) Iraqis ever attacked the United States.

In fact, Iraq might well be the ultimate manifestation of the conservative life of the lie. When it became evident that the fake and false WMD rationale could not be relied upon to justify an invasion of a country that had never attacked the United States, conservatives didn't skip a beat, quickly shifting to their secondary "We did it for democracy" rationale for the invasion.

Never mind that at the same time they were funneling millions of dollars of U.S. taxpayer money into the coffers of Pakistani military strongman Pervez Musharraf, one of the world's most brutal unelected dictators. In fact, never mind that conservatives had once partnered with Saddam Hussein himself — and, for that matter, with the Shah of Iran and countless other dictators around the world. Those are things that the conservative mind of the lie would rather not confront.

"Fair and Balanced" ... another lie

Thus, why would it surprise anyone that Fox News conservatives deeply resent libertarians and wish that we would simply go away? By maintaining our allegiance to free enterprise, private property, limited government, and the Constitution, we libertarians remind conservatives of what they have become — people of the lie, people whose lives now entail preaching the old libertarian mantras while embracing the principles of the big-government, welfare-warfare state.

But conservatives not only resent libertarians, they also fear us — or, more accurately, they fear our ideas. They know that ideas on liberty have consequences. They have the power to move people, especially people who are seeking the truth about freedom and our country's heritage of freedom. As the Ron Paul campaign has demonstrated, ideas on liberty can ignite the hearts and minds of men and women one by one, young and old, both conservative and liberal, bringing us closer to the restoration of genuine freedom to our land.

Under the principles of free enterprise and private property, Fox News certainly had the right to ban libertarian Republican Ron Paul from its presidential debate. But what better evidence of the conservative life of the lie than Fox News' continual use of its well-worn mantra, "fair and balanced"?

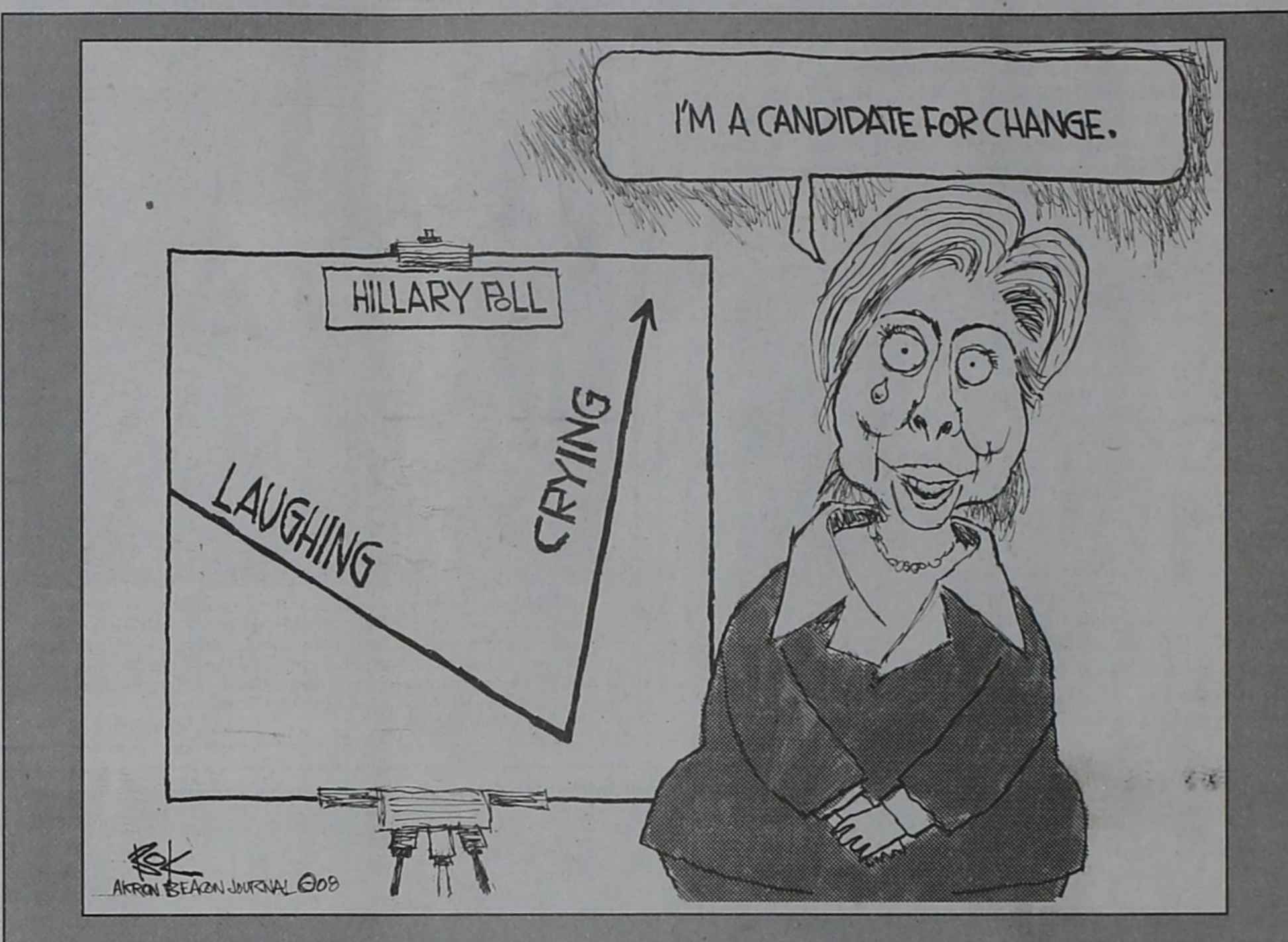
Jacob Hornberger is founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation.

A Dissenting Opinion

"Before placing its hand in the taxpayer's pocket, the Government must lace its finger first on the law authorizing its action."

Justice Thomas, with whom Justice Scalia joins, dissenting. *United Dominion Industries, Inc. v. United States*, 532 U.S. 822, 839, 150 L. Ed. 2d 45, 121 S. Ct. 1934(2001)

Opinions



Tyranny update ...

by Walter E. Williams

Last December, President Bush signed an energy bill that will ban the sale of Edison's incandescent bulb, starting with the 100-watt bulb in 2012 and ending with the 40-watt bulb by 2014. You say, "Hey, Williams, what's wrong with saving energy, reducing our carbon footprint and stopping global warming?" Before you get too enthused over governmental energy-saving efforts, you might ponder what's down the road.

The California Energy Commission has recently proposed amendments to its standards for energy efficiency (www.energy.ca.gov/2007publications/CEC-400-2007-017/CEC-400-2007-017-45DAY.PDF). These standards include a requirement that any new or modified heating or air conditioning system must include a programmable communicating thermostat (PCT) whose settings can be remotely controlled by government authorities. A thermostat czar, sitting in Sacramento, would be empowered to remotely reduce the heating or cooling of your house during what he deems as an "emergency event."

Say you disagree with the czar's temperature setting for your house, the California Energy Commission is one step ahead of you with the provision: "The PCT shall not allow customer changes to thermostat settings during emergency events." In other words, the thermostat must be configured in a way that doesn't allow the customer to override the czar's decision.

Some people might agree with this level of government control over their lives, but if these amendments become law, you can safely bet there are other intrusive energy-saving proposals waiting in the wing. For now California's energy Nazis are simply testing how much intrusiveness Californians will peacefully accept. I can easily imagine California's Energy Commission requiring remotely controlled main circuit breaker boxes that control all of the electricity coming into your house. That would enable the energy czar to better manage your electricity use.

Say you're preparing a big dinner. The energy czar might decide that you don't need so much heat in the rest of the house. Or, preparing a big dinner might mean the energy czar would turn off the energy to your washing machine and dryer while the electric stove is on.

Energy Fascists ...

by Sheldon Richman

One of the great unnoticed curiosities of the presidential campaign is that the party which claims devotion to free enterprise is full-out socialist — or, more precisely, fascist — when it comes to energy. Listening to the presidential forum the other night, I was struck by how anti-free market all but one of the candidates are on this matter. (The exception is Ron Paul.)

Of course, Romney, McCain, Giuliani, Huckabee, and Thompson don't embrace the free market for anything, really. But they pay lip service to it on many issues. When it comes to energy, they don't do even that.

At last weekend's ABC forum these candidates recited a list of things "we must do to end our dependence on foreign oil." "We" equals the "we who are forced by government." Not one of the five showed even a glimmer of understanding that a truly free market would be more than up to the task of ensuring steady and plentiful supplies of energy. It would move us smoothly

Introducing free competition currency

Statement Introducing the Free Competition in Currency Act December 13, 2007 in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rep. Ron Paul, M.D.

Madame Speaker, I rise to introduce the Free Competition in Currency Act. This act would eliminate two sections of US Code that, although ostensibly intended to punish counterfeiters, have instead been used by the government to shut down private mints. As anti-counterfeiting measures, these sections are superfluous, as 18 USC 485, 490, and 491 already grant sufficient authority to punish counterfeiters.

The two sections this bill repeals, 18 USC 486 and 489, are so broadly written as to effectively restrict any form of private coinage from competing with the products of the United States Mint. Allowing such statutes to remain in force as a catch-all provision merely encourages prosecutorial abuse. One particular egregious recent example is that of the Liberty Dollar, in which federal agents seized millions of dollars worth of private currency held by a private mint on behalf of thousands of people across the country.

Due to nearly a century of inflationary monetary policy on the part of the Federal Reserve, the US dollar stands at historically low levels. Investors around the world are shunning the dollar, and millions of Americans see their salaries, savings accounts, and pensions eroded away by rising inflation. We stand on the precipice of an unprecedented monetary collapse, and as a result many people have begun to look for alternatives to the dollar.

As a proponent of competition in currencies, I believe that the American people should be free to choose the type of currency they prefer to use. The ability of consumers to adopt alternative currencies can help to keep the government and the Federal Reserve honest, as the threat that further inflation will cause more and more people to opt out of using the dollar may restrain the government from debasing the currency. As monopolists, however, the Federal Reserve and the Mint fear competition, and would rather force competitors out using the federal court system and the threat of asset forfeiture than compete in the market.

A free society should shun this type of strong-arm action, and the Free Competition in Currency Act would take the necessary first steps to freeing the market for competing currencies.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

There's no end to what the energy czar could do, particularly if he enlists the aid of California's Department of Health Services. Getting six to eight hours sleep each night is healthy; good health lowers health costs. So why not make it possible for the energy czar to turn the lights off at a certain hour? California's Department of Education knows children should do their homework after school rather than sit playing video games or watching television. The energy czar could improve education outcomes simply by turning off the television, or at least turning off all non-educational programs. Of course, there could be a generous provision whereby if an adult is present, he could use a password to operate the television.

You say, "Williams, you must be mad. All that would never happen." That's the same charge one might have made back in the '60s, when the anti-tobacco movement started, if someone predicted that the day would come when some cities, such as Calabasas, Calif., would outlaw smoking on public streets. Back in the '60s, had someone predicted that there'd be bans on restaurants serving foie gras; citations for driving without a seatbelt, that the government said would be unnecessary if cars had airbags; and school bans on kids having peanut butter sandwiches in their lunchbox, I'm sure people would have said that would never happen.

California's Energy Commission, along with its legislature, has the power to mandate that all existing — as well as new — heating and cooling devices have programmable communicating thermostats by 2009. After all, it's never too early to start saving energy or prepare for an "emergency event." The reason they won't is because they would encounter too much political resistance. Their agenda is far more achievable using techniques dear to all tyrants: There's less resistance if liberty is taken away a little bit at a time.

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from oil to something else as conditions warranted. And it would provide the profit incentives for innovative people to find efficient alternative fuels. In fact, only the free market can do a good job of this without the corruption and the boondoggles that mark politically managed programs.

The free market — which is what we need but do not have — is much smarter than any cast of bureaucrats and politicians. Entrepreneurs have two characteristics that serve the public well: the price system to guide them and their own capital at risk. The price system provides critical information and feedback, signaling which projects have the potential to succeed and which do not. Since entrepreneurs, unlike bureaucrats, risk their own wealth, they have a direct stake in getting things right.

Prices guide consumers as well as entrepreneurs, and if prices go up, we can expect appropriate conservation without government mandates. Government-backed fuels, however, will not be subject to free-market pricing. Politicians, ever eager to dispense favors to their patrons, will manipulate the tax and regulatory system to give their pet energy products a price advantage over alternatives.

Any fuel that needs government help to make it in the marketplace is uneconomical and represents corruption. Take ethanol. The only reason anyone is making it is that the tax system treats it more favorably than gasoline. A special interest — the corn farmers supported by the food processor Archer Daniels Midland — favor the creation of this artificial market. There's no other reason for it. Ethanol doesn't save energy, once you account for how much energy is required to make it, and it has its own environmental drawbacks. Moreover, the government-fueled boost in demand for corn has distorted that market, raising food prices and drawing land out of the production of other needed crops.

Yet most Republican (and Democratic) candidates blithely promise to mount costly programs that would foist a variety of "alternative fuels" on us. Such hubris! As though these politicians know what's good for a large, diverse society such as ours.

The cry for "energy independence" is peculiar for self-styled advocates of free enterprise. The global division of labor is a pillar of the free market, and any drive for self-sufficiency would retard economic growth. So why would we want to stop buying economical fuel from foreign sources? The Republicans say the reason is the threat of terrorism from the Middle East. But the oil market is global, with diverse suppliers. According to the American Petroleum Institute, "Less than 15 percent of the oil the United States consumes comes from Persian Gulf countries." Of the top ten crude-oil exporters to the United States (86 percent of our imports), only two — Saudi Arabia and Iraq — are in the Middle East. Two of our top three suppliers are in North America — Canada and Mexico.

This is not to say U.S. energy policy is proper. The government should repeal all subsidies and privileges, including intervention in the Middle East, that shield the oil companies and everyone else from the full costs of their choices. In other words, contrary to most of the candidates, we need a real free market in energy.

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Southland students recognized

by Brad Ellison

Congratulations to Roman DeLuna, who recently was named to the Six Man All-State Football team as a Second Team Running Back.

Congratulations to our varsity girls basketball team on their win over Spur on Friday night.

Congratulations to our varsity boys on the way they competed Friday night. They played very hard, but came up a little short.

Congratulations to our junior high boys for winning the Loop Tournament this past weekend. Our boys have been playing extremely well. Please make sure that you let them know you're proud of them.

Congratulations to all of our kids that competed in the Local Stock Show this past weekend. Our kids did a very good job and represented themselves, their parents and this school very well. The results are as follows:

- Grand Champion Goat - Bianca Abraham (Showmanship winner)
 - Grand Champion Swine - Devin Blanton
 - Reserve Champion Swine - Devin Blanton
 - Breed Champion White OPD - Tyler Johnson
 - Reserve Breed Champion White OPB - Tanner Odom (Sr. Showmanship winner)
 - Breed Champion Dark OPB - Callie Odom (Jr. Showmanship winner)
 - Reserve Breed Champion Dark OPB - Devin Blanton
 - Breed Champion Duroc - Tanner Odom
 - Reserve Breed Champion Duroc - Devin Blanton
 - Breed Champion Hampshire - Devin Blanton
 - Reserve Breed Champion Hampshire - Kevin Strube
 - Breed and Reserve Breed Champion Yorkshire - Devin Blanton
 - Breed and Reserve Breed Champion Crossbred - Devin Blanton
 - Grand Champion Steer - Kevin Strube (Showmanship winner)
 - Reserve Champion Steer - Kevin Strube
- School Board Recognition Month

is this month. It was celebrated this week prior to the Board Meeting with a meal provided by teachers, students and various school organizations. We want to let our Board know exactly how much we appreciate all of their hard work. The Board has been very gracious in their making sure that this is the Best School in West Texas. They have gone over and above in order to improve facilities and make sure that we have everything, as educators needed in order to our jobs. Thank you to each and every one of you for all that you do.

Varsity girls and boys will play at home on Friday night against Meadow beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please come out and support our boys and girls in their endeavors.

Events for Next Week

- JH boys and girls games against Spur will be here on Monday night beginning at 6 p.m.

- There will be a parent meeting with Ed Ainsworth here on Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. prior to the varsity girls and boys games. He will be sharing with any interested

parents the information that he will be sharing with our students next Wednesday through Friday on Love, Sex and Dating. Mr. Ainsworth is very straightforward with the kids and very blunt about these topics. He will answer any questions that parents may have on topics or delivery of information. A letter was sent out with all of the information. They were included with your child's report card. These assemblies will be for 6th grade through 12th grade. If your child is PreK-5th you would not have received a letter.

- Varsity boys and girls versus Wilson beginning at 6:30 p.m.

- TPRI testing will be going on all next week for the elementary students.

- Varsity girls and boys will be at New Home next Friday night.

Remember staff, students and parents at Southland ISD are the best!

Thought for the Week: Be not afraid of greatness; some are born great, some achieve greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon them. -- Shakespeare



Dalton Holly (22) works the ball up court for the Post Antelopes 7th grade team during Monday's game against Roosevelt. In the action is Justin Hodge (back). Watching the play is Coach Bryan Parks (top right). Post won 22-17. Staff photo by Tim Burnett



Post Antelopes 8th grade team member Dale Diaz (44) passes the ball to Anthony Soto (30) during Monday's basketball action against Roosevelt in Post. Roosevelt won 25-47. Staff photo by Tim Burnett

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TO: ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ PEEZ, Defendant- GREETING

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Original Notice of Seizure and Intended Forfeiture at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable District Court of Garza County, at the Courthouse in said County in Post, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 11th day of October 2007 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Seizure and Intended Forfeiture, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Post, Texas this 4th day of January 2008.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

As of Tuesday morning all of our producers have finished pulling, and our bale count sits at 14,656 and still counting. We probably have another three to four weeks to go.

We have had some more home-made goodies brought to us. Thanks to Laverne Aten and Judy Bush for the wonderful cookies. They didn't last but a

Nazarene Church to offer Broken Vessel Ministries

Special services led by Dick and Donna Walls of Broken Vessel Ministries, Lubbock, will take place at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Post Church of the Nazarene, 202 W. 10th St.

The Walls have been "called by God to Broken Vessel Ministries" after having experienced "unimaginable pain, broken hearts, financial ruin and imprisonment," according to a press release about the couple's pending visit. Broken Vessel Ministries is a "special ministry to the broken-hearted who need healing and a renewed assurance that God does care."

Dick Walls was "wrongfully convicted, his lifelong career destroyed, and sent to a prison 2,200 miles from home for a crime he didn't commit" while his wife, Donna, lay in a hospital bed, "clinging to life with only a 50/50 chance of survival. But they hung onto their faith in God through it all," the press release states. "This is only the beginning of the dynamic testimony of Dick and Donna Walls."

Broken Vessel Ministries ministers to men's and women's groups, children's ministry, youth groups, church services, conventions, retreats and in prisons.

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Congratulations to Ronnie and Andra Dunn on the birth of a new grandson, Maddox Moore. Maddox was born Jan. 8 at 11:42 a.m. He weighed in at 4 pounds and 15 ounces. The proud parents are Andy and Aneta Moore.

Carroll and Helen Pate of Clovis came by to visit on Monday afternoon. Carroll grew up here in

Ragtown and still owns a place east of the gin. He and his wife hope to build a house and retire here someday.

The stock show is going on this week. We wish all of the kids luck. The Ragtown kids who have animals this year are Brooke Morris, Russ Morris, Jake Morris, Kari Dunn, Katie Dunn, Bianca Abraham, Rheaden Bland, D'Nae Johnson

and Fernanda Contreras.

We had a few visitors in for a short break the other day. They didn't want to be in the news, but we like them so much we have to let them know. Rennie, you and Shirley, y'all be sure and stop by anytime. We love visitors.

Remember our people in the nursing homes: Doug and Ruby in Post and Mary in Lubbock. And keep our troops in your

daily prayers that they come safely home.

Keep sending those recipes for the Web site. We are getting some pretty interesting ones! See ya next week!

Get Wells
We are all feeling pretty well out here this week -- knock on wood!

Birthdays
• Jan. 24 - Shawn Pennell

Letters ...

Letters are published at the sole discretion of the publisher. Letters may be edited for brevity, grammar or spelling. Letters considered libelous or defaming individual character will be rejected.

Probably best of two worlds

Most folks in this community probably don't realize that we have a pretty reliable medical clinic, along with a better-than-average small town pharmacy.

Since 1965, I have had pneumonia 14 times, usually ending up in the hospital. I have a very weak immune system. Seems like I can have a ingrown toenail and end up with pneumonia.

In January 2007, I spend nine days in UMC. Again in March 2007, I was back in UMC with pneumonia again. This time my chances of survival was pretty bleak. The UMC doctors even told me so. A few days into that scenario, I actually sent the lights at the end of the tunnel, along with my mother and father standing at the end waiting for me. Thanks to some good doctors and mostly the local churches

keeping me on their prayer list, I am still here.

Christmas day, I noticed my air compressor was beginning to fail me again. The next day I knew in my own mind that I had pneumonia again.

I suppose the moral of this story is that I didn't want another stay at UMC, so I decided to see what the local clinic could do with it.

Dr. Edwards diagnosed pneumonia and prescribed the exact same medicines as the doctors at UMC used on me in January and March. That night, I got very sick and considered callin' the ambulance, but I chose to go back to Dr. Edwards the next day. He then told me I had type B flu, for whatever that means. He told me there is no medical relief for the flu, that I would just have to tough it out for a couple of weeks. Now, I asked what is the next step? He said

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call an ambulance.

What amazes me is that both in January and March of 2007, I was dismissed from UMC on the ninth day. In December, under the care of Dr. Edwards, I was recovered on the ninth day. I believe that tells me something about our medical services here in Post.

It is my opinion that the only difference between Dr. Edwards and UMC is that they have a pasture full of bigger and better machines to help rewind my main spring in case the pneumonia continues to persist. I have not a doubt in my own mind that if I walk into our local clinic and tell Dr. Edwards that I am about to croak, that he is more than capable of fixing me.

UMC has told me about discount medicines at Wal-Mart's and other discount places, only to find out that most of my

meds are not on their discount lists. So I rely on our good folks at Hometown Pharmacy, even if the costs are a little higher. Considering the expense of George Bus gas and time, I probably wouldn't save any money anyway.

Also I do not want to forget to brag on Tanya and Trish, attending nurses for Dr. Edwards. They are quite professional.

So if you have a doubt, don't do without. Head on down to the local clinic. You won't be sorry. Thanks to Dr. Edwards and Tanya Vernon for my speedy recovery, and also to Elisha Peters at Hometown Pharmacy. Plus I cannot forget to thank God also.

The way I see it and my opinion only.

Everyone have a good day.
O.L. (Ferg) Ferguson
Post

Obituaries

Sue Cash

Services for Sue Cash, 58, of Justiceburg were conducted at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in the First United Methodist Church with Bo Jackson and the Rev. Jon Foster officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, Jan. 13, in Lubbock. Born March 2, 1949, in Post to Sis and Rosie Gilmore, she graduated from Post High School. She married Clyde Cash on Aug. 20, 1971, in Post. She was a secretary for Post Middle School for many years and later assisted with the operation of Grubs at Lake Alan Henry. She loved to read and was an avid golfer.


Survivors include her husband, Clyde, of Justiceburg; three daughters, Dusti Osborn of Justiceburg, Cathi Cash of Post and Cara Cash of Justiceburg; her mother, Sis Gilmore of San Antonio; one sister, Charlotte Baker of San Antonio; and six grandchildren, Brian Osborn, Blaine Osborn and Bandy Osborn, all of Justiceburg, and Ernest Saldivar, Addisen Rodriguez and Alexis Rodriguez, all of Post.

Her father, Roy (Rosie) Gilmore, preceded her in death on Nov. 30, 2000.

Pallbearers were Bud Davis, Chili Black, Jason Powell, Darryl Radle, Robert Wilson, Fred Postell and Lane Tannehill.

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Bernice Gribble

Services for Bernice Gribble, 96, of Grassland were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, 2008, in the Grassland Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Bob Ferguson and the Rev. Ed Porter officiating. Burial followed in the Grassland Cemetery.



She died Sunday, Jan. 13. Born Sept. 16, 1911, to John Wyatt Warrick and Daisy Nevada Warrick in Gouldbusk, she married W.L. Gribble on Nov. 14, 1928, in Draw. A homemaker, she assisted her husband in the couple's farming operation. He died June 26, 1993.

She was a member of the Grassland Hobby Club and enjoyed gardening, crocheting, quilting and sewing. She was a member of the Grassland Church of the Nazarene where she played the piano for many years.

Survivors include one daughter, Clonnie Mae Finn of Apple Valley, Calif.; one son, H.C. Gribble and his wife, Lu Nell, of Grassland; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family has suggested memorials be made to the Grassland Church of the Nazarene or to the Grassland Cemetery Association in Grassland.

Online condolences may be sent to www.whitefuneralhome.com.

Carrol Jean Light

Services for Carrol Jean Light, 75, of Tow were conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, 2008, in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Billie Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Jan. 14, at her home. Born May 20, 1932, in Post to Walter A. and Jewel Long, she married Lester Carol Light on Nov. 7, 1987, in Post.

Survivors include her husband, Lester Carol Light of Tow; two daughters, Judy McInroe and Beth Todd, both of Post; six sons, Jack Huff of Bloomfield, N.M., Freddie Huff of Post, Maurice Huff of Bloomfield, N.M., Jimmie Light of San Saba, Joe Light of Tow and Jeff Light of Hawley; one sister, Verna Baxter of Bloomfield, N.M.; one brother, Fred Long of McAlester, Okla.; and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Mike Huff, in 1983.

Isaac Morales

Mass for Isaias (Isaac) Morales, 73, of Post were conducted at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, in the Holy Cross Catholic Church with Father Paul Karieakatt officiating. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under the direction of the Hudman Funeral Home.

He died Friday, Jan. 11, at Golden Plains Care Center. Born Dec. 16, 1934, in Fresco, Mexico, to Isidor and Isabel Guzman, he married Angie Cisneros on Nov. 23, 1957, in Post and worked at Postex Cotton Mills until his retirement. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Angie, of Post; three sons, Pete Morales of Post, Fabian Morales of Lubbock and Isidor Morales of Lubbock; two daughters, Susan Morales of San Angelo and Diane Morales of Post; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Ray Morales, on Aug. 6, 2006. Pallbearers were Junior Saldivar, Ricky Pequeno, Tommy Rivera, Bobby Torres, Andy Torres and Sammy Torres.

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Larry 'Joe' Rasbeary

Services for Larry Joe Rasbeary of Trinity were conducted at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2008, in the Groveton Funeral Home with Bro. Neil Kemper officiating. Burial followed in the Glenwood Cemetery.

He died Jan. 11 following a lengthy battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and leukemia.

Born July 20, 1947, in Conroe to Balous and Linnie Rasbeary, he graduated from Sam Houston State University with a criminal justice degree while working for the Texas Department of Corrections. He continued working for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice until his retirement in July 1998. Upon retirement he went to work for the Management Training Corporation until May 2007. He enjoyed trips to Colorado trips shared with his brothers and sons.

Survivors include his wife, Tresa Michelle Rasbeary, of Trinity; one daughter, Shannon Leigh Rasbeary, of Trinity; three sons, Stephen Travis Rasbeary of Trinity, Gregory Paul Rasbeary of Conroe and Jack Scott Rasbeary of Columbus, S.C.; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill and Jean Rasbeary and Ben and Lena Rasbeary, all of Groveton; two grandchildren; and numerous other relatives and friends.



On God's Word

by Timothy W. Burnett
www.geocities.com/christinyou7/love.html

Jesus' post-birth events...Luke 2:21-40

Continuing in this series on the birth of Jesus Christ, we come to the great record of the prophets Simeon and Anna. After Jesus was born, Joseph and Mary meekly obeyed the written word of God concerning post-birth customs. During this time they encountered two prophets who spoke for God by His spirit. The record begins with Luke 2:21 "And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called Jesus, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb." According to God's word after eight days they brought the child to be circumcised, and at that time officially named him Jesus, which is better translated Joshua from the Hebrew. After the 40 days of Mary's post-birth purification, they brought the child to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord God. They also went to "offer a sacrifice" according to God's word which said, "A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." It was very important to God that his child be reared by people who were meek to do His will. Next we come to their encounter with the prophet Simeon in Luke 2:25-35. According to the scripture Simeon was a "just and devout" man who waited patiently for the consolation of Israel, and holy spirit was upon him.

The red thread throughout the Old Testament since Genesis 3:15 was the anticipation of the Messiah who would be the savior of mankind. Even David spoke of the Messiah in Psalms 110:1, "The Lord said unto my Lord, 'Sit thou at My right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool...'" David clearly distinguished between the Lord God, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (the first born son of God). All of Israel was to wait patiently through the generations until the appointed time. That time came while Simeon sat patiently. He was given revelation that he would not die until he saw the Messiah. God led him by the spirit into the temple and eventually showed him the child. Next he took the child in his arms and began to prophesy as recorded in verses 29-35. What an up-lifting moment this must have been for Joseph and Mary. They watched and listened as a prophet of God spoke of the child as "A light to lighten the Gentiles [Isaiah 42:6] and the glory of God's people Israel." He prophesied to Mary that the child was set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel that the deepest thoughts of many might be revealed. Moreover, her whole life would be pierced also. We can hardly imagine the pain Mary must have felt during the time her son was scourged and crucified. According to Luke 2:36-38, during their time in the temple, they also encountered the prophetess Anna. The word gives detailed background information about Anna. She thanked God and spoke of Him to all that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. God sure knew how to build up His servants Joseph and Mary. Anna, Simeon and Elizabeth must have played fantastic and dynamic roles in preparing Mary to rear up God's beloved son. Finally, we come to this wonderful scripture in verse 40, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him." Mary and Joseph did God's will and reared God's son in His wisdom and grace. In the King James Companion Bible, E.W. Bullinger noted that the words "in spirit" were omitted in all the earlier known texts. This is found to be true according to the context of Matthew 3:14-17, Mark 1:9-11, Luke 3:21-23 and John 1:32-34. In contrast with his cousin John the Baptist, who was anointed with holy spirit while in his mother's womb, Jesus was not anointed with holy spirit until about 30 years after birth. Mary and Joseph's devoted service toward God brought very good results. His child grew and became strong, filled with God's wisdom, and God's grace was upon him. Jesus learned to do God's will so perfectly that when his ministry began, others could see God in his life.

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interest have been maintained for many years, beginning some time prior to 1981, have previously been listed in a notice included in the 2007-08 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest has been available for inspection by the public at the office of the County Judge in the County Courthouse, during business hours, commencing December 1, 2007.

The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on 1/22/2008, at 10:00 a.m., in the Garza County Courthouse. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may appear before the Commissioners Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County Road Map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the County makes no claim affecting title, acreage, or ownership of the land, but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing county road in its present location and dimension.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone: 512/463-6792).

Election Corner 2008

Garza County March 4, 2008

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Voter Registration: Feb. 4 is the last day a person may submit an application to register to vote in the March 4 primary election. Also, Feb. 4 is the last day for a voter who has moved to a different election precinct within the county to submit a change of address to be eligible to vote in the precinct of his or her new residence.

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- Sheriff: Cliff Laws (D), Maurice "Mo" Herridge (D), Phil Mathews (R)
 - County Attorney: None
 - Tax Assessor-Collector: Judy M. Bush (D)
 - County Commissioner, Precinct 1: Jerry Hays (R), Gary L. McDaniel (R)
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Lubbock Symphony to offer special 'Orient Express'

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p.m. Jan. 18 and 19 at the Civic Center in Lubbock.

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"Travel the Orient Express" is the theme for this year's Listen Live! Education Concert, a free event geared toward fifth graders. The concert is set for Jan. 15 in the Lubbock Civic Center, with performances at 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. All three concerts are sold out.

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10 Years Ago January 21, 1998

Gladys Blair, of Post was selected to represent the Texas Panhandle at the Mrs. Texas Senior Midwest Pageant at the Abilene Civic Center.

There was a lot of wondering of coffee drinkers with the closing of the local Dairy Queen. The DQ closed for a couple of months for an extensive remodeling project.

Due to their outstanding performances throughout the regular season, the team of Ryan Holly, J.J. Flores, Ben Stroud and Travis Bradshaw advanced to the Texas Youth Ranch Rodeo Association finals in Crockett, Texas.

Johnny Ray celebrated his 85th birthday with family and friends. Those attending the celebration were: Maudie, Danny and Tony Rose, Jerry and Mary Ray, Barry Ray, Andy Ray, Janet and Bobby Dean, Sandra and Russell Benham and children; R. C. Ray, and Tammye and Russell Baldrée.

20 Years Ago January 18, 1988

United Sewing Agency, Inc. an Oklahoma based company headed by Jim Vinyard and Dennis Hall finalized plans with the Post Chamber of Commerce and the Post Economic Development Corporation for a branch of the company to locate in Post. The company, sewing mainly for Units - a retail outlet with a store in Lubbock's South Plains Mall ordered 45 machines for their Post branch and would initially employ 20 to 25 people.

Mike Bartlett of Post High School had been selected as one of 60 finalists for the Fina Academic All-State Football Team in competition based on classroom achievements and leadership in school and community activities.

Alicia Pettyjohn, daughter of Tim and Edwina Pettyjohn of Post, was one of 18 young women vying for the title of 1988 Miss Caprock Beauty at South Plains College.

30 Years Ago January 19, 1978

Kenneth Hart, formerly of Post was one of the top quarter horse jockeys in the nation and became in 1977 the first quarter horse rider to win over a million dollars in purses in a year.

Five members of the antelope band who qualified to perform in the Region XVI All-Region Band were Holly Giddens, Kevin Craig, Terry Smith, David Morrow, and Danna Giddens.

Members of the Post Chapter of the Future Farmers of America selected Peggy Jackson as FFA sweetheart and presented her with her FFA jacket. Virginia Fuentes was also honored by being named "Aggie of the Month."

Post riders had a number of winners in the Renegade Enduro held on Macy's Ranch southwest of Post.

50 Years Ago January 23, 1958

James E. Mitchell, U. S. Navy, left Long Beach, Calif. Jan. 15, 1958 aboard the destroyer USS Alfred A. Cunningham for duty in the western Pacific. His vessel was a part of Destroyer Squadron 13. The division made one-day stops at Pearl Harbor, Pago Pago, Samona; and Wellington, New Zealand.

Making a trip to the furniture market in Dallas were Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hudman, R. J. Blacklock, and James Minor.

Ralph Kirkpatrick was elected president of Post's Chamber of Commerce at the initial meeting of the organization's new ten-man board of directors. Other directors included Keith Kemp, Paul Jones, Jess Michael, L. G. Thuet, Jr., Wallace Simpson and Harold Lucas. Holdover directors were Lee Ward, Chant Lee, and Willard Kirkpatrick.

60 Years Ago January 22, 1948

Max Gordon and his brother-in-law, J. P. Berry, opened a modern "Help-Yourself Laundry" here on South Broadway, a block north of the Highway Grocery.

Miss Nelda Lois Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore, became the bride of James Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Murray in the Grassland home of her parents.

Post's business district seemed to be expanding in every direction since the beginning of 1948. One of the newest ventures was the construction of the Hodges Tractor

Company's brick and tile building on Main Street, just east of Abb Ussery's Blacksmith Shop.

At the Antelope football banquet in the First Methodist Church basement, Captain Roy Williams received a gold football from the Booster Club, as a delayed award for having made the all-district team in 1946. Coach Bingham announced Jimmie Smith and Junior Malouf had been selected by the Antelopes as their captains for 1948.

Menus

Post ISD
January 21

Breakfast: Waffles, butter & syrup, sausage, fruit, milk

Lunch: Pizza choice, seasoned corn, tossed salad, peaches, milk

January 22

Breakfast: Cinnamon toast, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch: Stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit cup, texas toast, milk

January 23

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

Lunch: Oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fancy gelatin, milk

January 24

Breakfast: Churros, sausage link, fruit, milk

Lunch: Nacho grande, lettuce & tomato, orange smiles, cornbread, milk

January 25

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Corndog, oven fried potatoes, fresh broccoli w/ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk

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Southland ISD
January 21

Breakfast: Cereal, graham crackers, juice, milk

Lunch: Sloppy joes, chips, ranch style beans, cake, milk

January 22

Breakfast: Pop tarts, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Chili cheese burrito, salad, pinto beans, pudding, milk

January 23

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Salisbury steak, cream potatoes, corn, roll, cake, milk

January 24

Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Pizza, green beans, salad, jello, milk

January 25

Breakfast: Eggs, bacon, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: Cheeseburger, HB fixings, chips, ice cream, milk

January 26

Breakfast: Pop tarts, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Chili cheese burrito, salad, pinto beans, pudding, milk

January 27

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Salisbury steak, cream potatoes, corn, roll, cake, milk

January 28

Breakfast: Cereal, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Pizza, green beans, salad, jello, milk

January 29

Breakfast: Eggs, bacon, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: Cheeseburger, HB fixings, chips, ice cream, milk

January 30

Breakfast: Pop tarts, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Chili cheese burrito, salad, pinto beans, pudding, milk

January 31

Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch: Salisbury steak, cream potatoes, corn, roll, cake, milk

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ACROSS

1 Lake _____ Pines

5 "legal eagle" _____ payments

6 "mouth _____" (harmonical)

7 TXism for "against"

8 TX pecan, e.g.

9 Carl Sandberg: "Texas is valor and _____"

16 "Let's Make a _____"

18 this Cherokee chief adopted TX Houston

21 TXism: "hunkered down and raring to _____"

22 Christmas carol in Corpus Christi: _____ Mar College

24 Young Co. seat 30 additional odds and ends

34 Astro league (abbr.)

35 address Rita of "Angus" with SMU grad Kathy Bates

36 test before TAKS

37 shovel

39 TXism: "If I _____ couldn't stand it"

43 "Home Improvement" actor _____ Noah Smith

44 TXism: "Ivory _____" (pianist)

45 TX ZZ Top album: _____ Grange"

46 "Helen" was TX Crystal Bernard's _____ on "Wings"

47 TXism: "_____ with kid gloves"

DOWN

1 "sleight _____"

2 in Freestone Co. on hwy. 84

3 in Hillsboro: "Texas _____ Museum"

4 Cowboy Monday night network

9 TXism: "_____ long" (goodbye)

10 TX "Bo" Pilgrim _____ a fat, yellow chicken"

11 Valley plant

12 TXism: "he's full of spit and vinegar"

13 let others in first (2 wds.)

14 Elizabeth of TX-based "Giant" (init.)

15 _____ Oak, TX

17 state-sponsored games of chance

19 Boerne is seat of this county

20 mom of ex-Cowboy coach Jimmy

24 Arlington auto plant

25 TXism: "a tough _____ to hoe"

26 TXism: "fast as _____ up a rafter"

27 TXism: "_____ tall in the saddle"

28 4,840 square yds. of TX land (2 wds.)

29 TX-born Mike Nesmith in mid-60s

31 TXism: "_____ got his tongue"

32 "_____ more beef"

33 practiced boxing

38 TXism: "sticks like tar on _____"

40 TX Tejano group: "Little Joe _____ Familia"

41 Lone Star Park wagers

42 postpone play at Minute Maid Park (2 wds.)

48 past Dallas Sidekick star

50 worm on a hook

51 "_____ out a living"

56 garment of Hebrew priest cognizant

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Thomas Jefferson

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Governor, Lawyer, Vice-President, Secretary of State— all of these titles and accomplishments are claimed by our third President. Shy and soft spoken, Thomas Jefferson, was also one of the greatest writers of his time. The man who penned the famous words: "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

HOME, SWEET HOME, MONTICELLO

Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence. In the summer of 1776 he worked alone for 17 days. Eventually, 86 changes were made to the document but Jefferson is credited with being the eloquent author.

INVENTOR

Jefferson is credited with inventing the first portable copy machine, the sundial, a special plow and the dumb waiter.

As a boy, Jefferson would play high up on a hilltop on his father's estate. It was here he vowed to someday build his home. And he did— Monticello. Which in Italian means "little mountain". What started as a single room house grew to 35 rooms and a great architectural achievement for Jefferson.

Happy Birthday?

Thomas Jefferson was born April 2, 1743. But, in 1752, when the new calendar was adopted, eleven days were dropped from the month of September. Jefferson chose to adjust his "birthday" by adding back the lost 11 days. Thereafter, he celebrated his birthday April 13.

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Thomas Jefferson

Theodore Roosevelt

Abraham Lincoln

The Big Four

Mt Rushmore is a tribute to four of our greatest Presidents. Jefferson (next to the big guy on the left) our two-term third President, did something no other President can claim. **He doubled the size of the United States!** After Napoleon purchased the Louisiana Territory from Spain, Jefferson offered France 2 million dollars to buy New Orleans. The final deal negotiated by Jefferson was for 15 million and included the **entire territory— 1,000,000 square miles!**

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Post Antelopes Jovanni Garay (24) shoots for two points over the hands of Tahoka defenders during last Friday's game in Antelope Arena. Also in the play is Clint Windham (00) and Call Windham (10).
Photo by Jerry Taylor

Official investigation ...

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violations of Texas law," the complaint states, were identified: Schildknecht, Norman and "various law enforcement personnel working under their apparent direction," including Garza County Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Isbell; Constable Eric Cravy; and Deputy Constable Brian Smith.

"We also believe a thorough investigation will reveal other law enforcement personnel were involved, but whom we thus far have not been able to specifically identify," the complaint, which was addressed to Sheriff Cliff Laws, states. "Included may be personnel within your department."

According to the complaint, the "named and unnamed individuals," all public officials, violated Texas Penal Code, Section 39.03

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Lady Lopes slip in 57-41 loss

The Post Lady Lopes dropped a tough district contest Friday, January 11 as the visiting Tahoka varsity took a 57-41 win.

The Lady Lopes trailed 10-8 at the end of the first period and 29-20 at halftime. The second half saw Tahoka pull out 48-30 in the third period and finish with the 57-41 score.

Branda Stevens led the Lady Lopes with 18 points, followed by Brenna Postell with nine; Elaena Morrison with six and four each by Alex Miller and Samantha Hoover.

The team travels to Idalou Friday, Jan. 18 then hosts Roosevelt Tuesday (1/22), followed by Slaton's visit here Friday, January 25.

'Lopes slap Tahoka 46-33

The Post Antelope varsity basketball team took control of the court Friday, January 11 winning a 46-33 district game over the visiting Tahoka Bulldogs.

Aaron James led the Lopes with 15 points, followed by Call Windah with 12, Tim Wilson with 11, six points by Jovani Garay and Clint Windham with 2.

The Lopes led 15-6 at the end of the first period, 25-17 at halftime and 34-22 at the opening of the fourth period.

The team travels to Idalou Friday (1/18/08); at Denver City January 22 and here against Slaton Friday, January 25.

JV Ladies fall short 46-33

The Post Lady Lope JV basketball team fell short 46-33 in its January 11 district contest here with Tahoka.

Shyla Perez led the team scoring with 11 points, followed by six each by Danica Williams and Caitlin Cravy. Others scoring were Katelynn Short (4), Crystal Sanchez (3), Toni Wait (2) and Haley Lester (1).

Tahoka led 12-7 at the end of the first period and 20-19 at half time. Tahoka extended the lead to 32-26 in the third period, closing the game with a 46-33 score.

The JV Lady Lopes travel to Denver City Tuesday, January 22, then host Slaton Friday, January 25.



Post Lady Lopes Lori Jones (24) pushes the ball up for two points against a fierce Tahoka defense during last Friday's game in Antelope Arena.
Photo by Jerry Taylor

'Official Oppression' by their actions on Nov. 8. A violation is defined as any situation wherein a public official "intentionally denies or impedes another in the exercise of enjoyment of any right, privilege, power or immunity, knowing his conduct is unlawful..." the complaint states.

In his complaint, which was copied to the Texas Rangers' Lubbock office, Burnett said he is willing to cooperate with any investigation into the matter "to bring this matter fully to light for future prosecution of those who violated Texas penal laws."

The complaint also asks Laws to refer the matter to the Texas Rangers if the sheriff determines there is any conflict of interest with his department handling the investigation.

According to reports published in November, a Dispatch photographer and two Lubbock television videographers were denied access to the Garza County courthouse on Nov. 8 as a jury deliberated Soto's sentence on the courthouse's second floor. The media representatives, all carrying photography equipment, were reportedly advised they could not enter the courthouse with their cameras. One of the photographers said he not only was prohibited from entering the first floor of the courthouse, but also was told he could not be on courthouse grounds.

The county judge told The Dispatch after the incident that limitations were set in place as a security measure designed to ensure the safety of trial participants, county employees and members of the public. The media had complete access to the trial proceedings, he said, but cameras were not allowed in any area of the courthouse.

Following the incident, Burnett sought the legal counsel of Lubbock attorney Don Richards, who specializes in media law.

Late Wednesday, Burnett said his decision to file a formal complaint was not made as an act of retribution for the Nov. 8 incident, but to ensure the constitutionally protected rights and privileges of the free press.

"We take no pleasure in filing this criminal complaint," Burnett said, "however, we strongly believe that it is our duty and obligation to challenge this abuse of our constitutional right. Our mission statement clearly defines what we stand for, and if that statement is to have any meaning we must do all in our power to defend our constitution."

It is the duty of the media, as watchdogs for the public, to hold government officials accountable for their actions in office, he said.

"Elected and appointed government agents who so casually ignore our constitution must be held accountable; otherwise, we need not pretend to be so protected by the rule of law," the publisher said. "It is up to each and every citizen to diligently guard and defend our constitutional rights - and sometimes that results in filing formal complaints for redress of grievance."

"We trust that our sheriff will do the right thing by making a thorough investigation of this matter so that those responsible for abusing our rights will be brought to justice," Burnett said.

Tahoka edges JV 'Lopes

The Post Antelope JV boys basketball team dropped a 44-33 loss to Tahoka at Post Antelope Arena Friday, January 11.

The 'Lopes led 8-5 at the end of the first period but fell behind 22-12 at halftime. A 12 point scoring spree in the third period cut Tahoka's lead to 29-24 going into the final period. Tahoka put up 14 points, limiting the 'Lopes to nine in the fourth period.

Scoring for the JV 'Lopes were Henry Apolarin (13), Shiloh Short (8), Quinton Valdez (6) and three each by Ches Postell and Allen Duran.

The team plays at Idalou January 18, hosts Roosevelt January 22 and Slaton January 25.

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6 p.m. Post Antelope Sports
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11:30 p.m. Main Street Web Cam

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11:30 Main Street Web Cam
12 p.m. Special Events
2:30 p.m. Main Street Web Cam
3 p.m. Hospital District
5:30 p.m. Main Street Web Cam
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